

Memorials to the 100th Infantry Division

Over the years our Association has been associated with many memorial tributes in the form of plaques; monuments; trees; changes in street and highway names; and the like. Some of these have been established by us, to honor our fallen comrades and our wartime memories. Some have been established by others in our honor. What follows is, to the best of our knowledge, a complete listing of these physical memorials, at or near some of our battlefields in France, at various US Army bases in the continental United States, and elsewhere.

Arlington, Virginia

In the early 1960s the Association provided a plaque of the division insignia for display in the museum building near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. The plaque is displayed in a glass case along with similar plaques of many military units. This is a permanent display requiring no action on the part of the Association. A red maple tree and granite monument were placed in Section 34 on Grant Avenue in 1999 and dedicated on 10 May 2000.



Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Near the main entrance to Fort Jackson, on Fort Jackson Boulevard and inside the post, there is a historical road marker advising the reader:

100th DIVISION

At this site on 15 November 1942 Maj. Gen. W. A. Burrell received the 100th Infantry Division colors marking the official activation of the "Century Division." After a distinguished World War II record in southern France and Germany the 100th was reorganized in the Army Reserve. It was the only USAR training division recalled during the 1981 Berlin crisis.



This plaque was paid for and erected by the post-World War II 100th Training Division currently active and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. This is a permanent display requiring no action on the part of the Association.

A memorial willow oak tree was planted by the NC/SC Chapter of the Association at this site during the fifth annual EIB award ceremony, May 1987.



During the fourteenth annual EIB award ceremony, July 3, 1996, also at this site, a permanent bronze plaque was dedicated by the Association which reads:

IN MEMORY OF OUR REVERED WORLD WAR II COMMANDERS
LIEUTENANT GENERAL WITHERS A. BURRESS 1894–1977,
BRIGADIER GENERAL ANDREW C. TYCHSEN 1893–1986.
100TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, JULY 3, 1996

Fort Jackson has been a US Army installation in continuous use from early in this century. Shortly after World War II, a military museum was authorized and now contains many historical artifacts, records, uniforms, and so on, of the camp, now Fort Jackson, and the memorabilia of sixteen infantry divisions that served there. Members of our association have donated clothing, equipment, newsletters, and so on, to this museum. The current curator has set aside a 100th Division section in the museum. The following is the text of the permanent bronze plaque dedicated by the Association on July 3, 1996 on Memorial Walk in front of the museum:

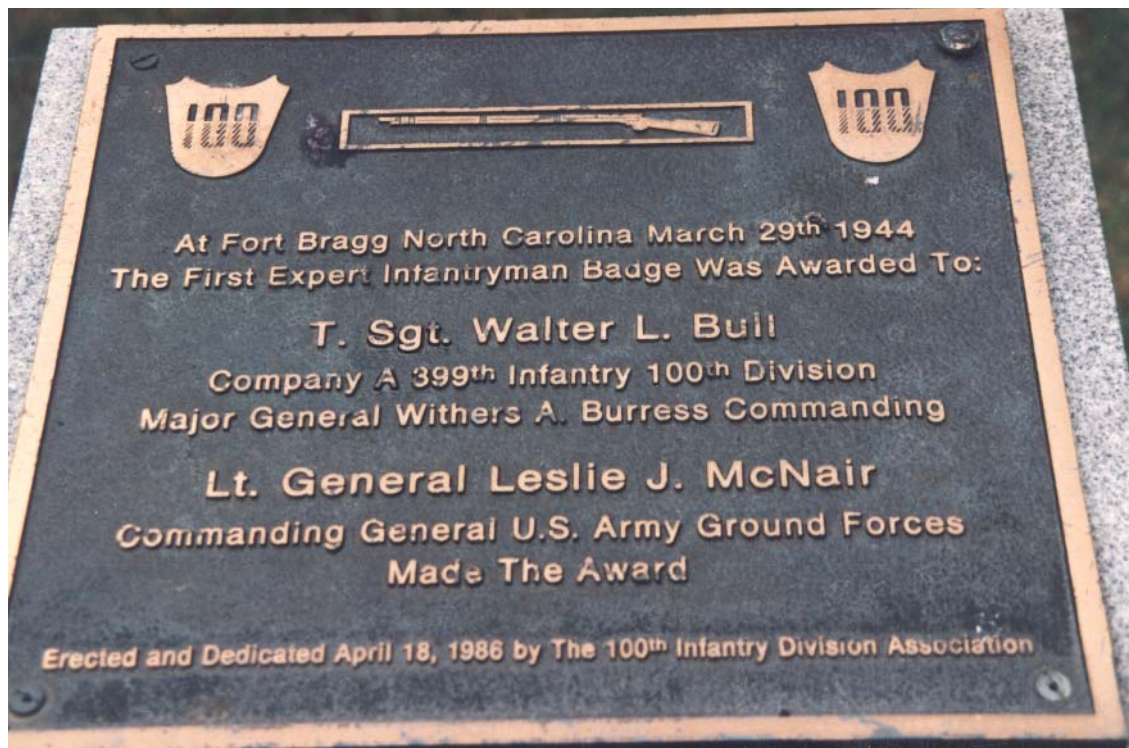
IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE 100TH INFANTRY DIVISION. ACTIVATED AT FORT JACKSON, NOVEMBER 1942 AND FOUGHT IN THE WORLD WAR II BATTLES OF RHINELAND, ARDENNES-ALSACE AND CENTRAL EUROPE, JULY 3, 1996

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

In April 1986 our Association dedicated a bronze plaque mounted on a granite pedestal signifying the momentous occasion of the awarding of the very first Expert Infantryman Badge. The plaque reads:

AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA MARCH 29, 1944, THE FIRST EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE WAS AWARDED TO T SGT WALTER L. BULL, COMPANY A, 399 INFANTRY, 100TH DIVISION, MAJOR GENERAL WITHERS A. BURRESS COMMANDING, LT. GENERAL LESLIE J. MCNAIR, COMMANDING GENERAL US ARMY GROUND FORCES, MADE THE AWARD

Erected and dedicated April 18, 1986
by the 100th Infantry Division Association

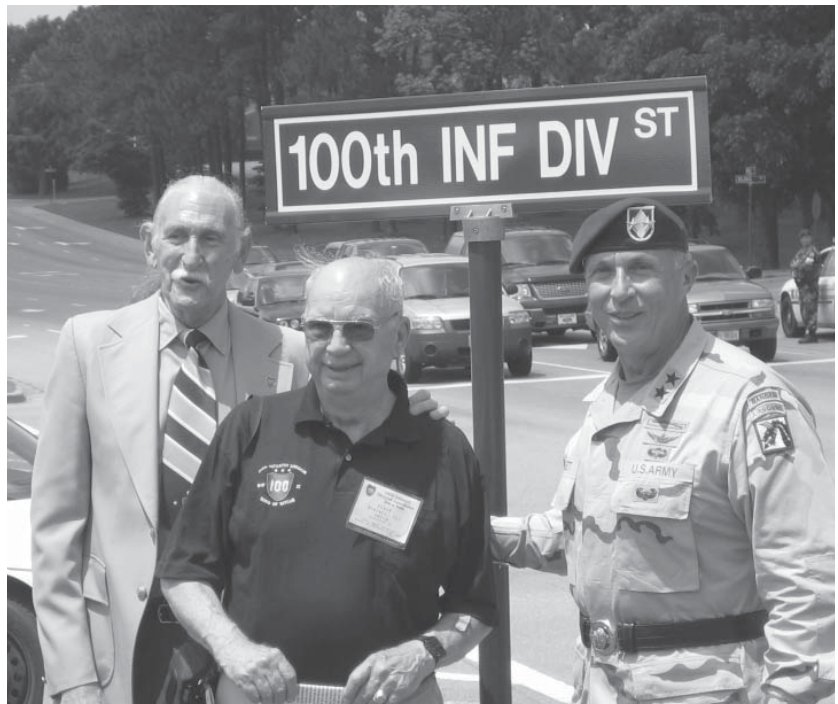


On May 12, 2000, the Association dedicated a large granite monument to those who served in the Division during World War Two. It was placed by the main Fort Bragg flagpole and near the Walter Bull monument.



