

Bogata horses get new homes following public auction

Five animals were sold at auction last Thursday in Clarksville.

The animals had been seized from Wendy and Chris Albritton of Bogata, who were charged with cruelty to animals and neglect.

The former owners had appealed their case to District Court, but District Judge John Miller denied the appeal and ordered the horses sold.

Approximately 35-40 people attended the auction and the bidding was brisk.

A 16-year old gray mare was purchased by Margie Patrick, for her little girl. The little girl had already

named the horse before the sale began.

Justice of the Peace J.R. Lewis conducted the auction and J.P. Harvey of Clarksville was the auctioneer.

A small yellow mare was purchased by John Fletcher and the two mules went to Paula Raper and Kelly Fodge. The black gelding was purchased by Clifford Bailey.

Lamar County Humane Society, which had instituted the complaints against the Albrittons, retains visitation and inspection rights for six months.

Rivercrest students to attend Career Fair

The Upper East Texas Tech Prep/School to Work Partnership, Paris Junior College, region colleges, business and industry is sponsoring a Career Fair for students grades 9-12 on November 16-17 at the Titus County Civic Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Approximately 2,500 high school students from Titus, Morris, Red River, Cass, Wood and Camp counties are expected to attend.

The Rivercrest students will attend from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17. Ms. Kay Kennedy is their counselor.

Sharon Greer honored with shower

Sharon Greer was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, November 6, 1999 at the home of Shirley Anderson in Fulbright. Special guests were the grandmothers-to-be, Jane Strawn of Bogata and Peggy Bryant of Pattonville.

The refreshment table which was covered with a pink cloth was highlighted with a teddy bear and pink and white balloon bouquet. Assorted cookies, mints, nuts and banana punch

were served to the guests.

The honoree received a nice array of useful baby items and gifts including a Winnie-the-Pooh stroller from her hostesses.

The shower was hosted by Shirley Anderson, Rue Anna Bell, Bobbie Damron, Gerlyn Gray, Jessica Hines, Mary Joplin, Sandra Stockton, Lillian Taylor, Cora Tidwell and Kathy Sue Williams.

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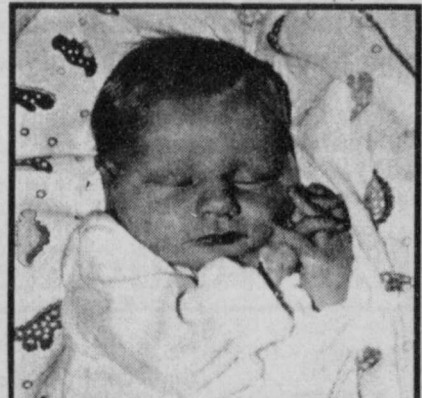
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New Arrivals

MacKenzie Marie Fields welcomes her new baby brother, Garrett Layton Fields, born November 3, 1999 at 3:34 a.m. weighing 8lbs. 14 ozs. and 21 inches long. Parents are Michael and Kim Fields of Bogata. Grandparents are James and Margie Walker of Bogata, Lewis Fields of Blossom and the late Carrie Fields.

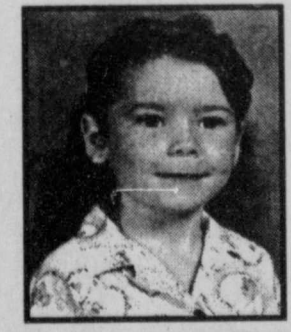
Kyle Christian Ward arrived on November 3, 1999 in Spring, Texas. He is the son of Jay and Kristian Ward. Great grandparents are Gene and Lydia Hawkins of Johntown.



NEW ARRIVAL-Mallory Chaloner and Derek Belcher are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Maylee Jade Belcher who arrived on October 23 at 4:43 p.m. at Titus County Regional Medical Center, weighing 5 lbs. 8 ozs and was 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jim Bill and Denise Chaloner, Tommy and Julie Childres and Randy and Sandy Belcher all of Bogata. Great grandparents are Coma Funderburk and the late Bob Funderburk, Eldon and Elma Chaloner, Billy and Fran Littrel and Pete and Peggy Belcher.



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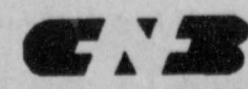


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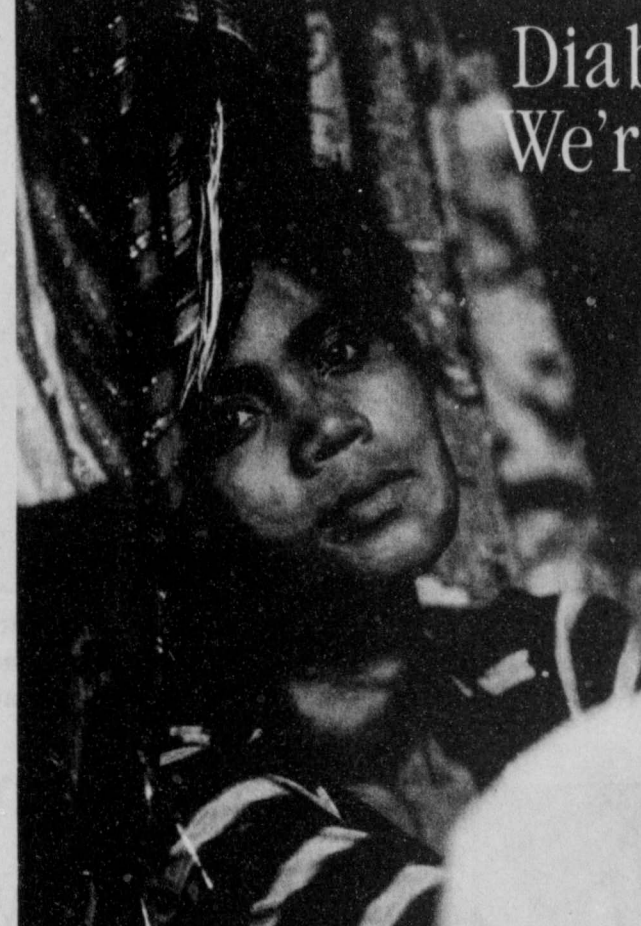


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Rivercrest cross country runners attend regional meet

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel cross country team and Rebel, Hollis Grimes attended the Regional Cross Country meet in Arlington on November 5-6.

Running for the Lady Rebel team were Kim Shirley, Erica Williams, Kasey Crawford, Rachel Case, Crystal Valenzuela, Molly Hare and Tina Carder. Alternates for the race were Ashley Beers and Cheryl Griffin. In the 2A division the girls ran with 165 runners and gained 465 team points. Individual times were: Kim Shirley-14:22 and 56th place, Erica Williams-14:54 and 82nd place, Kasey Crawford-14:55 and 83rd place, Molly Hare-15:15 and 119th place,

Rachel Case-15:45 and 125th place, Crystal Valenzuela-15:55 and 134th place and Tina Carder-16:45 and 151st place. The Lady Rebels placed as a team ahead of their rival, Prairi-land, who had 533 team points.

In the boys division of 2A runners there were 142 entrants. Hollis Grimes placed 30th over all with a time of 19:30. Coach Debbie Williams said, "I am really proud of Hollis and the Lady Rebels. These cross country races are tough and my students did well. Hollis will be missed tremendously next season but I hope to see all the Lady Rebels back next season".

Rebels defeated in final game 14-8

The Rivercrest Rebels lost their play off hope on Friday night at Chisum. The lone touchdown was made by for the Rebs by Michael Galloway on a 30 yard reception. It seemed if it were not for bad luck the Rebel team would have no luck at all. They got inside the 10 yard line 3 times for scoring position and fumbles and Mustangs tackles ended each drive.

Stats for the game were as follows: Josh Griffin-2 receptions, Keith Hines-2 receptions for 69 yards, both Cody Wolfe and J.C. King reached the 100 yard mark running the ball, Hollis Grimes- 1 reception which helped in the 4th quarter Rebel drive, Scotty Goodwin- 12 tackles, Coleman Brown- 1 great quarterback sack. The Rebels consistently shut down the Mustangs offense in the first half of the game but the minor slips made

in the second half were killers for the team. Final 14-8 Chisum.

