



THE 13TH (C) ENGINEER

"IN OMNIA PARATUS"



NEWSLETTER OF THE 13TH ENGINEER (C) BN.ASSN.

DECEMBER , 2018

PRESIDENTS CORNER - ARLIE E. ELLIS



This year has gone by very fast for all of us. Board officers have retired, and one has passed away. We will miss you, Ron Salvador. Allen Phetteplace will take Ron's place as Secretary. Billy Quinton, Sr. is retiring as the editor of our news letter. Cecil Hembree, a new member, will take that position. Jes McIver is retiring as treasurer, and our vice president, Gene Reed, will take over that position. Tom Cotton will remain as quartermaster, and I will still be your president for another term.

The Branson reunion was a success for all who attended. Everyone enjoyed Dolly Pardon Stampede and the Branson Scenic Railroad trip. We also enjoyed our Saturday night speaker, Colonel Marc F. Hoffmeister, a member of A company, 13th Engineers at Fort Lewis, WA. My thanks to everyone who helped with our reunion. I valued all your hard work more than you know. Look forward to Indianapolis in 2020.

SECRETARY CORNER - ALLEN G. PHETTEPLACE



Secretary Corner --- Al Phetteplace

This is my first letter. I have some big shoes to fill. We will all miss Ron, for the job he did, his sense of humor, many things he did so well. I have been going thru his stacks of files and I haven't gotten half way yet. If anybody has Questions or suggestions my email is; agphetteplace@gmail.com phone number 715-532-5972 address W9153 Port Arthur Rd. Ladysmith, Wi.54848. I am looking forward to working with Arlie, Gene, and everybody of the 13th. Hope everybody has a good Christmas.

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As we come to the end of another year I look back and think of all the members of this great organization. Although I haven't meet every member I know that I am in the presents of the best of the best. With Veterans Day getting close only a few can truly know what the 11th month on the 11th day at the 11th hour stands for. Although many have forgotten and many more just don't know let us remember those that came before us. It's ok to stand tall and strut you stuff on this day that only a few can claim. It's ok to set around the table with your brothers and sisters and tell the same old stories told the year before. We have this right to do so because we are members of an elite group. We are Veterans of the United States of America Military.

I pray that God will bless us and those likes and our great country

(ENGINEERS CLEAR THE WAY)

Gene Reed
Vice President
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13th Engineer (C) Battalion Association

TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED

The 2018 financial report for the Association is scheduled to be posted in the April 2018 Newsletter.

RONALD L. SALVADOR - OBITUARY



WE LOST OUR SECRETARY, RON WHO WAS SECRETARY FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS, NOT A FINER GENTLEMAN COULD BE FOUND, HE WILL BE MISSED AND HARD TO REPLACE AS SECRETARY, THANKS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK.

LTC (Ret) Ronald Louis Salvador, 85, of Belmont, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 25, 2018. He was born in Wheeling, WV on Dec 21, 1932 to the late Louis T. And Mary K. Salvador. He graduated from Linsly Military Institute in 1950 and the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1954. After graduation, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army.

In 1954, Ron married Georgianna Farmer of Wellsburg WV, his best friend and bride of 55 years. Ron's active duty military career spanned 21 years of dedicated service. After retirement from the military, Ron returned to the Ohio valley where he served as Commandant of Cadets and Headmaster at his alma mater Linsly. He completed his professional career as the general manager at Valley Distributors in Dillonvale, the business founded by his father in 1943. He retired in 1990, but remained very active in multiple veteran's organizations supporting and honoring local veterans.

Through his entire adult life Ron adhered to the principles of honor, integrity and character. Those traits were his legacy to his family in hopes that they would always choose the "Harder Right". Ron is survived by two daughters, Debra (Dan) Street of Fairfax, VA and Diane (Don) Hutchison of Brilliant, OH; two sons, Ronald Jr (Nancy) of Doylestown, PA and Christopher (Kim) of Delaware, OH; a brother, Louis A Salvador of Pittsburgh PA., six granddaughters and six grandsons; and eight great grandchildren.

