

Peleliu Tribute

A tribute to those who fought at Peleliu, South Pacific, WW II.

Return to Brothers in Battle
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WAGNER, James Winfield. Forward observer, Battery G, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Please contact by email: efehre@worldnet.att.net

WAGONER, Harvey, T4 - A Company, 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Inf. Div. "A good tanker."

WAGSTER, Donald W. - PFC - B Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

* WALBRIDGE, Donald Eugene, PFC. 1st Bn, 5th Marines He was wounded on 10/21/44. He died in Red Oak in 1948.

WALK, John G. - Cpl - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WALKER, Robert E. - Cpl - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

* WALKER, William Henry, Jr. PhM 1st Class, USNR. Wounded by mortar fire while treating and tagging wounded Marines. Died in 1987 at the age of 70. Family contact: blaine54@windstream.net

WALL, John Henry. From Lowell, MA. In 1944 he served at Peleliu with the 1st Marine Division and was very proud of it. He passed away 3/17/85. Family contact: JWJWKWKW@aol.com

WALLACE, Walter H. - Cpl - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WILLIAMS, Alex, PFC, of Leupp. Arizona Code Talker.

WALMER, John Z. - PFC - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WALSH, JOHN J. - USN 17th Special Seabees, 1st Marine Division Shore Party, landed on Orange Beach September 15, 1944.

+ WALSH, John Thomas, PFC. USMCR. Killed in Action on Peleliu, September 15, 1944.

WALSH, JR., "Col" J.P., Sgt. 1st Mar. Div., I Co. 3rd Bat., 1st reg. Fought on Guadalcanal, New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, Okinawa. 2410 SW 6th St. Miami, Fla. 33135.

WALT, Lewis, Lt. Col. Company K, 3rd Bn, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Executive officer of the 5th Marines when the battle for Peleliu began. Also served with 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal and at Cape Gloucester. He had won the Navy Cross for heroism. He went on to serve in the Korean War and later in Vietnam where, as a lieutenant general, he commanded the III Marine Amphibious Corps for nearly 2 years. He retired as a general after serving as assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

WALTERS, Frank, PVT - A Company, 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Inf. Div. "A good tanker."

*WALTERS, Raymond E. Marines. My father, Raymond E. Walters, originally of Kansas, was wounded on Peleliu (believed to be on 27 Sept 1944). He was in a fox hole with fellow Marines when a mortar round hit them. I do not know the extent of the other Marines wounds, however my father had his right leg blown off just below the knee and a shrapnel wound to his left heel. He was later discharged from the Marines as a Corporal after many surgeries. He ultimately settled in Stockton, Calif. and married my mother Bernadette Suttle, and had three children Sandra Lynn (Walters) Pilcher, Raymond Eugene Walters, Jr. and Timothy Edward Walters. He worked at the Naval Supply Annex Stockton, CA, Sharpe Army Depot, and Tracy, CA Defense Depot where he retired in 1970. He died of cancer August 15, 1971. Son Ray: rwalters@sjgov.org

WALTERS, Robert W. Attached to HQ Bn of the 11th Marines. Peleliu was the first combat he saw. He was part of the fire direction control (FDC) unit and landed in the 7th wave on the first day. He later went on to Okinawa and then into China as part of the occupation force. He had 5 children and 11 grandchildren and lived in Williamsburg, VA. He passed away on 2/1/02. His son William would like to hear from anyone who knew him during his time of service. Please WWalters@NDBC.com contact William.

WALTON, Charles E. - Cpl - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WALTON, Grover C.Jr. - Cpl - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WARD, Charles W. - Cpl - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian .

WARD, Hugh J., First Lieutenant. 81st Infantry Wildcat Division. He was on Peleliu and Angaur in 1944. He received two Bronze Stars for actions in the South Pacific and one specifically for military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island on September 28, 1944. He passed away in 1992.

WARD, Kenneth E. - Sgt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WARD, Kenneth E. Platoon sargeant in D Co, 3rd armored amphibian. He arrived with the first wave at Peleliu. He passed away 11/1/00. His granddaughter Dawn is interested in hearing from people who may have known him. He was a strong man and lived to be 78 years old. Rileyemmy@cs.com

WARE, Darcie F. - PFC - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

+ WARNER, William A. - PFC - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. KIA 9/17/44.

+ WASHBURN, Robert Campbell, Corp. USMCR. Killed in Action on Peleliu, September 22, 1944.

