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Veteran Efforts, Association Dues, Help Educate Young Burmese

By Brian Ferry

Nearly 65 years after the conclusion of World War II, the efforts of OSS-101 and Kachin Ranger families, dues from 101 Association members, and manpower provided by a new international aid organization are working to make better the lives of Burmese children.



Col. Tarter with Dukahtawng School

US Army Col. Dan Tarter (Ret.), founder and executive director of Big Sky Sun Projects International, visited Myitkyina, Kachin State, last November to check on the progress of four schools that our veterans, our dollars, and our bond with the Kachin, have opened in Burma. Acting as boots on the ground for the Association, Tarter checked in with each school, teachers, students, Kachin veterans and a director's committee and recently reported back to the Association. It isn't the first time Tarter has worked with the Association; he was also instrumental in getting the OSS and Kachin Ranger statue set up in Burma. Tarter returned in July to get an update on conditions and needs for the program.

Myitkyina Township has four English language schools offering two two-hour classes per day serving modest class

sizes of 18 to 25 students each. Ages of the 268 total students vary from seven to 17. The school charges tuition to only those students whose parents can afford it – a monthly cost of 1,000 Kyat (\$.80 US). Three-quarters of the student families pay this price. Those that cannot attend for free, based on the teachers committee's knowledge of family background.



Khun Aung's Class

Facilities vary from primitive location to location and Tarter notes that none of the classrooms have climate control. "In fact, the only climate controlled room I believe I've ever encountered in Myitkyina was in a hotel," he explained. The Sitapur school is one of two where the Association pays a rental fee, charged on a three-month lease period of 50,000 Kyat (\$40 US). The owner of the building is supportive of the classes, paying the utility bills for the school, and has offered to make improvements free of charge. Two facilities (the Yuzana School and Jan Mai Kaung School) are provided by the Jan Mai Kaung Baptist Church – one free of charge and the other for 35,000 Kyat (\$28 US) per month. A fourth facility, the Dukahtawng School, is located on the home compound of the OSS 101-Kachin Ranger Committee Chairman. Many of those involved with the schools are direct descendants of Kachin Rangers. Tarter said that the schools are a real hit, as there

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is nothing else like it in the area.

In all, the full cost of running four schools – including teacher salaries, rental fees, supplies, and other operating costs – runs a total of approximately \$800 per month, depending on local exchange rates.



Seg Mai's evening students

But the real story is the children. While some come from middle class families and others have perhaps only one set of clothing to wear, all are eager to learn English and improve their education. Teenagers are particularly eager students and their enthusiasm rubs off on the younger ones. For-profit advanced English courses have recently opened in the town and, for some of the best students, this will prove to be an extended bridge away from the hardships of their surroundings.

Tarter was able to mix business with pleasure during his four-day, three-night visit. One night was spent at a Kachin restaurant with Kachin Ranger veterans. The Kachin are noted for their sense of humor and their unwavering candor. One veteran in particular shared stories of working with Sam Spector as he sent out radio messages during a fire-fight with the Japanese. This veteran was very much amused by Tarter's remark that Spector has kept up his habit of sending messages . . . only now it's done via weekly e-mails.

Another meeting with Ranger veterans was helpful in detailing some of the things needed around Myitkyina. These include encyclopedias and dictionaries, periodicals, CD players and tape recorders for classrooms, and much more. More importantly, Tarter was able to speak with the veterans about their own health and was able to hire a full-time nurse to check in on our Kachin Ranger friends once a week and to see to the needs of the school children the remainder of the week. Tarter explained via e-mail earlier this summer that the veterans are very pleased to report that their new nurse is taking very good care of them.

Big Sky Sun Projects International, founded in 2008,

will look into acquiring and distributing mosquito nets to Kachin villages, specifically those beyond the Myitkyina valley. Detachment 101 veterans can speak of all the battles they faced from mosquito-borne illnesses. Those directly involved in the Myitkyina Schools Project will also look into re-establishing a school in the Northern Shan State, provided that a way for proper oversight can be established.

Teachers have held an art contest among the students. Selections will be used in a holiday card fundraising project, but the success of the schools project relies largely on the donations of the Detachment 101 Association. Supplies and hardware prove to be very difficult things to get into Burma, so those looking to offer additional help can send monetary donations to Treasurer Dennis Klein. Because of the trying global economic times, the US dollar isn't worth what it was only six months ago in Burma. Therefore, in addition to contributing any donations you can, the Association and Big Sky Sun Projects International are looking for additional fundraising ideas. Please contact Dennis if you have any ideas or effort that you'd like to contribute. Also, visit www.bsspi.org for more information on Col. Tarter's program.



