

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AZERBAIJAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2013*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan in general, and the Azerbaijani community of San Diego in particular, on the 95th anniversary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

On May 28, 1918, Azerbaijan declared its independence and established the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. The first-ever parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world, Azerbaijan proclaimed the right to vote for all regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, and religion, preceding even the United States in granting women equal political rights with men.

This Republic was recognized by many advanced nations of the time, including the United States. In fact, following a meeting with a delegation of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic during the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson remarked that he and these men spoke the same language with respect to conceptions of liberty, right, and justice.

Tragically, Azerbaijan's independence was interrupted when the Russian Red Army invaded the nation in 1920. Only in 1991, as the Soviet Union disintegrated, were the people of Azerbaijan given a second chance to restore their democracy and rejoin the world's community of free nations.

Over the last twenty-two years, the Republic of Azerbaijan has consolidated its sovereignty and independence, and has become one of the fastest growing economies in the region and beyond. Azerbaijan is also a staunch ally and strategic partner of the United States in the critically important Caspian region.

I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on this important anniversary, and commend them on their continued efforts and commitment to building a strong and vibrant Azerbaijan.

WHEATLAND UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
SELECTED AS A 2013 CALIFORNIA  
DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2013*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wheatland Union High School on its selection as a 2013 California Distinguished School.

The California Distinguished School award is given by the California State Board of Edu-

cation to public schools that best demonstrate educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap. It is awarded to approximately five percent of California schools each year, and none is more deserving than Wheatland Union High School.

Since it was established in 1907, Wheatland Union High School has been a cornerstone of the south Yuba County community, which has a rich history of supporting the state's vital agricultural sector. Serving the communities of Wheatland, Plumas Lake and Smartsville, as well as Beale Air Force Base, the high school covers an astounding 150 square miles, and has always been dedicated to providing the best possible education for all students. This is the first formal acknowledgement of their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the impressive achievement of this fine school. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wheatland Union High School and thanking them for their continued efforts in serving Yuba County students.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE  
LIFE OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT  
HOWARD BURY, SR.

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2013*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great and good man, a man who lived a life of service to his country and his community. Robert Howard Bury died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 94 on May 2, 2013.

Bob Bury was born in San Francisco to Helen and Howard Bury. He and his sister Gloria lived a happy but impecunious life with them. At an early age Bob delivered newspapers and groceries to help make ends meet for the family. This early training served him well in his later career as a successful tire dealer in Redwood City and Palo Alto.

Bob Bury was a fine provider for his family and his life was synonymous with service. He served his country in the United States Navy, with four years in combat in the Pacific. He was a Machinists Mate 1st Class and served on the USS *Karnes*, an attack transport ship. Bob was proud of being aboard the *Karnes* during the Battle of Okinawa when the ship was delivering reinforcements of troops and equipment, despite being under Kamikaze attack.

Bob also served his community through his many years of extraordinary service to his beloved home town, Redwood City. He served 24 years on the Redwood City Council, seeing the City through many difficult years, and was Mayor from 1968 to 1972. He served in leadership posts in countless organizations, including the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, the Redwood City Port Commission, Redwood

City Kiwanis, and the San Mateo County Visitors Bureau. Bob retired from service only two years ago when he left the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board. Bob Bury earned and deserved the sobriquet "Mr. Redwood City".

Bob adored his family, and they him. He leaves his beloved wife of 70 years, June. He also leaves four children; Susan (Harry Battin), Bob Bury Jr. (Sue Subbot), Judy Bury Alessandri (Tom Alessandri), and Patricia Bury, as well as several grandchildren who affectionately called him "Bobbie".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Bob Bury, and in extolling his life of service to others. I also ask my colleagues to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to Bob Bury's family, for their loss is a great one. I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to know and work with Bob Bury and even prouder to call him my friend. Through his leadership, integrity and decency, he made our country and our community stronger and better.

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**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2013*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

[Researched by SGM Mike R. Vining, USA  
Retired]

This is a list of Army Bomb Disposal/Explosive Ordnance Disposal deaths involving either training, performing bomb disposal duties, or involvement in combat or post combat operations regardless of duty assignment at the time of death or illness resulting in death.

American Battle Monuments Commission—WWII: All the below profiles marked with (\*) are listed on this website. Type in their last name [leave a space] first name and hit the search button.

American Battle Monuments Commission—Korea: All the below profiles marked with (+) are listed on this website. Type in their last name [leave a space] first name and hit the search button.

1. PVT C.E. Mullenix was killed on 15 May 1943. A report from the 10th Bomb Disposal Squad states that on 15 May 1943, PVT C. E. Mullenix was killed by an explosion during training at Aberdeen, Maryland. 2LT Jesse F. Donovan and PVT D. J. Kueter were also injured in the same accident. 2LT Donovan and PVT Kueter were briefly hospitalized and released. It is believed by a roommate of PVT Mullenix that they were on a work detail to move unstable WWI artillery rounds. No other details given. This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired) with additional information provided by Dr. Jeffrey M. Leatherwood, Ph.D.

2. PFC Laurence C. Paystrup was killed and SGT Ira Wiggins was mortally wounded on 26 May 1943. SGT Wiggins died from his

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wounds on 27 May 1943. PFC Paystrup and SGT Wiggins were assigned to the 2nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. Their deaths were the result of five M9A1 anti-tank rifle grenades falling from a truck and detonating at Speitla, Tunisia.

Additional Facts: Born: 6 July 1919; Age: 23; Home State: Utah; Buried: Levan Cemetery, Levan, Utah.

#### Find-A-Grave—PFC Paystrup

3. SGT Ira Wiggins was mortally wounded and PFC Laurence C. Paystrup were killed and on 26 May 1943. SGT Wiggins died from his wounds on 27 May 1943. SGT Wiggins and PFC Paystrup were assigned to the 2nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. Their deaths were the result of five M9A1 anti-tank rifle grenades falling from a truck and detonating at Speitla, Tunisia.

