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Somewhat inverted? But then, aren't we all, more or less, these days? If you insist, try holding it up to a mirror. For our cover this issue, we looked to veteran combat illustrator, Howard Brodie, formerly of the Yank staff, who will never be forgotten for his swift, sure, gripping portraiture of men under fire - in World War II (left), in Korea (center), and still at it in Vietnam (right). His "Howard Brodie's War Drawings" has been published by National Press, 850 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif. Copies are still available at \$10.00 each. Say the word and we'll getcha a copy.

Another VIP - ERNIE VIENNEAU is President of Mass. Dept. of ROA. Reports being in El Paso for an ROA meeting recently and bumping into Maj. Gen. CHESTER A. DAHLEN, adding that Chet looks "just about the same as he did back in his 3rd Bn., 21st Inf. days in New Guinea, except that he has some snow on his roof". Ernie was also visited at 26 Potter, Waltham, Mass., by Col. VINNIE BELL (M 21st '41-'43) who is at 3435 Wister, Milwaukee, Ore.

Looking For '42-'44 Comrades: RALPH C. KROSKA (H & Hq. 2nd Bn. 21st '42-'44) read about us in the DAV Magazine. He's at 219 A3 Central, Faribault, Minn. and is curious to know the present whereabouts of some of his old gang.

Conversation Piece: We have a gimmick for EDWARD and Nan DEVLIN, 5835 N. 4th, Philadelphia, Pa. Take any single number. Add 9. Multiply by 100. Add the date of the Battle of Hastings (You knew it was 1066, didn't you, Ed?). Subtract the year of your birth. The remainder will be the number which you first chose, followed by your age this year. How'd you do?



August 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1967
Convention site is the Pick-Congress
Hotel at Michigan Ave. and Congress
Street in downtown Chicago.

Joined: FLOYD and Jaon KINZLE (B 13th F 10/44-1/46) are now in. Out of 3459 Tara, Topeka, Kans., they have Janetha 19, Cheri 12, Ernie 8, David 7 and Terry 4. Floyd is a truck driver.

Not Hard to Swallow: JOHN and Raymonde KLECKER, (K 34th 9/44-7/45), of 26839 Hyte, Palos Verdes Estates, Col., have re-upped. Johnnie pulls a neat trick where, if you give him an answer, he'll give you the question. F'r instance, we gave him the answer: "Fore fathers". Johnnie sez the question is: "What do Zsa Zsa Gabor's children have in common with Liz Taylor's children?"

Myrtle Beach Memory: Beloved Div.A.G. WALTER CUNNINGHAM strikes a quiet, pen- sive early a.m. pose, reading while the ocean roared. Sus- pect he was conjuga- ting some Latin verbs. Try Walt at 2828 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, Md. Walt won't fly, by the way. It's a reli- gious thing with him. He's a devout coward.



Wanted As a Member: PAUL KINZEL (D 21st '42-'45), of 3145 Burnham, Brookfield, Wis. Paul is a carpenter and was "discovered" by LEE CRUCIUS, of 5276 N. 51st, Milwaukee. Lee says Paul wants to hear from Dog Co. men. And Lee asks any Able men of the Medics to contact him, meaning Lee. Waxing nostalgic about Goodenough days, Lee writes: "One Sunday, a gang of Able Co. men went out into the ocean at low tide, looking for shells. About 900' out, we were caught by the tide. It moved fast out there. Caused quite a mess. Soaking-wet, we made it back, each hanging on to our shells".

Back After a 12 Year Absence: PAUL W. HOWE, (Hq. & Hq. Co. 34th 1/45-12/45), of 39 Stone Bridge, Wilton, Conn. Paul wants a word from EARL P. HACKERT of his old outfit.

Weary Traveller: Maj.Gen. FREDERICK IRVING failed to make Myrtle Beach; had just returned from 3 months in Europe and was "fed up with travelling".

