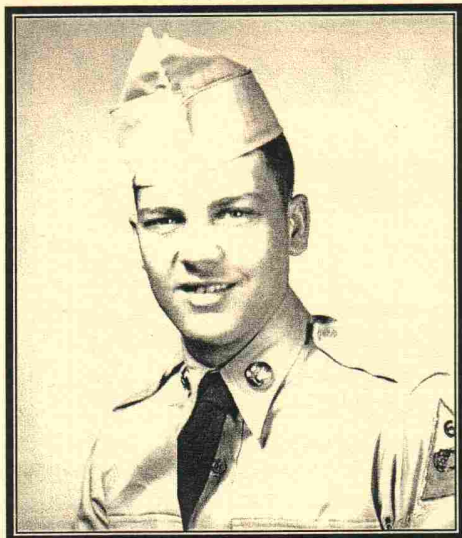


We Salute



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Cpl. Gerald B. Shepler

"I was drafted into the Army in 1953 during the Korean War," said Gerald B. Shepler (Bud) of Ligonier in a recent interview. "My basic training was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After basic, I was shipped out to South Hampton, England then on to Bremerhaven, Germany. The barracks were old German cement block buildings, three stories high, about a block long, hardwood floors with 600 soldiers living in each barrack. I visited many cities while stationed there: Nuremberg, Munich, Salzburg, Goppingen et cetera.

"As part of the 28th Division I was chosen as a member of the Infantry Division Honor Platoon. The 40 plus men platoon gave physical training exhibitions throughout Germany which, while strenuous, were very well received.

"As a member of the 15th Engineers we were given the task of constructing a bridge over the rain swollen Danube River. After the project was finished, the infantry from the 2nd and 39th Battalions was able to cross the river and establish a beachhead. The men of the 15th Engineers were given a much appreciated excellent rating for the completion of the bridge. As a member of the 15th Engineers I was also on border patrol in Germany.

"I was honorably discharged on March 16, 1955."

Shepler, son of the late Clويد and Ruth (Bolby) Shepler of Indian Head, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Occupation Medal Germany, and the National Defense Service Medal for his service.

Bud and his wife, Peggy, are both active CRHS members. They have two children, Richard and Brad.

-- Eileene Rose

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The annual **CRHS Christmas Party** will be held **December 9th, 6:30 p.m.**, at **Foggy Mountain Lodge & Restaurant** in Stahlstown. Order from the menu.

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Hint: As a child all she wanted to own was a pretty paint pony.