

STORIES OF HOPE AND COURAGE FROM WWII

FAITH UNDER FIRE

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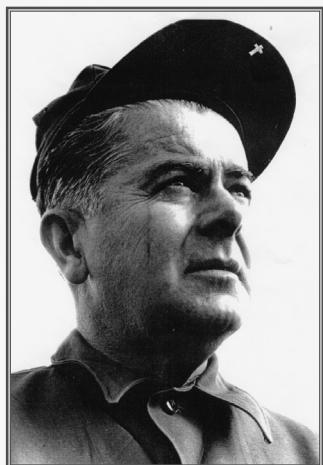
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MONSIGNOR PAUL BRADLEY



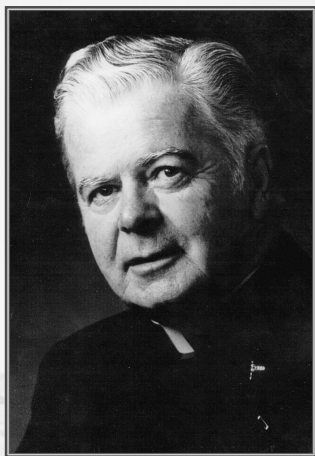
“Over here, Father!” Chaplain Paul Bradley’s distinctive cap made it easy for the injured and dying men on Iwo Jima to spot him and call out to him for consolation.



Hilltop Holy Communion. Shortly after U.S. soldiers secured Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima and raised the American flag for all to see, Father Bradley held Mass on the hilltop.



Returning to the scene. On February 19, 1965, Father Bradley (second from left) and other marines returned to Mount Suribachi to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the beginning of one of the most horrific battles in the history of modern warfare.

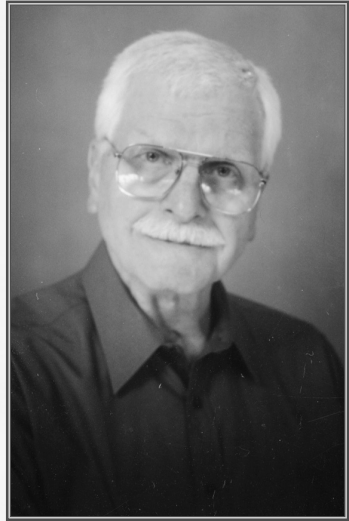


A passionate priest. Returning to civilian life and ministry in New Jersey, Bradley remains a beloved priest.

BOB BOARDMAN



In the Marines—Galvanized by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Bob Boardman left his college football team to enlist in the Marines. Assigned to the First Marine Division, Boardman endured intense fighting and suffered a life-changing injury.



Heroes or celebrities? Boardman believes many of the men he fought with in World War II deserve the title “hero,” a title that became more popular after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

“Hopefully, with tragic events like these, the difference between heroes and celebrities is becoming clearer to this generation.”

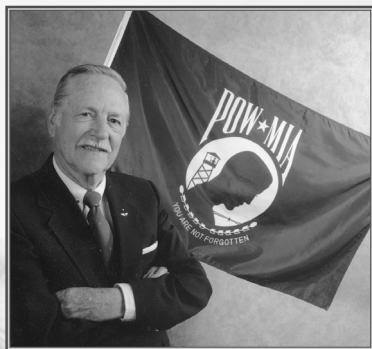
NEWT HEISLEY



A flying whale. Heisley piloted a Curtiss C-46 Commando, a huge cargo plane like this one, during the war.



An ordinary guy a long way from home. Heisley, shown in his pilot's uniform, smiles before taking off for a training mission.



