

Tell me, oh tell me is he still flying
That boy that means so much to me
Are the Japs still trying
To down his plane now at sea.

His last words, how I recall them,
Were, "Mother please don't think of me
For our nation is in a great battle
And my country has need of me."

From the U.S.A. I am flying
To a land that is far o'er the sea
Where democracy is dying
Oh, that's where they have need of me.

And when this war is over
And the Japs and the Germans are thru
To the U.S.A. I'll be returning
To my country, dear mother, and you."

By
Mrs. H.G. Weber

*Dedicated to a very dear
ing and really boy -
Gladys M.*

CONVERSION

Look, God, I have never spoken to you—
But now—I want to say "How do you do."
You see, God, they told me You didn't exist—
And like a fool—I believed all of this.
Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky—
I figured right then they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see the things You made,
I'd known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand,
Somehow I feel that you will understand.
Funny I had to come to this hellish place,
Before I had the time to see Your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today.
I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.
The signal—well, God—I'll have to go.
I like You lots—this I want You to know—
Look, now—this will be a horrible fight—
Who knows—I may come to Your house tonight—
Though I wasn't friendly with You before,
I wonder, God—if You'd wait at Your door—
Look—I'm crying! Me!—shedding tears!—
I wish I'd known You these many years—
Well, I will have to go now, God—good-by.
Strange—since I met You—I'm not afraid to die.
—Frances Angermayer

Dad Blame It, He Knew

M. M. Martin, who has sold me a lot of gasoline in our time, brought a wonderful mountain story with him from Pike County to St. Matthews.
These two old men met one Sunday in Pikeville.
"Where you goin' all dressed up?" one asked.
"Church," replied his friend.
"What you doin' goin' to church?" the other laughed.
"Bet you don't even know how the Lord's Prayer starts."
"Bet you a fiver I do."
The two dug deep for the stakes.
"Let's see now how she goes," the church-goer mused.
"Oh, yeah, I remember . . ."
"Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord . . ."
"Well, I'll swear," swore the friend, passing over the money. "I shore didn't think you knew it!"

Five Minutes After I Die

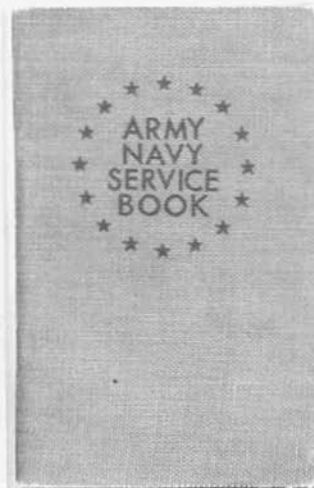
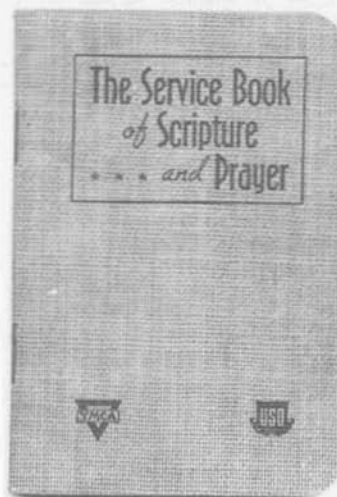
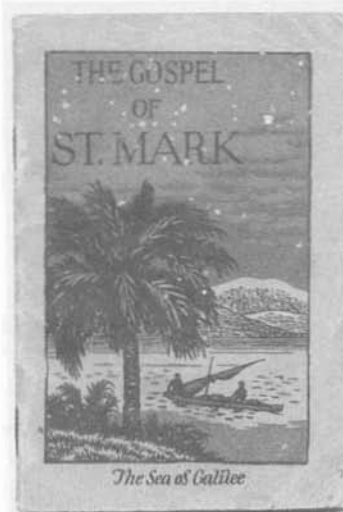
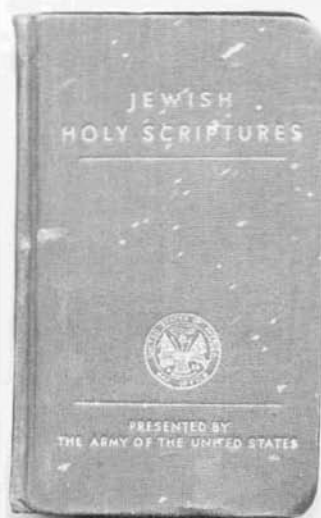
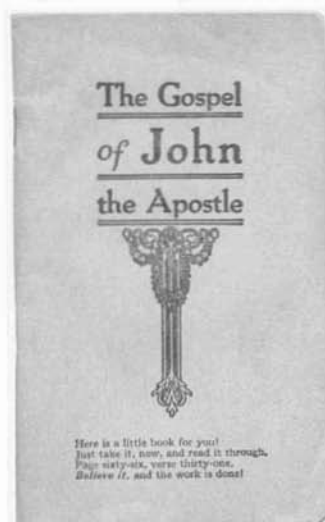
FACES that sorrow I will not see,
Voices that murmur will not reach
me,
But where, oh where will my spirit be.
Five minutes after I die!
Naught to repair the good I lack,
Fixed to the goal of my chosen track,
No room to repent, no turning back.
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.
Now I can stifle convictions stirred,
Now I can silence the voice oft heard,
Then the fulfillment of God's sure
Word,
Five minutes after I die.
Matched for aye with my chosen throng,
Long is ETERNITY. O so long,
Then was I not if my soul be wrong,
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.

