



# Company I Poopsheet

Company I, 502 PIR, 101st Airborne Division, US Army

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**Donald. W. Lichtenthaler** 1922 - 2013, Lifetime Newberg resident, Donald W. Lichtenthaler, died on June 2nd, 2013. He was 90. Donald was born into an old Newberg family who had one of the original land claims in Newberg in the late 1800's. Back then, the Everests owned a variety of businesses including a horse track, saloon and were a pioneer hop grower and beer producer. In Don's early growing up, his mother was known for growing and selling peonies. Don was a World War 2 veteran who parachuted on D-Day as a member of the 101st Airborne. After several days on the ground he was hit by shrapnel from a mortar round explosion and spent several years in and out of hospitals recovering.

He worked in construction for over 50 years, eventually owning his own finish carpentry business. After his marriage to Betty Brown of Newberg in 1946, he built their first home in Lincoln City. Three years later he built their long term home outside Newberg on a small walnut farm. Don was an avid outdoorsman. He fished out of Pacific City, running a dory for many years while owning a cabin in Neskowin. In his later years, he made many trips in an RV to Alaska with his wife Betty, spending the summers fishing on the Kenai River. Yearly, he and his sons and grandsons traveled to Eastern Oregon to pheasant hunt along with many winter days spent on the Willamette River duck hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty (Brown) Lichtenthaler and his four sons -- Mark, Brad, Craig and Eric Lichtenthaler; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. One grandchild preceded him in death. Dona Vanevo, his sister, resides in California.

His memorial service as held June 14th at the Newberg Christian Church. Private Interment was at Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Winema Christian Camp, 5195 Wi Ne Ma Rd Cloverdale, OR 97112.

## **World War II soldier's letters delivered to son -- 69 years later**

*Taken from article by Joshua Rhett Miller, June 26, 2013, FoxNews.com*



A letter mailed from a U.S. Army soldier during World War II has finally made it across the pond, some 70 years later.

"I was astounded," Kunellis told FoxNews.com. "I got this letter from Australia and had no idea who it was from. Then I opened it up and I was just flabbergasted."

Chris Kunellis, who died in 1992, joined the Army just days after Chuck was born, the younger Kunellis, 71, said, adding that his father never spoke much about his wartime years. That made the tidbits he gleaned from the letters especially emotional, he said, adding that Chris Kunellis took part in battles near Anzio, Italy, and on Monte Cassino in 1944. Kunellis' mother passed away in 1995.

"Where they were between then and now, I cannot even conjecture," he said of the pair of letters. "They'll certainly be saved and I will share them with my extended family."

Kunellis said the letters finally reached him thanks to the efforts of John Armstrong, an Australian stamp collector who purchased a collection of letters from a U.S. dealer and found the missives. Armstrong and Kunellis were soon emailing and Armstrong then relayed the letters.

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