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President's Message September 2015 Since the terrorist attack on our nation on September 11, 2001, we have been at war with Islamic Terrorism both at home and abroad. The events of that day have been burned into our memories. Since then, many of our members have been mobilized and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Our 117th Cavalry Association Vice President, LTC (Ret.) Mike Hrycak (an Iraqi Freedom Veteran) has taken the lead in telling story. We are looking forward to a great presentation.

It has been seventy years since our World War II Veterans returned home. The War in Europe ended in May and in the Pacific in August 1945. All of New Jersey's Cavalrymen (veteran members of the 102d Cavalry Group and 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron) were on their way home by September of 1945. They had sailed from New York harbor on September 26, 1942 on board the HMS Dempo. Their first stops were Halifax and Nova Scotia, Canada, from there their convoy set sail across the North Atlantic. They arrived in Liverpool England October 7, 1942. The training schedule was intense. They received the specialized training and equipment they would need to prepare them for combat. New Jersey's Cavalrymen went on to serve in Tunisia, French Morocco, Sicily, Italy France Germany and Austria. For their service, they were awarded two French Coix De Guerre's with Palm their Streamers embroidered for service in Normandy and Southern France. Their combat service included the following World War II Campaign, Rome-Arno, and Southern France with Arrowhead, Normandy with Arrowhead, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes Alsace and Central Europe and they earned and were awarded countless medals, awards and decorations. Now in August and September of 1945, they were all on their way home. Departing from ports of embarkation in France, they would all sail home As they sailed into New York Harbor, they would be welcomed by the Statue of Liberty as they sailed up the Hudson River under the George Washington Bridge to Camp Shanks, New York where they would remain overnight and then proceed by train to Fort Dix or Camp Kilmer, NJ for final discharge processing. They had been deployed overseas for three years and now they were home. Today our nation honors their service and the sacrifices they made in defense of our nation. They were and still are our greatest generation.

Make sure you put September 19th on your calendar. The Troopers of the 1st Squadron of the 102nd Cavalry Regiment and the 117th Cavalry Association will hold our annual *Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance* at the Grand Summit Hotel (See the flyer included). It is always a great night. I urge you to call a friend, who you have served with and encourage him to join you there. Events like this are a time to renew friendships, tell stories and celebrate the collective heritage and traditions all of those who serve and have served in New Jersey's Cavalry and Armor Force. Once there, I am sure you will see many others with whom you have served. It is and always has been a special event, a time to remember those who have dedicated their service in defense of our nation, state and community and most importantly have a good time. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Our next meeting of the 117th Cavalry Association will be November 13, 2015. There is a full agenda planned. Please continue to show your support in your sponsorship our 117th Cavalry Association newsletter "The Spur." Many of you, especially The Spur Boosters (page 10) have made and continue to make donations to help pay the cost of publication and its mailing. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in support of our 117th Cavalry Association and our many initiatives in support our membership and the troopers of the 1-102d Cavalry.

Show 'em the Way!

Dennis

COL Dennis Dougherty USA Retired





From the Squadron Commander As the Squadron closes Training Year 2015, I want to take this time to reflect and recap the challenges faced this past year. The year started with preparation for multiple NTC rotations. This was to be a challenging event for both planning and executing; however, the Army was not satisfied with that challenge alone. On top of NTC, the Squadron was faced with multiple New Equipment Fielding's with no additional funding. Schools money was short so soldiers were going to School on Annual Training Funding. The mission for D Company changed at NTC and with all of that the priority with National Guard Bureau and the State was Structured Self Development (SSD), which is online leadership training for NCOs and Personnel Readiness.

I am proud to say that the Squadron not only completed each challenge we excelled in them. Our NTC Rotations were the highlight of the year. Troopers faced challenging missions and excelled in there execution. Our equipment is state of the art and in better shape than it has been in years.

In addition, thanks to my Command Sergeant Major and the NCO's in the Squadron we have the best Administrative and Personnel Readiness Indicators

in the entire Brigade.

