

Ranger Companies' Feats Recalled By AP Reporter With Them 15 Years Ago

This was D-Day IV: Closeup of the Rangers.

Editor's Note—Ranger units hit the beach in Normandy at H-Hour on D-Day, 15 years ago Saturday. With them was G. K. Hodenfield, a combat correspondent for Stars and Stripes, now the AP's education writer. Hodenfield recalls the incredible feats of four Ranger companies in this last of four articles on D-Day.

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The story of four companies of the U. S. 2nd Ranger Battalion, and their assault on a heavily fortified position in Normandy on June 6, 7 and 8, 1944, is not the big picture of D-Day. That's for generals and historians.

It's not even the little picture of an isolated action.

Maybe it's not even a story at all—just the things that one man who was with them remembers best from the greatest experience of his life.

The story of D-Day has to be a story of courage. Maybe that's why, whenever I think of D-Day, I remember Sgt. Bob Youso and Pvt. Alvin White.

The Ranger assignment on D-Day was to land precisely at H-Hour (6:30 a. m.) on a rocky shelf of beach barely 15 feet wide, scramble up sheer cliffs more than 100 feet high, and destroy six 155mm guns protected by crack German troops and tons of concrete.

But somebody goofed. The guide boat sent along by the Royal Navy headed for the wrong beach. By the time we reached our landing area: (1) we were 38 minutes late, (2) the naval barrage that was supposed to drive the enemy to cover had long since lifted, and (3) German soldiers lined the cliff tops, peppering us with rifle fire and hand grenades.

As the assault craft crunched to a stop, the Rangers fired a series of rockets that went up and over the cliffs with a loud "whoosh." Attached to the rockets were six-pronged grapnel hooks. Attached to the hooks were long rope ladders. The Rangers pulled on the ropes until the grapnel hooks bit into the dirt, then scrambled up the ladders.

The rockets drove the Germans back, but only momentarily. They had returned by the time Youso and White were clambering to the cliff top. How those two men made it, I'll never know. But they did, and when they got there they chased the Germans back and made it possible for other Rangers to follow them.

The big guns were spiked with thermite grenades, then the Rangers dug in for the fight of their lives. There were Germans in front of them, the cliffs and the English channel behind them, no supplies or reinforcements available. We were going to hang on, or get killed trying. It appeared pretty obvious we were all going to get killed.

Which brings me back to Youso and White. They were out on the left flank, anchoring one end of a very thin line. About 200 yards away was a German machinegun nest which was cutting our men down every time they showed their heads.

Youso and White, armed only with rifles and grenades, went after the machinegunner. To get him they had to snake along in the weeds through a German minefield. One false move and they'd be shot dead or blown to kingdom come.

Maybe 30 minutes later they were back. Youso had been shot through the elbow, White through the knee. But the machinegun nest had been wiped out.

Going up the cliffs, Youso and White had shown one kind of courage—the kind born of desperation and excitement. Here they had shown another kind—the cool, calculated courage that overcomes fear of overwhelming odds.

But there's still another kind of courage. I remember Capt. Walter Block, our medic.

Doc set up a sort of base hospital in a concrete dugout. There was room for about 15 or 16 patients, and that wasn't nearly enough. At times there were so many wounded men that most had to be left outside until somebody inside died or was patched up enough to return to battle.

In the afternoon on the first day, Doc was called outside to look at a badly wounded officer. The officer was unconscious, barely breathing.

Doc took a quick look. "You'll have to leave him out here. There's nothing I can do for him." He walked back into the dugout. The man he left to die intended and alone was a man who for years had been Doc's closest and dearest friend.

I think it took courage, too, for Ranger Robin to do what he did. Ranger Robin was a platoon leader, and the last I heard he was still in the Army. I hope so; he's a good guy to have on our side. Anyway, on the second day of the invasion Ranger Robin led a patrol behind the German lines to get prisoners for questioning. He was on his way back with about a dozen of them when the Germans counterattacked and threatened to chase the Rangers right off the cliffs.

Ranger Robin and five or six of his men, plus the prisoners, were crouched in a huge shell hole, with German troops all around them. Ranger Robin told his men to take off, one at a time, and get back to our lines as best they could. His sergeant, the last to leave, asked Robin what he was going to do about the prisoners. "Don't worry about that. I'll handle it," he replied.

When he was alone with the

prisoners, Ranger Robin turned his Tommy gun on them and killed them all. Then he made his way back to our command post.

You could say his act was that of a coward, more than of a hero. But I'll argue with you on that. Ranger Robin was tough, but he was no murderer. He shot down 12 defenseless men in cold blood because he was a Ranger, and the Rangers were fighting for their lives. I got to know him well enough to know that those 12 German prisoners will haunt him as long as he lives.

If you were there on D-Day you know a dozen stories like this. If you weren't, you've heard about them.

D-Day was a terribly personal thing to the men who were there. You fought with a group, but the excitement that was like intoxication, and the fear that was like a clammy chill—those were yours alone. You couldn't share them, you couldn't talk about them, you couldn't even acknowledge them.

And what you remember best are not people, and places, and things.