Oh, what a feel—hard the word, but
true,
Facing the Savior with death in
view,
Doing a deed I can never undo.
Five minutes after I die.
If I am flinging a fortune away,
If I am wasting salvation's day,
"Just in my sentence," my soul shall
say.
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.
Thanks be to Jesus for pardon free,
He paid my debt on Mount Calvary's
tree,
Paradise gates will unfold even me,
Five minutes after I die.
O marvelous grace that has rescued
me,
O joyous moment when Jesus I see,
O happy day when like Him I'll be.
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.
—Author Unknown

Don't let they lead die, but pass it on.
All those free, as the Lord promise, as this
book is recorded in the Free Will Offering
Plan.
FREE TRACT SOCIETY (Inc.)
124 Crocker Street Los Angeles, Calif.
PRINTED IN U. S. A.



Flag from going away party & other
keepsakes saved in the Bible with
my picture of Gladys.



Books issued to servicemen



Entrenching tool, shovel



Mess kit



Helmet & liner



Cartridge belt, first aid pouch, canteen & cup, compass



Gas mask



Rifle, M1, 30 cal, accessories,
bayonet, bandoleer of ammo



Mosquito net



Carbine, M1, 30 cal



Hand grenade, practice



Rifle grenade launcher



Compass



37 mm & 57 mm practice projectiles



Flashlight

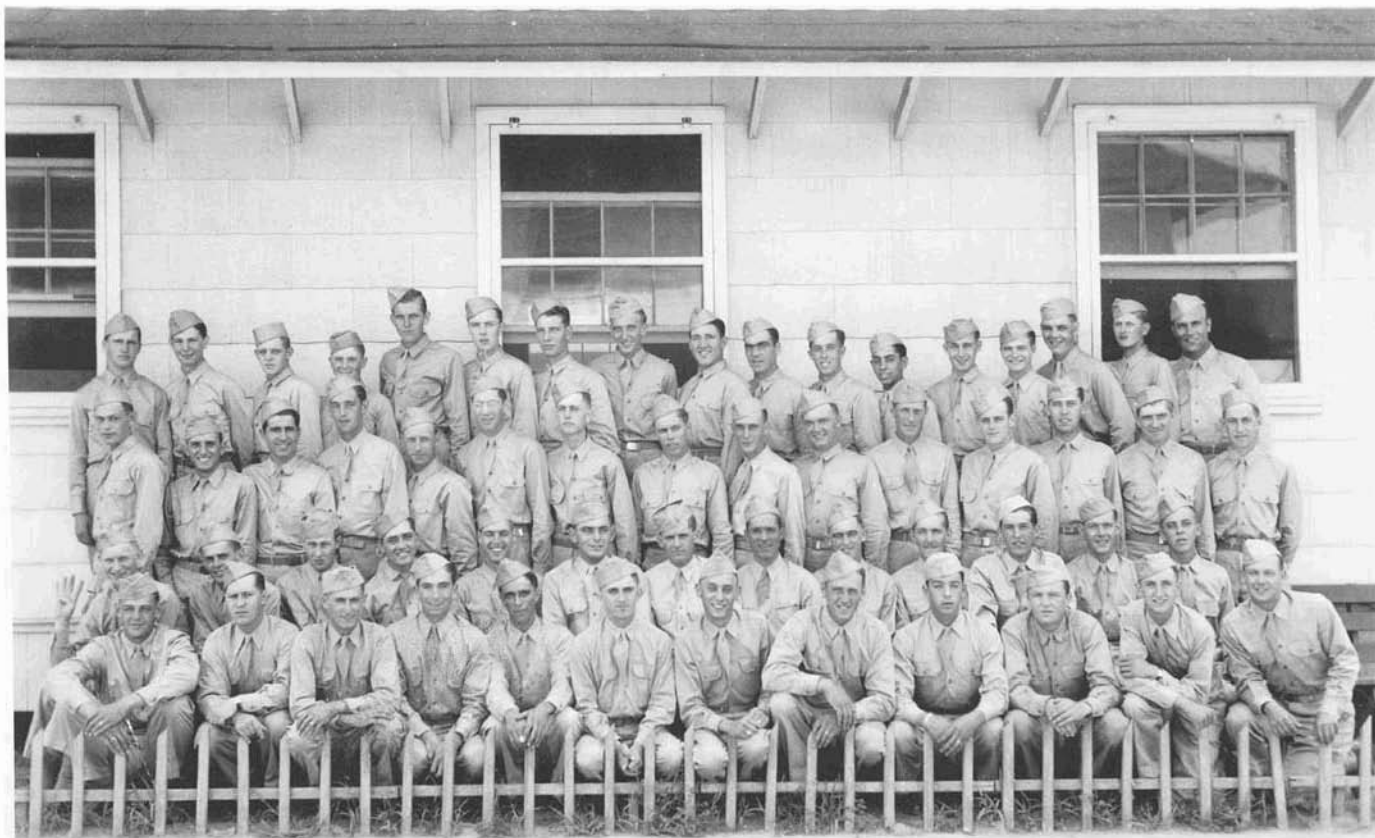


Photo by E.A. BEEKS

4th Platoon Co. A 28th. I.T.B. Camp Croft S. Carolina
1943

4th P.L. Co. A. 28th I.T. B. Camp Croft, D.C.