Therefore, as we close this year I want to thank each and every member of the Squadron for a successful training year. Your hard work and dedication has improved the Squadrons Readiness and your own personnel readiness. Next year looks to be just as challenging but I am confident in our force to "Show 'em the Way"!

Saber Six Out

LTC Jeffrey K. Brownlee, SCO

1-102d Cavalry 50th IBCT NJARNG





From the Editor Phil Notestine In this issue, you will find the last several pages of "THE 11TH PANZER-DIVISION IN COMBAT *The Battle of Montrevel/Malafretaz* September 3, 1944" by Frédéric Deprun. I had to edit out many pictures, as our space for each issue is limited. I will ask John Crescenzi, webmaster for www.117th-cav.org to post the original French issue, rich with pictures and unedited content, in comparison to the English version published in several previous issues of The SPUR.

Association President COL Dennis Dougherty was the Historian when the 117th Cavalry Association was formed in 1980. He was a young Major and an officer of the 5-117th CAV. Dennis' civilian career was in education. A true Patriot, he was a high school history teacher, and has a wonderful talent and love for history in general and military history in particular. The NJARNG bit of history that follows this article is his work, and we expect more in future issues.

Dennis has been enthusiastic and effective in developing the Heritage Room and related displays in the Westfield Armory, with help from a dedicated crew of cavalry veterans, including Ken Mahan. Our active officers and men of the 1-102d Cavalry Regiment, and all NJ cavalry and armor veterans and their families should know our Heritage. Dennis should be honored for his love and devotion to our history, but would tell all that it is his honor to do what he does, including AUSA leadership, NJ ROTC support and much more.

Now it is time for someone to step up and volunteer to take over as Editor of The SPUR! I look forward to the first inquiry. Call me at 910-420-2968, email is notie@msn.com





The 113th Tank Battalion was constituted on July 9, 1946 in the New Jersey National Guard and assigned to the 50th Armored Division. It was organized and federally recognized April 8, 1947 located in eastern New Jersey with Headquarters at Orange. On December 31, 1947 the headquarters of the 113th Tank Battalion moved to Dover, NJ. Redesignated as the 113th Medium Tank Battalion on March 1, 1949 and again as the 113th Tank Battalion on December 1, 1952. It was relieved from the 50th Armored Division and consolidated March 1, 1959 with the 50th Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.



Distinctive Unit Insignia: *Description:* A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: *Per cross Or and Vert*, a saltire counterchanged. Attached below the shield a gold scroll turned green inscribed "SPEED AND DECISION" in Green letters. *Symbolism:* Yellow and green are used for Armor. The division of the shield "per cross" was suggested by the arms of the ancient town of Dover, for which Dover, New Jersey, the Headquarters of the Battalion, was named. The saltire was suggested by the arms of Morris, the name of the county in which Dover is located. The saltire also simulates the sails of a windmill and alludes to the initial Dutch settlement of New Jersey, while saltire and cross taken together; allude to the subsequent occupation and development by the English. *Motto:* "SPEED AND DECISION". *Background:* The coat of arms was approved on May 26, 1955. It was rescinded on July 28, 1961.

Campaign participation Credit

World War I
Meuse-Argonne
Alsace 1918

Tanks of the 113th Tank Battalion included the M4 A3E8 "Sherman" 76MM main gun, replaced by the M47 "Patton" 90MM main gun.



The Dover NJ Army National Guard Armory has also been home to the following Armor and Cavalry units: Headquarters of the 5-102d Armor, Troop A 5-117th Cavalry. Troop A 1-102d Cavalry is now stationed there. Tanks included the M48 "Patton" 90MM main gun, and the M1 "Abrams" 105MM main gun. Sadly, the tanks are no longer TO&E in Cavalry RISTA units, like the 5-117th and 1-102d Cavalry.



We complete the article began in the FALL 2013 issue of The SPUR:

THE 11TH PANZER-DIVISION IN COMBAT

The Battle of Montrevel/Malafretaz

September 3, 1944 by: Frédéric Deprun

And translated from the original French by
Evelyn Marie Roberta Ziltener Freeman.



