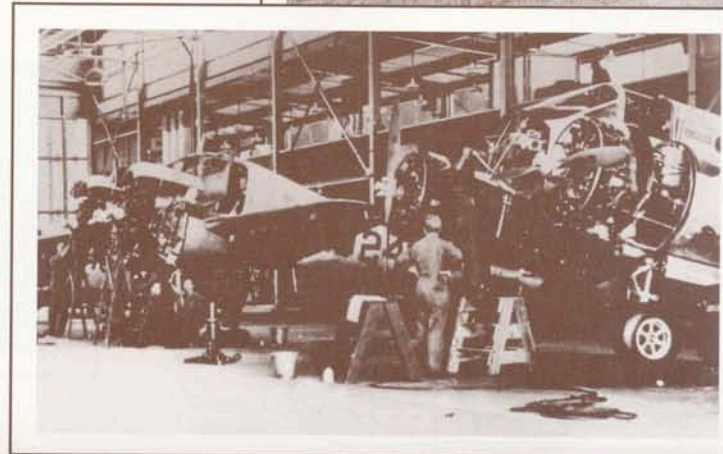


Moody Field

These pictures tell the early story of *Moody*, established in 1941 as an Air Training Base for Twin Engine Bomber Pilot Training.

The top photograph is *Class 42E*, graduating May, 1942, while at the right is a Beechcraft AT-10 and below, a view inside a maintenance hangar.

At bottom left is a view of the tower control room with radio and instruments.



Types of Training Planes
used at *Moody Field* during
World War II:

Cessna AT-17
Curtis AT-9
Beechcraft AT-10
North American B-25
North American AT-6 (SE)



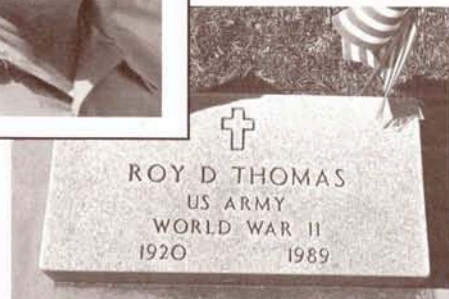
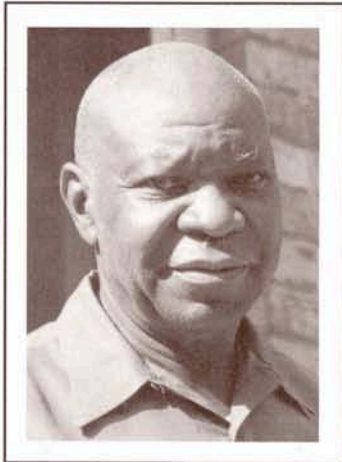
Maxwell Stalvey
Marine Corps

3 Marine Parachute Bn.
1st Marine Division

Fought with his Battalion in the Solomon Islands, Bougainville, and Iwo Jima.



Francis Julian Norman
Army Air Forces
54 Troop Carrier Squadron



George E. Sikes
Army
121 Infantry Regiment
8 Infantry Division



Mitchell Jones Smith
Navy

Roy D. Thomas
Army
1866 Engineer Aviation Battalion

The Aviation Engineers kept busy as the American forces moved from island to island in the Pacific. There was always a new forward airfield to be built.

The marker on his grave at Sunset Hill, Valdosta, is typical of those placed on graves of those who served.



George Hubert "Bouncer" Smith
Army Air Forces
28 Photo Reconnaissance Sq.
VII Air Force

Attached - 2 Marine Division
Above, "Bouncer" is standing beside a P38, while at left he is sitting at the controls of a plane.



Walter H. Stembridge
Army

Battery C / 51 Field Artillery Bn. / 6 Infantry Division
An early draftee, he served with the "Sight-seeing" Division five years, from Hawaii to his return via Alaska. They campaigned in New Guinea and Luzon, Philippines Islands.



B-24 "Liberator" Heavy Bomber — England, 1945

564 Bomb Squadron / 389 Bomb Group / XIII Air Force

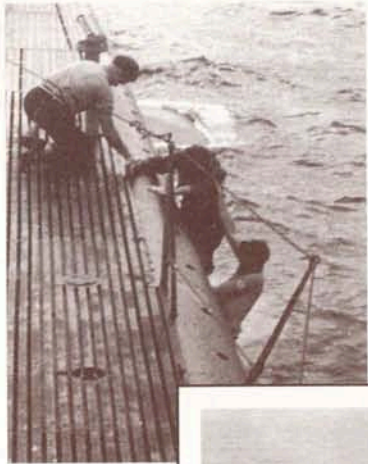
This plane and crew was based near Norwich, England, flying missions to Germany in March and April 1945. Crew: L/R, Front - Lewis, Engineer; McDowell, Nose Gunner; Joyce, Bottom Turret Gunner; Henthorn, Waist Gunner; Erickson, Lower Gunner; Thomas, Radio Operator/Top Turret Gunner. L/R, Rear - Parsons, Pilot; Delcot, Co-Pilot; Hoad, Bombardier/Waist Gunner; and Leonard Rudolph Howell, Navigator.

The Underseas Fleet

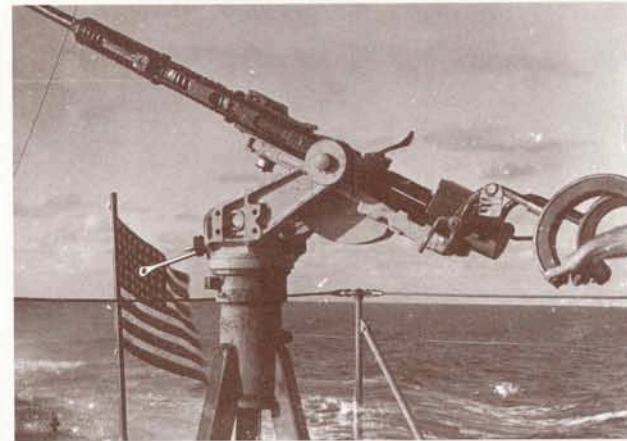
In 1944, the *USS Bashaw SS-241*, sank a Japanese freighter. It was the practice, when possible, to pickup survivors. In this photo sequence, a Japanese sailor is being taken aboard as a prisoner of war.