Friends will be received at the Wilson Funeral Home 920 National Road Brookside on Wednesday August 29, 2018 from 4-8 pm, and then on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Services will be held on Friday at 10 am, with Rev. John Jackson officiating, interment in Holly Memorial Gardens Pleasant Grove.

To leave the family a condolence please visit www.wilsonfuneralhomes.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lansing United Methodist Church 55123 Greenbank Ave. Lansing, Ohio 43934 where Ron was an active member.

Be Thou at Peace, good soldier...



Ronald L. Salvador Sr.

December 21, 1932 -
August 25, 2018

A Mighty wind blew night and day.
It stole the oak tree's leaves away,
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
Until the oak was tired and stark.
But still the oak tree held its ground
While other trees fell all around.
The weary wind gave up and spoke,
"How can you still be standing, Oak?"
The oak tree said, "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two,
Carry every leaf away,
Shake my limbs, and make me sway.
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see,
They are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn't sure
Of just how much I could endure.
But now I've found, with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew."

Dear dear friends at
the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion
Association,
Thank you so much
for the dear gift that
you gave to the Lansing
UMC in memory of
our dad. Thank you to
for the brotherhood
that he shared with all

of you across all these
years - it blessed him.
Your thoughtful
gifts of love and
honor are much
appreciated. Thank
you!!

The family of
Ron Salvador
Diane, Deb, Ron Jr, & Chris

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER- BILLY D.QUINTON SR
& PAST NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR LAST 15 YEARS**



Hello to ALL, Well the Associations 12th Biannual Reunion is History.

To start with I would like to thank the Ladies for all their work keeping the Hospitality Room furnished with supplies, selling 50-50, raffle tickets and keeping the Reunion running . They did an outstanding job, thanks again.

We have some NEW and some returning Officers /Assignments for the next two years.

Board Officers - (PRESIDENT) : ARLIE E. ELLIS, (VICE PRESIDENT) : HARRY (GENE) REED, (IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT) : BILLY D. QUINTON SR, (SECRETARY) : ALLEN G. PHETTEPLACE , (TREASURER) : HARRY (GENE) REED, The Advisor group is : LEVI O. HAIRE , (CHAPLAIN) -CHARLES A. KOENIG , (QUARTERMASTER) - TOM COTTON , (WEB MASTER) -EARL C. SHATZER , (NEWSLETTER EDITOR) - CECIL E. HEMBREE.

Telephone numbers and e-mail address are posted on the Officers Page, I recommend you retain this page for future reference.

Some notes from the General Membership Meeting : It was voted to have the Association's Reunion in 2020. State voted in is Indiana, city and dates to be set by the Reunion Committee that consist of -Gene Reed and Arlie Ellis, both volunteers . It was also talked about to not have a full blown Reunion as in the past, The format and how the next Reunion will be made by the reunion committee. It was talked about to have a two day Reunion, First day for meetings and second day to have a sit down Dinner. Any suggestions or recommendations are welcome.

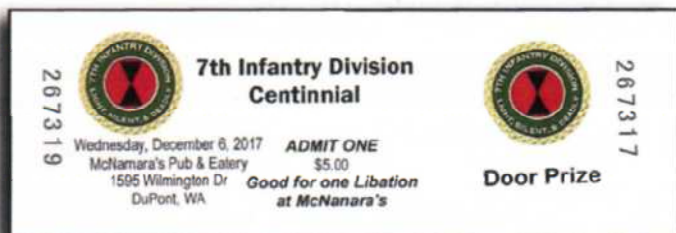
The Association now has a HONORARY COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR, He is - Laurens B. (Buddy) Beckwith , US Army Ret. SGM.

The Board needs recommendation for the ASSOCIATIONS HONORARY COL. , please submit your suggestions/recommendation to the Board.

