

SEPTEMBER 2004

# *The* ORION GALLIVANTER

1917 - 1919

*Dickebush Sector*

*Mount Kemmel*

*Vierstraat Ridge*

*East Poperignhe Line*

*Hindenburg Line*

*LaSelle River*

*St. Souplet*

*Meuse-Argonne*

*St. Mihiel*



1940 - 1945

*Makin*

*Majuro*

*Eniwetok*

*Saipan*

*Okinawa*

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## 1-108th Soldiers in Iraq Submitted by CPT Paul Hernandez



Soldiers of 2nd PLT, Bravo Company 1-108th Infantry Battalion attached to the 2-162nd INF Oregon National Guard, attached to the 39th Brigade which is attached to 1st Cavalry Division.

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# Commander's Message

Greetings,

I hope this issue of the Gallivanter finds you all well. Once again the People of the State of New York have called on the 27<sup>th</sup> Division for its services. Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 108<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 156<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, were deployed for most of the month of August. The Secret Service tasked us with protecting New York City's Metropolitan Transit System from terrorist attack, in support of the Republican National Convention.



Preparations for the Republican National Convention began some months ago. When the call came for support, our 27<sup>th</sup> was there to answer the call. The Soldiers responded with their now well-known determined resolve. These Soldiers performed above expectations. Their efforts are beyond comparison. Everywhere you look today, we see the 27<sup>th</sup> Division patch serving its community and the world.

In other news, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion has completed half of their combat tour in Iraq. The 2-108 Infantry has been recognized as a top notch outfit, and has been performing as well as their 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division counterparts. I know that you all join me in wishing them luck and speed in their efforts.

I would like to thank the Association for the opportunity to serve as National Commander for the past year. It was exciting and gratifying to serve this fine organization. My special thanks to Gary Yaple and the other officers. You all made it a fantastic year, which I will remember for a long time to come. My best wishes go out to the new commander and staff. I am confident they will carry on our 27<sup>th</sup> traditions.

Until next time . . .

Yours in the 27th  
Michael A Leonardo

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  - Membership Dues-\$10.00
  - Memorial Fund Donations
    - Gallivanter Donations
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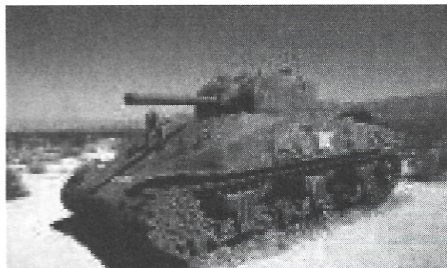
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 126 Sergeant Street  
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### 127<sup>th</sup> Tank BN

**DAN KOWALCZEWSKI**, President of the 127<sup>th</sup> Tank BN Association announces the association will hold its annual reunion dinner on 23 October 2004. Couples welcome

Location: Masten Avenue  
 Amory, 127<sup>th</sup> Tank BN  
 Buffalo, NY 14204

For more information, contact Dan Kowalczewski, 129 Arbour Lane, Apt. #2, Buffalo, NY 14220. Telephone number 716-826-1073.

**Pete Trowbridge**  
[trowbrij@aol.com](mailto:trowbrij@aol.com)

*Operation Leap Frog* by LTC Leigh Trowbridge

Limited copies of this book are available and is a 246 page account of the author's combat as well as personal experiences with the U.S. Army 27th Infantry Division in the Central Pacific during World War II. Aided by over 50 pictures and diagrams, it chronicles the combat activities of the 27th Division as it "Leap Fropped" its way

through Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan-Tinian, Espirtu Santo, Okinawa and finally to Japan. The author's personal experiences and observations provide a deep appreciation of how young men in America put their personal lives on hold, and endured extreme hardship and danger in the defense of our country. This is a must-read for anyone interested in World War II.

**To order:** You can e-mail me at [trowbrij@aol.com](mailto:trowbrij@aol.com). We're about out of copies and don't plan to print any more, so first come, first served ("limited supply"). It's \$16.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling.