In the center photo, standing on deck watching the activity, is Charles Wesley Barnes, Jr., the Engineering Officer.

Charlie's initial submarine service was with the *USS Trout SS-202* as Commissary Officer. While on the *Trout*, they sank several freighters and small naval vessels. He transferred to the *Bashaw* as Communications Officer. Afterwards, the *Trout* was sunk by the Japanese and all aboard were lost, February, 1944. Later, he served as Executive Officer on the *USS Entemedor SS-340*.



Crew of the *USS Entemedor SS-340* at commissioning of the vessel, 1944.



USS Entemedor SS-340. Inset above the submarine is a close-up of the 20mm gun used as anti-aircraft protection. The *USS Entemedor* helped maintain a picket patrol off the coast of Japan, 1945, to rescue downed American flyers.

★Sergeant Robert Elmo DeLoach

Army / Company B

121 Infantry Regiment / 8 Infantry Division / "The Golden Arrow"



Home on leave, with his wife, Frances Cowart DeLoach.



Lived with his family in Remerton, where they worked at the Strickland Cotton Mill. Robert was employed in the commissary.

Drafted into the Army, October, 1941, he was sent to *Camp Croft*, South Carolina, for training. He was later assigned to *Company B*, 121 Infantry Regiment, 8 Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. *Company B* was a unit of the *Georgia National Guard*, from Barnesville.

He married Frances Cowart August 3, 1942. The division sailed for England, December, 1943, and crossed to France, July 1, 1944.

During the fighting in Normandy, he was awarded the *Bronze Star Medal* for "heroic services as a squad leader against the enemy on the 13th of July, 1944." Sergeant DeLoach was leading his platoon across an open field through machine-gun fire from three sides. He was credited with single-handedly wiping out four German machine-gun positions. He was wounded in this action and received the *Purple Heart*.

Back to duty with his unit, engaged at Saint Lo, August 31, 1944, he was killed in action. He was 24.

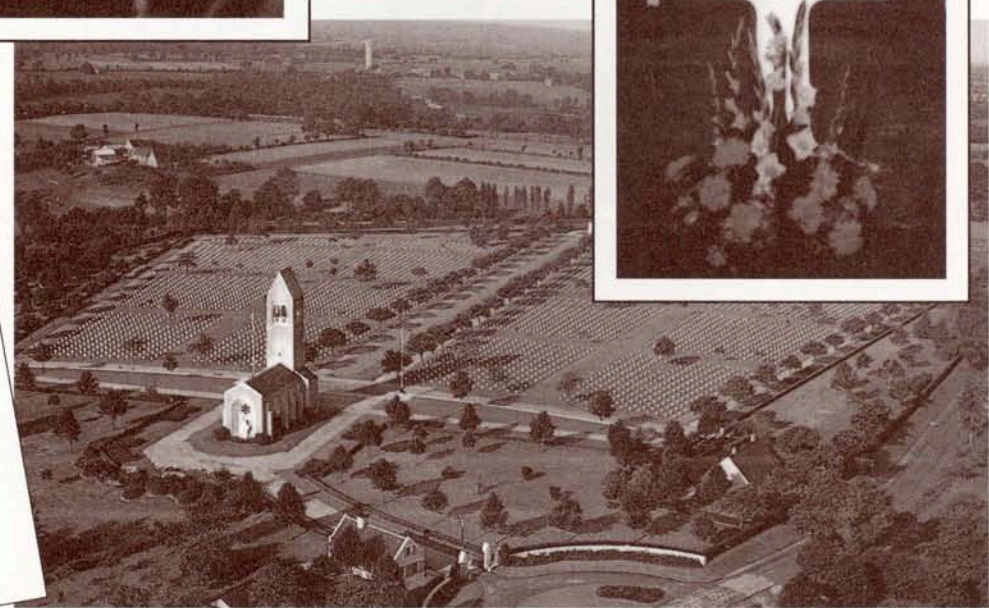


IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF
Sergeant Robert E. DeLoach, A.S. No. 34088382,

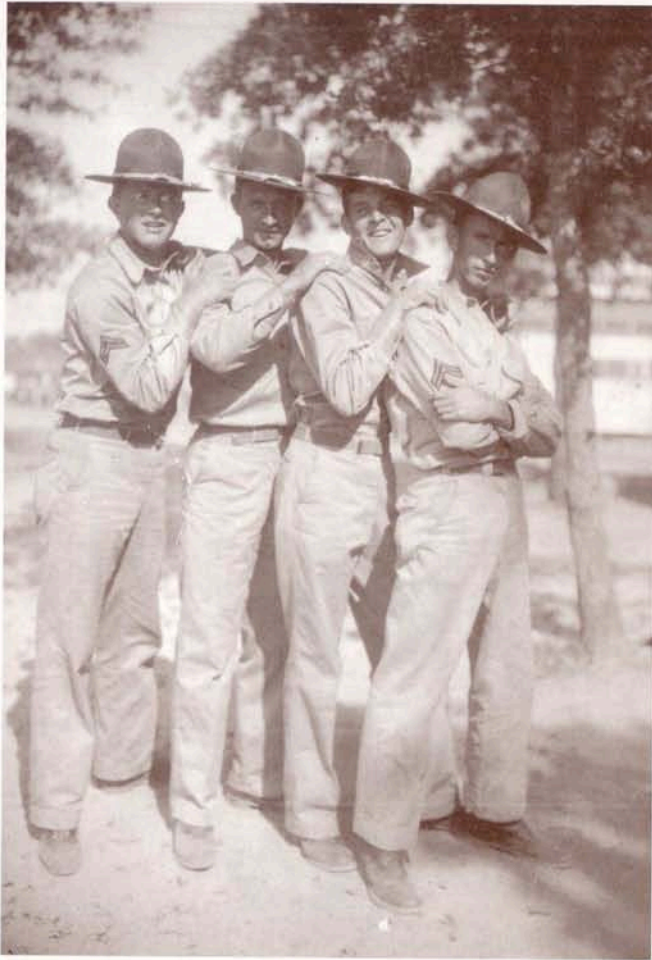
WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY
in the European Area, August 31, 1944.

