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1940 - 1945

Makin

Majuro

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Saipan

Okinawa

Remembrances of Stephen Behil By Bob Wartonick, Past Editor

We lost a great American and devoted 27th Division Veteran with the passing of Stephen Behil on November 15th. Steve was the Editor of the Gallivanter and Secretary Treasurer for the Association for many years. The following is a remembrance of Steve written by his very good friend Bob Wartonick...

I formally met Steve Behil when PNC Jack Gorman called me and said Steve Behil was carrying a full load as Sec/Treas and Editor for the 27th Association and could I help him. As a former member of the 27th Division (post WWII) I had been a sort of absentee member of the Association, I belonged but did not actively participate. I felt an obligation to help Steve since he and my father and a lot of other guys left for Alabama in 1940 for year of active duty training. In addition I had served in the Guard with Steve's younger brother, John, who was like a brother to me.

When I called Steve to ask



***Stephen Behil, 27th ID
Served in WWII 1940-1945***

what I could do to help he told me he was going to Oxford NY in a few days to take the material he had put together for the publisher to print for the next Gallivanter issue (Sept 1995) and could I go along and he would give me the details on what I would be doing. I assumed he wanted me to deliver and pick up the Gallivanter stuff from the publisher in Oxford. WRONG - on the way up he told me I was the new editor, but fear not he would help me get started and I would learn a lot about the Division and the war. When it was time to put out the paper Steve always wanted to go to Oxford to help proof read what the computer girl had set to print. She was new on the job, which required many corrections and revisions. I really appreciated Steve's help.

During our many trips together Steve told me many stories about his growing up on a farm in Michigan - the family going to

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Commander's Message

Greetings,

I hope all of you had as great a time at the Reunion as I did. Unfortunately, Mike Leonardo and I were only able to attend for the afternoon and evening festivities due to our current military commitments. The Reunions are important to all of us as it provides an opportunity to reminisce with old friends and share in the history of our unit. We'll be encouraging more members to join the organization and share in the camaraderie of the Reunions.

I want to let you all know that we will be having a Board of Directors meeting on December 14th at Hafner's in North Syracuse. As we had mentioned at the last Board meeting, Gary Yaple and I have been discussing the option of Life Memberships and we are ready with a proposal for consideration. We feel this will enhance our financial stability and provide an option to all members to pay once and not have to worry about missed mailings or possible lapses in member status. We'll also be discussing other fund-raising opportunities and community service possibilities for members. We're looking at revitalizing our web page and getting it linked to the Division of Military and Naval Affairs web page that New York State maintains as well. Finally, we will have a new Post Office Box at which to receive mail. Please feel free to send me any suggestions you may have for the organization to this new address. Our Secretary will have that information out to all very soon.

We have a lot of opportunities to consider and we look forward to a year of innovation and growth for our organization.

Yours in the 27th,

David Evangelista

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Stephen Behil

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church in a horse and buggy, until his father was able to buy a used model T Ford for \$300.00 cash. No easy payment plan in those days. The farmhouse had no electricity or indoor plumbing, but the Behil family were survivors. The Behil family returned to the Binghamton area in 1932 when the drought ruined their crops and they were forced to sell the farm

Steve joined the Guard as did many young men to supplement his weekly income (\$5.00). He received \$1.00 a drill for 2 hours work, big money in those days. The Guard money helped him buy his first car, which his father financed. He paid him back \$1.00 a week until it was paid off. How many kids would do that today?

He had many war stories like: on Saipan his forward observer team just left their position and met the team that was replacing them. He told his friend, Joe Slavik, also from Binghamton that nothing much was happening and he should have an easy shift but keep alert. That night, July 6, the Japs launched an all out Banzai attack. His friend was killed. He was lucky, he said, it could have been me. Steve had been assigned as a truck driver, however, on Saipan there was little need for truck drivers. His Commander called him in an announced you're now a forward observer; get your gear you're going up front. He had no training as a forward observer, but he said in combat you learn in a hurry.

He told about the time he and his buddy, Joe Nardo from Endicott, NY were at a forward position when a squad of marines approached and asked where the front lines were. Steve replied you're standing on it. "Yeah sure" replied the

young marine not expecting to find Army that far forward. The Japs soon let the marines know they were indeed on the front line. While on the front line promotions happened very quickly; one time an officer came thru telling the guys "you're now a Sgt, you're a corporal, and he pointed to Steve "you're a Sgt". "Wait a minute you're Artillery, I can't promote you". That was a fast promotion and demotion Steve told me with a grin, but that's how it was. He could have had a battlefield commission, but knew the life expectancy of a 2nd LT, Forward Observer.