You remember how you felt: The amazement, on D-Day, when you suddenly realized that, although you had always considered yourself a coward, at this particular time and place you weren't a coward. Scared stiff, yes, but not a coward.

The resignation on D plus one, to death at any moment; and pride that you could accept it without panic.

The anger, outraged and insane, on D plus two, at the men of the U.S. 29th Division who broke through on the left flank and fired first and looked later. They killed two Rangers, wounded 13.

Most of all, when it was all over, the terrible, unshakable loneliness—the sense of deep and personal loss. Of the landing force of 230 Rangers, only 52 were able to walk away.

These things you'll never forget.

ROBERTSON'S BIG NIGHT
CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI)—Oscar Robertson of the University of Cincinnati set a scoring record of 56 points for an N.C.A.A. basketball tournament game against Arkansas March 15, 1958.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed administrators of the estate of **ARTHUR CARL RADOREK**, deceased, and have been qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present said claims as required by law, to said administrators at the office of Clarence A. Humble, 205 Stewart Drive Building, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to-wit: June 15, 1959.

Arthur C. Radorek, Jr.
William M. Radorek
Administrators of the Estate of ARTHUR CARL RADOREK, deceased.
Clarence A. Humble
Attorney for Administrators
205 Stewart Drive Building
731 Main Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon
No. 2, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3.

CHATEL MORTGAGE
NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice to Virgil Warren and to all subsequent purchasers or junior lienholders and to all persons whatsoever: **NOTICE** is hereby given that the undersigned **COMMUNITY FINANCE CORPORATION** of PHOENIX, Arizona, will on Monday, June 15, 1959 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon, at the CUNNINGHAM & RUCKY MOTOR COMPANY, 677 So. 7th, Klamath Falls, Oregon, sell the following:

1954 Dodge Pickup Engine No. T33-412733, Serial No. 83399900 at Public Auction to the highest bidder, pursuant to the provisions of the Oregon Revised Code, and subsequent revisions thereof, governing the sale of personal property under a Chattel Mortgage by a licensed money lender.

COMMUNITY FINANCE CORPORATION OF PHOENIX
No. 12, June 5.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
CITY OF KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON
LINK RIVER CROSSING AND ALTERATIONS TO LINK RIVER PUMP STATION
Sealed Proposals for furnishing materials and constructing a cast iron pressure sewer crossing the Link River and for making certain alterations to equipment in the existing Link River sewer pumping station for the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, will be received at the office of the city manager until 2:00 p.m. June 22, 1959, and thereafter will be publicly opened and read at 7:30 p.m. at the council chamber.

The proposed work includes the following principal items and approximate quantities:

Trench excavation and backfill, 75 cu. yds.
Furnish and lay 8" C.I. M.J. pipe in trench, 260 lin. ft.
Furnish and install 8" C.I. M.J. pipe on brackets beneath walkway of highway bridge, 260 lin. ft.
Remove and re-arrange flanged discharge piping, pump station.
Reduce impeller diameter on two existing sewage pumps and replace one motor.
Furnish and install ventilating system.

Point entire pump station.
Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and blank forms of Proposal and Contract may be seen at the office of the City Engineer or Recorder at the Klamath Falls City Hall or at the office of the Consulting Engineers, John W. Cunningham & Associates, 714 Portland Trust Building, Portland, Oregon.

Copies may be obtained by qualified prospective bidders upon the receipt of cash or check in the amount of \$10.00 made payable to the City of Klamath Falls. The deposit shall be refunded in case a bona fide bid is submitted and the Plans and Specifications are returned in good condition. Otherwise the deposit will be retained. Pre-qualification under State Laws is required. All proposals must be on the regular blank forms furnished with the Specifications and must be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified check payable to the City of Klamath Falls in an amount equal to or exceeding five per cent (5%) of the total bid. A One Hundred per cent (100%) Corporation Surety Performance Bond will be required to guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract. The right is reserved to postpone making the award for a reasonable length of time or to reject any or all bids, for good and sufficient reasons, or to accept the proposal deemed in the best interest of the City.

By order of the Mayor and City Council.
Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon
The 1st day of June, 1959.

G. S. Verger, City Manager

No. 2, June 5, 12.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

NOTICE OF 1959-1960 BUDGET MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Common Council of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, will convene on the 8th day of July, 1959, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, at which time and place the Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period—July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960—as set forth herein may be discussed with the said Levying Board, and any and all objections thereto may be made, filed and considered.

By order of the Common Council, this 1st day of June, 1959.