As noted above , you have a new Newsletter Editor, he is Cecil E.Hembree.

Due to health problems and old age setting in I am unable to continue as Newsletter Editor, I published it for 15 years, I would like to thank all the members that sent in articles/pictures and especially the MANY DONORS that paid for the publishing/mailings for that 15 years,during that time no monies were expended from the Association's treasurer,all cost for the newsletter during that 15 years was paid by donations from members,that is how your Dues were kept at \$5 per year. Again THANKS for all the help I received in that time. _ _ _

THIS ARTICLE TAKEN FROM THE 7 IDA SUMMER ISSUE OF THE HOURGLASS

7ID's 100th Anniversary Social

On the evening 06Dec17, there was a Centennial Social gathering at McNamara's Pub & Eatery in DuPont, WA (next to JBLM) as part of the 7ID's celebration of its 100th anniversary. Our President **Billy Kelly** & his wife **Evelyn**, Quartermaster **Dan McPharlin**, MG **John Hemphill** (Ret) and **Charles Cook** of our Association attended.

MG Hemphill made the opening remarks and LTC **Don Simpson** (Ret) gave a history of the Division. Billy Kelly presented MG Hemphill with a 7IDA mug in appreciation for his work in putting this social event together.



LTC (Ret) **Don Simpson** giving the group a history of the 7ID.



7IDA President **Billy Kelly** presents MG **John Hemphill** with a 7IDA mug.

Kelly, his wife, and McPharlin also had an on-base tour earlier in the day. They got to get "up close and personal" with a Stryker vehicle and also saw some old WWII barracks still standing in North Fort, JBLM.



A Stryker fighting vehicle of the 2ID, 5th Bn, 20th Inf (a part of the 7ID).



Billy Kelley standing on the rear ramp of the Stryker.



Dan McPharlin and **Billy Kelley** standing inside.



Spc Austin Ross blows out the candles, as MG **Hemphill** looks on.

There was a big cake, decorated with the 7ID insignia, made for the occasion. The candles were blown out by **Spc Austin Ross**, the youngest attendee at the event, and it was then cut with a samurai sword by **COL Otto Liller**, 7th Division Deputy Commander for Operations.

COL Otto Liller cuts the cake with a samurai sword belonging to MG **Hemphill**.



The group of 7ID veterans who attended the Social. Standing: L-R **John Bellando** NCO(Ret), unidentified, **Charles Cook**, MG(Ret) **John Hemphill**, LTC(Ret) **Don Simpson**, **COL Otto Liller**. Seated: **Dan McPharlin**, 7IDA QM and **Billy Kelly**, 7IDA President.

ADVISOR - LEVI O. HAIRE



(NO CORNER SUBMITTED)

WEB SITE - EARL C. SHATZER



Hello, my name is Earl Shatzer, at the board meeting held in Branson Mo. on September 26, 2018, I was voted in to take over the webmaster duties from Gene Reed. I want to thank Gene Reed for all his hard work as the webmaster as he did an amazing job.

I want to continue to encourage all members to send in any photos, comments, stories or anything else that you may think our brothers will enjoy seeing or hearing about.

In the next few months as I get familiar with the current functions of the web site, I will be implementing new functions to help in making the site more user friendly. One addition being the ability to pay for products, dues, and donations via credit card and debit card.

If you have pictures or video footage that you would like to submit, please contact me.

Any suggestions on what you would like to see in the website please email or call me. Thank you all for your service to our country and the many sacrifices that you have made. Earl Shatzer (707) 689-0874

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IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

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(NO CORNER SUBMITTED)

CHAPLAIN - CHARLES A. KOENIG



(NO CORNER SUBMITTED)

QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON



Carolyn and Myself would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Please say a special Prayer for all of our Service Men and Women that won't be able to spend the Holidays with their family's because of their duty stations all around the world so we can celebrate ours peacefully.

