John Crago Elected National Commander 1983-84

The 1983 National Convention was one of the best in recent years. The choice for National Commander for the coming year was John Crago. We wish John a healthy and successful year. Each and every member should make every effort to help John. Other officers elected with Commander Crago are Edward Jackert, Sr. Vice Commander; John Lyons, Jr. Vice Commander; Elmer E. Long, Jr., Secretary; Austin M. Patrizio, Treasurer; Ben Saccone, Service Officer; Paul Reuter, Adjutant; Harold E. Fenner, Judge Advocate; Mark G. Herbst, M.D., Surgeon; Ben Guyton, Historian and Rev. Herman C. Baumann.

As past National Commanders have passed the gavel to his successor I think John Rowland wished he might have additional time to continue his work. We are proud of John Rowland in all the work he did this past year for the good of the organization. We commend John for the professional way the business of the ADBC has been conducted this past year. Thanks to Elmer Long our membership continues to increase. At the present time we mail about 4500 Quans.

The reason for having our yearly National Convention is to conduct the necessary business, but in fact the reason we met is to help one another by our compassion to strengthen one another. The benefits one receives at one of these conventions is better than a couple visits to the doctors. The wives as usual were kept busy with their tours and other scheduled events.

Thanks to the suggestion of P.N.C. John Ray the organization surprised the "gals" with a "We Love You" night. A lovely pendant with the organization emblem was given to each lady present and thanks to one of our members who purchased one for each of the men who hadn’t had their wives with them. The first to receive the pendant was our most beloved Gold Star Mother Mrs. Brazeau.

The banquet as usual "capped" off the convention. The presentation of the Gold Star Mother to the excellent speech by Everett Alvarez Jr., Deputy Administrator of the Veteran’s Administration. We can be thankful to have a person who has been a former P.O.W. (the longest yet) at one of the top positions of the Veteran’s Administration.

P.O.W.- MIA DAY

We have had material sent to us from many of the chapters and individual members telling us of their activities in the POW-MIA Day. It would take up the entire Quan to publish the pictures, proclamations and newspaper articles, that were sent to us.

It is very important that we continue to participate in these programs. Somehow maybe we can help the Vietnam Group.

MORE THAN $9 BILLION IN VA COMPENSATION PAID IN 1982

An estimated 2.3 million veterans received Veterans Administration compensation checks in 1982 bringing the total paid out in the program during that fiscal year to over $9 billion.

Each received a monthly check ranging from as low as $62 per month, for those with ten percent disability, to as high as $3,841 for those with certain severe disabilities. For 100 percent disability not involving major amputations or loss of use of limbs, the maximum amount of compensation is $1,213 per month.

Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated at 30 percent or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents. The additional amount is determined according to the number of dependents and the degree of disability.

The $9 billion cost of compensating veterans for service-connected disabilities was more than one third of the agency’s $25 billion budget. When combined with pension payments made to veterans with disabilities not traceable to military service the total is $13.9 billion or more than half of VA’s annual budget.

To be eligible for pension, a veteran must be totally and permanently disabled from a nonservice-connected cause and his family income may not exceed an amount specified by law — currently $6,980 per year for a veteran with a spouse. No such income restrictions apply to compensation payments.

Some 800,000 veterans and 1 million survivors now receive pension.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF VA SPEAKS AT ADBC CONVENTION

The ADBC was very fortunate to have Everett Alvarez, Jr., Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration, as its featured speaker at its 38th annual convention held in Miami Beach, Florida from May 1 to May 3, 1983. Mr. Alvarez has a compassion for former prisoners of war, having been detained by his North Vietnamese captors for a period of eight and one half years.

President Reagan nominated him to be Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration on July 26, 1982 and confirmed by the Senate on August 20, 1983. Mr. Alvarez spoke on Public Law 97-37, Former Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 1981. He emphasized that the Veterans Administration was deeply concerned that the intent of this law be fully developed and implimented.

Mr. Alvarez displayed his nearness to those who were former prisoners of war, by going from table to table, and meeting all those who attended the program and banquet on a personal basis. Although his schedule was tight, he listened to their concerns and expressed his desire to assist in any way he possibly could.

It was very heart warming to all those present, to see Everett Alvarez, Jr. touring the banquet room and meeting all those present for the occasion.

1984 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Executive Board accepted the report of the Convention Committee. The Committee recommended the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. The hotel gave us an offer we presented to the board — really one we couldn’t turn down.

When did you last pay $20.00 for a single or $25.00 for a double. No that’s not a typo. That’s the new law. In order to receive this concession we changed the dates to May 27, 1984 to June 3, 1984. This is the same hotel we stayed at last Convention we had in Kansas City. You might remember the building they blew up across the street on the Sunday morning. The hotel has been recently re-decorated. More details later.
Dear Joe,

On April 9 there was a POW/MIA memorial service at the new National Cemetery at Otis AFB in my town. It was very nice and the mall of flags on this windy day was impressive. Clips from the local paper enclosed.

Also of interest to the Massachusetts members is new legislation authorizing local town governments to award total abatement on auto excise tax. My town meeting voted on it a couple of weeks ago and decided to go for it. They’re not losing much because I think I’m the only XPOW in town. At the same time Mass. legislated effective March 28 of this year to provide free distinctive license plates to former POWs. I went to the local registry and picked mine up.

I was in the 27th Material Squadron at Nichols’ Field, stayed in service and retired in 1964 as a Master Sergeant. Moved here to Cape Cod and managed the Base Exchange at Otis AFB for seven years and then retired again and have been a Realtor ever since. I’ve been lucky to be in moderately good health.

Good luck,
Fred Rohde
Life Member #1730

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All good wishes in your work and in the New Year.

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REUNION

Defenders of Wake Island Reunion October 5-9, 1983 at the Buena Park Holiday Inn, 7000 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, Calif. For info contact Rudy M. Slezek, 1501 West Elm, Fullerton, Calif. Phone: 714-879-8625.

NOTHING TO DO
If you don’t have anything else to do give this some thought. Congressman Mervyn Dykmal who represents Gardena, CA, introduced Bills HR 7383 and HR 7384, on Dec. 8, 1982. These bills would provide (60) six billion in compensation” for Japanese-Americans who were sent to internment camps at the start of WWII. Didn’t want to upset you but if I did write your Congresswoman to vote against the bills.
WHAT 97-37 MEANT TO THE PRISONERS OF WAR

It has established an Advisory Committee on former P.O.W.'s. This Committee has made recommendations to the Veteran's Administration regarding the treatment and service to the former P.O.W.'s. Many have been accepted and regulations and directives were sent to the Regional Offices and Medical Centers to carry out these actions. Some of the approved items:

1. The Patient Data (plastic treatment) cards to be marked with a priority code 1 or 2 and the initials "P.O.W.", to be placed at the bottom of the card (check your card if not correct, have it changed).

2. Your treatment and claim folders are to be marked by a P.O.W. tab to alert the V.A. Personnel of special handling.

3. The V.A. has produced a film "A Flag For P.O.W.", which has been distributed to all Regional Offices, Medical Centers, and Clinics. Special programs of orientation, indoctrination and training are to be held to insure the unique requirements for handling the former prisoners of war.

4. P.L. 97-37 stated the specific diseases rated as presumptive "shall" be considered service connected if manifested 10% or more. The V.A. used the more permissive "may". If your rejection of a claim indicates the word MAY regarding the specific diseases, I would suggest your Service Officer appeal your claim.