Kachin Rangers, descendants and OSS-101 Schools Project faculty

Time has done little to dim the emotional fire that Kachin Rangers feel for OSS-101 veterans and their families. Tarter experienced this first-hand while visiting with six of Myitkyina's 17 surviving US Kachin Ranger veterans. "You know, you Americans gave us our alphabet and you helped rid us of the Japanese," one veteran told him. "We always trust you Americans. Always. We always trust you." To punctuate their commitment, many asked that the Detachment veterans send discharge papers that can be read when they pass away. The papers have since been provided to the Kachin, courtesy of their peers in Detachment 101, with assistance from Sam Spector's nephew.

"On that day, we want our discharge papers to be read over our graves," one Ranger said. "We took an oath and we are Kachin Rangers until we are discharged."

2009 Reunion Cruise October 18, 2009 Emerald Princess

I received word from Allen Richter (Chairman) that our 2009 OSS-101 reunion would be on the Princess Cruise Line's Emerald Princess on 18 October 2009 sailing out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Linda Hahn will handle all cruise related bookings. She did an excellent job for our last two cruises. Linda has provided the information below.

As in past reunion cruises, this is a Friends & Family cruise as well – please share this with others who might want to join us.

7-NIGHT CARIBBEAN CRUISE - Eastern (Fort Lauderdale roundtrip) Ports of call: Princess Cays, Bahamas; St. Martin - Saint Maarten (island); St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos.

RATES: The following fares include port charges of \$175 and taxes of \$76: \$645 Inside cabin; \$675 Obstructed ocean view cabin; \$925 Balcony cabin; \$1125 Mini-suite.

Plus, if you book before June 2nd, you'll pay a reduced deposit of \$100 per person, and receive a coupon booklet for discounts on board the ship.

All those who book will also get a \$75 shipboard credit per cabin.

Fares, availability and shipboard credits are subject to change until booked.

Please note, should the price decrease, at any time prior to sailing, we will always get the lowest price available.

IMPORTANT: Please email or call Linda with the following as soon as possible: Names/DOBs, address/phone and form of payment.

Also please let Linda know if you are a past guest with Princess, as she may be able to get some past guest discounts off the above fares.

Remember, If you cancel before Aug. 1st, your deposit is 100% refundable.

Please let Linda or me know if you have any questions.

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A Request for Information

My name is Frank Hollinger and my father was 2nd Lieutenant Sherard F. Hollinger (although I thought he told me he was promoted before war's end) and operated off the Burmese coast in a converted PT boat for the OSS. Our family doesn't really have any written history of his activities, only stories he told me when I was young (he died in 1975). Some included going up rivers and bays, and into the jungle to meet with resistance fighters and picking up personnel (downed pilots, etc. I suppose); actually getting chased by British boats not knowing each others identities; the rains during the monsoon; how tough the Burmese were; how his group "captured" Rangoon – as I remember his story his group were one of the first into Rangoon after the Japanese pulled out (stayed at the Strand Hotel) and that they radioed back to the British that it was OK; and many more (some humorous). Some I'm sure were embellished by him and others probably have grown in scope in my mind over the years.

We would like any information on him or his group (in the boats)—where they operated, logistics (I think he was based out of Ceylon), anything really—especially if there is anyone that actually knew him.

I have actually been working in Yangon (Rangoon) for the past 10 years so it's of extra interest to me – since I am familiar with the country, I would like to find out exactly where they operated.

Thanks in advance!

Regards

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Dear Mr. Breen and OSS-101 Associates,

My name is Zita, and I am the youngest daughter of "Skittles". I inform you with great sadness that my Dad passed away on Dec 31, 2008 at 1:35 a.m.

His kidneys started failing which effected his heart. His heart stopped during dialysis. They has given him a mild sedative so he basically went peacefully in his sleep.

Although we are all sad, we are happy to have spent good times with our Dad. He would have been 96 years in April. He is with his beloved 'Kathleen', our mom who passed on 4 years ago in Feb 2005.

My oldest sister is in Burma and we are waiting for her to get back to the U.S. so the funeral will take place this coming Saturday.

