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POST OFLAG 64 ITEM

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BLOOMFIELD, N.J.: Padraig, your nice letter reached me via Bill Cory and many thanks for it. We reached Oflag 64 within days of each other and another Cavalry Officer came in at the same time, John T. Eichnor. I hope that you may know him and give me his whereabouts. You didn't tell where your capture took place or what unit you were in. Looking forward to seeing you in Louisville. One last thought is that if you would prod Eddie Berinski on 47 Williamson Ave., there in your home town and ask him to give some thought to coming as well. He was a classmate of mine at N.C. State and one fine football player for Hunk Anderson. If he can't come, get him to please drop me a line. Thanks again. Padraig M. O'Dea.

NEWTON GROVE, N.C.: Joe, this is a joint note of sympathy and condolences for you and your family from all our members with the recent loss of your talented wife, Annie Lee. The obit and the eulogy, prepared by your daughter, Willie, that came to me recently are both enclosed in latter pages of this and I am so appreciative to the two of you.

It was convenient and truly a most touching experience for me to drive over to be in your home with you for about an hour and deliver a pretty card for you and the family. I got real good insight of you and the lovely lady whom you lost. Joe, while mainly a farmer and the owner of a successful hardware and farm sully establishment, has many other interests. One which struck me immediately was his success in educating all of his children and seeing that they received their college degrees.

Joe, I look forward to driving with you to Louisville in October and the chance to see many of your friends you made in Szubin. Joe Warren.

VIDALIA, GA.: Bill, many thanks for your recent letters and expeditious handling of the 50 pound order of the famous Vidalia onions. They were great and made a lot of folks in my neighborhood mighty happy. Please give my best to the crew at Stanley Farms our regards over the recent loss of Bill's father.

Bill, I am real pleased that you have been in contact with the Atlanta Convention Bureau for our next year's Reunion ('94). I suspect that Dick Graul is the one that you spoke to from Columbia. He is a ball of fire and one of those of us selected to do some "Grass Roots" work in our respective geographical areas to encourage the registration and attendance at Louisville.

The overall respect and esteem of all of us for Ellen (Wright's wife) are immeasurable. We thank you for sharing her recent and touching letter with us. It is enclosed. Bill Warthen.

KNOXVILLE, TN.: At least two of our members and friends have approached me on an assist to a Professor of History at the University of Tennessee. He has not answered my letter to him for more specifics, since he is in Europe on research. However, when he returns and I am more familiar with what he wants, I will cover it and then give you the chance to write him directly and lend whatever help you may wish. I certainly am not about to release to him our mailing list. The general thrust of what was given me was a book, probably on some accounts of all the POW's of WW II. That is some undertaking of great proportions, and thus accounts for my deliberation with him.

PITTSBURGH, PA.: Jerry, thank you for the book order and the check for our P.F., and the nice letter. I am grateful for you sharing the news with me about David Schneck of Bel Air, MD,

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WILMETTE, IL.: Jim, what a meaningful and neat promo for the book sales. Nice idea! Jim Bickers.

and at one time of Stalag XII at Limburg. It is also a place through which I went on my way to Szubin. Your printout revealed a good number with whom I have known or been in touch with Oflag 64 business. Thank you for the list and on my next trip to D.C. in September, I will give David a call and visit with him, hopefully.

I hope the July 20th Ex-POW affair went well for you. Sounds like a real fine program and with some invaluable coverage and especially with the kind gesture of Coors.

No Jerry, you haven't nearly retired and I am so proud of any of our members who will continue to stay busy and engage in community services.

Your book of all the treasured memoirs is still here on my desk and I will mail it back to you shortly. Perhaps you might give some thought to extracting some of the more interesting items and let me get them enlarged for you and bring them to The Hospitality Room of the Galt. I welcome your ideas and would leave the detailed selection to you. Best wishes. Jerry Alexis.

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.: John, I did receive your copy of the Washington Post story about the MIS-X and did not acknowledge it in the last ITEM, so here it is. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I had hoped to get to see you along with the "Grass Roots" action, but just may have to forego it and we can visit in Kentucky in October. John Creech.

MESQUITE, TX.: Leonard, thank you for the book order and the check for the P.F.. By now you should have my letter on the maps that you are holding, which sound fascinating. Thanks again. Leonard Spence.

SALEM, OR.: Thank you very much, Lloyd, for your check for the P.F.. Bill Cory sent it on to me along with your very thoughtful remarks about the MIS-X in the last edition of THE ITEM and, your note later in which you may have some doubts, with your many commitments to be able to come to Louisville. We regret that, but understand the need to stay on your search for the Pacific side of your work.

Will continue my search for the map I asked you for of the POW Camps in Italy with Clarence Meltesen.

Best wishes and your notes are always welcome. Lloyd Shoemaker.

CORYDON, IA.: Elizabeth, thank you for your recent letter and the most thoughtful enclosures of Merle's obit along with a couple of other interesting articles. Thank you also for sharing the Charlie Eberle dated 13 January 1948 with his recollections of some, not all, of the May 1947 Reunion at the Robert Trent Hotel in Newark, N.J.

Elizabeth, as you and your "girls" have time to screen the load of memorabilia, please keep me in mind and I would welcome what you might deem appropriate.

John Slack and I, as well as all of the members, join in our deep condolences and our best wishes for you in the days ahead. Elizabeth Meacham.