5. Priority 1 or 2 gives you a full treatment for any medical need at the V.A. Medical Center. (fee basis only for service connected items), for Nursing Home Care, (service connected has prior status). The best way to gain admittance to the Nursing Home is by being in a V.A. Hospital first and be transferred to the Home.

The former P.O.W. is entitled to all types of prosthetics, including eye glasses.

6. The former P.O.W. is entitled to all dental needs.

7. A new chapter #17 for the "Physician's Guide" has been printed and added to the "Guide", it is titled "Evaluation of Former Prisoners of War". The protocol will aid the Physician to give a complete examination.

8. Next printing of the "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" will have a separate section for Former P.O.W.'s.

9. The V.A. established coordinator's at each of their Regional Offices, Medical Centers, and Clinics. They had a meeting of Senior Medical Officers in Washington, D.C., April 12, 1983 to instruct them in the unique requirements for treatment of former P.O.W.'s. They also were instructed in the completion and exams of the medical protocol. Dr. Nardini was one of the Doctors who spoke to the Doctors in an effort to sensitize them for their future association with P.O.W.'s. Their mission will be to go back to their regions and spread the word of compassion and empathy toward the P.O.W.

The local Medical Centers and Clinics are to appoint a coordinator, someone who has time to devote to the P.O.W. as they visit the V.A. Medical Centers and Clinics for treatment. Also, they are to have a Professional Coordinator if possible, one who is "Privileged", one who will be able to advise the P.O.W. Veteran on his present health needs. The dental clinics too are to have a coordinator. As a P.O.W. of more than 6 months, you are entitled to complete dental care.

10. At the suggestion of the Advisory Committee, a medical protocol was developed with the cooperation of the V.A. The printed copies of your V.A. Refer to V.A. form 10-0048, "The Former P.O.W. Medical History". This questionnaire has 61 questions to be answered. We ask that you fill this out at home where you have ample time and have access to your records. Any questions you can't answer, take it to the V.A. and they will help you to finish it.

This form is to be mailed to you by the V.A. but don't depend on it, if you don't receive it by the first of July, 1983, I would contact your service officer or the V.A. coordinator nearest you and have them send it to you. Return it to the V.A., ask for the coordinator and ask them to start the scheduling of your many examinations. You should be given a complete physical check up including extensive lab work. The examinations are included on V.A. forms pages B-3 to B-13. If properly given, you should have had the best physical of your life.

I think we all know the difference between a physical given by concerned Doctors and one given by Doctors who have no interest. Your recourse is to go to the P.O.W. coordinator, your service officer or to the Advisory Committee Member. If you choose this route, be sure to document all the facts (names, dates, times, etc.) so he can give this information when he states your case.

When your questionnaire (form 10-0048) is finished, be sure they make a copy, have one copy attached to your treatment file and one to your claim file.

11. Each Regional Office shall designate one or more rating boards to be specifically responsible for rating P.O.W. claims. "These Rating Specialists shall exercise utmost care, sensitivity and compassion in evaluating P.O.W. claims by giving full credence to conditions, consistent with reasonable doubt principle, and by providing all due process". All ratings of P.O.W.'s will be reviewed by the Adjudication Officer, or a designee, not lower than a chief, for compliance with the requirements for consideration of P.O.W. claims before rating is promulgated.

I believe this covers the items already agreed to and are implemented by the V.A. It (Continued on page 4)

P.O.W. INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Sheila Waters (Director, U.S.A. Division) is seeking photographs, maps, medals, documents, weapons and indications of life in P.O.W. camps for an Exhibition to be staged in Baltimore; and possibly taken to many parts of the United States as a mobile museum to raise funds for the welfare of former Far East and Nazi Prisoners of War. If anyone can help they can contact her at P.O. Box 5635, Baltimore, Maryland. 21210.

All items may be donated, or placed on loan.

TOUR DEPARTURES

THURS., November 24, 1983 — BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI departs under tour leader LOYD MILLS . . . some of the places visited will be Singapore, Thailand (River Kwai), Hong Kong and Manila.

MONDAY, December 5, 1983 — THE ORYOKU MARU REMEMBRANCE TOUR departs from San Francisco . . . includes a visit to Japan, Bataan, Corregidor, Olongapo, Capas, Cabanatuan and Davao.

Both of these tours are sponsored by the Western States Chapter, American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor. For information write: BOB REYNOLDS, Valor Tours, Ltd., Schoonmaker Bldg., Sausalito, CA 94965

VA URGES VETERANS TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION

At the turn of the century a popular song was "My Name Is Morgan" (But It Ain't J.F.). The song went on to tell about a young girl who mistakenly thought her boyfriend was one of the world's richest men. Well, 80 years later and in the computer age, the Veterans Administration occasionally has problems with names, too.

The Morgans aren't big problems, but others are. Consider this: VA computers have the names of over 304,000 Smiths, 202,000 Jonhsons, 149,000 Williamses, and 144,000 Jones. The agency even lists 50 Ronald Reagans and over 100 Harry Walters. (He's the new VA Administrator)

These names become a problem when one of these ex-GIs write to the agency and don't include their all important military serial number, social security number or VA claim number. Now it isn't necessarily impossible to locate a veteran's file without these numbers, but with over 34 million names of former servicemen and women in VA files, including your number will simplify things — and greatly speed up the answer.

So remember, if you contact the agency about your VA benefits — past, present or potential — please be prepared to provide an identifying number — your military, social security or VA claim number. You'll be doing both VA and yourself a favor.

Mrs. Elmer (Thelma) Bensing is in serious condition with internal complications at the Jewish Hospital. If you care to send card: Jewish Hospital, 217 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky. 40202.

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is up to each local V.A. to carry out the orders from the Central Office. The Central Office has completed the sensitizing of the Sr. Medical Officers, they are in turn to sensitize the personnel at the lower levels.

The V.A.'s is also aware "The Burden of Proof" is with the V.A. The "Circumstances of Service" is to be considered as well as "Buddy" statements. "Reasonable Doubt" says if something exists which cannot be proved, nor disproved then the consideration must be given the P.O.W.

The Advisory Committee is working on some other material and if accepted, will announce later.

I think I can say any of us on the Advisory Committee will help if called upon. If the V.A. faculty has any doubt on any of the above, ask them to contact either Donald C. Custis, MD, Chief Medical Director, or Doctor Howard Cohn, both of DM&S.

All of us know it will take time for all this to jell. So we ask you to be patient but insistent to receive your just treatment. After you give enough patience and they still don't respond, I think you are at liberty to take what ever steps you think might persuade them.

Joseph A. Vater
Chairman of Administrative Sub-committee
Advisory Committee

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BELATED HEROINE STATUS ACCORDED WITH WORLD WAR II WOMEN

What some refer to as "an event that is 40 years overdue" brought recognition to a little known group of women who will converge on Washington from as far away as Brazil.

Beginning with their arrival in Washington April 7, a three-day reunion of American women who were World War II prisoners of war of the Japanese was sponsored by veterans organizations, the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense.

In February 1945, when American forces reached the Philippines after four years of fighting back Japan's surprise sweep of Pacific Islands, they found 81 women among the Americans held prisoner in Santo Tomas University. They were Army and Navy nurses, two dietitians and a physical therapist who had stayed to help the wounded among the last defenders of the Philippines on Bataan and Corregidor.

When General Jonathan Wainwright's troops could no longer hold out on Corregidor, the women were among the defenders who became Japanese prisoners of war on May 6, 1942. Transferred to Santo Tomas in June, they remained there until American troops arrived in February 1945. Miraculously, all of the military women had survived.