The senior Rebel team members will be missed next year and those returning will definitely try for the championship again.

Rebel JV end season with 5-4 record

The Rivercrest Junior Varsity football team capped off a winning season with a decisive 50-0 win over the Chisum Mustangs on Thursday night at RHS.

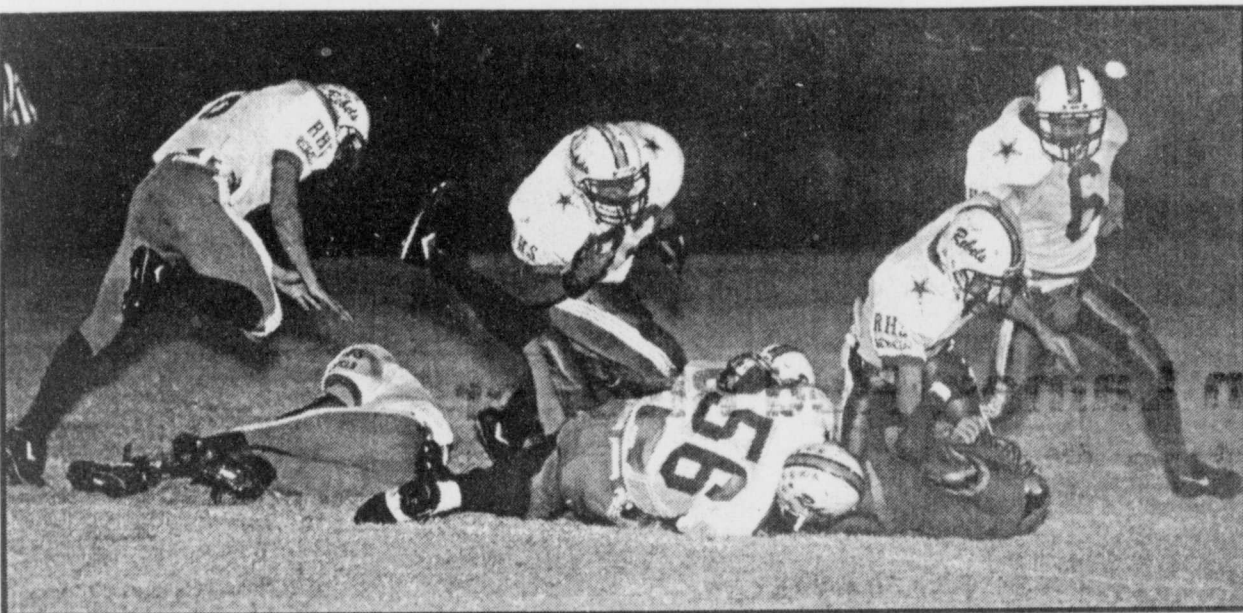
The Rebels scored early and often in building a 36-0 lead at the half. Coach Steve Weddle said, "This group of young men improved tre-

mendously. Most of the fearless 15 had never played on a winning team until this season, I am very proud of each and every boy".

The JV defense had 5 shutouts on the season while the offense ran a variety of complex formations. The team hit hard and played even harder in developing their 5-4 season record.

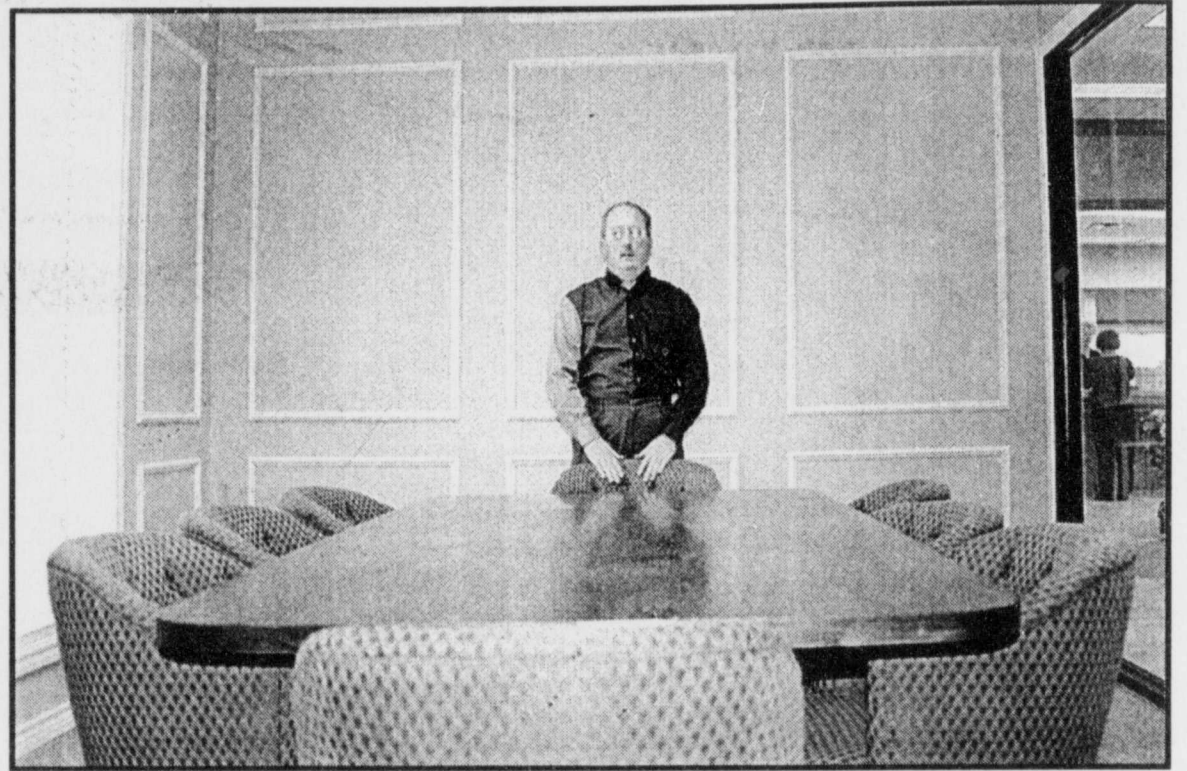


MICHAEL GALLOWAY-has the hand off from Rebel quarterback, Cody Wolfe and head into the end zone as the Rebels played their last game of the season vs Chisum. The Rebs were defeated 14-8 ending their hopes for a play off stop. (Photo by Mark Evans)



PHILLIP ROLAN-# 56 has this Mustang in the grasp as a host of Rebels arrive to help in the stop as the Rebels played their last game vs the Chisum Mustangs in Chisum Friday night. The Rebels were defeated 14-8 ending their play off hopes for this season. (Photo by Mark Evans)

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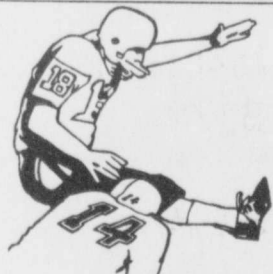


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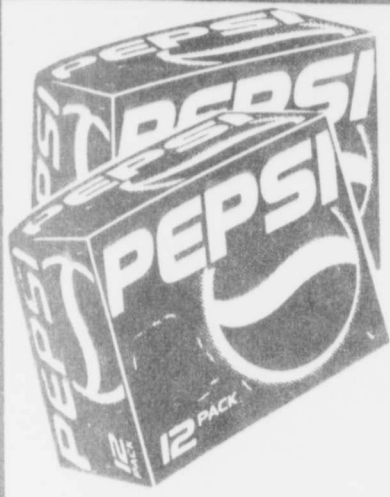
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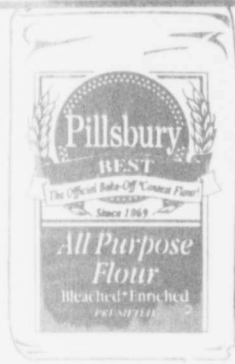
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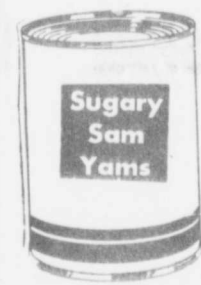
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Kristi Goates-Ralph Taylor to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goates of the Maple Springs Community are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristi Joanna Goates to Ralph Lee Taylor son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jennings of Lafayette Community and the late Clifford Taylor of Longview.

