

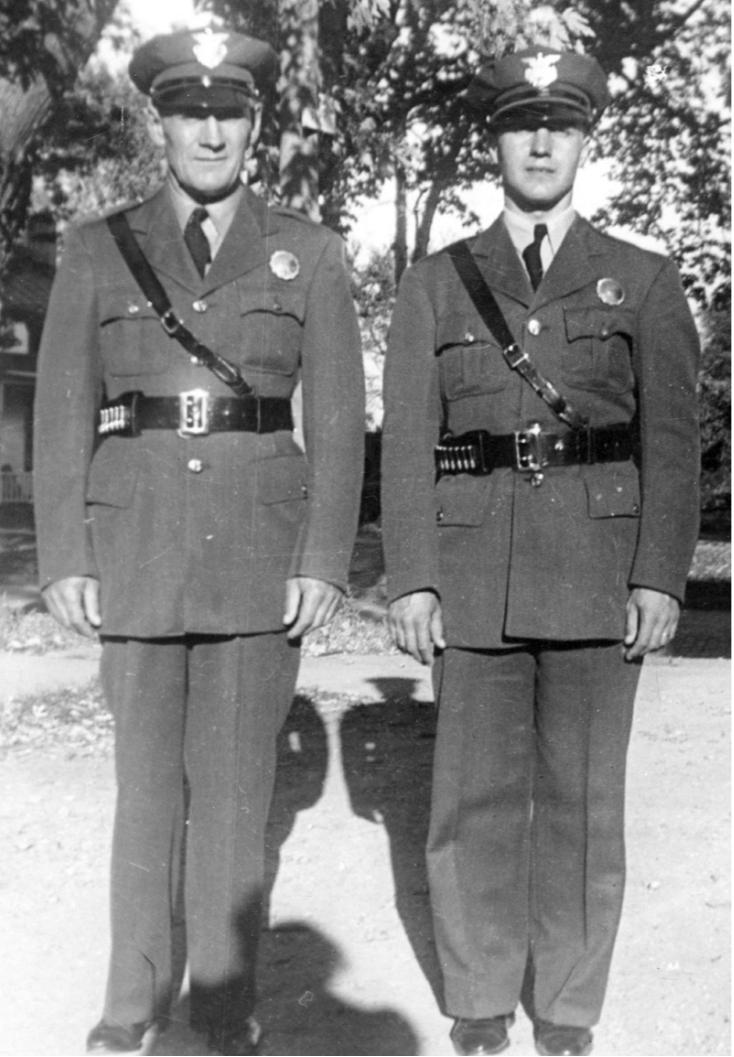
## WWII Veterans continued with the “S” letter of the alphabet

By David Kusel

For the first two Veterans, (Subbert), they technically don't have direct Manning connections but when you read their information you'll see one was the father and the other the brother of Arlene (Subbert) Kusel. Arlene married Glen Kusel who has direct Manning connections and was a Manning Veteran. Since the Manning Veterans' history book will be about Veteran connections in families we'll include individuals who are brothers and fathers to Manning citizens with military backgrounds.

The Manning Veterans' book is not intended to be exclusive but with over 1000 Manning Veterans which will easily fill up two volumes, and since most of the area communities have their own Veterans' histories in their centennial books, it will be best to keep the Manning book for Manning connections.

**#531 & #532 Chris & Howard Subbert (1 picture, some basic military information)**



*Chris Subbert with his son, Howard Subbert*

Chris Subbert is the father of Arlene (Subbert) Kusel. Howard Subbert, was the son of Chris and brother of Arlene.

Howard was born March 9, 1917, and died December 8, 1986. He is buried in the Carroll Cemetery.

He entered the service January 1943 and Trained at Fort Warren, Wyoming and Fort Ord, California, and was discharged in 1946. Howard was a member of Manning American Legion Post #22.

On June 11, 1941, he married Dorothy Rohde. They have two children, Ronald & Vicki.

**#533 Heinie E. Suhr (no pictures or information)** Tombstone information at the Manning Cemetery: (1906 - 1955) Iowa TEC5 HQ Co 169th Infantry BSM

For two decades now, I have been asking for military pictures and information for the Manning area Veterans. I started this quest in 1996 on my web page. Since that time I have also been using area newspapers to promote this project, the Manning Alumni Newsletter, and by word of mouth.

I have tried every trick and idea I can think of to get family members to respond. I realize that many of them don't subscribe to the area newspapers or even know about my web pages.

All I can do is to continue to post the names of Manning Veterans on my web pages and hope that eventually someone will stumble on these articles and be able to help out with pictures and information. BUT I fear that many of our Veterans will end up being lost to history, with no permanent documentation about them.

It is so sad that our Veterans won't get the recognition and honor they deserve and the pictures and information that still exists somewhere in an old box or scrapbook for at least some of them will sadly end up in the trash heap of history too.

**#534 David K. Summerville (several pictures, information from the Gray centennial book)**



**From the 1981 Gray Centennial book:** David K. Summerville, son of Isabelle and William Summerville, was born April 28, 1921. He attended Gray Elementary, Gray High School graduating with the Class of 1939 and the University of Iowa, 1939-1942.