Our Dad was very proud of being a member of the OSS-101 and we wanted to let you know about his demise. His activities and association in OSS-101 brought him great joy and he always had great fun at the reunions.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Regards,

Zita Gottlieb

Harry "Skittles" Hengshoon

by Oliver Trechter

The story of the American-Kachin Rangers (OSS-Detachment 101) in WWII could not be told without mention of a very special person and member of Detachment 101 by the code name of "Skittles" - Harry Hengshoon. Harry was born in China and prior to WWII had lived and worked in China, Burma and India. He learned to speak over five different languages and certainly was unhappy with the Japanese occupation of his homeland.

On November 28, 1944, Harry volunteered and parachuted into an area behind Japanese lines near Hsenwi, Burma. This was an area he had previously worked and lived in. His mission was to contact the Sabwa of Hsenwi. The Sabwa's cooperation was most essential in setting up an allied intelligence screen behind Japanese lines in order to take back the Burma Road. During the following 30 days, Harry helped to set up the recruitment and training of some 2,000 Kachins. Several Americans were then parachuted in and by January 15, 1945, a 350-yard airstrip had been completed. Thereafter, DC-3 aircrafts were flown in with additional personnel and supplies. At this time, the Sabwa and some 40 of his entourage were evacuated to safety. Within a month the Kachin recruits were outfitted, armed and trained into the Second Battalion American-Kachin Rangers. All units were commanded by U.S. personnel. During this initial training they were attacked behind lines by a strong force of Japanese. A quick night-time air drop of ammunition, guns and explosives was made and we were able to ambush the Japanese coming down the trail from their headquarters.

After this skirmish, Skittles and his group of agents moved on further south, continuing to set up a much-needed intelligence screen which was most important to all Detachment 101 operations.

Skittles was withdrawn from the field and flown to Lashio on July 7, 1945.

Skittles had an interesting and successful career between 1945 and 1977, during which he and Kathleen raised five daughters. In 1977 he and Kathleen came to the United States and were eventually able to bring all five well-educated daughters to this country where they lived in Southern California.



Dr. Lambertsen receives the Distinguished Service Award

by Troy Sacquety

On 2 May 2009 in Washington D.C., Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen received the Distinguished Service Award from the OSS Society. He received this award because of his lifetime of achievement and service to the nation. A brief summary details Dr. Lambertsen's career.

Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen pioneered military underwater operations during WWII. Today, they are important capabilities of Army Special Operations. In the late 1930s, Lambertsen became interested in developing equipment that would enable a swimmer to breathe while swimming underwater. He invented a rebreathing device, to "scrub" carbon dioxide from exhaled breath, which allowed the swimmer to stay underwater for long periods of time. Since the air was recycled internally, no tell-tale exhaust bubbles were emitted. While still a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, he demonstrated his device for the U.S. Navy Experimental Diving Unit and to staff members of the Coordinator of Information, the predecessor of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). After he was awarded his Doctor of Medicine (MD) in 1943, Lambertsen joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was forthwith detailed to the OSS, and then assigned to the Maritime Unit (MU). There, Lambertsen perfected his rebreather, the Lambertsen Unit (LARU), an early form of SCUBA, and proceeded to train OSS operatives on the system. He was assigned to Ceylon and Burma with the MU and served with both Detachment 404 and Detachment 101. OSS Chief Major General William J. Donovan awarded Captain Lambertsen the Legion of Merit in 1945. Dr. Lambertsen left the U.S. Army in 1946 as a Major.

Since 1946, Dr. Lambertsen has worked in the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine. He founded the Institute of Environmental Medicine in 1968 to determine the benefits of combining various gas mixtures at varying atmospheric pressures. One benefit he discovered was that at several atmospheres of pressure, pure oxygen will significantly speed healing for burn patients and help people with breathing problems. Lambertsen holds several patents for underwater breathing devices and has written or co-written over a hundred scientific articles. His atmospheric pressure research has allowed man to expand his frontiers underwater and in space.

Dr. Lambertsen continued to help both the Army and Navy expand their underwater operational capabilities with improved equipment. He worked for the National Oceanic



Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen receiving the Distinguished Service award.

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on the Mercury, Gemini, and Skylab space programs, as well as the undersea Tektite habitat. He has received lifetime achievement awards from the U.S. Army Special Forces Underwater Operations School and the UDT-SEAL Association, been awarded the U.S. Army Special Forces Green Beret Award, the U.S. Special Operations Command Medal, and a Department of Defense Citation. The U.S. Coast Guard presented him with their Distinguished Public Service Award. For these and other achievements that date to WWII, Dr. Lambertsen is considered to be the father of military underwater operations.