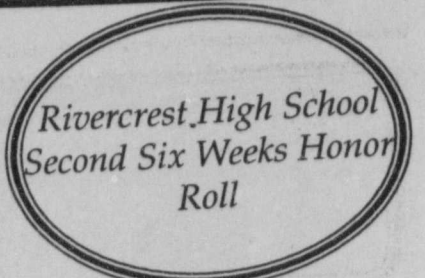
Grandparents of the future bride are Mr. Cleatus Goates and the late Imargene Goates, the late Mary Ann Goates all of Mt. Pleasant, the late Joe and Georgie Randle of Maple Springs. Kristi is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and received a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Texas A & M University at Commerce. She is employed at Guaranty Bank, Mt. Pleasant in the accounting department.

Grandparents of the future groom are the late Garland and Ronald Henson of Lafayette and William and Della Taylor of Winnsboro. Ralph is a graduate of Pittsburg High School and received a Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering from LeTourneau University. He is employed at Kimberly-Clark Corp., Paris in the project engineering department.

The marriage vows will take place Saturday, January 15, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Talco with the wedding reception to follow at the First Baptist Church, Talco. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend the wedding and reception to celebrate this happy occasion.



LOOKING FOR A HOME- This big Ty Beanie Bear is looking for a home and will find one on December 20, 1999 when his new owner's name is drawn. To have a chance to be his owner see any member of the Bogata VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary. Chances are \$1.00 each. For more information contact Zelma Mauldin in Bogata.



Students making the academic honor roll for the second six weeks at Rivercrest High School are as follows:

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Sophomore-Brittany Bull, Nathan Carroll, Caressa Covington, Brandon Davis, Robyn Hollis, Mollie Moles, Cassandra Perry, Pearl Ponthieux, Kayla Sears, Steven Shade, Kendall Stansell, Chris Sykes, Dusty Townes and Melissa Waller.

Junior-Jamie Andrews, Cassie Cannon, Clinton Cheatwood, Chase Collins, Jamie Daniels, Myron Ellis, Kim Exum, Jennifer Hays, Sara Hollands, Shelly Hollis, Joy Madden, Kara Palmer, Eric Posey, Kim Shirley, Bre'Ann Stroud, Cassee Wilcox and Chrissy Wilson.

Seniors-Bubba Abernathy, Leanda Bass, Brodie Belcher, Kaylan Bell, Coleman Brown, Missy Carroll, Ryan Case, Amanda Cruise, April Elrod, Cara Eudy, Stephanie Farmer, Jill Foster, Wendy Gentry, Scotty Goodwin, Josh Griffin, David Guzman, Nicole Hervey, Mitchell Jean, Courtney Jordan, Kirk King, Ashlei Moles, Cara Morgan, Carolina Prado, Brandi Randle, Sam Stanley, Erin Stansell, Lissa Stoner, Gail Vickers, Bryce Watkins and Mishelle Wilson.

Financial group to meet

The East Texas North Group of Financial Women International will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 18 at Cherubs Tea Room and Gift Shop, Hwy. 155 south in Ore City. All women in the area who work in the financial industry are invited to attend.

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FIVE GENERATIONS-were present at a Labor Day weekend get together of the Gage family held in Abilene, Tx. Pictured are; (back from the left) Barry Gage, Stephen Gage, (front from the left) Blanton Gage, Connor Gage and L.B. Gage. The age range of the members is from 86 years to 3 months old.

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Athlete's Foot
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In addition to treating athlete's foot and other fungal infection, correcting your current foot problems, and relieving pain and other symptoms, your podiatrist can provide tips to help you avoid foot trouble down the road. There's lots you can do to make sure your feet stand up to years of wear and tear. Begin with a call to DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC, 784-5585.

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NEW BUSINESS-Country Sunshine Crafts will open its doors for business on November 13, 1999 with a grand opening day. The business is owned and operated by Darla Watson and is located at 400 S. Howison St. in Bogata. Everyone is invited to come by and browse and register for a free give-away. The shop will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 632-4011. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Special sale hours at Bogata News

The Bogata, Talco, Deport and Blossom newspapers will go on sale November 11, 1999. For those living in Red River, Titus and Lamar Counties the price will be \$17.00 for a one year subscription. For all other counties and states the price will be \$20.00 for a one year subscription. The Bogata News Office will be open on Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in November to allow everyone time to renew their papers at the sale price. During December the office will be open on Thursday mornings and Friday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Keep up with your local schools, churches, towns and organizations and catch the special sale price November 11 through December 31.

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A Special Thanks To All Our Veterans



Salute our soldiers this Veterans Day..

We will soon be commemorating the last Veteran's Day of the twentieth century. Perhaps it is fitting and proper that we stop to think about what our veterans have done for us by serving our country. In a time of peace and prosperity such as the present, we often lose sight of the contributions made by the men and women who have done so much to uphold our freedom. Let us remember that this century has required tremendous sacrifice from our members of the military.

In 1917, the United States entered the "War to End All Wars". More than 100,000 young Americans were killed on the European battlefields of World War I. The survivors of that terrible conflict vowed never to let such a nightmare happen again. But unfortunately, they could not predict the rise of fascist dictatorships that would threaten our very way of life.

Two and one-half decades later, we were violently propelled into the bloodiest conflict in history. World War II cost the lives of a half-million American troops, but our brave and dedicated "citizen soldiers" helped save the world from some of the most barbaric forces this planet has ever seen. Tom Brokaw reminds us we are losing a thousand of the "Greatest Generation" every day. Think of how

different our lives would be, had this group not answered our country's call.

Only five years after the end of World War II, our military was summoned to action once again. This time to confront a Communist enemy in Korea. Nearly 40,000 Americans would make the ultimate sacrifice in our first conflict of the atomic age. We still have the opportunity to thank those, who served so well, and remind them we have not forgotten the "Forgotten War".

The 1960's saw our entry into the confusing quagmire of Vietnam. Our troops were called to fight in a harsh and bitter conflict, which eventually cost the lives of more than 57,000 Americans. Some may question why our leaders sent our men and women into harm's way, but no one can question the bravery and resourcefulness displayed by those who fought in the "Ten Thousand Day War".

The Gulf War saw America's largest military deployment since Vietnam. Although the fighting lasted only a few weeks, more than 200 Americans gave their lives in this conflict against Iraqi forces.

Our military has also been called into action several times this century in places such as Mexico, the Do-

minican Republic, Grenada, Lebanon, Somalia and Kosovo. Many have not returned from these actions, but our forces have always answered the call.

As we near the turn of the century, the role of our military is changing. More often than not, our troops are being summoned to act as policemen in far away places across the globe. One thing will never change though, we will always be in need of those to protect our freedom. The men and women who have served, and continue to serve, deserve our adoration and respect. Without their contributions, we would not enjoy our liberties today.

Please pause this holiday to remember the sacrifices made by our veterans and take the opportunity to tell one of these heroes "thanks".

Allen Williams

Sumner, TX

Social Studies Instructor
Chisum High School

(Note: Allen's father participated in the Battle of the Bulge, was in 468th AAA Battalion and fought most of the war in the 3rd Army under Gen. Patton. Allen is the step-son of Charlie Davidson of Deport, who took part in D-Day Invasion with the 29th Division.)

Veterans Day November 11, 1999



Section B: Special Veterans Day Edition, Page 1

*A Special Section of Memories
Honoring Veterans from All
Branches of the Armed Services
of the United States of America*



Live-saving pocket watch...