HE STANDS IN THE UNBROKEN LINE OF PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED TO DIE
THAT FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE, AND GROW, AND INCREASE ITS BLESSINGS.
FREEDOM LIVES, AND THROUGH IT, HE LIVES —
IN A WAY THAT HUMBLER THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Sergeant DeLoach is buried at the *Brittany American Military Cemetery*, Saint James (Manche), France. At right is pictured his grave and a general view of the cemetery.



(Left to right) Winston C. Coleman, Jack C. Williams, Harold McCrary,
Lionel Ebbert Deming
Army / Company G / 121 Infantry Regiment
Fort Jackson, S.C., 1940

Owen King Prewitte, Army Air Force
Mrs. Aline Jones Prewitte

Mrs. Aline Jones Prewitte, Gold Star Mother of ★1st Lt. William Vivian Prewitte, was presented the medals awarded him, at Moody Field on April 14, 1945.

1st Lt. Prewitte received the *Purple Heart*, *Distinguished Flying Cross*, and *Air Medal* with two *Oak Leaf Clusters*. He was killed August 16, 1944, when his B-24 bomber, flying from England, crashed in the North Sea. (See page 2)

Another son, Corporal Owen King Prewitte, who was stationed at *Moody Field*, is standing with her.



Robert M. Williams
Army
60 Field Artillery Battalion
10 Mountain Division

He attended Valdosta Public Schools and graduated from the *United States Military Academy*, West Point, Class of 1939.

He was Commanding Officer of the 60th Field Artillery Battalion of the 10th Mountain Division. He led them through campaigns in Italy from Rome-Arno to the Po Valley. Near the end of hostilities in Italy, he was severely wounded by enemy artillery fire.

After World War II, he was assigned to the *Judge Advocate General Corps*. In 1968, he was appointed Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army for Civil Law. He retired in 1969 after a distinguished military career, and died July 12, 1994.



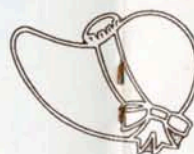
John F. Gibson
Army Air Forces

306 Bomb Group / XIV Air Force
John was a turret gunner on a B-24 Bomber and completed 27 missions in the *China-Burma-India (CBI)* Theater. He was based at Rupsi, India.



T. Baron Gibson
Navy
Chaplain Corps
USS *Marvin McIntyre*

During World War I he served as a Chaplain with the *American Expeditionary Force*, Army, in France. His World War II service was with the *Navy*, first at NAS Pensacola, Florida. In the Pacific, he was with the forces in the invasion of Okinawa, serving on the Attack Transport USS *Marvin McIntyre*.



"Old Gray Bonnet Regiment"



OFFICERS

1st Lt. Arthur W. Ferguson
Commanding Officer
1st Lt. Morris G. Swain
2nd Lt. Robert F. Cary

SERGEANTS

Barkuloo, Osmond V.
Supply Sergeant
Bird, Frank Jr.
First Sergeant
Brown, Jerry W.
Burgsteiner, Will D.
Coleman, Winston C.
Dees, James E.
Deming, Lionel E.
Justice, William K.
McCrary, Edwin L.
McCrary, Emmett H.
Moore, George C.
Mess Sergeant

Parramore, Benjamin B.
★ Rivers, Herman R.
Stocum, Eugene E.
St. Johns, James T.
Thomas, William E.
Staff Sergeant

CORPORALS

Coleman, Joe H.
Coody, J. C.
Larus, Leon D.
McDonald, Donald F.
Ragan, James M.
★ Stalvey, Earl
Stalvey, Glenn L.
Wells, Leo F.
Williams, Jack C.
Zipperer, John K.
Perry, James R.
Henry, George W.
Company Clerk

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

Anthony, Joel A.
★ Baker, Stevenson W.
Bass, James W.
Bridges, Sam L.
Butler, William H.
Carlo, Frederick E.
Coward, Emmett P.
Favors, Floyd D.
Green, William E.
Hancock, Harry P.
Harpe, Monroe H.
Johnson, Charles R.
Johnston, Herbert R.
Litherland, Myron E.
Lloyd, Robert L.
McDonald, Burton F.
Mathis, James H.
Martin, Witsel E.
Marvin, Edward C.
Mimms, Chester

Company 'G' 121st Infantry - Fort Jackson, S.C.

Mosely, Floyd L.
Nijem, Ernest
Parker, Philmore H.
Peterson, Willis C.
Phillips, Thomas N.
Price, James B.
Raulerson, James L.
Richardson, Wilmar R.
Robinson, Virgil P.
Smith, Vernie W.
Stallings, Norris C.
Steward, Mona D.
Thomas, Mathew A.
Touchton, Curtis E.
Touchtone, Dewey J.
Tullis, Ernest W. Jr.
Zipperer, Roy M.

PRIVATES
Baker, Jack M.
Baker, Miner I.
Bishop, Alton H.
Boone, Jay B.
Boyd, James H.
Brown, Carney W.
Brown, Harvey S.
Carter, Bruce A.
Childers, Marion N.
Cole, Luther R.
Norman, Ralph W.
Peyton, Sidney A.
Powell, James J.
Register, William B.
Roberts, William R.
Salter, Jesse P.
Scott, William F.
Simpson, Woodrow R.
Stocum, Lloyd C.