Col. JAMES B. and Lois JONES, (19th & Div.Hq. '42-'45) of Hq. USARYIS, APO San Francisco, Calif., regrets that they weren't back in time for Myrtle Beach. South Carolina is J.B.'s home state, too.

A Look at the Bills That Made It— And the Ones That Didn't

By ROBERT S. HOROWITZ

CONGRESS has passed more than \$130 billion worth of laws this year, and the military community easily got its fair share.

Major military proposals which became law during the recently-concluded second session of the 89th Congress ranged from a permanent medicare plan for all dependents, to a GI Bill for men leaving the service, to a modest pay raise on top of the large 1965 pay raise.

Congress approved 498 bills during the 10-month session which ended October 22. Of this number, scores were of direct benefit to military men and their families, and in no case did a bill take away existing benefits.

Following is a summary of what Congress did this year for the military community. After the bills which were enacted into law, follows a list of service-related bills which failed to become law.

● **MEDICARE:** Public Law 89-614, the culmination of years of effort, is in most cases the most important benefit of the year. It provides a complete range of medical care, in civilian and military hospitals, and with civilian and military doctors, for about 6.3 million dependents of men on active duty, retirees and their dependents. For the first time, retirees (including Title III retirees) are guaranteed a lifetime of medical care by law. At age 65, everybody switches over to social security medicare.

Congressional and health insurance experts estimate that insurance protection provided by this bill would cost \$50 a month in premiums if civilians were to try to buy the same coverage, which they can't. It went into effect October 1 for active duty dependents. Jan. 1, 1967, for retirees and their dependents. All existing space-available benefits remain unchanged.

● **PAY:** PL 89-501 raised all military pay by 3.2 percent, which together with medicare benefits equals the pay raise received by civil servants this year. This is on top of the 1965 pay raise, which averaged over 10 percent. House Armed Services Committee chairman L. Mendel Rivers (D., S.C.) has made it clear that military pay raises at least will keep pace with those given to civilians in the future.

● **DEPOSITS:** PL 89-538 provides a system whereby all servicemen overseas can collect 10 percent per year interest on their savings. The new plan, which replaces the moribund enlisted savings deposit plan, for the first time opens up the savings plan to officers. The 10 percent interest, approximately twice what civilians can get in commercial banks or savings and loans, stops 90 days after the serviceman returns from overseas.

Another bill, HR 16394 (not yet signed into law by President Johnson as this is written) requires the government to pay interest to more than a thousand enlisted men who failed to withdraw their enlisted deposits and re-deposit them when reenlisting. The bill, in effect, reverses a strict interpretation of old law by the Comptroller General.

● **TAXES:** HR 17271, one of the last bills passed by Congress, raises the monthly income exemption for officers in Vietnam from \$200 to \$500. Enlisted men and warrant officers in Vietnam already can exclude all of their military pay from federal income taxes. The new law will be retroactive to the first of the year, which means that thousands of officers in Vietnam will get income tax rebates in early 1967.

● **MAIL:** HR 13448 will substantially speed the mail to all military people and their families overseas. It provides air transportation, at surface rates, for letters, personal tapes and small packages sent between the U.S. and military post offices overseas. It also provides air shipment of mail, including large packages, to areas that do not now have adequate surface transportation. It also amends last year's law, which permits Vietnam men to send letters home free, by adding personal tape recordings to the free privilege.

● **LEAVE:** HR 15748 should be important to thousands of men and officers in Vietnam. It authorizes 30 days leave, not chargeable to accrued leave, for military men who volunteer to extend their Vietnam tours by six months. The bill includes round trip air transportation between Vietnam and any place approved by the Pentagon, which is estimated to be worth an average of \$540. The services don't have to accept every volunteer, which means that not every man who offers to extend will automatically get the 30 days leave.

● **GI BILL:** PL 89-358 provides a permanent program of education assistance for men and women who served in the armed forces since Jan. 31, 1955, when the Korean GI Bill expired. The new law also provides direct and guaranteed home loans, improved non-service-connected medical care, preference in federal employment, presumption of service-connection of chronic and tropical diseases, burial flags, job counseling and other benefits.