Synopsis – *after fighting into Rome and advancing north to Fallonica, the 117th CRS was recalled to Naples for refitting in preparation for OPERATION DRAGOON, the invasion of southern France. The 117th CRS was to be the cavalry squadron of the 6th Corps, led by MG Lucian K. Truscott, Jr. The landings took place on 15 August 1944 on the French Riviera. Task Force Butler was formed and operational on 18 August, with the 117th CRS leading the way, pursuing the German Nineteenth Army up the Rhone Valley. When dissolved on 30 August, Task Force Butler had advanced over 230 miles, achieving great success. The squadron was in need of rest and maintenance, but continued advance and support of other units into Bourg, near Montrevel. On 2 September, MG Truscott ordered the 117th CRS to “Seize and Hold” the Village of Montrevel, blocking the retreat of German forces. By the early morning of 3 September, Troop B and part of Troop A had, under cover of night and with the aid of the Maquis, advanced into Montrevel, surprising the German HQ troops and occupying the village. We resume the story (edited to condense):*

Platoon Sergeant Ed Leonard from “Troop B”, 3rd Platoon, describes the end of combat: “Renzi, Schmetzer and the other members of the crew have held their position for hours and need rest. They withdrew toward the Town Hall Square and a new tank comes to stop at the intersection. I heard later that Renzi had been killed during the combat around the city. Schmetzer had badly wounded his knee because of turret movement in the M8 during the firing. For me, Renzi and Schmetzer had been the heroes of the day.

By the end of the day, the Germans end up positioning their 53 cannons on a hill to the west facing us. We ignore their presence until one of their first shells hits the Town Hall at a height of about 20 feet. Our CP (Command Post) was stationed right in front of the Town Hall, and the Germans only had to lower their cannons to reduce us to mush. It is at this spot that one of our officers sent one of the German prisoners ahead to arrange our surrender. At several different times during the day, I cursed the author of this impossible mission.

However, we had held the city during about 11 hours! If only we had been able to do more! The following day, the Germans lined us up in front of the barn where we had slept, and then they brought three big tanks, their cannons aiming at us! We were certain that it was “adios,” for us, but the Germans wanted simply for us to assist to the funeral of the crew of the tank that Renzi and Schmetzer had destroyed.

I heard that Decoteau, one of our four men, had been killed later in route to Germany by gunfire from an American plane. After nine months of endurance as a prisoner of war, I am rehabilitated and I return home to New Jersey.”

Sergeant Clayton Skoda of “Troop B”, 117th CRS tells what he witnessed of the surrender: “On September 3, I was captured by the 11th Panzer Gespenster (Ghost Division) at Montrevel, France. We had received our mission to go out the routes by which the German army retreated. After having reached the village at 6:00 o'clock in the morning and taken 80 prisoners, we held half of Montrevel. Whereas the Germans were bringing more and more reinforcement to surround us, the combat lasted until 1730, the time when our captain took the decision to surrender with the total of our surviving forces. At 1900, we were loaded, five comrades and myself on the back of a Panther tank and the rest of the troop were placed in trucks and tanks in the direction of Germany. We had spent the night in a farm and had been given nothing to eat.

The following day, Ed Leonard, Ben Raby, Allard and myself were loaded on a half-track with three Germans and we got on the road toward Germany. We were treated in a very cordial manner by these three soldiers who gave us bread and cheese for our meal and cigarettes. We travelled all day to Belfort.”

The group of prisoners from the “117th” regrouped at Montrevel is parked on the Town Hall Square to be searched later. The first captured group of which some were wounded are loaded on the Panther tanks in the direction of Châlon toward 1800, the others climb and pile up in trucks throughout the evening and during the night. During the evening, the medics from the 11th Panzer-Aukfl.Abt. (Reconnaissance Unit) searches for wounded German soldiers covering the whole perimeter. They are regrouped on the side of the road to Bourg in the infirmary that been set up for the battle. Certain Germans present during the capture of the “117th” during morning hours feel resentment toward the population who welcomed the Americans and keep the residents from putting out fires, and another tank runs over a firefighter’s hose. Toward 1900, the long column unit several kilometers in length from the 11th Panzer-Division, which had been patiently waiting at the Bourg exit, can now start on the road in direction north.

