

Editors Note

The following article was originally sent to the Dover War Memorial Project by Charles (Chuck) W. Vulyak Jr. after he found the Virtual Memorial on the internet at www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk

He also sent a message of thanks that read, "Thank you so very much for putting the Dover War Memorial Project together. Please tell your volunteers - from the son of a Yank who helped to defend your town during the buzz bomb attacks, thank you from the bottom of my heart."

In tribute to his dad, now deceased, Chuck is finding out about the 127th AAA Gun Battalion US Army with which his father served during the early part of WWII. He has managed to contact nearly forty of the surviving veterans. Chuck's mother was a nurse, who during the War helped tend returning wounded GIs. Chuck later served in the US Air Force.

If any Dover Society members have any information about the battalion, even reminiscences or memories, he would appreciate the information. Please contact the editor on 01304 213668.

In the Maison Dieu Hall, Dover there are two plaques about the 127th.

The first states: *127th AAA - The 127th Anti Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion US Army salutes the people of Dover for*

their courage in the defence of Great Britain. We shared with them against German flying bombs and shells in 1944.

The second plaque, placed alongside a piece of shrapnel, states:

Shrapnel from 15in German gun fired at Dover from Cap Gris-Nez, France, September 10, 1944, killing Pvt Robert Nisewonger, US Army, while on guard duty. Found by PFC James D Jones, A Btry, 127 AAA Gun Bn US Army. In WWII Dover was called Hells Fire Corner. Presented to the people of Dover August 16 1944 as a memento of the shelling they endured.

On 25th September 1994 the veterans placed a plaque, near to the entrance of the wartime tunnels at Dover Castle, to commemorate the AAA Gun Battalions, US Army who served here during the war years.



The commemorative plaque