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U. S. HIGHWAY MEMORIAL TO 34TH DIVISION

RED OAK, IA.—United States Highway No. 34 was designated officially the 34th Infantry division Memorial highway here in a solemn hillside ceremony overlooking the cross-state route.

The dedication was literally a private affair.

Most of the hundreds attending the ceremony were the men of the 34th, their families and the families of the men who will never travel the highway again.

Colonel DeLoss Marken, Des Moines division chaplain and the man who knew its World War II history, was chosen to dedicate the highway.

34TH HIGHWAY MARKER



Highway Route Across Iowa



PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT, FUN, REUNION AND SERIOUS BUSINESS BEING ARRANGED

The Red Bulls are coming to town, September 11th and 12th!!!!

There'll be a hot time when the famed 34th Infantry Division association converges on Des Moines on these two days to hold its first annual national convention at Hotel Savery.

The sign of the Red Bull will light up this great convention city of hospitality like a lighthouse. Des Moines will be "opened armed" to welcome you to this festival of fun, frolic, reunion, and the serious business of getting things done to further the organization and the work of the 34th association.

A great program, highlighted by some noteworthy speakers, has been arranged.

A program of entertainment and fun, in addition to the

The grand banquet will be held on Sunday evening with a nationally known speaker to be announced later.

this year, that the association will far exceed last year's reunion.

Des Moines chapter of the as-

34th History Book

men who were in the World War II
fighters... air chautauque...
work here.

memorial... freedom which these men experienced and fought for side by side," he said.

Among Thousands

"One of the missions of the 34th Division was to open highways closed by totalitarianism. Its men were among the thousands sent forth by this country—itsself a newly-established highway to freedom—to re-establish freedom throughout the world."

There were empty seats in the auditorium. For the veterans of the "Red Bull" they were filled by well-remembered names and faces as Colonel Marken called the roll of battle after battle.

His roster of the division's more than 600 days in battle included Kasserine Pass and Faid Pass in Tunisia, Hill 609—the turning point of the African campaign—the Volturno river crossing in Italy and "tragic immortal Cassino."

Only a handful of Red Oak's old Company M sat in the audience. The unit suffered terrific losses in a last-ditch stand in Faid Pass during which most of its members were killed or captured.

Red Oak was selected as the dedication site in tribute to the company's battle record.

3 of Original

The new Company M contains only three of the original members. They are Capt. Duane A. Johnson and 1st Lt. John Halbert, prisoners of war more than two years, and T/Sgt. James Vanderhoof, a veteran of the division's entire campaign up Italy into the Po river valley.

There the 24th met the German 34th Division and defeated it in a last and final campaign battle.

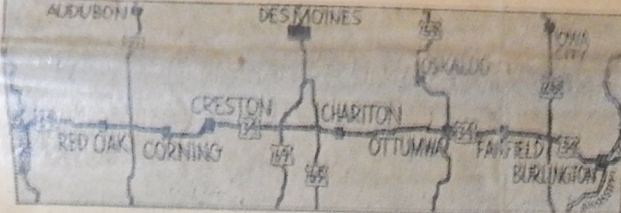
Past and present commanders of the 24th from Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota—the home states of the division—attended the ceremony.

List Generals

They included Lt. Gen. Matt A. Tinley, Council Bluffs, the original division commander; Maj.

ROAD CEREMONY

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34th History Book Display Promised For the Convention

Applications for the 34th Infantry division history have really begin to roll in.

Sometime ago the association was promised that the history would be ready for sale at convention time. However, due to the immense work involved in compiling the necessary data for the history, it will not be ready for sale until sometime shortly before the first of the year.

(An application blank for the history is printed on Page 3 of this issue of the Red Bull News).

Lieut. Col. John Hougen, the association historian, anticipates on having a complete copy of the history, wording and cuts, on display at the convention.

Col. Hougen states that the convention display book when opened up will be over 80 inches in width and 36 inches in height.

The final printed text when finished will contain over 70,000 words, and in addition there will be 230 of the most pertinent pictures in connection with

Historian



LIEUT. COL. JOHN HOUGEN

the division history; also 15 maps pertaining to wartime operations of the division.

The history will cost \$5 per copy.

A man owns only what he uses, and no more. To him who uses wisely and well what has been entrusted to him, shall be added other talents. The talents not used shall be taken away.