About 0800 in the morning of September 4, the last Panther tank abandons its surveillance of the main intersection in direction north by the highway (RN75). Behind their shutters, the residents can see two tail pipes spitting fire. The

Moulin-Neuf Bridge on the road to Etrez from where the Americans were coming has been dynamited by the *Pioniere* (combat engineers), and the Germans are vacating Montrevel before the first few jeeps arrive by the roads from Bourg and Macon around 1100.

Opposite: Jeep destroyed by an explosive projectile on the road to Etrez at the opening of l'Homont Street, a short distance away from the Town Hall. The impact from the Panther tank is clearly visible on the façade of the building. (Ass. Mémoire de l'Ain.)



<< Sterbebild (Death Notice) of the Gebirgsjäger (mountain infantry soldier) fallen at Montrevel, September 3, probably at the time of the first phase of the battle.

Picture of tank Chief, Karl Lohn, of the 4./Pz-Rgt.15 fallen under the bullets of Captain Wood in the afternoon of September 3, at Montrevel. A ceremony was held in the evening for the six German officers and noncommissioned officers who died during the battle. One must note that the bodies of the five Americans were reunited in the kitchen of the café on the road to Etrez. (Coll. F. Deprun.)>>



Location of vehicle wrecks from the 117th CRS in the center of Montrevel, in the evening of September 3, 1944. (M5 Stewart, M8 Greyhound, half-tracks, GMC, Opel and jeeps)

COMBAT COUNT RESULTS Considering the intensity of combat that took place, it is remarkable that so few GIs died at Montrevel and at Malafretaz. In fact, out of 124 soldiers present at the time of battle, only five died.

MANY THANKS A huge thank you to Thierry Vallet for the portraits and photos; to Bruno, Frédéric, Jérôme, Cyprien, Ludovic, Gilles et Christian de l'Association Mémoire de l'Ain for the precious help in the production of this article, to the Association of the "117th" and to the residents of Malafretaz who were able to remember.

SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY La Mémoire partagée, la Seconde Guerre Mondiale par les habitants de Montrevel, Josiane Guichet et Jean-Paul Migniot, 1991. La Bataille de Montrevel, Gilbert Chanel, Italie, 1994



AMERICAN SOLDIERS of the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron who died at Montrevel:

Barsby, Laurence W. of New Jersey. SN 20244884. He served in Troop "B" of the 117th CRS. Killed in combat September 3, 1944. He is buried at Draguignan.

Lawson, Bennet N. of New Jersey. He served in Troop "F" of the 117th CRS. Killed in combat September 3, 1944. He is buried at Draguignan.

Michel, Robert F. of New Jersey. He served in Troop "B" of the 117th CRS. Killed in combat September 3, 1944. He is buried at Draguignan.

Renzi, Leopold J. of New Jersey. He served in Troop "B" of the 117th CRS. Killed in combat September 3, 1944. He is buried at Draguignan.

Stewart, Lewis W. He served in Troop "B" of the 117th CRS. Killed in combat September 3, 1944. He is buried at Draguignan.

One of these GI's was found with a knife planted in his heart in the kitchen of the café on Etrez Road, one proof that the attack by the 11th Panzergrenadier-Division was a hand-to-hand combat in order to vanquish the last American quadrilateral force. The totality of vehicles regrouped was a total loss and 118 GI's were taken prisoner. The best way to summarize the action of the 117th CRS at Montrevel is the itemized distinctions obtained by these brave American soldiers: one Medal of Honor; three Distinguished Service Cross; innumerable Silver and Bronze Stars; and 150 Purple Hearts.

The 11th Panzer-Division and the other German troops, in the course of the battle, lost between 50 and 80 soldiers during the combat. It is difficult to draft a complete list because the Germans took the wounded and most of the bodies with them. However, we estimated between 25 and 30 vehicles were left by the Germans in the Montrevel-Malafretaz communities.