Griffin, Mark T.
Hendrix, Burl W.
Hodges, James G.
Lee, Arthur A.
Lee, Fred A.
Lee, Kenneth L.
Lee, Tom W.
McDonald, Oliver R.
McDonald, Theron H.
Norman, Ralph W.
Peyton, Sidney A.
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Roberts, William R.
Salter, Jesse P.
Scott, William F.
Simpson, Woodrow R.
Stocum, Lloyd C.

Smith, Andrew J. Jr.
★ Thompson, Marvin B.
Watson, Edward P.
SELECTEES
Adams, James B.
Alday, Rueben
Ausley, Willis F.
Bagley, Hugh
Bailey, William S.
Blackwell, Clifton B.
Breazeale, Charles B.
Brown, James B.
Brown, Emmett R.
Bustin, Percy G.
Carrwell, James W.
Carter, Murry C.
Clark, Lewis

Clay, Jeff
Cole, H. L. Posey
Cotton, Buford N.
Davis, Otis
Dillingham, Fain J.
Epps, Calvin B.
Fitzgerald, James W.
Gibson, Grady T.
Hancock, Sidney D.
Hardman, George B.
Helton, Homer E.
Henley, Jess E.
Holt, John W.
Justice, Luther A.
Kimball, William E.
King, George D.
Langford, James D.
Lott, Joseph W.
McKinney, Clyde
Randall, David C.
Reed, Charles W.

Richardson, Bennie
Riley, James R. Jr.
Ryals, Eunice
Saine, Oscar
Sewell, Denver
Simmons, Harry B.
Story, Oscar H.
Strickland, Roy B.
Wade, William C.
Waldron, Frank
Walton, Wood H.
Walker, Claude B.
Washington, Tracy
Weaver, Wesley A.
Williams, Sidney B.
Wright, Roy G.
Zipperer, Luther V.

Company G - 121 Infantry Regiment

Company G was the Valdosta company of the Georgia National Guard. It was called into Federal Service, September 16, 1940, assigned to the 30 Infantry Division. The division moved to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Army Divisions were organized as "square", meaning each had four regiments. They were reorganized as "triangular", with only three regiments to each division. As a result, this regiment was reassigned to the 8 Infantry Division, November 22, 1941.

Redesignated the 121 Infantry Regiment (Motorized), April 9, 1942, its training was continued at several stations. It was again redesignated 121 Infantry Regiment, April 1, 1943, and in August, 1943, was moved to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, staged for overseas. They departed New York December 5, 1943, and arrived in England December 15, 1943.

The regiment landed in France July 1, 1944 and was attached to the 83 Infantry Division, August 6-15, 1944. It was again detached from the 83 Infantry Division and temporarily assigned to the 82 Airborne Division, April 29-30, 1945.

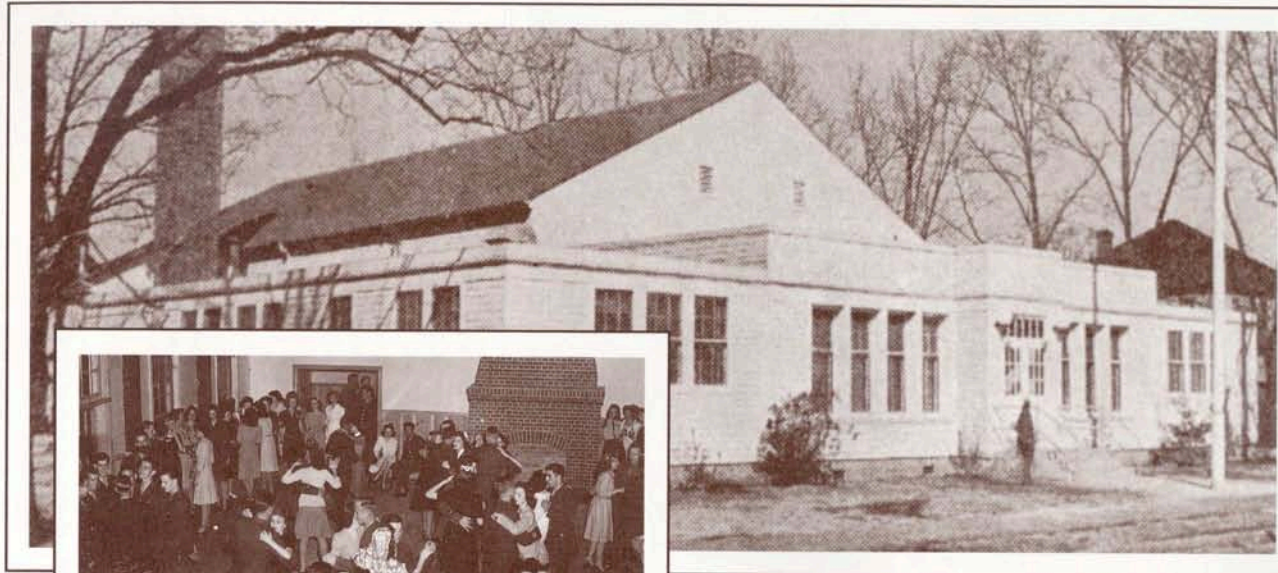
The regiment campaigned in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe during World War II.

Returning to the United States, the regiment arrived in Boston July 11, 1945 and moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, arriving there July 13, 1945.

During World War II, many of the original members of this company transferred out to other branches of the Army.