***"You Are Not Forgotten."** Newt Heisley's long flights across the Pacific in a transport plane provided the inspiration for the POW/MIA flag, which he designed in 1971. Today the flag is the nation's most popular flag after the Stars and Stripes.*

CHARLES DRYDEN



A statue of a Tuskegee Airman. *The statue stands in the Honor Court at the U.S. Air Force Academy.*



A love for flying. *Neither the army nor the commercial airlines accepted black pilots, but Charles Dryden enrolled in a Civilian Pilot Training Program at City College of New York anyway. He is shown here in 1940 with a training plane.*

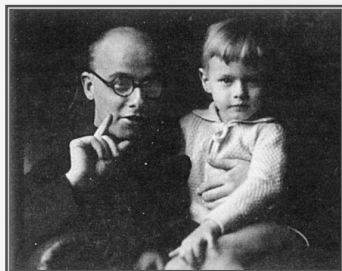
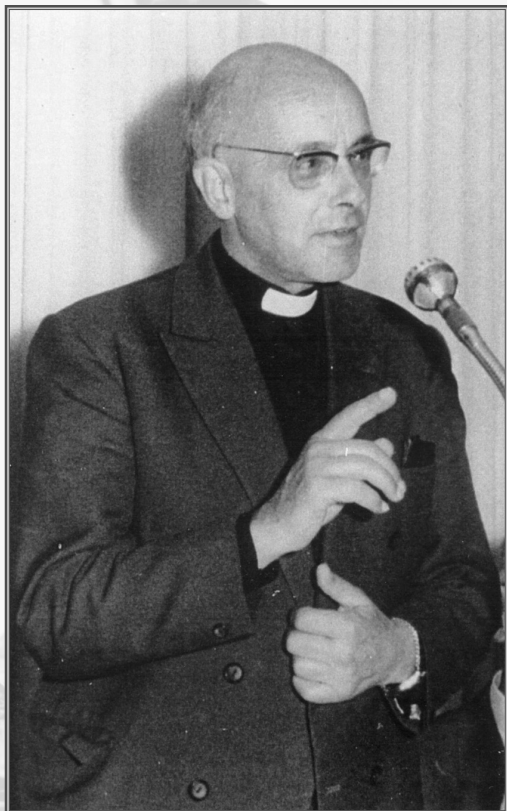


A dream come true. *Dryden graduated from cadet training on April 29, 1942, becoming the eighth Tuskegee*



A distinguished career. *By the time he retired from the United States Air Force in 1962 after serving his country for more than thirty years, Dryden was a lieutenant colonel. Still, he says his life's greatest accomplishment is his investment in his sons. "If, Lord willing, I have been able to pass on to my three sons those values I hold dear, that is the greatest role*

FATHER BRUNO REYNDERS



"A radiant person." Father Bruno holds nephew Michel Reynders in 1935. Today, Michel tells others about his uncle's sacrificial work on behalf of Belgium's Jews.

"What did I do?" When Father Bruno was honored by the Israeli government in 1964 for his work during World War II, he characteristically tried to shine the spotlight on others, not himself.



Grateful beneficiaries. *In 1994, seventeen of the Jewish children who had been rescued by Father Bruno gathered in Belgium to honor him. Nephew Michel Reynders is shown wearing sunglasses in the back row. Bernard Rotmil is at the far left. His story is told in this chapter.*



A tree of life. *Father Bruno plants "his" tree at Yad Vashem, the Avenue of the Righteous, in Israel. Standing nearby are supporters and some of his "alumni."*

COLONEL LEWIS MILLETT



Glad to be alive. Captain Lewis Millett smiles for a photographer from Stars and Stripes magazine on February 7, 1951, the day he led Easy Company's courageous bayonet assault on heavily fortified enemy positions in Korea. The photo was used to promote U.S. War Bonds in a series of ads appearing in major magazines, such as the Saturday Evening



Honored for his courage. U.S. President Harry S. Truman (far right) congratulates Millett during the White House ceremony where Millett received his Medal of Honor on July 5, 1951.



Patriotic evangelist. Though he is over eighty, Millett still speaks to civic and military groups whenever he can. He often closes his rousing speeches with "An Old Soldier's Prayer," which he wrote after the death of his son John, who was killed in the line of duty in 1985.

SHERM CONNOLLY



Proud to serve. *After enlisting in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and serving as an officer in the Women's Army Corps, Sherm Connolly was the officer in charge of a WAC exhibit team that toured the country under the title "Serving with Pride and Dignity." She is shown here in the team's unique uniform.*

JOHNNY WALKER



Honored after forty years. In 1985 Johnny Walker received a Bronze Star for the injuries he sustained while a prisoner at Japanese slave-labor camps.



