

My father was the fourth of seven brothers, and their parents (Mother: Mary Ellen Keegan, 1st generation Irish American 1888 - 1969, Father: Italian immigrant Alberto landoli 1888-1942) founded what would become the largest grocery store and convenience store chain in central Massachusetts (1920 – 1980's).

1. Where and when were you born? At hospital or at home?

I was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. July 1, 1920. In my day most children were born at home with the help of other women (neighbors).

2. What was it like growing up in the 1920's and 30's?

When I was growing up we had very little money, though we were fed very well. We had no TV and when your parents told you to be home at 9:00 p.m., you were home or else. Most people had very little, we had a little more than most because my father had the small grocery store.

3. Do you remember the Flapper's of the 1920's?

I don't remember the flappers, there were flaps on shoes I remember.

4. What was it like when the Depression hit?

The Depression was bad from what I can remember. Nobody had much work or money, I mean broke. I remember a man who came by my father's store and he was hungry. My father made up about 12 sandwiches and some soda, the man ate them all he said he had not eaten in many days. The whole country was like this.

5. What do you remember about FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt?

FDR took over in 1932, he did a good job and started the WPA. Eleanor Roosevelt was a nice woman.

6. When did your dad open the first grocery store?

Somewhere around 1918 – on the corner of Grafton & Orient St's. (Location: Worcester, Massachusetts), then he moved across the street to 345 Grafton Street.

7. How old were you when you started working at the store?

I was 13 years old.

8. With how many brothers did you share a bedroom?

Two brothers to 1 bedroom.

9. What did you eat at home for meals and did your dad ever cook?

We ate mostly Italian food, my mother would start from scratch – she was a great cook and a great, great Mother. On Saturday it was hot dogs and baked beans. On Sunday it was roast ham and pork. Then we would ask "How come no meatballs?" Mother also made great soup. My father did not cook he had no time - he worked about 12 hours a day, 7:30am to 8:00pm.

10. Who did all the chores in the house?

My mother did most of the chores and cleaning and she did not complain, as she got older in life she had some help. Some women are spoiled brats, not all women. (Likely a reference to my mother)

12/1990 Written Q & A between
James Thomas Iandoli (42nd 222nd) age 70 & daughter Nancy Ellen Iandoli age 29

Tell me about your parents?

My parents were great people and hard workers. When they told you to do something you did it, and if you done wrong my mother would tell my father, and you make sure you kept away from him when he got home.

Did your mother sew any of your clothes?

My mother repaired most of our clothing.

What year did you graduate from High School?

1941

What were some of the differences between you and your brothers?

In my younger days my brothers and I we all fought with each other, as we got to be about 20+ years old, we got along well, which is why the family business had such great success.

How old were you when entered and left WWII?

In at age 21, out at age 25.

[Jim's father (my paternal grandfather) died in 1942 – dad was stationed in from Hawaii]

What did you do on the first day you returned home after WWII?

I went home, kissed my mother, went to see my [maternal] grandmother and aunts, then I drank beer for 2 weeks. Then I went back to work at the family grocery business.

When did you start to work at the family liquor store?

I worked in the grocery store and when I was 15 started working at the liquor store also, though I could not sell liquor as I was not [the legal drinking age of] 21 years old. My mother and older brothers sold liquor when I was underage. I liked working at the liquor store more than the grocery store.

Did you belong to any clubs?

At one point I was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

What was your wedding like and how old were you?

My wedding was a small group of people at 1:30pm, and it was a happy day.

Did you want children?

I was just happy to have one child [it worked out that way].

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What were your happiest times?

My happiest days were from about 1935 – 1965. I had a lot of busy and happy days. In WWII, there were sad days, I lost a lot of good friends. Today, most people are in too much of a hurry, mostly young, and some foolish old are worse than the young ones.

What do you remember about the Vietnam War?

Vietnam was stupid, some use it as an excuse, and some have good reason. Same with Korea. I could've done the same after WWII [but didn't]. (These comments are a reference to PTSD, which my dad surely had though didn't realize).

Achievements, trips, events, celebrations that you remember most?

Trips to: Hawaii, Canada, Florida, NY. Travelled across the USA 8 times during WWII, including France, Germany, and Austria. Austria is a beautiful country. Other travels as well during my lifetime.

