

February 9, 1999

Dear Fellow Members of Co. I, 502nd, WWII

As everyone is aware, Robert (BOB) Hartzell has been a dedicated representative of Company I since 1945. He has maintained the camaraderie of Co. I members as no other company in the 101st Airborne Division. The information in our "Company I Pooosheet" over the years has welded us into a very close band of brothers.

During the "Snowbird" Reunion in Kissimmee, Florida, February 5th thru 7th, Company I men present (16) discussed what could be done for Bob to show our appreciation for his true dedication over the years. Bob was seriously wounded in Normandy and Company I members present at the "Snowbird" Reunion" felt that it would be a lasting tribute to Bob if we could finance a trip for him to return to Normandy either in May or September of this year. At first he adamantly refused to even discuss it, but eventually conceded that if all Company I members were desirous of this tribute he would accept.

This letter is to advise you of this project and solicit your aid as much as possible. All donations should be forwarded to James K. Howell, P. O. Box 528, Aberdeen, Mississippi, 39730. Should you desire your donation to be listed as anonymous please advise, because a complete accounting of all donations will be maintained. Should anyone desire a copy of the list of donations contact Howell, Telephone 601-369-4395, or write to him.

We realize this is an ambitious project, but at the same time extremely worthwhile. Just contribute what you wish to and can afford to.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

*Jim Howell*