Brotherly love. After the death of his father, Johnny Walker lived in Los Angeles with his brother Flay, who was studying to be a pastor. Flay was with Johnny at Angelus Temple when Aimee Semple McPherson preached. Johnny rededicated his life to Christ.



Pacific bound. Army Air Corps Sergeant Johnny Walker is shown before he sailed for Pearl Harbor.



No more nightmares. Johnny and Carolyn Walker have left the horrors of war behind and now focus on caring for their grandchildren and volunteering at their church.

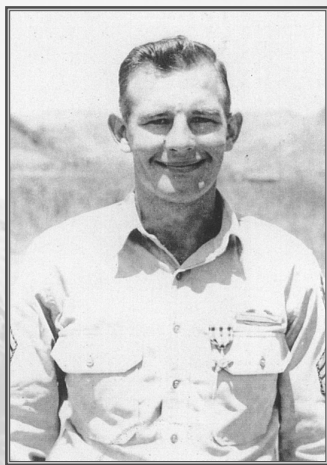
CHUCK HOLSINGER



Ready for battle. Private First Class Charles D. Holsinger (standing second from right) is shown with members of the squad he belonged to during the invasion of Luzon. To his right is scouting partner Lou Jandris, who was wounded during the first day of battle.

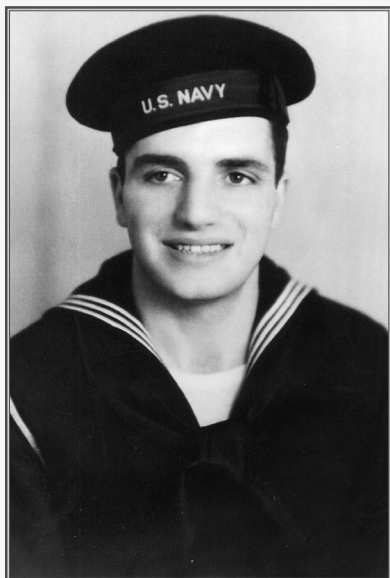


Finding fellowship. Holsinger (kneeling at lower right) spent time with these Christian friends, who were members of a regimental band.



Glad to be alive. For his action on the Philippine island of Luzon, Holsinger was given the Silver Star in June 1945.

GEORGE MASSOUD



A welcome recruit. *George Massoud had enlisted in the U.S. Navy on December 5, 1941. After the attack on Pearl Harbor two days later, he was quickly sent to the South Pacific aboard the USS Quincy.*



A rest before tragedy. *On leave from training camp, Apprentice Seaman George Massoud hugs his sister as a friend looks on. Massoud would soon be fighting for his life.*

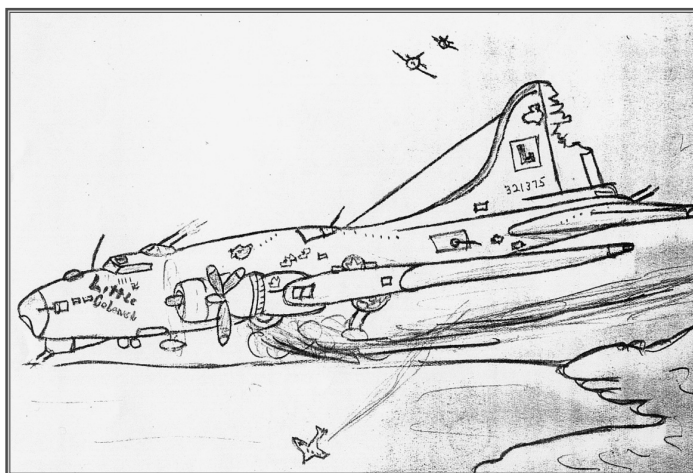


A sacred place. *George Massoud and Mary Attick are married at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, which his parents helped build.*