What are your feelings about retirement? [Dad retired in 1983 at age 63]

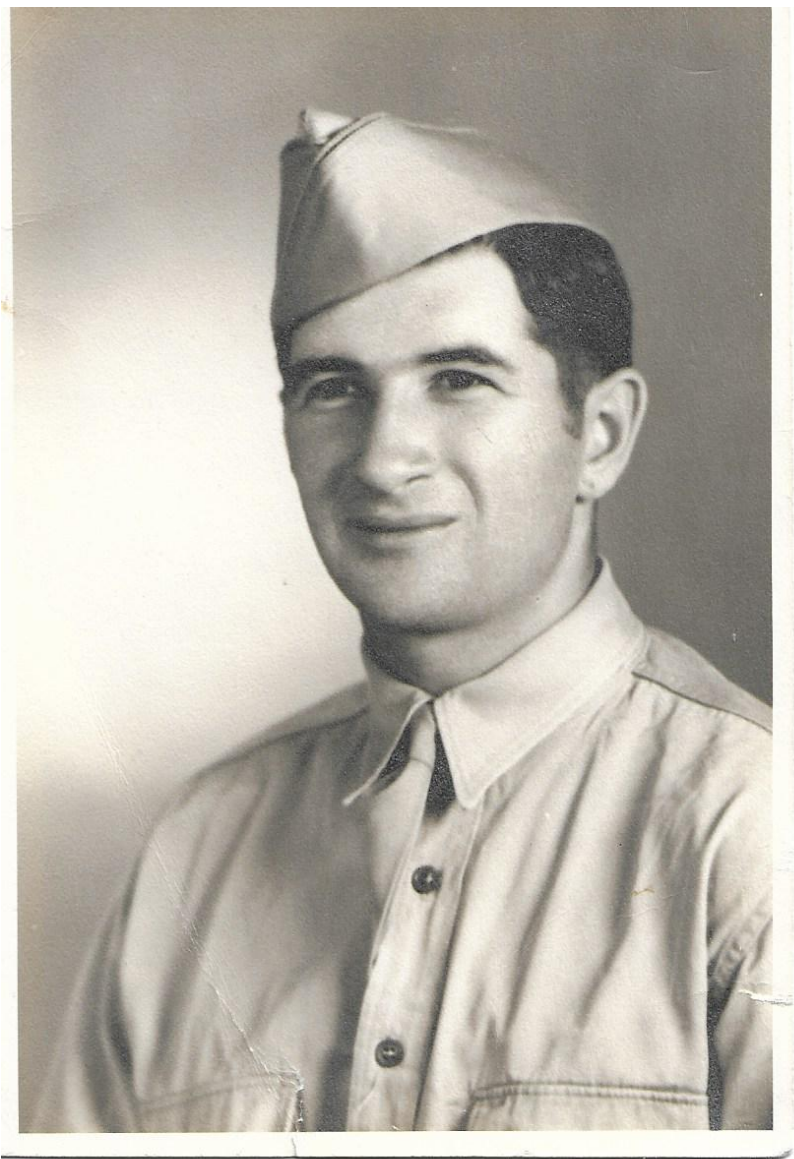
I wish I retired at age 55. I am very happy in my own way.

How do you feel about your life now?

I feel as proud and happy as I want to be. I think I could be much happier in a lot of ways. There is one thing in my life that I think, that I did things the best that I could do.

Typed by Nancy Ellen Iandoli Roy 12/30/2019





My dad is on the left
in each photo, no idea
of when or where
photo's were taken.

All my best,

Nancy Jankeli

RECORDS BRANCH INFORMATION AND ADDRESS SLIP

TM 18-222

PRINT CLEARLY

1. DATE OF BIRTH / DAY / MONTH / YEAR 20

2. IANDOLI
(Last Name)

3. JAMES
(First Name)

4. T
(Middle Initial)

5. 31070006
(Ser. Number)

6. GRADE T/Sgt 7. RACE W 8. CHECK ONE: Married ☐ Single ☒ OTHER: Specify _____

IMPORTANT: GIVE FUTURE MAILING ADDRESS FOR PROMPT DELIVERY OF CHECKS

9. 95 PLANTATION ST.
(Number and Street or Rural Route.)

10. WORCESTER 11. MASS
(City, Town, or Post Office.) (State)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

TIME ARR 0900 DATE ARR 10-12-45 A. R. L. NONE A or S A.G.F.F. No.

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FOREIGN SERVICE

LEFT FRANCE FOR US ON 9-28-45 12

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ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL IANBOLI JAMES I			2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 31070006		3. GRADE T SGT	4. ARM OR SERVICE FA	5. COMPONENT AUS	
6. ORGANIZATION BTRY A 542 FA BN			7. DATE OF SEPARATION 16OCT45		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION SEP CTR FT DIX NJ			
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 95 PLANTATION ST WORCESTER MASS					10. DATE OF BIRTH 1JUL20		11. PLACE OF BIRTH WORCESTER MASS	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT SEE 9					13. COLOR EYES BROWN	14. COLOR HAIR BLACK	15. HEIGHT 5.10	16. WEIGHT 170 LBS.
18. RACE X WHITE	19. MARITAL STATUS X SINGLE	20. U.S. CITIZEN X YES	21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. SALES CLERK GROCERIES 1 70 100					