● **D.I.C.:** HR 14347 increases dependency and indemnity compensation to widows and children of men who died of service-connected causes. It also raises

the amount of income that parents can have while collecting the new DIC rates. The increases make up for the rise in the cost of living since the last raise in 1963.

● **CALLUP:** PL 89-687 was the biggest spending bill of the year, appropriating more than \$58 billion for the armed services. One provision of that law authorizes the President to call about a million reservists to two years of active duty, without declaring a national emergency. It applies to organized units, to individuals in units who have not had basic training, and to individuals not in units who have not completed two years of active service. So far, the President has not said that he intends to use this callup power.

● **RETIREMENT:** Retirees get a 3.7 percent pay raise December 1, under the existing law which ties their pay to the Labor Department's cost of living index. Congress this year also passed a couple of new laws to benefit retirees.

PL 89-680 gives some retirees longer than a year to choose their homes of record. This means that a retiring serviceman who wants to take an extra year or so of college work, so that he can be certified as a teacher, can have his household goods and family shipped to his permanent home, at government expense, after the extra training is finished.

Another new law, HR 5297, will have the effect of guaranteeing Title III retirees that once the government tells them they have enough points to retire, they will retire at age 60. Even if a clerk in the Pentagon later discovers an error in counting points, or some other unintentional error, retirement will not be revoked.

● **HOUSING:** The annual military construction law, PL 89-568, contains no new family housing. About half of the billion-dollar measure goes to pay for the mortgages and maintenance on Defense's existing inventory of family housing. Defense's refusal to ask for new housing, on top of its decision to defer construction of 8500 units in last year's construction program, means a two year period in which Defense is building no family housing at all.

However, Defense continues last year's program of leasing 7000 privately-owned dwellings. It asked Congress for authority to lease another 6075 units, but Congress cut the extra units back to 500, all in Hawaii.

One law passed this year, S 3708, should help many military men who own homes near bases that have been ordered closed. The law provides a mortgage moratorium for some homeowners who can't keep up the payments because the nearby base is closed and they're being transferred. And it contains another provision which permits Defense to help make up the loss if these homeowners have to sell their homes and the housing market collapsed because of the base closing.

● **ACADEMIES:** PL 89-650 widens the opportunity for selection to the service academies for the sons of reserve officers, and the sons of servicemen who were killed or disabled while on active service. Another measure, S 3887, gives each of the three academies four additional students from countries which are helping the United States in Vietnam.

● **TROPHIES:** PL 89-529 permits all services to give trophies and similar awards to individuals and units who excel in various military-type competitions. The law does not authorize trophies for excellence in athletics.

● **EMERGENCY EVAC:** PL 89-608 extends for five years last year's temporary law authorizing payment of various allowances to families that have to be evacuated from political hotspots in a hurry. It applies to cases like the emergency evacuations of Guantanamo Bay and Saigon.

● **FOREIGN MEDALS:** PL 89-673 authorizes Americans to accept decorations and awards from foreign nations. Awards worth more than \$50 will have to be sent to a State Department warehouse, and Congress may or may not later approve receipt of the award after the individual retires.

● **LAPEL PINS:** PL 89-534 authorizes the government issue of gold lapel pins, or a similar ornament, to the next of kin of men who are killed while on active service.

● **VETERANS:** PL 89-690 authorizes the Labor Department to issue an exemplary rehabilitation certificate to veterans who got bad discharges if they can prove that they've led the good life for at least three years after the discharge. The nature of the discharge would not be changed, nor would the certificate make the veteran eligible for GI Bill benefits.

Other veterans bills enacted this year include:
● PL 89-362 permits some veterans to re-enter VA hospitals without having their pay or pensions reduced.

PL 89-467 provides that when a veteran disappears, whatever pension he may be entitled to will be paid to his wife and children.