Left to right: Mickey Kaliff, Bob Salztein, Pete Lutken, Oliver Trechter, Congressman Jerry Lewis, Stuart Power and unidentified assistant to Congressman Lewis.

June 1996. The five 101ers went to D.C. to finalize the State Department grant for Det. 101 Project Old Soldier in Burma. Congressman Lewis was more than helpful in this effort.

A Delightful Dilemma

By Renie Richter

We were still in Jupiter, FL preparing to return to our home in Bartlesville, OK around the 10th of April, when we were presented with a choice [ours] of attending the Donovan Awards banquet, in D.C., or going to Ft. Bragg to attend a symposium and banquet honoring Special Forces. Since OSS—First Special Force—and Alamo Scouts are “grandfather’s” of Special Forces, OSS-101er’s were invited to this event.



Left to right: Carolyn Trechter, Oliver Trechter, Irene Richter, Allen Richter and Walter Mess

After some e-mails and phone conversations with Sam Spector and Oliver Trechter, we made the decision to go to Ft. Bragg. Not really as hard a choice (for me) since Virginia and Carolyn would be there, as for my ‘ever lovin’. At the last minute, the Spector’s had to cancel, much to our disappointment, but on we ventured!

Arriving in Fayetteville, NC on Tuesday afternoon, we were met at the airport by Sgt. Ron Gregg who drove us to our hotel and informed us that he would return later to take us, and other OSSer’s at the hotel, to a BBQ. This was an event held at the Special Force Training Site, located

some distance away. What a delicious BBQ dinner with all the trimmings and an opportunity to meet with other members of OSS, most of them for the first time—many Canadian’s, much to my delight. Weather was overcast, windy but with only a few rain drops to cool us off.



Left to right: Joseph DiSanto, Caesar Civitella (both are French/Italian OGs), Carolyn and Oliver Trechter, Irene and Al Richter, Hugh Tovar and William McGhee

Wednesday morning. We all loaded into the Vans and were driven to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum. This is a truly magnificent building containing OSS activities and a realistic presentation of OSS-101 Operations in the CBI theatre. A special treat was having Troy Sacquety on hand to answer questions. His wife, Mary, brought their three Munchkin’s, which was a delight for us! Troy also helped keep us in-line so we wouldn’t wander off.

We headed back to the hotel by mid afternoon, to rest up and prepare for the banquet. Some may have caught a few winks, but not the Richters - too busy visiting with Walter Mess and getting acquainted with new friends. By this time we had connected with Carolyn and Trech, and (MG) John and Joan Singlaub, so that made seven of us to represent OSS-101 Association.



Sgt. Ron Griggs, SOC, Ft. Bragg. Escort for 2009 Reunion. He was in Afghanistan and Iraq. Just got back from Columbia. 13 years in Special Forces.

Back in the Van with Sgt. Gregg to drive us to the Crown Center, in Fayetteville, for the evening festivities.



Left to right: Carolyn Trechter, Ross Perot, Margot Perot and Oliver Trechter

JOHN DEMPSEY

John D. Dempsey, 84, died February 8, 2009 at the Martin Nursing & Restoration Care Center in Stuart, FL. He was born in Memphis, TN, and lived in Stuart for the past 23 years, coming from Farmington Hills, MI. Before retirement, John was an attorney and labor relations manager for Ford Motor Company in Detroit for more than 30 years.



Surviving is his wife of 52 years, Anne T. Dempsey of Stuart; three daughters and two sons; and three grandchildren.

After John entered the Army, in 1943, and had completed his basic training in communications, he was recruited by Office of Strategic Services for assignment to the C.B.I. theatre and Detachment 101.

During a air drop in Burma, behind the enemy, John "jumped" in with signal plans and equipment needed to establish radio contact with headquarters, in Assam, India. John will mention that his jump was made without the \$50 monthly "jump pay" qualified paratrooper got!

John was a very active member in 101 Association, holding offices of JAG (Judge Advocate General) to Chairing the Board of Trustees at the time of his death. His last meeting in Rangoon with the Kachin and US Embassy staff met with approval: to continue OSS-101 funds to educate the Kachin children, a very successful program.

John Dempsey will be remembered for his dedication and loyalty to OSS-101 and its members. He was a great American.

So long John. We shall miss you. I know I will.

Allen Richter

My! What a thrill it was! "Piped" to Mess by an honest to God Piper—kilts and all! Reports indicate well over 600 attending the formal dinner. The program included a wonderful "Special Forces Heritage Presentation" performed by ten Sergeants each representing a different time period and area of Operation. The sergeant at our table was Sgt. First Class William B. Fields, Medical Sergeant, Seventh Forces Group. He said they all scripted their part for the presentation; he was representing the Jedburghs of OSS.