Twelve vehicles were destroyed at Malafretaz of which one half-track Sd. Kfz. 251 and one M8 captured, a Ford Maultier and four trucks destroyed by machine gun fire, as well as six civilian cars of which three of them damaged by machine gun fire by the Pioniere (scouts/reconnaissance).

We estimated 15 to 20 vehicles lost at Montrevel; we do not precisely know the details.

The heroic mission of the 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz) has, however, been a cruel defeat. The 11th Panzer-Division, in the end, only mobilized very few combat units at Montrevel for a short period of time, while other retreat routes were available to allow the retreat of von Wietersheim toward the north.

For an in depth eyewitness account of the Battle of Montrevel, read the Summer 2009 issue of The SPUR at:

<http://www.117th-cav.org/The%20SPUR/SPUR%20Fall%202009v6.pdf>

American POWs were separated into three groups – enlisted, NCO and commissioned officers – and sent to different Stalags. Most, if not all came home to America and began making their way as part of *The Greatest Generation*. Be sure to read SGT Clayton Skoda's POW Diary at www.117th-cav.org on the WWII Unit Histories page.

A monument was erected in memory of 117th CRS at the exit of Montrevel on the road to Etrez.>>>





SGT Clayton Skoda POW, SSG Ed Leonard POW. Stayed together with other NCOs. LT Daniel W. Lee, CMH (badly wounded, not captured). Lee recuperated enough to return to the 117th CRS on 15 January 1945.



Stalag XII A – Limberg. Many British prisoners captured during the Battle of Arnhem were initially sent to Stalag XIIA. At this time the camp held a colorful mix of nationalities; Africans, French, Indians, Italians, Russians, British, and a larger number of Americans. It is uncertain precisely how many servicemen were interned at Limburg at this time or another other, though upwards of 20,000 would be a likely figure. Daily rations for each man was a fifth of a loaf of bread with a serving of margarine, occasionally with a bit of filling, for breakfast, followed by coffee after morning roll call, and finally the main and evening meals were a watered down soup. Red Cross packages were few but wonderful!



Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance

Saturday September 19, 2015

The Grand Summit Hotel

570 Springfield Avenue, Summit NJ

**Please join the Troopers of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment and the 117th Cavalry Association for
The Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance Cocktails at 6PM, Dinner at 7PM. Cash Bar.**

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Grand Summit Hotel (908) 273-3000.

Rates for overnight accommodations are \$129 Single, \$139 Double and include a full breakfast.

Rooms are blocked under the 117th Cavalry Association.

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Dinner Choice

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| Field Grade Officers/E9: | \$75 per person | Char-Grilled Rib Eye Steak | _____ |
| Company Grade Officers/E7 & E8: | \$70 per person | Seared Chicken Topped w/Prosciutto | _____ |
| E6 and below: | \$60 per person | Vegetarian | _____ |
| Retirees and Civilians: | \$65 per person | | |

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Membership Update –SMG (Ret.) Ken Mahan Trooper! Look at your address label! If the date is not September 2016 or later, you are behind in your dues. Your Subscription to *THE SPUR* is going to run out, due to non-payment of dues. A sample of label:

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To Members behind in their dues, you will have date circled in RED! This is the only notice you will receive. Send information **and/or** dues to me at the Metuchen address shown above.

Annual regular dues of \$20.00 and Associate dues \$15.00 are due in September. Make checks Payable to **117th CAV Association.** If you pay booster money, that is for

widow's list, not for your dues. We cannot continue to mail *THE SPUR* to lapsed members. Stick with us, we want you as a member, but you must pay your own **"freight"**. We have received a lot returns on the SPUR, due a wrong address. It is up to you to let me know of any address changes. We will be sending out postcards telling the people we are dropping due to lack of dues, sorry about this we need to pull our share of the load. **All WWII Veterans will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name.**

Email: Please send your email address to me at Kennethmahan05@gmail.com We are compiling an email list of members and we want to include you. **Association web site:** www.117th-cav.org/ Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38th, 102nd and 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz).