4. CPT Frederick Harrison "Harrison" Dillon and 1LT Steven "Steve" Todorovich, Jr. were presumed killed on 10 October 1943. CPT Dillon and 1LT Todorovich were assigned to the 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional). CPT Dillon was commander of the 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional). CPT Dillon and 1LT Todorovich were listed as passenger onboard a North American B-25C Mitchell bomber (Serial Number 42-6451) that departed at 1420 hours, 10 October 1943. The aircraft was armed with only seven .50 caliber machineguns. The aircraft was flying a "ferry" route between Algiers, Algeria and Tunis, Tunisia when the aircraft disappeared and presumed crashed somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea. Algiers was the Headquarters for Allied Forces in North Africa and it is assumed that CPT Dillon and 1LT Todorovich were traveling on official bomb disposal business. CPT Dillon and 1LT Todorovich were likely scheduled to make a connecting flight from Tunis to Naples, Italy. At the time of their disappearance their duty location was Palermo, Sicily. Despite investigations by the Army Air Force, neither wreckage, nor remains have been recovered. CPT Dillon is listed as missing-in-action, non-battle casualty. Also listed as missing in action on the flight is the pilot 1LT Herbert L. Hastings, copilot 2LT Ray Brown Lobdell, and crew chief S/Sgt William B. Brezee of 379th Bomber Squadron, 310th Bomber Group, Medium, 12th Air Force, and a third passenger CPT Lewis T. Stoneburner III, Medical Corps, 45th General Hospital.

Note: The 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional) had five killed-in-actions, four officers and one enlisted, but no names, dates, or circumstances.

Source Documents: Missing Air Crew Report No. 1102, 27 October 1943 and Routine Casualty Report No. 26121, 21 November 1943. Dr. Jeffrey M. Leatherwood, Ph.D. was instrumental in obtaining these documents and conducting this research. Additional information was provided by Ed Dillon, Major USAF (Retired), a cousin of CPT F.H. Dillon.

Additional Facts: Service Number: O1548195; Born: February 1918, Utica, New York, Age: 25; Home State: New York; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, Nettuno, Italy (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—CPT Dillon

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army "D"

5. 1LT Steven "Steve" Todorovich, Jr. and CPT Frederick Harrison "Harrison" Dillon were presumed killed on 10 October 1943. CPT Dillon and 1LT Todorovich were assigned to the 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional). 1LT Todorovich was commander of the 1st Platoon of the 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional). 1LT Todorovich and CPT Dillon were listed as passenger onboard a North American B-25C Mitchell bomber (Serial Number

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Note: The 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional) had five killed-in-actions, four officers and one enlisted, but no names, dates, or circumstances.

Source Documents: Missing Air Crew Report No. 1102, 27 October 1943 and Routine Casualty Report No. 26121, 21 November 1943. Dr. Jeffrey M. Leatherwood, Ph.D. was instrumental in obtaining these documents and conducting this research. Additional information was provided by Ed Dillon, Major USAF (Retired), a cousin of CPT F.H. Dillon.

Additional Facts: Service Number: O1550517; Home State: Maryland; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, Nettuno, Italy (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—1LT Todorovich

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army "T"

6. T/5 CPL Herbert M. Paszotta was killed on 11 November 1943. T/5 CPL Paszotta was assigned to the 1st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. T/5 CPL Paszotta died from injuries he received in an accident involving two trucks in the vicinity of Paestum, Italy.

Note: From LTC Bob Leiendecker, USA (Retired): I have a document that lists a T/5 Panzota as one of the original members of the 1st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad when it was activated on 17 February 1943. Then another document says, quote, "CPL Herbert Paszotta was killed in an accident today. His loss is keenly felt by members of both squads," end quote. That entry was on 11 November 1943.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 35369347; Home State: Indiana; Buried: Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, Nettuno, Italy, Plot: C, Row: 6, Grave: 46 (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Paszotta

7. T/5 CPL Philip J. Zore was killed on 20 May 1944. T/5 CPL Zore was assigned to the 142nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad.

Note: From LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired): I have a copy of the History of the 142nd Bomb Disposal Squad for May 1944 and I will quote the entry in it. Members of the squad were at a farewell dance for members of the 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional) that had been deactivated. T/5 CPL Zore had been chosen from the 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional) along with others to be a charter member of the new 142nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. The dance was in honor of those that had not been placed in squads and would be soon departing. The date for the dance was 19 May 1944 and arrangements

were made to have (chaperoned) Woman Army Corps (WACs) personnel on hand along with several Italian women (Signorinas).

142nd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad history: Quote, "At the conclusion of the dance the drivers prepared their 6x6's for the taxi service afforded the Signorinas. The girls were taken home and the drivers returned. T/5 CPL Zore, one of the designated drivers, asked for special permission to escort his (new girl) friend home and it was granted. Although much of the mystery has not been cleared, whether it was foul play or just accidental, Zore's body was found afloat (in a pond) not far from the home of his (girl) friend the following morning. Since the victim was one of the author's closest friends he has chosen not to dwell on the subject any more than possible, but he feels his death should be recorded in our history as a memorial to his friendship" unquote. Zore's vehicle was not found. One of Zore's buddies identified his corpse, and remembered this puzzling incident long afterward.

Note: The 235th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company (Provisional) had five killed-in-actions, four officers and one enlisted, but no names, dates, or circumstances.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 36252406; Home State: Wisconsin; Buried: Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, Nettuno, Italy, Plot: F, Row: 3, Grave: 36 (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Zore

8. T/5 CPL Norman Reynolds and PVT Joseph T. Seredinski were presumed killed on 17 August 1944. T/5 CPL Reynolds and PVT Seredinski were assigned to the 4th Platoon, 234th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company. They were involved in an explosion at an ammunition storage dump. T/5 CPL Reynolds and PVT Seredinski are listed as missing-in-action.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 31135327; Home State: Massachusetts; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, Colleville-sur-Mer, France (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Reynolds

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army "R"

9. PVT Joseph T. Seredinski and T/5 CPL Norman Reynolds were presumed killed on 17 August 1944. PVT Seredinski and T/5 CPL Reynolds were assigned to the 4th Platoon, 234th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Company. They were involved in an explosion at an ammunition storage dump. PVT Seredinski and T/5 CPL Reynolds are listed as missing-in-action.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 33333852; Home State: Pennsylvania; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, Colleville-sur-Mer, France (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—PVT Seredinski

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army "S"

10. T/SGT James H. Eberle was killed on 23 August 1944. T/SGT Eberle was assigned to the 151st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. T/SGT Eberle was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 36071153; Home State: Illinois; Buried: Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, Florence, Italy, Plot: F, Row: 8, Grave: 28 (\*).