Please check out the Quartermaster store on line and order a item or two to stuff a sock for your special veteran.

From William GRFFITHS, Brief History of 7th ID , (NOT OFFICIAL HISTORY)
OBTAINED FROM A FRIEND JOHN KING AT AMERICAN LEGION MEETING



COMMANDING GENERAL

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Units of the Seventh Infantry Division

17th Infantry Regiment
31st Infantry Regiment
32nd Infantry Regiment
Seventh Division Artillery
31st Field Artillery Battalion
48th Field Artillery Battalion
49th Field Artillery Battalion
57th Field Artillery Battalion
15th Airborne Battalion
13th Engineer Combat Battalion
73rd Tank Battalion
Seventh Medical Battalion
Seventh Division Special Troops
Seventh Reconnaissance Company
Seventh Quartermaster Company
Seventh Military Police Company
Seventh Division Band
Seventh Signal Company
707th Ordnance Company

This article is a brief resume of the history of the Seventh Infantry Division published by the Troop Information and Education Section, Headquarters Seventh Division, with the assistance of the Division Historian. The purpose of this history is to inform replacement personnel of the activities, past and present, of the Seventh Division. This is not intended to be an official history and many facts and details have been omitted.

The Seventh Infantry Division, well known as the Hourglass Division, was activated on 6 December 1917, at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. In August 1918 the division was sent overseas to France where it saw action at Villersex-Haye as part of the Sedgwick Army's offensive. Following occupation duty, it returned home in 1919 and was disbanded in 1923.

The Division was re-activated on 1 July 1940, under the command of General Joseph Stilwell, then a Major General. It was among the forces sent to guard the Aleutian approaches and from 11 May to 2 June 1943, combat teams of the Seventh participated in the bitter and violent struggle on Attu. Battling atrocious weather and a firmly entrenched and fanatical foe, the troops of the Seventh Division fought so successfully and heroically that at least eight Distinguished Unit Citations were awarded to various units.

After securing the Aleutians, the Seventh moved to Hawaii from which it assaulted Kwajalein Atoll on 31 January 1944. The Mandates Islands campaign and the subjugation of the Marianas was about complete when, on 20 October 1944, the division joined General MacArthur's forces that spearheaded the first United States landings in the Philippines at Leyte. Here the division overcame bitter resistance in swamps, tropical jungles, and rugged mountains. In this operation the Seventh killed more than 16,500 of the enemy and engaged in some of the bitterest fighting in the Pacific Theater.

On 1 April 1945, the Division landed on Okinawa where it proved its ability to fight all day and take heavy artillery shelling all night. The bloody Okinawa battle ended on 21 June 1945.

At the war's end, the Seventh Division landed in Korea, where elements patrolled the famous 38th parallel. In December 1948 the division was brought to Japan where it took over occupation duties.

Commanded by Major General David G. Barr at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, the Seventh Division garrisoned almost the entire northern half of Japan, including the north part of the island of Honshu and all the island of Hokkaido. Division Headquarters, with Division Headquarters Company, 7th Military Police Company and 7th Signal Company, was at Camp Sendai.

The 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Quartermaster Company, and 707th Ordnance Company were stationed at Camp Schimmelpfennig, near Sendai, Japan. The 32nd Infantry Regiment occupied Camp Faugen, near Hachinohe, Japan. At Camp Crawford, near Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, was the 31st Infantry, the 57th Field Artillery Battalion, and the 7th Reconnaissance Company. Thirty miles away, at Camp Chitose, was the 31st Field Artillery Battalion. Division Artillery with the 48th and 49th Field Artillery Battalions, was at Camp Youngmans, Jinmachi, Japan.