"R & R" - Rest & Recreation

Josephine Reddick
Moody Field



U.S.O. Building
Valdosta



★ Joseph Malachi Davis
Aline Parrish Irene Parrish
Valdosta



Philomina Naihima
Hawaii



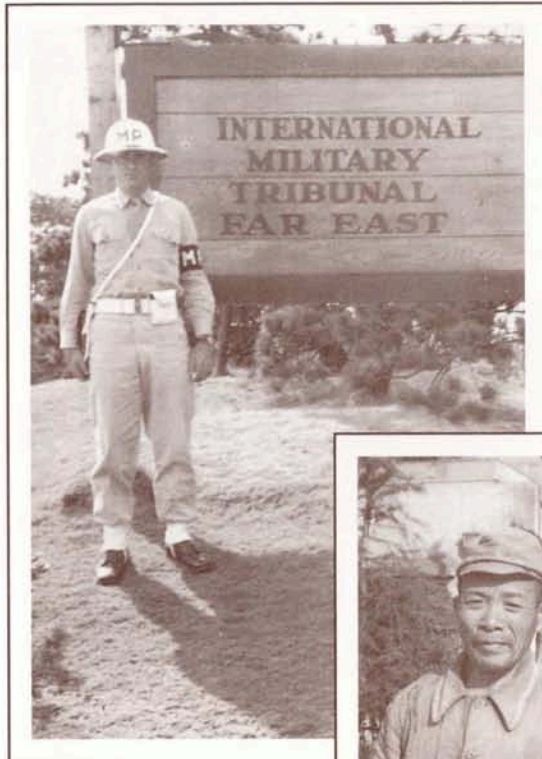
Fred Julian Groover
London

Clockwise, from top left, the United Services Organization (U.S.O.) building, located between River Street and West Central Avenue. This was the central entertainment center for the *Moody Field* boys in Valdosta. Busses brought them here for dances and other entertainment, hosted by local girls and volunteer mothers.

At top right, Josephine Reddick (later Mrs. Donald E. Gerlock) poses on the diving tower at the *Moody Field* pool, while at bottom right Marine ★ Joseph M. Davis is charmed by twins, Aline and Irene Parrish.

Next, at right, a Valdosta soldier in Hawaii was given this picture by a friend, dancing in a native costume. On the back she wrote, "Remember me - always - Philomina Naihima" ...and, he always did!

At left, Fred J. Groover stands outside the American Red Cross Washington Club, near Piccadilly, in London, England. The Red Cross took over hotels, such as the Washington Hotel, for servicemen on leave, providing overnight rooms, food and entertainment.



Foster Zipperer

*Army
Americal Division
720 Military Police
XI corps*

*Military Police Detachment
Headquarters
XI Corps*



Foster Zipperer takes a ride in a rickshaw in Tokyo, 1945.



War Crimes Trial

Above, on the bus, going to the International Military Tribunal for trial, are Japanese prisoners held responsible for war crimes. The man at the far left with dark hat, glasses and moustache is General Hideki Tojo, who as Premier led Japan into war with the United States in 1941. He was executed as a war criminal.

Foster Zipperer joined the *Americal Division* in the Philippines in 1945, assigned as a replacement. The division was training on Cebu Island for the expected invasion of Japan. From this *Replacement Company*, several men were selected for service in the *720 Military Police*, assigned to *XI Corps*.

As part of the occupation army, he was among those chosen for assignment to a *Headquarters Detachment*. The detachment was responsible for guarding and transporting prisoners to the *International Military Tribunal-Far East*, where they were being tried for war crimes. Although armed, the MP's were instructed to protect and control the prisoners, but not to shoot them under any circumstances, even if they attempted escape. Daily at 7:00 am, they picked up the prisoners and transported them by bus to the court.



Cadets at Moody Field

Alexander Welton Skoropat, an *Army Air Force* Training Instructor at *Moody Field*, is flanked by *Army Air Force* Cadets on the right and an *Army Air Force* Cadet standing with a *Royal Air Force* Cadet at left. This 1942 picture shows North American AT6 training planes in the background. Many British *Royal Air Force* Cadets were trained at *Moody Field*.

Pathfinders Parachute Infantry

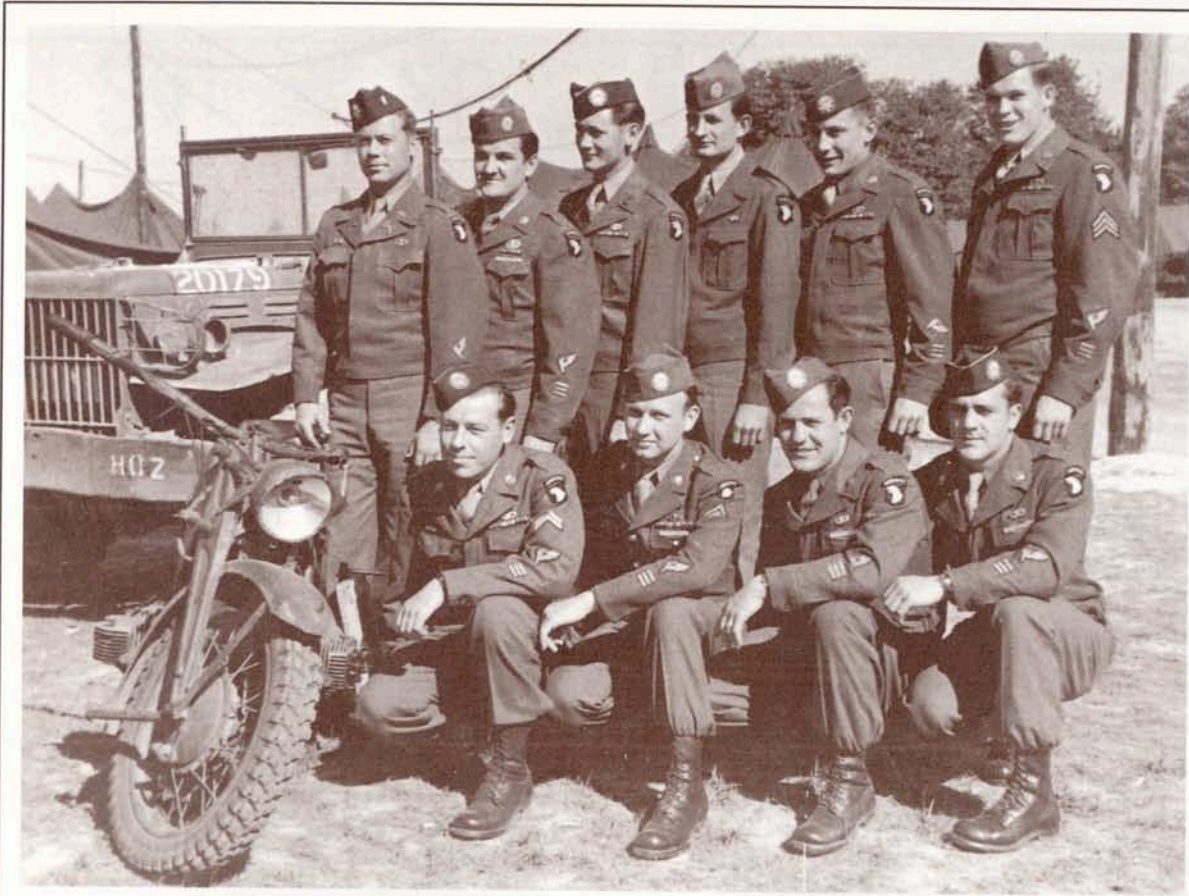
*101 Airborne Division
"Screaming Eagles"*