#### Find-A-Grave—T/SGT Eberle

11. T/5 CPL Elmer L. Allison and T/5 CPL Joseph Kozic were killed on 16 October 1944. T/5 CPL Allison and T/5 CPL Kozic were assigned to the 134th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. They were involved in a minefield accident.

12. T/5 CPL Joseph Kozic and T/5 CPL Elmer L. Allison were killed on 16 October 1944. T/5 CPL Kozic and T/5 CPL Allison were assigned to the 134th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. They were involved in a minefield accident.

13. T/SGT Joseph Michel, Jr. and T/5 CPL Paul F. Tyler were killed on 7 January 1945. T/SGT Michel and T/5 CPL Tyler were assigned to the 45th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. They were killed during enemy action.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 12061912; Home State: New York; Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, St. Avold, France, Plot: B, Row: 14, Grave: 47. Find-A-Grave—T/SGT Michel

14. T/5 CPL Paul F. Tyler and T/SGT Joseph Michel, Jr. were killed on 7 January 1945. T/5 CPL Tyler and T/SGT Michel were assigned to the 45th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. They were killed during enemy action.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 32305466; Home State: New Jersey; Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, St. Avold, France, Plot: C, Row: 18, Grave: 96. Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Tyler

15. SGT John H. Baxley was killed on 1 February 1945 according to Army historical bomb disposal records. SGT Baxley was assigned to the 30th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate) in Belgium. SGT Baxley was killed while attempting to inert a dangerous German anti-tank projectile near Verviers, Belgium.

Additional Facts: Born: 14 November 1921; Age: 23; Home State: New York; Buried: Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York; Plot: J, 0, 13806.

Find-A-Grave—SGT John H. Baxley

16. CPT Bernard E. Anderson was mortally injured on 13 January 1945 and died from wounds on 26 February 1945. CPT Anderson was assigned to the 48th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate). His death was listed as a non-battle casualty.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 01556832; Home State: Maryland; Burial: Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, Coton, England, Plot: F, Row: 6, Grave: 125. Find-A-Grave—CPT Anderson

Note: According to LTC Robert E. "Bob" Leiendecker, USA (Retired) records, in March 1945, two members of the 234th Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal) were killed near Heming, France when the unit's truck loaded with hazardous and unserviceable German ammunition exploded.

17. SGT Ernest P. Smith, Jr. and T/5 CPL Joseph V. Tabone were killed on 12 March 1945. SGT Smith and T/5 Tabone were assigned to the 177th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. SGT Smith was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 34787310; Home State: Florida; Buried: Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines, Plot: D, Row: 4, Grave: 112 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—SGT Smith

18. T/5 CPL Joseph V. Tabone and SGT Ernest P. Smith, Jr. were killed on 12 March 1945. T/5 Tabone and SGT Smith were assigned to the 177th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. T/5 CPL Tabone was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 32789265; Home State: New York; Buried: Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines, Plot: A, Row: 10, Grave: 63 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Tabone

19. T/5 CPL Dallas Harold Factor and an unknown member of the squad were killed on 14 March 1945. T/5 CPL Factor and the other squad member were assigned to the 26th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. T/5 CPL Factor and the other squad member were killed in action by mines while working near Samres, in the Ardennes (Belgium and Luxembourg region). This information was provided by SGM James Ferris, USA (Retired). His grave marker states that he was killed on 14 November 1945.

Additional Facts: Born: 19 August 1909, Mount Sterling, Illinois; Age: 35; Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa; Buried: Quincy National Cemetery, Quincy, Illinois, Plot: Section: B, 112C. Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Factor

Note: A report from the 26th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad states that on 14 March 1945 two members of the squad were killed in action by mines while working in the Ardennes (Belgium and Luxembourg region). Now one of the names is known. This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired).

20. T/5 CPL Harold L. Pinkham, PFC Leo E. Gonshor, PFC Robert E. Inman, and PVT Edward R. Morris were killed on 17 March 1945. T/5 CPL Pinkham, PFC Gonshor, PFC Inman, and PVT Morris were assigned to the 232nd Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal). T/5 CPL Pinkham was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 31133783; Home State: Massachusetts; Buried: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, Plot: F, Row: 6, Grave: 59(\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Pinkham

21. PFC Leo E. Gonshor, T/5 CPL Harold L. Pinkham, PFC Robert E. Inman, and PVT Edward R. Morris were killed on 17 March 1945. PFC Gonshor, T/5 CPL Pinkham, PFC Inman, and PVT Morris were assigned to the 232nd Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal). PFC Gonshor was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number 33354443; Home State: Pennsylvania; Buried: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, Plot: E, Row: 6, Grave: 28 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—PFC Gonshor

22. PFC Robert E. Inman, T/5 CPL Harold L. Pinkham, PFC Leo E. Gonshor, and PVT Edward R. Morris were killed on 17 March 1945. PFC Inman, T/5 CPL Pinkham, PFC Gonshor, and PVT Morris were assigned to the 232nd Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal). PFC Inman was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 35332453; Home State: Ohio; Buried: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, Plot: E, Row: 1, Grave: 53 (\*). Find-A-Grave—PFC Inman

23. PVT Edward R. Morris, T/5 CPL Harold L. Pinkham, PFC Leo E. Gonshor and PFC Robert E. Inman were killed on 17 March 1945. PVT Morris, T/5 CPL Pinkham, PFC Gonshor and PFC Inman were assigned to the 232nd Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal). PVT Morris was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 35292391; Home State: West Virginia; Buried: Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, Plot: H, Row: 5, Grave: 65 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—PVT Morris

Note: According to LTC Robert E. "Bob" Leiendecker, USA (Retired) records, a member of the 234th Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal) was injured on 13 April 1945. He was admitted to the 51st Evacuation Hospital where he died the following day (14 April 1945) of acute cardiac failure.