These long forgotten events come to the attention of the Veterans Administration during a January meeting of the agency's Prisoners of War Advisory Committee. Sam Moody of Longwood, Florida, a member of the advisory committee, remarked to VA Chief Beneficent Director Dorothy Starbuck that there were a number of women among 90,000 American former prisoners of war.

Through an intensive outreach effort by VA benefits counselors, more than 60 were found to be alive. When preparations were made for the National POW/MIA Recognition Day, April 8, the women were invited to participate in Washington ceremonies. Thirty-one agreed to come.

In a letter to each of the women, Miss Starbuck said:

"I want to tell you how very delighted we are that you have accepted the invitation to join us in Washington for the observance of POW/MIA Day. A rather busy schedule has been planned for you . . . ."

That schedule included for April 7, the arrival time of each - at Union Station, Dulles and National Airport - and a reception that evening at the Bolling AFB Officers Club sponsored by the chiefs of nursing organizations, military as well as VA and Red Cross.

On Friday, April 8, they were guests of Assistant Secretary of Defense Lawrence J. Korb at a Pentagon reception. At 11 a.m., they joined in a Riverfront ceremony in observance of POW/MIA Day. They were luncheon guests of Administrator of Veterans Affairs Harry N. Walters in the general officers dining room.

A White House reception in the Indian Treaty Room of the Executive Office Building was scheduled for 3 p.m. After a brief respite at their quarters at Bolling AFB, they were received at the National Headquarters of the Disabled American Veterans, 807 Maine Avenue, S.W., by Congressional and government leaders. Each received a flag that had been flown over the Capitol from Congressmen John Paul Ham- merschmidt (R-Arkansas) and special 4 - THE QUAN medallions presented by DAV.

VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery hosted them on April 9 for a tour of Arlington Cemetery and other points of Washington and a luncheon at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. Saturday evening they were guests of the American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam (AMVETS) at its Silver Helmet Awards Banquet at the Baltimore Hilton.

Most departed on April 10, after recording 201 Pin Oak Pl.
Frankfort, Ky 40601
1 April 83

Dear Mr. Vater

Over the past two years I have purchased copies of those books listed in "The Quan" published by the members on their experience in the Philippines. Since I have copies of the Quan only from 1981 I have most probably missed quite a few books. Therefore I would be interested in hearing from any of the members who still have copies of their books for sale. I would also be interested in purchasing back issues of "The Quan."

Yours,
Charles H. Bogart

P.S. The January/February 1983 issue of "Armor" published by the Armor Ass. at Ft. Knox has a really great story of the 26th Cavalry (PS). The cover picture is of a Scout and his horse. The article is by Captain Jeffrey W. Woodall.

INFO WANTED

Peter Drill w/o USAF(ret.) 1301 Troy St., Arora, Colo. 80021 was in 60th CAG "A" Bat. from April 1937 to May 31, 1940 and stationed at Middle-side Barracks. Some of the names he inquires about: Sgt. Eil Malich, Swede Carlson, Sipuyay Vaughan, Robert Doxberry and Edgar Brush. Some of you old timers may know some of these men.

Al McGrew, 8718 Macawa Ave., San Diego, CA, 92123 wishes to locate a museum on Corregidor in the area of the Hq's. Annex Building, adjacent to the Corregidor Memorial at top side. He is working with Jim Black Jr. from Manila who was born on Corregidor and is trying to get the project moving.

The American Chamber of Commerce has funded the preliminary design for the project. If you wish to help, if you have any items you wish to display etc., write Al interviews for the Army Nurse historian.

The events considered an outstanding example of inter-government cooperation by all of the planners involved. Army Assistant Chief, Nurse Col. Connie L. Slewisekey has rallied the support of the Pentagon and her counterparts in the military nursing services. VA director of volunteers, Ed Rose, organized the help of service organizations. Hundreds of VA employees throughout the country have joined with veterans organizations and business groups to pay transportation costs. Volunteer assistance was offered by Army, Navy, Air Force, the Red Cross and dozens of VA employees. Volunteers of the Park Police provided escort for the buses transporting the group to the various activities.

One member of the group, Madeline M. Ullum, of Tucson, Arizona, returns home with an appointment certificate as the only female member of VA's Prisoners of War Advisory Committee. The 16-member group, which meets quarterly with VA officials is chaired by retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn, a POW in North Vietnam for 5½ years.
IMPORTANT

Save this list of coordinators if you have a problem seek their help first, your service officer next, Washington, D.C. next.

INFO NEEDED

Does anyone remember Francis X. Goulart who was from Rhode Island and was on Bataan in the Air Force. If you can add any information for the family write Charles M. Williams, 17716 Larchmont Terrace, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877. We understand Francis Died 1969 — Thanks.

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17.2 Introduction

THERE IS A UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED NEED FOR COMPASSION AND SENSITIVITY TO THE POW EXPERIENCE. THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN MUST BE CONSISTENTLY AWARE OF THE MEDICAL SEQUELAE ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE AND PROLONGED STRESS AND PHYSICAL DEPRIVATION.

17.2.1 General

It has been estimated that more than 90,000 former POW's from World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era are still living. Studies in this country and abroad have shown that the physical deprivation and psychological stress endured as a captive have lifelong effects on subsequent health, social, and vocational adjustment. Specific residuals are known to be induced by prior malnutrition. Former POW's have significantly higher incidence rates for illnesses in many body systems, and longer hospital stays. Vulnerability to psychological stress is also markedly increased.

When examining former POW's, physicians should do so with particular thoroughness to discover all disabilities, in addition to those claimed, which are present, particularly those characteristically associated with confinement and deprivation as a POW. Pertinent special examinations will be accomplished in each claim with special reference to manifestations of metabolic origin, psychiatric character, or other syndrome consequent to malnutrition, avitaminosis, exposure, or other circumstances under which the veteran was held as a POW.

On August 14, 1981, Congress passed and the President signed, Public Law 97-37, the "Former Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 1981." This law includes persons detained or interned during periods other than wartime, liberalizes eligibility requirements, and extend existing benefits.

A copy of this law may be obtained from your local or State Government law libraries.

17.3. Standard Medical Evaluation Protocol for Former POW's

It is anticipated that many former POW's will contact the VA to determine their eligibility to receive benefits under this law. Accordingly, the Department of Medicine and Surgery has developed a standard medical evaluation protocol relevant to the POW experience which is to be used by all VA health care facilities. This protocol consists of a Special Former POW Medical History Questionnaire and a Physical Examination Package.

a. Special Former POW Medical History Questionnaire (VA Form 10-0048). This special former POW medical history questionnaire permits recording of detailed information concerning military history, history of captivity, and history of release from captivity and repatriation. This questionnaire will be filled out by the former POW at home where access to military and other documents is readily available. This questionnaire will be presented to the examining physician who will check its contents for completeness and necessary amplification. Instructions to the examinee are included with the questionnaire. VA Form 10-0048 should be completed only once and a copy must accompany the examination to the regional office which requested the examination.

b. Physical Examination Package. The physical examination package consists of a Clinical Record-History, Part 1 and Part 2 (Standard Forms 504 and 505); a Medical Record - Part IV, System Review (VA Form 10-7978d); a Medical Record - Part V, Physical Examination (VA Form 10-7978e); and a Summary Sheet (SF 518). The physical examination will also include a sigmoidoscopic examination. Instructions to the examining physician are included as part of the package.

17.4. Specific Conditions Relevant to the POW Experience

The following specific conditions relevant to the POW experience are cited in Public Law 97-37 and require a detailed review and evaluation by the examiner:

a. Avitaminosis
b. Beriberi (including beriberi heart disease)
c. Chronic dysentery
d. Helminthiasis
e. Malnutrition (including optic atrophy associated with malnutrition)
f. Pellagra
g. Any other nutritional deficiency
h. Psychosis, or
i. Any of the anxiety states.