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J. Schmidt
 N.Y.

Warner Tomaro Taurina Vossesent Wiener Willis Tillinghast H. Weber Valentine Truchy Wiedich Thompson Thomas Knappz Kendra
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Tracy - N.Y.
 Zohle - N.Y.
 Young - N.Y.
 Roy - N.Y.
 Tremblay, R. - N.Y.
 Tremblay, A. - Mass.
 Schaffer, Russell - N.Y.
 Stenzel - Mass.
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Close order drill



Marching to class



Retreat



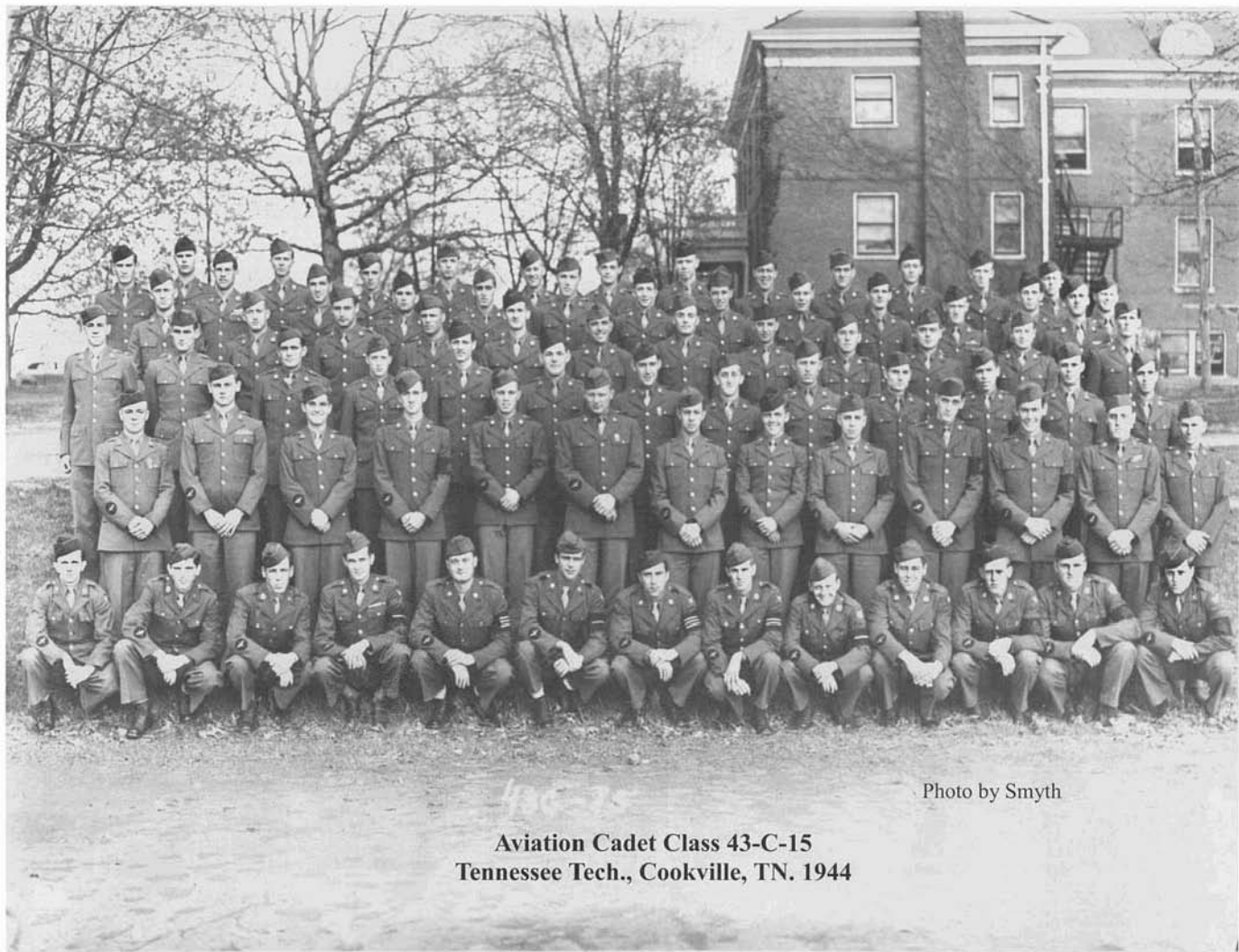
Walking tour of duty



"Army Housewife"
Sewing kit