Joseph Melvin Gibbs, son of Moses Calvin and Fannie Miller Thompson Gibbs was teaching school in Red River County when World War I began. He taught in Lone Star, Birmingham and Blanton Creek schools and was under contract with the Mr. Era School when his country called.

He, along with four other men, Forrest Milton Scott, William M. Carsee, George A. Birge and Berry Terry from Red River County were the first of the regular calls for men from the county for the month of August, 1918. They were entrained for Camp Cody, New Mexico for boot camp.

Later, after arriving in France, Pfc. Gibbs was on guard duty when a sniper's bullet hit him. Lucky, he was

wearing his gold pocket watch, which saved his life. As his children and grandchildren look at the dented watch, we are reminded that none of his 40 descendants would be here today had he not been wearing this famous watch.

He had not been in France long until the Armistice was signed. Since Joe was a teacher, he was assigned the job of teaching the troops who had no schooling. They learned how to write their names so that they could sign their discharge papers.

Viewing the Statue of Liberty gradually coming into view over the horizon as the ship got closer to the home soil of the United States of America was a most unforgettable sight for the returning homesick soldiers!



Joseph Melvin Gibbs



Claude Mitchell



Delbert (Dan) Johnson

Did You Know
In World War II if a Serviceman received any type of Medal of Honor he received a \$ per MONTH Raise!

War veteran writes book on experiences

B. Murray Anderson, former Deport resident, has written a book entitled "The Unrelenting Test of War". It took him about 18 months to write.

His Preface begins "When World War II started for American on Dec. 7, 1941, I was a senior in high school in Deport, a small agricultural town in northeast Texas, about eighteen miles from Paris.

I had an intense interest in world history because of an excellent teacher, Mack Webb, and his ability to help us follow current events along with people and events in history. He made them come to life for his students. I knew that I wanted to be a part of our country's fight against Hitler and Hirohito.

In the spring of 1942 my father died and it was up to me to run the farm. My younger sister Mary, older sister Alice, my mother and myself were my family. Four other older sisters had settled in Dallas with jobs or to raise a family. Labor for the farm was unavailable because of higher paying jobs in defense work. It was a hard struggled growing cotton and corn on a two-hundred-acre farm by myself. I was able to get the crops ready for harvest, but I knew I could not pick that much cotton and corn by myself. We sold the farm and moved to Dallas. I worked for Proctor & Gamble a short time to help get our family settled.

My dream was to fly planes for the Navy. I took their examination and thought it was easy, but they said I didn't pass. I joined the Marine Corps, hoping to get in the flying part of the corps. The day I was to depart for the Marines I was notified, by telegram from Washington, that there had been a mistake in grading my exam for the Navy and that I had passed. I was to report to Hensley Field Naval Air Station in Dallas for flight training. However, the Marines said, "Sorry, but you are in the Marine Corps." I knew the Marines were tough and I was told that they are the best fighting unit in the world. I was an eight-year-old farm boy and a high school athlete that weighed nearly two hundred pounds, so I thought I was tough enough to be a Marine. Little did I know what would be demanded.

From there Anderson goes through his preparation of war and on through the experiences he went through.

He ended his war experiences by spending eighteen months in a VA hospital with TB. Afterwards he used the GI Bill and finished a BS and an MBA degree. He says he has had a "good marriage, three children and four grandchildren, a career in life insurance and financial services, a C.L.U. degree, top fifty award, President's Council and life member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

Mr. Anderson now lives in Beaumont, Texas.

From horse soldier to foot soldier

On February 18, 1941, Carlys Denison, Martin Lawler and I volunteered for one year of selective service training. Five years later, I was home after a lifetime of a bumpy road.

Carlys was assigned to the mail department, Martin to the fire department and me to the 5th Cavalry, all at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Basic training for six weeks at \$21.00 a month, later a pay raise to \$30.00.

Our quarters were tents with six men in each tent. The summer of 1941 was spent mostly in the desert east and north of El Paso. Later, Louisiana maneuvers for six weeks. It was estimated we rode those horses 5,000 miles that summer. Of course, much of that was walking and leading them. Much time was spent grooming our horses, polishing brass, shining boots and saddles. One occasion, we were to have a parade in El Paso. All horses in my troop were black, but some had white hooves. I had the job of putting stone black on those white hooves, to make them all the same color.

Soon after December 7, 1941, we were sent to the Big Bend Country to patrol the Rio Grande River. Ft.

D.A. Russell in Marfa was our headquarters. From there, the regiment patrolled from Presidio to near Del Rio. Later, since the Japs didn't come through Mexico, we returned to Ft. Bliss. Up to this time in my Cavalry career, more than half of the time was spent sleeping on the ground with my saddle for a pillow. Sometime in late 1942 or early 1943, the Cavalry was dismantled and made an infantry unit, although it was still called the 1st Cavalry Division as it is today.

The summer of 1942, I was transferred to Camp White, Oregon to help form the 91st Infantry Division. There we trained until 1943, then after maneuvers in the desert of eastern Oregon, went to Camp Adair, Oregon. From there to Hampton Roads, Virginia and overseas to Oran, North Africa where we trained for landings. This training was meant to confuse Germany that we were planning to invade Southern France. This was to take pressure off the Normandy landings.

From Africa to Naples, Italy on a British ship, from Naples to Anzio. Our first bombing was in Naples. Our first combat was north of Anzio.

I was there on the outskirts of

Rome on June 4, 1944 when Rome was declared an open city. From Rome, on north to the P.O. Valley of Italy. After losing more than half of our company of 250 men by death or wounds, the war in Italy was over.

Yes, it was a long and bumpy road, but I had survived, which I am so sorry that so many of my buddies did not. I have seen most of the war movies and none of them actually portray the real life of an infantry man. When you see someone that has the Combat Infantry Badge, you can say that he has been to "Hell and Back", which tells the story of Audie Murphy. This movie, along with "Saving Private Ryan", came as close to the true story as any that I have seen, but it is impossible to put the whole story on film.

I was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Of these, the Infantry Badge is by far the most important to me as it represents the mud, rain, snow, heat and mountains that we had to overcome on our drive from Anzio to Northern Italy and a defeat to Hitler's best.

John D. Ball



THIS PHOTO was from a postcard photo sent to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ball of Paris from John D. Ball, carrying a note from John D., stating there were 20,000 horses and men in the yard at Ft. Bliss, Texas in 1941 when the picture was taken. John served with Troop B, 5th Cavalry.

To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace.

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TEXAS
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WORLD WAR II
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WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER
PVT 86 INF 29 DIV
TEXAS JUNE 13 1944

John E. Coleman of Detroit, William J. Alexander of Talco, and Charlie Davidson, Jr. of Deport left for the service together. These three men took part in the D-Day Invasion in 1944. As evidenced by the grave markers, both Coleman and Alexander perished during the Invasion.

Today, Coleman is buried in Detroit, Texas, Alexander is buried in the Normandy cemetery in France. Davidson lives in Deport with his wife, Joyce. In March of this year Davidson's step-son, Allen Williams, a Social Studies instructor at Chisum High School, toured Normandy, France and took this picture of William Alexander's grave.

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What you don't read in history books...

The first day in the Coast Guard you are issued uniforms and clothing. You stencil your name on all clothing including socks, underwear, handkerchiefs, shoes and bedding. You were issued only one dress uniform. When it needed cleaning, you would wear it to town, find a cleaner that had a sign "Uniforms cleaned while you wait." Inside the cleaners would be a curtain drawn around a bench. You would pull off your uniform and lace it outside the curtain and sit on the bench while they cleaned your uniform. It usually took 20 to 30 minutes. There may be other sailors sitting on the bench waiting for their clean uniform. For washing other clothing, you were issued a 3x9 scrub brush. A laundry room with running water and soap was provided for scrubbing your clothing. You then hung them outside for drying. The creases of a sailor's uniform were on the inside. To press your uniform you turned it inside out and put it under your mattress while you slept. Uniforms were not hung on a hanger. All clothing was rolled and put in a locker if available or in your sea bag.