Putative Pun: he was approaching the coroner at 100 miles per hour.

work of the 34th association. A great program, highlighted by some noteworthy speakers, has been arranged.

A program of entertainment and fun, in addition to the serious business, has been formulated.

One of the entertainment features will be the big dance in the mammoth ballroom at Hotel Savery on Saturday evening.

The grand banquet will be held on Sunday evening with a nationally known speaker to be announced later.

For the tentative program for the two day convention see Page 4 of the Red Bull News.

From the comments on last year's convention in which everyone present stated that they

really enjoyed themselves and met several old buddies, it is felt that due to the large number of advance registration for this year, that the convention will far exceed last year's reunion.

Des Moines chapter of the association was given the responsibility of sponsoring this year's first annual convention. Clarence Jacobson of Des Moines was named chairman of the general convention committee.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Comrade:

Perhaps we should be satisfied to let just a few people carry the load of the 34th Infantry Division Association—with a small membership. We know, however, that the 34th, with all of its "alumni" is not a small organization. Other Divisions with nothing like the record, traditions and "esprit de corps" of the 34th are maintaining fine Associations, with thousands of members. The Association cannot continue to carry on without full fledged support.

The Association will be only as strong as its members will make it.

Somewhere in your community is someone who should belong to the Association. Why not acquaint him with it? Why not talk it up and get new members? Drop a line to your buddies, who are eligible to become a member of the Association and urge them to submit an application for membership immediately.

Support for the First National Convention, in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 11th and 12th, of this year, is a "must". Association members can come in groups, pairs or individuals. Bring the wife or sweetheart.

Inside this issue of Red Bull News for your convenience and use are:

Application blanks for Hotel Reservations; Registration; Application for Membership; Membership Renewal and something we are all looking forward to reading, of which an application blank is enclosed, the one and only 34th Infantry Division History. If you are already a member of the Association, be sure to renew your membership. New membership cards will be sent you immediately. This renewal pays your dues from the 1943 convention to the 1949 convention. Place your order today.

Sincerely Yours,
ED BIRD, PRESIDENT.

Don't Miss

Don't Miss...



National Convention
Sept. 11th and 14th

History of New 34th, Activated In 1946

**GEN. FOUNTAIN
COMMANDER OF
PRESENT FORCE**



MAJ. GEN. RAY C. FOUNTAIN

The NEW 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION was activated November 19, 1946 with Major General Ray C. Fountain of Des Moines commanding. General Fountain was G-2 of the Division at Camp Claiborne and North Ireland and played an active part for the initial invasion of North Africa, which took place 8 November 1942. Shortly after the invasion he was appointed Regimental Commander of the 133rd Inf. Regt. The New Division comprises the state of Iowa and Nebraska. General Fountain's Assistant Commander is Brig. Gen. Warren C. Wood of Nebraska. Men from both Nebraska and Iowa make up the Division Staff. General Staff members are:

- Chief of Staff—Col. Frank P. Williams, Iowa
- Asst. Chief of Staff, G-1—Lt. Col. William H. Ward, Iowa
- Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2—Lt. Col. Jake P. McKnight, Neb.
- Assistant, G-2—Maj. Clyde Herring
- Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3—Lt. Col. Leo Hoeltz, Iowa
- Assistant, G-3—Maj. Roy Stephenson
- Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4—Lt. Col. Albert H. Smith, Neb.
- Members of the Special Staff include:
- Adjutant General—Lt. Col. Fred C. Tandy, Iowa
- Judge Advocate—Lt. Col. Herbert H. Hauke, Iowa
- Chaplain—Col. Delores I. Matson, Iowa
- Finance—Major Stanley W. Evans, Iowa
- Ordnance—Lt. Col. Herman G. Mattson, Neb.
- Chemical Warfare—Lt. Col. Stuart N. Grumman, Iowa
- Engineer—Lt. Col. Kenneth Ristau, Neb.
- Special Troops—Lt. Col. Harold A. Hensler, Iowa Comdr.
- Division Surgeon—Lt. Col. Ludwig Gittler, Iowa
- Division Signal O.—Maj. Marus Plumly, Iowa
- Asst. Div. Signal O.—Capt. Gordon M. Parks, Iowa
- Quartermaster O.—Lt. Col. Lyle A. Welch, Neb.
- Provost Marshall—Maj. Frederick Wooster, Iowa
- Division Artillery—Brig. Gen. Walter L. Anderson, Iowa, Comdr.
- Col. Gerald E. Dubois, Iowa, Exec. Officer
- 109th Med. Bn.—Lt. Col. Roger M. Miskel, Iowa, Comdr.
- 133rd Inf. Regt.—Col. Carlton K. Smith, Iowa
- 134th Inf. Regt.—Col. Maurice B. Nye, Neb.
- 169th Inf. Regt.—Col. Chauncey H. Carl, Iowa

In the summer of 1947 a five-day school was held at Camp Dodge for the Iowa Units with approximately 1,500 officers and enlisted men in attendance. The Nebraska Units held a similar school at a military reservation in that state.

