

same time, within minutes of each other, all of these actions took place.



The shelled building.

Word has come from Dave Ashe, our Irish friend in Normandy, that work is progressing on establishing a memorial at Ravenoville to commemorate the 101st Paratroopers that saw action in that small town of Normandy. There are some questions as to some of the names to be included such as the full name, D-Day rank or any other pertinent information. Gene Cook and Don Burgett have looked over the list and given their help but there are just a few left that Dave needs help with. If you know anything of the following Paratroopers, please contact Dave Ashe at: ravenoville44@gmail.com . They are listed below:

506th Parachute Infantry Regiment
HQ 1st Battalion: PFC Louis Veditti

C Company: PFC Philip Russell, SGT William H. Knight

502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment
C Company: PFC Layton Black, PVT Robert Cahoon, PVT James Flanagan, SGT Junior Nutter

HQ 3rd Battalion: LT Howard Collins, SSGT Robert O'Reilly

101st Division Artillery: CPL Eugene Haupt

377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
A Battery: SGT Emerick
D Battery: CAPT Frederick C. Culpepper

Denis van den Brink, from Holland reports that the organization of the Carentan Liberty March promises to be a great one on 2 June, 2012. Over 150 reenactors from France, Belgium, The Netherlands, the U.K., Spain and even Czechoslovakia are expected, with a great deal of the Carentan population dressed in period clothing as civilians to welcome them to Place de la Republique, the site of the famous award giving ceremony on 20 June, 1944.

There will also be live music playing music of the 40's and a big screen showing vintage pictures of the liberation of Carentan. This is all being made possible by the hard work of the people of the area and the Carentan Liberty Group. They invite anyone visiting Normandy from the United States be sure sure to come and enjoy.

And finally, my dear friend Marion Chard sent me a video production she compiled entitled "No Bridge Too Far." In it she documents the role played by men such as her father that served in the U.S. Army Engineers Battalions. She writes, "While thousands of books and films have been dedicated to the history of WWII, lesser attention has been given to the comprehensive and heroic role played by the U.S. Army Combat Engineers. The 36th, 39th, 540th & 1108th Engineers were non-divisional, and were employed on as-needed basis. Referred to as "bastard" regiments, they were often attached to or in support of other Army units, while a part of II & VI Corps and 5th & 7th Army in the European Theater of Operation."

She spent many hours of time in research and compiling a two DVD production in loving memory of her father, Walter, Monday" Poniedzialek. Marion visited us at the February Lunch Bunch gathering and gave a wonderful presentation of the work of the Engineers in WWII.

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