24. T/5 CPL Roscoe I. Moore and T/5 CPL Dean A. Shoulders were killed on 18 March 1945. T/5 CPL Moore and T/5 CPL Shoulders were assigned to the 53rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate). Their deaths were recorded to had taken place in Germany (no exact location and circumstances are given). This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired).

Additional Facts: Born: 29 May 1921; Age: 23; Service Number: 39618122; MOS 924; Home State: Petroleum County, Montana; Buried: Custer National Cemetery, Crow Agency, Big

Horn County, Montana; Section: D; Site: 69; Remains transferred from Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, Margraten, Netherlands and reinterred on 9 December 1948. Find-A-Grave—T/5 Moore

Genealogy Trails—WWII—T/5 Moore

25. T/5 CPL Dean A. Shoulders and T/5 CPL Roscoe I. Moore were killed on 18 March 1945. T/5 CPL Shoulders and T/5 CPL Moore were assigned to the 53rd Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate). Their deaths were recorded to had taken place in Germany (no exact location and circumstances are given). This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired).

Additional Facts: Service Number: 32757002; MOS 924; Hometown: National Park, New Jersey.

NATIONAL PARK WWII MEMORIAL—NATIONAL PARK NJ—T/5 SHOULDERS

Note: On 13 April 1945 a bomb disposal technician died in a hospital of cardiac failure, while on an incident. The technician was a member of the 234th Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal). This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired).

26. T/SGT Landon H. Chambers was killed on 16 April 1945. T/SGT Chambers was assigned to the 160th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad. T/SGT Chambers was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 18187385; Born: 13 October 1922, Galveston, Texas; Age: 22; Home State: Texas; Buried: Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, Margraten, Netherlands, Plot: I, Row: 7, Grave: 2 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/SGT Chambers

27. T/5 CPL Merle W. Fry was presumed killed on 18 April 1945. T/5 CPL Fry was assigned to the 92nd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. T/5 CPL Fry was assigned to the same unit and presumed killed on the same date as CPT George C. Sarauw, 2LT Arthur J. Zellmer, T/SGT Francis H. Zurn, and T/5 CPL Elmer J. Craddock were killed, and T/5 CPL Raymond J. Rondeau was presumed killed. They are listed on the EOD Memorial. The unit was participating in the assault landing on Ie Jima (also called Ie Shima), Okinawa when their vehicle detonated a landmine. T/5 CPL Fry is listed as missing-in-action. T/5 CPL Fry was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 13060083; Home State: New York; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl National Cemetery), Honolulu, Hawaii (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Fry

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army "F"

28. T/SGT Sam A. McCleneghan was killed on 1 May 1945. T/SGT McCleneghan was assigned to the 125th Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. T/SGT McCleneghan was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 37703570; Home State: Colorado; Buried: Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, Margraten, Netherlands, Plot: J, Row: 2, Grave: 13 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/SGT McCleneghan

29. T/5 CPL George C. Miller was presumed killed on 6 May 1945. T/5 CPL Miller was assigned to the 234th Ordnance Service Platoon (Bomb Disposal). T/5 Miller is listed as missing-in-action.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 35381016; Home State: Ohio; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, Cambridge, England (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Miller

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army “M”

30. T/SGT Earl R. Colebaugh, T/5 CPL Clement E. Berger, and T/5 CPL Robert H. Falkenheim were killed on 9 May 1945. T/SGT Colebaugh, T/5 CPL Berger, and T/5 CPL Falkenheim were assigned to the 123rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad, Third Army. T/SGT Colebaugh, T/5 CPL Berger, and T/5 CPL Falkenheim were killed in Czechoslovakia, while disposing of ammunition. T/SGT Colebaugh was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Medals: Army of Occupation—Europe Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 36775329; Home State: Illinois; Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, Saint Avold, Lorraine Region, France, Plot: J, Row: 36, Grave: 13 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/SGT Colebaugh

31. T/5 CPL Robert H. Falkenheim, T/SGT Earl R. Colebaugh, and T/5 CPL Clement E. Berger were killed on 9 May 1945. T/5 CPL Falkenheim, T/SGT Colebaugh, and T/5 CPL Berger were assigned to the 123rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad, Third Army. T/5 CPL Falkenheim, T/SGT Colebaugh, and T/5 CPL Berger were killed in Czechoslovakia, while disposing of ammunition. T/5 CPL Falkenheim was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Medals: Army of Occupation—Europe Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 6831089; Home State: Illinois; Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, Saint Avold, Lorraine Region, France, Plot: E, Row: 20, Grave: 35 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Falkenheim

32. T/5 CPL Clement E. Berger, T/SGT Earl R. Colebaugh, and T/5 CPL Falkenheim were killed on 9 May 1945. T/5 CPL Berger, T/SGT Colebaugh, and T/5 CPL Falkenheim were assigned to the 123rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad, Third Army. T/5 CPL Berger, T/SGT Colebaugh, and T/5 CPL Falkenheim were killed in Czechoslovakia, while disposing of ammunition. T/5 CPL Berger was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Medals: Army of Occupation—Europe Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 42028085; Home State: New York; Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, Saint Avold, Lorraine Region, France, Plot: J, Row: 4, Grave: 8 (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Berger

