

D-Day Veterans Remembered

"The following is a list of D-Day veterans compiled during 1994 by Donald Ober and the Orange County Historical Society.

*MM1c Louis L. Altman
U.S.S Rodman

*1st Lt. Robert Warren Banks - wia
29th Division Hdq. 49th AAA Brigade

*Pvt. Charles F. Bell
Signal Corp.

Sgt. Collins M. Brockman - wia
29th Division, 116th Regiment, Company A

Pfc Thomas M. Brown - wia
29th Division, 115 Regiment, A Company

*Cpl. Ronald Weaver Clatterbuck
1st Division 18th Regiment, C Company

*QM1c F. McGuire Davis
U.S.N. - LST 542

*Pfc James F. Dempsey
Aviation Engineer Bn. 9th Engineer Command

*T/5 Russell K. Ellis - kia
29th Division, 526th Ordnance Company

*S/Sgt. John W. Frazer - wia
29th Division, 116th Regiment, A. Company

*Pvt. John D. Freed
834 Aviation Engineer Bn., A Company

*Pfc Everett Garnett
29th Division, 116th Regiment, H Company

*S2c Joseph Ladd, Jr.
U.S. Naval Forces in Europe

*2nd Lt. Frank A. Kuhn, Jr.
237th Combat Engineer Bn.

*Pvt George H. Lewis
General Hospital Ship

*Sgt. Raymond H. Mathews - wia
[no unit listed]

*T/5 Edward R. Payne
29th Division, 224th Field Artillery

*T/5 Roy P. Pritchett
29th Division, 104th Quartermaster Company

*Pfc Joseph N. Pugh
29th Division, 254th Engineer Combat Bn.

*Cpl. Walter L. Quann
3rd Armoured Division, 741th Tank Bn., C. Company

*Sgt. Graham W. Reynolds - wia
29th Division, 116th Regiment, A Company

*Sgt. George E. Roberts
348th Combat Eng. Bn., A Company

*Capt. Joseph T. Samuels - wia [see article below]
4th Division, 22nd Regiment, I Company

*S/Sgt. Robert L. Seale
82nd Airborne

*S1c Lacey T. Shiflett
U.S.S. Dorothea Dix

S.Sgt. Richard T. Swift - wia
29th Division, 116th Regiment, A Company

Pfc Carl Tanner
2nd Division, 38th Regiment, G Company

*Sgt. Tyrus B. Tisdale - kia [see article below]
29th Division, 116th Regiment, H Company

*T/Cpl. William H. Twyman - wia
2nd Armoured Division, 82nd Recon Unit, C Company

*S2c Jack C. Vaughn
U.S.S Arkansas”¹

World War II Memories

The following two articles come from the pages of the Orange Review (dates unknown) and were placed in a scrapbook kept by Orange resident Carlton ‘Tex’ Webb. ‘Tex’ was unable to join our forces overseas so he did his part for the war effort here at home. One of those efforts was to keep scrapbooks with clippings about Orange County men involved in the war effort. The Orange County Historical Society is the repository for one of those scrapbooks.

Tyrus Tisdael Reported Killed Invasion Day

“Sgt. Tyrus B. Tisdale, 30, second son of Mrs. and Mrs. B. H. Tisdale of Barboursville, was killed in action in France with the 29th Division on June 6, according to a telegram received by his parents from the War Department on Monday, July 17. ‘Ty,’ as he was familiarly known in Orange and surrounding counties where he played baseball in several local leagues, entered the service May 2, 1941 and received basic training at Fort George G. Meade, Md. and A.P. Hill Military Reservation, also being stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Kilmer, N.J. before going overseas in September, 1942. His latest letter home was dated May 31, written in England.

“ ‘Ty’ graduated from James Barbour High School and attended Fork Union Military Academy. At various times he played ball with the Elks League, Charlottesville, the Valley League, the Orange Ramblers and the Montpelier Club. He was employed at Snead & Co. before entering the service, and is a brother of T.B. Tisdale here. Another brother, W.M. Tisdale lives in Washington.”²

¹ Don Ober and the Orange County Historical Society, “D-Day Veterans Remembered,” *Orange County Historical Society Newsletter*, Volume 30, Number 3 (May/June 1999), 3.

² Author unknown. “World War II Memories”, *Orange County Historical Society Newsletter*, Volume 30, Number 3 (May/June 1999), 4.

Major Joe [Joseph T.] Samuels Honored

“The Distinguished Service Cross, the nation’s second highest military award, has been accorded to Major T. Samuels, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. M. Samuels, for extraordinary heroism as commander of an infantry company in action against the enemy in France June 12, 1944. The award was recently presented by Brig. Gen. P.B. Rogers of Front Royal, at a ceremony in the courtyard of the Louvre, Paris.

“The citation states that when heavy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire forced Major Samuels’ company to halt an advance, the right flank became confused and completely disorganized with loss of its leaders. Major Samuels, endeavoring to move the men forward to avoid heavy casualties, moved ahead of his troops and led them in a bayonet and hand grenade charge which secured the enemy position.

“Having been wounded six times, Major Samuels is now a convalescent, and is serving with the Staff Judge Advocate Section in Paris.”³

³ Author unknown. “World War II Memories”, *Orange County Historical Society Newsletter*, Volume 30, Number 3 (May/June 1999), 4.