After the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, the 17th and 32nd Infantry Regiments garrisoned all of Southern Japan. Then in early August, the Division assembled in the Mt. Fuji maneuver area where it participated in intensive training, resupply, and preparation for an amphibious landing. Many replacements were received to bring the division up to strength. Eight thousand untrained Republic of Korea soldiers were also received late in August and integrated into the division. By 10 September 1950, the loading of all division troops and equipment was completed, and on the 11th of September, the large convoy sailed from Yokohama, Japan.

At Inchon, Korea, on 17 September 1950, an advanced divisional command post landed. It was followed on 18 September by the 32nd Regimental Combat Team, 7th Reconnaissance Company, and 73rd Tank Battalion secured the Suwon airfield. The 31st RCT, as it came ashore, took over the southern portion of the 7th Division zone as it fought south of Suwon.

On 24 September, the 32nd RCT prepared for an attack on Seoul by attacking and seizing the south bank of the Han River which lay between them and Seoul. At dawn on 25 September, the regiment began its attack across the river in the face of enemy fire. It was followed by the 17th ROK Regiment. By early evening all objectives, including the high hills dominating the city, were secured. This

or enemy resistance. The Seventh Division was relieved of responsibility in the Seoul area on 30 September.

The 31st RCT continued its attack against the enemy south of Suwon as a patrol from the 7th Reconnaissance Company met a patrol from the First Cavalry Division near Osan-ni. The 17th RCT had been released from Eighth Army Reserve and began landing on 25 September, the 2nd Battalion assisting in the attack on Seoul. The 17th RCT began attacking east from Suwon against scattered enemy resistance.

By 30 September, the division sector, 35 miles from northern to southern front, was quiet except for mopping up. General MacArthur, in behalf of the United Nations, presented Seoul to President Syngman Rhee in a liberation ceremony at Seoul.

Units were consolidated, weapons and equipment repaired, as the division prepared for a new amphibious assault. On 5 October the division began a 300-mile overland movement to Pusan, which it completed on 11 October. There training and loading preparations began for the projected landing at Wonsan, North Korea.

On 29 October the 17th RCT landed on the beach of Iwon, North Korea, to begin the division mission to advance to the Korean border. It was followed by the 31st and 32nd Regimental Combat Teams. All ships were unloaded by 9 November.

The division, spearheaded by the 17th RCT, fought north through Pungsan, 2 November; Kapsan, 19 November; to Hysenjin, 21 November, on the North Korean border at the Yalu River. Enemy resistance varied from tenacious small groups to battalions holding key terrain.

The 31st RCT continued to advance and patrol in the Fusen Reservoir area, meeting constant light resistance. The 32nd RCT sent one battalion to the reservoir by way of Hamhung. All units continued aggressive advances despite sub-zero weather, snow, and few roads. Ox carts and pack boards were used at times to transport ammunition and food. At one time Task Force Cooper of the 17th RCT on the Yalu River was separated by 246 miles road distance from the 1st Battalion, 32nd RCT, at the Chosin Reservoir.

As the Chinese Communist threat grew, the 31st RCT Headquarters, 3rd Battalion 31st Infantry, 1st Battalion 32nd Infantry, and 57th Field Artillery Battalion were sent to the Chosin Reservoir area where they and the First Marine Division were attacked by six Chinese Communist divisions. While these units were surrounded and fighting their way south to link up with the First Marines at Naga-ru-ri, the 2nd Battalion 31st Infantry was attacked at Koto-ri, south of the reservoir. The remainder of the division traveled quickly to Hungnam and set up a defensive sector.

By 7 December, the units at Chosin Reservoir had fought their way south against overwhelming enemy forces to Koto-ri. By 11 December, after suffering severe casualties from their long battle, the last elements of the division reached Hungnam.

Although Seventh Division units at Chosin Reservoir were outnumbered ten to one, the price paid by the Chinese was tremendous, some estimates running as high as 35,000 casualties.

After completing its defensive preparations at Hungnam and repulsing numerous enemy attacks, the division completed its outloading on 19 December. Landing at Pusan, the division displaced north 150 miles to positions in the mountains.