Officers of 34th Division Association

DUTY	NAME	CITY
President	Emeritus M. A. Tinsley	Council Bluffs, Iowa
President	Ed Bird	Des Moines, Iowa
1st Vice President	Joe Kelly	Minneapolis, Minn.
2nd Vice President	Virgil E. Craven	Dallas, Texas
Judge Advocate	Ray L. Stephenson	Des Moines, Iowa
Chaplain	Father Albert J. Hoffman	Dubuque, Iowa
Treasurer	Gen. Charles H. Grall	Des Moines, Iowa
Secretary	Raymond J. Kauffman	Des Moines, Iowa
Sergeant-at-Arms	Charles E. Euseberg	Mason City, Iowa
Trustees	DeLoe Markan	Des Moines, Iowa
	Robert Miller	Appleton, Minn.
	Volmer Weddum	Elk Horn, Iowa
	Fred Clark	Waterloo, Iowa
	Steven J. Manchester	Ames, Iowa
	Folsom Everett	Washington, Iowa
	Harold Petman	Minneapolis, Minn.
	Harlan Byrnell	Minneapolis, Minn.
	Junior F. Miller	Kearney, Neb.

34TH AUXILIARY PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES A VISIT TO THE NEW ART CENTER

At the 1947 convention wives and sweethearts of the 34th Infantry Division Association members formed the association's first national auxiliary. In a meeting held in conjunction with a tea Mrs. Ray Fountain of Des Moines was elected chairman of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Ed Bird, secretary. It has been reported that the auxiliary plans a very entertaining program for the women. This program will be highlighted by a visit to the new Des Moines Civic Art center, one of the most modernistic of its kind in the world and recently featured in Look magazine.

FABULOUS BARON OF THE 34TH PRESENTS 30 ETCHINGS OF DIVISION TO LOCAL CHAPTER

One of the most fabulous heroes of the division, the 34th division was Baron Charles von Ripper, who attended last year's convention.

Known to German troops during World War II as a shadow of merciless destruction, the 42-year-old Ripper was a legend.

All units of the New Division have now been activated with the exception of one company of the 109th Med. Bn. The Division will entrain for Ft. Riley, Kansas for a 15-day training period, 8-22 August 48, with a combined number of approximately 7,000 officers and enlisted men from both states reporting. It is remarkable that in one year's time the strength of the 34th Division has grown to over twice the number of peace-time strength in any previous period of the National Guard for these two states.

The Division assembled at Ft. Riley in order that all weapons, including artillery pieces, could be demonstrated and fired. The training concentrated on the individual and small units.

A new type of training will be with C-82 Troop Carrying Transports for the latest training in airlift of both men and equipment. It is anticipated that in another year's time there will be a sufficient number of these large transport planes to transport the entire division by air for 1948 also including appropriate ceremonies and reviews during the second week. The former Red Bull infantryman, is now living quietly as an artist.

near New Canaan, Conn.

Von Ripper has presented 30 of his legendary etchings of the 34th division action on the many fronts to the Des Moines chapter of the association. These etchings have been offered to the new Des Moines million-dollar art center.

Von Ripper's deeds were a legend throughout the European theatre. He was a special favorite of Ernie Pyle and popular with 34th division troops who knew him.

He was the son of an Austrian general who died in 1918 of wounds received in World War I. An only son, he had a falling out with his family and set out on his own to make a living as an artist.

Von Ripper was only 19 when he reported at Marseilles and was sent to North Africa, where he fought during the Rif war. After serving a year of a five year hitch, he managed to desert and get back to Austria. This was the first and last of Von Ripper's soldier-of-fortune ventures. The rest of his fighting resulted only from his hatred for Nazism.