When you entered Boot Camp, you were issued a mattress, approximately 2" thick, 2 wool blankets, a mattress cover, and a small pillow. When ever you got transferred you took them with you. When you were discharged you took them home with you. I only have a sea bag and a hammock left.

Aboard ship, the skipper, Commander of the ship, would pick a sunny day once a month to air bedding. The bedding was draped over the lifeline and secured.

Whenever you leave the ship, you salute the Officer of the Day and ask permission to go ashore. When you come back to the ship, you salute and ask permission to come aboard.

When you were a passenger aboard a troop ship, you stood up to eat. You can feed more troops stand-

ing than sitting and they don't linger in the mess hall talking. Someone is waiting to take your place. Bunks aboard troop ships are sometimes 10 high. You have to be careful when turning over, not to bump whoever is sleeping above you.

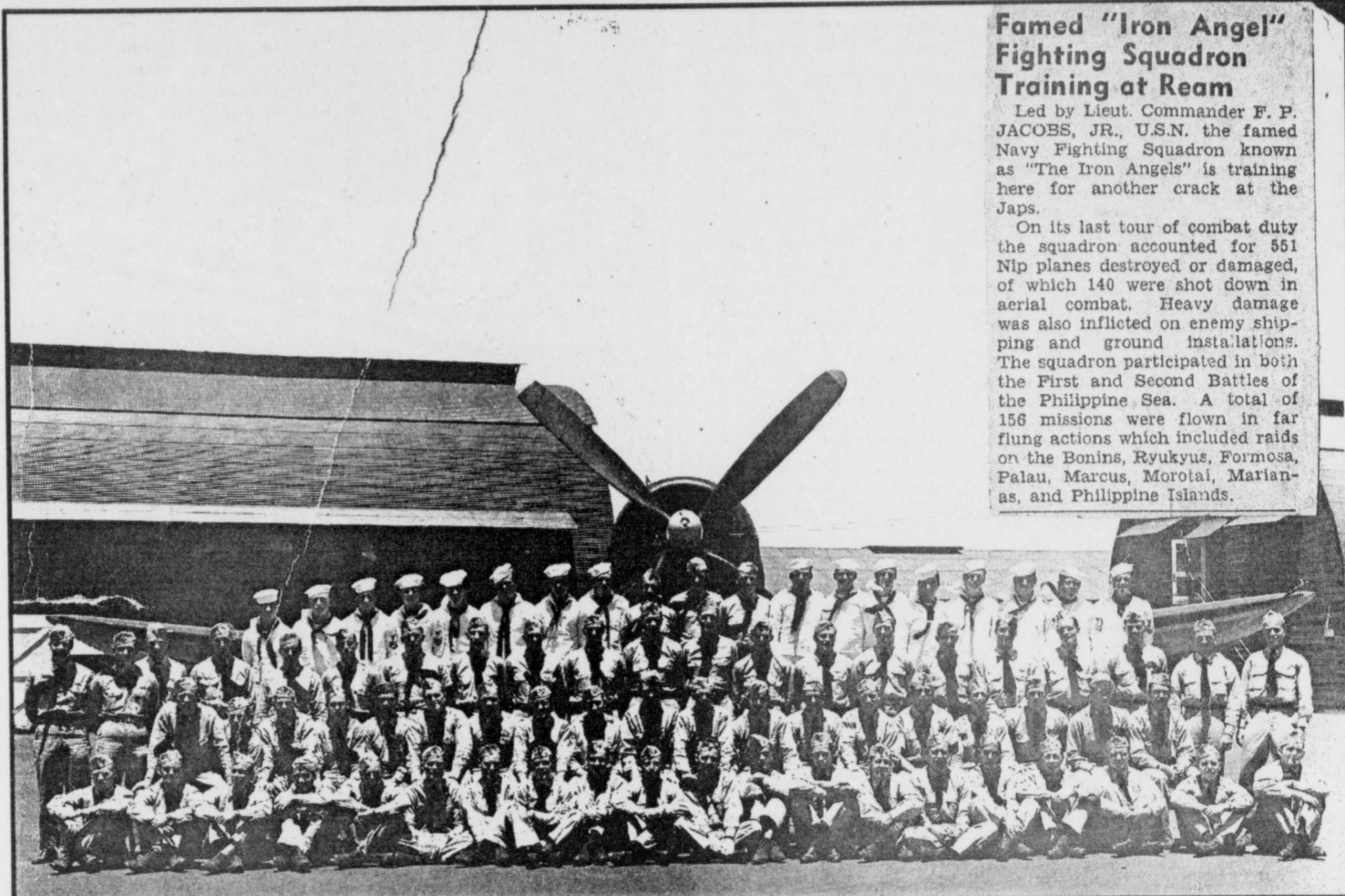
When aboard a train and it stops at a small town and the conductor calls out "don't leave the train", believe him. I saw two Marines left behind in a small place in Wyoming because they thought they could run to a store and make it back. They didn't, and running after the train didn't make it either. Sometimes a troop car may be disconnected from one train going one direction and be picked up by another train going to a designated area. In 1944 I spent all Easter day in a railroad yard with 13 sailors, I was in charge of, waiting to be hooked up to another train.

Most history books tell about the battles between the Battle Wagons, Cruisers, Aircraft Carriers, with those of the enemy. Little, however, is told about the smaller ships that provided support against the enemy submarines and aircraft. Small ships had to take only one hit to be sunk and many were lost in typhoons in the Pacific.

The Atlantic waters off the coast of the United States were patrolled by cutters, frigates and dirigibles to seek and destroy submarines. The shoreline was patrolled day and night by men on foot, some with dogs. The men were single patrol but overlapped a few feet of other patrol on both ends of your patrol. The enemy submarines sometimes evaded the patrol ships at sea and got in close to shore to put off spies and saboteurs. Many of them were captured after they reached shore by those on shore patrol duty.

At this time, I would like to salute and thank all Veterans and service persons that have served our great country.

Richard Nance



Famed "Iron Angel" Fighting Squadron Training at Ream

Led by Lieut. Commander F. P. JACOBS, JR., U.S.N. the famed Navy Fighting Squadron known as "The Iron Angels" is training here for another crack at the Japs.

On its last tour of combat duty the squadron accounted for 551 Nip planes destroyed or damaged, of which 140 were shot down in aerial combat. Heavy damage was also inflicted on enemy shipping and ground installations. The squadron participated in both the First and Second Battles of the Philippine Sea. A total of 156 missions were flown in far flung actions which included raids on the Bonins, Ryukyus, Formosa, Palau, Marcus, Morotai, Marianas, and Philippine Islands.

"IRON ANGEL" Fighting Squadron is pictured here while in training at Ream. The group was led by Lieut. Commander F.P. Jacobs, Jr., U.S.N. James Rogers of Deport was a member of this squadron. He enlisted at age 16 in the year 1942, forging his father's signature to his induction papers. He was discharged in 1946 as a 1st Class Petty Officer at the age of 19. The squadron accounted for 551 Nip planes destroyed or damaged, of which 140 were shot down in aerial combat. A total of 156 missions were flown in far flung actions including raids on the Bonins, Ryukyus, Formosa, Palau, Marcus, Morotai, Marianas and the Philippine Islands.

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14 December 1945

This is a last resume of our activities.

Following a very hectic 4 weeks at Marpi Point, Saipan, we embarked on the U.S.S. INTREPID and proceeded to the Tokyo bay area. Everyone had plenty of Liberty, most of which was spent at the Officers' Club at Yokosuka Naval Base.

After being informed by one Admiral that January 20, 1946 was the earliest we would possibly hope to return to the States, a surprise dispatch came aboard ordering us to proceed to the West Coast on December 3rd on the USS INTREPID.

While enroute we learned that Carrier Air Group FOURTEEN will be reformed in the Alameda area. About 10 of the boys will probably return to form a nucleus of the new outfit.