On 1 January 1951, the Seventh Division began its move from the Yongchon reorganizing, re-equipping and training area to the eastern central mountain front in the Chechon, Tanyang, Chungju area. The 17th RCT took up blocking and patrolling positions in the vicinity of Chechon; the 32nd in Tanyang and the 31st in the Yongju-Punggi area, later moving to Tanyang. The units patrolled extensively in the mountainous Chechon-Yongwal-Tanyang area where roads were non-existent.

Battalion sized attacks were employed by the Regiments to destroy and drive out the North Korean forces in this rough mountain

area about 30 miles square. The attacks throughout this area by the division eliminated the remaining elements of the 2nd and 10th North Korean Divisions.

Brigadier General Claude B. Ferenbaugh assumed command of the division on 26 January 1951. He received a battlefield promotion to Major General on 13 February. General Barr was reassigned as Commandant of the Armored School Fort Knox, Kentucky.

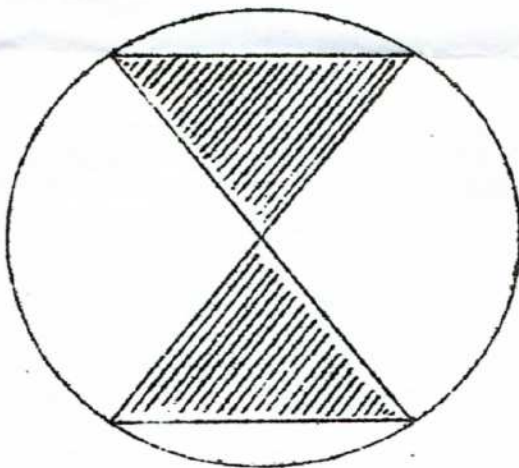
On 26 January 1951 the division began attacking to the north toward Pyongchang which was taken by the 17th RCT. The 17th RCT was later pulled over to the left and the 31st RCT advanced to Pyongchang while the 32nd RCT secured the MSR and patrolled throughout its area. The 17th and 31st Infantry Regiments conducted limited objective attacks to assist the ROK units on the division flanks to advance and to prevent any unit from becoming extended in conformity with the Eighth Army limited advance policy.

The 17th Infantry organized Task Force White an Artillery-Infantry Task Force supported by an Infantry tank team that supported the ROK troops on our left, fighting north with them from Wonju to north of Hoengsong. The 31st Infantry organized a similar Artillery-Infantry Force, Task Force Mason which supported the III ROK Corps' 5th and 7th Divisions on the right of the division zone.

On 12 February when the Chinese Communist and North Korean forces launched their coordinated attack, Task Force White fought out of the trap north of Hoengsong with a minimum of losses in the heavy Chinese Communist attacks. It rejoined the 17th RCT at Wonju and assisted them as Corps reserve.

Task Force Mason withdrew to the 31st RCT at Todon-ni without difficulty. The division fought the enemy to a standstill before they could reach Chechon to cut the vital supply route for X Corps units. Then the division began on 17 February to attack and drive the enemy back to restore the coordinated Eighth Army front.

By a series of coordinated and limited objective attacks, supported by the excellent and coordinated fires from Division Artillery, the division continued to push the enemy to the north, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy by artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, rifle fire and courageous hand to hand combat. The division has now advanced farther north and is confronting the enemy in his well prepared and dug in mountain defense area.



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The black Hourglass, or double triangle, is a design formed by the number Seven (the Division number) crossed by another seven, inverted on a red background.

It was originated to fill the need for a distinctive design easily recognizable from a distance but containing no numeral or other feature which might permit outsiders to identify the organization and possibly report its movements to the enemy.

LOOK SHARP

BE SHARP

SHOOT SHARP

THE HISTORY OF THE DOG TAG –

Almost all of you have worn one – some of you still do, but how much do you really know about the military 'dog tag?'