Many of these conditions are discussed in chapters 4, 7, and 14.

Editor's Note — Save this item if you get a hard time from some V.A. Doctor. Show him what is expected of him.

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George E. Kelley, 1109 Haynes Dr.,
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his brother Corporal Ernest O. Kelley. He is
reported as having served in Bataan. If you
can help write George.
FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR BRIEFING

I. Former Prisoners of War Eligibility for Care:

a. Hospital Care — Former prisoners of war are eligible for hospital and nursing home care without the requirement to affirm their inability to defray the cost of such care for nonservice-connected disabilities (P.L. 97-37). The status of former Prisoner of War does not affect the admission priorities. If the individual is service-connected, he/she would be afforded the appropriate service-connected priority and if nonservice connected, the nonservice-connected priority would be applied.

b. Outpatient Medical Care — Former prisoners of war are eligible for outpatient medical services for treatment of any disability within VA health care facilities under the direct jurisdiction of the Administrator and Government facilities for which the Administrator contracts (P.L. 97-37). They are not entitled to fee basic care based solely on their status as prisoner of war. Out-patient priority treatment is authorized for former prisoners of war. Their priority for outpatient treatment of nonservice-connected disabilities is directly following the service-connected veteran and before all nonservice-connected veterans.

NOTE: The period of internment is not a consideration in eligibility of a former prisoner of war for hospital care, nursing home care or outpatient medical services. Former prisoners of war rated as service connected will be afforded the highest priority appropriate for the treatment required. It should also be recognized that the nonservice-connected former prisoner of war has a greater entitlement to outpatient services for nonservice-connected disabilities than the service-connected veteran rated less than 50% service connected.

c. Outpatient Dental Care: Former prisoners of war are entitled to outpatient dental treatment for their service-connected dental condition or for a dental condition held to be associated with and aggravating a service-connected disability without regard to the length of time interned. To receive outpatient dental services for nonservice-connected dental conditions not considered adjunct to a service-connected disability, former-POWs must have been interned for a period not less than 181 days (P.L. 96-22).

d. Prosthetics — Public Law 97-37 authorized the furnishing of outpatient medical services for any disability on an outpatient basis to former prisoners of war. Prosthetic appliances which include eyeglasses are within the definition of medical services and therefore ex-POWs receiving outpatient medical services are eligible to receive prosthetic appliances (eyeglasses) medically determined to be necessary for the disability being treated. Spare eyeglasses may be provided to veterans for a service-connected eye disability or those in training under Chapter 31 only if medically determined that the veteran would be severely handicapped during the time involved if replacement or repair is necessary. Tinted lenses may be issued only if determined to be medically necessary.

II. Conditions Considered Proximate or Adjunct to a Service-Connected Condition —

Public Law 97-37 reduced from 6 months to 30 days, the internment period that former POWs must have undergone for the purpose of allowing certain diseases, found to be at least 10% disabling and manifest after service at any time, to be presumed to have been contracted during or aggravated by such internment, with or without medical documentation. These diseases are avitaminosis, beriberi, chronic dysentery, helminthiasis, malnutrition or any other nutritional deficiency, pellagra, and psychosis together with any of the anxiety states. The former 2-year time limitation following such service for psychosis to become manifest is no longer applicable. This presumptive service connection requires adjudicative action. The matter of conditions associated with and aggravating a service-connected disability (adjunct conditions) applies to service-connected former prisoners of war in the same manner as to any service-connected veteran. The issue of adjunct conditions is not a major factor in providing outpatient services as former prisoners of war are entitled to outpatient service for any disability.

III. Other

a) Workload Data

A Patient Treatment File report (PTF 842) is available for information regarding ex-POW inpatient care. However, there is no outpatient ex-POW reporting mechanism at the present time. Mrs. Jacqueline McEwan (10C3B) indicated the Program Analysis & Development Service is in the process of developing an outpatient report on outpatient treatment provided to former prisoners of war. This reporting procedure is still in the developmental stage and there is no anticipated date for implementation.

b) Patient Data Cards for Former Prisoners of War

Eligibility Code 1 is used if service-connected 50% or more, and the legend "POW" is entered in the special category item.

Eligibility Code 2 is used if the former prisoner of war is service connected less than 50%.

To distinguish those service-connected former prisoners of war from nonservice-connected veterans with Code 2, the percent of service-connected disability is entered in spaces 13, 14 and 15. In addition, the legend "POW" is entered in the special category item.

Eligibility Code 2 is also used for service-connected former prisoners of war, and the legend "POW" is entered in the special category item.

ELIGIBILITY CODE

The lowest numbered appropriate eligibility code is always used:

1. Service connected 50 percent or more.
2. Aid and attendance or housebound, a veteran of the Mexican border period or of World War II (Continued on page 10)
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MINDANO  December 28, 1981

One of 83, about 4:30 P.M. on the afternoon of September 7, 1944, a prison ship loaded with 750 Japanese Prisoners of War was sunk by an American submarine.

This Is My Story

Even after the evacuation of Davao, however, there were still some 750 prisoners left at Jassang, on the island of Mindanao. These men had been transferred there on 2 March 1944, to work as laborers on a work detail at a Japanese air strip. The prisoners in this detail, among whom there were many American officers, suffered untold hardships. They were cruelly beaten by their captors, forced to work unreasonably long hours at the most grueling kinds of labor, and were given only limited food rations. They were given no protection against the bombs dropped on the air strip by American planes.

In late August or early September 1944 these 750 prisoners were loaded aboard a Japanese freighter, crowded into 2 holds, and shipped north. Several different times the ship was bombed by American planes, and on 7 September it was struck by torpedoes fired by American ships.

Prisoners who jumped from the ship into the water were machine-gunned by the Japanese as they struggled in the water. Others were beaten to unconsciousness by their guards and thrown into the sea to drown. Only 87 of the original 750 who had gone aboard the ship managed to escape with their lives, and eventually reached the Philippine archipelago. There they established contact with Filipino guerrillas, who helped them reach the American forces. They then told their story.

Just before the attack I heard an awful commotion on deck. The Japs uncovered the hatch and started shooting and dropping hand grenades down in the hold then everything went black. When I was unconscious I heard a voice tell me three times to grab the rope. When I came to I saw this rope hanging down from the hatch. I had to swim over dead bodies to get the rope.

I climbed on to the deck and started to jump in the water when I heard cries for help. I went back to the hatch and pulled five or six men out and told them to head for shore. I started to jump again and I heard another voice cry for help. I went back to the hatch and I saw this head, he didn't have enough strength to pull himself out, so I pulled him out and told him to head for shore. I looked down in the hatch to see if anyone else was alive, no one was.

All the time this was going on the Japs were shooting at us from the rear of the ship. I don't know how they missed us, but I'm glad they did. They didn't want anyone to escape.

I jumped into the water and swam about 2 miles to shore. I was so weak when I arrived I couldn't get up. I laid on the sand for a while to get my strength back. I started to get up when I noticed the sand was red with blood. At the time I thought I was dying, but it was only small fragment wounds.

The Japs were still firing at me as I ran into the jungle, they didn't want me to escape. I made contact with the Filipino guerrillas and they helped me reach the American forces. We were taken to their headquarters and our wounds were treated and we were given food, the first good food in over two years.