On June 10, 2005, the four-lane, center-island street leading into the brand new US Army Womack Medical Center was named:

100th INF DIV ST.



Fort Benning, Georgia

On March 29, 2001, the Association presented a large bronze plaque to the Infantry School. The plaque describes the awarding of the first Expert Infantryman Badge to Technical Sergeant Walter L. Bull, Company A, 399th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Division on March 29, 1944 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It is now permanently housed at the National Infantry Museum.

Louisville, Kentucky

The 100th Infantry Division Association owes two things to the US Army Reserve's 100th Division (OS). They keep our name and our legacy alive, and they have established and maintain the 100th Division Museum at their headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Through documents, photos, maps, and personal memorabilia, the collection tells the story of the Division and its soldiers from formation at Ft. Jackson; training; combat in France and Germany; occupation duty; disbanding; and re-establishment as a Reserve component unit. The high point of the museum is a beautifully-presented tribute to our three Medal of Honor recipients: 1st Lt. Edward A. Silk, T/Sgt. Charles F. Carey, and Pfc. Mike Colalillo.

State of Connecticut

During 2000, the Connecticut State Legislature commemorated a section of Interstate 91 in the area of New Haven and erected two large signs:

CENTURY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY



State of New York

On July 26, 2003, a section of Bell Boulevard in Queens, adjacent to Fort Totten, was dedicated and named:

100TH INFANTRY DIVISION BOULEVARD



On March 23, 2005, the Cross Island Parkway in Queens, New York was named the:

100TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL PARKWAY

with a 7-foot-by-12-foot sign on each end of the 15-mile stretch of parkway.



Bitche, France

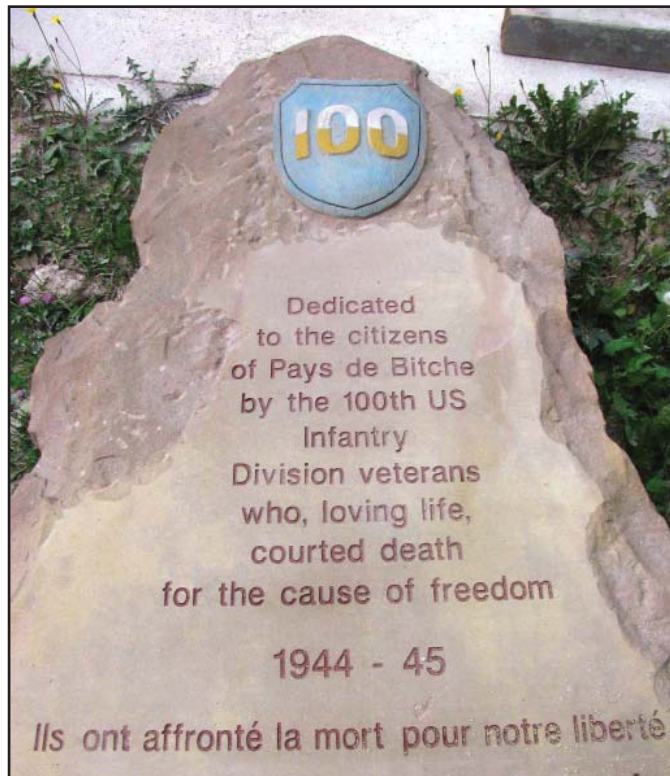
In September 1984 our Association and the city of Bitche dedicated a plaque now permanently displayed on an open wall of the Citadel of Bitche. This is a permanent display that reads:

THE PLAQUE IS DEDICATED BY THE CITY OF BITCHE AND THE 100TH INFANTRY DIVISION TO THE NEARLY 3000 SOLDIERS OF THE DIVISION WHO WERE KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING OR CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE FOR THE MAGINOT SECTOR KNOWN AS THE ENSEMBLE DE BITCHE BETWEEN DECEMBER 3, 1944 AND MARCH 17, 1945. THE PLAQUE IS ALSO DEDICATED TO THE 34 CITIZENS OF BITCHE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE BATTLE AND THE 119 PERSONS WHO WERE INJURED AS WELL AS THE 41 MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE WHO WERE DEPORTED TO GERMANY DURING THE WAR.



On 10 November 2012 members of the Association were on hand to dedicate this stone monument to honor the citizens of the Pays de Bitche. Located in the center of the town of Bitche, it reads:

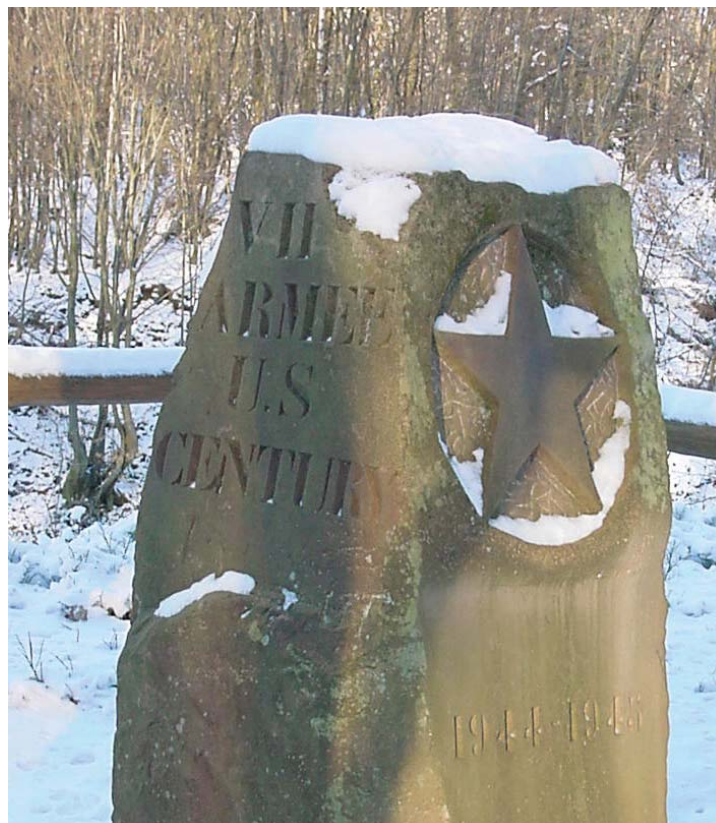
DEDICATED TO THE CITIZENS
OF PAYS DE BITCHE
BY THE 100TH US INFANTRY DIVISION VETERANS
WHO, LOVING LIFE,
COURTED DEATH
FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM
1944 - 45
ILS ONT AFFRONTÉ LA MORT POUR NOTRE LIBERTÉ



Lemberg, France

A stone monument was erected by the village of Lemberg at the site where the remains of Maurice Lloyd of Company L, 399th, were discovered in his foxhole in 1974. It reads:

A la mémoire des soldats Américains Libérateurs de LEMBERG, c.v. LEMBERG 17.9.1995

