

# 20th Combat Engineer Association of World War II

## The Wavy Arrow

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### Lost But Not Forgotten

**Stanley M. Bliznik (B/20th)** died March 5, 2003, at the age of 84. According to an obituary provided by Shirley Hamilton, Stanley had retired some years ago as an electrician at the Wisconsin Steel Company, and had been serving as Sergeant at Arms of the American Legion Post #1109 in Highland, Indiana. According to his widow, Bonnie, "Stanley suffered a lot, but kept going to the end."

**Robert J. Rudd (H&S/1340th)** died of cancer on July 7, 2003. His widow writes, "He enjoyed the Reunions that he was able to attend, and especially enjoyed receiving the *Wavy Arrow*."

### News About Our Veterans

**George J. Allen (Hq/1171)** writes: "I will not be able to attend this year's 56th Reunion due to a conflict in date regarding a family reunion. Thanks to Mrs. Griffenhagen and you for all your combined efforts in keeping the association a proud and viable entity."

**Raymond R. Davis (A/20th)** writes: "The three fellas that I wanted to say hello are J. T. Harrell (A/20th), Charles Hurley (A/20th), and Carl Bruno (A/20th) -- not Bruno Lorbecki (C/20th) as reported in the last issue of the *Wavy Arrow*."

**Joseph W. Miller (B/20th Officer)** writes: "The guys who rode those trucks across the top of North Africa from Casablanca to Tunisia will be sure old Joe Miller has the Big A for sure when he's quoted [in the last issue of the *Wavy Arrow*] as saying they were 2-1/2 ton GMCs. The 20th was not issued rhw GMCs, which the Germans considered America's best WWII weapon, until we landed in Britain. We had 1-1/2 ton Chevies in Africa and Sicily."

**James D. Orban (Officer)** writes: "One of my biggest regrets is that I am unable to attend the Reunions anymore. I see that our ranks are growing thinner each year. So I want to take this opportunity to say 'hi' to all the fellows at the Reunion. A special hello goes to my C.O. Truman Setliffe, and also to my buddy Joe Alter."

**Phyllis D. Pickle**, daughter of George D. Shortt (C/20th), writes: "Thank you for including the information in the *Wavy Arrow* I sent you of my Dad's passing. Since my mother does not live with me, I am requesting that you send all future issues of the *Wavy Arrow* to her at 19173 Astor Road, Abingdon, VA 24210. She enjoys receiving and reading them as much as my Dad did." [Editor's Note: All future issues will be sent to both George Shortt's widow as well as to his daughter who lives in Centreville, Virginia.]

**Peter J. Russ (C/1340th)** through his wife, Anna Russ, who writes: "Peter is now 86 and has had his share of physical problems. He can no longer make trips or drive very far. But he is in good health and he doesn't mind not being able to get around like he used to do. So traveling is out for us, which is the main reason we have been unable to attend many of the Reunions. We both feel very fortunate that we can still be together after 57 years of marriage. We always enjoy receiving the *Wavy Arrow*.

### **Wavy Arrow Contributions**

Many thanks to the following for having made a contribution during the past twelve months so that we can continue to send the *Wavy Arrow* on a regular basis.

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