

STATE OF ARIZONA HISTORICAL MARKER

Record of Historical Information
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The Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus

Plaque: **Lost Dutchman Plaque #18**

Name of Plaque: **CAMP BOUSE, THE 526TH A.I.B., CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA MANEUVER AREA**

Location of Plaque, **Bouse, Az. On Monument Row off HW. 72**

Lat/Long: 33.93171N -114.00493W

Explain the Design of the Plaque and Base: **Bronze Plaque Placed Into A Concrete Monolith**

Date of Dedication: **01/18/1997**

President of Chapter at time of Dedication: **Angelo "ClampGuido" Fauci, NGH#8**

Are requested Photos enclosed? Yes X/No__

Exact Wording of the Plaque:

**CAMP BOUSE
THE 526TH AIB
CANAL DEFENSE LIGHT PROJECT
DESERT TRAINING CENTER
CALIFORNIA – ARIZONA MANUEVER AREA**

CAMP BOUSE WAS ESTABLISHED IN BUTLER VALLEY 30 MILES BEHIND THIS MONUMENT IN SEPT. 1943. IT WAS ONE OF TWELVE SUCH CAMPS BUILT IN THE SOUTHWESTERN DESERTS TO HARDEN AND TRAIN UNITED STATES TROOPS FOR SERVICE ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF WORLD WAR II. THE DESERT TRAINING CENTER WAS A SIMULATED THEATER OF OPERATIONS THAT INCLUDED PORTIONS OF CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA. THE OTHER CAMPS WERE YOUNG, COXCOMB, GRANITE, IRON, MOUNTAIN, IBIS, CLIPPER, PILOT KNOB, LAGUNA, HORN, HYDER AND RICE.

CAMP BOUSE WAS THE HOME OF THE 9TH TANK GROUP WHICH CONSISTED OF SIX TANK BATTALIONS, ONE ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION, AN ORDINANCE COMPANY AND A STATION HOSPITAL. THE GROUP TRAINED IN ABSOLUTE SECRECY MAINLY AT NIGHT. THE LIGHT DEVICE CONSISTED OF A HIGH POWERED SEARCH LIGHT, MOUNTED IN AN ARMORED HOUSING ON A TANK. ITS PURPOSE WAS TO TEMPORARY BLIND THE ENEMY AT NIGHT. THE ROLE OF THE 526TH INFANTRY WAS TO DEFEND THE OPERATION OF THE CD TANKS AND ATTACK IF SECURITY OF THE TANKS WAS BEING THREATENED.

THE 526TH AIB WAS SEPARATED FROM THE 9TH TANK GROUP IN FRANCE, AUGUST 1944 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 12TH ARMY GROUP HDQ UNDER COMMAND OF GEN. OMAR BRADLEY. "C" COMPANY BECAME A SECURITY UNIT FOR GEN BRADLEY IN LUXEMBURG. THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, FIGHTING THE ENEMY IN THE BELGIAN TOWNS OF TROIS-POINTS, STAVELOT, MALMEDY, HEDOMONT, BOUGNEE, AND GEROMONT

AFTER THE BULGE AND UNTIL VE DAY THE 526TH BECAME PART OF "T" FORCE. THE PURPOSE OF "T" FORCE MISSIONS WERE TO SEIZE, SAFEGUARD AND PROCESS ENEMY DOCUMENTS, ARCHIVES AND MATERIAL OF INTELLIGENCE OR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AND CAPTURE ENEMY AGENTS, MILITARY OFFICERS AND KEY COLLABORATORS.

THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE SOLDIERS THAT SERVED HERE AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE BATTLE, ENDING THE HOLOCAUST & DEFEATING THE ARMED FORCES OF NAZI GERMANY.

PLAQUE PLACED BY THE LOST DUTCHMAN, BILLY HOLCOMB, JOHN P. SQUIBOB CHAPTERS, OF THE ANCIENT & HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS, THE 526TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALIONS ASSOC AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE BOUSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

JANUARY 18TH, 1997