BRANDON, MI.: Tom, by now you have heard from Francis Stevens. What a thoughtful message, he sent me a copy. I have located the address of:

Garland F. Vaughn
401 Pelahatchie Shore Drive
Brandon, MI 39042-6153

Another catch-up letter was dispatched this week to you. With best wishes and hope you will try to keep Louisville, KY on your agenda. Tom and Forrestine Holt.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Francis, thank you very much for the check for the P.F. Certainly the same applies to your nice letter with it. I still appreciate your feelings of being somewhat apart from the mainstream due to your injuries and illness while at Szubin. Your own predicament is reflected in other letters which have come since the last edition of THE ITEM and tell of those left behind until the Russians came in shortly after the January 21, 1945 march out. I am still very interested in and hopeful that while we are in Louisville we can find enough interest and people who may assist us in working up a roster of those left in the Oflag. As I make progress on this, you will be informed. Thank you again for such an understanding letter. Francis Stevens.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.: Ed, many thanks for your very generous check for the P.F. Moreover, the telephone call that was made to you, truly opened a Pandora's Box with our very similar service in airborne units. Your kind words about Jerry Sage are shared by most of us. Was glad to share the book order and the publications you received. One day soon, I hope we can sit down with one another here in Pinehurst or over at your home a short half hour away. Sincerely, Ed H. Patterson.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN.: Eddie, thank you for your check for the P.F. and your thoughtful letter with it. The Oflag 64 photos, while old and a little unclear, gave me a better insight of those of you who lived in the White House. It was a bit difficult, since no names were shown on the pictures but we have someone who may blow them up. I have seen his work and he is talented and will help me assemble a collage for us to enjoy in the Hospitality Room in Louisville. If you still have the originals or negatives, please let me know. That would be easier to handle. Best wishes. Eddie Sager.

ATLANTA, GA.: Ellen, we all thank you or the nice letter which Bill Warthen has shared with us. It is beautiful and from a lady 90 years young who is still so active in your community service.

We are so pleased to hear that you will try to be with us in Atlanta next year. Looking back, it was the 1976 Reunion in Philadelphia when we saw each other the last time. I am pleased that you are well and want to undertake the visit with us. We are grateful indeed. Mrs. A. Wright Bryan.

LAKE ELSINORE, CA.: Grace, many thanks for your splendid letter and the obit enclosed on Stephen. We all hope that by

now you are well and strong again. A copy of the obit was made and you will find it in the latter pages of this edition. Our very best to you. Grace M. Price.

COLUMBUS, GA.: George, many thanks for many recent calls and reports that you have made to Bill Cory and me on the "Grass Roots" effort in Georgia. As for the ones we discussed on the telephone who are simply out of the loop, you will find a Plea for Help (taken in part from the way in which TROA tries to regain contact) at the end of THE ITEM. You did a fine job and we appreciate the time and effort involved in it. Sincerely, George Britto.

PROVIDENCE, R.I.: Hyman, many thanks to you for the group of stamps. They work as well as checks and money with the P.F. Your nice words on THE ITEM production were very welcome and with such correspondents as you, it makes the editing a lot easier. I hope that you will try to come to Louisville for I would like to continue our visit out there.

By the way, I spoke to Don Lussenden recently and he, too, was in the 26th Inf. Regt. of the 1st Inf. Div. He was taken much earlier in Sicily, but you will see him. He is always there for our reunions. With best wishes. Hyman E. Goodman.

ENGLAND, AK.: Billy, I appreciate the prompt notification to me of the loss of Merle Meacham. You will note the obit that Elizabeth sent to me and the other articles which came as well.

I hope the recent flooding of the Ole Miss did not hurt your crop of cotton. The acreage north of you was surely one awful story.

Here, the contrast with hot and dry weather that really affected many of the farm crops: tobacco, soybeans, corn (a near total loss nearby) and cotton. However, over the past few recent weeks, the rains came, finally, and there is lots of optimism as of now.

Best regards and thank you again. Billy Bingham.

LAS VEGAS, NV.: Alan, thank you for your nice letter and the nice check for the P.F. The best news is that you and Lilo are planning to come to Louisville, and I am glad about that. The job that you did with the Las Vegas Reunion in 1990 was magnificent. We, still here in Pinehurst, find some who made that one, and one in particular was Frank Smith's son, Marsh, whom I speak with. He recalls what a good time he and his Dad had out there.

Alan, I am with you all the way in your fine idea for us to give some assistance to our widows. Another letter came from Bill Cory this week which indicated that you were helpful in getting John Vogel in the

place of Jesse Brown, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Certainly during our stay in Louisville, we might gain a better view on how and to what extent our resources can be best employed.

Congratulations. Alan Dunbar.

HARRISON, AK.: Garvin, thanks for your generous check for the P.F. and your, as usual, interesting comments overall. You are not alone in seeing the entire inventory of THE ITEM being placed into some sort of a compendium. It is a great idea if, indeed, all the copies are available. I have many of the POST OFLAG 64 ITEMS in the transfer that John Slack gave me last spring. By the time I reach Louisville, we can see what is available and what the proper steps might be. Bill Cheatham and O.L. Bradford have copies of the OLD TIMES and I note that in the 50th Anniversary Book they will be included in it. A very thoughtful idea!

Your kind words on the way THE POST OFLAG ITEM is going were kind indeed. The format and content are a great concern to me, as it was to John. This issue is one that will be laid out with near total computer assist.

Garvin, another idea begging for discussion is some nice way that the many fine programs of performances we so much enjoyed at Szubin might also be prepared into a small booklet and placed for sale in the Hospitality Room. I will use the ones that you so kindly gave me and get some estimate of what a modest and yet attractive assembly of them might run. Thank you again for them. Best regards and we look forward to seeing you at Louisville.

P.S.: Did you get in touch with Bill Fabian yet? If not, please ask him to try to come too. Garvin Fitton.

WICHITA, KS.: Carl, Thank you for your check for the P.F. Your nice remarks on THE ITEM were welcome. If you have some members of the 506th PIR that you can think of whom we are not reaching with THE ITEM, please let me know if you can. Your dilemma is shared by me with the two important meetings: the 101st Airborne at Lansing, MI and our Reunion in Louisville. Even with the good time you had with the 506th bash in Texas, see if you can come to Louisville and, bring Mary. Please. Dick Graham down at Pinehurst sends his best wishes. Carl Bedient.

ROCK ISLAND, IL.: Jack, you were about as brief as you could be, but thank you for the check for the P.F. Please see if, when you can, you could send me some news about you and your activities there in Rock Island. Best wishes. Jack Sutherland.