WASILEWSKI, Kazmier "Casey" Edward. U.S. Marine Corps. Served in the Pacific Theater at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Pavuvu, wounded on Peleliu September 16, 1944, and Okinawa. After the war he worked for the federal reserve bank in Cleveland, OH as a security officer, and after 31 years of service (security) retired from the Ford Motor Company. In died February 18, 1992 in Brook Park, OH.

WATKINS, Richard Bruce, E CO, 2nd BN, 1st MARINES, 1st Platoon Leader, Second Lieutenant during Peleliu. E CO Commander on Okinawa. Awarded 2 Silver Stars and a Purple Heart. Rose to Capt. He married Iva June Whitney, and they had 4 children, and 6 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Iva June passed away in 2010. Bruce passed away on August 4, 2013. His military graveside service can be seen on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW475zoWu9k>. His daughter Sue may be contacted by email: SueDonnelly@cox.net. Bruce is the author of *Brothers in Battle*. Read his chapter on [Peleliu](#).

* WATSON,C.J. PFC. 1st Marines Division, 7th BAT, Co. D, Special Weapons HDO (Radio Operator). Saw action at New Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa. As of May 2001 he is 79 years young and can be reached by email: Jwjiggs@mmcable.com

* WATTLES, Lawrence E. C-1-1. Fought in Peleliu under the command of Everett Pope. He was wounded by a sniper, and saved by Pope. He is now deceased. His son may be reached through email at TKent96094@aol.com

WAX, Marcus, PFC - A Company, 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Inf. Div. "A good tanker."

WEATHERSBY, William "M" Jr. PFC. First Marine Division, Heavy AAG, 12th AAA Bn. Served USMC 27 August 1943-March 2, 1946. Discharged Great Lakes Separation Center, Great Lakes IL. Also served 8 March 1950 to 3 Oct 1951 at Camp LeJeune, discharged as Sergeant. Daddy repaired car radios in the Jackson, MS area until 1992. He passed away at his home in Terry, MS from complications of Parkinson's Disease on January 3, 2009. His family can be reached at usmcresearch@buzzardsroost.us.

WEBB, Arvel Arcemus, Pvt. Served in the United States Army. The Regimental Combat Teams (RCT's) 321, 322 and 323. He served in Angaur, Peleliu and Leyte during World War Two. On September 17, 1944 the 81st Infantry Division stormed ashore on Angaur Island. From there they were dispatched to neighboring Peleliu Island to assist in the reduction of that bastion of the Japanese outer defense rings. (Information came from Paul J. Muller, Major General, USA Commanding). Family contact. hmwh@vol.com

* WEBB, Samuel H. - PFC - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - WIA 10/5/44. - Now deceased.

WEBSTER, Harvey J. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - KIA 9/15/44.

WEEKS, Virgil. Marine. His friend reports that he is 80 years old now and in poor health, but is still a scrapper. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he was on a ship that was hit. He stayed at his machine gun shooting as many Japanese planes as he could. If you know him or would like to contact him, his home phone number is (562) 633-3620.

WEEMS, Caraway, - PFC - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

+ WEICE, Team Chief-KIA. 1st Marine Div, 2BN, 5th Marines, 4th joint assault Sig BN.

* WEIDMAN, Richard K-3-5.

WEIDMAN, Robert. Stationed in Bouganville and Peleliu. He enlisted at 17 in 1941 shortly after Pearl Harbor. He was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was wounded at Peleliu taking a bullet to the head and to the groin. He is now deceased. Family contact: lafngskl@mindspring.com

+ WEILAND, George R., PFC. He was with the 1st Marines and was killed in action on 10/4/44 during the invasion of Palau. He was awarded the Silver Star with Gold Star, and Purple Heart with Gold Star. His family is looking for any information that is available on his time with the Marines or to contact anyone who may have known him. He was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is buried at the Manila American Cemetery. Family contact: blackinton@ww2wings.com. Website: <http://www.ww2wings.com/main.shtml>

WEINHEIMER, Robert J. - PFC - A Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

WEINSTEIN, Harvey J. - Pvt - H&S Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WEISNER, Carl S., Cpl. Co A, First Amphibious Tractor Battalion. First wave at Peleliu, drove an amphib with a flame thrower. Survived end of Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa. After the war he became a mechanical engineer, rock climber, mountaineer, yachtsman, banjo player, and father of three. He died in 1986 at the age of 62. Family contact: alaskapaul@gmail.com

WEISNER, Herbert J. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WEISS, Andrew J. - Lt - H&S Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WELCH, R. B. - PFC - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WELCH, Victor L. - Cpl - H&S Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

WELLER, Royal H. - 2nd Lt - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

WELLS, Clyde. 81st Wildcat Division. Lives in Elgin, IL.

