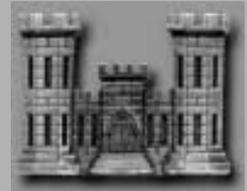


300th Quarterly



300th Combat Engineers Reunion Edition 2015

The Reunion is Coming!

This issue will focus on the Tyler Reunion in October. See all the information in the flyer on the back of this page. **Hope to See you there.**

Clifford Alexander

You may recall from the last issue of the 300th Quarterly that Lynne Cook was looking for information about her grandfather, Clifford Alexander, who was killed in action on LST 523. The story brought a response from Billie Byers who wished to contact her. Here is what Lynne said in a recent e-mail. I asked Lynne if she had been successful in contacting Billie.

“I did! And my dad and I actually went and met with him! My grandfather actually had been in the 300th...the reason he wasn't in the group photo was he was on furlough shortly before they left New York on the Queen Mary--he had returned home to visit my grandmother because that's when my father was born! Pretty cool story. Not only had Mr. Byers known my grandmother and tried to talk to her (which she rejected--no surprise as she never accepted his death), Mr. Byer's wife had ridden the bus back and forth to Chickasha (a nearby town) to work with her before they were married!

“When he went to France last year to the 70th anniversary he had taken a picture next to the wall and had a picture in his album with my grandfather's name in it. Pretty amazing. He lives 45 minutes away from us. Such a small world. To be honest...I had found him on my own a few weeks ago. My dad mentioned that there was

‘someone else’ from Blanchard that had come home from the war. So I Googled Blanchard World War II Army and found a news story on Mr. Byers covering his return to France. I even found his phone number. But I chickened out and didn't call him because we were always told that they refused to talk after the war. So I didn't know what his response to me would be. It turns out, none of that was true and when I found out that he was actually willing to talk, it was a different story! I told him all that by the way, and he just laughed.

“Thank you so much, Brad and Jan! I will keep you updated! Lynne Alexander Cook”

Note: Lynne is planning to attend the reunion and hopes to bring her father. Possibly other of our veterans will remember Clifford Alexander.

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Chuck Bice invites all to the 300th Engineer Combat Battalion Tyler Reunion in 2015. Let's recognize together the 70th Anniversary of the end of the war and the return of our men home in late 1945.

**Oct. 2, 3, 4 Quality Inn Conference Center
2843 WNW Loop 323, Tyler, Texas, 75702**

Call 903-595-6151 and tell them you are with the 300th ECB Reunion to receive the special rate. Please make your reservations by Sept. 10. A breakfast buffet is included with your reservation.

Plan for dinner together Friday and Saturday evenings. The Hospitality Room will be open for the weekend for light refreshments and a chance to renew friendships and swap stories. If you wish to share photos, letters, documents or stories for the 300th web site, please bring them to be scanned or recorded by Brad and Jan. Let's all be together for this special weekend!!