**Michael Lander**  
 1 Banner Court  
 North Babylon, NY 11703  
 Email: [mlander@optonline.net](mailto:mlander@optonline.net)

The request would be for any surviving members from Co. K, 3rd Bn., 105th Inf. I believe that my father, PFC Edward Diskin, was one of the last surviving members from his "unit" during the battle for Saipan. It's possible that Company K was overrun on July 7, 1944 during the ban-

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**DEAD LINE:**  
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 1 November 2004

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**  
 are now being offered!  
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## New Members

Welcome Aboard!

**LTC (Ret) Edward F. O'Brien**  
**MSG David James Rogers**

## Gallivanter Fund

Our grateful thanks to the following contributors:

**\$25.00 Charles J. Bianco**  
**\$25.00 Archie Mathews**  
**\$20.00 Sal Pizzi**  
**\$15.00 Roland H. Gadreault**  
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**\$15.00 Angelo P. Tirabasso**  
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## Memorial Fund

**\$100.00 Dorothy B. Nolan** In memory of members of Martin E. Nolan and the men of Co L, 165th Inf

**\$25.00 Marie G. Pincher** In memory of my beloved husband, Philip T. Pincher

**\$25.00 Maryann Ross and family**, In memory of Roy D. (Charlie) Ross

**\$25.00 John L. Swanson** In memory of my deceased buddy, Norbert Strauch, Co. C, 105th Inf.

**\$20.00 Sal Pizzi** In memory of members of the 105th FA

## Mail Bag

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zai attack so that few of the men would still be alive today. I appreciate all your efforts. Best regards as always.

### Michael Zuckerman

This item appeared in our latest issue of Post 13 Florida, 27<sup>th</sup> Division "The Sunshiners" In it you can see it recognizes the heroism of Lester Klein, Tech Sgt, of the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry, who was wounded on each of two engagements on both Eniwetok and Saipan in the Pacific. He passed away in November '03.

At one meeting last year he told me of the time he ran behind a Japanese tank and dropped a into its exhaust. The tank blew up and his actions helped stop the Japanese advance. He was bold and daring.

Recently I held a special luncheon meeting of the Ft Lauderdale, Fla. Veterans on March 20<sup>th</sup> to honor Lester Klein. We presented a citation to his widow, Rosalyn Klein. She herself is and honorary discharged

veteran of the WACS.

The following veterans attended- Mike and Etta Zuckerman, Emmet and Margaret Condon, Bob Cortez, many and Helen Rossen, Mrs. Stan Diskin and son Alan Diskin and Grandson Paul Diskin, Rosalind Klein, and Irving Chase. Me thinks Les Klein deserves and earned the testimonials. This man was a genuine hero and his deeds deserve to be praised. It seemed to me that we could honor him posthumously, which I did. His widow told me he would have been written up for the Congressional Medal of Honor, but his commanding officer was killed in action and there was no one to write him up.

### Gilbert Record

453 Crescent Court  
Frankfort, IN 46041  
765-654-6295

I'm looking for my friend **Peter Greico** from H Company, 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. We worked together as cooks and I have lost track of him. If anyone has any

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### Women's Aux Sept 04 Memorial Rehabilitation Fund

**\$10.00 Mary Cavallaro** In memory of her parents  
**\$10.00 Madeline DeLucia** In memory of deceased 27th members  
**\$5.00 Esther Gardner** In memory of PNP Nina Merritt  
**\$5.00 Phyllis Marotta** In memory of her parents  
**\$5.00 Louise Criscione** In memory of her husband George  
**\$5.00 Madeline DeLucia** In memory of her parents  
**\$5.00 Marge Klevitch** In memory of her husband Michael

## 80 PLUS CLUB



First Name	Last Name
Henry J.	Balcer

# MAILBAG

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information, could they please call or write to me.