Von Ripper married a German girl and established headquarters in Berlin. There his painting got him in trouble with the authorities. He fled to London, but slipped back later in hopes of recouping some of his paintings and books.

He was informed upon and spent seven months in the Oranienburg concentration camp near Berlin. While there he was tortured, and his belongings were confiscated.

Objects and Purposes of 34th

1. To foster and perpetuate the camaraderie of brothers-in-arms of those who have served with the 34th Infantry Division since its organization.
2. To establish a library and library for the collection, preservation and ownership of such records, books, manuscripts, charts, maps, photographs, pictures, moving pictures, and other material as may be deemed worthy of a place in its archives, together with articles of any historical or antiquarian value relating to the 34th Infantry Division and the organizations and units which have or may, from time to time, compose the same.
3. To employ skilled and trained librarians, historians, and lecturers for copying, cataloging, writing, numbering, evaluation, publication and dissemination of the material mentioned above or abridgment thereof or commentary thereon, as well as to print, publish and sell books, newspapers, journals, magazines, periodicals, lists, pamphlets, and reports for the dissemination of the current

- as well as historical information for the membership of the association and the public generally; provided, that there shall be no distribution to the membership generally of the profits of any such undertaking, but such profits, if any, shall be employed for the general furtherance of the objects of the association.
4. To foster, assist, and promote military units organized pursuant to state or federal law with particular attention to units of the

34th Infantry Division as hereafter constituted.

5. To organize and charter subordinate units of the association in this and other states, locating such units, prescribing the membership thereof according to locality or time of service with the 34th Division or military designation of the unit or organization, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the chartering of one or more of each type in the same locality.

THE STORY OF HILL 609



Extract From Division History

It will be remembered that Rommel had retreated successfully across the Libyan desert some 1,500 miles to Tunisia, with General Montgomery's 8th Army in hot pursuit. And now, with the enemy's withdrawal from the Mareth Line, General Rommel and General von Arnim, stood at bay against a superior force, for at this time the enemy was composed of five Italian Divisions, in three main groups, on an arc front of approximately 140 miles.

General Alexander's first order regrouped the Tunisian Forces and, before the final assault, including the famous engagement of Hill 609, the 18th Army Group was deployed as follows: The 8th British Army, under General Montgomery, held the Southern sector of the arc, to the left and Northward on the arc, stood the French XIXth Corps; next, the IXth British Corps and the V British Corps with a boundary line running between them. Northward through Medjes El Bebi; left and Northward on this arc, came the U. S. II Corps with the Corps Franc d'Afrique occupying the extreme North Coastal Sector. The American II Corps was comprised of the following units: Headquarters Company and other attached Corps units, the 1st Armored Division and the 1st, 9th and 34th Infantry Divisions. Other units of ordnance, artillery, engineers, air-craft and quartermasters were also attached.

At the conclusion of the Second Foudouk, General George S. Patton, Jr. relinquished his command of the American II Corps to Lt. General Omar N. Bradley, the soldiers' choice of a Field General and a man who was destined to come out of the war as one of the really great military figures.

Troops of the American II Corps were deployed in line from North to South in the following order: The French Corps d'Afrique, the 9th Infantry Division, our own 34th, the 1st Infantry Division and the 1st Armored Division.

Dominating this rugged area, stood Hill 609 (Djebel Tahent), a huge mass of sheer twisted rock, which had been fortified, which was to remain impregnable until the enemy had been swept from the many high hills which surrounded it. This hill 609 is not to be confused with Hill 407, which lay in the 34th Division sector, also, at the time of all attacks.

Numerous other hills lay in the line of attack, prior to the attack of Allied troops being able to make contact of Hill 609. Heavy artillery fire was eminent in all days prior to the capture of this hill, by the allies.

At 0500 hours in the morning of April 30th, the attack was renewed, the 3rd Battalion of the

133rd Infantry occupied Hill 257. The 1st Battalion of the 169th advanced towards the great rock behind the Company of medium tanks of the 1st Armored Division.

The 2nd Battalion of the 169th now moved in to attack 609 from the North where it was later joined by the 1st Battalion of the 133rd, the two driving forward until they had by nightfall scaled the summits of the Northern slope, holding the North nose of the rock against furious counter-attacks. During all that day, the enemy's artillery fire continued with great intensity. Still clinging desperately, to part of the Hill, the enemy renewed his counter-attack to regain control of the summit on the morning of May 1st, but longer 2nd Battalion of the 169th repulsed him with a withering fire.

