

From the Desk of

06/06/06

John N. Hackney, Jr., CPCU, ARM

Hi Betty Ray -

Dick Brantley was  
a long time friend -  
and Pres of our Trade  
Association - Independent  
Insurance Agents of N.C.  
for many years. &

have not been able to  
get his son Jimmy to  
send me anything - but  
had this letter from 1998 -

Best Regards

His Dad - 'Red' Brantley  
was a druggist here  
in the 1920's - moved  
to Mendell - and ran  
a Drug Store there  
until he passed away



10/20/98

Dear John:

Yes, its truly great to meet with the Assoc. P/P's. you guys are very special to us and we enjoy the opportunity to recall some of our many experiences.

Sunday afternoon we were driving down to Georgetown and were involved in an accident. I don't driving through red lights but the patrolman had a driver + a witness who said I did. I feel I was set up by a black guy in an old Ford. I hit him on his left back wheel and my car was banged up pretty bad. He weren't hurt but had to rent a car to get home. Its possible the alleged witness wasn't even in the area at the time of the accident.

Last Monday at a concert in ~~Wilson~~ <sup>Louisburg</sup> I sat next to a lovely blonde from Wilson who is on the Board of Trustees at the College in Louisburg. She's in Ann's Book Club which she said meets tonight. A small world.

As for Air Force Material, I am a member of 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Assoc, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of 8<sup>th</sup> A/F & the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb group. Like Ernest I'm saving all this material, which my son Jimmy enjoys also. The more I learn about our involvement, the more I realize how lucky I was to survive without a scratch. Last year our 93<sup>rd</sup> group planted a tree and a plaque



at Arlington Cemetery as a memorial to  
680 guys in our group who didn't make  
it (Our tree is about 150' below Kennedy's  
grave.) There were some 85 veterans there  
and when taps ~~was~~ begun, everyone of us  
was crying like a baby. One other guy from  
my crew was also there and I hadn't seen  
him since 1945. He has since visited with  
us here in Wendell for four days of golf,  
boasting our buddies and telling lies.  
He's a genuine Irishman from Phila.  
and a career with Budd & Co. making  
railroad cars. I have promoted him to  
the rank of Sgt. General!!

My love to Ann.

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RICHARD SPRITZER BLANTLEY

Born 09/23/22 Wilson, NC

NOW DECEASED.