The last man I rescued is still living today. His name is Cletis Ovton, 2800 Dalewood, Little Rock, AR 72207. This happened 37 years ago. I had forgotten all about the incident until Mr. Ovton told the story at our 1981 convention at Pontana Dam in North Carolina. He is the only man that I know that is still living that I rescued. That was a happy reunion.

Joseph Jones
862 Harrisburg Pike
Grove City, OH 43123

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Cletis D. Ovton
2800 Oakwood Rd.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

ORYOKU MRU REMEMBRANCE

MAGALIA, CALIF. — A committee of survivors has been formed to develop the ORYOKU MRU Memorial in Olongpo City, Republic of the Philippines near the site where this 'Hell Ship' carrying 1600 American Prisoners of War was sunk on December 15th, 1944.

According to the Chairman/Treasurer of the Committee, Col. Charles Brown, himself a survivor of this horrible ordeal, the existing Memorial at Post 4, American Legion in Olongpo City will be beautified with marble covering and developed to include a larger bronze plaque summarizing the tragic history of this vessel.

A book, "The Story of the Oryoku Maru", is available from Col. Brown by sending a check in the amount of $7 to 13680 Andover Drive, Magalia, CA 95954 to cover printing and postal expense. The ORYOKU MRU REMEMBRANCE Committee seeks to raise sufficient funds to beautify the Memorial and have the flags of both the Philippines and the USA raised on each side of it. Funds for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial must also be raised.

A DEDICATION tour planned especially for the survivors, relatives and friends will depart San Francisco on December 3rd, 1983 under the leadership of Col. Brown. This tour will include anniverary celebrations of the attack on the Philippines on December 8th as well as the dedication of the Memorial on December 15th. The tour will include Manila, Bataan, Corregidor, Olongpo, Cabanatuan and Davao Penal Colony. Included in the tour cost will be a contribution of $50 from each tour member toward the cost of the Memorial. Contributions by those who cannot attend the dedication should be sent to Col. Brown with checks made payable to ORYOKU MRU MEMORIAL.

Sponsors of the Memorial other than the SURVIVORS are The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Western States Chapter, DBC, Philippines, the American Legion Post 4 in Olongpo City, the Kiwanis Clubs in the Philippines, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara, California.

Contributors to the Memorial Fund will receive a full report of how the funds were used together with a summary of the dedication tour and photos of the event.

Donations can be made to any member of the Committee, with checks made payable to the Oryoku Maru Memorial Fund.

1. Charles M. Brown
   13680 Andover Dr.,
   Magalia, Ca. 95954
2. Loyd Mills
   1416 Le Conte Dr.,
   Riverside, Ca. 92507
3. Edward Fisher
   1942 Desert Circle #8
   Walnut Creek, Ca. 94598
4. Edward Konik
   Box 611
   Woodland Park, Colo. 80663
W. HAUSER

A MASS FOR William A. Hauser, 62, a survivor of the Bataan death march and of 3½ years in Japanese captivity during World War II, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1983, in St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. 4th St., Hinsdale.

Mr. Hauser, who was a U.S. Postal Service branch supervisor and past commander of the Hinsdale VFW, died Thursday in Hinsdale Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mr. Hauser, a lifelong resident of Hinsdale, enlisted in the National Guard in 1940 and was sent overseas in 1941 as a member of the 192d Tank Battalion of Maywood. He was captured during the fall of Bataan in 1942.

Mr. Hauser is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons, William and Joseph; a daughter, Nancy; a grandchild; a sister, and a brother.

ROBERT INGHAM

INGHAM, ROBERT F.; 60, died of cancer on March 31, 1983 at the VA Medical Center at Augusta, Georgia. He was a life member of The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor and the Woodmen of the World. He was a member of the 60th Coast Artillery of the Philippine Department and was captured by the Japanese when Corregidor fell. He was still in the Philippines when he was liberated in 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, two sons and two daughters.

Funeral services were held at Fort Gordon, Ga. and interment was at the Garden of Memories, New Orleans, La.
Dear Sir:

This letter is to notify you of the death of Stanley Czarnecki on Feb. 27th, 1983 after a prolonged illness which started in 1970 at age 49. I cannot help but feel that this was a residual of his ¾ years as a prisoner of the Japanese. Stan was captured on Bataan, was in the 31st Infantry as a Mortarman and spent his POW days in Bilibid, Cabanatuan and subsequently in the coal mine on the Island of Kyushu.

I am appalled at the length of time it took the government to recognize the problems of the POWs. I cannot help but be bitter that they waited so long — or in their infinite wisdom did they realize that most of the POWs would already be dead?

Stan suffered his first heart attack in August of 1970 — had open heart surgery in February of 1971 and was never able to work again. He had a series of heart attacks and strokes from July of 1976 thru the end which bit by bit wittled away rendering him blind and paralyzed in May of 1977. It was only after I had exhausted all the benefits from Blue Cross/Blue Shield (coverage I had thru my employment at GM) Medica-l, and personal savings that I appealed to the VA for assistance. Stan had a 30% service connected disability and the VA (at that time — October 1977) maintained they would not have to keep him at their nursing facility. It was only thru a battery of letters and communications which went all the way to the head of the VA in Washington and direct contact with Congresswoman Lagomarsino in Santa Barbara that they agreed to accept him.

The emotional trauma connected with the entire situation cannot be documented. Even after his entering the Sepulveda VA nursing facility on November 29th of 1977 there was undue harassment by the Staff including the resident doctor. Time and again they called me at work, just about put me on trial in an effort to dismiss him because he was too vocal in his desire to be at home. Stan's total disability rendered him helpless and unable to care for himself and definitely in need of 24 hour care. Had the possibility of his being cared for at home been feasible — he would never have gone to the VA in the first place. The despair, heartache and total helplessness cannot be measured. It was only after the passing of the POW law and the transfer of Stan to the VA in Waus Woods Wisconsin (his wish because all five children live there) that I realized some respite from the feeling I was on trial.

The absolute worst part of the entire ordeal was the fact that Stan was again a prisoner — this time of his own body. Nightmares that lasted all day prevailed taking him back to the jungle hospital on Bataan and the planes that flew over the rehabilitation center in Santa Barbara were to him “bed-check Charlie” coming after him! Only the men who were there understand and only the wives/mothers know what it is like to have lived with an ex-POW!

Stan's physical illness spanned 18 years but the emotional scars were there.

Howard LaCourse, 62, of 2275 Brown Road, Oregon, died in Veteran Administration Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was an army staff sergeant and served 20 years in World War II and the Korean War. He had been a prisoner of war more than three years. He retired in 1963.

Surviving are his wife, Joan; sons, Robert, and Howard Jr.; daughters, Ann LaCourse, Mrs. Dorothy Lillstrum; sister, Mrs. Elva Jordan; stepbrothers, Theodore and Thomas LaCourse, and stepsisters, Mrs. Phyllis Sayers, Mrs. Geraldine Reynolds, and Pat Karoly.

Services were held on Thursday, March 3, 1983 at Eggleston-Meinert-Welsh, Coy Road.

HOWARD LaCOURSE

P.O. Box 173
Roeford, NC. 28376

Died of Heart Problems — served with HQ & HQ Bat. CAC.

Creston A. Rowland

6730A — Iron Gate Rd.
Gates Four Country Club
Fayetteville, N.C. 28301

U.S.S. Manager Survivor — Died of Heart Problems.

Curtis Stevens


December 24, 1941.

JIM MOORE

Throughout the years after his release from the army. All the symptoms were there — depression — anxiety — nightmares — detachment from reality, from family — I could write a book. Many times throughout our lives I called the VA because I knew his was not normal behavior. Help was slow in coming — now it is too late, perhaps too late for us but hopefully the more recent internees may receive the help they really need.