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This was received from Michael Webb father of Wesley Webb:

Hi;

I spoke (well e-mailed) several years ago, about my Dad, and his involvement with Detachment 101, and service in the CBI Theater. I think Sam Spector even wrote Dad a letter at the time, which he enjoyed, though it was past his time to be very communicative.

Sadly I just returned from Detroit, and Dad's funeral. I just wanted you to know. He was very proud of the time he spent in China/India. Dad was buried with Military Honors, and it was a very Impactful ceremony, especially to me and to my Son, who have both served our country in the Military (Navy).

Here is the obituary:

WESLEY DOANE WEBB

Age 90, of Novi, formerly of Redford, passed away peacefully June 22, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Glenna. Loving father of J. Michael (Betsy), Susan (Jim) Robinson, Claudia (Tom) Keef and the late Ricky. Dear brother of the late Lee and the late Irving. Cherished grandfather of 7 and great grandfather of 6. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 23, 2009 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2009 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 4807

JOSEPH P. ZIINO

I am sad to report that my brother, Joseph P. Ziino, died on Christmas Eve at 10:44 pm. Joe had been fighting a bout with Dementia. He had a series of small strokes that led up to his death. He was buried on January 3rd (his 88th

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birthday) alongside his wife Dorothy.

I would appreciate you letting his comrades from Det. 101 know.

John Ziino

DONALD E. MCINNIS

Donald E. McInnis, 89, of Auburn, NH, a former Nashua NH resident, died at his home, Monday evening, June 2nd, following a long illness. Born in Lincoln NH on February 14, 1919, Mr. McInnis was a son of the late John and Mary Anne (McIssac) McInnis.

Educated in local schools, Mr. McInnis attended the former Sacret Heart School of St. Patrick Church and graduated from Nashua High School, class of 1937. A World War II Army veteran, Donald served as a Staff Sergeant with the O.S.S. in Burma and was a recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Don married the former Marion F. Smith in Nashua on June 14, 1947. The McInnis' resided on Caldwell Road in Nashua for many years and later made their home in Irasburg, Vermont for several years before moving to Auburn in 2006.

Mr. McInnis had been employed with the former J.F. McElwain Shoe Company, then with the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years and later worked for the Nashua School System.

In his leisure time, Don enjoyed sports, gardening, cross country skiing, bicycling, helping others and most importantly, spending time with his family.

Don was predeceased by three sisters, Margaret Smith, Mary Louise McInnis and Helen K. Richard.

Members of his family include his wife Marion, with whom he would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on June 14th; five children and their spouses, John and Maureen McInnis of Auburn, James and Jacqueline McInnis of Cazenovia, NY, Brian McInnis of Nashua, Kathleen and Wesley Howard of Plymouth, NH and Michael and Irma McInnis of Nashua; a sister, Euphemia 'Phemie' Richard of Nashua; ten grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

JOHN WILLIAM HOFFMAN

John William Hoffman, 86, passed on Sunday morning, February 1, 2009 at Bridgeview Center, Ormond Beach. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Harris and is survived by his second wife, Beverly Huntzinger Bever Hoffman of Ormond Beach; his sons, Dr. Eric Roscoe and Dr. Michael John Hoffman; and sister, Wilma Cook. He is

preceded in death by his sister, Phyllis Richardson and his parents. John was born in Wisconsin and was a huge Green Bay Packer fan. He attended Oconto High School, Wisconsin. He received his BA & MBA from University of Michigan (1948) and lived in the Port Clinton, Ohio area for most of his working career. John was an avid Wolverine Michigan fan and enjoyed attending games throughout his lifetime. Hoffman was with Celotex Corporation in Port Clinton and was plant manager until he retired in 1981. He was an outstanding veteran of WWII and member of the OSS 101 Association. John contributed time and resources to the Red Cross Blood Mobile and United Way for many years. He also was a past president of Rotary and member of BPOE # 1718 for years. Hoffman was an active member of the Port Clinton Yacht Club and a member of the Ormond Beach Grace Lutheran Church. Request donations to Alzheimer's Association Research at 988 Woodcock Road, Suite 200, Orlando, Florida 32803-3715 or University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CARLTON W. JOHNSON

Carlton W. Johnson, age 84, passed away Dec. 31, 2008. He Carlton W. Johnson, age 84, passed away Dec. 31, 2008. He was born May 17, 1924 in Cambridge, Minnesota to Anna and Albert Johnson. As a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend he will be dearly missed.

