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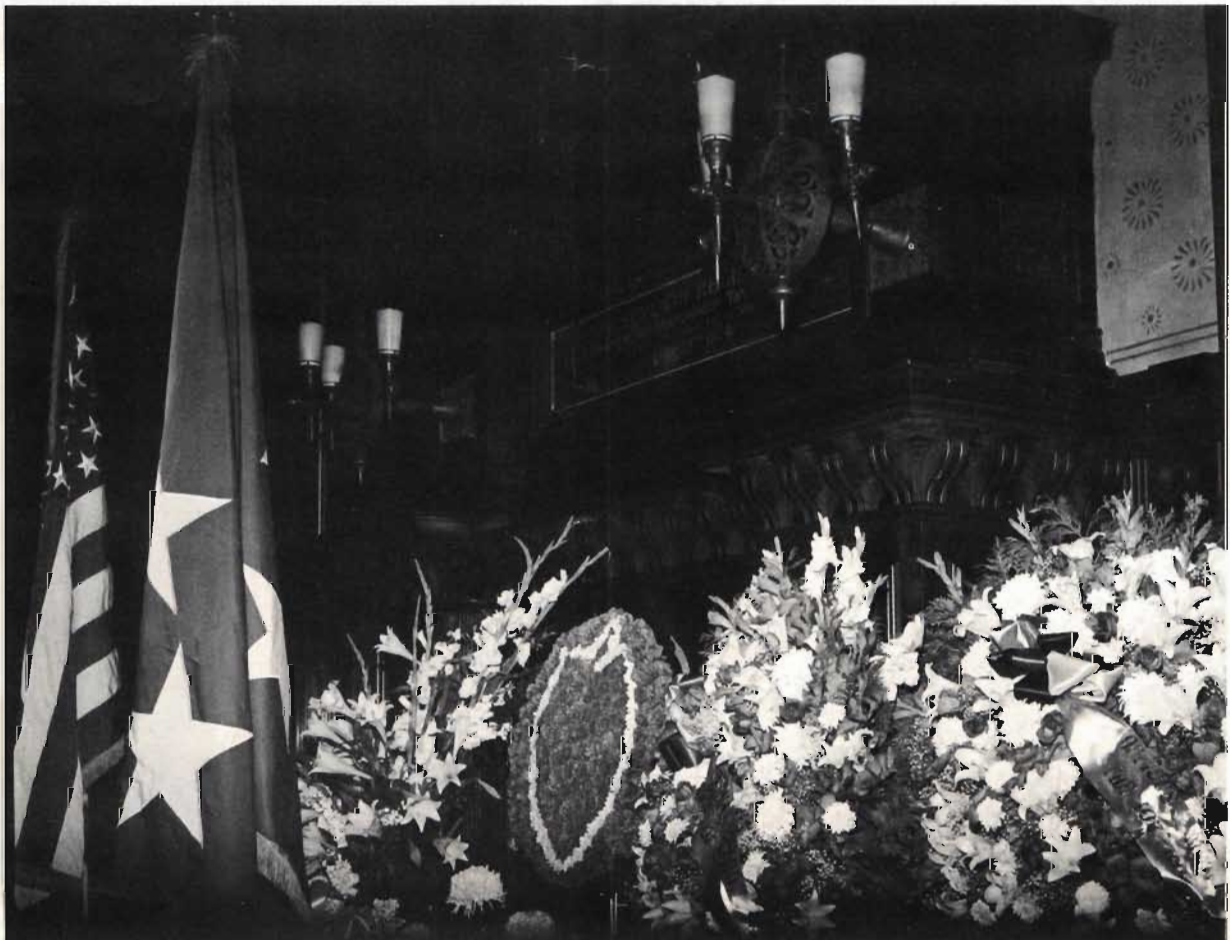
to Boston ... Aug. 14-15-16

Really, what more is there to say? Mindful of the magnificence of his endurance of his final illness, and the outpouring of the display of love and affection in the final "Goodbye" of an American people still picking themselves up from the shock and horror of the Dallas tragedy, what more can be said?

Cardinal Francis Spellman summed up the thousands of words that were written, the millions of sorrows that were felt, with: "Rest in peace, thou gallant soldier, in quiet fields far from smoke and din of battle where sleep the noble warriors whose war of life is over and whose victory is won. Well you knew the hero's call to be generous: to give and never count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to ask for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, save only to do God's will in all. We thank you for the noble memories you have left us; for preserving through your long campaign the fervor of your youthful dedication to duty, honor and country, for the countless times you risked your life for freedom and for us; for the heart's devotion you always gave to truth and for your golden eloquence in proclaiming it. With grieving hearts, we wave fond farewell to a beloved friend, a brave soldier, a man of peace."

We are all a good deal poorer with his passing.

At the simple private service in New York's 7th Regiment Armory for 200 invitees, the Association was represented by Past President VICTOR BACKER and a floral piece in the form of the Division insignia. An experienced hand at representing all of us at moments of tragedy, Vic found the moment to extend to the mourning widow and son something of our innermost thoughts. Be assured that we were ably represented. And a very warm letter of condolence, over the signature of Secretary EDMUND HENRY, gave the further proof of the depth and sincerity of our feelings.



Important!