The most vulnerable Pass leading to the crown of the Hill was a gully which the Germans regarded as invulnerable, but the 3rd Battalion of the 133rd Infantry Regiment, in a surprise move, entered the trail from the rear, a maneuver which probably proved the determining factor to the enemy's final withdrawal.

The great Bastion of 609 had fallen. The enemy who had fought with a fanatical stubborn resistance rarely equalled in military history. The gallant men of the 34th and 1st Divisions had broken the enemy's key defense causing his lateral defenses to crumble in the few desperate days remaining. Men of the 34th had now arrived. No longer did reports speak of them as "green" troops for the world was now proclaiming the 34th as an incomparable fighting Division led by one of the greatest of combat leaders, Major General Charles R. Ryder.

Of the last assault on Hill 609, held by the German "Barenthine" troops, Gen. Bradley has said: "A strong enemy attack was repulsed. Fighting all day was intense and bloody. The enemy was engaged with bayonets and grenades, and there were many cases of outstanding bravery."

The Lapel Pin

An attractive lapel button, symbolic of the famous Red Bull division will be available for purchase at the convention.



Now It Can Be Told: A department store buyer had stocked some goods that proved to be a very slow moving item, until they made an attractive display under a sign which read:

"This stuff is good for whatever Halls you."

Distinguished Guests Invited

Among distinguished guests expected to attend the 34th division association convention are:

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower
Gen. Omar Bradley
Gen. Mark Clark
Lieut. Gen. Matt A. Tinley
Maj. Gen. Charles Ryder
Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle
Maj. Gen. George E. Leach
Maj. Gen. Norman Hendrickson
Brig. Gen. F. D. Butler

The following governors:

F. G. Aandahl of North Dakota; Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota; George G. Nicholson of South Dakota; Robert D. Blue of Iowa, and many other distinguished military, government, and state and city officials and dignitaries.

ROAD CEREMONY

(Continued from page 1)

Gen. Ray C. Fountain, Des Moines, present commander, Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henningsen, Omaha, Neb., assistant commander, Brig. Gen. Folsom Everest, Council Bluffs; Brig. Gen. E. C. Peterson, Minneapolis, Minn., former division artillery commander, and Brig. Gen. Charles H. Grahl, state adjutant general.

Markers Unveiled

Gordon Gammack, The Des Moines Register and Tribune columnist and former war correspondent who originated the highway memorial, was a guest at the ceremony.

At last year's national convention a resolution was adopted initiating action toward having the 34th Infantry Division Memorial Highway. National headquarters 34th Infantry division association took immediate action to carry out the resolution adopted and to initiate like action in each state through which the highway passes.

The markers were unveiled by Lee Watts, Corning, chairman of the state highway commission, which authorized the dedication.

Iowa is one of the first states in the nation to consecrate a major highway to the memory of its fighting men. Crossing Iowa from Burlington westward to Glenwood, the route has been marked with insignia patterned after the division's shoulder patch.

"The Red Bull" signs bearing the words "34th Inf. Div. Memorial Highway" have been spaced outside each town and at 20-mile intervals.

General Henningsen, commander of the 34th units in Nebraska, revealed Saturday, he will initiate a similar program to extend the dedication along Highway 34 in his state.

Members of the dedication committee were Folsom Everest, Ames, Iowa, chairman; Ray Fountain, Ed W. Bird, Harry E. Stedman, DeLoess Marken, R. C. Kehm, all of

Ray Stephenson, Secretary
34th Infantry Division Assn.

Dear Sir:

This is to report a change in address, effective immediately. All communications to me should be addressed to: Robert L. Johnson, Carhage, South Dakota.

How are the history books progressing? I am anxiously awaiting mine. It is prepaid, I having paid my five skins last November. Here's hoping to see it soon.

How is the progress on the designation of the Red Bull highway across Iowa and Nebraska. Hope it goes through o.k.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Johnson,
Y. M. C. A.
Aberdeen, S. D.

Secretary, 34th Inf. Div. Assoc.

Argonne Armory

Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Another issue of the Iowa Guardsman arrived today and a splendid number it is indeed. Keep up the good work.

During the last of May, 1948, I had the honor and pleasure of visiting Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel. At the Fort I was warmly received with Gen. O'Daniel interested and pleased to hear regarding our esteemed General Fountain and the 34th Division.