The Civil War provided the first recorded incident of American soldiers making an effort to ensure that their identities would be known should they die on the battlefield. Their methods were varied, and all were taken on a soldier's own initiative. In 1863, prior to the battle of Mine's Run in northern Virginia, General Meade's troops wrote their names and unit designations on paper tags and pinned them to their clothing. Many soldiers took great care to mark all their personal belongings. Some troops fashioned their own "ID" (identification) tags out of pieces of wood, boring a hole in one end so that they could be worn on a string around the neck.

The commercial sector saw the demand for an identification method and provided products. Harper's Weekly Magazine advertised "Soldier's Pins" which could be mail ordered. Made of silver or gold, these pins were inscribed with an individual's name and unit designation. Private vendors who followed troops also offered ornate identification disks for sale just prior to battles. Still, despite the fact that fear of being listed among the unknowns was a real concern among the rank and file, no reference to an official issue of identification tags by the Federal Government exists. (42% of the Civil War dead remain unidentified.)

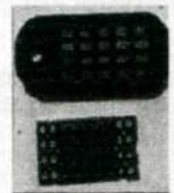
The first official advocacy of issuing identification tags took place in 1899. Chaplain Charles C. Pierce, who was tasked to establish the Quartermaster Office of Identification in the Philippines, recommended inclusion of an "identity disc" in the combat field kit as the answer to the need for standard identification. The Army Regulations of 1913 made identification tags mandatory, and by 1917, all combat soldiers wore aluminum discs on chains around their necks.

By World War II, the circular disc was replaced by the oblong shape familiar to us today, generally referred to as "dog tags."



Since then, some myths have arisen in connection with the purpose of the identification tags. One of the more common myths involves the reason for the notch on the tag issued between 1941 and the early 1970's. Battlefield rumor held that the notched end of the tag was placed between the front teeth of battlefield casualties to hold the jaws in place. No official record of American soldiers being issued these instructions exists; the only purpose of "the notch" was to hold the blank tag in place on the embossing machine. The machine used at this time doesn't require a notch to hold the blank in place, hence, today's tags are smooth on all sides.

The sole purpose of the identification tag is stated by its designation. Tags found around the neck of a casualty, and only those tags found around the neck, stay with the remains at all times tags found any place besides around the neck are made note of in the Record of Personal Effects of Deceased Personnel, and placed in an effects bag. They are not removed unless there is a need to temporarily inter the remains. If there is only one tag present, another is made to match the first. If the remains are unidentified, two tags marked "unidentified" are made. One tag is interred with the individual, the other placed on a wire ring in the sequence of the temporary cemetery plot. This enables Graves Registration personnel to make positive identification of remains during disinterment procedures; when the remains are disinterred, the tag on the wire ring is removed and placed with the matching tag around the neck.



The Department of the Army has developed and is currently testing a new tag, which will hold 80% of a soldier's medical and dental data on a microchip. Known as the Individually Carried Record, it is not intended to replace the present tag, but rather to augment it as part of the "paperless battlefield" concept.

The Armed Forces make every possible effort to eradicate discrepancies and remove doubts about casualties, not least those doubts that families may hold concerning the demise of their loved ones. In recent years, a near perfect record of identifying service members who have died in the line of duty has been achieved, a far cry from the 58% rate of identification that stood during the Civil War. The ID tag has, been and remains a major part of the reason for this record.

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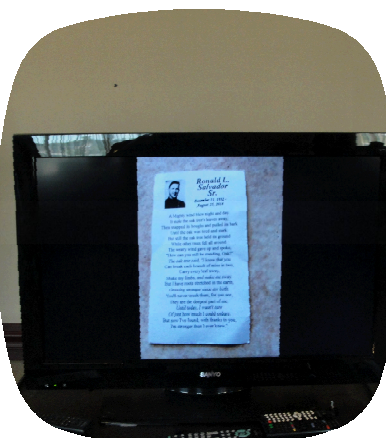
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