Airborne Divisions had "Pathfinders" whose assignment was to parachute behind enemy lines and establish "drop" or "landing" zones for those who followed. It was a job fraught with danger. They carried radio homing devices and radar. Two "sticks", in separate planes, were always dropped so that at least one might survive and succeed in the mission.

Below, the 101 Airborne Division Pathfinders are pictured before taking off June 5, 1944, for the D-Day invasion. "Mac" Tillman is standing at top right.

Over Normandy, the plane was hit by flak. The pilot made a turn and ditched into the English Channel. Rescued by the British Destroyer, *HMS Tartar*, they were held on the ship for three days after the June 6 invasion. Then, transferred to a PT boat, they were transported to Portsmouth, England.

Issued British uniforms, they were returned to the base from which they had departed. They remained separated from the Division until it was withdrawn from France and reformed in England for their next drop, September 17, 1944, at Zon, Holland.



Lachlan Macpherson "Mac" Tillman, third from right, top row, is standing with his "stick" of Pathfinders in Belgium, 1945.

When the Division was activated, Major General W.C. Lee said *"The 101st Airborne Division has no history, but it has a destiny."* It found its "destiny" at Bastogne, Belgium, December 1944, the Battle of the Bulge. Perhaps it was not as he foresaw the "destiny", as the 101st was not airborne in this action; it was fighting as ground force infantry, having been rushed into position December 18, 1944 on trucks. Few realized they were headed for combat, because of the paucity of their equipment and ammunition.

December 20, "Mac" and his Pathfinder "stick" were dropped into the area occupied by the surrounded 101 Airborne Division at Bastogne, which was fighting a classic "closed circle" defense with little equipment and ammunition. Their mission was to deliver and set up radar and homing devices for air drops of ammunition, food and other supplies which followed.

Surrounded and in desperate conditions, the Acting Commander, Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe, gave a famous one word reply, December 22, to the German demand for surrender, "Nuts."



101 Airborne Pathfinders and air crew, June 5, 1944.



★Joe Justice

Army
377 Parachute Artillery Bn.
101 Airborne Division
At home on leave before
departing overseas, Joe is
with Louise Mock.

Jumped in Normandy with
his battalion on D-Day, June
6, 1944. He was wounded in
action June 25 and died June
28, 1944. He was 23 years
old.



Thomas Norwood Holcombe, Jr.

Navy
USS Peridot PC584

Signal Company
Navy Amphibious Force
VIII Amphibious Force (Pacific)

Norwood was a Quartermaster/Signalman on the USS Peridot. They patrolled the Pacific island groups of the Gilberts, Marshalls and Midway.

He transferred to the Navy Amphibious Force and was in the Okinawa invasion.

The Navy Amphibious Force was a "ground" fighting organization, alongside Marines and the Army.



Willie Alvin Shumphard

Army
94 Engineer Battalion
In support of the operations,
there was always work for the
Engineers. With his battalion, he
served in North Africa, Italy,
France and Germany.



John Kyle Zipperer

Army Air Forces
23 Fighter Squadron
36 Fighter Group
IX Air Force



Billy Brantley Lastinger
Navy



James G. Tunison

Marine Corps
1 Marine Regiment / 1 Marine Division
Okinawa and Guadalcanal came first. Then the First
Marines were sent to Tientsin, China, to assist the
Army of the Republic of China in demobilizing the
Japanese forces in northern China.



Walter James Gaskins

Navy / USS Arizona / USS McDonough

Survived the explosion and sinking of the *USS Arizona BB-39* at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, when it was hit by Japanese bombs. Dying in the attack were 1,177 of his shipmates.

When the "abandon ship" order was given, Gaskins followed the guidance he got as a South Georgia farm boy — his father had taught him "always stay behind the fire" in the woods, never out front. The water was covered with burning oil, but he swam to Ford Island, always staying behind the burning oil!

He was later assigned to the *USS McDonough*, a destroyer, and served in the Pacific until the end of the war.

★Thomas Wallace Oliver

Navy

Naval Aviation Service

A PBM "Martin Mariner" pilot flying anti-submarine patrol, he died in a crash November 30, 1944.



R. B. Montgomery
Navy



Androckles Marius Larsen, Jr.
"Hambone"

Army / 1341 Combat Engineer Bn. / X Army

At Fort Kamehameha, Oahu, at the entrance to Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, he was startled by the sound of explosions about 7:55 A.M. His unit was not armed. Very shortly they moved into activity, sandbagging the Army Command Post and preparing fortifications.

