



About the Author: Howie Beach

Born in the first quarter of the 20th Century on June 1, 1925, and destined to be among the many future citizens of Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation, the author willingly did his Country a "favor asked." Timing placed Howie Beach in the annals of history to serve where needed. . .to help prevent Adolph Hitler's attempted conquest of the world in World War Two. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, five Campaign Battle Stars, and other medals during his eleven months of combat with the Ninth Infantry Division's 9th Reconnaissance Cavalry Troop in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. After the War, at an anniversary celebration for the 9th Infantry Division in Ingolstadt, Howie served as an honor guard for, and spoke with, General George S. Patton.

Follow the author through his military experiences, part of which cover nearly one year of combat, from the Normandy beachhead to the engaging of Russian soldiers at the Elbe River. Howie moved to Southern California from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, his birthplace, in a 1954 transfer and promotion offered by his employer, American Appraisal Associates, and has continued as an independent contractor for his company to the present day. He resides in La Mirada with his wife of 61 years, Murphy (nee Whelan) Beach. They have five children, eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Their descendants' homes are located across the width of America; California, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Massachusetts.