WERDEN, George Washington. HQD-3-7, L-3-7. <mailto:%20gwerden@email.msn.com>

WERLING, Frank - 2nd Lt - A Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

WEST, Sam D. GM3c 5th Naval Beach Battalion. Landed on beach 9/15/44 from USS LEEDSTOWN APA56. Also participated in the invasions of Kwajalein, Guam, Luzon, Leyte and Iwo Jima. He died in 1991. His son Sam, Jr. would like any information on Navy Beach Party forwarded to him: samchriswest@aol.com

WESTCOTT, Howard L., Major, Army 181st Infantry was assigned to Fight on Peleliu. It is unknown how long he was there because he and 5 others were chosen to go to New Guinea to locate two lost battalions of men on that island. They got to New Guinea and within a few hours after sneaking onto the island they found one battalion. Sometime within 48 hours of arriving on New Guinea, he was shot. westfork@sedona.net

* WESTMORELAND, Dewey P. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - WIA 9/27/44 - Now deceased.

WETHERELL, O. D. "Dan". Served with the 1st Scout Recon Bn on the Csnal as well as the Cape and Peleliu. He passed away at the age of 86 in 2006. His son Daniel would be interested in conversation with anyone that served during the conflict on Peleliu. Contact Daniel: wethereye@gmail.com or 850-419-1567.

WHEELER, Algernon J., Sgt. Squad leader of 3rd platoon, E CO on Peleliu. Platoon leader of 3rd platoon on Okinawa. Deceased.

WHILLOCK, Everett Andrew, Cpl. HNS Battery, 2nd Bn, 11th marines. MIA in Peleliu for 24 hours. Now deceased. Family contact: D.Whillock@tcu.edu

* WHITAKER, Jay W., Jr. K-3-5. WIA on 28 Sept 44.

+ WHITE, Alan Stanley-PFC, 1 Enge. Bn. KIA 16 September, 1944

* WHITE, Edgar Leis, 367265, PFC, E CO, 2nd BN, 1st Marines, 1st PLT

WHITE, Elmer F. - Pfc - H&S Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

WHITE, Harold Ferris, Jr. Mess Officer, "A" Company. He Did his basic training at Quantico, VA. He was sworn in early September 1944 before shipping out to Peleliu. He was 36 at The time. His son James would like to hear from anyone who Might remember his father. Contact:

<mailto:%20JMWHITE131@webtv.net>

* WHITE, John Thomas. He served in the Pacific, Korea, Okinawa and Viet Nam. He was wounded on Peleliu. He was born in 1921 and died in 1985. His daughter Patty would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him. White56@aol.com

WHITE, Monroe, PFC, USMC - field telephone man, 1st Marine Division. He was in the South Pacific from January 8, 1943 - August 6, 1945. Peleliu from September 15 - October 15, 1944, and in Okinawa from April 1 - July 15, 1945. My father retired from the Army in 1979 as a CW3, Signal Corps. He died October 26, 1991. Throughout his Army career, the ONLY combat service patch he wore was his USMC Guadalcanal "Big Red One". It wasn't until after my mother died that I found out where my father served in the South Pacific. shema@iquest.net

WHITE, Robert L., "Jack" or "Chic", 1st Regiment, 1st Division, 1st Btn.

WHITE, Roy E - PFC - B Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

WHITEHAIR, Norman V. - 2nd Lt - A Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

WHITES, Gene Neal. Twelfth Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. Now deceased. Gene Neal Whites (born Eugene Nathan Whites) was the father of three children in December 1943. He was drafted and probably due to his family status, was discharged the same day. My father was not an extraordinary man -- not considered admirable by many, but he was moved to do his part, to get into the fight. His service record indicates that he "joined" and "transferred" from battalion to battalion until he finally was shipped into the thick of things. I suspect that he was a little disappointed when he figured out that the war was all but over and Peleliu was expected to be a cake-walk. I also suspect that he, like all his fellow Marines, were not prepared for the battle that awaited them. He was a man who always wanted to be somebody, but never made it. The Battle of Peleliu was recorded as one of the bloodiest of the Pacific campaign, but when he came home - long after the parades and cheering were done - nobody knew where in the world that speck of an island was and nobody cared. He was "entitled to wear an engagement star on the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon for participation in the capture and occupation of the Southern Palau Islands." Dad suffered from "battle fatigue". There was no treatment. Nobody understood. I don't think he ever got over it. This one's for you, dad. Your war-time kids, Phyllis Jean, Carol Ann, and Richard Eugene. Also your baby-boomer kids, Russel Lee and Deborah Kay. pjeanbro@brinet.com