My sympathies lie with the women these men married for that is the experience I am very familiar with.

I would be interested in knowing if there is anyone who may remember him from prison camp? His number was 267. Of course they called him “Polak”. That may ring a bell with someone.

This letter was intended just to inform you of Stan’s demise — however there were things that needed to be said.

I had signed Stan up for lifetime membership — will I continue to receive the “QUAN”? I would like that and am interested in knowing what is going on.

If you need any more information on Stan’s heart problems please feel free to write — I don’t know exactly what it is you want to know.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Czarnecki
340 Old Mill Road #103
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Joe Harris

Mr. Joe Virgil Harris, 59, of 6202 Summer Forrest died Saturday, May 14, 1983. Mr. Harris had been a resident of San Antonio for 28 years, member and President of Cross of Victory Lutheran Church Congregation, store manager of Fox Stanley Photo Products, Inc. 1720 Broadway, member Abilene Masonic Lodge #559 A.F. & A.M., Abilene, Tex., life member of D.A.V., member American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, member of Ex-Prisoner of War, Commissioner of Boy Scout Troop #536. Survivors: Wife: Mrs. Grace F. Harris. Daughter: Mrs. Melanie Burleson. Sons: Mr. Jon Paul Harris all of San Antonio, Mr. Larry Joe Harris, Independence, Mo., Mr. Walter E. Harris, San Antonio.

William F. Main Jr.

Mr. William F. Main Jr., passed away, after a long illness, at the Florence, Oregon Hospital on April 9, 1983. According to his wishes, he was cremated with his ashes scattered at sea. Bill Main was 72 years old.

Bill Main was stationed at Clark Field at the start of WWII, having arrived there in November. He was a member of the 69th Ordinance and was a specialist in small arms, having been a master gunsmith all of his life, a trade that he followed until his retirement a few years ago.

He spent 14 months in the hills of Pam-panga province after having escaped from Bataan with six other companions, following the surrender on April 9, 1942. After being captured near San Fernando he spent 3 months in Bilibid where he withstood almost 3 months of interrogation by the Japanese. Following that he was sent to Cabanatuan where he spent 12 months before being sent to Japan in 1944.

He is survived by his wife, Kay who resides in Florence, Oregon, and also by grown step children and several grand children.

George Crowell

Crowell, George W. 600 North 74th Avenue, Pensacola, Florida, died December 24, 1982 of complications from heart disease and pneumonia. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Pensacola with full military honors. He was a survivor of the Death March and was imprisoned at O’Donnell, Cabanatuan and Camp 17, Omata, Kuyasu. He leaves his wife Mattie and 2 children and a grandson. He was 70 years of age.

The above information was furnished me by his wife. I am sorry I failed to obtain his organization.

Charles O. Watkins

Charles O. Watkins of St. Petersburg, Fla. passed away March 23, 1983 at the Bay Pines VMC in Fla. He was there 3 weeks seriously ill. He had Lautens Cirrhosis and Hepatic coma. Survived by Wife Eliza.
L.R. McGuire

Lawrence R. McGuire, 68, of 715 Leonard N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on April 24, 1983 of pulmonary complications resulting from cancer. He was also afflicted with heart disease and had a coronary by-pass operation.

Originally from McGregor, Iowa, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940 and was a member of the 28th Bombardment Squadron (F.E.A.F.) stationed at Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

He was present during the Japanese bombing and strafing attack of Clark Field and the subsequent evacuation to Bataan. With the remainder of the 28th Bombardment Squadron, he was sent to Mindinao aboard the unarmed inter-island steamer, S.S. Mayan being bombed by Japanese aircraft enroute. On Mindinao, McGuire served as an infantryman until the surrender of all U.S. forces in the Philippine Islands on May 10, 1942.

McGuire was held prisoner on Mindinao until transported to Luzon in early October of 1942. While on Luzon, he was held briefly at Bilabid prison until being transported to Japan on one of the infamous "hell ships." While enroute, the ship was attacked by a U.S. submarine but escaped unharmed. After stopping briefly in Formosa (Taiwan), the ship sailed on, encountering a typhoon in late October, 1942. In late October, the ship joined a convoy headed for Korea, finally arriving in Fusan, Korea after two other ships in the convoy were sunk by U.S. submarines. The ship left Fusan shortly thereafter and, finally, after 42 days, arrived in Osaka, Japan. The next day, the prisoners were forced to work in the Nippon Steel Mill. He was also a prisoner at the Nippon Steel Camp, the Mitsui Camp and the Nishshing Flour Mill Camp, all also in the Yokohama - Tokyo - Kawasaki area.

After being discharged in 1946, McGuire lived in McGregor and Davenport, Iowa, and lived for the past 25 years in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He is survived by his wife, Bernetta McGuire, a son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Sheila, all of Grand Rapids.

INFORMATION WANTED

Does anyone remember AUSTIN TEAGUE from Ardmore, Oklahoma? Mrs. George Cummings, 2466 La Loma Drive, Rancho Cordove, CA 95670 would like to hear about him. He did not survive his imprisonment in the Philippine. She is his cousin. No other info available.

Keep Elmer Long Happy
Send Him Your Dues If You Haven't Already.
He Will Not Make You A Past Due Statement

CLARENCE H. WHITTINGTON

The funeral for retired Master Sgt. Clarence Hayes Whittington, 68, of 1225 Stansfield Drive, who died Saturday, March 18, 1983 was held at Rogers and Breece Funeral Home. Chaplain Boyle and the Rev. John Hedgepeth will officiate. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park.

Mr. Whittington was a World War II prisoner of war, held by the Japanese for 42 months.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary H. Whittington; a son, Bobby L. Whittington; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia LeFard.

Quans Returned Deceased No Information

Jacob E. Taylor 12953 Carriage Rd. Poway, CA 92064
Robert W. Smythe RFD #1 Box 230 Forest, Mississippi Died Sept. 28, 1982 At the Age of 64 Survived by Wife: Marian Served with HO on Sqd. 27 Bomb Group

Clinton H. Engert P.O. Box 68 Marguard, MO 63655
Le Thayer E. Eckles 941 W. Teak St. Brea, CA 92621
William C. Schroeder Rt. 1 Box 423 Butler, AL 36904

DECEASED

R.M. (Bob) Williams died April 11, 1983 following a massive stroke. No other details. Bob resided P.O. Box 106, Morgan City, LA. 70380. Was a member of Air Force Medical Dept. and was a survivor of the sinking of the Oryoku Maru Dec. 24, 1944. Survived by wife Martha.

Michael O. Hubans, 6231 Landover Rd., Hyattsville, Md. died 1983 at age 82 — no other details.

Robert D. Henderson, ACO, 1st Bn., 4th Mariner, Quan Returned Deceased. No other details.

F.W. Winterline, Box Cave, N.C. 28710. Quan Returned Deceased. No other details.

27th Bomb Group (L) — Reunion

13-15 October, 1983 Biloxi, Ms.
For more information, contact: Charles Cook 3022 Cumberland Way Lithuania, Ga. 30058 Phone: (404) 981-3124

Raymond G. Woolfe, an author and journalist-photographer, is currently doing research for a comprehensive book on the history and role in the 1941-42 defense of Luzon & Bataan of the 26th Cavalry Regiment Philippine Scouts. He is in particular need of information on the enlisted men of the regiment and junior officers up to major. He is interested in names of all who served, their ranks, unit designations, assignments, etc. whether they be alive, deceased or missing. Any current living survivors of the regiment, either here in the U.S. or in the Philippines, would be welcome contacts for him in the interest of doing proper justice to the story of that fine regiment who were the last of America's horse soldiers.