Would you be so kind as to enter my correct address in your mailing list? It is a matter of considerable consequence to me

Des Moines, and R. V. Rushton of Red Oak, Iowa.

The program for the occasion was:

PROGRAM

1:40 P. M.

Band Concert—34th Div. Band—Warrant Officer Lowell, Director, Fairfield.

2:00 P. M.

National Anthem—34th Div. Band—Warrant Officer Lowell, Director, Fairfield.

Presentation of Program Chairman by Col. Ed Bird, President 34th Div. Assn.

Invocation—Chaplain A. L. Davidaver, 168th Inf., 34th Inf. Div., Defiance, Iowa

Welcome and Appreciation—Hon. H. S. Cloud, Mayor of Red Oak

Presentation of Distinguished Visitors and Guests

"Conception of the Idea"—Gordon Gammack, Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa

"Execution of the Idea"—Unveiling Marker—Lee R. Watts, Chairman, Iowa State Highway Commission, Corning

"Highways and the Army"—Hon. Paul Cunningham, Congressman 5th Dist., Iowa; Chairman Committee on Roads, House of Representatives.

"Acceptance and Dedication"—Lt. Col. DeLoess Marken, Chaplain, 34th Div.

Benediction—Chaplain A. L. Davidaver

Band Selections—34th Div. Band

"No, Frank, the beautiful young women of today are not being ruined by automobiles—the beautiful automobiles are being ruined by young women."

that my mail be addressed to Box 145, Zealand, Michigan.

Sincerely,

John H. Kamps,
Zeland, Michigan.

Mr. Ed Bird, President
National Headquarters
34th Infantry Division Assn.
Argonne Armory
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Bird:

Our attention has been called to your dedication services for the National Highway 34 at Red Oak on July 31st. I have been making some inquiry from time to time as to the possibility of my having some sort of a ceremony for the Highway 34 as we have many of the 34th Division men in southeastern Iowa. I was wondering just what Ottumwa could do to add to the occasion at Red Oak? I also was wondering if by any chance the 34th Infantry Division holds a district conference that we might be considered here in Ottumwa as the host for the next conference that you might schedule.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sheriff Orman who heads our two national guard companies and who was an officer in the 34th Division.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Phillips,
Secretary
Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce,
Ottumwa, Iowa

34th Division Association
Des Moines, Iowa
Gentlemen:

I am indeed very happy to be able to enclose herewith an application for chapter charter for the local boys. The names of 26 paid up members, along with other pertinent matter and a check for \$52.00 to cover is enclosed.

We held a meeting last evening at which the following acts were performed. Stan Burghardt was appointed as temporary chairman. Don Schweiger was named temporary secretary. It was decided to hold a meeting on August 11th at which time with full attendance, the officers would be elected.

However in the meantime we request that the National Association membership cards be mailed at once, receipt of this letter and enclosures.

Any future correspondence should show be addressed to Don Schweiger who is secretary until permanent officers are chosen.

Very truly yours,

Stan Burghardt,
Watertown, South Dakota

34th Division Chapter Organized at Ft. Dodge



The Fort Dodge Chapter of the 34th Infantry Division association sent six boys to the YMCA camp at Dolliver park during the summer of 1948. Don Tierney (left) president of the Fort Dodge, Iowa, chapter, is shown presenting a camp fee check to Norris M. Nelson (center) "Y" camping chairman, and General Secretary G. L. Heyl.

FORT DODGE, IA.—Organization of a Fort Dodge chapter of the 34th Infantry division association has been effected here.

The chapter has received its official charter and has elected officers. There are 40 charter members, World War II veterans of the division.

Officers of the Fort Dodge unit are: Donald Tierney, president; William Pray, vice president; Jack Douglas, treasurer, and Anver Habbab, secretary.

Headquarters and clubrooms of the chapter have been opened at 24 1/2 South Tenth street under the Hotel Warden.

The 34th Infantry Division association has units in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North and South Dakota. Headquarters are in Des Moines. The organization will hold its annual convention Sept. 11-12. The Fort Dodge chapter, the second in Iowa, will take an active part in preparations for the convention and in the meeting itself, Tierney said.

The 34th division was one of the major combat outfits in World War II. It was among the first mobilized, the first overseas and the

first to see action. Fort Dodge has two units in the division, Company G, infantry, and Company B, in the medical battalion.