Carlton was a firm believer in the value of hard work and was successful in all he set out to do. He was called up into active service in the U.S Army during World War II and was inducted into the Office of Strategic Services as a technical sergeant. He traveled throughout Europe and Southeast Asia setting up transmitter sites that helped to relay information to Allied troops from behind enemy lines. He was fond of sharing his war stories, especially driving the famed Burma Road during the final weeks of the war.

Following the war, Carlton graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, married his first wife Delores and went to work for Honeywell. They lived in Minneapolis, where they started a family. Promotions and transfers during his 37 years with the company took the family to New York, California and further abroad to Tokyo, where he served as the director of International Operations Far East Region.

After eight years in Japan and the loss of his wife, Carlton was transferred to Philadelphia, where he lived with his second wife Esther until his retirement. They returned to California to be closer to their family. He was a 23 year resident of

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the city and enjoyed woodworking, golf, tennis and traveling.

He is survived by his wife Esther of West Covina, a son Steve Johnson of Covina; a daughter Karla Johnson of Philadelphia; a brother John Johnson of Laguna, and his wife Mary; a stepson John Jackson of Oceanside, and his wife Ellen; two stepdaughters: Ellen Henley of Spring, Texas and her husband Neil, and Lynn Carri of West Covina; five grandchildren: Brad, Matt, Scott, Kristi and April; four nieces and nephews and countless friends.

CARL WHITAKER

Carl Cecil Whitaker, Tazewell, Tenn.— Carl Cecil Whitaker, 85, born July 7, 1923, passed away June 13, 2009, in the Claiborne County Nursing Home. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, as part of the OSS (Office of Strategic Services). He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis Whitaker and Nell Lake Whitaker. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pauline “Polly” Whitaker of Tazewell; daughter, Suzette Whitaker Long of Greensboro, N.C.; son, Bruce Wayne Whitaker and wife Sue of Virginia Beach; brother, Ralph Whitaker and wife Christine of Virginia Beach; grandsons, James Joshua Whitaker of Virginia Beach, Jonathan Teige Cantey of West Lafayette, Ind., Jacob Curtis Whitaker and Joseph Carl Whitaker, both of Virginia Beach; great-grandchildren, Madison Anne Cantey of West Lafayette, Creighton Whitaker of Virginia Beach; nieces, Sandra Richards and Brenda Mallory, both of Virginia Beach; and a host of friends and relatives. Graveside services were held at the Shull Cemetery in Harrogate, Tenn. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to: AFTD (The Association for Frontotemporal Dementias), 1616 Walnut St., Suite 1100, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ALEXANDER D. STENHOUSE

Alexander D. Stenhouse, 84, loving husband for over 61 years to his childhood sweetheart, Beatrice, nee Carney, passed away Oct. 19, 2008 in DeKalb, IL after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Born July 29, 1924 in Chicago to James and Theodora, nee Nielsen, Stenhouse, he was a devoted and beloved father to Susan (John) Satterthwaite of Downers Grove, Christine (Chuck) Hacker of DeKalb and Heather (John) Haas of Burbank. He was a dear grandfather to Erin Shramek, Kate Skibbie, Sara Moldenhauer, Charlie Hacker, Leigh

Haas and Alex Haas; a proud great-grandfather to Sofia and John Shramek, Will Moldenhauer and Jacob Skibbie; and a fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, James; and his sister, Ethel Buckley. Mr. Stenhouse was in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during WWII in China, Burma and India. After returning home he married, and attended Bradley University in Peoria. He joined the family business of marking devices and stencils, A. Stenhouse & Co., when he returned to Chicago after graduating in 1949. He and his wife moved to Burbank, IL and lived there for 57 years. He was active in Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church in many capacities, was a volunteer math tutor in McCord School and volunteered for 13 years at the Neat Repeat Resale Shop that benefits the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. He was a member of the Burbank Library Board for 13 years, serving as president, that was instrumental in getting the Prairie Trails Library built in that community. He was dependable, supportive and a rock for his family. He always showed patience when it was needed and was one of the most honest men we have ever known. We will be comforted by the many memories of fun and laughter with him and will always remember his loving encouragement, friendship and wisdom in the lessons he taught us all through the years. He will be greatly missed every day by his devoted family, who wishes to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Alzheimer's Unit at DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center. Their kindness, care, love and compassion for our husband and father while he was a resident there will always be remembered with gratitude.

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