

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Arvo M		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 37 705 211	3. GRADE Tec 4	4. ARM OR SERVICE CAC	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION Headquarters Battery 14th Antiaircraft Company		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 13 Oct 1945	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Separation Unit #1 Ft Logan Colo		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 552 5th Ave Durango Colo		10. DATE OF BIRTH 21 Jul 07		11. PLACE OF BIRTH Telluride Colo	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See 9		13. COLOR EYES Blue	14. COLOR HAIR Brown	15. HEIGHT 5'5 1/2"	16. WEIGHT 126 LBS.
17. NO. DEPEND. 2		18. MARITAL STATUS X SINGLE		19. U.S. CITIZEN X YES	
20. RACE X WHITE		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Bookkeeper 1-01 02			

MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION 2 Sep 43	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 23 Sep 43	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Denver Colo
26. REGISTERED X YES	27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. 31	28. COUNTY AND STATE La Plata Colo	29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See 9
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Clerk-Typist 405		31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) 30. M Rifle	

32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS
Luzon Southern Philippines New Guinea GO 33 WD 45

33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS
Good Conduct Medal Bronze Star Medal GO 58 Hqs 14th AA Co 45 Asiatic Pacific Service Medal Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Service Star GO 6 Army Hqs 45

34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION
None

35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES				36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN		
MALLPOX	TYPHOID	TETANUS	OTHER (specify) Typhus	DATE OF DEPARTURE 27 Apr 44	DESTINATION Pacific Theater	DATE OF ARRIVAL 15 May 44
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE 2 7 14 1 5 7				38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD Tec 4		
CONTINENTAL SERVICE		FOREIGN SERVICE				
YRS	MONTHS	DAYS	YRS	MONTHS	DAYS	

39. PRIOR SERVICE
None

40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION
Convenience of the Government Cir 250 WD 45 AR 615-365 15 Dec 44

41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED
None

42. EDUCATION (Years)		
Grammar	High School	College
5	4	0

PAY DATA

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES			44. MUSTERING OUT PAY		45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS	46. TRAVEL PAY	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER	
YRS	MONTHS	DAYS	TOTAL	THIS PAYMENT	250	\$ 22.05	254.51	P I Rowers Maj ED

INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT: IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

48. KIND OF INSURANCE		49. HOW PAID		50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance	51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50)	52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH	53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serv.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Govt.	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Allotment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30 Sep 45	31 Oct 45	\$ 7 70	Continue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue Only <input type="checkbox"/>

4. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives)

**Lapel Button issued
ASR Score (2 Sep 1945)-72**

54. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED Arvo M. Mater	55. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) WILLIAM G ETZEL 1st Lt. AC William G Etzel
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AGO Form 23, 28 November 1944
This form supersedes all previous editions of WD AGO Forms 23 and 25 for enlisted persons entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.

Knights of the York Cross of Honour
This is to certify that

Knight Arvo M. Matis

is a member of Pikes Peak Priory No. 21

Dues Year 1999

Life Member

Priory No. 361 National No. 18387

W. Spencer Worley Registrar



Signature: Arvo M. Matis

Pikes Peak Priory No. 21
K. Y. C. H.

W. Spencer Worley, Registrar

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January 1, 1999

Knight Arvo M. Matis

552 Fifth Ave

Durango, CO 81301

Dear Knight Matis:

We note that you are now well into your twentieth year as a Knight of the York Cross of Honor – and that you still active in York Rite Masonry.

As a mark of respect for your long and faithful service, the officers and Knights of Pikes Peak Priory are pleased to award to you a Life Membership Card.

May you long continue to enjoy it!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Pikes Peak Priory No. 21, K.Y.C.H.

Registrar

Twins born in Telluride set to celebrate 90th birthday

Matis brothers spent most of their lives in Durango area

By Saily Morrissey
Special to the Herald

Arvo and Wilho Matis, twin brothers who turn 90 years old Monday, were born in Telluride of sturdy Finnish stock.

Their parents were born in Finland and their father had come to Telluride to work in the mines. As little boys, they can remember they didn't go to the Swede-Finn bathhouse in Telluride where members took saunas, but they remember their mother filling a wash boiler full of water to heat on the coal stove, and then the little boys would be bathed together in a washtub sitting on the floor.

They graduated from Telluride High School where they were in the band and played baseball and basketball. Later in life, they played tennis and swam, ice skated and skied for exercise. Arvo is still in a physical fitness program, lifting weights.

Skiiing has been a big part of their lives.

They first started skiing in 1940 in a little area above Lechner's Field in Upper Animas Valley. The tow was an old Model A engine hooked to a quarter-inch cable. The area was called Chipmonk



SPECIAL TO THE HERALD/ALEX DORGAN-POSS
ARVO AND Will Matis, who will celebrate their 90th birthday Monday, talk about their lives in the Telluride and Durango areas, July 15.