"Cadet" Gerald Weber
Photographer unknown



Aviation Cadet Class 43-C-15
Tennessee Tech., Cookville, TN. 1944

Photo by Smyth



Joseph R. Baron



Francis (Red) Barrows



Fredrick Finn &
Clifford (Skip) Carlson



Frank Harris in winter parka



Frank Harris



Robert Nitschke



Gordon W. Norris



Stanley Novak



Leo Pajak



Photo by Wade Highbaugh
Convoy trip to Mammoth Cave, KY.
July 8, 1944

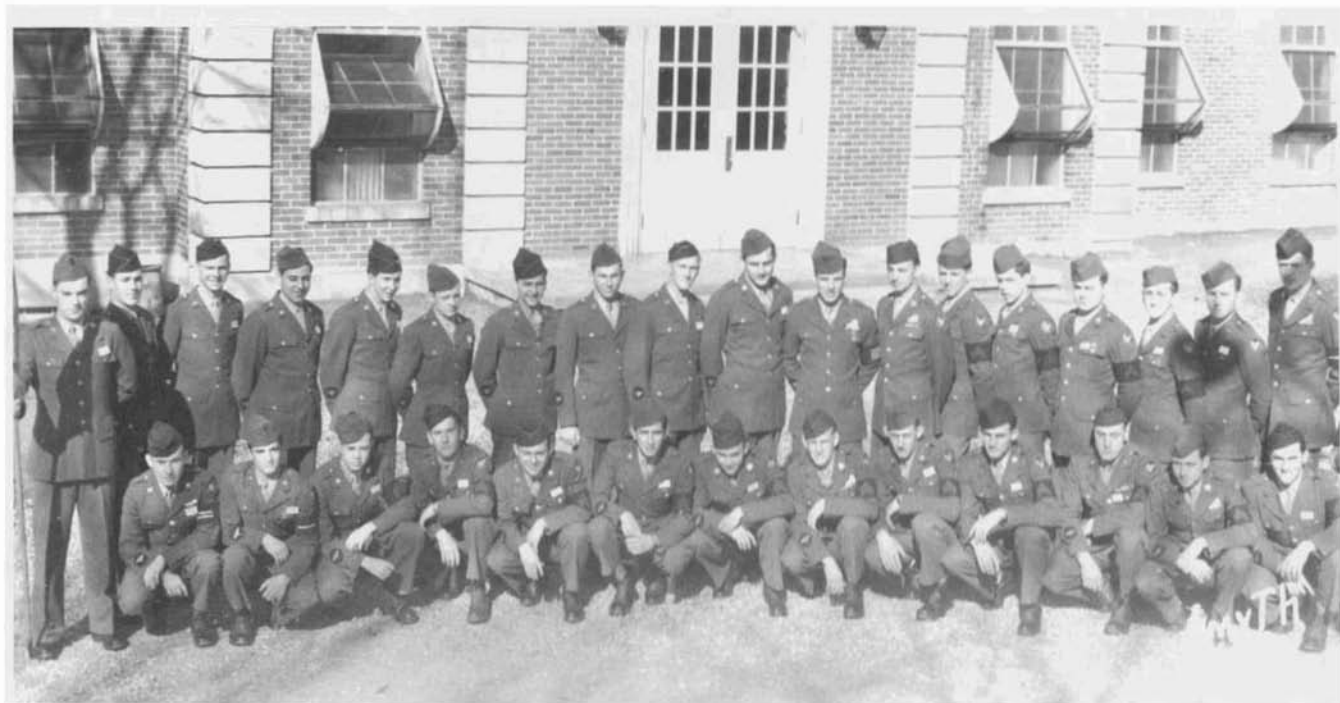


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Aviation Cadet Class 43C-15
Cadet Officers
Tennessee Tech., Cookeville, TN. 1944