MEMPHIS, TN.: Charles, Camp McCall is still here nearby and thriving. Now, it has become a sizable satellite of Bragg with aviation, airborne and special forces training there regularly. Have been into the gate only once recently so I can't give you a full report.

So glad that you are planning to go back to Normandy in June, 1994. I am taking my son-in-law with me and perhaps our paths may cross. You didn't say which unit you were with, but on a visit to Benson a few miles west of us back in June, I got a real surprise. Paul Lucas came up to me and he was a First Sergeant with one of the companies of the 508th PIR under Colonel Lindquist. He was taken prisoner in Normandy just as we were, and then came back home and had a fine career as one of the Troopers of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. He was "kinda" anxious to hear about our organization since the one he belonged to in Torgau Stalaf IV D doesn't have anything like ours. Sent him the registration blanks and maybe he will come.

I share your interest in Prisoners of the Rising Sun. I am anxious to see and read the account. At least one survivor lives just north of us in Robbins and he was on the Battan March and ended up working in mines before his release. He was a U.S. Navy CPO. Good hearing from you. Charles Hughes.

WHISPERING PINES, N.C.: Carl, thank you for hosting the small but very pleasant lunch at your most attractive Country Club recently. It was another extension of the "Grass Roots" to try and reach the members local or nearby. Present were Glenn Brooks from Aberdeen, Bob Levin from Seven Lakes and myself. Carl is a resident of Whispering Pines. We had a nice meal and lots of interesting catch up conversation among the four of us. We were able to exchange some ideas and corrections that we detected in our mailing list. Have a firm commitment to Louisville of three of the four, which is pretty good. Carl, we thank you for your courteous treatment of us. Carl Christensen.

BANGOR, ME.: Milt, thank you for your check for the P.F. Now, how about a letter before long and tell me about life in Bangor. I hope you can make Louisville and we'll get to know each other in person. All the best. Milton Jellison.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.: Brooks, sorry that you have a conflict on the D-Day Reunion for next June in Normandy. Your other plan with Whit Bell on a more extensive European tour together sounds even more fascinating. Then, your busy schedule taking you west and north to South Dakota for a speaking engagement will be interesting. Please mail me a copy of the trilogy when it is done and I would like to share it with our members, at least in part. It will be nice to show it in the Hospitality Room! Thank you again for

your assist on the short profile on the 79th Infantry Division. Our members will recall it was called the patch of The Lorraine Cross. Ethelene and I join in our best wishes for your continued success. Brooks Klieber

GROVE CITY, OH.: Brad, thank you for your nice response to my inquiry in the last ITEM on your friend, Ruffin Redwine, plus the data you gave me on the two people from the 1st F.A. OBSN. Bn. over at Fayetteville. They were kind enough to ask me over there two weeks or so ago for a Saturday morning brunch held at The NCO Club at Bragg. Vern Beavers and Lawrence Presnell were there and placed me at the head table, like one of them. Both send their best regards to you. The most solemn moment came as Vern arose and read to the group about the recent death of Ruffin Redwine. I had heard from Glynn earlier that he had passed away and it was a total surprise. Though I was aware he was in pretty bad condition with his lung and breathing problems, it was rather sudden. You may recall that I found out in the preparations of the May ITEM. It was his granddaughter who did the computer work for me at Myrtle Beach and who gave me Ruffin's telephone number and address. Less than a month later, he was gone. While he never came to Oflag 64, he was instead held near Luckenwald at Fuerstenburg in Stalag III B.

Their organization is somewhat like ours but smaller with some of the same high qualities. It was shown vividly to me with the TLC to which I was exposed in a brief space of a couple of hours. Like ours, they always meet in the first week of October each year and have found a meeting place in the Fayetteville area. Thank you Brad for the opportunity that you made possible. O.L. Bradford.

SHALLOTE, N.C.: Glynn, I join with all members of our organization in sending you our deep sympathy and condolences upon the loss of your husband, Ruffin. While he never came to our camp, he had many of his 1st Observation friends among us. Our best wishes for you at this time. Ruffin's obit is in this edition. Mrs. Ruffin E. Redwine.

GIDEON, MO.: Thank you Mrs. Lewandowski for the recent notice that you sent on the loss of your husband. We all join in sending you our condolences and as soon as you mail me a copy of the obit and eulogy, if there was one, it will be placed in the very next edition of THE ITEM. Mrs. Daniel R. Lewandowski.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA.: Clarence, thank you for your short note which came this week. It is a stretch to try to remain loyal to both us and the Ranger Battalions but we understand and this happens to be their year. We will miss you even so. Would you happen to have a spare copy of a map which shows the POW camps

in Italy? If so, please let me have a copy and I will pay you for it. Our best wishes. Clarence Meltesen.

OUTER BANKS, N.C.: Don May and Kern Pitts, with whom I spoke recently, live at Kitty Hawk where Kern is the present mayor of the town. Very close is Kill Devil Hills where Tom Piddington lives. While I have not seen or known the three, we have spoken and while we could not get together recently, we are going to try in the late fall. Glen Brooks, who knew Kern well, will come along with me.

ASHEBORO, N.C.: Bob, I appreciate your interest and assist on the "Grass Roots" calls and visits. Your collection of the Oflag 64 Items from 1942-1945 fascinates me. I will try to come up shortly and spend the day with you at the facility in which you do your volunteer work. We can plan to have lunch too. Sincerely. Bob Meacham.

BERMUDA VILLAGE, ADVANCE, N.C.: General, it was good speaking to you twice recently. Know you enjoyed the evening at Bragg recently in your visit with Special Forces. A bit later when it is convenient to you, I will drive up a little over an hour away and we can sit down and visit a while. So glad to be able to report on some of your competition that you had in football with Hampden Sydney while you were at the University of Richmond. Our best wishes for you and if you can see your way clear for Louisville even for one day and night, you'd be most welcome. Brig. Gen. John Dobson, USA.