Most of the veterans of the two companies are back in Fort Dodge, and there are many men from other units of the division here and in neighboring towns.

Veterans, Wives See Film of the Action of 34th

A film story of the 34th Division in World War II was shown to 90 Des Moines members of the division and their wives at Argonne armory.

The film, starting at Camp Claiborne, La., and continuing through Fort Dix, N. J., Ireland, Scotland, North Africa and Italy, was shown by the Rev. DeLoess Marken, the division's wartime chaplain and now chaplain at the Veterans hospital located in Des Moines.

And on the other hand, one reason why they hand some pictures is because they can't find the artist.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION 1948 CONVENTION

TO: RAYMOND J. KAUFFMAN, Secretary, 34th Infantry Division Association, Argonne Armory, East First and Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Enclosed herewith is Five Dollars (\$5.00) for payment of my registration fee to the annual 34th Infantry Division Association Convention, September 11 and 12, 1948, at the Argonne Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. I am to receive a receipt of this payment immediately upon receipt of this letter. I also understand this payment of fee entitles me to admission to the banquet, entertainment and all other scheduled events. I also understand that registration fee is \$5.00 per person.

(Number of people)		Address—(Street) (Print)	
(Name—please print)		City—In Print	
INCL: Check		M. O	P. N. Cash

MESSAGE FROM OUR BUDDIES OF 100TH BATTALION OF THE 34TH

34th Division Association
Argonne Armory
Des Moines, Iowa
Gentlemen:

Thank you very kindly for your aid in advancing the Hawaiian statehood bill in the current session of Congress.

The resolution you adopted and had written into our Congressional record appeared in the local papers yesterday. In fact, many of them appreciate your kindly efforts very much. In fact, many of them have called this office up by phone to call our attention to the article.

Although the statehood bill was defeated in this session, it was gratifying to learn that our friends both in the good old 34th Division and our other backers on the mainland, U. S., really supported us in our crusade for statehood.

In return, we hope that someday we will be able to repay you to some extent for your kokua (help in Hawaiian).

The Club 100 is progressing very rapidly toward meeting the social and mutual assistance needs of the former members of the 100th Bn.

Your publication of the 34th Division History is eagerly awaited by us.

Thank you and aloha to you from the members of the Club 100.

Very truly yours,
Naoki Yamagata
Executive Secretary, Club 100
100th Infantry Battalion,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

FILL OUT AND SEND IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE—HOTEL RESERVATION SLIP

TO: RAYMOND J. KAUFFMAN, Secretary, 34th Infantry Division Association, Argonne Armory, East First and Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa. I expect to attend the 34th Infantry Division Annual National Convention, at Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa, September 11 and 12, 1948. I understand the reservation committee will make reservations for me in a Des Moines hotel during the Convention. Please reserve for me the following hotel accommodations in Des Moines for the Convention:

(Number of people)		(Name for whom reservations desired)	
(Number of days)—(DATES)		(Address—please print)—(Street)	
(Signed—in ink or typewriter)		(City—in print)	

Scene of the Convention



The beautiful Hotel Savery in Des Moines to be the scene of the 34th Infantry Division Association convention.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1948

5:00 p.m. Pre-registration, early arrivals.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1948

9:00 a.m. Registration and committee activities.

2:00 p.m. Business meeting in north ballroom, Col. Edward W. Bird, president, presiding.

Invocation—Chaplain DeLoss Marken.

Association History—Maj. Gen. Ray C. Fountain.

Historian's Report—Lieut. Col. John H. Hougen.

Announcement of Convention Committees—Lieut. Col. George L. Shoemaker.

6:30 p.m. Movies by Lieut. Col. Hougen and Col. Miller.

8:30 p.m. Association dance in Savery north ballroom.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1948

10:00 a.m. Committee meetings, Parlors A and B—Nominating, Balloting, Constitution and By-Laws, Time and Place.

11:00 a.m. Church services—north ballroom. All Chaplains present with Chaplain Albert J. Hoffman in charge.

2:00 p.m. Business meeting, north ballroom—Committee reports, election, meeting of new officers.

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Auxiliary, business tea—Iowa Assembly room.

6:00 p.m. Grand banquet—north ballroom. Toastmaster, Folsom Everest.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

ADDRESS OF EVENING BY NATIONAL FIGURE—TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

On Call—Meeting of newly elected officers and committees.