In closing, on behalf of the Skipper, I want to express his appreciation for the part you have played in making the Iron Angels a hell of a good outfit.

Best wishes,

Dan

A very special meal deal A Vietnam Vet's memory

It was the mid 1960s and I was on a different assignment than my usual job. My usual job was relatively safe (if there was a safe job in Vietnam). Most of my days were spent with a survey team locating sites for bunkers and other facilities.

On this particular day however, I found myself on a boat loaded with medical and food supplies to be delivered to a small village down the river. The whole trip I kept thinking about being out in the open on this boat with no protection at all. We were just sitting ducks out there in the middle of the river.

After a while we made it to the village without an incident. We delivered the supplies to the people there in the village.

Everyone was so happy to see us and the supplies were appreciated. In fact, to show their appreciation, a special meal was prepared in our honor. When we sat down to eat we discovered the main course was fried mice. Our hosts informed us that the mice were a special delicacy. They were much cleaner than the rats.

Needless to say, I just couldn't eat that meal, guest of honor or not.

Tom Harris



VETERANS in downtown Deport, Texas.



THE U.S. COAST GUARD Patrol Frigate, the U.S.S. Sandusky, is pictured airing bedding while escorting a convoy from New Guinea to the Philippines. Richard Nance of Deport served aboard the U.S.S. Sandusky.

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MY KOREAN WAR

MEMORIES AND OTHERS...

The beginning of fall, September 17, 1950, I enlisted in the United States Army, a young man just turning 20. I was employed by the Ideal Baking Company in Paris. When I embarked on a journey that would eventually take me around the world. After 18 months at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I had decided to get married to a young high school senior at East Lamar High School. Being 21 and she 17, we had great plans settling down at some base not far away. We were married on April 7. I reported to my base on April 10 and on April 12, I had a surprise, orders to go to Kyoto, Japan by way of Fort Lewis, Washington to serve in the Counter Intelligence Corp where I would be the next 18 months.

This was part of life, leaving a young wife still in high school. My aging parents and other relatives, but I had experienced this in my two older brothers serving in World War II. Connolly, who retired after 27 years in the Air Force, 18 months of those in a German prison. He was reported missing in action after his plan was shot down the second time

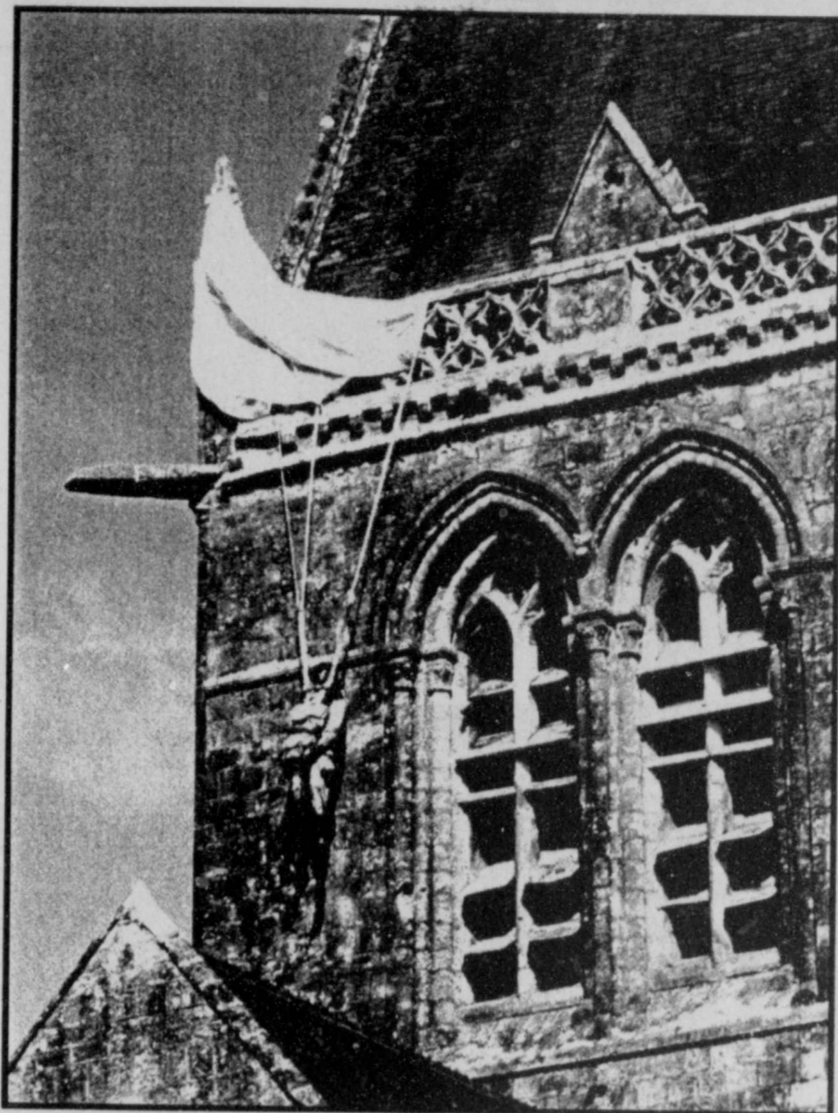
behind the American lines, but our mother never gave up that he was not alive. What a joyous day when a letter came from the family of one who had escaped from the death march telling her that her son was alive but a prisoner. Mac, my older brother, served in the Navy. My younger brother served in the Marines, going from high school to Seoul, Korea to the front lines of the Korean War.

We all returned to civilian life, thankful we were alive an getting back to our families.

Me and my wife now of 47 years have resided in Garland since 1960, raised three sons and saw our youngest, Bradley, serve in Kuwait with the first forces going in during the Persian Gulf War, a green beret and member of the Military Intelligence Arabic/Syrian linguist, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

I'm also thankful that I did serve in the military and others before me and November 11 is a special day for me and my family, as we remember this special day.

Stanley O'Brien
Sgt., U.S. Army 3 years



SIGNS OF BRUTAL WAR-This church in St. Mere Eglise, France, shows the signs of the brutal war that took place during the D-Day Invasion. A paratrooper hung on steeple 6 as he landed on June 6, 1944. The story goes that the paratrooper hung there for hours, pretending to be dead, but a German soldier discovered he was alive and shot him. The monument to the trooper hangs on the steeple today as a reminder of that memorable day.

Proud of Civil War heritage....

My grandfather was the son of the first settlers of the Ripley community in Titus County. They were Christopher and Elizabeth Rebecca Evans Williams. The homestead is still owned by some of the Williams descendants.

John E. was born into this family in 1843. He served along with his brother, I.N. Williams, Sr. in the Civil War. He enlisted at Daingerfield, Texas at the age of 19 on October 1, 1861. On December 1, 1861 he was mustered into the Confederate Army under Col. Sam Bell Maxey and Capt. William E. Beeson. The 9th Regiment had the distinction of having served in the Army of Mississippi and Tennessee longer than any other Texas regiment.

Shortly after being mustered, measles and pneumonia broke out in the regiment, due to sickness and poor quality of water. They had to move from Paris to Camp Benjamin in Fannin County. Despite their sickness, no pain had been spared to drill and discipline the regiment.

On January 1, they took up the line to march to Memphis. By January 25, they had arrived in Little Rock. It was noted that the long march had taken its toll on the soldiers. On February 18, they arrived at luka and were all beginning to feel much better and were beginning to look and act like soldiers again.

Lt. Col. Beeson received his much needed supplies of 788 knapsacks, 500 haversacks and 450 canteens. At luka, the men began building a camp and commissary, however, the stay there was short and on March 19, 1862 they left by rail and arrived at Corinth. When they arrived there they found bad water, low and swampy land. They all became sick again and lost about 2 soldiers per day. They were armed with the weapons they brought from home, double barreled shotguns, sportsman rifles and old muskets. Sick, poorly drilled and without reliable weapons, they were about to face the dreaded en-

emy for the first time. Lt. Col Miles Dillard wrote to the Clarksville Standard about the 9th Regiment, "The boys of the old 9th of Texas can never be too highly appreciated for their bravery on the bloody field of Murfreesboro, for never did the soldiers adjust themselves with more honor than they did on that day."