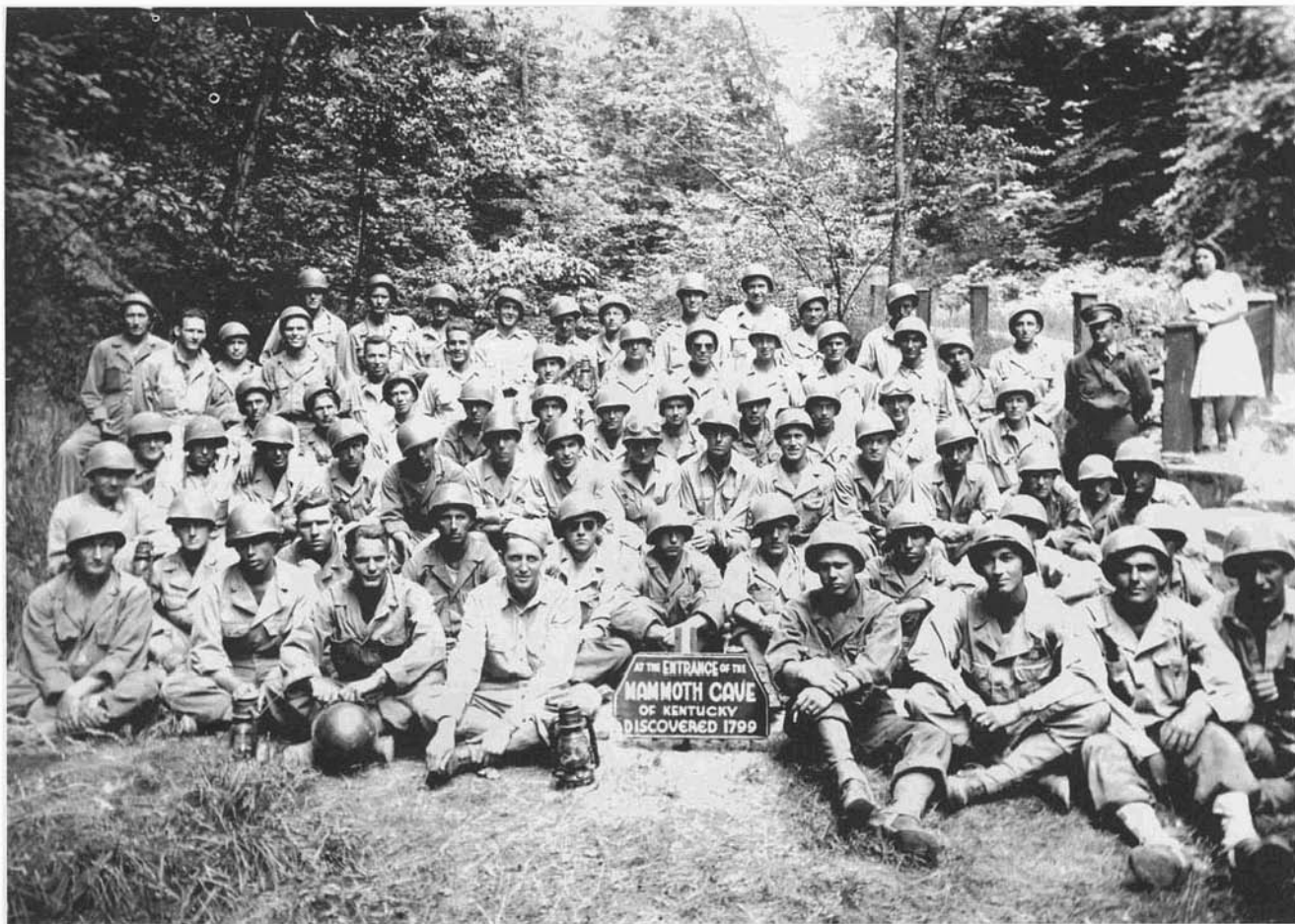


Photo by Wade Highbaugh
Convoy trip to Mammoth Cave, KY.
July 7, 1944



Murray Solomon



Daniel (Danny) Weinstein



Gerald in Field Jacket



Gerald Weber in parka



Destroyed tank



Machine photo of Gerald in Paris



Urinals in Paris



Pencil



Bracelet



"Rainbow corners"
American Red Cross



American Embassy



Home of the President of France



Subway entrance



Sidewalk café



Car parked in middle of street



Rhine River at Mannheim



Training march



Hikes for pleasure



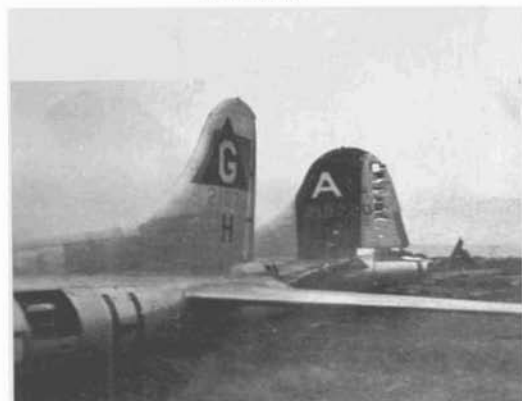
B-25 Bomber



B-17 Bomber



B-17 Bomber



B-17 Bomber



German Jet

Planes at Air field near Mannheim, Germany



Champs Elysees



Arch of Triumph



Flame on the unknown soldier's
Grave- WWI



Notre-Dame-Cathedral



Gerald Weber at Arch of
Triumph

Paris, France



Scenes of Paris from the Eiffel Tower



Eiffel Tower, Paris. Hitler had his picture taken here



Horse drawn taxi in Paris



Horse drawn carriage in Paris



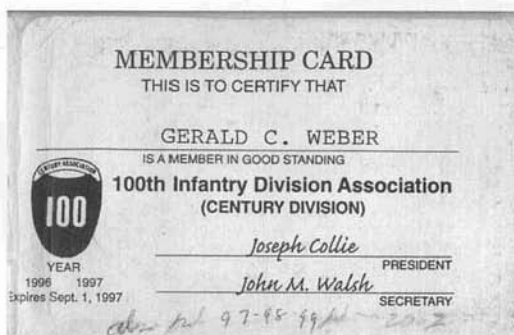
Strasbourg



Gerald in Strasbourg



Trolley in Strasbourg



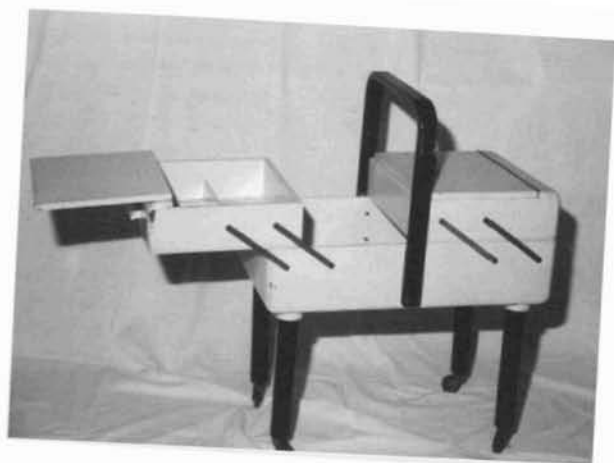
Buy It!

Sale of "The Story of the Century," the complete history of the 100th Division was begun this week and every man who has ever served with The Century will be afforded a chance to buy it. Just one printing is planned, so it's a case of now or never.

"The Story of the Century" actually will be printed in the States, where super-quality work is available. It will run to some 400 pages, with lots of pictures, color and art work. It will sell for 50 marks and orders are being taken in all companies and batteries. It will be mailed to your home.