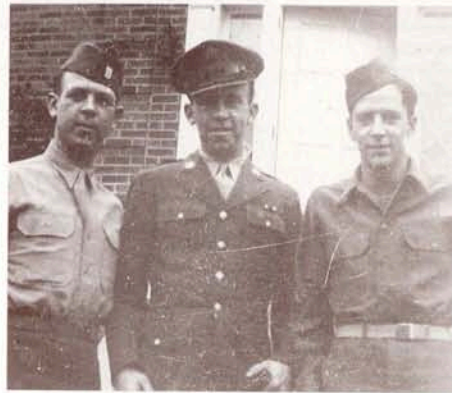
He served in Hawaii, Saipan, Tinian, New Hebrides (Vanuatu), and was on Okinawa when the war ended.

Standing with him is his sister, Dorothy Larsen Parker.



William Pope Langdale
Marine Corps
3 Marine Regiment
3 Marine Division

Was 21 months in the Pacific, his most notable action being in the engagement at Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands. Here he led his combat patrol of 15 men against a superior Japanese force, inflicting many casualties on the enemy and forcing their retreat.



Donald McDonald (L)

Army

306 Infantry Regiment / 77 Infantry Division

Oliver Rivers McDonald (C)

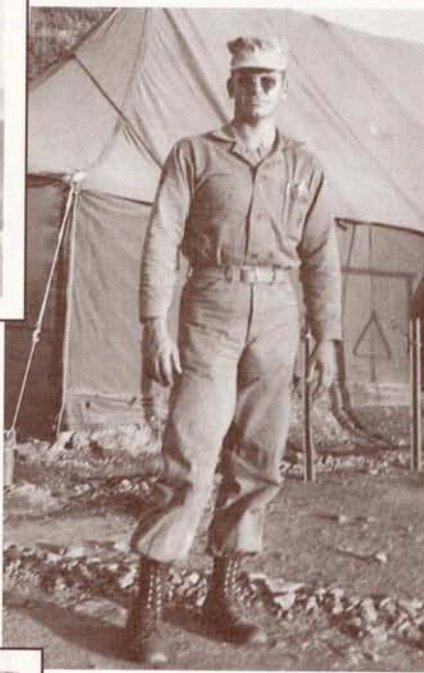
Army

220 Medical Battalion / 20 Armored Division

Jack Holt McDonald (R)

Army

717 Railroad Battalion / III Army



June Lee McDonald

Marine Corps

Fleet Marines

The McDonalds

June and Jack were twins. June served with the *Fleet Marines* in the Pacific. Jack was with *Third Army* in Europe, from Normandy to Vienna, Austria, operating the railways in support of the troops.

Barges were loaded with equipment and supplies on railway cars, in England, and transported across the Channel. Then they were transported by trains across Europe. The *717 Railroad Battalion* built, repaired, maintained and operated the railways.

Donald was with the *306 Field Artillery Bn.* in the South Pacific, on Guam, and Leyte in the Philippines.

Oliver served with the *220 Medical Battalion* in Germany and Austria.



Donald McDonald (left) and Oliver Rivers McDonald



Earle S. McKey (left)

Army

Medical Corps



Harold McCrary

Medical Detachment

121 Infantry Regiment / 30 Infantry Division



Gene L. Metts

Army

702 Tank Destroyer Bn.

Army Air Forces

446 Bomb Group

707 Squadron

VIII Air Force



Joyce F. Mixson
*Army
 Medical Corps
 Hospital Ship Unit*

The ship in which he served transported the wounded across the Channel from France to England.



★**Kenyon Orville Miller**
Army Air Forces

May 12, 1944, he was killed during a bombing raid to Germany. The plane crashed into the English Channel. He was a tail gunner and had been credited with shooting down three German planes during his first combat mission.



Grantland Sheppard Miller
*Navy
 Medical Service*

Attended Emory University, Atlanta, in a naval training program. Later served as a physician on a ship off the Korean coast.



Sol Miller
*Army
 354 Infantry Regiment
 89 Infantry Division
 III Army*

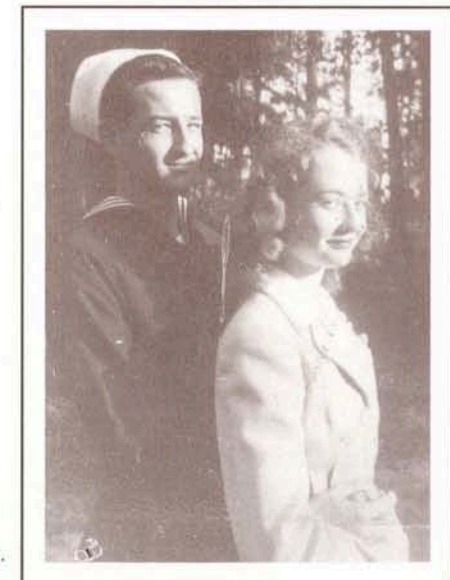
A Russian immigrant, he was drafted into the Army January 5, 1944. He served as an infantryman in the Ardennes and other areas of northern France, the German Rhineland, and Central Europe.

When contact was made with the Russian forces, he was a Russian language interpreter for the Third Army.



George L. Moulton
*Army
 68 Armored Infantry Bn.
 14 Armored Division*

Served in the Rhineland, Germany, and in Central Europe.



John McGowan
Navy

Shoemaker Naval Base, Calif.
 Home on leave, with his wife Martha.



Edward Harrison Mixson
Army
Medical Corps
 307 General Hospital (Philippines)
 13 General Hospital (Japan)

"Doctor Harry" was with forces in the Philippines and served in the occupation of Japan.



Thomas Richard Nisbet
Army
Medical Service Corps
 35 Medical Depot
 IX Army

His adopted pet dog "Capsule" traveled with him as the Ninth Army invaded Germany.



Ernest J. Nijem
Army Air Forces
 1 Fighter Group
 Mediterranean Allied Air Force

Assigned to the M.A.A.F. in Italy, he is standing outside his temporary home near San Seviro.



Harry Nadack (#15) (See Page 70)

This is one of the 1943 *Moody Field* basketball teams coached by WO Bill Conner. The base champions!



