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**ERRATA for**  
**“AN IMPROBABLE MACHINE GUNNER”**

**Inside Cover:** CHANGE address (from *1012 Nolan Blvd.*) to:  
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**Page 3:** FDR was inaugurated on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1933. (Inauguration Day was changed in 1936.)

**Page 9:** Paulus surrendered to the Russians & died in Germany in 1951.

**Page 15:** “We nearly knocked down the **former Commander of the U.S. Army!**”

**Page 16:** Delete: ...“*Army Services of Supply.*”

**Pages 16 and 42:** Change “General *Somervell*” to “General **Summerall.**”

**Pages 43 and 46:** Change “Sumpter” to “**Sumter.**”

**Page 47:** Add: “**A mention of the ASTP was added to the Citadel Museum in 1990.**”

**Page 49:** Add: “The three 105 mm battalions were the 374th, 375th and 925th.  
The 155 mm battalion was the 373rd (not the 925<sup>th</sup>). Change “925<sup>th</sup>” to “**373rd.**”

**Page 57:** The EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE (EIB) brought \$5.00 per month (not \$10).  
The Combat Infantryman Badge - the “CIB” brought \$10.

**Page 65:** Insert “**New**” to make it “New Brunswick”

**Page 87:** A digression; On Christmas Eve, 1944 (*while I was snug in an Epinal Schoolhouse hospital bed*) the 66th Division was crossing the English Channel. One of their ships, the Belgium liner SS Leopoldville, was sunk by a torpedo or mine, and took 800 men to their deaths. Another 600 wounded men were rescued.

The sinking was classified “SECRET” and the men were reported as “missing in action.” Survivors were warned not to talk about it; and they did not. About 50 years later, the story was uncovered by a reporter at a 66th Division Reunion. Subsequently the incident was declassified and became the subject of a History Channel Story in November of year 2000.

**Page 88:** (Two places) Change Sarrebrucken to: “**Sarrebourg.**”

**Page 133:** From “Operations of the 399th Infantry Regiment for April 1945:”

(On April 18) “...the third battalion men paid a heavy price for those few hundred yards of ground. Within less than two hours, our 3rd Battalion lost 16 enlisted men and one officer killed, and 98 enlisted men and 3 officers wounded. –

Edward J. Maloney, Colonel, 399th Infantry, Commanding.”

Company M, 399th, had a T.O. of 166 men, but only 151 on Nov. 1, 1944 (first day in combat).. During 6 months on the front, 22 men were killed, 2 were captured, about 150 were wounded. An unknown number suffered hepatitis, trench foot, frostbite and other illnesses.