Also of interest, as they were part of the cavalry trained units in the Philippines, would be information about the 23rd Field Artillery (Pack).

Please contact him by mail or telephone collect at:
Raymond G. Woolfe P.O. Box 5561
Charlottesville, VA 22905
Tel: Collect 804-973-2172


JUNE, 1983 — 13
Dear Mr. Vater:

As you know, Chester J. Perry (Perehinczuk) collapsed at the 1981 ADBC Convention in Las Vegas on April 28, 1981. After two months in the Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas the V.A. returned him by air ambulance to Hines V.A. Hospital, Hines, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Since then he has been treated as a patient in the Hines V.A. Hospital, in several private nursing homes on contract to the V.A., and is currently a patient in the new (Oct. 1982) V.A. nursing home at Hines V.A. Hospital.

While his condition has improved a great deal since his return from Las Vegas indications are that he will require nursing home care for an indefinite period of time.

The enclosed photo of Chester and his wife, Irene, was taken in his room at the Hines Nursing Home.

As the second anniversary of his collapse nears Irene and Chester wish to thank those members and friends who have extended their moral support towards them during their ordeal. They also wish to publicly commend the officials and staff of Hines Hospital for the care and attention he is receiving in the facility.

As a close friend of the Perry family (he was in the 200th CA[aa] with me) I am writing this letter to bring his current condition to the attention of his friends in the organization.

Yours truly,
Thomas W. Welsh

Dear Joe:

I am writing to inform you that Legislation passed by the last Virginia General Assembly authorized free State Vehicle license plates and county-city vehicle tags to all former Prisoners of War Veterans who reside in the Commonwealth.

The Division of Motor Vehicles has the particulars concerning this benefit and applications for these license plates should be made through the DMV office.

Sincerely,
Hugh Merritt

Officer Roster of the 3rd Pursuit Squadron
December 8, 1941

First Lieutenants
Henry C. Thorne
James J. Donegan (WIA, Iba, December 8, 1941)
Herbert S. Ellis
Raymond M. Gehrig (WIA, Dec. 8, 1941, Iba)
Robert T. Hanson (KIA, December 13, 1941, Nichols)
Gerald M. Keenan (KIA, March 1, 1942)
Frank V. Neri
Frederick C. Roberts, Jr.

Second Lieutenants
Dana H. Allen, Jr. (Died, July 31, 1942)
James E. Alsobrook
Gordon S. Benson (MIA, January 7, 1945)
James E. Boone (WIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
William H. Brewster (MIA, December 15, 1944)
Joseph L. Burke (MIA, January 9, 1945)
Glenn E. Cave

Charles Philip Christie
George O. Ellstrom (KIA, December 8, 1941)
John S. Daniel (Died, October 27, 1942)
James R. Field (Died, November 11, 1942)
Harold E. Finley
Cleitus R. Garrett (MIA, October 24, 1944)
Howard P. Hardegree (MIA, January 9, 1945)
Robert J. Hinson (WIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
John T. Hynson, Jr. (WIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
Vernon R. Ireland (KIA, December 8, 1941)
Lycurgus W. Johnson (WIA, December 8, 1941)
Andrew E. Krieger
William L. Longmire (Died, February 13, 1943)
James E. Mackey (MIA, September 7, 1944)
Donald H. Miller
Paul O. Mock (Died, August 18, 1942)
Robert W. Newman (Died, August 13, 1942)
John F. O’Connell, Jr. (KIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
Bartholomew A. Passanante (WIA, December 8, 1941)
James H. Pate (Died, August 2, 1942; WIA Iba, Dec. 8, 1941)
William H. Powell, Jr.
Paul Racicot (MIA, October 24, 1944)
Burton R. Richard (Died, January 25, 1945)
Richard L. Root (KIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
Charles A. Sheely
Edgar B. Smith, Jr. (Died, January 8, 1945; WIA Iba, Dec. 8, 1942)
Donald D. Steele
Andrew F. Webb (KIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
Edward R. Woolery (MIA, January 21, 1942)
(Non-Flying) First Lieutenants
Reuben W. Hager (WIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
Frank L. Richardson
(Non-Flying) Second Lieutenants
Shelton E. Avant (KIA, December 8, 1941, Iba)
Marston D. Longholf (Died, May 22, 1942)

3rd Pursuit Squadron
Roster of Enlisted Men

October 1941

Ballew, Glen C., Pvt. (Died Cpl. T.; USAF Cemetery, Yokohama)
Benedict, Frank, S/Sgt.
Bird, Cecil C., Pfc. (Alive in 1978)
Bittner, Robert D., S/Sgt. (Died, July 1976)
Bodnar, Stanley L., Pvt. (Died, July 26, 1946)
Boluck, John, Pvt. (Died, Sept. 7, 1944)
Boog, Stewart A., Pvt. (detached)
Bostedt, Glen C., Pvt. (Died, Cpl. Terp, Manila)
Bostedt, Joe W., Pvt. (Died, Sept. 20, 1942)
Bostedt, John B., Pvt. (Died, July 7, 1942)
Brantley, Henry E., S/Sgt. (Died S/Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Brodeur, Louis A., Pvt.