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.: Ed Batte, it was good talking to you recently. I am looking forward to seeing you and Elizabeth again in Louisville in October. We will try to fit the trip down east when we return home. Ed Batte.

POST OFLAG 64 ITEM

NEEDS YOUR

HELP!

The following list contains names and last-known cities of members with whom The Editor of THE POST OFLAG 64 ITEM has been unable to forward their mail due to an expired forwarding order or incorrect address.

If you know any of these members, please have them contact us at

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Ruffin E. Redwine

Retired Major Ruffin Elwood Redwine of 6290 Ocean Highway West, Shallotte, N.C., died Tuesday, May 25, 1993, in Brunswick Hospital.

Maj. Redwine was born in Brunswick County on Dec. 2, 1920, a son of the late Willie and Ora Milliken Redwine. He retired from the U.S. Army and Civil Service. He was a prisoner of war in Stalag, Germany, for 28 months during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Wilson Redwine in 1967; a grandson, James Wilson Redwine in March 1993; a sister Elizabeth R. Dennis; and four brothers, Edward H. Redwine, James Redwine, Willard Redwine and LeGrand Redwine.

Surviving are his wife, Glynnna B. Redwine of the home; sons Ruffin Redwine Jr. of Sanford, N.C., Darrel Overstreet of Charlotte, N.C. and Duane Overstreet and wife, Billie Jo of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; daughters Wanda Spry and husband Kevin of Kinder, La., Vickie Hale and husband Jack of Shallotte, Sharon Thompson and husband Mike of Norman, Ok., Vonetta Stumbling Bear and husband Alfred of Shallotte and Lee Anne Redwine of Shallotte; sister, Dorothy Pierce and her husband J.C. of Graham, N.C.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Ocean View Baptist Church by the Rev. Macon Wood. Burial followed in Brooks Cemetery with full military honors.

Brunswick Service of Shallotte was in charge of arrangements.

Former teacher buried in Riverside

LOMA LINDA — Stephen W. Price, 68, who taught business education at Elsinore High School for 20 years, died at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda at 7:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7.

He suffered a massive heart attack on Nov. 25 and was rushed to Mission Valley Medical Center and finally moved to

the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda on Dec. 30.

He came to Lake Elsinore in 1959 and taught in the local school system until 1979 when he retired. Not long after his retirement, he went into the real estate business and was employed by Barnes Realty.

Born in Amelia, Neb., he received his education in Nebraska and

Greeley, Colo. He taught school in Nebraska from 1931 until 1941 and then entered the Armed Service in 1941.

He was a First Lieutenant and was stationed overseas for five years. He was captured in Germany and was a Prisoner of War for a period of one year.

Following his service years, he returned to teaching in Nebraska. But in 1957 he migrated to Santa Ana, teaching in the school system two years before coming to Lake Elsinore in 1959.

Price was active in community affairs. He was a member of the local Lions Club for 14 years and held several offices including secretary and treasurer of Zone C.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society of St. Frances of Rome

Church.

He is survived by his wife, Gracie; and six brothers, Blaine Price, Father Francis Price and Stanley Price, all of Nebraska, Delmar Price of Portland, Oregon, Joe Price of Custer, South Dakota and Father Basil Price who is a history professor at the University of Korea.

Rosary was staged at 7 p.m. Wednesday night, Jan. 11 and visitation from 6 to 9 p.m., both at St. Frances of Rome.

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, also at St. Frances. Burial, under the direction of Evans-Brown, Elsinore Mortuary, followed in Veterans Cemetery in Riverside at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Fund or the Holy Name Scholarship Fund.

New DMV policy cited

LAKE ELSINORE — The new year offers efficiency for valley residents unable to stand in long lines, or take off work to register their vehicles.

A new policy, started Jan. 9 by the Hemet Department of Motor Vehicles, will allow motorists to register by appointment, according to Office Manager Priscilla

Medina, of the Hemet DMV.

By calling 652-2711, any automobile owner can receive forms and instructions by mail necessary to complete the registration transaction. The registration can be handled by appointment or by mail, depending on which is the most convenient for the motorist, Medina added.



STEPHEN W. PRICE

ANNIE L. WARREN

NEWTON GROVE — Mrs. Annie Lee Warren, 76, died Thursday. Funeral 3 p.m. Saturday, Newton Grove United Methodist Church, with Rev. A.J. Eure officiating. Burial, Hillcrest Cemetery. She was organist at the Newton Grove United Methodist Church for over 40 years.

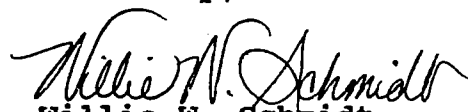
Surviving: husband, Joe Britt Warren; daughter, Mrs. Willie Lee Schmidt of Chester, Va.; sons, Joe B. Warren Jr., Kenneth Warren, both of Newton Grove, David Earl Warren of Woodstock, Ga.; sister, Mrs. Jessie Warren of Newton Grove; brother, William H. "Bill" Britt of Newton Grove; five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Newton Grove United Methodist Church Building Fund, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366.

Annie Lee Britt Warren, wife of Joe Britt Warren of Newton Grove, North Carolina, died on June 17, 1993, at age 76. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children and five grandchildren. Mrs. Warren loved music, and was pianist and organist for the Newton Grove United Methodist Church for over forty years. She gave countless hours to her church through the music program, never accepting payment for her services. She touched the lives of many people in the community with her music at weddings, funerals, receptions, etc. Mrs. Warren was playing the organ for funeral services of a community friend when she collapsed of a massive heart attack.

During the eulogy, Rev. A. J. Eure mentioned that he would often sit on the stairs in the vestibule of the church and listen to her as she practiced the organ. He stated that she was a very positive person, and would always have something good to say after church services on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Warren enjoyed working with young people in the community who were interested in music. She loved her music and her church, and dearly loved her husband, Joe Britt. She was a devoted wife for fifty-one years, and together, she and Joe provided a loving, happy home for their four children.

Sincerely,


Willie W. Schmidt
Daughter

Iowans vividly recall defeat at Faid Pass

Some 1,800 Iowans were captured or killed in the Battle of Faid Pass.

