AN UNUSUAL TWO-HOLED PENDANT

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This fine Trapezoidal Pendant is made of red/green/brown banded slate and is 5 1/4 inches in length. It is unusual in that it has had an extra hole drilled below the usual hole placement. A similar gorget was included with Red Ocher culture material found at the Seip Mound site in Ross County. Few pendants feature a second perforation.

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In Remembrance of John Cornell - 1923 - 2010

As Editor of the Ohio Archaeologist I have written many obituaries. None of them are easily done - but it is a remembrance and the final tribute we can pay to a Society member. Too often it seems they are friends of many years and people we personally knew - we miss them all.

John Cornell was a special personal friend. As with a lot of our Society members, I met him on the telephone and we talked many, many times. He had retired to Florida, but later, when visiting his family in Cincinnati, he came to see me and we became close friends. Elaine and I visited John on one of our Florida vacations and he treated us royally - we spent an afternoon looking at his collection, some of which had belonged to his father who was also an avid collector.

After graduating from Ohio University with a WWII interrupted degree, he had a successful 37 year career with the Procter-Gamble Company. John and his wife, who preceded him in death, had retired to Florida but he still had an avid interest in Ohio archaeology and collecting, an avocation he acquired as a small boy from his father.

But John Cornell was not just an ordinary man. While many of today's leaders speak in platitudes about patriotism and loving their country, few of them ever carried a gun or placed their life in peril to defend those beliefs. John Cornell personified the word patriot.

Although he did not often speak of it, he was a soldier, and a man who laid his life on the line and very nearly lost that life - in combat in World War II. He was platoon officer in Company C, Anti-tank Platoon of the 38th Armored Infantry Division in George Patton's armored command. Patton's army was at the heart of the heavy fighting in the defeat of Germany.

He was awarded a bronze star when his anti-tank company foiled an effort by a German armored division to surround his command at the Moselle River. In later action, he received an Oak Leaf Cluster for that same medal when his company was ambushed by a heavily armed German Panzer division that nearly surrounded them. In that attack he was shot through the chest, but while critically wounded, remained conscious long enough to get his company out of danger. For his bravery and leadership he was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross. For his wounds he received a Purple Heart.

Because of the severity of his wounds he was confined for many months in an English military hospital before returning to action. He later became commander of Anti-tank Platoon B/38 and was promoted to First Lieutenant. Near the end of the war he was stationed in several European countries. After he was discharged, he went back to Ohio University where he completed his education.

We have lost a unique man. Our heartfelt condolences go to his family and friends.