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Burck, Herman A., Pvt. (Died Cpl., Terp, Manila)
Burroughs, Forrest T., Jr., Pfc. (Died, May 18, 1942)
Carey, Robert H., Pvt. (Died, April 30, 1942)
Carlton, William A., Pvt. (Died, April 30, 1942)
Chateauneuf, Harold, Pvt. (Died, April 15, 1942)
Cheney, Oral G., Sgt., (Died, July 4, 1942)
Childress, Ivan C., Cpl. (Died, May 24, 1942)
Collins, Edward P., T/Sgt. (Died, Terp, Manila, T)
Colvin, Henry M., Pvt. (Died, Terp, Manila, A)
Combs, James M., Pfc.
Commander, Cecil M., S/Sgt. (Died, Dec. 29, 1941)
Corbett, T.V., Pfc.
Cowen, Richard J., Pvt.
Craft, Durward, Pvt. (Died Pfc, Terp, Manila)
Crette, Albert L., Pvt. (Died, Nov. 16, 1942)
Cross, Claire C., Cpl. (Sgt. 6581477 Died Terp, Manila)
Dailey, Frank H., Pvt. (Died, Terp, Manila, Sgt.)
Davis, Kelly S., S/Sgt. (Alive in April 1979)
Denmark, Keller, Jr., Pvt.
Deschambau, Joseph, Pvt. (Died, Dec. 8, 1941)
DeVinny, John S., Jr. Pvt. (Died, August 23, 1942)
Dick, Charles J., Pvt. (Died Ptev, Terp, Manila)
DiStefano, Grazio E., Pvt.
Dixon, Ozzie D., Pfc. (Died, July 2, 1942)
Doolan, Robert L., Pvt. (Died, May 1, 1942)
Doran, John L., Pvt. (Died April 16, 1942)
Douglas, Oscar H., Pvt.
Duinais, Gerald, Cpl. (Died, Dec. 8, 1941)
Dunham, Clyde R., Jr., Pvt. (Died, Jan. 25, 1943)
Dunlap, Harold, S/Sgt. (Died, May 23, 1942)
Dye, Joseph W., Pfc.
Dyrowsinger, Richard W., Cpl. (Died, Nov. 17, 1942)
Engstrom, Walter F., S/Sgt. (2nd Lt. MIA)
Faux, William K., Pvt. (Died May 6, 1942, Hq. Squadron, 4th Composite Group)
Felock, Archie P., S/Sgt. (Died, June 21, 1942)
Foster, Walter T., S/Sgt. (Died, Dec. 12, 1941)
Franklin, Clarence E., S/Sgt. (S/Sgt. MIA; not recovered)
Freeborn, Paul F.J., Sgt.
Freeman, Robert J., Pvt. (detached; died May 29, 1942; Hq. squadron; remains not recovered)
Fritz, Russel, Cpl.
Gallegos, Cornelius, Cpl. (Alive in April 1979)
Gearhart, Lawrence O., Cpl. (Died, Sept. 7, 1944)
Gelineau, Leo, Pvt. (Died, April 30, 1942)
Gillett, Orin H., Pfc. (Died, Dec. 8, 1941)
Gillette, Maxon H., Cpl. (Died, Jan. 31, 1943)
Glessner, Joseph M., S/Sgt.
Good, Harold H., Sgt. (Died, June 10, 1942)
Graw, Charles D., M/Sgt. (M/Sgt. died Terp, Manila)
Grobett, Russell A., Cpl. (Alive in Nov. 1965)
Grow, Floyd D., S/Sgt.
Gwallney, Robert C., S/Sgt. (Alive in April 1979)
Hamilton, Charles A., Pvt. (Died, July 12, 1942)
Hansen, Carlos A., S/Sgt. (Died S/Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Hansen, Richard H., Pvt.
Hanks, Wayne J., Pfc. (Died, April 30, 1942)
Harmon, Leo D., Pvt.
Harris, John C., Pvt. (Died, Nov. 14, 1942)
Haynes, Richard S., S/Sgt. (Died, Sept. 28, 1942)
Herridge, Benjamin T., S/Sgt. (Died, Jan. 25, 1943)
Holland, Cecil F., S/Sgt. (Died Jan. 23, 1943)
Hohlfeld, Jack H., Sgt. (detached; Died, Dec. 26, 1942)
Ingram, Loren R., Pvt. (detached; Died Pvt.; remains not recovered)
Jackson, Robert M., Pfc. (attached; Died Terp, Manila)
Jermstad, Lee M., S/Sgt. (Died S/Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Jewett, John T., S/Sgt., (Died, May 15, 1942)
Johnson, Ray Monical, T/Sgt. (attached; Died, June 25, 1942)
Jones, George L., Pfc.
Jurcsak, John, Cpl. (Died Cpl. Terp, Manila)
Kern, Francis, Pvt. (Died, Feb. 23, 1942)
Konka, Chester A., Sgt.
Landry, Isaac, Cpl. (Died Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Landry, Robert E., Pvt. (Died Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Langland, Wyman H., 1st Sgt. (Died, July 9, 1942)
Lefebre, Francis W., Pvt. (Died, July 9, 1942)
Lennartson, James E., Sgt. (Died Sgt. Terp, Hawaii)
Lewis, Carroll A., Pfc. (Died, Dec. 31, 1942)
Libby, Hiram D., Jr., Pvt. (Died, Oct. 24, 1944)
Lightman, George, Pvt. (Died, Jan. 7, 1944)
Loesche, Karl R., Pvt. (Died, Nov. 16, 1942)
Look, Oscar L., Pvt. (Died Sept. 22, 1942)
Loveland, Donald E., Pvt. (Died Cpl. Terp, Manila)
Lupe, Denny M., Pfc. (Died, July 14, 1942)
Mack, Leo A., Pfc. (Died, Dec. 8, 1941)
Malone, Harlan E., Pfc. (Died, Oct. 24, 1944)
Mangel, Milo B., Cpl. (Died, July 12, 1942)
Martin, Harold B., Pvt. (Died, April 9, 1942)
McBeath, John, T/Sgt. (Died, Oct. 24, 1944)
McBride, Woodrow W., S/Sgt.
McDonald, Clarence, Pvt. (Died, July 2, 1942)
Meier, Emil B., Jr., Pvt.
Minor, Willis B., Sgt. (Alive in 1974)
Messenger, Kenneth H., Pvt. (Died Ptev, Terp, Manila)
Mollohan, Alvey C., Pvt. (Died Pfc, Terp, Australia)
Monroe, George H., S/Sgt. (Died, May 22, 1942)
Myers, Harold A., S/Sgt. (Died, Sept. 11, 1942)
Nader, Morris A., Sgt.
Nelson, Vernon A., Pvt.
Norgilar, Charles H., Sgt.
Northrup, Gordon B., Pvt. (Died, June 30, 1942)
O'Brien, Michael F., Pvt. (attached; Died, Pfc. Terp, Manila)
Opis, Fred, S/Sgt.
Ourilla, George, Cpl. (Died Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Palmer, Alonzo S., S/Sgt.
Paulk, David W., Cpl.
Pfenning, Elmer E., S/Sgt. (Died in 1976 at age 58)
Phelps, Estill O., Pfc.
Pitts, Enoch McK., Jr., S/Sgt. (Died, T/Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Porter, Leroy J., T/Sgt. (Died, T/Sgt. Terp, Manila)
Preston, John L., Pvt.
Packard, Frederick A., Jr., Pfc. (Died, Cpl. Terp, Manila)
Reeves, Lester W., Pvt.
Richardson, Robert K., Pfc.
Rinas, Bruno S., Pvt. (Alive in 1976)
Roach, Lawrence C., Sgt. (Died, Sept. 7, 1944)
Roland, Orville D., Pfc.
Rosendahl, Robert D., Pvt. (Alive in 1977)
Ross, Paul A., Pfc. (Died, May 17, 1942)
Rubin, Robert A., Pvt. (Died Pfc. Terp-Manila)
Russell, J.B., Pvt. (Died, May 10, 1942)
Santschi, Karl, Pvt. (Died, Dec. 12, 1941)
Schramm, Eric, Pvt. (Alive in May 1965)
Serdiek, Michael, S/Sgt. (Died Sgt. Terp, Hawaii)
Six, William P., S/Sgt.
Skramstad, Irvin C., S/Sgt. (Died, July 1, 1942)
Simer, Zigmund R., S/Sgt. (Alive in Nov. 1965)
Space, Arthur F., Pvt. (Died, Dec. 12, 1941)
Steele, Arvil L., Pvt.
Stewart, William N., Pfc.
Tassey, John R., Jr., S/Sgt. (Alive in April 1979)
Terrell, Harry W., Pfc. (Died, Oct. 24, 1944)
Tosh, Nathaniel L., Jr., Pfc. (Died)
Trujillo, Raymond, Pfc. (Died, May 30, 1942)
Turner, David F., Pvt. (Died Sgt., Terp, Hawaii)
Tyska, Henry, Pvt. (Died, May 31, 1942)
Tyson, Herbert G., Pfc.
Wagner, Harry W., Cpl. (Died, July 13, 1942)
Ward, Billie C., Pfc. (Died, April 25, 1942)
Watson, Mac O., Pfc. (Died, June 25, 1942)
Weisfield, Julius, Sgt. (Died, July 28, 1942)
Wild, Earl L., T/Sgt. (Died, 1962)
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On Thorne list but not indicated on October 1941 roster

Johnson, John, M/Sgt.
Burns, Joseph W., Pfc. (Died, May 28, 1942; Hq. Sq.)

On St. Louis list but not indicated on Thorne list
(excluding 9 attached to MPs from other units)

Faux, William K., Pvt.
Johnson, Ray M., T/Sgt. (attached)
Langland, Wyman H., 1st Sgt.

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