By WILLIAM PETROSKI
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

MERLE A. MEACHAM

Merle A. Meacham was born Aug. 7, 1902, the son of Silas H. and Ada (Carriker) Meacham, in Deadwood, S.Dak. He passed away April 30, 1993, at the Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital, Kirksville, Mo., at the age of 90 years, eight months, and 23 days.

He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Aten on Dec. 28, 1929, in Garden Grove, and to this union three daughters were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Helen.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, of Corydon; three daughters: Dorothy Davison of Centerville, Margaret DeVito of Kirksville, and Mary Zittel of Norman, Okla.; and a sister, Mildred Curtis of Grosse Pointe, Mich. He is also survived by five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He served in the United States Army during the Second World War, being held as a prisoner of war for 22 months.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 4, 1993, at 1:30 p.m. from the Corydon Cemetery, with military honors by Russell E. Marshall Post #68, Corydon American Legion.

A memorial was established to the Corydon American Legion.

Randolph Funeral Home, Corydon, was in charge of arrangements.

The letters are yellowed and the photos are fading, but many memories of the Iowa National Guard's horrendous defeat in North Africa are still as striking as a pair of spit-shined sergeant's boots.

It was in early March 1943 that the telegrams — hundreds of them — began arriving on the doorsteps of Iowa families. A staggering total of 1,853 Iowa troops had been lost — the vast majority taken prisoner — when German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps launched a devastating tank attack in mid-February at the Battle of Faid Pass in Tunisia.

One Iowa battalion virtually disappeared when it was surrounded and captured by encircling Nazi troops. Another battalion miraculously escaped by night through German lines, but had heavy losses.

50 Years Later

Iowans such as Merle Meacham, now of Corydon, Bob Eckman, now of Des Moines, and Bill Roth of Audubon, who all fought at the Battle of Faid Pass, are keeping the history of that World War II tragedy alive 50 years later. They were members of the 168th Infantry Regiment, mostly from central and southwest Iowa.

"Some of the things from that time are clear enough that it seems like it happened yesterday," said Roth, now 72, who was captured by Nazi troops and spent two years as a prisoner of war. "Other things seem like a dream that happened a long time ago."

Said Eckman, now 83, who was also captured: "For a while we didn't think we'd make it. We lived off of Red Cross food packages in the POW camp and that's what saved us. The Germans only fed us cabbage and sawdust bread."

It had been only two years earlier that soldiers from the National Guard's 34th Division had left

assigned to the 168th's regimental headquarters. He recalls that the night before the Battle of Faid Pass a truck pulled up with a load full of rocket launchers known as bazookas. "We had never heard of them before but we had a piece of paper that explained how to fire them," he said.

"The next morning, the Krauts hit us with three divisions. I don't know if anybody ever fired those rocket launchers. It was such a mess and confusion," Eckman said. The Iowa troops were especially vulnerable because they were spread over a wide area, he said.

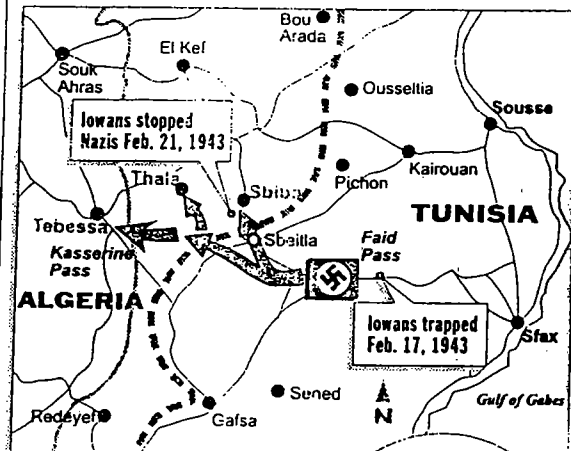
Bill Roth, a retired utility company worker, was a private first class who was a message runner. He recalls German Stuka planes dive bombing on U.S. artillery, tanks and troops at Faid Pass.

"They definitely had aerial superiority," Roth said. "I just thought that our outfit got the dirty end of the stick. If we had had proper air support that day it would have been a far different story."

Walked 125 Miles

Robert Owen of Council Bluffs, now 71, was one of the fortunate Iowans. Owen, a French horn player in the 168th Regimental Band, was a command post guard at the time of the German attack. He escaped with a small group of other soldiers who

IOWA SOLDIERS were in the thick of the fighting 50 years ago when Allied troops invaded North Africa during World War II. One Iowa infantry regiment was overrun at Faid Pass in February 1943, losing 1,853 men, many of them from central and southwestern Iowa.



NOTE: Towns in above map are identified by their World War II-era names.

◆ The dotted line shows approximate front on Feb. 21, 1943, when Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's drive had reached its crest.

◆ The Germans made three thrusts after taking Kasserine pass:

1. Toward Tebessa, stopped by American troops.
2. Toward Thala, stopped by British troops.
3. Toward Sbiba, stopped by Iowa infantry regiment under Col. Ray Fountain, Des Moines, assisted by French units.

hometowns in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota as Adolf Hitler's war machine marched on Europe. The Iowans were farmers, drugstore clerks, teachers and insurance salesmen, most of whom had never heard a shot fired in battle.

Captured Algiers

They were first sent to Camp Claiborne, La., then Camp Dix, N.J., and on to Northern Ireland and Scotland for more training. Late in 1942 they landed in North Africa and captured Algiers.

A Des Moines Register and Tribune report published during World War II said that by Decem-

ber 1942 it appeared "that the Yanks might mop up the whole of Tunisia in a few weeks after the sensational speed of their landings. But this was not to be."

The Battle of Faid Pass began on Feb. 14, 1943, as the British 8th Army was driving Rommel's Afrika Korps back from the gates of Alexandria, along the North African coast road into Tunisia, in what has been described as one of the most spectacular retreats in history.