WHITEMYER, Ross, Sgt.U.S. Army, 710th Tank Bn. Served with 81st Wildcats during invasion of Anguar and then assisted 1st Marines in mopping up Peleliu. Now deceased. His son is interested in anyone who has written history of 710th. Please contact sdwhit@prodigy.net

WHITESIDES, Broadus - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

+ WHITFIELD, James (Jimmy), SSG, 81st INF, KIA, Peleliu, 1944. He played baseball and at some point a Baseball Park was built in his honor. I do not have any other details on my uncle. I would like to learn more about how he was killed in action and any information on his awards. I am presently serving with the 81st as a 1SG. Any information on him would be greatly appreciated. Jim Pruitt, his nephew. PRUITTinNC@aol.com

WHITLOCK, Eustace - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WHITHAM, Harold "Whit", Cpl. 1st Division, 5th Marines, CO H. Was awarded a Silver Star for action on Peleliu. Passed away in 1992.

WHITMORE, Donald J. - PFC - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. Drove LVTA4 & LVTA2 at Peleliu and various other campaigns. After a 6-year battle with cancer, Donald died in October of 1987. His wife Celia died in 2013 but his legacy is carried on by his two daughters, 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. If anyone can provide information regarding Don's service in the USMC during the Peleliu campaign, I would greatly appreciate it: ryan.maskill@gmail.com

WHITMAN, Orin S., Cpl. Wire section (signal section) of 81st Wild Cat Division. Landed on Anguar on September 17th and went ashore on Peleliu on September 23rd with 321st Combat Infantry Battalion.

Would like to hear from anybody who was at Peleliu. oswhitman@aol.com Cpl. Whitman's address is 41 Gay Rd, Bowdon, Georgia. Telephone: 770/258-3793 (night) and 770/832-2337 (week days).

+ WHITTEN, James Arlin, PFC. USMCR. Killed in Action on Peleliu, September 15, 1944.

WIEBER, Robert H., SSGT, 81st Wildcat Infantry Division. Currently resides in Loveland, Colorado.

WIERNASZ, Andrew J. - Cpl - H&S Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

WIESBECKER, George, Cpl. L Co. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. Squad leader Mortar section, weapons platoon on Peleliu. Also served at Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester. Retired NYPD and Security director. Living in Fort Myers, Florida.

WIGGINS, Carl V. - Cpl - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WIGGS, Alvin, PFC - A Company, 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Inf. Div. "A good guy!"

WIGHT, Gerald F., Cpl. 1st Marine Division. He is believed to have been with the 5th Marines in probably the 1st or 2nd Bn. He served in the Pacific Theater from 19 June 42 - 17 Nov 44, on Peleliu from 15 Sept 44 - 21 Oct 44. Gerald died on 8 July 98. If anyone has information concerning his action on Cape Gloucester or Peleliu please email his son Scott Wight (Gy.Sgt, USMC) swight@gibraltar.net

WILCOX, Gerald. 81st Wildcat Division. Lives in Midland, MI.

WILD, Robert G., - S/Sgt - VMF(N) 541. - Radar Specialist. Now living in Toledo, OH. Can be contacted via email at rgwmmbw@aol.com with subject "Peleliu."

WILHOITE, John W. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WILIFORD, Clyde H. - PFC - H&S Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

* WILKINS, Joseph Thomas. 1st marines, 7th regiment, 3rd battalion, Company C. He was a veteran of the Peleliu landing, and also landed on Cape Gloucester and Okinawa. He received 2 purple hearts, one from Peleliu and another from Okinawa. Now deceased.

WILKINSON, Ellsworth F. Marine in charge of parachutes. He Earned the rank of Master Sergeant. He stayed on Peleliu for Eleven months. He can be reached through his daughter at bbsatter@dtgnet.com

WILKINSON, Lawrence Alfred, Sgt. First Marine Division - Radar Repairman, served on Peleliu from D-Day+3. A Washington D.C. native, Larry returned home to marry, raise a family of 6, teach music, and serve as a Deacon at church. He never spoke of his experiences on Peleliu until recently. He died at the age of 74 on May 8, 2000. cwilkinson@mail.hst.nasa.gov

WILKINSON, William C., PFC. 1st Marine Div., 3rd Bn. 5th Marines. Dates of service Dec. 1942 - Aug. 1945. Served in New Britain, Peleliu and Okinawa. Now resides in Richmond, VA. E-mail address is skibillw@yahoo.com

* WILLIAMS, Billy Dan, MM2c, 302nd Bn, det. 1054. Served in the Seabees in the first invasion. If you knew Billy, please contact his son Roy at lawill@swbell.net

+ WILLIAMS, Charles E. K-3-5. Killed in action on September 28, 1944.

