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The 5th RCT in Korea: The Pusan Perimeter Battles, 1950

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This is a new work on the combat operations of the US Army's 5th Infantry Regimental Combat Team on the frontlines of the Korean War's first campaigns. The 5th RCT reached Korea at the close of July, 1950, just as UN forces made their last ditch stand against the Communist invasion of South Korea around the port of Pusan. Attached to the 25th Division the 5th was engaged in operations near Masan, including "Fox Hill," the fight at "Bloody Gulch," and the struggle for "Battle Mountain." Based on the regimental war diary of the 5th RCT, and contributions by veterans of the actions of this period, this new work by Albert J. McAdoo sheds some new light on the baptism of fire of the 5th RCT in Korea.

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He left Southampton at around 9.30pm on June 5th on massive United States landing craft. During the night he was woken up and offered food, but didn't feel like eating. The tension was building up inside him as it was with everyone else, then at 6am he landed on Gold Beach.

Sydney Bernstein was 28 years old when he became part of the first wave of British troops to arrive on the French shores on June 6th, 1944. Along a 50 mile stretch of Normandy coast, the allied troops began advancing towards the enemy lines and Operation Overload- D-Day had begun! Sydney was a sapper in the Royal Engineers in the 81st assault squadron. He was in one of nine Churchill tanks and was in the first wave to land on Gold Beach.

I was too busy to be scared he says, there was no time to think or be worried, you had to go there to do a job and if you came out of it alive, all well and good.

We did lose one tank to the biggest mine I ever saw, four of the five men in it died and the fifth was permanently blinded.

We had American soldiers to our right and Canadians to our left. The Americans sadly lost a lot of men. But everyone was well trained and we had three ships behind us firing salvo after salvo to areas in front of us to give us support. We ourselves were supporting the Canadians as they made their way up a hill, but by the end of the day the allied troops had made their way over the hill at Gold Beach.

Sydney, a self-confessed insomniac said, we had advanced quite a bit by the evening of D-Day and we finally settled in an orchard come evening to rest and I was so tired that is the only time in my life I have ever managed to sleep right the way through to the morning. That particular night as tired as we all were the mood was exuberant amongst us all.

But even now, all these years later Sydney said he often woke up in the middle of the night and wondered if he really did land on Gold Beach all those years ago or was it a bad dream, it all seems such a distant memory.



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Sydney is Jewish and was born in the East End of London; he admitted that he had some extra incentive to do some Germans in, as he once put it, “ I had pride in in my Regiment, pride in that I was British and pride in my Jewish faith,” he said.

After the awful D-Day itself, Sydney’s 81st Assault Squadron steam-rolled its way through Normandy into Belgium and Holland, then by February 1945 they had reached Northern Germany. With the Germans flagging on all fronts, Sydney was witness to the horrific scenes at the infamous Bergen-Belsen concentration camp after its liberation in April 1945. Although it did not have the killing ovens like Auschwitz, more that 35,000 prisoners, most of them Jewish had died there, many of them from typhoid which was running rampant in the camps inhumane conditions.

It was really too bad to describe said Sydney, it’s difficult to put into words because it was so awful there. The prisoners were just walking skeletons.

We only spent a few hours there as we were ordered to push on, but it really was the most terrible scene to ever have to witness.

We gave them some food and I was able to talk to them in Yiddish, which really amazed many of the soldiers.

Sadly Sydney passed away in 2012 at the grand age of 96 years.

Article written by Terry Burton



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CHASCO FIESTA PARADE NEW PORT RICHEY FLORIDA

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BY DICK DEREN

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This our fifth year of joint participation with Holiday Detachment 567, Marine Corps League, in the Chasco Fiesta Parade, marked another successful venture. FFC fielded 15 vehicles and loaded them up with Marine Veterans, Honor Guard, Auxillary, their families and friends and FFC family and friends. As in the past, the Detachment furnished the pizza and drinks for our annual tailgate party held while we waited for the parade to start. This year the parade actually started on time. The only glitch was trying to fit 15 vheicles in the one vehicle space the parade people allotted us to line up in! The vehicle line-up included 4 jeeps, 6 six by's, one scout car, one staff car, 1 CUCV, one ambulance and one 3/4 ton. All the vehicles made it through the parade and all the personnel made it through as well. The only incident was Marine Soto's bull dog. He followed the Detachment Color Guard, but with his short legs he could not keep up. So, we had to put him in Roland Grady's MB for most of the parade. Can't say he didn't try. Riding with Cliff Moffett in his M3A1 Scout Car was a special guest, General George Patton (aka Cliff's Dad).

The entire parade route was literally crowded 3 deep with spectators and they appreciated the Marines judging by all the cheering generated as we rolled by.

Following the parade we all headed back to Detachment 567 for a little adult refreshment. Later that evening, some of the lads and lassies ventured back downtown to participate in the Fiesta festivities.

Line up included: R. Grady-MB, R. Curran and N. Price in T. Voyles GPW, W. Carlton-M35, D. Deren , Diane and B. Waterman CCKW 353, T. Jarman-M515, Tom and Lora Hauslein in T Jarmen's CUCV, C. Moffett, G. Patton and wife M3A1, S. Deren and K Willison in C. Isaly's M35, M. Evans and his two sons in B. Metnick's Staff car, Alan and Becky Steen in Bob's M35, Brad and Sally Martin-GPW, T. Butler- 5 ton, J Lindell-M37, H. Townsend MI010, Doug in John's M35. Thanks to the Marine Corps League.



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