But Rommel, the Desert Fox, was able to gather his armored forces

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SOLDIERS

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together for a stand in Tunisia. They were concentrated just east of a mountain pass known as Faid.

Recalls Details

Merle Meacham, who had lived in Glenwood before the war, was regimental adjutant for the 168th Regiment, which was part of the 34th Division. Now 90 years old, he still vividly recalls even the smallest details about Faid Pass.

"Every night we would send up a patrol near the German lines," he said. "One night they came back and said, 'There's a whole bunch of German tanks near the Faid Pass.' I communicated with our headquarters and told them about all of the German tanks massing and they told me, 'Our information shows that there isn't a German tank within 50 miles.'"

"That was during the night. The next morning the German tanks pounded through the pass and hit us," Meacham said.

As the situation worsened, 53 tanks came to their defense. "But the Germans started firing at them with superior guns. Our tanks just couldn't hit the Germans and the Germans picked off every one of our tanks."

Bob Eckman was a munitions offi-



Merle Meacham was in the National Guard battalion that was overrun by Germans in March 1943. The first photo was taken in North Africa shortly



after the troops had landed. The middle photo was taken after he was captured. The last photo is of Meacham now. He lives in Corydon.



spent 10 days hiking about 125 miles back to the safety of allied lines. At times he was so close to German combat units he said he could hear troops conversing in German.

Division records showed that 106 officers and 1,747 enlisted men from the 168th Regimental Combat Team were lost at Faid Pass, which some

historians consider to be part of the famous battle of nearby Kasserine Pass. But the 34th Division — known as the Red Bull Division — was later given major credit for helping to defeat German forces in North Africa. By war's end it had compiled more days in combat than any other U.S. Army division.

Reflecting back 50 years later, Owen said he was glad to see the war end, but he was honored to have served in the Iowa National Guard. There's a small flag pole monument outside his Council Bluffs home with an inscription dedicated to the 34th Red Bull Division. "I'm pretty proud of it," he said.

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RIBBENTROP

MICHAEL BLOCH

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RIBBENTROP: A BIOGRAPHY, Michael Bloch, Crown Publishers Inc.,
456 pp., 1993, \$25.00.
Herbert L. Garris

The most unusual feature about this individual whom his peers regarded as foolish, incompetent and arrogant is why he was ever even considered as Hitler's Foreign Minister. Whatever success he enjoyed, and is truly a problem with this reviewer, may well be attributed to: the arrogant and aggressive wife to whom he was married, and the unpredictable and demonic proclivities of Hitler. In retrospect perhaps he was no worse than others of the same ilk: Himmler, Goering and Goebbels. All with whom he fought with and generally lost over the eleven years of his tenure of office.

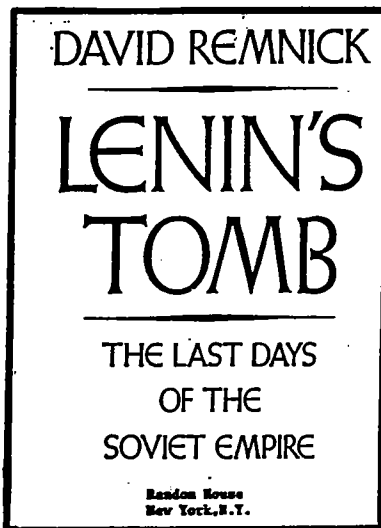
The disgrace of his behavior and lack of sane judgement while in London as the Reich's Ambassador stunned the British in his short year and a half tour. An example of his bizarre make up was until his relief and return home, he firmly stood as an Anglophile with great hope for peace with England. Shortly afterwards his flighty and capricious nature turned to a deep hatred for England and he began a plot to wage war against her.

A well known and most always misunderstood pact was the Non-Aggression one which he is credited for between The Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. It was never meant to be anything but a ploy and a precursor for the 1939 massive and highly successful blitzkrieg invasion of Poland and the ultimate dismemberment of the Balkan nations as well.

His most glaring failure was his lack of success in his efforts to somehow strengthen the Axis Alliance. Mussolini was unmanageable in this and was equally as exasperating to Hitler. All through the book Ribbentrop nurtured nothing greater than engaging barely middle class merchant, and his continued move among the "Jewish Circles" across Europe. His sudden flamboyance with his title led him through a path of utter disgust with his newly enjoyed opulence and power, for a person ill-prepared for such grandeur.

The editor has done an elegant vivid story about a less written or noticed member of Hitler's staff. The scholarly approach leaves this reader the central character as one of the most tragic and totally inept with his wayward actions. As often as not Hitler seemed to understand his peculiarities and made room for them, but it simply was done with favoring the other three mentioned above. With such a blemished record in matters of Poland, the Baltics and Central Europe it comes as no great surprise that he was termed a war criminal, was convicted and hanged in Nuremberg.

As a student with an interest in International Affairs, I did enjoy the book and recommend it to those who may try to fathom not only Ribbentrop, but his mentor as well, Hitler.



LENIN'S TOMB: The Last Days of the Soviet Empire, David Remnick, Random House, New York, 530 pp., 1993, \$25.00

Herbert L. Garriss

There are three reasons which fascinated me into reviewing this truly outstanding book. First, was my visit to the USSR in WW II and their repatriation of me from my escape from Oflag 64 in its movement into the heart of Germany. This left me with many impressions and close observations of Soviet life. It is reflected in a short monograph which was composed from my notes in Naples in the spring of 1945. Second, was a cruise which my wife and I took about five years ago to the Soviet Union with far more pleasant conditions and which gave us a splendid opportunity to see first hand the people and life there. It was quite widely covered from Leningrad, Moscow, Zagorsk to Tbilisi in Georgia. The third, and the most compelling reason, and far more personal, is that on Father's day of this year my oldest daughter sent me a copy of Lenin's Tomb for a present. Her awareness and perception of my keen interest in most all the aspects of the Soviet enigma was well served indeed.