WILLIAMS, Claud P., Corporal. Wire Section of 81st Wild Cat Division. Landed on Anguar and a few days later on Peleliu with the 321st Infantry Battalion. Now lives in Tennessee.

WILLIAMS, Curtis E. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WILLIAMS, David M., PFC. 81st Infantry, Fighting Wildcats, Co. C. He died in 1996 at the age of 88. He had lived in Centertown, KY all of his life. He was almost killed on Peleliu helping to carry a young man down the hill known as Old Baldie.

WILLIAMS, Densil, C. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WILLIAMS, Ernest. 3rd Bn, Co K, 1st Marines, 1st Engineer Bn. Was on Peleliu 9/15/44-9/28/44. Was on LST 227 with Capt. Hunt. He was also in Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands the first of April 1945 thru the 21st of June 1945. He participated in the occupation of China the 28 of October 1945 thru the 17th of January 1946. Ernest passed away in 1979, anyone with any knowledge of this unit please contact his son, Ronnie Williams at cwill23027@aol.com

WILLIAMS, George Stacy - S/Sgt., USMC. Now deceased. My dad was an aircraft armorer who served on Peleliu, but I am not sure what his unit was. He enlisted on 2-16-43 in Atlanta and was discharged at Cherry Point, NC on 2/8/46. He kept a diary of his service in Peleliu. He provided a copy of the diary to a buddy, but subsequently lost his copy. I would love to hear from any buddies or families who might have more information on my father's service. Email me at lynn@rose.net.

WILLIAMS, James R. - Cpl - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. After discharge from the Marines Corps in March 1946, my dad returned to college and spent 35 years teaching history in the public school system in Mississippi. He passed away on 08 Feb 2010, 2 months shy of his 87th birthday. Family contact: No1unclec@aol.com

WILLIAMS, Leland S. 81st Wildcats. Leland was inducted into the army on November 12, 1942. He shipped out to Hawaii in July 1944 and from there was sent to fight in Angura. His Division was sent to Peleliu and in 1945 they fought at New Caledonia. He was Honorably discharged in April 1945. He passed away in August, 2002. His granddaughter wrote, "He was the most loved grandfather a girl could ever have and it is a true honor for him to have been my Grandfather and my Hero." [Family contact](#)

WILLIAMS, Milton E. - PFC - A Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

WILLIAMS, Raymond E. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WILLIAMS, Shelby - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WILLIAMSON, Gene B., Corporal. Marine Air Branch GMF 114, 1st Marine Division. Now resides in Long Beach, CA.

WILLIAMSON, George W. Jr. - PFC - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WILLIAMSON, Glen. 81st Wildcat Division. Lives in Glendive, MT.

WILLIAMSON, Harry A. - Cpl - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

WILLIS, Dwight. 81st Wildcat Division. Lives in Lawndale, NC.

WHILLOCK, Everett Andrew, Corporal. First Marine Division, 50 cal machine gunner. He Landed on Orange Beach. When he got there his gun crew was dead so he was assigned a bazooka to take out some of the 13 Japanese tanks at the airport. The battery was dead. He was MIA for a couple of days caught between Orange Beach and the airport. He visited the island with his son David in December of 1991, a bittersweet moment. Much of David's childhood was listening to stories about this island in the middle of the Pacific. Everett also beachheaded on Cape Gloucester and Tiensin as well as Okinawa.
D.Whillock@tcu.edu

WILSEY, Ellwood H. U.S. Army 81st Infantry (Wildcat) Division. Radio Operator. He was drafted in 1943 and was sent to Fort Dix, NJ, and other army camps including a short stay in Arizona. He was then shipped out to the south Pacific via San Luis Obispo, CA. He also served at New Caledonia, Leyte, and in the occupation of Japan. He is now deceased. His brother Marvin may be reached by email at: marvie@inreach.com

WILSON, Milton H. - Cpl - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WILSON, Everett. Co. D 776th Amphibious Tank Bn., U.S. Army. Angaur/Peleliu was this unit's first operation. They then went on to serve at Leyte and Okinawa. The company left Fort Ord, CA with 150 troops and returned to the states with just 16. Everett's grandson Colin Wilson would like to hear from any men that served with the 776th Amphibious Tank Bn or knew Everett. Please contact Colin by email at wilsonc@pennunix.wmpenn.edu

* WILSON, Orville D. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. WIA 9/15/44- Now deceased.