MORE LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Raymond J. Kauffman, Sec'y.
Argonne Armory
East First Street
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

I have recently learned there is to be a reunion of the 34th Division in Des Moines on September 11 and 12.

No doubt you have some pamphlets or other literature printed regarding this convention and I would appreciate your mailing copies of such to me at your earliest convenience, as I am planning to attend and would like to know where the convention headquarters will be held, etc.

If you have no printed material on hand, will you kindly send me the names of some of the hotels in Des Moines at which

reservations might be secured at this late date.

I thank you very kindly for any information you may send me and any attention you may give this letter.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Weyrauch
Oxford Crest Apts. # 118
1400 Bowen Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Raymond J. Kauffman,
34th Inf. Division Association
Argonne Armory
Des Moines 9, Iowa

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of June 16th, for the heraldic descriptions of the 188th Infantry and 185 F. A. Regiments, and also

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TO: RAYMOND J. KAUFFMAN, Secretary, 34th Infantry Division Association, Argonne Armory, East First and Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa. I desire to join the Association. Enclosed is the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for my membership. I understand this pays my dues from the 1948 Convention to the date of the 1949 Convention. I also understand that this entitles me to all Association publications, privileges and the right to participate in Association activities. I was (or am) a member of

(Company) (Organization) 34th Infantry
Division from 10 to 19

(Name—please print)

(Address—Street, City and State)

INCL: Check M. O. P. N. Cash

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

TO: RAYMOND J. KAUFFMAN, Secretary, 34th Infantry Division Association, Argonne Armory, East First and Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Enclosed here-with is Two Dollars (\$2.00), for renewal of membership in the National Association with in Two Dollars (\$2.00), for renewal of membership in the 34th Infantry Division to the date of the 1949 Convention. I also understand my act of renewal entitles me to all Association publications, privileges and the right to participate in Association activities; also that I will be forwarded a new membership card immediately upon receipt of this application at your office.

(Name—please print or type)

(Address—Street and City)

INCL: Check M. O. P. N. Cash

APPLICATION FOR 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORY

TO: RAYMOND J. KAUFFMAN, Secretary, 34th Infantry Division Association, Argonne Armory, East First and Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Enclosed here-with is Five Dollars (\$5.00) for a copy of the history of the 34th Infantry Division. I understand that you will mail this book, postpaid, immediately upon the arrival of the book at National Headquarters.

(Name—please print or type)

(Address—Street and City)

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for Col. Hougen's Washington address.

The poster you mailed has been placed on the bulletin board of one of our larger Y.A. centers by the Assistant Contact Officer who happens to be an old personal friend of mine.

Inclosed are the clipped columns of Col. Smith who likes to keep in touch with "his boys" all over the country. Suggest you send him a poster and give him the story for a play in his column. If and when it appears I'll send you a tearsheet. Address:

Col. Harvey S. Smith
Onondaga County Veteran's Service Agency
James St. 66 N. Salina St.
Syracuse, New York.

And if you just happen to come across any Regimental Insignia Designs please send them to me. Thanks for everything and extending kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,
Reginald Dingman
R. Dingman Advertising Agency
609 Almond St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have been reading in the Foreign Service magazine that the

34th Division will hold a reunion in September. I have been wondering if you know of anyone that was in Co. "A", 183rd Infantry.

You see I have a brother that was in that company that we've not heard from since May 23,

1944. His name was Pvt. Henry R. Ciesinski.

If you could give me any information I sure would appreciate it.

Mrs. G. F. Reier
Route 1, Box 10
Cudahy, Wis.

Who Says What !!!

"No, Genevieve, they do not build a lane highway so four instead of two cars can pile into each other . . . or . . . do they?"

Famous Last Words: "Get two for me, brother, I have no time to wait until these guys take their turn"—to the man at the head of the line for World Series Tickets.

Overheard on the Main St. Trolley: "My husband claims to have been born with a gold spoon in his mouth but if he was, I'll bet it had somebody else's initials on it."

The kind of a woman with whom we have no overpowering desire

to become better acquainted is the one with an expression so sour that everytime she puts face cream on it, it curdles.

And then there was the society deb who couldn't go to the country club dance because she didn't have an indecent thing to wear.

Overheard on the Main St. Trolley: "I'd rather play golf with some men on Sunday than to be seen with others in church."

In other words, if you use your mind, it expands. If you do not use it, you slip backward. Progression or retrogression is one of the inflexible laws of nature.

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