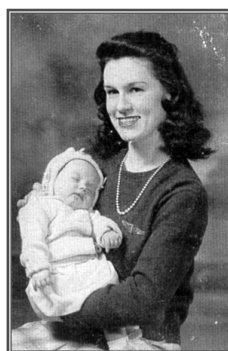
JOE AND KITTY SULLIVAN

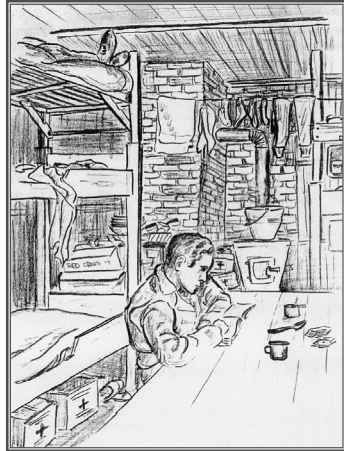
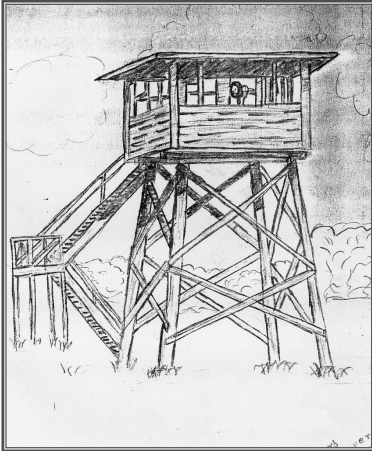


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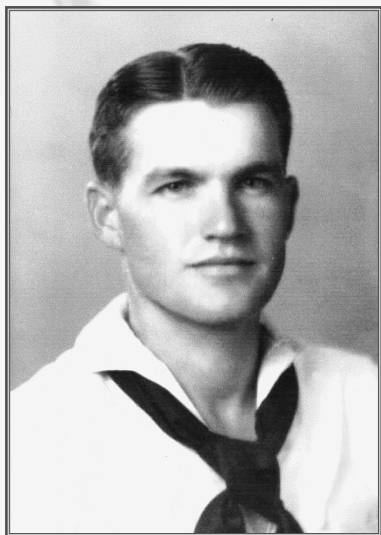
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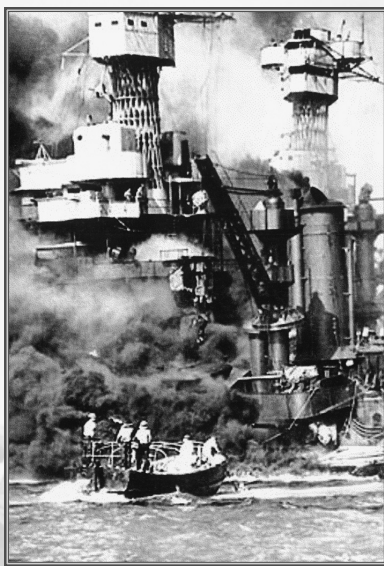
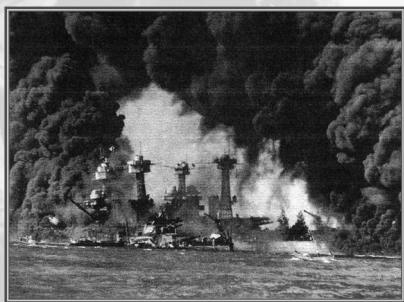
JIM DOWNING



Ready to serve. *Jim Downing walked into the navy recruiter's office on September 22, 1932. Nine years later he was a navy man stationed on the USS West Virginia.*

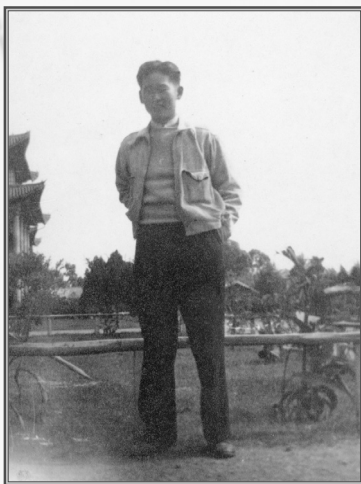


Picture perfect. *The Wee Vee in better days.*



Pounded at Pearl Harbor. *The USS West Virginia was hit by torpedoes and bombs on December 7, 1941, coming to rest on the harbor bottom. When the ship was refloated for repairs, the bodies of 70 dead sailors were found in the lower holds.*