**Michael Zuckerman**

There are two 27<sup>th</sup> Division veterans who want to get their hands on a copy of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division book published in 1941. It is titled as follows: *Pictorial History – 27<sup>th</sup> Division U.S. Army – Fort McClellan 1940-1941*. It was published by: Army-Navy Publishers Inc., Bond Allen Building, Atlanta, GA. It has a hard cover, contains 404 pages and over 1000 photographs and weighs over 10 pounds. The 2 veterans of Co E 102<sup>nd</sup> Medical Regt. who would like to purchase a copy of this book are:

Joe Zollo  
Trir 25

3755 North Nellis Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89115

Mike Belluscio  
40 Coachlamp Lane  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Charles Goldberg**

I was thrilled to read Bob War-tonick’s article on the U.S.S. Constitution. I looked for a dramatic poem for my grandson who is in the fifth grade to recite in school and remembered Old Ironsides written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow which I had recited seventy-four years ago! Bob’s information was just right to embellish the exciting story of what happened to that historic ship. As school children we are asked to bring in donations to restore the ship to prime condition. It is still shining in Boston and can be visited. I

now submit the poem for our readers:

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!  
Long has it waived on high,  
And many an eye has danced to see  
That banner in the sky;  
Beneath it run the cannon’s roar;  
The meteor of the ocean air  
Shall we sweep the clouds no more

Her deck, once red with heroes’ blood,  
Where knelt the vanquished foe,  
When winds were hurrying o’er the flood  
And waves were white below,  
No more shall feel the victor’s tread,  
Or know the conquered knee,  
The harpies of the shore shall pluck

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**Quartermaster Store**

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.

Posts can buy at a lower rate, however orders must be at least 10 items to receive the discounted rate. The Post can resell the items at a price they set with no reimbursement to the Association Contact Quartermaster Gregory Gallup for Post rates.

Orders can be e-mailed to GOGMAJ@AOL.com or mail to: Gregory Gallup, 7550 Song Lake Road, Tully, N.Y. 13159. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

*All Items have Orion Emblem*

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STORE PRICE</u>
T-Shirt (white)	\$ 8.00
T-Shirt (gold, red, lt. blue, royal)	\$ 10.00
Golf shirt (without pocket) (white, gold, red, lt. blue, royal)	\$ 20.00
Golf shirt (with pocket) (white, gold, red, lt. blue, royal)	\$ 20.00
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*

# The Annual 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association Inc. Reunion

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2004

*Quality Inn*

1308 Buckley Road

North Syracuse NY 13212

## Total Package

## Meals Only Package

### Includes:

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Lodging, Friday and Saturday Night  
 Dinner Friday, All meals Saturday, and  
 Breakfast Sunday  
 \$260 for an individual (includes room, all  
 meals & gratuities for one person)  
 \$360 for a couple (includes room, all  
 meals & gratuities for two people)

Meal Package Only Prices:  
 Friday Night Blinger: \$22/ Person  
 Saturday Morning B-Fast: \$13/ Person  
 Commander's Luncheon: \$17/ Person  
 Banquet Dinner: \$35/ Person  
 Sunday Morning B-Fast: \$13/ Person

Indicate Meals by Number of people on reservation card on back side of this flier.

**Room and Meal Payments: Make checks payable to the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association.**

Room reservations will be made by the Secretary, 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association as per the RSVP card received below. The Division Association will handle payment due to the Quality Inn. A special registration table will be set up by the Hosting Reunion Committee for registration, meal tickets and program package.

**\$10 Member Reunion registration fee due upon arrival.**

## Total Package Reservation Card

Please print and complete all appropriate information and return this card with a check to  
**The 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association Inc., Attn: Secretary PO Box 2522, Syracuse, NY 13220-2522**  
 PH: (315) 438-3007

### ACCOMODATIONS INFORMATION

27<sup>th</sup> Division Association National Reunion 24-26 September 2002

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_

Two Double Beds -  smoking  non-smoking **OR**  One King Bed  smoking  non-smoking

Saturday Night Dinner Selection: Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP Must Be Received No Later Than September 1st 2004**

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## Schedule of Events

**Friday, September 24, 2004**

- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Business Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Blinger

**Saturday, September 25, 2004**

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Membership Meeting
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 12:00 PM Commander's Luncheon
- Immediately followed by a Memorial Service
- 6:00 PM Cocktail Hour
- 7:00 PM Dinner, Banquet Room

**Sunday, September 26, 2004**

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Farewells

## Quality Inn

Quality Inn is a resort style setting that is "just minutes away" from all that Syracuse has to offer. A complimentary shuttle service allows guests quick access to various "hot spots" such as the Carousel Mall, Armory Square, Syracuse University and the Carrier Dome.