Steve received the Bronze Star; when the rest of his team had been wounded he ran up to the forward position that was under fire and continued to direct artillery fire on the enemy.

He returned home in 1945 met his wife, Jane, who lived in his neighborhood at a dance and eventually joined IBM from where he retired in 1983 to enjoy his hobbies and travel extensively with Jane. He attended many reunions, both National and Unit.

When Arnold Gates, the Gallivanter editor, died in 1993 Steve traveled to Garden City, NY to pick up Mr. Gates collection of stories, members letters, etc. and then set up shop with a publisher in Oxford to keep the Gallivanter alive. Steve was Sec/Treas of the Association from 1992 until Sept 1999 when a stroke forced him to retire. He continued to serve as Secretary of Post 11 until his passing.

He was the glue that held the Association together for many years. If I were to choose a role model I give you one guess.

- Bob Wartonick

Editor's Message

The Reunion was a great success this year. We had a great turn-out, and fun was had by all. The new officers were elected and sworn-in. See the inside cover for all the changes. This issue will be my last as the Secretary-Editor. My employment is taking up more of my time as each day passes. Roberta Comerford was voted in by the Board of Directors to take over as the new Secretary Editor. The address for all correspondence has also changed, so be sure that you update your address books. Roberta is one of our officers in the 27th Brigade, commanding the Transportation Company. She is a very hard-working and dedicated individual and I know she will do a great job. I had a great time as the editor and I can't thank you enough for teaching me through, first-hand accounts, about the history of our Division! Please give Roberta the same wonderful support (and great stories) that you provided me. Thanks

Yours in the 27th...

Gary

NEW !!!!!

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**FROM THE QUARTERMASTER,
GREGORY O. GALLUP**

At present we have T-shirts, hats and coffee mugs. Colors and sizes are limited, however we have a good quantity of inventory. The goal of the QMS is to provide quality goods at reasonable prices, maintain quality control by being a one-stop shop for the Association paraphernalia, and to support the National Association and the Woman's Auxiliary. A percentage of the profit will go to the National, the Auxiliary and the Store.

As sales increase, and the QM gets established, we are looking to stock a variety of items such as: glassware, plates, coasters, jackets, windbreakers, coins, calendars, pens, magnets, envelopes, postcards, pins and cufflinks.

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Hat (red, blue, white, white w/red bill, white w/blue bill, white w/black bill).	\$ 10.00
Coffee Mug	\$ 5.00

Shipping and handling is \$3.00 for all items

Mail Bag

BETTY LANE— She writes—My brother was with the 27th Inf.Div, Co.C., 102 Med.Bn. His name John Marra, is now deceased, and would like to find out any info about his Bn. or if anyone knew him. I loved my brother very much, and remembered that he served in Saipan, and was in those islands for such a long time. I also served in the ARMY and corresponded with him, but did not find out any thing about the outfit.

I receive all the organization magazines, but never am able to read anything about the 27th Inf. Any info will be appreciated. Thank you.

Bettylane@aol.com

LEWIS C. HANSEN- I am writing to you after reading the article in the June 2000 Gallivanter about Saipan. I enjoyed reading the article very much but I have something to add to it.

My name is Lewis C. Hansen from Waupaca, Wisconsin and am glad to see the correction on Saipan. I was in 105th Anti Tank Co. 4th platoon and was on the left flank when we stopped the attack. After the attack was ended a man from Regimental Headquarters started to go out on the mop up and was hit in the groin. I volunteered to go out to help him. When I got there and laid down by him, I asked him if he was in pain and he said it felt like he was filling his pants. Then his Buddy ran up and laid down between us but he was (the buddy) killed right away. As much as I can remember, after his buddy was killed I rolled over and waited a while (I was in a place where I was an open target) and finally got up and went over to the left flank and

started forward. I have not a memory of the medics getting there to help him or not. I have been sorry about this since but quick decisions had to be made. Wish I could remember more.

I would like to know if the man who was first wounded is still living. Thank you very much.

My address is:

Lewis C. Hansen
E1438 Arbor Street
Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981
allicemay@voyager.net

JOSEPH C. MUZYKA

Lt Col USA (Ret)

Where, oh where, have the brave boys of yesteryear gone? Not many would answer "Present" at roll call these days, but they're all accounted for!