(SEAL)

ROSIE KELLER, City Recorder

VOLUNTARY LEVY FUND: EXPENDITURES:

General Administrative Department	Actual Expenditures 1956-1957	1957-1958	Budget 1958-1959	Tentative Budget
Salaries	\$ 37,771.02	\$ 35,814.54	\$ 33,760.00	\$ 29,330.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,760.00
Other Fees and Services	8,335.69	5,154.50	2,265.00	2,200.00
Janitorial Supplies	1,282.53	1,201.19	1,250.00	1,250.00
Prisoners Meals	10,880.25	11,464.00	10,000.00	14,300.00
Office Supplies, Postage	1,824.15	2,876.00	2,600.00	3,000.00
Tires and Tubes (Hdg. Insp.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Algae Control	1,000.00	1,000.00	650.00	0.00
Chamber Advertising	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,300.00
Travel and Mileage	1,096.03	3,797.55	4,340.00	1,000.00
City Hall Heat	2,747.46	2,405.11	1,500.00	1,500.00
Communications	3,182.13	3,208.13	2,000.00	2,600.00
Legal Publications	309.43	1,069.86	600.00	600.00
Maint. of Equipment and Bldg.	230.81	248.15	0.00	1,400.00
Dues and Memberships	871.95	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Insurance and Surety Bonds	6,290.73	7,264.50	8,000.00	7,000.00
Armory Operation	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Civil Defense	726.84	656.51	0.00	1,500.00
Res. Cap. Items (Office Equip.)	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
Res. Cap. Items (Auto Equip.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Res. Cap. Items (City Hall Bldg.)	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	4,500.00
Emergency	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Health Department Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 78,948.65	\$ 79,383.63	\$ 81,735.00	\$ 84,710.00

Legislative Department

Salaries	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,440.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Travel and Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,190.00

Legal and Judicial Department

Salaries	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,200.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00
Gas and Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Travel and Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,716.00

Planning Department

Office Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Telephone and Telegraph	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
City Contribution	3,373.02	3,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,373.02	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,300.00

Building and Plumbing Inspector

Salaries	\$ 8,770.14	\$ 6,067.50	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 7,500.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
Gas and Oil	89.65	50.00	100.00	100.00
Office Supplies	39.40	94.00	100.00	50.00
Tires and Tubes	0.00	11.43	30.00	50.00
Travel and Mileage	541.80	111.83	200.00	150.00
Maint. of Motor Vehicles	6.30	16.00	50.00	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,487.49	\$ 6,381.63	\$ 8,430.00	\$ 8,330.00

Meat Inspector

Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Office Expense	18.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel and Mileage	900.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,918.25	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Unbudgeted Surplus from Dairy Inspectors Account

	\$ 1,123.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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Police Department

Salaries	\$ 91,638.20	\$ 93,148.19	\$ 116,200.00	\$ 112,200.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	1,099.00	1,422.54	1,800.00	6,630.00
Clothing Allowance	7,477.30	10,625.00	3,120.00	1,400.00
Supplies & Ammunition	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Gas and Oil	3,781.15	2,776.06	7,000.00	6,000.00
Office Supplies & Publication	968.72	1,465.39	1,800.00	1,670.00
Tires and Tubes	450.87	452.23	800.00	1,000.00
Travel and Mileage	41.92	249.00	350.00	0.00
City Jail	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Telephone, Telegraph, Teletype	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,225.00
Maint. of Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Maint. of Police Equipment	410.53	414.00	350.00	400.00
Maint. of Motor Vehicles	2,424.03	2,335.36	3,000.00	3,000.00
Res. for Cap. Items (Auto Equip.)	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Res. for Cap. Items (Jail Bldg.)	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00
Res. for Cap. Items (New Meters)	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Emergency	0.00	2,673.02	0.00	500.00
Juvenile Program Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Schooling & Training	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,250.00
Blood Tests	0.00	0.00	160.00	250.00
I.D. Equipment & Supplies	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
Prisoner's Medical	0.00	0.00	400.00	450.00
Police Manuals	0.00	894.72	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 107,497.36	\$ 119,458.13	\$ 145,780.00	\$ 157,464.00

Street Department

Salaries	\$ 7,337.44	\$ 7,470.94	\$ 7,375.00	\$ 0.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	1,112.42	1,407.49	1,200.00	0.00
Gas and Oil	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
Tires and Tubes	238.50	438.13	440.00	330.00
Small Tools & Misc. Expense	702.85	821.99	800.00	430.00
Heat, Light and Water	72.13	326.13	0.00	0.00
Maint. of Equipment	1,396.63	1,136.18	1,200.00	950.00
Maint. of Sewers	7,004.06	7,090.80	11,200.00	0.00
Paving Elm Street	6,997.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res. for Cap. Items (Equipment)	0.00	11,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Res. for Cap. Items (Bldgs. & Grounds)	0.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Christmas Decorations	661.06	663.45	800.00	1,000.00
Traffic Signals	0.00	14,800.00	2,500.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,174.54	\$ 19,944.16	\$ 33,715.00	\$ 21,330.00

Sewer Department

Salaries	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,700.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.00
Gas and Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Tires and Tubes	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Small Tools and Misc. Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Heat	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Lighting and Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Maint. of Sewers, Material & Supplies	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
Chemicals & Supplies Operation	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Res. for Cap. Items (Equipment)	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,832.00

Engineering Department

Engineering Department					
Salaries	\$	00	\$	00	\$ 7,600.00
O.A.S.I. & S.I.A.		00		00	257.00
Tires and Tubes		00		00	50.00
Small Tools & Misc. Expense		00		00	120.00
Maint. of Equipment		00		00	30.00
Res. for Cap. Items (Equipment)		00		00	500.00
TOTAL	\$	00	\$	00	\$ 8,387.00