**Directions:**

From the New York State Thruway: Exit 36 Syracuse - Mattydale (I-81) to Interstate 81 South. Take exit 25 (next exit) off I-81. Turn right on 7<sup>th</sup> North Street. Turn right on Buckley Road. Quality Inn is ¼ mile on right hand side.

Check In Time 1:00 PM

Check Out Time 11:00 AM

## Meals Only Reservation Card

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**MEAL INFORMATION**

27<sup>th</sup> Division Association National Reunion 24-26 September 2004

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify meals by quantity required in each box below:

- |  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Blinger<br>\$22 each | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday B-Fast<br>\$13 each | <input type="checkbox"/> Cdr's Luncheon<br>\$17 each | <input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Dinner<br>\$35 each | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday B-Fast<br>\$13 each |
|--|---|--|--|---|

Saturday Night Dinner Selection: Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

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# Membership Renewal Forms

## 27TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (House Number and Street) (City) (Zone) (State) (Zip)

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Check if member At Large \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Served \_\_\_\_\_

Date: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Rank (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*Make remittance (\$10.00) payable to: The 27th Division Association, Inc.  
 Send to: Attn: Sec/Treas; PO Box 2522, Syracuse, NY 13220*

**I desire to become a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the 27th Division Association Inc., and pay herewith \$2.00 for one year membership dues for the year 2005.**

I submit the following information to be included with my record:

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (House Number and Street) (City) (Zone) (State) (Zip)

My son, husband, brother, father served in World War I-II  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion  
 With Company, Battery or Troop \_\_\_\_\_

*Make remittance (\$2.00) payable to:  
 Women's Auxiliary The 27th Division Association, Inc.  
 Send to: Attn: Esther Gardner Sec/Treas;  
 126 Sergeant Street, Johnson City, NY 13790-1922*

## 27TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (House Number and Street) (City) (Zone) (State) (Zip)

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Check if member At Large \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Please check** <30 \$200 \_\_\_ 31-40 \$190 \_\_\_ 41-50 \$170 \_\_\_  
 51-60 \$150 \_\_\_ 61-70 \$120 \_\_\_ 71-80 \$90 \_\_\_ 81 & up \$60 \_\_\_

**LIFE MEMBER**

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 Member of a Post?  
 See your Post Secretary

*SUGGESTION: If you want to keep your Gallivanter intact - make a copy of this section and submit the copy of the membership renewal*

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## Taps

### George Kedeburg

George Kedeburg passed away February 5, 2004, at home in Floral Park, NY. He left his wife Ruth of 57 years, 3 children and 8 grandchildren. He was in the service prior to Pearl Harbor and spent 35 years in the military. He was laid to rest at Calveton National Cemetery, NY.

### Leigh Malcolm Trowbridge

The Greatest Generation has lost one of its finest. Leigh Malcolm Trowbridge, a World War II veteran who served 2 ½ years in the Central Pacific, passed away on June 28. He was 87 years old. He was a devoted husband for 63 years of his childhood sweetheart, Mary Jane Hill. Upon graduation the University of Missouri, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Field Artillery.

One month after WW II was declared, he was on active duty at Camp Roberts, CA, training enlistees and draftees in the art of military and artillery. After three months at Fort Sill, OK, at the Field Artillery School, it was back to California. From there he was sent to Oahu, HI, where he was assigned to the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, who set up in defense of the southern half of Oahu. After intense combat training, his regimental combat team was sent to the Marshall Islands, where his unit, the 104<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, fought and helped secure Eniwetok

Atoll. The next venture in combat was at Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas Islands. He then went to Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides Islands for rest and supply. The Division then sailed to Okinawa, which was the last battle of World War II... the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima bringing the Japanese to the point of surrender. He then flew to Japan as part of the occupation force. With adequate points collected he was eligible to come home and be discharged. During the Korean War he was called back to active duty and earned the promotions to Major and Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves.