● PL 89-623 modifies existing law which permits a veteran to collect triple damages from anybody who

sells him a property for more than the value established by VA, for a VA-guaranteed loan. This new law extends the same protection to veterans who obtain a direct or insured loan.

● PL 89-360 extends eligibility for the \$250 burial allowance to survivors of veterans who have not applied for disability compensation but who, nevertheless, died of a service-connected cause.

● PL 89-455 authorizes prepayment of mileage allowances for veterans who must travel for vocational rehabilitation, counseling required under the war operations educational assistance program, or for medical examination or treatment.

● PL 89-349 makes war orphans educational assistance available to sons and daughters of veterans who died or were totally and permanently disabled from a service-connected disability between the Spanish-American War and Sept. 16, 1940.

● Several other laws provide benefits for the first time to Philippine Army veterans of World War II.

● **RETIREE TAXES:** PL 89-365 grants tax relief to servicemen who are in the Retired Servicemen's Family Protection plan. It eliminates federal income tax on the amount withheld from retired pay, and it offers tax breaks to their survivors.

● **OVERSEAS TEACHERS:** PL 89-391 has the effect of giving a pay raise to teachers in the Defense Department's overseas school system by tying their pay to the average pay of Stateside teachers in communities of 100,000 population.

● **MISCELLANEOUS:** The grounds of the Naval Observatory in Washington will become the site of the official home of the Vice President, under PL 89-386.

The law permitting Stateside-bound servicemen to bring in their household effects duty-free was made permanent by PL 89-436.

Male nurses can now become Regular officers in all services, under PL 89-609.

The Army Medical Service Corps got a new brigadier general billet by PL 89-603.

● **FAILED:** All bills that did not pass both houses of Congress this year are dead, including those measures which passed either the House or Senate. Among the service bills that died were these:

● HR 16553, which provided for a top enlisted man from each service to be stationed at the highest level in the Pentagon.

● HR 16000, which would have removed all career restrictions on women officers, that do not also apply to male officers.

● HR 11521, which would have eliminated the federal income tax on the dislocation allowance.

● HR 16697, which would have provided government-paid air transportation for men on emergency leave.

● HR 17488, which would have increased pension rates.

● S 3580, which would have made Vietnam Era veterans eligible for wartime rates of benefits.

● HR 17195, the Reserve Bill of Rights, would have reorganized management of the reserve forces, and would have put a manpower floor under each component, equal to the floor established in this year's appropriation law.

● HR 8211 would have authorized separation pay for families in government quarters while the husband is overseas.

● HR 12536 would have raised the trailer allowance from the present 51 cents a mile to as much as the allowance for normal movement of household goods.

● HR 11984 would have authorized men who can't take leave because they're in Vietnam to accumulate up to 30 additional days of leave.

● HR 12615 would have authorized reimbursement for parking fees, road tolls and bridge, ferry and tunnel charges for servicemen on government business, including PCS.

● Several measures to strengthen protection of the individual under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, sponsored by Sen. Sam Ervin (D., N.C.), were the subject of lengthy hearings, but no action.

● The Mansfield Resolution calling on the President to bring home a "substantial" number of American forces from Europe was not acted on.

● HR 5256 would have permitted enlisted men to count inactive time the same way that officers are permitted to count it.

● A Defense proposal to liberalize terms of the Retired Servicemen's Family Protection Plan was withdrawn at the last minute because it had not received final clearance from the Budget Bureau. There could not have been any action, anyway, since the proposal didn't reach Congress until the final weeks of the session.

I Feel Alone: JAMIE ESPY wants more names of men of Div.Arty., esp. Hq.Btry. and the 63rd F. We've sung the lyrics before, Jamie; let's try it again, this time in E sharp minor. Latch onto an item, and we print it. Writing this poop sheet sometimes has all of the earmarks of a snappy conversation with a garage door. Here's a deal, Jamie - tell us who you especially want to hear from - and, of course, tell us where they live - and we'll guarantee you NEWS. Jamie, you don't put the monkey on our back without getting action. By the way, we missed Jamie in our directory. It's 328 Cherry, Eufaula, Ala. Apologies, Jamie.