WILSON, Ralph - PFC - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

* WILSON, Ray A. K-3-5.

WILSON, Raymond D. 81st Infantry (Wildcats). Fought at Peleliu, as well as part of the invasion force in both the Phillipines and Japan. Later served a combat tour in Korea, as well as three tours in Vietnam. Now lives in Burnet, Texas.

+ WILSON, Roy T. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - KIA 10/10/44 WILSON, Wilbur K., Lt. 33rd Seabees Battalion when they went to Peleliu. His son would like to hear from anyone who knew Wilbur. His email address is: DannoDad@aol.com

WILSON, William J. Jr. - PFC - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WINFREY, Walter Michael, Jr. 7th Marines, Co B, 1st Bn. He went by the nickname of "Windy." He passed away on March 15, 1984 from cancer. If you knew him please contact his family at either winfrey.mich@uwlax.edu or stoneslab@att.net

+ WINKEL, Robert, PFC. An 18 year old BAR man, PFC Winkel was buried on Peleliu. His cousin has a picture of one of his buddies at his grave. The family was told that he was hit by mortar fire early and was taken to a beach first aid area. Apparently the Japanese broke through and he and others were bayoneted as they were waiting for evaluation.

WINN, Elbert B. - PFC - H&S Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

* WISE, Charles L. - Pvt - B Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - WIA 9/15/44.

* WISER, Raleigh. Army. Earned the Purple Heart on Peleliu. Toluvable5@aol.com

WOJTOWICZ, Florian J. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WOLTERS, Kenneth G. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WOOD, Glenn Lewis. K-3-5. His son Gary writes, "I'm am not totally sure how it all took place, but I believe that my dad left Camp Pendleton on a troop ship, landing on Guadalcanal after it had been taken. He then saw his first action as he was on the 3rd day of assault on Peleliu. He was a machine gunner with K 3 5. His next action was the beach head at Naha Okinawa, Easter Sunday 1945. Following that he was in China for the occupation phase. I am not certain all the medals/ribbons my dad had, although I know he was wounded three times with shrapnel, although the ribbon(s)/medal have not been located. He also spent several months on the Hope Hospital ship with malaria, and I'm not certain what time frame that was." Contact: Gary Wood, gwood4848@cox.net

WOMACK, Charles L. (C. L.) "Red". Marine Corporal machine gunner and flamethrower with Co. K, 3rd Bn, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Fought in 9 major battles during WWII including Peleliu, Tarawa, Cape Gloucester and Guadalcanal. His service is noted in the books, Brotherhood of Heroes by Bill Sloan and With the Old Breed by E. Sledge. He is also featured in an exhibit on the Pacific War at the D-Day Museum in New Orleans, LA. Daddy is the father of two sons and me, his daughter. His wife, Hilda, died 7 years ago, but Daddy still lives in McComb, Mississippi, where he's lived all his life. He is a retired I.C.C. Railroad Engineer and will be 84 years old on October 26th. He is the proud grandfather to five grandsons, one of whom now serves as an Infantry sawgunner with 2/2 Marines. We are all extremely proud of him! ~ Daughter Robyn: rgravely@pc.fsu.edu

WOOD, James P. - Cpl - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

WOODS, Cecil - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WOODS, Robert J., Cpl. K-3-5. His son may be contacted by email: W1632@aol.com

* WOODS, Walter R. - Pvt - B Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - WIA 10/18/44.

WOODSON, Fred E. - Sgt - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WOODY, Jason D. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

* WOODYARD, Wayland Deloss, Lt., USMC. Company K, 3rd Bat., 1st Marines. Killed in action on September 18, 1944. He was the son of Lovisa Hannah and Otto J. Woodyard. Wayland was born in Waterloo, IA on July 7, 1916. His cousin Eric, who was 5 at the time, remembers his mother and her sisters crying when they got word of his death. The story he had heard was that Wayland's unit was pinned down on or near the beach by weapons fire from a Japanese pillbox, but exactly how he died is not known. Eric writes, "He was a handsome young man and his life was cut short as were many other young men. May they all rest in peace." If you can provide further information for Eric, please contact him at Jafats@cs.com

WOOTEN, Walter S. 81st infantry and the 318 Field Artillery Service Battery. Walter would appreciate any information on reunions or contacts with others in that division, especially in the 318 Field Artillery Service Battery. chodge@viafamily.com

WORDEN, Waite W. Battalion XO, 7th Marines. Believed to have been A Major at the time. He was awarded the Silver Star for actions on Peleliu. He is now deceased. He died in January of 1999. Family Contact: wworden@tendercorp.com

WORK, Gene H. - PFC - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

+ WORLEY, Darby Max, FldCk. USMC. Killed in Action on Peleliu, September 25, 1944.