Then came the battle of Chickamunga. The troops were small and all worn out, but the battle went on. With the number now down to about 1000, they were forced from the field of battle. They had to leave their wounded and dead and it was here that my grandfather was captured and taken to Chickamunga on September 9, 1863.

On September 19, he was taken to Louisville, Kentucky, on the records it says "in exchange". Their days in prison were bad, they didn't have coats or shoes and not much to eat, they were forced to eat raw meat and bugs to survive. He was released from prison and he and six of his friends started their trip back to Texas. They were barefoot with no food or money, Granddad did have his musket back. They would stop and work for food with anyone who would offer. In fact, Granddad stayed with one northern family for over a year.

After returning to Titus County and being on up in years, he met and married my grandmother, she was a hardworking lady who owned a little farm that she took care of by herself. To this marriage was born four children, my daddy, Nathan Avant Evans "E" Williams, was the second son to this soldier of the Civil War.

During his time in prison camp, my granddad contacted tuberculosis. Being an educated man, he worked as bookkeeper and raised horses. I am very proud of this heritage that my grandfather left. It must have been very hard to fight in this war that put brothers against brothers.

Margie Williams Mayes

Fire from a bunker, and thoughts on booby traps

I have lots of memories of Vietnam, but I particularly remember one night when we began to take fire FROM one of our own bunkers. The guard tower saw it first, and my Master Sergeant and myself saw the green tracer fire coming from that bunker located at the edge of the perimeter ourselves.

The Viet Cong were excellent at tunneling, so that is what we figured had happened. An air strike was called in and simply obliterated the bunker. The next day my M Sgt. and I went down in that bunker, determined to prove that there really had been fire coming from it. Some of the guys doubted it. While digging around in there it came to us that another thing the Viet Cong were very good at was laying booby traps. What if they had rigged booby traps, did a little shooting and departed through a tunnel. Very carefully, stepping only in the footprints we had made coming in, we left and decided we really didn't care about what had gone on in that bunker.

Duane Benson



Seaman 1st Class George D. Ford and Pharm. Mate 1st Class Joe A. Ford

Dean Hallmark was a hero

Dean Hallmark, one of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders of April, 1942, was my classmate at Paris Junior College in 1934 and 1935.

When I was recalled to the Air Force in 1951 for Korea, I was temporarily billeted in Tokyo's former military officers club, a swank affair next to a big park in downtown Tokyo.

One of the staff there, Taigi Deguchi, told me he watched and applauded as Dean and his captured crew were beheaded in the park.

On April 18, 1942, Lt. Dean Hallmark piloted one of the B-25's that took off from the flight deck of the U.S.S. Hornet and bombed Tokyo, Japan. He ran out of fuel, and he and his crew were captured. The Japanese brought what they said was Dean and his crew to Tokyo, and beheaded them to a cheering crowd.

General Kenney said Dean was badly hurt as he crash-landed his plane, that the Japs just shot him. They dressed American captives, or what they passed off as Americans, in flight suits and in five different cities they staged beheadings, each time pretending the victims were Air Force.

Listening to Taigi Deguchi tell me how he applauded as Dean Hallmark's head was cut off with a big sword after a big round of speeches, I felt chills of horror and sympathy for just one of the casualties of World War II.

And I think Paris Junior College should remember and honor Dean Hallmark, World War II hero, instead of ignoring him as the students there do.

Henry Lee Somerville

Brothers serve together, separately



Fireman 3rd Class Dom Buffo

Seaman First Class George D. Ford and his brother, Pharm. Mate First Class Joe A. Ford of Bogata both served their country. Joe entered the service in 1942 and George in 1944.

Joe was sent to Pearl Harbor. Two years later, his brother George entered the service and was sent to Pearl Harbor as well. Joe, who hadn't seen George in over three years, didn't

recognize him, as George was only 18 at the time he (Joe) entered the service.

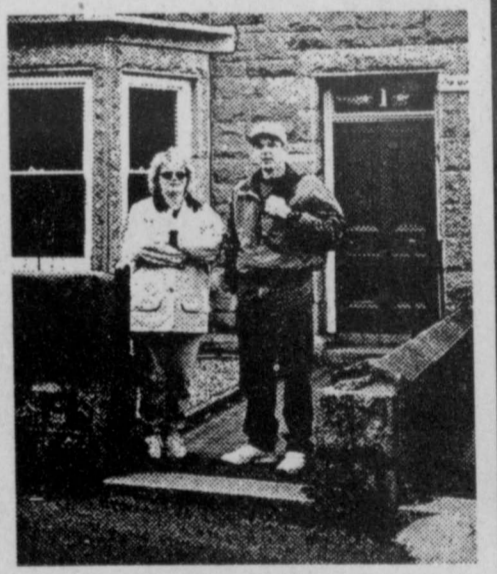
From Pearl Harbor, George went on to Guam, being discharged from the service in 1945, the same year that Joe also came home.

In another war, Fireman Third Class Dom Buffo, son of Lela Buffo Ford served aboard the U.S.S. New Jersey during 1969-70.



Mabel & Lionel May of Penyanche England (on the left) were hosts to Pfc Charlie Davidson Jr. of Deport during WWII. Charlie lived with the couple while in England before shipping out to take part in the D-Day invasion. In March of this year Michelle and Allen Williams (on the right) visited the house where Davidson lived with the Mays while in England. The photo was taken by the same bay window.

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A Christmas poem

Because our son, Todd, is in the US Navy, stationed in Sicily, last year I did something that I would never thought to do before. I sent Christmas cards to addresses published in the newspapers for "any service member" for persons overseas and/or on ships. It really warmed my heart when I received thank you's from several of the service members that got a card from someone that they did not know but had taken the time to remember them. Needless to say, I will continue to do this, even when our son comes home. I encourage anyone and everyone to do the same. Teachers even could have their class do this as a project. Anyway, this year I received this from Todd and would like to pass it on. To me, it bears repeating!

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tress.

No stocking by mantel, just boots filled with sand,
On a the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States Soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play,
And grown-ups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;

"I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still
And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing fight

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan, the following is his request and I think it is reasonable....Please. Would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. Service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant his small seed.

Phyllis and Kenneth Duffer
Proud parents of Todd M. Duffer



Todd Duffer

What others say about it..

What a day in history!! Cease fire orders ending the to that date most stupendous war ever fought. Hilarious joy burst all restraint not only among the victors but among the vanquished. The world went wild. On no day in the annals of time have so many people of so many nationalities, creeds, political beliefs, and divergent ideals felt such a spontaneous urge to celebrate.

Dictatorship backed by the greatest military organization ever known had failed to subjugate an unprepared world. The forces of freedom had conquered and forced acknowledgment of defeat upon the totalitarian legions. Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. What a day! Can the world ever forget? That the leaders of the free peoples were over magnanimous, over trusting, over sanguine and that the free people themselves rated peace above security brought on a second world war and threatens a third in no way lessens the memory of that day when first the threat of world dictatorship was broken.

Thursday I read in the paper where certain citizens of San Angelo petitioned the merchants as a body to forget that day, and no longer close their places of business. One of the signers I remember as one who refused to close on one of the earliest November 11 holidays, but he must have found that his "take" did not justify his ignoring a day set aside in memory of those who fought, that he could have just that privilege. No he could not commercialize soldier's day and make it another Mother's Day or Father's Day. What a pity!

The world has its memorial day for those who passed on and it needs its

Armistice Day for those who came back. What more fitting day than Armistice Day and what more fitting recognition of living men than the declaration of an Armistice from work? A day of freedom, a day in which to meet one's buddies. A day in which to relieve that glorious intoxicating sense of relief that the war was over and one could once again mingle with friends and family. Once again take up normal life and live and the pursuit of happiness.