Sgt. Michael A. Bass is editor and he is being assisted in the narration by Sgt. Robert F. Thackaberry and Pfc. Donald W. Bush. Sgt. Marins Trinnac is art director and S/Sgt. Carlos E. Dyer and Pfc. Robert J. Clarke are his assistants.

From Century Sentinel
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Sewing Cabinet



Tea Wagon



Flower Stand



Jewelry Box



Vineyard



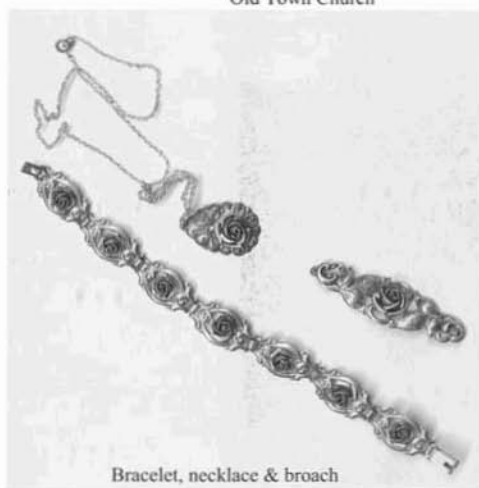
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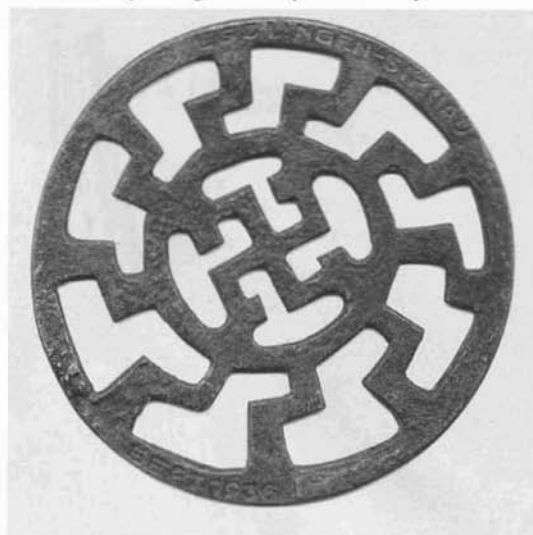
Old Town Church



My writing table with picture of Gladys



Bracelet, necklace & brooch



Old emblem with swastika



—Photo by Eero Wirkkanen

Rear-left to right— Freddie Finn, Dorman Clark, Clifford Lee, Clarence Whitsell,
 Jim Petch, William Brown, Stanley Novak, William Dempsey, Jack Rielly
 Front- left to right—Ted Katzenstein, Samuel R. Mohler, William Sympton, Gerald Weber