33. 1LT Hugh C. W. Huntley was presumed killed on 24 May 1945. 1LT Huntley was a Flight Engineer assigned to U.S. Army Air Force's XXI Command, 874th Bomber Squadron, 498th Bomber Group, Very Heavy. 1LT Huntley's B-29-65-BW bomber (#44-69852) “Filthy Fay III” (call sign T SQ 26, tail code 26) departed Saipan on 24 May 1945, on an incendiary bombing mission over South Tokyo, Japan, as part of Mission 181 during night of 23-24 May. Five hundred and twenty of 562 B-29's sent against Tokyo bomb an urban-industrial area south of the Imperial Palace along the west side of the harbor; five other B-29's hit targets of opportunity. Seventeen B-29's are lost. This is the largest number of B-29's participating in a single mission during World War II. The bomber went missing on 24 May 1945, between Tokyo and the Marianas. There were 11 crewmembers and one passenger aboard the bomber; pilot MAJ Virgil Olds, copilot 2LT Allan W. Rutter, navigator 1LT John Pobicky, Jr., bombardier, CPT Leonard S. Ringo, radio operator S/Sgt Russell D. Fauli, radio operator T/Sgt Richard J. Strand, central fire control gunner S/Sgt Glenn M. Flanigan, left gunner S/Sgt Wibur C. Connatser, right gunner Sgt Joseph S. Baniewicz, tail gunner S/Sgt Arthur E. Horn, and passenger CPT Frederick J. Miller. They are listed as missing in action on 25 May 1945. 1LT Huntley was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and Air Medal

with three Oak Leaf Clusters. 1LT Huntley was a graduate of Army's Bomb Disposal School. This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired). Missing Air Crew Report (MACR) Number 14491.

Additional Facts: Service Number (enlisted): 20949939; Service Number (officer): O1550626 Born: 1918; Hometown: Laramie, Wyoming; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl National Cemetery), Honolulu, Hawaii. Missing Air Crew Report Number—1LT Huntley

POW and MIA—1LT Huntley  
Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army Air Forces “H”

34. LT Alter was killed on 11 June 1945. LT Alter was assigned to the 213th Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. LT Alter was killed, while attempting to render safe a U.S. depth bomb.

35. T/5 CPL Robert S. Dearing, Jr. was presumed killed on 10 July 1945. T/5 CPL Dearing was assigned to the 104th Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. T/5 CPL Dearing is listed as missing-in-action. T/5 CPL Dearing was posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 34705111; Born: 23 February 1924; Age: 20; Home State: Alabama; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl National Cemetery), Honolulu, Hawaii (\*); Buried: Wislono Cemetery, Franklin County, Alabama.

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Dearing (1)

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Dearing (2)

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army “D”

36. T/5 CPL Lester W. Hambly was presumed killed on 10 July 1945. T/5 CPL Hambly was assigned to the 97th Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. T/5 CPL Hambly was last known working in the squad's ammunition holding area. T/5 CPL Hambly is listed as missing-in-action.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 39696955; Home State: California; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl National Cemetery), Honolulu, Hawaii (\*).

Find-A-Grave—T/5 CPL Hambly

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army “H”

37. PFC David W. Ekvall, PFC Andrew Fahrenbach, Jr., PFC James A. Linton, and PFC Frank T. Sowers were presumed killed on 30 December 1945. PFC Ekvall, PFC Fahrenbach, PFC Linton, and PFC Sowers were assigned to the 93rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. They were assigned to the same unit and were all presumed killed on the same date as 2LT Leonard K. Tundermann. 2LT Tundermann is on the EOD Memorial. 2LT Thundermann was presumed killed while disposing of Japanese bombs in the area of Yonan, Korea. PFC Ekvall is listed as missing-in-action. Medals: Army of Occupation—Far East Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 36904368; Home State: Illinois; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines (\*).

Find-A-Grave—PFC Ekvall

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army “E”

38. PFC Andrew Fahrenbach, Jr., PFC David W. Ekvall, PFC James A. Linton, and PFC Frank T. Sowers were presumed killed on 30 December 1945. PFC Fahrenbach, PFC Ekvall, PFC Linton, and PFC Sowers were assigned to the 93rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. They were assigned to the same unit and were all presumed killed on the same date as 2LT Leonard K. Tundermann. 2LT Tunderman is on the EOD

Memorial. 2LT Thundermann was presumed killed while disposing of Japanese bombs in the area of Yonan, Korea. PFC Fahrenbach is listed as missing-in-action. Medals: Army of Occupation—Far East Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 42162339; Home State: New York; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl National Cemetery), Honolulu, Hawaii (\*).

Find-A-Grave—PFC Fahrenbach

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army “F”

39. PFC James Albert Linton, PFC David W. Ekvall, PFC Andrew Fahrenbach, Jr., and PFC Frank T. Sowers were presumed killed on 30 December 1945. PFC Linton, PFC Ekvall, PFC Fahrenbach, and PFC Sowers were assigned to the 93rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. They were assigned to the same unit and were all presumed killed on the same date as 2LT Leonard K. Tundermann. 2LT Tunderman is on the EOD Memorial. 2LT Thundermann was presumed killed while disposing of Japanese bombs in the area of Yonan, Korea. PFC Linton is listed as missing-in-action. Medals: Army of Occupation—Far East Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 44024965; Born: 15 September 1926; Age: 19; Home State: Georgia; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines (\*); Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Waycross, Georgia.

Find-A-Grave—PFC Linton (1)

Find-A-Grave—PFC Linton (2)

Defense POW and MIA—Army WWII “L”

40. PFC Frank T. Sowers, PFC David W. Ekvall, PFC Andrew Fahrenbach, Jr., and PFC James A. Linton were presumed killed on 30 December 1945. PFC Sowers, PFC Ekvall, PFC Fahrenbach, and PFC Linton were assigned to the 93rd Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad. They were assigned to the same unit and were all presumed killed on the same date as 2LT Leonard K. Tundermann. 2LT Tunderman is on the EOD Memorial. 2LT Thundermann was presumed killed while disposing of Japanese bombs in the area of Yonan, Korea. PFC Sowers in listed as missing-in-action. PFC Sowers was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Medals: Army of Occupation—Far East Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 35241397; Home State: Ohio; Memorial: Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines (\*).

