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NEWSLETTER – March 15, 2004

LOUISVILLE REUNION

The Tri-States Chapter 9 – 12 September, 2004, will host the 57th 34th Infantry Division Association National Reunion. The reunion will take place at the Executive West Hotel 830 Philips Lane Louisville, KY 40209. Reservation forms enclosed.

Mark your calendars early we want all to come! The Tri-States Chapter is planning a whale of a good time. They are dedicating this reunion to Homer Ankrum the author of the best book on the 34th Division – *Dogfaces who smiled through Tears*.

A REUNION TRIBUTE FOR
Homer Ankrum

Over 1300 personal interviews, 650 pages of recorded experiences. The result brings the reader a closeness with the soldiers who tramped thru the history years of 1940-1946. The pages of "**Dogfaces Who Smiled Thru Tears**" tells a realistic story of the men of the 34th Division. Homer Ankrum was one of these men, who wrote about and shared their experiences. No where is any book, written by any historian will you read the heroism and heart break of the men in the front line trenches of war.

With the above in mind the Tri-State Chapter and the 34th Division Association will dedicate this year's September Reunion to the memory of Homer Ankrum.

I know there are a lot of stories and memories in our organization. We would like to get these words on paper and come up with a reunion tribute that leaves a record of how much Homer's words mean to all of us who served with him in the Red Bull Division. We are all not writers and find it difficult to put these stories on paper, but if you were to send a note or tell us these stories of your feelings we would put them together in a booklet of some form that could be presented to Homer's family at the reunion.

I feel the majority of our membership have read his book or have heard his tape "**The March and History of the Red Bull Legions**". We are interested in all comments but especially in the comments of the men that Homer interviewed for his book.

Please give serious thought to your experiences and tell them as if you were leaving a legacy to your family. Or you may wish to put a copy to put with your book "**Dogfaces Who Smiled Thru Tears**."

I request that you get your information to me by May 15, 2004. Please send to:

Tri-State Chapter
1460 Anderson Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15209

or e'mail: REDBULLRJR@cs.com
orFAX: 610-353-0908

DOG TAGS FOUND

Dog Tags were found in the Villa Delle Maschere near the Futa Pass. Do any of you recognize these names?

Wefko Walter Glass Rowen Jr
32018122 T44 A 35882772 T44 0
C P

Shrader Gillford House C House
34058338 T43 A 33731427 T42-43 A
P P

Charles A Barton Eva L Barton
35226858T42 0 713 UTICA ST
 Toledo OHIO P

Simones Christo J CPL G. O'Donnell
31153719 T43-44 0 38028315
P 4525 J

Contact the Association if you have info.

HELP WANTED

We thank those that have given us their stories of army life. We still are looking for books, notes, journals, comments and the like. These are filed in the Iowa Gold Star Museum archives for researchers and casual reading – to get the other side of the War.

Does anyone know David Herman – served in Africa?, Sicily, Italy with the 34th. Was present when Mussolini was hung up. Contact John David Herman (602) 997-5666.

Does anyone know Thomas Vincent Van Eron? Silver Star issued by Eisenhower in Africa? Contact Michael T. Van Eron mtv7angels@earthlink.net

Does anyone know Orris Nordland mobilized with the MN ARNG Co H 135? Contact Todd Wolfe (Grandson) at Todd.Wolfe@pwc.ca

Does anyone know Hal Stewart from Maine – Hq 3rd Bn 168 INF – ANZIO. Contact Emus@aol.com

Does anyone remember a Tobia DeVincenzonzo wounded at Cassino. Contact Dr Victor Izui 2346 Clover Lane, Northfield, IL, 60093.

WWII Monument Dedication

John Taylor (610)353-6288 is going to the dedication and would like to contact other 34th ID members.

34th Inf Div Assn National Office

34th Inf Division Assn
7700 NW Beaver Drive
Johnston, IA 50131-2416

Jerry Gorden – your Sec/Trea may be reached at home phone : 515-276-5677
E'mail is: jlg34@mcleodusa.net

DUES

Printed on your mailing label is the last number of the year our records show you paid your dues.

Our year is 1 September through 31 August. The current year 2003-2004 will read (4) – you are paid up until August 31, 2004. If you are a Life member it will read (L) and if you are a Widow that still wants to remain in contact it will read (W) - you do not owe annual dues. If our records are incorrect please contact us.

To become current please send \$10 for the 2003-2004 year with the form provided. We want to remain in contact.

Do you know of any Red Bulls not getting our newsletter? Give us their address and we will try to make contact.

Purple Heart Stamp

John Taylor has taken the initiative to purchase First Day Issue Stamp applied at Mount Vernon – the home of George Washington. This was done to recognize General Washington for his origination of the Purple Heart Medal for those servicemen that received wounds in battle.

Contact John at: 106 Main St, Newtown Square, PA , 19073, - 5\$ for two First Day Issue Envelopes.

Cemetery Wreaths Presented

As is our custom wreaths are to be presented at the North Africa, Sicily-Rome, and Florence American Cemeteries on behalf of the 34th Infantry Division Association on Memorial Day 2004. The embassy sends us photos of the wreaths.

FINAL ROLL CALL reported after the 2003 REUNION

John Bashan
William O. Cambell
Walter Alfred Haugen (Wally)
Kenneth Jones
Everett Knight
James C. Kokoszynski
Carl Lund
Richard Moss – Assn Treas –36 yrs
Sec 12 yrs.
James Muzzarelli
Ray Puterbaugh
George Roufs
Glen Sidebottom
Michael Via

Note: Mrs Ben Butler passed away last year.