Remnick was a reporter for THE WASHINGTON POST and spent four years on assignment as a foreign reporter in Moscow and did the vast research for his book during that time. The thrust of his work centers on the inexorable movement from the demonic and despotic days of Stalin to the present Post Soviet upshot. His specific emphasis is on the success and the demise of Mikhail Gorbachev from 1987 to 1991. The persistence and dedication to the tiring travels and interviews across the nation which spans twelve time zones (west to east). In each step of his relentless search his searing narrative is replete with vivid descriptions of the powerful forces which have prevailed and controlled the lives of just over 290,000,000 citizens for over seventy years. They are the Communist Party, the KGB, and the Soviet Army. The author through his interviews shows with clarity the price which anyone may expect to pay for any spoken or written anti-Stalin expressions. With all the fear attached to such an existence the Soviet People were made to believe in a propaganda driven drivel of illusions and lies. It was reinforced with fear as its primary weapon.

The botched up coup to displace Gorbachev and the ascendancy of Boris Yeltsin was the most crucial turning point toward checking, though in a small and slow way the inbred and pervasive ways of the C. P., the KGB., and the Soviet Army. Yet a dilemma arises that while their powers have been deeply abated their management talents are the principal ones available at this time. This is pointed out daily in the reluctance in not only the United States but many other nations to view with askance the frightful economic domestic situation of this new fledgling in its search of a democratic system.

In short, Remnick has produced a timely and scholarly story of a nation which is evident to anyone, of the vast differences in the haves and the have nots. Consumer goods are very short and endless lines of people waiting patiently are docile and compliant with a situation of hopelessness and frustration.

Thanks, Anna, for an enlightening and revealing book of a giant nation at the cross roads from tyranny toward democracy.

BLITZKRIEG AND BOOKS: British and European Libraries as Casualties of World War II, Hilda Ur en Stubbings, Rubena Press, Bloomington, IN., 470pp., 1993, \$ 62.00.

Herbert L. Garris

Inside the dust cover of this book lies a compelling and profound question, "In all the thousands of books written about World War II, who has remembered the fate of libraries, the books in them- and the librarians?" My own answer is - "Not one that this reviewer knows of!"

The author began her earlier education in England and then continued in America. Her undergraduate work led to a degree from Stetson with a rich background in Geography and French. That led to a Masters in Library Science followed by a Ph. D. from Vanderbilt.

The book is scholarly in every sense. Her treatment of her subject is complemented with her fine descriptions of the early demonic actions of Hitler in Germany from 1933 to 1939. By then he was ready to employ a newly termed warfare-the blitzkrieg - with his thrust into Poland. That was stage one in his determined effort to consolidate and control all the contiguous territories and subjugate them under his self aspired Teutonic fold. As early as five weeks after the September 1st strike Hitler came to Warsaw to witness the prostrate condition and to set the terms for his nearly six years of occupation.

The technique employed by Hitler was to undertake to destroy all vestiges of cultural entity of Poland forever. He concentrated on Western Poland and Danzig specifically, with their rich natural resources, linked with a heavy German population already settled from WW I. (An example is Baron Von Rosen, the proprietor of the farm estate, where the halt was made on the first days march from Szubin on Jan. 21, 1945). All state and local libraries were placed under German administration and all Polish employees were promptly dismissed for shipment and duty with the labor force in Germany. The "weeding" of the undesirable book held strong emphasis on Polish and German writers of Jewish origin. For example to show the magnitude of the action in nearby Poznan some two million books were deposited for disposition, with many allowed to go to its university, but large numbers were burned. Private libraries were confiscated and professors and librarians fell under the reign of Dr. Hans Frank, the newly appointed Head of Civil Government for Poland. The next stage was for German scholars to 'pick and choose' from this wealthy treasure those items of value to be sent to the homeland and the remains to be destroyed. This cruel and destructive method was not at all unnoticed by the Polish who soon found ways to circumvent and hide books scheduled for decimation, using the clandestine circles to protect the underground writers and publishers. The August-October 1944 Warsaw uprising (as the Soviets sat firm within artillery range of the city and gave no help to the resistors) spurred the Germans to renewed vigor than ever to burn all the vestiges of remaining Polish culture by fire brigades sent forth across the city.

After the war ended enthusiastic efforts were made to restore the libraries and to attempt to trace the many missing volumes taken from their holdings. Finally, many new books began to arrive and were graciously received by the Polish- a reading population.

Hilda Ur en Stubbings

Blitzkrieg and Books

British and European Libraries
As Casualties of World War II

Rubena Press
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Bloomington, Indiana

I have deliberately concentrated on Poland in this review for that is a scene and venue in which we lived and became better acquainted with around Szubin. Yet, the same devastation patterns were applied in Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland and France. The single most difficult thorn in the side of the German occupation with its civil government superimposed was the effective and risky resistance groups who varied in each country with their styles and daring deeds, often, at great personal risk. Many of the patterns adopted in Poland were adopted by the other occupied nations.

Great Britain, with an impressive and unmatched determination, though never invaded was surely in the planning stages with Hitler. His Operation Sea Lion was a proposed expeditionary force to take England in 1940. In August Goering struck a Luftwaffe armada with primary targets on England's naval facilities. During the next months the RAF was just enough to turn the balance in favor of the Allies. While London suffered great damages, as did the port cities on the south, Hitler was shown enough so that on September 15th the ill-conceived invasion was ultimately shelved. It did not stop the nearly 60 days of incessant heavy bombings of London. With it Hitler hoped to visit and see the wrath turned upon Warsaw in London. The constant air raids and later the V-1 and V-2 assaults destroyed about 20 million books and the removal of many precious volumes from the city to remote areas of England. The British were not totally sure the invasion would be called off so a program of moving books from the larger libraries to the smaller branch libraries took place.

Italy from the start remained until the last an enigma with Hitler. His alliance attempts with Mussolini led to finally an implacable enemy relationship. It became even more disastrous once the Allies gained a foothold above Sicily and then Naples, and at which time the Germans assumed control to try to stem the northern route of the 5th Army's drive. It meant the reinforcement of many German divisions to augment the already deterioration of the Italian force, now in a near state of rebellion. No overall civil government was ever installed since it was not occupied. But with widespread violence against the German soldiers, it was considered.