RICHARD KIM



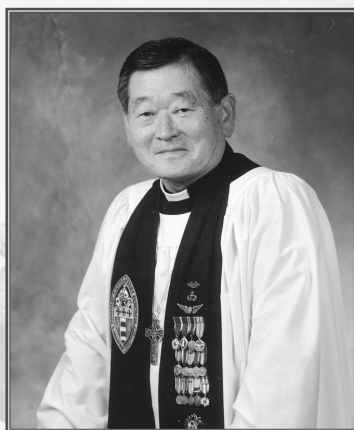
Free at last. Korean Richard Kim left Shanghai, China, after his adopted land was invaded by the Japanese and torn asunder by fighting between Nationalist and Communist troops. When he arrived in Free China, his life began anew.



Serving the Allies. By late 1944, 17-year-old Kim had lied about his age to become a U.S. Army staff sergeant. He served at the Allied headquarters in China.



A distinguished career. In 1955, Kim volunteered for the Special Forces, becoming a member of the famous Green Berets. He served the Special Forces in Germany and Vietnam and later received a posting at the Pentagon.



From the military to the ministry. After two decades of military service, Richard Kim followed another calling. "I laid down the crossed rifles of an airborne infantry officer in the Green Berets to pick up the cross of Jesus," he says.

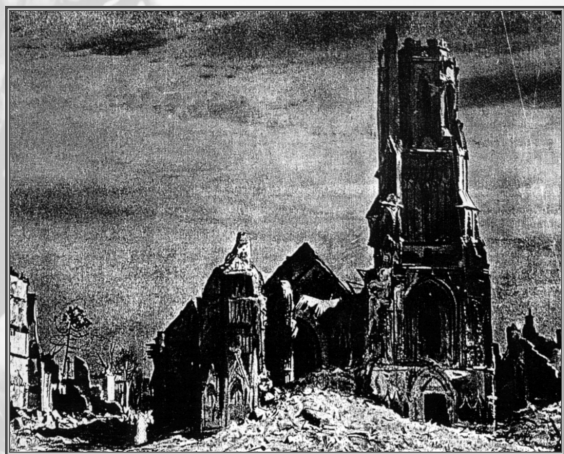
MARVIN SMITH



A ride before fighting. Captain Marvin Smith rides a bike in England before he and his men from K Company invaded the beaches of Normandy.

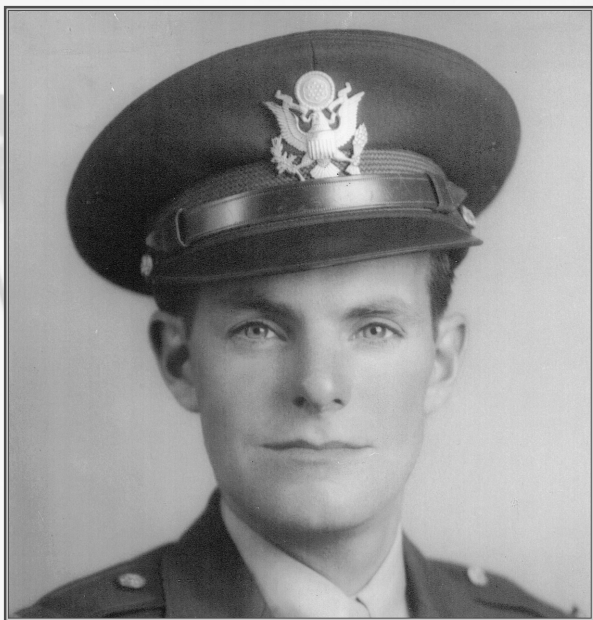


Making up for lost time. After the war, the Smiths focused on family and faith.