For nearly 175 years we have celebrated July 4 as national freedom day, why forget world freedom day in 30? We close Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day, not all our people are Christians, why not petition no holiday on those days? Other religious sects observe their own special holidays, other minorities celebrate Cinco de Mayo, June-teenth and Rosh Hoshana. Thank God that is their privilege in these United States though some employers most scrupulous of closing certain days of their own refuse, these other special days to their employees.

To those advocates of business as usual on November 11, I say that is your privilege won by millions who earned the day, millions more who preserved the day, and untold numbers who will yet fight to perpetrate the day. Stay open, rake in your dollars, but do not urge others to forget, others with decent memories of those who died, gratitude to those who fought and hope for those in training.

A keepsake belonging to Tom DeBerry, who died in 1953, send in by Mary Jane Lowry. It was an editorial in the San Angelo newspaper.

An English point of view on World War II

Mic Fuller, of Mill Hill, London, England, has vivid recollections of World War II. As a native of Britain, her view of the war is, of necessity, different from those of American servicemen and women.

Mic remembers many things...including the bombing, when block after block was destroyed, leaving survivors to try and dig out the dead and wounded, or salvage a few worldly possessions. She remembers one particular attack where bombs killed hundreds who had taken shelter in a subway. Things were so desperate that several hundred dead, made up of elderly, women and children could not be dug out of the collapsed tunnel. Instead, the tunnel area was sealed and even today there is a simple marker on the wall of the tunnel marking this burial place.


She was a young woman back then, and dated a number of American servicemen. She recalls them as pleasant and polite, and her sister came close to marrying an American. Still, it was a daunting prospect, marrying a man and moving across the ocean to an unknown country. In fact, there were horror stories circulated about "war brides" whose new husbands told them all about how wealthy they were. When these new wives arrived in the U.S. some found that the boys were from country homes so poor they did not even have running water or indoor plumbing. These stories worried young women dating servicemen, for the chance to meet a man's family before marrying him was not possible.

She also was a "Land Girl". When an air raid siren would sound, she and the other young women would run out and untether huge balloons, similar to dirigibles. These had a web of cables which ran from balloon to balloon. The idea behind this "madness" as she terms it now, was to stretch the cables so that incoming aircraft would tangle their propellers in the webbing and crash!

There were shortages of absolutely everything. Mic says "if you saw a line of people waiting at a store or shop, you just got in it first and asked what people were waiting for later". Needles, sewing thread, food of all nature, particularly meat, was always in short supply. New clothes were almost out of the question. American servicemen were perceived as having so very much. They had cigarettes, chocolate and many other things that Londoners had not seen in months, perhaps even years.

She recalls much about those war years, including the determination of the British people to hang on at all costs.

"What a spirit we had" she chuckles, "we made jokes and we made the best of things. It was frequently humor that took us through".

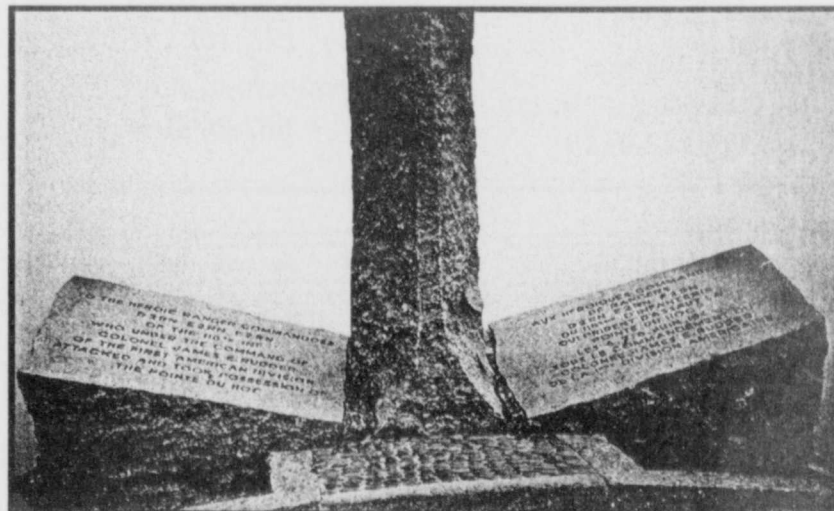
 "They also Serve Who Sit and Wait"
Don't forget the valiant families who waited and wondered about those they loved during wartime!



VIETNAM MEMORIAL-This scene is one from the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. It lists over 58,000 names of those killed in the Vietnam conflict.

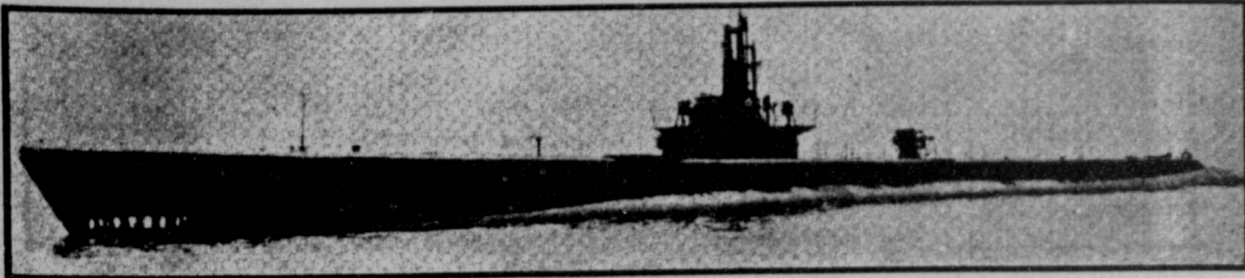


WOMEN HONORED-This memorial is devoted to the women who served in the Vietnam War. The memorial is located in Washington, D.C.



THIS MEMORIAL honors the heroic Ranger commandoes of the 116th Inf. who gave their lives at Omaha Beach, June 6-8, 1944. Under the command of Col. James E. Rudder of the First American Division, the commandoes attacked and took possession of the point Du Hoc. This photo is courtesy of Charlie Davidson of Deport.

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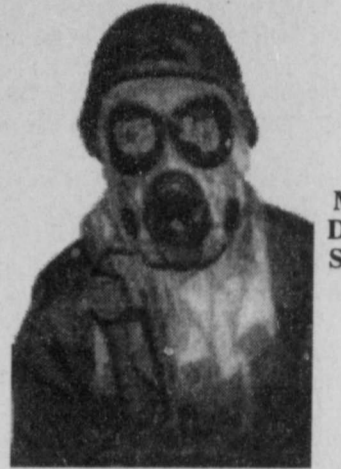
MARVIN C. BEVILL served aboard this submarine, the U.S.S. Dogfish during the year of 1945. Beville retired with 32 years of service. He attended school in Maple Springs.



MARVIN BEVILL, pictured at right, brother of Cecil W. Bevill, Sr., served on the U.S.S. Dogfish Submarine SS350 in 1945 and retired with 32 years of service in the Navy. Both Bevill brothers went to Maple Springs school. Water, Tender 3-C Cecil Bevill served in seven major battles.



Joel A. Brown



Gas Mask Desert Storm



KOREAN WAR DEPICTION-This war memorial is located near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. and depicts the Korean War.

In Loving Memory of my Grandfathers,
Robert W. Goode, U.S. Army and Cecil W. Bevill, Sr., U.S. Navy
World War II Veterans

Veterans Day

Today is Veterans Day I see.
It celebrates the people who fought for me.
Some people died,
Others cried.
They had no bed,
Some blood they shed.
So today is Veteran's Day I see.
It celebrates the people who fought for me.
By Laura Bevill, Age 9 1/2




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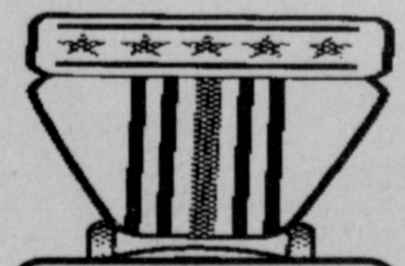
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