In September, 1940 President Roosevelt signed the historic peacetime draft into law. One month later, on 15 October, the 165th Infantry (Old 69th New York) was called into Federal Service. We departed the Armory on the 24th and marched along 23rd Street to the ferry, to begin our long, long trip to Fort McClellan, Alabama. Tears and goodbye kisses were in evidence almost everywhere. I had just been promoted to Private

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Submissions to the Editor

In an effort to reduce our costs for printing we've made the Gallivanter a bit smaller. If you have submitted information that did not get printed, we're very sorry. Space is very tight. We will do our best to print it in the next issue. At the December 14th Board Meeting we will be discussing fund raising methods to help increase our budget for publishing the Gallivanter. Life memberships and securing large donations will be topics of discussion. As the money increases, so will our ability to print a larger publication.

Thank You—Gary

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Mail Bag

Taps

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First Class and hastily sewed the stripe on my sleeve to impress my father who expressed his goodbyes to me on Lexington avenue as we departed through the massive doors of the Armory. By mid-1941, citizen-soldiers were counting the days until their 12-month "enrollment" expired. Many voices could be heard calling O.H.I.O (Over the Hill in October)! There were many smiles at Reveille when the Regimental Band thundered out with "Beautiful Ohio".

Most of us were up and awake on that infamous day December 7, preparing for Church services when we heard the news. No one could foresee the extent of the coming conflict - but we soon learned! Teen age boys and girls grew up fast in the war effort; in the Armed Forces, in factories, in shipyards, and in offices. The Regiment soon moved to Fort Ord, California, for eventual shipment to the war zone. Training continued, cadres departed, changes occurred, promotions and transfers became routine. Former members of the Regiment were serving in many corners of the globe. Their footprints, sweat, blood and tears hallowed the shifting sands, the icy mountains, the steaming jungles, and the surging oceans, where they struggled, fought and anguished—some died!

It was so long ago yet my memories of our camaraderie bring back each excruciating detail of those years and of those "boys". Bless 'em all.

KATIE MALATINO— Clearwater FL—Kate writes that she recently has moved to Clearwater and is very interested in meeting some of the 27th Division folks there. Her address is 2453 Kingfisher Lane #101G, Clearwater, FL 33762. PH: 727-571-1453. If anyone would like to chat with a very good friend of the Division Association, please drop her a line.

MICHAEL ZUCKERMAN— 102d QM post 102, He writes— Our memorial ceremony at our Annual Reunion was a great success due in large part to BG David Wilkinson serving as our guest speaker. The Nevele Guests attended en masse and we had to run out to get more seats. The

Kingston VFW helped out considerably with a color-guard, bugler and firing squad. I look forward to working with everyone at next year's reunion. The 102nd will be well represented. Thank You- Mike

CORRECTION:

EDWARD JODLOWSKI—He writes to clarify his article in the September issue—I wrote that I visited an American Cemetery in Kemmel while I was in France. Kemmel is in Belgium and it is a *Memorial* to the 27th Division. The cemetery I visited in France was the Oise Aisne Cemetery near the Hindenburg Line. My apologies, I wish to set the record straight. Yours in the 27th, Ed

NICK REGILLO— Mannington, WV— Wrote some time ago about Joe Meighan's article Appleknocker's—Mike3, last December. Joe stated the 105th left California on the Lusitania. He probably was just wasn't thinking. That ship was sunk by the Germans around World War I. I am sure he will agree that we traveled on the Aquitania, which was a converted German Luxury Liner. It was beautiful inside and resembled a floating hotel. No doubt, others who read the article noticed the mistake. I do recall we had to leave the ship and board the Republic which was smaller and able to dock at Hilo. Just to think that was nearly fifty-eight years ago. There are so many memories... Saipan and Okinawa.
- Nick

NEW YORK'S MILITARY MUSEUM

The New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga, NY, was officially dedicated by NYS Governor George E. Pataki on October 16th, 2002. There was a very large turnout of over 400 people. Many of them were members of the 27th Division Association. A strong showing from the Baker O'Brien Post in Troy, Post 11 in Binghamton, and Posts 56 and 16 from Utica and Amsterdam.

Michael Aikey is the Director and is doing a wonderful job. The museum showcased the 27th Division "New York's Division" in World War Two. The museum's collection includes more than 1500 battle flags ranging from the War of 1812 to the Persian Gulf War. It also serves a research center for anyone to study NY's

WILLIAM F. LANGTON — St Augustine- William Francis Langton, 85, of St. Augustine, died peacefully at Grafton House on June 22 after a long battle with prostate cancer.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as staff sergeant and message center chief for the 105th Infantry of the 27th Division of New York. He saw action in Okinawa, Saipan, Makin, Majuro and Eniwetok and received numerous medals including a unit Bronze Star and distinguished unit citation. He was a recent member of St. Augustine American Legion Post 37 and a long-time member of New York Post 1 and the 27th Division Association, and was a member of the 27th Division NY National Guard when WW II began.