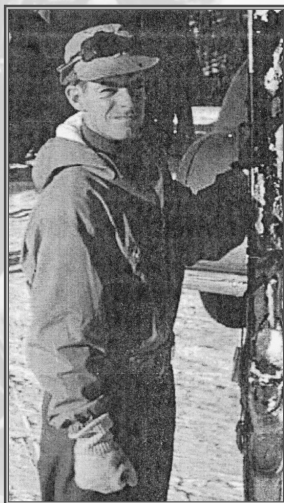


Battered Saint-Lô. Not much was left of the historic town of Saint-Lô after two months of intense fighting. The battle also left Smith with an injury that would end his service in the war.

EARL CLARK



Military mountaineers. *Young men like Earl Clark combined patriotism with a love for mountaineering, serving in the Tenth Mountain Division, a specialized unit that fought in both the Pacific and European theaters.*



Rocky Mountain high. *Earl Clark is now in his 80s, but he and his wife, Betty, still ski more than 50 times a year. "I have so loved the mountains," he says. "I feel that they are a part of God's majestic creation."*

THOMAS PRUDHOMME



Reunited. During the worst of the fighting, Prudhomme didn't think he would ever get to see his girlfriend, Lucille, again. But the couple were married after his safe return to the U.S. in 1944. The couple are pictured at Fort Smith, Arkansas, with their dog, Spotty.



Ready to serve. Standing at Camp Croft, South Carolina, in 1941, Thomas Prudhomme wasn't sure what his future held. In time he would serve as a member of the elite Rangers unit, which gave him plenty of opportunities to see miracles at close range.

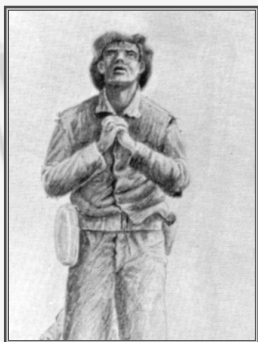


Faith affirming. Catholic Chaplain Albert Basil (left) encouraged Prudhomme to depend on the resources of his faith. The two men are shown during a 1979 reunion in Philadelphia.



Remembering a Ranger. At a 1995 reunion at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Prudhomme (second from left) and other Rangers remember one of their most famous commanders, Major William Darby of Darby's Rangers.

JESSE AND NETTIE MILLER



Remembering Christ.

Miller was regularly beaten and abused, but instead of turning against his guards, he reflected on how Christ had endured much more suffering out of love for a fallen humanity.



Nettie and Jesse. *Both Jesse Miller and Nettie Dyk had felt a calling to serve God through missionary service. For four decades they served together.*

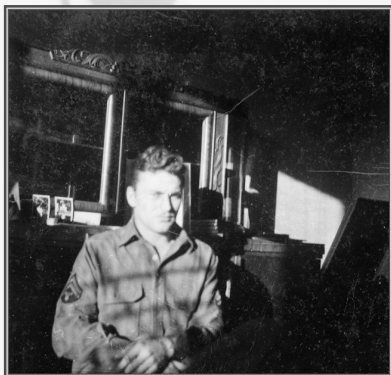


Dinnertime! *As a soldier, Jesse Miller had appreciated the Christian hospitality that was shown to him while he was a young soldier in the Philippines. Later he and Nettie showed similar hospitality to other servicemen, giving birth to the Overseas Christian Servicemen's Centers, now known as Cadence International. Nettie is shown at left with the couple's oldest son, Jim. Jesse isn't shown; he's taking the picture.*



Seeing the world. *Jesse Miller thought his time in the Army Air Corps would enable him to see the world and learn about photography. Instead, he was an aircraft mechanic who learned a deeper love for Christ.*

HOWARD HEATON



Based in Berlin. *Howard Heaton is shown in his apartment in Berlin. He taught motor mechanics to Allied troops while stationed there. Nearby, results of the Allied bombing campaign were evident throughout the city.*



Comrades in arms. *Howard Heaton (right) and a fellow serviceman pose for the camera while serving in Europe.*