Find-A-Grave—PFC Sowers

Defense POW and MIA Office—WWII Army “S”

Note: According to the “European Theater of Operations (ETO) Bomb Disposal History,” pp. 34-35: Forty-three bomb disposal personnel were killed and 68 were injured in the line of duty, excluding losses during combat. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial lists only 32 Army bomb disposal personnel lost their lives in the European Theater of Operations during World War Two. This list adds 28 killed in the ETO and ten killed in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Note: In October of 1946, four men from the 87th Ordnance (Bomb Disposal) Squad, IX Air Force Command were killed during an explosion in an ammunition storage area near Bremerhaven, Germany. Additionally, two men from the 87th Ordnance Service Squad (Bomb Disposal) were injured and four German prisoners of war that were assisting the squad were killed in the explosion.

41. SGT Doroteo Reyes was killed on 30 May 1947. SGT Reyes was a squad leader assigned to the 77th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Philippine Scouts). SGT Reyes was in a motor vehicle accident and died from his injuries, which occurred at 1400 hours, Caba, La Union, Philippines.

42. SFC Thomas L. McDonough and PFC Paul Royal Seymour were killed on 6 September 1950. SFC McDonough and PFC Seymour were assigned to the 1st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment, 1st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, 8th Army. SFC McDonough and PFC Seymour were killed-in-action while fighting the enemy in South Korea. SFC McDonough was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He also received the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: RA33153496; MOS: 1942; Born: 1917; Hometown: Washington, Pennsylvania (+).

Korean War Project Remembrance—SFC McDonough

43. PFC Paul Royal Seymour and SFC Thomas L. McDonough were killed on 6 September 1950. PFC Seymour and SFC McDonough were assigned to the 1st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment, 1st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, 8th Army. PFC Seymour and SFC McDonough were killed-in-action while fighting the enemy in South Korea. PFC Seymour was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He also received the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Additional Facts: Service Number: RA12351691; MOS: 3924; Born: 1932; Hometown: Keeseville, New York; Buried: Saint Peters Cemetery, Plattsburgh, Pennsylvania (+).

Find-A-Grave—PFC Seymour

Korean War Project Remembrance—PFC Seymour

44. CPL Earle M. Lockwood, Jr. was killed on 15 September 1950. CPL Lockwood was assigned to the 1st Ordnance Bomb Disposal Detachment, 1st Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, 8th Army. He was killed-in-action while fighting the enemy in South Korea. CPL Lockwood was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He also received the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. CPL Lockwood may have been posthumously promoted to SGT.

Additional Facts: Service Number: RA11164944; MOS: 3924; Born: 1930; Hometown: Newtown, Connecticut (+).

Korean War Project Remembrance—CPL Lockwood

45. SFC Charles W. Shrider and PFC Raymond D. Stefaniak were killed on 1 October 1951. SFC Shrider and PFC Stefaniak were assigned to the 938th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. SFC Shrider and PFC Stefaniak were transporting a trailer full of TNT and Composition "C" explosives that was being pulled behind their jeep, when at 1400 hours an explosion occurred in the trailer. Their jeep was hurled forward more than 100 feet, setting it on fire. The explosion ignited five gallons of gasoline that they were carrying. SFC Shrider and PFC Stefaniak were on Longstreet Road and had just pulled into the fenced-off dud disposal area on the Fort Bragg range prior to the accident. SFC Shrider was trapped inside the jeep following the explosion and died instantly. PFC Stefaniak was thrown clear on the right side of the jeep. SFC Cecil Coley and CPL Ben Smith of the range personnel office rushed to the aid of PFC Stefaniak and pulled the injured man clear of the burning jeep. SFC Coley and CPL Smith were unable to reach SFC Shrider, who was slumped inside the jeep, due to the intense flames from the ve-

hicle. PFC Stefaniak was rushed to Womack Army Hospital where he died about an hour later from third-degree burns. LTG John W. Leonard has ordered a board of officers to investigate the accident.

Additional Facts: Born: 21 February 1919; Age: 32; Buried: Desenberg Cemetery, Lafayette, Ohio.

SFC Shrider's next-of-kin was listed as his wife, Mrs. Martha M. Shrider of 226 Green Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Find-A-Grave—SFC Shrider

46. PFC Raymond D. Stefaniak and SFC Charles W. Shrider were killed on 1 October 1951. PFC Stefaniak and SFC Shrider were assigned to the 938th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. PFC Stefaniak SFC Shrider were transporting a trailer full of TNT and Composition "C" explosives that was being pulled behind their jeep, when at 1400 hours an explosion occurred in the trailer. Their jeep was hurled forward more than 100 feet, setting it on fire. The explosion ignited five gallons of gasoline that they were carrying. PFC Stefaniak and SFC Shrider were on Longstreet Road and had just pulled into the fenced-off dud disposal area on the Fort Bragg range prior to the accident. PFC Stefaniak was thrown clear on the right side of the jeep. SFC Shrider was trapped inside the jeep following the explosion and died instantly. SFC Cecil Coley and CPL Ben Smith of the range personnel office rushed to the aid of PFC Stefaniak and pulled the injured man clear of the burning jeep. SFC Coley and CPL Smith were unable to reach SFC Shrider, who was slumped inside the jeep, due to the intense flames from the vehicle. PFC Stefaniak was rushed to Womack Army Hospital where he died about an hour later from third-degree burns. LTG John W. Leonard has ordered a board of officers to investigate the accident.

Additional Facts: Age: 23.

PFC Stefaniak's next-of-kin was listed as his sister, Gertrude Wacławski of Grand Rapids, Michigan. His father is Jose and his mother is Mary Stefaniak.

Find-A-Grave—PFC Stefaniak

47. SFC Biddle Carrol "B.C., Jack, Izzy or Buzz" Izard, Jr. was killed on 19 June 1968. SFC Izard was assigned to the 45th Military Intelligence Company, 528th Ordnance Detachment, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion (Field Army), 525th Military Intelligence Group, Combined Material Exploitation Center (CMEC), Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), Saigon, Republic of Vietnam. CMEC was tasked with the responsibility to examine, evaluate, and classify captured enemy material. SFC Izard was killed in the afternoon when a dud RPG-2 (B-40) rocket exploded. The team was in the process of loading a 2 1/2-ton truck with captured enemy ammunition at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam. Three other men were helping to load the truck at the time of the accident. SFC Izard was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. SFC Izard was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal school graduate.

