



Railsplitter Obituary

Henry B. “Bud” Ginther

30 April 1914 – 21 July 1997



Henry B. Ginther, a lifetime member 3318 of the 84th Infantry Division (Railsplitters) Inc. passed away July 21, 1997, and is now at rest in Rose Hills Park, Veterans of Foreign Wars Section. The park is located 3888 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601. He is survived by son Dennis B. Ginther and Pamela Marie Ginther- Harrold. Henry was also a life member of the VFW #1128034, Post 7734, Pico Rivera, California.

He never came home to his family (PDSC) after the war.

Many service families keep decorations displays as the one for Henry shown below.



Individual decorations and badges from the display above are explained below.



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ARMY SERVICE CAP DEVICE

The Army Service Cap Device is comprised of a gilt eagle device, which is the Great Seal of the United States.



ARMY MEDICAL BRANCH INSIGNIA

U.S. Army Branch Insignia Badges represent a service member's specific field of service. Each soldier - both enlisted and officer - wear their branch insignia badge on their Class A or Army dress blue uniforms denoting their particular skill set. Enlisted soldiers wear the branch insignia on the left coat lapel, opposite the "U.S." insignia disk, whereas, officers wear the insignia on the lower half of both lapels beneath the "U.S." insignia. Branch insignia were first worn prior to the Civil War in the 1850s by Army personnel.



WORLD WAR II HONORABLE DISCHARGE "RUPTURED DUCK" LAPEL PIN

The Honorable Service Lapel Button, also known as the Honorable Service Lapel Pin, was awarded to United States military service members who were discharged under honorable conditions during World War II. The award was sometimes called the "Ruptured Duck". Designed by sculptor Anthony de Francisci, the button was awarded between September 1939 and December 1946 and was made of gilt brass.



ARMY COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE

The Combat Medical Badge (CMB) is awarded to any member of the Army Medical Department, ranked Colonel or below, assigned to a medical unit providing support to an infantry or special forces unit during any period in which the unit was engaged in active ground combat. The CMB was first created in 1945, but is retroactive to December 6, 1941.



BRONZE STAR

Services: Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, Department of the Air Force.

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone.



ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Service: Army

Awarded for exemplary conduct, efficiency and fidelity during three years of active enlisted service with the U.S. Army (1 year during wartime)



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WORLD WAR II AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Service: All Services

This medal was awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who served in the American Theater of Operations during the period from December 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946 or was awarded a combat decoration while in combat against the enemy.



EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Service: Department of War and Department of the Navy

Awarded for service in the armed forces between the following dates between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946, for military service, in geographical theater areas of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East (for those service members who participated in one or more designated military campaigns, campaign stars are authorized to be worn on the medal).



WORLD WAR II ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

Service: U.S. Army and Air Force

Awarded for 30 or more consecutive days of duty in one of the occupied territories after World War II.



WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Service: All Services

Awarded for service in the U.S. Armed Forces during the period 7 December 1941 to 31 December 1946 (Note- a bronze star attachment was often affixed to denote that the award was for service in combat).