Gerald on the coast



Chalk Cliff



Coast



French village



Path to the beach

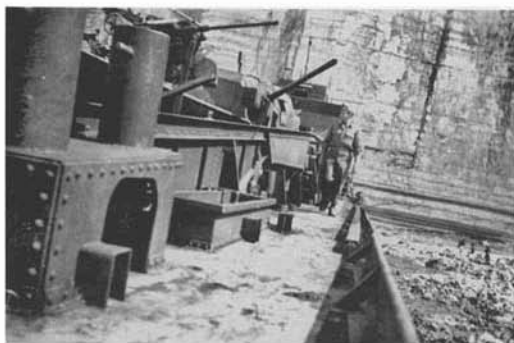


Coast

Scenes near Le Havre



Damaged gun boat near Le Havre, France



Damaged gun boat near Le Havre



Gerald

Crossing the English Channel

Sailors



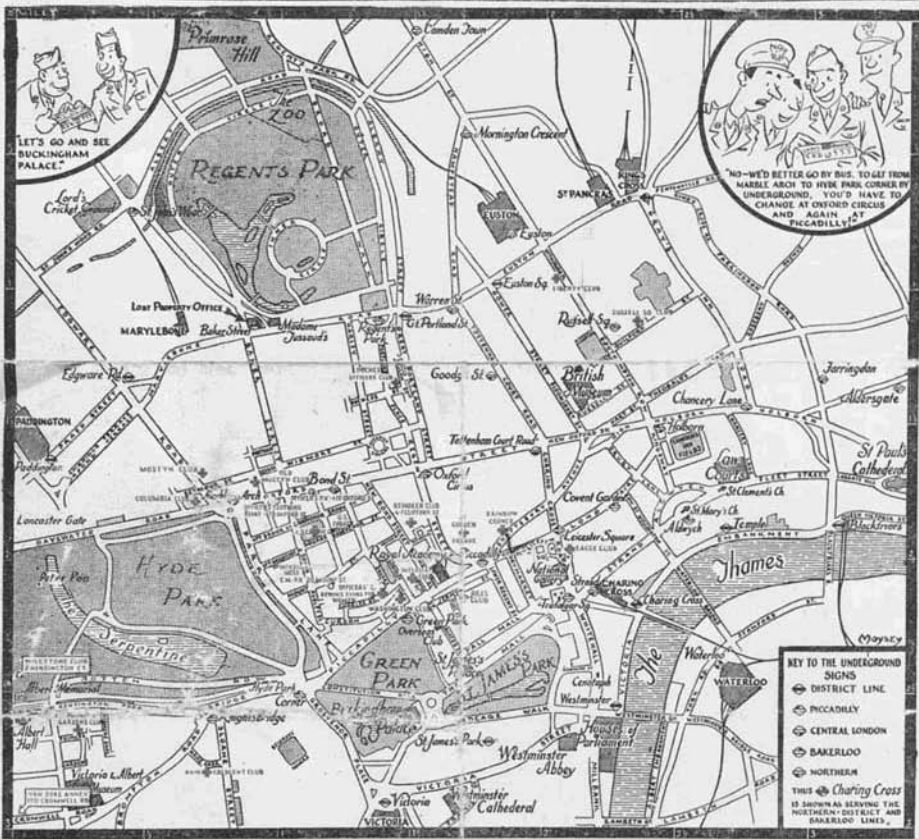


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GOLDEN SQUARE CLUB, 32, Golden Square, W.2	Gerrard 8863	RAINBOW CORNER, 23, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.1	Gerrard 5616
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Edinburgh, Scotland



Sir Walter Scott Memorial



Scottish Kilts



Scottish Police



Entrance Edinburgh Castle

Edinburgh, Scotland



Gerald



Inside Edinburgh Castle



Autos



Street car



Sightseers



Floral Clock,

Edinburgh, Scotland



Soap box speaker, Hyde Park



Buzz bomb damage, Hyde Park



Fishing, Hyde Park



Visitors, Hyde Park



Buckingham Palace



Parliament Building

London, England



Restaurant in bombed out basement



Queen Mary's private car



'Big Ben'



Shoe shine



Guard, Buckingham, Palace



Changing of the guard, Buckingham Palace

London, England

PETCH BOYS POP FOR FEATURE IN 2-YEAR REUNION

Brothers who hadn't seen each other in two years, one a 100th Division veteran and the other a First Division, D-Day vet, got together in Mannheim Sunday—and it makes a little story.

The Centuryman is Pfc. James Petch, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 398th. After lots of writing and checking on schedules and things, he headed for a meeting with his brother, Bob. Happily enough, the schedule clicked.

Bob Petch, who served with the 238th Combat Eng., supporting the First, hit the Omaha beach just five minutes after the first wave of Rangers went in. Bob was first man out of the landing craft, followed by his colonel and a sergeant. They were the only three who made it, a direct hit blowing the boat to pulp before the others could get out.

Only man of his company alive today, Bob lost a treasured watch at Omaha—nicely engraved with his name and rank and what not. Recently, a package came to him at Mannheim. The watch. Sender was an infantry major who picked up the time piece in hopes he'd live long enough to get it back to his owner.

Jim Petch says that Brother Bob has bit of trouble keeping his mind on the question when asked the time. Seems the story behind the watch is a little disconcerting.



Bob & Jim Petch



"Berg Bohn" Cog railway, Heidelberg
Germany



Neckar River



City of Heidelberg



Heidelberg Castle



Heidelberg Castle

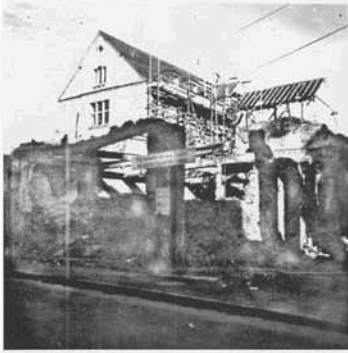


Heidelberg Castle



Heidelberg Castle

Heidelberg, Germany



Bensheim, Germany



Sign from picture above
Quote from a speech of Hitler's.
Similar ones on the other
Buildings in Bensheim



Seinsheim, Germany



Seinsheim, Germany



Giessen, Germany



Bad
Cahnstatt
Germany



King Carl's Bridge Bad Cahnstatt



Street scene



Statue



Scala Theater



Wolf's Tower



Policeman



Hohenhotel Jagerhaus
Jager House Inn



Two ox team



One ox wagon



Winter wood

Esslingen Am Neckar, Germany



Weber & wood burning truck



Eero Wirkkanen



Wirkkanen, Weber



Weber, Wirkkanen



Barrows, Weber, Petch



Hiking trail / Waiblingen



Dominick Scarshilli



Weber, Scarshilli



Gerald Weber



Germans cutting wood, Esslingen



Seasoning logs, Esslingen



Looking toward Swabish Alps, Esslingen



Hiking near Schorndorf



Main train station, Stuttgart



Stadium, Stuttgart



Coffee and doughnuts from the Red Cross, Stuttgart, Germany



Steven D. Batchelor



Gerald J. Behr



John G. Brijandi



Loren Toby Capp



Clifford (Skip) P. Carlson



Jose (Joe) Castro



Hobert C. Christian



Henry Cooperman



Robert L. Corbin



Bennie Engels



J. W. Greene medic



Toivo J. Heikkila



Jenkins



Michael Lasouka



John S. McKinley



Samuel R. Mohler (K Co.)