As for the libraries and their precarious positions they were heavily stocked with vast numbers of precious and treasured holdings. The same skills were employed by the library systems (and The Vatican played a great role) in movement to safe places of many books in the face of two fighting forces.

In conclusion, the author has combined two talents with distinction. Her uncommon knowledge of the military campaigns from 1939 to VE-Day is truly amazing and vividly descriptive. The library destruction is a remarkable story and involved innumerable hours of research and skill. She is very generous with her credit for all sources which made such a fine and interesting book possible. It is easy and pleasant reading and certainly one of great distinction.

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 surprise to hear from you
 and what fun those days
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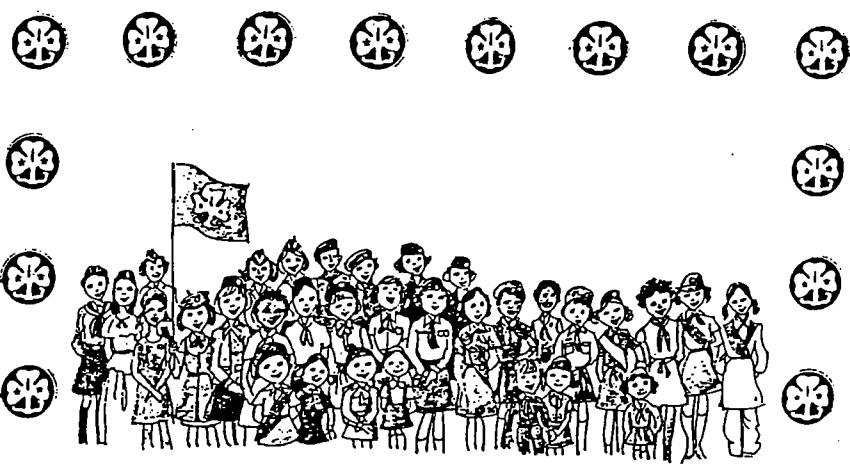
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 Mr Don Billy told me meeting
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 Wright but am glad to be back
 after 30 yrs in Atlanta - Do
 call when in the Big City -
 My best to you
 Ellen Newell Bryan

May 28 -

Her address is shown below,
 if you would like to write
 to her.

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P.S. I got the paper at a Girl Guide
 a Girl Scout conference - am still
 active in G.S. N.S.A. & go to World
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 World day

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Sid Thal	Peggy & Red Bancker
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Ruth & Joe Ainsworth	Gloria & Walter Heisler
John T. Jones	Elaine & Harris Machus
Bill Warthen	Leilabeth & Leroy Ihrle
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Jean & Brad Bradford	? & Jim Young
Faye & Maurice Chevalier	Dana & Bill Harrell
? & Harold Tallman	Peg & Ed Graf
Thurston Garrett	Barbs & Ted Rinehart
Al Moss	Margaret & Bill Fabian
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Jim Sherman & Son, Jeff	Gladys & Bob Thompson
? & John Stansell	? & Ray Klinkenberg
Henry Desmond & Guest	? & Leon Akin
Ruby & Roger Cannon	Emma & Charlie Eberle
Virginia & George Durgin	Win & Jim Ball
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Donna & Vin Thomson	Lucyl & John Shirk
Edith & Lester Edsall	Florence & Len Warren
Betty & George Herr	
Liz & Frank Diggs	
Vince DiFrancesco	
Vivian & Arthur Bryant	
Clementi & Boomer Holder	

TOTAL: 139

In addition to those now registered, the following have indicated at one point or another that they plan on being here too. (don't wait too long to register, but more important, send in your hotel reservation - it's a very popular hotel and there is at least one other group - larger than ours - eating up room space. We have what we envisioned, 5 months ago, enough rooms blocked out, but our affair is getting more popular each day the mail arrives, so do act promptly if you haven't already done so). If anyone needs a hotel reservation envelope to replace a mislaid one, just holler at Cory. Also, don't forget your trip sign-up sheet reply.

Doris & Jim Shoaf
Dorothy & Al Cecil
Caroly & Bob Bonomi
Elizabeth & Louis Salerno
Agnes & John O'Conner
Helen & Roy Chappell
? & Billy Bingham
Lillie & Bob Eckman
Sylvia & Joe Friedman
Horrible Hatch
Arlene & Verris Hubbell
Mildred & Bill Korber
Lucine & George Juskalian
Jack Rathbone
Padraig O'Dea

Undoubtedly their registration will reach us here by the time the ITEM is mailed.

POSSIBLE 27 MORE, OR MAYBE TOTAL OF
166

In addition to the above Kriegg count, we have the following VIP guests coming - 2 sure, 1 pending:

Mr. & Mrs. John Vogel
Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Soderberg
Our long time friend for the past 50 years!
Stockholm, Sweden

and pending:

Mr. George A. Brown
Richmond, New Zealand

Half of our original group at Szubin spent a few months at Rotenberg am Fulda, 9A/Z, and half at Spangenberg, 9A/H. George was one of my roommates at Rotenberg. As I remember it was a two-way street - morale booster for POWs already in the bag for two years, and marvelous help and orientation for a bunch of green horns who otherwise might have had a harder time adjusting to prison life. In any case, George telephoned me twice this past week and is trying to arrange travel plans for a trip to Louisville to greet us all and maybe find some old friends among us.

TOTAL, PLUS OUR GUESTS, POSSIBLE 171

Jim Cory

In addition, the following names are those who have attended recent Reunions in either Norfolk or Colorado Springs, or both, but who have not signed up as of August 4, 1993:

Grace Duckworth
Mary & Jim Cupit
Lloyd Shoemaker
Lorraine Glendenning
Gladys & Bob Ashim
Carl Bedient & Sister, Mary Arnold
Mays Anderson
Bill Barnum
Mildred & Duane Kennedy
Betty & Tom Lawson
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