Bill (or Red to his Army buddies), was known for his quick Irish wit, his kind heart and his love for his family. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Delano Langton; his daughter, Dawn Langton; son-in-law, Dale DiLeo and granddaughter, Letty Langton DiLeo, all of St. Augustine; a sister, Catheryn Gottschalk of Currituck, NC; numerous nieces and nephews; and his caring friends at Grafton House and Hospice.

CLINTON BORDERS - Thomson, Georgia— Clinton Borders passed away on July 4th, 2002. Clint was a member of the 249th Field Artillery of the 27th Division and served with them on Okinawa. He attended many "Western Section" of the Artillery reunions. He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

JOSEPH CASTAGNOZZI—Jefferson Bronx, NY—Joseph Castagnozzi passed away on December 1, 2001. "REGULAR ARMY JOE" Joseph was born on January 6, 1917 in the Hell's Kitchen section of NYC, to Lucia and Antonio Castagnozzi the third of five children. Joseph enlisted into military service in 1938, to avoid the unemployment situation of the period, where he was stationed throughout the South including Alabama and Louisiana. After Pearl Harbor he was stationed in the South Pacific until the end of his military service. During his term at Schofield barracks, he attended their prestigious Ranger School. In peacetime he

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re-enlisted into the Army Reserve, and served until 1962. He retired from the NYC Transit Authority in 1973 from the Power Distribution Department of the IRT, and successfully ran "Joe's Jumbo Franks" in City Island for a number of years. His wife of 52 years Edith, a Nurse that he met at the Bronx County VA Hospital pre-deceased him in 1999. In addition to his daughter Christina Ann, he is survived by his brother Otto, nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends. Burial was at the Redwood Cemetery, in Jefferson County N.Y.

STEPHEN BEHIL— Endwell, NY— Stephen J. Behil, 84, of Endwell, went to be with the Lord. on Friday, November 15, 2002, at Wilson Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years. Genevieve (Jane Kozlowski) Behil He served his country from 1940 to 1945 in the US Army 27th Division (Artillery) as a Forward Observer and was a National Secretary of the 27th Division. He participated in the battles of Saipan and Okinawa. As a result of his meritorious actions, he was awarded the Bronze Star. After the service he was employed by Endicott Johnson Shoe Corp. for eight years and later IBM Corp., retiring in 1983 after 30 years of service.

EDWARD WOJCICKI— Edward Wojcicki, 82, passed away leaving behind a

wife and one son. Edward served in the 27th Division with Company G, 105th Infantry.

ROY S. LAZIO— Roy Lazio, passed away last June of 2002. Roy was a member of Company H, 165th Infantry Regiment. He served in Hawaii, Makin, Saipan, and Okinawa in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, two sisters, three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

ALBERT H. HOMBURGER—**New Smyrna Beach, FL**— Albert Homburger passed away on January 22, 2002. Born on February 16th, 1920, he retired from service as a Captain in 1970, after serving for 31 years in the 27th Division and 11th Airborne.

HOWARD GIFFORD— **Vero Beach, FL**— Howard Gifford passed away on December 11, 2001. He served in the 27th as a S/Sgt in the 105th Infantry. Originally from Rochester, NY, Howard fought in WWII for 4 1/2 years. He fought in Saipan and Okinawa. He leaves behind his loving wife, Margaret.

JACK W. HANBY -**Troy** — Jack W. Hanby, 85, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital, Troy. Born in Troy, he the husband for 56 years of Alice Snyder Hanby. He was an Army veteran of World War II,

enlisting in the 105th Infantry, 27th Division and spent 5 years in the Pacific Theatre of operations, where he was wounded in Okinawa and received the Purple Heart.

ADAM F. WEASACK—**Speigletown**— Adam "Ed" F. Weasack, 86, of Perry Rd., beloved husband of Ruth N. Alexander, died Friday, July 12, 2002 at his residence.

He was a World War II Army veteran serving from 1940-1945 and received the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal. It was 58 years later to the day, on this past Sunday, July 7, 2002, Mr. Weasack who served in the NY National Guard 105th Regiment of the Army's 27th Infantry Division, was awarded his medals. He had been a communications sergeant in Saipan and a forward observer for 81 mortars in Okinawa. He was a member of the Tibbits Cadets, the American Legion, a former member of the Speigletown Volunteer Fire Dept., and was a communicant of St. Bonaventure's Church.

JOSEPH LINEHAN—**Olean, NY** - Joe Linehan, 84, passed away on July 23, 2002 after a short illness resulting from an accident last December. Joe was a member of the 106th FA Veterans Association in Buffalo, NY. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, including LTC Sean P. Linehan, USA, Field Artillery.