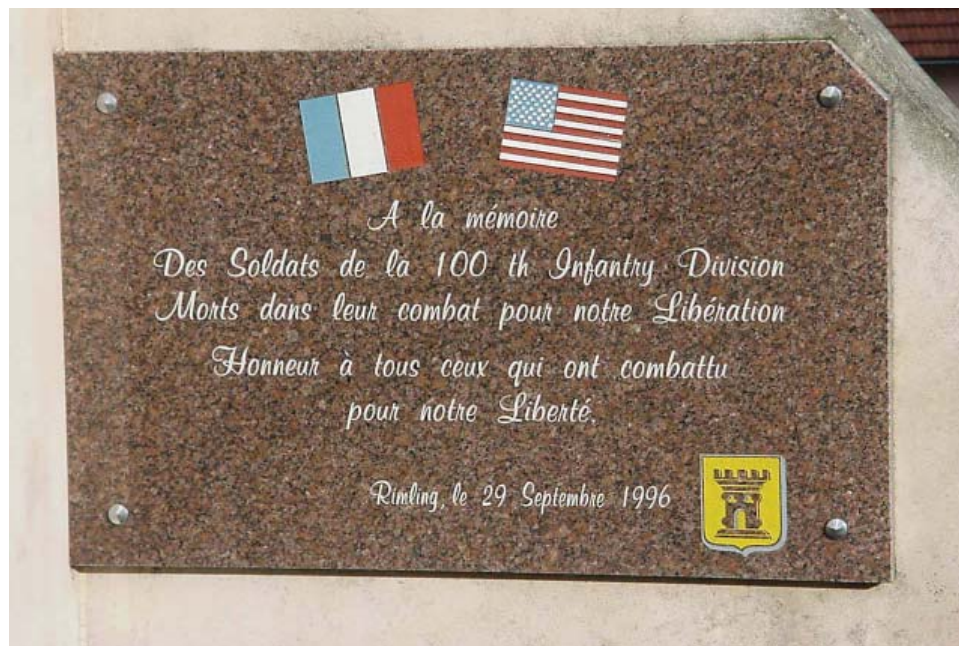


Rimling, France

The village of Rimling erected a plaque at the city hall that reads:

A la mémoire
Des Soldats de la 100th Infantry Division
Morts dan leur combat pour notre Libération
Honneur à tous ceux qui ont combattu
pour notre Liberté
Rimling, le 29 September 1996

To the memory
Of Soldiers of the 100th Infantry Division
Killed in their combat for our Liberation
Honor to all those who fought
for our Liberty
Rimling, 29 September 1996



Raon L'Etape, France

In the town hall there is a plaque that reads in French and English:

THIS PLAQUE IS DEDICATED BY THE CITY OF RAON L'ETAPE AND THE 100TH INFANTRY DIVISION TO THE NEARLY 1500 SOLDIERS OF THE DIVISION WHO WERE KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING OR CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE OF THE VOSGES KNOWN AS THE ENSEMBLE DE RAON L'ETAPE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 6, 1944 AND NOVEMBER 20, 1944 WHEN THE CITY WAS TAKEN BY THE 100TH US INFANTRY DIVISION. IT IS ALSO DEDICATED TO THE CITIZENS OF RAON L'ETAPE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES OR WERE INJURED DURING THE BATTLE.



Heilbronn Area, Germany

On August 23, 1948, Headquarters, European Command issued General Order Number 78, renaming eight installations in the Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, and Mannheim regions in honor of soldiers who had been killed or mortally wounded while performing acts of heroism in the area, and for which they later received decorations for valor. Remarkably, all but one of those men were soldiers of the 100th Infantry Division. On June 22, 2000, the Army rededicated the Hammonds Barracks at a ceremony, erecting a bronze monument at the site. These barracks are:

Hammonds Barracks, Mannheim, for Pfc. Robert M. Hammonds, 397-G, Wickliffe, KY
Sullivan Barracks, Käfertal, for Pfc. George F. Sullivan, 397-AT, Mount Vernon, NY
Funari Barracks, Käfertal, for Pfc. Robert Funari, 398-L, Trenton, NJ
Tomkins Barracks, Schwetzingen, for Pfc. George S. Tomkins, 397-G, Eugene, OR
Spinelli Barracks, Feudenheim, for Pfc. Dominick V. Spinelli, 398-B, Hamilton, OH
Gerszewski Barracks, Knielingen, for Sgt. Adolph C. Gerszewski, 397-D, Grand Forks, ND