In recent years he received great joy from the 2003 publication of his World War II memoirs, *Operation Leap Frog*.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years and their children, Leigh Malcolm (Pete) Trowbridge, Jr. and his wife, Cameron, of Los Altos, Jane Hill Beach of Campbell, and Judith Lyon Oswald and her husband, Paul, of El Dorado Hills. He is also survived by six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and three step grandchildren. His brother, Edwin A. Trowbridge, preceded him in death in 1989. Burial was at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

### Lester R. Klein

Lester R. Klein, 86, of Coconut Creek, formerly of Queens, NY, passed away November 11,

2003. He was a devoted and beloved husband of Rosalind Klein for 58 years of marriage; loving father of Robert Klein, dear brother of Bernice Culter of Far Rockaway, NY and predeceased by Ruth Aaron of Queens, NY; cherished grandfather of Cory Klein, Elyssa Klein, Jessica Klein, and Jenna Klein. He was proud of the accomplishments of his son and granddaughters. Lester was a much decorated and proud veteran of WWII, serving as a Technical Sergeant in the Pacific Islands. He was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars as well as the Purple Heart for bravery and valor under fire. He was an avid philatelist and golfer who shared these hobbies with his son and new friends in Florida. He was an active member of the Deborah Hospital Foundation while living in NY. His life was characterized by his devotion to family and friends.

### Clifford D. Hayden

Clifford D. Hayden passed away recently of Independence, KS. He was the devoted husband of Wanda Hayden. He was a mess sergeant in the 27<sup>th</sup> Signal Co. During WWII, he was in Saipan and Okinawa. He was with the 27<sup>th</sup> Division for five years.

### Nate Brodheim

Nate Brodheim, passed away July 1, 2004. He was mobilized with the New York National Guard, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division on October 15, 1940. He lived in

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the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, NY and was a member of Co. D, 102<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster (later changed to the 149<sup>th</sup> QM truck Co. when the Division was triangular zed) at Fort McClellan, AL.

He was 82 years old and leaves his second wife, Evelyn. He was a member of Florida post 13 and lived in Tamarac, FL. Nate died of a very rare blood disorder.

### Albert R. Ciampi

Albert R. Ciampi, 71, of Guilderland, entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 19, 2004, at Albany Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Albany and was the son of the late Benvenuto and Rose Dell'Aquila. Albert served in the NY National Guard for several years. He was a long time self-employed barber in Albany. More recently, he had worked for NY State Senate for over 20 years retiring in 1995.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Jacqueline Martin Ciampi. He was the devoted father of Stephanie Lostritto (Dominic) of Colonie and Ben Ciampi (Jessica) of Altamont. He was the brother of Nina Hoyt (Charles) of Colonie and the late Antoinette Petrograsso and Frederick A. Ciampi Sr. He was the brother-in-law of Mary Ciampi of Colonie. He was the cherished grandfather of Michael Dominic and Erica Rose Lostritto of Colonie; several nieces and nephews also

## MAILBAG

The eagle of the sea!

Oh, better that her shattered hulk  
Should sink beneath the wave;  
Her thunders shook the mighty deep

And there should be her grave;  
Nail to her mast her holy flag,  
Set every threadbare sail,  
And give her to the god of storms,  
The lightning and the gale!

### 1-108th Inf

Under the leadership of 1LT Raymond Williams and SFC Son Nguyen uncover a Iraqi Bunker during a Combat Patrol North of Baghdad in May of 2004. (Below)

Walt Draisey

This article was in letters to editor of the Albany Union Times Newspaper on 14 July, 2004

### Army Infantry fought valorously on Saipan

James Ryan  
Georgetown, SC  
Jryan8@sc.rr.com

I no longer live in the Capital Region. I follow your new via your website. I read your July 8 story about the 1944 Banzai attack on Saipan.



# MAILBAG

Let me say, I am not trying to disparage the U.S. Marine Corps.

For 10 years of my life I was an active duty Army surgeon. In October of 1983, I was stationed at the Second General Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. I had the honor of caring for some of the Marines who were wounded in the Beirut bombing.

However, often the 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in disparaged, not honored, because of its defense against the Japanese on July 7, 1944. A story circulates among many Marine Corps enthusiasts that the 10<sup>th</sup> crumbed and gave away against Japanese. The attack was stopped by a Marine artillery battalion, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Marines, who leveled their howitzers, set their shells to burst at point-blank range and fired away at the Japanese until they had them stopped. Many prominent Marine Corps advocates, including William Manchester in "Goodbye Darkness", tells this version.