WORSWICK, Henry "Hank", PFC - 306th Engineering Battalion, 81st Inf. Division "Wildcats" - Originally from Tennessee, Hank is the only known veteran of the Palau campaign to have taken his discharge in the field. He has lived in Palau and Yap since the end of the war and has numerous children and grandchildren living in the islands. The Palau government made him an honorary citizen in the mid-1980's. He presently resides in Koror, Palau. Following the war, Hank worked in various capacities as a mechanic and engineer for the US Trust Territory government, he also became reknowned for his traditional fishing skills (which to Micronesians is extremely important) and reknowned for his carvings of traditional Micronesian canoes and implements. He has had a profound effect on Micronesia through his work in Palau and Yap and through his descendents, who include Cabinet and government Officials in the CNMI (Saipan, Tinian, Rota), Phonpei and Palau, School Principals and teachers in Yap, Palau, CNMI and Phonpei, Public Works Officials in the Federated States of Micronesia, Business owners and managers in Yap, Palau, CNMI and Phonpei, and Police officers in Palau and Yap.

WRIGHT, Charles "Charlie". Served with the 81st. Division, 321 Regiment rifle Company at Anguar and Peleliu. He was wounded twice, once in mid-September and again in mid-October. He also saw action in The Phillipines and the occuation of Japan. He often mentioned serving with a ranger "attachment". He is my father and he died on October 10, 1992. Please let me know if you served with him or otherwise knew him. Contact me at russellwright@fewpb.net

WRIGHT, Keith. USN Radio Man attached to the First Marines Division. He also fought on Okinawa. He now lives in South Dakota.

* WRIGHT, Thomas C. "T.C." or "Mike". He was with D-1-1-, but had briefly been with C Company before. He was blinded as a result of injuries from shrapnel exploding his gunnery nest around midnight, September 15th. He died September 25, 1990. His son has information on an annual "mini-reunion" that D-1-1 vets have. Anyone who has stories to share or who wants information about the reunions can contact him: mkvcw@mediaone.net

WRIGHT, Thomas L. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

WRIGHT, William, Cpl. - Company K, 3rd Bn, 7th Mar, 1st Mar Div - WIA October 4, 1944. Family contact: lmontagna@fairpoint.net

* WUEPPER, James H.- PFC- USMC, 1st Marine Div., E Company, 1st. Pioneer Battalion. Saw action on Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester & Peleliu, where He was wounded the 3rd day & eventually sent home. He received the purple heart & was promoted to Corporal. Family contact: jmwuep54@yahoo.com

WULFF, Warren J."Jim". Served with the 1st Marines, 1st Pioneer Battalion from December 1942 until the war ended in 1946. He was on New Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa. He passed away at his farm in Minnesota on April 24, 1999. His nephew, Dan, would love to hear from anyone who served with him. He can be reached by email at WendyW2@aol.com

WURZER, Denis. 2nd Platoon, A Company, 3rd Armored Amphibian Tank Battalion of the 1st Marine Division.

* WURZER, Dennis J. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - WIA 10/5/44.

WYLDE, Edwin A. - 2nd Lt - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

WYNN, Neal B. Lt.Col., USMC (ret). King Company, 3rd Battalion, First Marines, PFC automatic rifleman at time of the "Stalemate" operation. Later served at Okinawa, in China, returned to the states, was commissioned in 1953 served in Korea and Vietnam. Retired in 1974 as a LtCol. Died 14 Jan 2004. Family contact: NWynnWSO@aol.com

WYSOCKI, Raymond J. - PFC - B Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

YAHR, Theodore S. - Cpl - H&S Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

+ YAKEE, Melvin D. - Pvt - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - KIA 9/15/44.

* YANCOHKO, Michael. K-3-5.

YATES, Clarence A. - PFC - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

YEARGIN, Eugene Arthur Jr., Cpl. Company G, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Fought on New Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa. From Anderson County, SC. Lived in Greenville, SC after the war. His youngest son can be e-mailed at ley854@webtv.net

YERXA, Fendall, Captain. Staff officer 1st Marines. Retired college professor, now living in Seattle.