Additional Facts: Navy Service Number: 616 03 15; Army Service Number: 19357542; Service Number: 448035054; Born: 2 August 1920; Coleman, Oklahoma; Age: 47; Hometown: El Paso, Texas; MOS: 55C4A: Ammunition Maintenance Specialist; Length of Service: 22 years; Tour Started: 9 April 1967; Buried: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California, Section 0, Grave Number 4110; Vietnam Memorial Panel: 56W Line 34.

Virtual Vietnam Wall—SFC Izard

The Wall—SFC Izard

Army Together We Served—SFC Izard

Navy Together We Served—BM 2/c Izzy

Find-A-Grave—SFC Izard

48. MSG Cornelius Vincent Spillane, Jr. passed away on 16 August 1968. MSG Spillane was assigned to Headquarters Headquarters Company, 80th General Support Group, Army Support Command Da Nang, 1st Logistics Command, Republic of Vietnam. MSG Spillane contracted Hepatitis on 11 July 1968, at Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. MSG Spillane was evacuated to Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii where he died a week later with kidney failure. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart Medal. MSG Spillane was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal school graduate.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 31376234; Born: 7 February 1924; Age: 44; Hometown: South Berwick, Maine; Vietnam Memorial Panel: 52W Line 014.

Virtual Vietnam Wall—MSG Spillane

Army Together We Served—MSG Spillane

49. CPT Paul Barkley Bowman was killed on 31 January 1970. CPT Bowman was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division. Captain Bowman was aboard a helicopter that was shot down north of Tay Ninh in an area called "Mo Con Woods." The area was called Mo Con Woods because it was heavily forested with sparse civilian population and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) used this area for infiltration across the Cambodia border, which was close by. The day before a helicopter was on a recon mission in that same area when it took ground fire from a 12.7mm antiaircraft gun. The helicopter was able to get away without taking any hit. It was believed an estimated battalion sized force was in the area getting ready for a broader dry season offensive in the Tay Ninh area. On 31 January 1970, A, B, and C Company from the 25th Infantry Division were airlifted by Hueys into the area. The force expected heavy casualties with A and B Companies took several killed-in-actions (KIAs) and C Company had eight to ten wounded-in-actions (WIAs). Many of the NVA soldiers melted back across the border, but those fighting a rear guard action were emplaced in heavily fortified bunkers. With U.S. forces on the ground taking heavy fire Huey helicopter UH-1H (tail number 68-15462) carrying CPT Bowman made a heroic approach at treetop level to drop CS gas and to put down suppressive machinegun fire on the enemy to root them out of the bunkers. The helicopter was shot down with a total loss of lives on-board. The efforts of all onboard the helicopter saved the lives of many soldiers on the ground that day. Seven soldiers died in that crash, four aircrew members and three passengers. Those that were killed were from B Company, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, CW2 Ronald Joe Fulton, pilot; 2LT Michael Lorrell Arrants, copilot; SGT John Thomas Rodgers, gunner; SGT Jerald Dale West, crew chief; and passenger from Headquarter Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division CPT John Lawrence Beek; CPT Paul Barkley Bowman, and CPT Jerry David. CPT Bowman was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal. CPT Bowman was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal school graduate. CPT Bowman was inducted in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps Hall of Fame in June 2010.

Additional Facts: Service Number: 369427269; Born: 3 September 1943; Age: 26; Hometown: Newaygo, Michigan; Buried: Newaygo Cemetery, Newaygo, Michigan, Plot: Section F, Lot 095, Grave 2; Vietnam Memorial Panel: 14W Line 083.

Virtual Vietnam Wall—CPT Bowman

The Wall—CPT Bowman

Army Together We Served—CPT Bowman

Find-A-Grave—CPT Bowman

50. CPT Frederick Phillip "Fred" Smith was killed on 13 February 1971. CPT Smith was the Assistant Division Chemical Officer assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), United States Army, Pacific—Republic of Vietnam. CPT Smith was stationed at Phuoc Vinh, Camp Casey, Republic of South Vietnam. On 13 February 1971, CPT Smith was conducting a "People Sniffer" mission over Binh Tuy Province, III Corps (present-day Binh Thuan Province) in a valley suspected to be occupied by enemy troops at Military grid coordinates YS848912. Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 20th Artillery (aerial rocket), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was tasked to support the mission. The mission team consisted of one Army UH-1H Huey helicopter (68-16360) and two AH-1G Cobra attack helicopters. LTC Adalbert E. "Bert" Toepel, Jr., 2d Battalion's commanding officer, sat in the Huey's front left seat as the aircraft commander. In the front right seat sat the pilot, CPT L.R. Burnette. The crew engineer (or crew chief) in the far left well was SP4 T.M. Morgan. PFC W. Wallace was the gunner in the far right well. Besides CPT Smith, others on the flight included 2d Battalion's Sergeant Major, SGM Dobson, and an enlisted soldier from the 184th Chemical Platoon (Direct Support) that was there to assist CPT Smith with the drop. The mission's objective was to make one or two runs at 1,500 feet (optimum altitude for maximum effect) down the valley dropping approximately 20 modified Air Force BLU E158 tactical CS-2 (2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile) clusters bombs from the Huey helicopter. CS is a chemical agent in the family of riot control agents, commonly called "tear gas." Each E158 cluster bomb consisted of 264 D-cell battery-sized canisters of CS held in place by a plastic unit that measures 3-foot-long and 1-foot-wide. A timing fuse detonates a bursting/igniting charge that sends the smaller munitions over a 50-meter area, spraying CS as they scatter. The hope was that the tear gas submunitions would drive the enemy from their hiding places and expose them in a more open area making them vulnerable to rocket and gunfire from two supporting Cobra attack helicopters. The drop time was in early morning to assure that the CS gas would settle into the jungle canopy instead of being blown away by the wind, which was expected to happen later in the day. Take off was scheduled for 0600 hours. No problems were encountered in the preparations and loading of the canisters, which were placed on end just inside the open doors of the helicopter's cargo compartment. As a safety precaution, the pilot of the aircraft (right seat) wore a protective mask in the event any of the CS gas entered the crew compartment and adversely affected either of the pilots. It is not recalled if anybody else was wearing a protective mask during the mission. All passengers were seat-belted in. Upon the start of their run, there was a sudden explosion in the passenger/cargo compartment and the entire interior was immediately filled with burning CS gas. Somehow the arming wires of the third cluster must have come loose, and an E 158 cluster began detonating inside the Huey helicopter by the door. It's surmised that the cause of the malfunction was that someone somehow accidentally snagged the arming wire, which activated the timer. The copper retaining wires on the fuzes had been precut. This explosion started a chain reaction setting off the other clusters. Prior to the mission, a gallon can of transmission fluid was placed in the cargo compartment. After the clusters went off the crew chief announced over the intercom, "Sir, the transmission fluid is on fire!" The pilot immediately went into autorotation in order to