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As we go to press, we learn that a Davao City, Mindanao fire has laid waste to the city hall, police headquarters, hospital and college there. Damage was estimated to go to \$25 million. Thousand were left homeless; 5 reported as dead. Hundreds of shops and homes were also destroyed said the news release....A. BERTRAM KOENIG (24th QM) of 7931 Green Lane, Wyncote, Pa., is our latest life member. We're proud to have you with us, Bert.....ED HENRY, BILL SANDERSON and BILL MULDOON comprised the committee which selected Boston's Somerset over the 12 hotels there which were out to get our business. In the Committee's report to Prexy BILL VERBECK, we find: "...It is elegant - not new, but long considered one of 'the places' to go. In fact, I think it will impress our members as a place where they are getting their money's worth...Glass chandeliers - Oriental rugs, etc.!! The location on Commonwealth Avenue in Back Bay is very sightly. Several of the other hotels would have been more convenient to the stores and the theatres, but it is impossible to pick a place that has everything. The Somerset is only 2 blocks from the underground station and the 20¢ ride takes you downtown in 5 minutes. Besides that you can walk to the Public Gardens. You can see the Charles River Basin. You can walk to Fenway Park (White Sox play during our convention). You can even walk to the Art Museum, if any one is interested....The room rents are very favorable. Not the lowest quoted and not the highest. Combined with the free parking, they are a real bargain. No other hotel could match them. Please have in mind also that they have air conditioning - free TV and the rooms are very beautifully furnished. Singles go for \$10.00; Doubles for \$14.00; Family room for \$18.00 (this means 2 double rooms, with connecting bath); Suites for \$25.00 - across the board, and this includes some suits with 2 bedrooms and a parlor. There is no hotel tax in Boston. These rates apply to early-birds and late-stayers - not confined to August 13, 14 and 15th....The parking idea really sold the Committee. Several hotels had parking and some had it free, but it was in adjacent garages. This means a tip and a wait every time you use the car. The Somerset has a parking area in the rear of the Hotel with a motor entrance. Parking is free. The owners may keep the key and go in and out as they wish. Parking of this sort is the equivalent of at least \$3.00 a day..... Management makes the same bar arrangement that other hotels offer. Buy the liquor from the hotel - engage the hotel bartender - sell up to the guarantee (\$150.00 a day) and there is no charge for the bartender. At their prices for liquor, we can sell a 1-1/4 oz. mixed drink for about 60¢. The Hotel has an amazing number of functional rooms in all sorts of combinations. For instance, it has a choice of 3 dining rooms - all very lovely. It has rooms suitable for a registration and trophy room and bar with several alternate combinations and locations, and all are air-conditioned and of course, free....The Somerset has the Polynesian Room which lends itself to our Hawaiian background. This room, however, has real atmosphere. The Rib Room serves luncheons in a real elegant atmosphere in the area of \$1.75 to \$2.00. There are at least 3 other

cocktail lounges and bars in secluded spots. A very beautiful lobby, and, believe it, or not, an outdoor swimming pool, with a patio. This is also free.....The management is very co-operative. The sales manager is Bruce Collins who used to be with the Convention Bureau at the Boston Chamber of Commerce. The Somerset is not a commercial hotel. It lends itself a good deal to semi-permanent guests and small conventions. Last year, they had the 6th Armored Division and the 100th Division. By the way, the 6th Armored paid \$10.00 single and \$15.00 double, so your Committee did a little better". Sounds good, Committee. _____



"Our going steady just wouldn't work out, Frank! Me, here in camp and you—ah, here it is—and you in Asia!"

Look out the window from the breakfast table and you see the bird after the worm, the cat after the bird and the dog after the cat. It gives you a little better understanding of the morning's news.....



3 Hawaiian stalwarts, COL. LYMAN (seated), MAJOR FORD and CAPTAIN KATES, are shown in this one.....They now tell the story that when the commander of the 1st wave of the Jap attack saw his planes go in for the kill on the still sleeping U.S. Navy on that fateful Dec. 7th, he radioed back to his carrier task force some 200 miles away "Tora, Tora, Tora" ("Tiger, tiger, tiger") - code for the news that complete surprise had been achieved. And "Tora, tora, tora!" is the title of "The Untold Story of Pearl Harbor" by Gordon W. Prange. Don't miss it. It's an action-crammed masterpiece of war reporting.

From the Somerset, you can throw a stone at Boston's world-famous Art Museum. Anyone for Picasso?

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As we go to press we are in receipt of a letter from Division. It seems that the Eighth Army CG in Korea is generating renewed interest in the monument to Task Force Smith. The letter says that any "assistance you can render will be appreciated both by Eighth Army and by present members of the Division". What is meant by assistance will develop in this report so read on. We'll clue you however: money!!

It develops that the present monument is in dire need of repair and improvement. Three bronze plaques are missing: the monument needs refacing: and the approaches need relandscaping.

Eighth Army says "Unfortunately, this headquarters has no funds which can be used to complete the restoration".

They desire completion of the work prior to 5 July 1964 when they (8th Army Hqs) will sponsor ceremonies at the monument.

Eighth Army states that the monument "is undoubtedly of keen interest to the 24th Infantry Division and to the 24th Infantry Division Association, if one exists". Be assured that we had a letter off pronto to advise Eighth Army and the 24th Division that we do exist and are alive.

Army then throws in the clincher: that the work of restoration will cost approximately \$400.00.

Eighth Army then goes on to advise that it would "appreciate any available historical information about Task Force Smith, its composition and its operations in Korea". Unbelievable? We're not kidding.



Archway leading to the monument. Must be rebuilt.



Ironical it is that the only time we hear from the "Regular Establishment" is when it wants \$400.00.

The Task Force Smith Monument as it looks today sans bronze plaques.