YORK, Richard C. York. Served with the Sea Bees on Peleliu . (CBMU 503).

* YORK, William E., PFC. 1st Marines. Wounded in the battle of Peleliu on Bloody Nose Ridge. He lived in Pennacook, NH. Family contact: dkenney10@comcast.net

* YOUNG, Brandon E. K-3-5.

+ YOUNG, Clifford S. - PFC - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - KIA 9/15/44.

YOUNG, Eugene J., PhM2/c, USNR. Eugene was a Navy Corpsman assigned to the 12thAA Battalion. He landed on Peleliu on September 15th, 1944, and remained until October, 1945 when he was assigned to the 6th Marine Division and sent to Tsingtao, China. "Until our guns could come ashore, I spent the early days of the invasion with the 5th Regiment. To this day my vanity license plate is PELELIU and it saddens me that so few know its meaning." Ypeleliu@aol.com

YOUNG, James D. - Plt Sgt - H&S Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

YOUNG, James F. Sgt. H-2-1, 1st Marine Div. 81mm mortars. Landed at Peleliu on white-beach 2. Also saw action on Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester. Jim now resides at 55 Sherman St, Galeton, PA.

YOUNGBIRD, James - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

YOUNGFIELD, Harold D., PFC. Mortarman. 81st Infantry. He lost his right hand on 10/11/44 at Anguar returning an incoming grenade from a foxhole, and earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was shipped back to Utah, and discharged in April of 1945 after a stay in a recuperation hospital where he met his wife. He was originally from Denver, and Youngfield Street in Denver was named after him and his brother, who fought in Germany. He is living in Utah. His family may be reached at JParker@davispartner.com

YSLAS, Armando B. - PFC - H&S Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

ZADEL, Charles W. - Cpl - D Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

ZAEPFEL, Cletus P. - PFC- B Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

ZAMPINO, Frank Anthony. He was in the Navy Seabees Construction Battalion, CBMU 503, May 1945 to June 1946. Ship's Cook Third Class.

+ ZANUZOSKI, George Edward, PFC. USMCR. Killed in Action on Peleliu, September 22, 1944.

ZAVODNIK, Andrew, CPL - A Company, 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Inf. Div. "A good guy that was always there to help you."

ZGELA, John N., Sgt. (Last name later changed to Zeigler). Deceased 1991. Fought at Peleliu under the command of Chesty Puller. He spoke with great pride about the men he fought with. He even met Chesty briefly when he Chesty asked him for a light. John also served on Bougainville, Okinawa, and the Phillipines, and was at one time or another in the the First and Third Marine Divisions. Family contact, son Nick: nickzeigler21@hotmail.com

ZIMIROSKI, Stanley, T4 - A Company, 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Inf. Div. "Great man."

* ZIMMERMAN, Norman L., Pfc., B-8th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. Wounded in action on Sept. 17, 1944. He lives in New Holland, PA.

ZANDI, Lawrence A. - PFC - C Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

ZBACNIK, Albert R. - PFC - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

ZEIEN, Donald V. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn.

ZEITHAMEL, William L. - Pvt - H&S Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. Now deceased.

ZEK, Stephen J. - PFC - B Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn.

ZELENY, Vincent J. - Plt Sgt - C Co. Sixth Amphibian Tractor Bn. - Now deceased.

ZIMMERMAN, Ted K. - Pvt - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

ZITKO, Francis Lee. 4th Joint Assault Signal Company. USMC Reserve. "I remember landing on White Beach in the third wave ashore. We went down the rope net ladders from an LST into the bobbing landing craft at H plus 20 minutes, made the run toward the smoking island and transferred to amphibious tractors when we got to the edge of an 800 –foot wide coral reef, over which we bumped and crawled to the beach. The wave of about eight army ducks behind us was all but wiped out with Jap mortar fire. The approach and the beach were hot with Jap mortar, artillery, and machine fire. For a bunch of late teen age kids, it was pretty exciting. I lost some friends, but I was lucky, I guess. Made the Okinawa landing later on." Contact: lzitko@live.com

ZOMBAR, Michael. PFC, HQ Company, 1st Bn, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Born in Cressent Heights, PA. Silver Star recipient for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of the Control Team of a Heavy Mortar Platoon in action against enemy Japanese force at Peleliu on 17 September 1944.

ZUKOWSKI, Fabian L. - PFC - A Co. Third Armored Amphibian Bn. - Now deceased.

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