get the aircraft closer to the ground and the crew prepared for a possible emergency landing in the 100-foot plus high jungle canopy. The aircraft commander instructed the crew in the cargo compartment to jettison all canisters, which the aircraft commander now believes had already happened. In avoiding the conflagration in the cargo compartment someone somersaulted onto the radio console, located between the two pilots. The aircraft commander wrestled with that person briefly to remove him from the proximity of the aircraft controls. The aircraft commander instructed the pilot to check his instruments and the pilot reported that they still had power. Now realizing that there wasn't a fire on board, but there was a lot of CS gas and smoke, the aircraft commander jettisoned his aircraft entry door. With his sight now returning, the aircraft commander took control of the aircraft from the pilot and flew in a slip (sideways), which caused air to blow across the interior of the helicopter and helped evacuate the gas fumes. While this was going on, CPT Smith, although badly burned and with his clothing on fire from the black powder bursting charges, realized that everyone's lives was endangered and he was able to undo his seat-belt and push all of the clusters out of the helicopter. In the confusion, blinded and choking by the CS smoke, he may have been thrown out during the autorotation or by the explosion of the charges. CPT Smith went out with the clusters munitions and fell 1,500 feet to his death. When their vision returned, someone reported that CPT Smith was missing. What was originally thought to be a burning can of transmission fluid turned out to be the burning of a small container of CS gas on the floor of the aircraft. The small containers of burning gas caused extensive damage to the nylon seats and interior insulation in the aircraft. CPT Smith's quick thinking and actions saved the lives of six people onboard the Huey helicopter. The helicopter crewmembers were wearing their standard issue Nomex flight clothing and gloves, and were protected from more serious burns on their skin. Despite protective clothing and a helmet, one of the CS containers became lodged just behind the aircraft commander's neck, which resulted in third-degree burns. One of those containers also landed next to his right arm resulting in second-degree burns. Portions of his face not covered by the visor of his flight helmet were hit by gas and caused first- and second-degree burns. Other crewmembers were similarly burned. The helicopter crew chief was transferred to Camp Zama Hospital in Japan with severe burns. The passengers on the helicopter wore standard nylon jungle fatigues and were also extensively burned. The enlisted soldier assisting Captain Smith received severe burns and was transferred to Camp Zama Hospital where he underwent an extensive period of hospitalization. Not knowing what damage may have occurred to the aircraft, the helicopter was flown to a nearby artillery firebase FSB Mace where it landed. The accompanying escort aircraft followed. SP4 Lee Gurley and another medic from C Company, 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) treated the injured. The incident was then reported to the division tactical operations center. Three days later an infantry unit was able to go in and recover Captain Smith's body. CPT Smith was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart Medal. CPT Smith was an Explosive Ordnance Disposal school graduate. CPT Smith was inducted in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps Hall of Fame in June 2008.

Additional Facts: Service Number (Enlisted): RA 18733814; Service Number:

448463006; Born: 6 March 1946, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Age: 24; Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Buried: Rose Hill Burial Park, 6001 NW Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Vietnam Memorial: Panel 05W-Line 102.

Virtual Vietnam Wall—CPT Smith

The Wall—CPT Smith

Army Together We Served—CPT Smith

First Cavalry Division Memorial

Find-A-Grave—CPT Smith

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Note: All mortuary records for World War II, for all branches, are kept at the Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC). You may write and request a copy of his Individual Deceased Personal File (IDPF) at the below listed address:

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#### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE FER- NANDO VEGA

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2013*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great and good man, Fernando Vega, who lived a life of service to his country and his community, and who died peacefully at his home at the age of 88, surrounded by his loving family.

Fernando Vega was born in Houston, Texas, on November 20, 1924, and died on May 9, 2013 in Redwood City, California. Between the bookmarks of birth and death, he accomplished much and served many. He was a devoted husband and father, and his marriage in 1948 to his beloved Tina was an inspiration to everyone. He proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps where he received the training that led to his lifelong career as an airline mechanic. A transfer led Tina and Fernando to Redwood City with their six children in 1960, a move that proved fortuitous for them and our entire community.

Fernando made Redwood City his home and gave it his all. To supplement his income for his large family, he opened Vegas Market and Grill on Middlefield Road. The market was sold in 1984, but it still bears the family's name. He served on the Redwood City Council with distinction, and was a member of the Redwood City Elementary School District Board of Trustees. He was a Commissioner of the San Mateo County Grand Jury and the San Mateo County Civil Service Commission.

Fernando was rightfully proud of his service with Kiwanis in the formation and continued operation of the Redwood City Farmer's Market which contributed so much to the needy in the community. He began his service with the market in the late '80s and only ended it about five years ago when a stroke deprived him of the mobility he needed to help out.

Fernando is survived by his beloved wife Tina, and was predeceased by his son David