LOST RED BULLS

Oran Craig
Russell Jepson
Jere Johnson
Mark Massion
Hugh P McAnniff
Richard Murphy
David J Nelson
Maurice D. Rosch
Lawrence Starr
Please pass on contact info to the Ntl Office.

New WWII REGISTRY

A new registry of personal that served in the armed forces or supported the war effort at home is now available.

www.wwiimemorial.com or call (800)639-4992.

NATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS

This organization is trying to locate persons who were given a comminssion on the battlefield from enlisted or Warrant staus. Contact J. Angier, 67 Ocean Dr, St Augustine, FL32080; jnbc@msn.com, or Ph: (904) 471-7695.

Courage is resistance to fear,

Mastery of fear -

Not absence of fear.

Mark Twain

34th Infantry Division Association

Items – Price List – March 2004

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|---|---------------------|---|---------|
| RED BULL Polo Shirts _____ (Size) | \$22.00 | Unit Distinctive Insig (Crests) _____ (Rgt) | \$5.00 |
| RED BULL Caps | \$ 9.00 | Unit Distinctive Insig (Mini) _____ (Rgt) | \$4.25 |
| RED BULL Patch | \$ 1.50 | Combat Infantry Badge (Mini) | \$3.25 |
| RED BULL Neckties | \$ 8.00 | RED BULL Insignia Pins | \$3.50 |
| RED BULL Window/Decal | \$ 1.50 | US Flag Lapel Pin | \$1.00 |
| RED BULL Coffee Cups | \$ 6.00 | US Flag/34 th Assoc Key Tags | \$3.00 |
| RED BULL Refrigerator Magnets | \$ 1.50 | Book – “Dogfaces who smiled through tears” by Homer Ankrum | \$20.00 |
| RED BULL Memo Pads, 50 shts | \$ 2.50 | | |
| *RED BULL Metal Plaque 4 1/2 x 8 8 x 10 | \$77.00 \$134.00 | | |
| * 34 th Div Mem Highway mini-signs | \$20.00 | | |
| Add \$3.00 for shipping of Plaques & Signs | | | |

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____
Shipping: \$ _____ Note *
Add Reasonable Postage.

TOTAL: \$ _____

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- () Enclosed is \$10 for my Annual Membership (2003-2004) in the 34th Infantry Division Association. Period – 1 Sep 2003 thru 31 August 2004.
- () Enclosed is \$10 for my Associate Membership (2003-2004) in the 34th Infantry Division Association. (Annual Fee) Period – 1 Sep 2003 thru 31 August 2003.
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association. See fee schedule below. (Ao annual dues.)

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|-----------|-------|--------------------|------|
| To age 60 | \$100 | At age 63 | \$70 |
| At age 61 | \$90 | At age 64 | \$60 |
| At age 62 | \$80 | At age 65 or older | \$50 |
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for 34th Infantry Division Memorial.
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for Association Operations Gift.

Age _____ Unit: _____

Name _____ Street _____

Signature: _____ City/State/ZIP _____

REUNION PLANS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2004 REUNION ARE COMPLETE
Included with this letter is the registration form

Dates are Thursday September 9th thru Sunday July 12th

Place - Executive West Hotel , 830 Philips Lane, Louisville, Ky.
Phone 1-800-626-2708

Cost \$69.00 per night plus tax

Mention 34th Infantry Reunion when you call.

Notify hotel if you need picked up at airport
or if you need special accommodations.

This Reunion is a Tribute to Homer Ankrum

**This reunion is planned and administrated by professionals who arranges reunions
for military organizations only**

Reunion cost will include:

Welcoming Package with name button
List of attendees, local information and itinerary
Thursday welcome ice cream social
Friday dinner - silent auction and reverse drawing
Saturday Continental Breakfast
Saturday Lunch
Saturday Banquet and entertainment
Sunday Memorial Service and Breakfast
Hospitality Room stocked with snacks and beverages
All associated taxes and gratuities
Price is \$154.00 per person

Reseveration must be made by August 9, 2004

The Hotel provides complimentary parking
and
Airport pick up.

For Reservations Contact

The Reunion Brat
50721 State Hwy, 410 E
Greenwater, Wa. 98022
Phone 360 663 2521
Fax 360 663 2584
E mail: Info@TheReunionBRAT.com

For Information Contact

Ray Rudolph
1460 Anderson Road
Pittsburgh, Pa 15209
Phone 412 486 6536
Fax 412 213 0034
E mail REDBULLRJR@cs.com

COME AND JOIN US
AS
WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES
AND
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND NEW MEMORIES

**THE REUNION BRAT
REGISTRATION FORM**

YES SIGN ME UP FOR COMBINED

THE TRI-STATE CHAPTER - 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION NATIONAL
2004 REUNION AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH , 2004

NAME _____ WIFE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

E MAIL _____

NAME OF ANY GUEST: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ X \$154.00 = _____

CHECK NUMBER _____ TOTAL AMOUNT _____

**PLEASE SEND PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**THE REUNION BRAT
50721 STATE HWY 410 E
GREENWATER, WA. 98022
PHONE 360 663 2521**

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 20, 2004. A \$20.00 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non refundable. Call the Executive West Hotel at 1 800 626 2708 no later than August 10th 2004 make your reservation. Be sure to mention the 34th Infantry Reunion to receive the group rate of \$69.00 a night plus tax. These prices are available three days prior to and after the event should you chose to extend your stay.. If you need airport transportation you must notify the hotel at the time of registration.