MILITARY HISTORY


22. DATE OF INDUCTION 2MAR42		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 2MAR42		24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 2MAR42		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE FT DEVENS MASS	
26. REGISTERED X YES		27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. 167		28. COUNTY AND STATE WORCESTER CO		29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE SEE (9)	
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. PLATOON SGT 844				31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) CARBINES SS 164 1 JUL45			
32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS CENTRAL EUROPE RHINELAND GO 33WD45 AS AMENDED							
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN SERVICE MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL BRONZE STAR MEDAL LTR HDQ 222 INF 11JUL45							
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION NONE							
35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES				36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN			
SMALLPOX 10MAY44		TYPHOID 12SEP45		TETANUS 17OCT44		OTHER (specify) NONE	
DATE OF DEPARTURE 22MAY42		DESTINATION CPTO		DATE OF ARRIVAL 29MAY42			
DATE OF DEPARTURE 20FEB43		DESTINATION USA		DATE OF ARRIVAL 20FEB43			
DATE OF DEPARTURE 25MAR44		DESTINATION ETO		DATE OF ARRIVAL 9DEC44			
DATE OF DEPARTURE 28SEP45		DESTINATION USA		DATE OF ARRIVAL 9OCT45			
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE				38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD T SGT			
CONTINENTAL SERVICE		FOREIGN SERVICE					
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS		
1	11	13	1	7	22		
39. PRIOR SERVICE NONE							
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT AR 616 365 15DEC44 R1-1 DEMOBILIZATION							
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED NONE						42. EDUCATION (Years)	
						Grammar 8	
						High School 4	
						College 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	
YEARS 3	MONTHS 71	DAYS 13	TOTAL \$00	THIS PAYMENT \$100	\$60.00		13.35		288.66 J HARRIS COL FD	

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	
Nat. Serv. X	U.S. Govt.	None	Allotment X	Direct to V. A.	31OCT45		30NOV45		\$6.60		Continue X	
Continue Only												
Discontinue												

54. 		55. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ASR SCORE (2SEP45) 76	
56. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED James I Ianboli		57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) J E White Jr. J E WHITE JR CAPT AC	



Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

LANDOLI JAMES T 31 070 006 TECHNICAL SERGEANT

BTRY A 542 FA BN

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest
and Faithful Service to this country.*

Given at SEPERATION CENTER
FORT DIX NEW JERSEY

Date 160 CTOBER 1945

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SEPARATION CENTER, FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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SEPARATION

ARMY QUALIFICATION

RECORD

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL LANDOLI JAMES T	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 31 070 006	GRADE T/Sgt	DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 2 Mar 42	SEX M	DATE OF BIRTH 1 Jul 20
PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES (Street and Number - City - County - State) 95 Plantation St. Worcester Worcester Co. Mass.					

CIVILIAN EDUCATION					
HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED 4 yr. HS	LAST YEAR OF ATTENDANCE 1940	HIGHEST DEGREE RECEIVED None	MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY None	NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED Worcester Mass.	
OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING					
COURSE	NO. HRS.	COURSE	NO. HRS.	COURSE	NO. HRS.
None					

SERVICE EDUCATION					
SERVICE SCHOOL None	COURSE	WKS. OR HRS.	RATING	INSTITUTION WHERE ENROLLED None	CURRICULUM AND TERM (COURSE OF TRAINING PURSUED)

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS					
MAIN OCCUPATION (TITLE) SLAES CLERK, GROCERIES:	SECONDARY OCCUPATION (TITLE)				
JOB SUMMARY Worked in grocery store. Did counter work. Packed orders for delivery.	JOB SUMMARY NONE:				
NO. OF YEARS EMPLOYED 2	LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT 1942	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER Father	NO. OF YEARS EMPLOYED	LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER

MILITARY SPECIALTIES									
ASSIGNMENTS									
YEARS	MONTHS	GRADE	PRINCIPAL DUTY	ARMY CODE NO.	YEARS	MONTHS	GRADE	PRINCIPAL DUTY	ARMY CODE NO.
0	2	Pvt	Basic ng	521	1	3	Sgt	Cannoneer	844
0	8	Pvt	Cannoneer	844	0	11	T/Sgt	Platoon Sgt	844
0	6	Sgt	Scout Leader	844					

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATION AND CIVILIAN CONVERSIONS (Shown by title)

PLATOON SGT. : Had charge of 28 men in a 105 mm howitzer platoon.
Served in Pacific theater.

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None:

* THIS INFORMATION BASED ON SOLDIER'S STATEMENT. (Indicate by * any items not supported by military records)

DATE OF SEPARATION 16 Oct 45	SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER <i>James T. Landoli</i>	SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER <i>W. W. Von Schlichter, Maj AGD</i>
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'Dead' DP, Family Here

David Grobman, 38, left for dead by Nazis who tossed him on a pile of bodies consigned to Dachau crematorium in 1945, arrives in New York with wife and their twin daughters, Leibe and Ella, 2. They came here aboard liner Ernie Pyle. Grobman says he was rescued from the death pile by American soldiers. He met wife while in hospital.

(AP Photo)