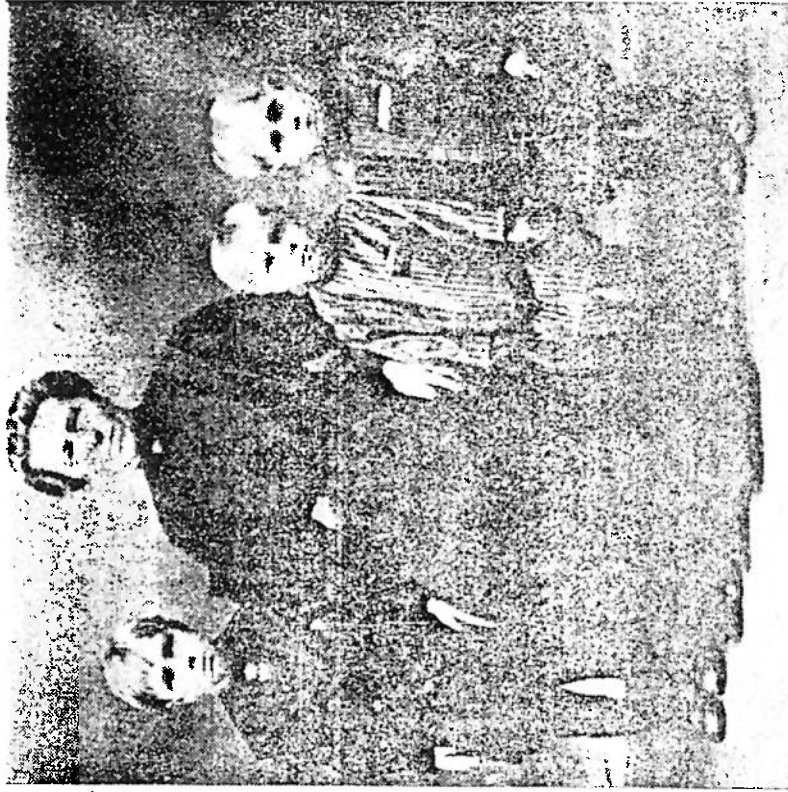
Hill. They skied Coal Bank when a track was made by one or two people down Coal Bank hill. A driver would take a car full of skiers up the highway to the top of the pass and the group would ski down. The driver would return to the bottom and another person would drive up for the next run. The children skied right along with the parents and all became excellent skiers, some world class skiers. They also skied Stoner, Wolf Creek and Hesperus areas in the early years.

The men helped develop Chipman Hill. Arvo was a member of the city recreation board when the rope tow was built and pulled by a tractor engine. Dolph Kuss directed the ski program, Rotary Club raised the money for it and many

fine young skiers were a result of the program.

Arvo was a member of the board when the San Juan Development Co. was formed by local skiers to develop Purgatory ski area with Ray Duncan. Arvo was a member of the ski patrol for many years.

Will was employed at the post office in Telluride before coming to Durango where he worked for Earl Barker, who had a bulk plant and filling station. He married his wife, Emma, in Telluride. Arvo came to Durango and worked for Lorig's Clothing Store, Burns National Bank and Durango Lumber Co. He met his wife, Virginia, who had come here from Denver to teach at Ignacio, while skiing Chipmonk Hill at Lechner's place.



COURTESY MATIS FAMILY
TWO-YEAR-OLD twins Arvo and Will Matis are shown with their mother and older brother, Henry, in Telluride, in 1909.

Both men served in the U.S. Army during World War II. With his post office experience, Will was stationed in New York City, working with the mail in the Army. Arvo served in MacArthur's headquarters in the South Pacific. After the war, Arvo was part owner of Herb Williams Lumber Co. and later worked for the new owners, Boker Lumber Co.

Will worked for the Durango post office until his retirement. They were original members of the Golden Aires Drum and Bugle Corps, and both went into the Masonic Lodge at the same time with Bus Gardenswartz, Tom Hatfield and George McNicholas. The Matis men have 60-year Masonic pins. Arvo is active in the York Rite Bodies of the Masonic Order.

They are both active in the Episcopal Church.

The two were honored at the 55 Plus Center last week with more than 50 friends attending.

Today, the families of the brothers will host a special lunch at the DoubleTree Hotel, and Monday there will be a family picnic at Cascade.

With them will be Will's wife, Emma, and children Melvin Matis of Durango and Lewis Matis of Mancos; Arvo's wife, Virginia, and children Suzanne and David Mathewson and daughter Krista from Mesa, Ariz.; Clark and Leslie Matis and son Eric of Charlotte, Vt.; and Mary Jane and Nils-Erik Alaby and children John Erik, Christopher and Thomas from Colorado Springs.

Organizations & Offices ---

Masonic Fraternity

Worshipful Master - Durango Lodge No. 46 - Year 1940

York Rite Bodies- San Juan Chapter No.15 - High Priest

Durango council No. 3 - Illustrious Master

Ivanhoe Commanlery #3 - Eminent Commander
(Knights Templar)

Membership in Durango Lodge over 60 years.

Active in sports. Still skiing , swimming , lifting weights etc.

Memorable event -- My marriage - now 59 years.

Enclosing- Life of Mary and Lassã, also my service record and
Masonic Honor.

Best regards,

Arvo