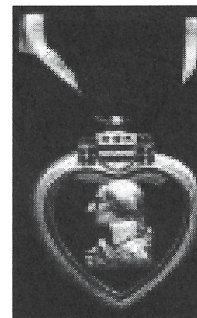
That version is not true. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Marines, fought back against the attack very courageously, taking 136 casualties, including its battalion commander, while killing and wounding more than 300 Japanese soldiers.

The Japanese attack, however, overwhelmed the 3/10 Marines, who had to abandon their guns

and retreat into a perimeter to save themselves. Two batteries of 3/10 Marines never fired at all during the action. An Army unit, the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry, later counterattacks the Japanese, relieved 3/10 Marines and recovered their guns.

This account from official Marine Corps histories of the fighting on the Saipan, "United States Marine Corps Operations in WWII: Volume III: Central Pacific Drive," and "Saipan: The Beginning of the End." These histories are accessible on line via Hyperwar: World War II on the World Wide Web.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry and the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division does not deserve to be dishonored just to gratify the pride of ill-informed Marine advocates.



## Medals

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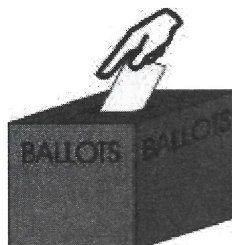
Don't envy a man his medals  
 All those ribbons on his chest  
 He did not try to get them  
 They're not there at his request  
 They were earned in stinking  
 hell holes  
 Where no man would like to go  
 Or in cold and wintry places  
 Where there's only ice and snow  
 He did not know he earned them  
 Till they were awarded at parade  
 And they were bright when he  
 first got them  
 But in time the colors fade  
 He was told he had to wear them  
 And to wear them all with pride  
 But when the memories come to  
 haunt him  
 Those same medals make him  
 hide  
 Cause those medals will not  
 bring back  
 All those guys he left behind  
 And he would trade them all for-  
 ever  
 For a little peace of mind  
 So don't envy a man his medals  
 You don't want to take his place  
 Thinking back to long gone bat-  
 tles  
 And meeting dead friends face to  
 face ...

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survive.

### Raymond Litchfield

Raymond Litchfield passed away on 1 July, 2004. Mr. Litchfield served with Company G of the 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry through the Pacific Campaign. He is survived by his wife, Helen Jennings Litchfield and brother Leonard. Mr. Litchfield will be buried with full military honors at the Samuel Stratton Cemetery at Schuylerville, NY. Raymond was a member of Post #4 of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association.

### Clifford D. Hayden

SGT Clifford D. Hayden passed away recently. Mr. Hayden served as a mess sergeant in the 27<sup>th</sup> Signal Company. He was in Saipan and Okinawa. He spent a total of five years in the 27<sup>th</sup> Division of New York State. He is

survived by his beloved wife Wanda.

### Nate Brodheim

CPL Nate Brodheim passed away 1 July, 2004. He was mobilized with the New York 27<sup>th</sup> Division National Guard back on 15 October, 1940. He lived at Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, NY as was a member of D Company, 102<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster (later changed to the 149<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Truck Company when the Division was triangular zed) at Fort McClellan, AL.

He was 82 years old and leaves his second wife, Evelyn. He was a member of Florida post 13 and lived in Tamarac, FL. Nate died of a very rare blood disorder.

### William H. Isaac, Jr.

William H. Isaac, Jr., 81, formerly of Hillside Avenue, Nis-

kayuna, died Thursday, July 29, 2004 at Kingway Arms.

Bill was born in Schenectady, the son of the late William and Luella Wells Isaac. He served in the Army for five years during WWII with the 105<sup>th</sup> Inf in 1940 in Hawaii until he and many others were "pulled out" to form the "no name division" and fought at Guadalcanal. For 34 years, he worked as a security guard for General Electric and retired in 1984.

He was a member of the 27<sup>th</sup> Division Association Post 105 and the GE Quarter Century Club.

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