He enlisted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps in February 1942, and was called to active duty in October of 1942.

He graduated from flight training in August of 1943 and

was commissioned a 2nd Lt. and received B-17 A.C. Commander training in Roswell, New Mexico; Salt Lake City; Utah; Dalhart, Texas; and Kearney, Nebraska. He was assigned overseas in March 1944, to the 457th bomb group, 8th Air Force and completed 37 missions over enemy territory in Europe.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster; awarded Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters; and awarded Presidential Citation.

He returned from overseas in August of 1944, and served as advanced instrument instructor on the B-17 in 1944 and 1945. He was discharged from the service in June 1945, as a disabled American Veteran.

He joined Pan American World Airways as a pilot on June 21, 1945, based in Miami, Florida, with routes to Central and South America, Africa, and Europe.

In 1946 he was assigned to New York City with routes to Europe, Africa and Asia. From 1947-50 he was assigned to San Francisco with routes to Australia and Asia. He spent most of 1950 in hospitals with polio.

In 1951 he married Lillian Braun, in New York City, and has two children, Sheri, born in 1956 and Scott born in 1961.

From 1950 to 1975 he was based in San Francisco with temporary assignments in Rome, Hong Kong, and Auckland, New Zealand. Flights were all over the world including 36 trips around the world and flying into 114 countries, and 49 of the 50 states.

In 1975 he was removed from flying status on July 8, failing to pass medical examination. Diagnosis was listed as complications from a broken neck that had existed from an aircraft incident that happened over the Pacific Ocean in 1952.

In 1977 he moved from Saratoga, California, where he had lived for 25 years, to Vista, California, in northern San Diego County for health reasons. In 1981 he retired from Pan American Airways as captain after 37 years of employment.

He was the first American citizen to enter Yugoslavia in 1950 when Tito broke with Stalin; he was the NBC network announcer of "Blast-Off" of 2nd flight to the moon in the South Pacific; was on the first flight into Anchorage, Alaska, after its devastating earthquake, and had many special trips taking heads of states, kings, queens, and sports' teams to various destinations around the world.

He was the past commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Sunnyvale Chapter #148; past commander, 5th district, State of California, Disabled American Vets; member of Cupertino Lodge #510, F&AM; member National Order of Trench Rats, Dugout #213, Sacramento, California; and a member of the Vista Lions International.

**#535 Dr. S.H. Synhorst (no pictures or information, 1 newspaper article)**

**May 19, 1949** Dr. S. H. Synhorst, veteran of 4 1/2 years service in the Dental Corps of the Army, is a new dentist in Manning, opening his office over the Grundmeier Hatchery this week.

**#536 Kermit Tannatt (no military pictures or information, 1 newspaper article)**



*Manning Coaches Miles Francis and Kermit Tannatt*

**August 21, 1952** Kermit Tannatt Participated In All Major Sports - World War II Veteran Has Overall Coaching Mark of .700

Kermit A. Tannatt, who assumes duties as head coach and athletic director of Manning high school this fall, received his master's degree in physical education at Drake university last week. He will begin his work in Manning Saturday when equipment will be issued at 2 p.m.

Coach Tannatt, a graduate of Winterset high school, is a veteran of World War II. He received his received his bachelor of arts, degree from Simpson college in 1948 with a major in physical education and minors in science and social studies.

While at Simpson he participated and lettered in the following sports, receiving four letters in football, three in baseball and two in basketball. He was selected as "end" on the all-conference football team in 1948. In high school and college he also participated in track.

The new Manning coach's experience includes four years as athletic director at Gladbrook where he was in charge of football, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball and had an active program of football and basketball in junior high. During those four years his record improved progressively and he hold an all-sports record of 700 per cent wins.

Coach and Mrs. Tannatt have rented an apartment in the Loucks' building and the latter will be employed in the law offices of Erwin Hansen.

**#537 Lester Anthony Theobald (no military pictures or information)**

I have several pictures of Theobalds from the Lola (Hansen) Ahrendsen collection but have not idea if they are connected to Lester or not. A Wiese married into this Theobald family.

So all I can do is to hope that someone will know who Lester is and have some pictures and information.

**#538 Gerald Thiedeman (no military pictures or information)**

The Thiedeman families lived mostly in Hayes Township northwest of Manning. I have some Thiedeman pictures and information but nothing about Gerald.

**#539 Wayne W. Tibben (several military pictures, some basic information)**

Wayne served in the U.S. Army from February 3, 1943, until March 8, 1946.

He served with the 86th Division of the 311 Engineer Battalion. He arrived in Cologne, Germany, in 1944 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, France.

In August 1945 he returned home across the Atlantic Ocean and was sent to San Francisco. E5 Tibben was shipped to the Philippines where he remained until March of 1946, when he was honorably discharged.



*Wayne Tibben - photo taken in Alexandria, Louisiana*



*Wayne Tibben (upper right)*



*Wayne Tibben in the Philippines*



*Tibben - Back: George, Wayne, Laura Front: Marjorie, Eldon Marjorie - Mrs. Everett Christensen*

**WWII continues next week with Max Timmerman.**