Myrtle Beach Distaff Side: Ever busy, ever faithful convention registrar, Mrs. PATRICK (Lu) CIANGI. The Little Boxer wouldn't pose. Pat. Jr. and Michele were also much in evidence everywhere. They drove 25 hours to get there.



No Harm In Having A Harmon As A Member: Newly-joined is ROBERT E. HARMON, (Hq.Co. 1st Bn., 19th 8/51-3/53), of 10134 Sterling, Allen Park, Mich. Welcome to the club, Bob.

Putting Us On: Cordial Greetings in from J.H. and Harriet GICARDEAU, (21st '42-'45), of 403 W. 14th, Tifton, Ga.

Moving Up: Maj.Gen. DAVID W. GRAY has been named Chief of Staff, Continental Army Command, stepping up from his job as Dep. C/S for Training at the same command.

Ray and Dorothy Join: We have more joiners - RAYMOND and Dorothy HUGHEY, (Sv. 13th F. 3/42-5/45), of Rt. 1, Box 52, Summerville, S.C. Ray, a civilian at Charleston AFB. Ray and Dottie have 3 - Judy 19 and married, Shirlene 18, and Thomas 16. Welcome aboard, folks.

Off to Liberia: Col. ROBERT H. MALONE, (C&A 21st '42-'45), is now with US Military Mission to Liberia (Monrovia). Write him Care Dept/State, Pouch Room, Washington, D.C.

Deceased: GEORGE L. NEBECK (E 34th 7/44-12/45), of 167 Cambridge, Des Plaines, Ill.

Paid for 2 Years: JOHN and Alice MOLLER, (19th 12/42-11/45), of 85 Lahey, New Hyde Park, N.Y. Johnnie adds a warm "Keep up the good work".

Welcome to the Club: Joined are LYLE E. and Naomi CHUBB (Hq. 13th F. 2/44-12/45) who with 19 yr. old Fred and 17 yr. old Shirley hang their hats at 2244 E. Mulberry, Phoenix, Ariz. Lyle says he was surprised but happy to hear of our existence. Sez he often wonders about his "old gang". He went to Montana and married as soon as he got out, then moved to Idaho where he took up barbering. For health reasons, went to Arizona in '60. Has his own shop



and is getting along fine. Wants to hear from 13th Field men. Lyle asks us if we know the definition of a Good Humor man. He's a "sundae driver."

Godfather: JACK N. DAVIES sends in his dues and a couple of fivers to "sweeten the kitty". You're a wonder, Jack. Sez Jack: "To get maximum attention, it's just hard to beat a good, big mistake". He and Marie are at 5 Winding Way, North Caldwell, N.J.

Home Again: Returned to the fold are ELIAS and Helen DISSINGER, (I 21st '48-'51), of Leola Route 1, Pa. Writes Elias: "Don't know what to say except that I'm real glad to be a member again. Am working at bridge building again. Tried to quit, but can't". One thing about it, Elias - you're fighting poverty; you have a job.

Pink Elephants - Beasts of Bourbon: PAUL and Rita KAEMPFER (5/45-7/46), of Paul and Rita's Tavern, McConnell, Ill., have checked in with dues. Paul knows whereof he speaks when he writes: In Argentina, it's Mar del Plata; in Chile, it's Vina del Mar; in Hong Kong, it's Repulse Bay; in Mexico, it's Acapulco; in Brazil, it's Copa cabana Beach; but in the States, it's Chicago this year.

Transferred: Capt. LEON DAVENPORT (11th F '45-'46, 21st '46-'50, 555th '50-'52), has been transferred to 4/68th Armor, Ft. Stewart, Ga. Dave, show us where they buried Stalin and we'll show you a communist plot.