2nd. Lt. Leonard D. Pencek



James E. Petch



Lucian M. Pierce (Co. L)



David E. Pugh



John C. Rielly



Dominick J. Scarshilli



Fred J. Sieler



William P. Sympton



Clarence D. Whitsell



Gerald C. Weber



Eero Wirkkanen
Photo by Eero



William N. Dempsey
Daniel Weinstein



L to R. Theodore Katzenstein, Stanly Novak
Joseph R. Baron & ?
Photo by E. Wirkkanen



L to R. Michael LaSouka, Toivo J. Heikkila
Wilbur A. Lewis, John G. Brigandi



Old Castle between Rodheim and Giessen



Destroyed bridge



Destroyed bridge



French R.R Yard



Troop train



Troop train



French traders



French traders



Troops in Le Havre



Gerald with troop train



Gerald- Camp
Lucky Strike, Le Havre



?-? & Willie Stefanczyk
Camp Lucky Strike, Le Havre



Chow line Camp Lucky Strike
Le Havre



KP-Camp Lucky Strike, Le Havre



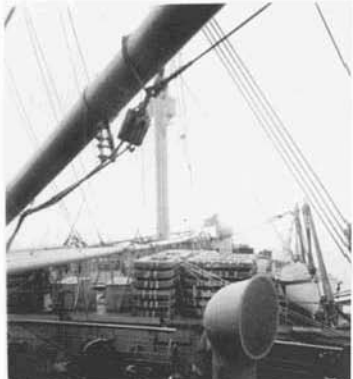
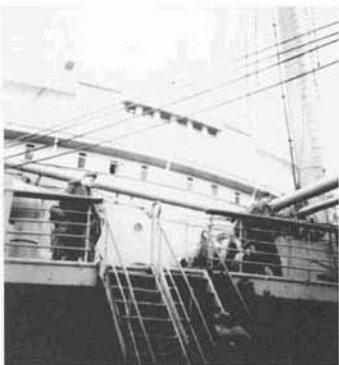
P.O.W. 's loading ships at Le Havre



GI's waiting to board USS
General George Washington



Boarding USS
General George Washington



Tug boat at Le Havre

Scenes aboard the USS General George Washington



Gulf stream mid Atlantic

Air craft carrier passing



Atlantic near N.Y.



Gerald



N.Y. Harbor greeting

Scenes aboard the USS General George Washington

KEEPSAKES

The first camera I used was a Kodak box camera I borrowed from my parents. While I was overseas they sent me a small plastic camera that used 127 film which had a very small negative. I later had a folding bellows Kodak that used 120 film which had a large negative. During the occupation I was able to buy a Twin Lens Rolliflex

camera which was wonderful. I have always been interested in collecting keepsakes relating to things I have done or places I've been. Therefore I have many pictures and articles I have collected. Quite a few people have given things to me when they found they have something I have an interest in. Maybe that will explain this large volume.



Helmet



Ammo pouch



First aid man's kit



Belt & buckle



Buckle & other insignia



Nazi arm band



Lapel ornament



Medal



Flag & arm band



Shoulder patch



Nazi emblem

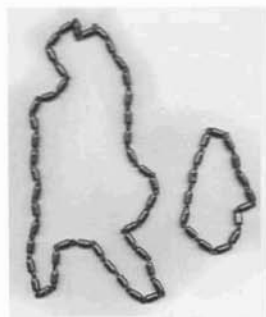


Cap ornament



German ID tags

German memorabilia



Necklace & bracelet I made for Gladys from a chain Germans used to clean a rifle



Gloves I purchased for Gladys



Gloves I purchased for me



Handkerchief from Paris



Scarf from Camp Croft, South Carolina



Serving tray from Germany



Souvenir handkerchiefs I sent Gladys



"Ike Jacket" Uniform Gerald wore home



.45 cal shells



.50 cal shell, dummy



37 & 57 mm projectiles, practice



German belt buckle, officer's



40 mm shell, dummy



3 inch shell case, empty

INSIGNIA & MEDALS



Rifle Marksmanship



Good Conduct



American Campaign



European Campaign /
2 Oak Leaf Clusters



World War II



Bronze Star
twice



Honorable Discharge Button
"Ruptured Duck"



Presidential Unit Citation/
Oak Leaf Cluster



Combat Infantry Badge



U.S. Air Force shoulder
patch



U.S. Air Force Aviation cadet
sleeve patch



20th. Armored Division
shoulder patch



100th. Infantry Division
shoulder patch



U.S. Air Force
Aviation Cadet cap insignia



398th. Reg. Emblem



US Army Emblem
Worn on right Collar



US Infantry Emblem
Worn on Left Collar



1987 view of bridge rebuilt over the Neckar River at Heilbronn to replace the one blown up in 1945 as we approached.



1987 view of Neckargartach street where the house I had been in was destroyed shortly I left to repair the telephone wires across the Neckar River in 1945



Market Platz, Heilbronn, 1945 By permission of the 100th. Inf. Div. Assoc. *Story of the Century*



1987 view of the Market Platz, Heilbronn



Killenskirche, Heilbronn, 1945 By permission of the 100th Assoc. *Story or the Century*



1987 view of Killenskirche, Heilbronn



1987 view of "Tower Hill",
Heilbronn, Germany where Germans
had good observation against us in
1945



1987 view of Freudenberg Farms near Bitche, France



U.S. Military Cemetery, St. Avold France, 1987



*Sgt. Rommie C. White Jr.
Plot, E, Row-14 Grave 18
Headstone - Cross
St. Avold - France
U.S. Military Cemetery.
About
100 Miles from Verdun, France.*



1987, cows being driven down the highway



Carvings purchased in 1987



1987
Altus Rathaus, Esslingen, Germany
Over 400 years old. Site of the
Museum reopened by Dr. Haffner
in 1945