New Members SFC Wilber A. Pome, Gregg S. Lister, Thomas L. Cole

TAPS

Arthur L. Reinbold, 84, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Wednesday, July 29, 2015. He was born May 3, 1931, at home near Berwick, Pa., the son of Stanley and Getha Reinbold. At a very young age, his family moved to central New Jersey. Art was in the 10th grade when he started his career with the New Jersey Army National Guard as a clerk at Plainfield Armory. He grew to Master Sergeant, Administrative Assistant and Mechanic in the 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry Regiment at the Westfield Armory. Art relocated his family to Lake Ariel, Pa., and commuted to the Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, where he was a Flight Operations Specialist, 150th Aviation Battalion. He was proud to have served over 37 years with National Guard. Art and Ruth moved to Port Charlotte in 1988, from Lake Ariel. After a heart attack during hurricane Charley, his doctor told him to start biking. He took his orders and biked twice a day, picking up cans for recycling, and cleaning the streets. Thus, he became known as "The Can Man" of Murdock.

Art is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth; son, Scott (Bernedette) Reinbold of Browndale, Pa.; daughter, Jennifer Reinbold of Port Charlotte; sister, Ruth Schwarz of Port Charlotte; grandchildren, Skigh, Chelsea and Johanna; and great-grandchildren, Blake and Logan.





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WI-26 CHARLES ANGELLO

SP-26 BOB & LORRAINE APGAR

SU-18 JAMIE AYALA

SU-32 ED BARRY (mem. of) BILL BARRY TROOP D (AIR) 5-117th CAV

SP-17 BILL BENNERT

FA-21 RALPH BOCKINO (mem. of) by wife CATHERINE

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FA-15 SGM (Ret) RICHARD T. BURKE

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WI-18 BILL HYNDMAN (mem. of) CPT PAUL SEIDEL, F CO. WWII 117th CAV. *Silver Star, Fr. Croix de Guerre*

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WI -24 ESTELLE, ANDREW & JAY LASNER in mem. Arnold Lasner – husband, father – proud veteran Troop B 117th CAV

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WI-16 FRANK PATRICK

SP-16 TOM PETTY

WI-15 CSM (Ret) AL PHELAN mem. COL KEN KLEIN

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SU-16 PETER PRICHARD mem. T/SGT JAMES H. SMITH WWII 117th CAV F COMPANY

SU-16 LTC (Ret) KEN QUAAS (mem) DOROTHEA

SP-17 ARTHUR REINBOLD

FA-15 ROBERT RICHARDSON

WI-92 MRS. ROBERT D. ROBBINS, (mem. of ROBBIE)

WI-38 FRED RODMAN, (mem. of brother) WALTER RODMAN F Company (tanks) 102nd CAV WWII

WI-15 LTC (Ret) CHRIS SANDS

SP-18 ROBERT SALCIDO (mem of brother) 1LT MANUEL SALCIDO

SP-17 JAMES SCANLON

SP-16 EILEEN SCHNARR (mem. husband) WILLIE

FA-19 BILL SEDLAK

WI-15 ROBERT SMITH

FA-17 JOHN & MARGARET SUITER

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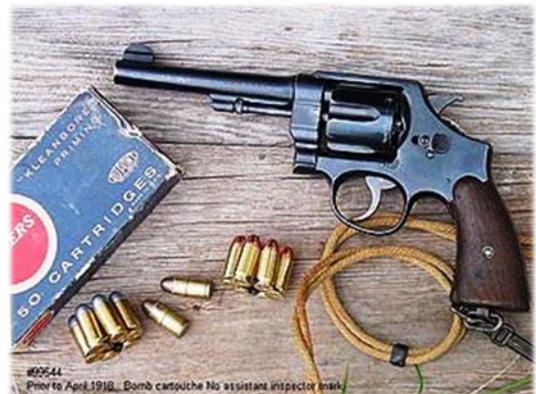
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