Marion Nicholson
Army



W. Arthur Porter
Army Air Forces



Wilmotine Ragan
*Navy
Nurse Corps
Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.*



Thomas Wilton Ragan
Navy
As a Navy Cadet, he attended pre-flight school at the University of Georgia, Athens. He made his career in the Navy and retired as a Petty Officer.



James R. "Jimbo" Powell
*Marine Corps
1 Raider Regiment
4 Raider Battalion*
Fought on Okinawa. In top photo, at right, he is shown with a fellow Marine.



Sally Lou Powell (right)
*Army
Women's Army Auxiliary Corps*
Pictured with her niece, Hale Powell.



Peter Clark Quartermann, Jr.
*498 Bomb Squadron / 345 Bomb Group
VIII Air Force*
Was an Engineer/Gunner on a B-25 flying missions to New Guinea, the Philippines, and Ie Shima, Japan.



Jack Ragan
Army Air Forces
 1978 QM Truck Co.
 40 Air Depot Group
 VIII Air Force



★**Herman R. "Smokey" Rivers**
Army
 Cannon Company
 305 Infantry Regiment
 77 Division

A forward observer in Cannon Company, "Smokey" was killed in action on Guam, July 26, 1944. He was First Sergeant of this company.

A member of the Valdosta National Guard, Company G, 121 Infantry Regiment, he went on active military service, September 16, 1940. The unit went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for training. He later was assigned to the 77 Division for overseas service.

Roscoe Rouse, Jr.
Army Air Forces
 VIII Air Force

During his AAF service, flying as a B-17 Navigator, from England, he completed 33 combat missions and survived two crash landings.



John W. Selph
Army
 309 Anti-Tank Co.
 78 Division

Served with his anti-tank company in France, Belgium and Germany. He was wounded and received the Purple Heart.



Willie Sauls
Army
 Engineer Battalion



Julian Carol Sherwood
Navy



Mackey W. Sauls
Army

362 Infantry Regiment / 91 Infantry Division
 A Combat Infantryman and a Mess Cook, he was responsible for keeping the 200 men of his unit fed and happy. It has been said that "an Army marches on its stomach!" With the "Wild West" Division, he served from Naples, Italy, to the Yugoslav border.



Thomas Davis Shelton
Army
Americal Division
Headquarters
Judge Advocate General Corps

With the *Americal Division* in the South Pacific, Tom was an "Island Hopper" — Fiji, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomon Islands.

The *Americal Division* was formed in Hawaii and was the only unnumbered division in the Army during World War II.



Eugene E. Slocum
Army

2 Infantry Regiment / 5 Infantry Division

Landing at Omaha Beach in the Normandy Invasion, he fought through France to the Battle of the Bulge. Gene was in France, Belgium and Luxemburg. On Christmas Eve, 1944, he was wounded by German machine-gun fire, thus ending his European service. He returned to America aboard a hospital ship. The best sight he had seen since leaving the United States was his returning view of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.



Fred Simmons
Navy



Harold Southgate
Army Air Forces

6 Air Cargo Resupply Squadron / V Air Force

Served in the Pacific Theater, including the Philippines.



LaForrest Smith (Eberhardt)
LISNR(W) "Waves"
Signals

Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Before her career ended, she was a Regular Navy Lieutenant Commander, one of the first women to hold a Regular Navy Commission.

After her retirement, she married Judge Homer Eberhardt of Valdosta and Atlanta.



Joseph G. Stevens
Army

942 Engineer

Aviation Topographical Bn.

VIII Air Force / IX Air Force

Was an aerial photography interpreter. He was in England, working with both the *VIII* and *XI* Air Force.



Clarence M. Paine

Army

627 Engineer Light Equipment Co. / 1 Army
Designated as a "Light Equipment Company", he insists that nothing the 627th Engineers had was "light". He remembers everything as being quite heavy. They gave support to organizations of the First Army in its march through France, Belgium and Germany.



William F. Pendleton (left)

Navy / Navy Patrol Force

Crew 388 / NAS Corpus Christi, Texas

Albert S. Pendleton (right), Army
and their sister, **Frances H. Thomas (McLaughlin)**

Navy / USNR(W) "Waves"

Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.



Albert S. Pendleton, Jr.

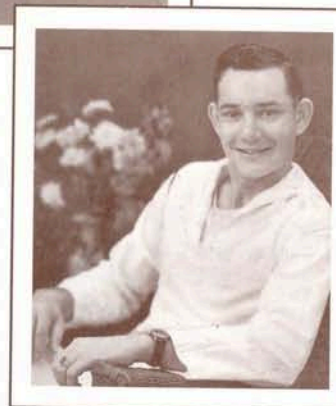
Army

317 Infantry Regiment / 80 Infantry Division

The battlefield fighting ended for "Bert" November 8, 1944 when he was hit by enemy fire, northeast of Nancy, France, during the push to the Rhine with the "Blue Ridge" Division.

He was taken to an Army Hospital in Nancy. Later, he was transferred to a hospital in England where he stayed until March, 1945.

Aboard the *RMS Queen Mary*, he arrived at Staten Island, New York, and was transferred to a train for his homeward journey. He arrived back in Georgia March 15, 1945, his twentieth birthday.



Jessie James Pollock

Navy



William J. "Bill" Pearlman

Army Air Forces

790 Bomb Group (VH)



Ivey Webster Plair

Army

165 Infantry Regiment

27 Infantry Division

If he didn't learn his geography in school, he knew plenty about this subject when he came home in 1945. Thirteen islands in the Central Pacific were his stops as he traveled over thousands of miles of blue ocean, only one trip by air.

Makin Island in the Gilberts, the Caroline Islands, Canton Island in the Phoenix Group, Parry Island in the Eniwetok Atoll, and finally Okinawa, all had his footsteps in their sands.

Here, he is pictured with his wife, Clyde Donaldson Plair.



(L/R):

Joseph W. Dukes - *Army*

William P. Langdale - *Marine Corps*

★Homer M. Passmore, Jr. - *Army Air Forces*

Deering "Country" Johnston - *Army Air Forces*