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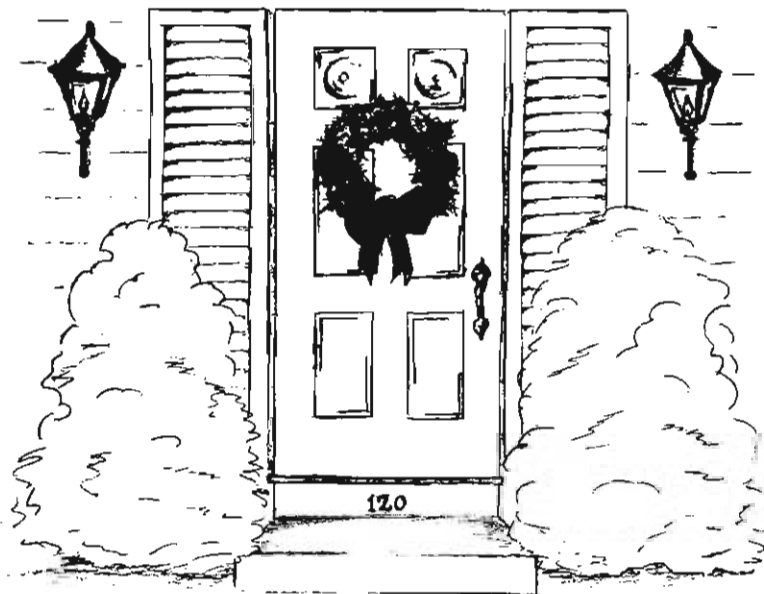
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A Very Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year

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1980 Convention
August 14 - 15 - 16 - 17, 1980
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Broken romance
Stated fully
She went wild
When he
Went wooly
Burma-Shave

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LEONARD and Shirley MITCHELL, (F 34th '44-'45), of 1078 Geneva, Columbus, Ohio, report in. Len is Commander of his VFW post (1000 members, 450 aux. members) and Shirley is Sr. V.P. of the gals.

Heard from - but not often enough - Col. JOY K. VALLERY, (19th 6/41-8/45), of 6414 Whitehall, Fayetteville, N.C. Wonderful to receive your note, Joy.

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The wolf who loves
To roam and prowl
Should shave
Before he starts
To howl
Burma-Shave

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The triumph of the Burma-Shave signs was that everybody thought of them as entertainment and not as advertising. Pity that they are no more. They were not only innocent fun; they were downright lovable.

Recall if you will those six sticks 100 feet apart as you drove by some meadow or pasture beginning in 1926. Before it was over, there were to be found in every state.

No sight on the driver's horizon gave more pleasure of anticipation, not even the glorious sign EAT when the family was hungry or CABINS when it was tired. There, far ahead on the right, poking up like daisies out of a field, loomed six thin sticks, each with a board nailed across the top - six naughty little sentinels.

As you passed them by, you had to read them. Not to read them was, said Alexander Woolcott, as hard as eating one salted peanut.

Remember them?

Remember the road leading out of Davao toward Taloma where some enterprising Joes set up a series that went:

A G-I Joe
From Kokomo
Passed on a curve
Now he's
Six feet below
Burma-Shave

When those signs disappeared for good in '63, something went out of our way of life.



"I'm out as the general's driver. He saw 'Ike' on television and replaced me with a good lookin' girl!"

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Although we've sold
Six million others
We still can't sell
Those cough-drop
Brothers
Burma-Shave

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Caught a rerun of "Double Indemnity" the other evening. The first time we saw it we were sitting on a log on the beach at Mindanao. A tablecloth served as the screen. Tablecloth? How'd that get there? It was the Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwick thriller, you'll recall. They were that sweet little couple, the sweetest since Hitler and Eva Braun. MacMurray was the insurance salesman; Stanwick was the blonde bombshell out to do her old man in, permanently, and with interest. Freddie and Barb get into some hot embraces, while mapping out the details for a "contract". Then their scheme goes awry and, when it does, they turn on each other like sharks in bloody water. 34 years later it was still a great show. Billy Wilder was the director, famous for making some terrific pix with themes which invariably follow along the paths of corruption. If you see humanity solely from Billy Wilder movies, you might seriously consider applying for membership in another species, like dogs, or rats. Recall "Ace in the Hole," "Lost Weekend", "Stalag 17", "Sunset Boulevard", "Seven Year Itch", "The Apartment". He's crass, vulgar, cynical, misanthropic, harsh, desperate, savage. He's one of our best directors. We thank him for that happy Mindanao evening - and for that rerun.

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He had the ring
He had the flat
She felt his chin
And that
Was that
Burma-Shave

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moment of truth

PUZZLE CORNER

A man goes into a store, gives the cashier a dollar bill and asks for change. He wants 50 coins back. What does the cashire give him? Answer elsewhere in this issue.

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Within this vale
Of toil
And sin
Your head grows bald
But not your chin
Burma-Shave

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LES JOHNSON has persuaded EMMETT DURKIN, (Sv. 21st '43-'46), of 4056 W. 115th, Chicago, that he ought to be a member. Welcome aboard, Emmett.

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She kissed the hairbrush
By mistake
She thought
It was
Her husband Jake
Burma-Shave

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\$33 billion for displaying 200 new mobile missiles in those desert valleys out west! We don't know but we get mighty uncomfortable when we read about all those railroad tracks for moving those things around in order to duck whatever the Soviet sends our way. If they're as mobile as our local Amtrak, boy we're in for trouble.

"Rousing! Raging!!"

Prediction - that as of the time you read this, you may be waiting in another of those infamous gas lines. Just why our 100 senators and 435 congressmen don't each humbly apologize to we 200 million plus for his total failure to get a handle on this problem completely escapes us. Every single one of them should just resign out of sheer embarrassment for his 100% ineffectiveness. Consider this - We've had just exactly 6 lousy years of living with this crisis and the legislative branch is no nearer a solution than it was in the winter of 73-74. It's a disgrace. We are confronted with a leadership which cannot and/or will not even attempt to suggest that it's trying to get to the bottom of the mess. And we'll wager that your congressman, when he runs again, will get back in without any trouble. Ours will - and most likely without even any opposition running against him. We're almost tempted to run ourselves. And don't forget that, during those six lean - very lean - lousy years, those 535 members of the Congress have voted themselves two hefty payraises. Every single one of them should be booted out of office and we should start all over again. Have you written your congressman to tell him you're ashamed of him? We have.

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Beneath this stone
Lies Elmer Gush
Tickled to death
By his shaving brush
Burma-Shave

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ALFRED A. SOUSA, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), of 3672 Woodlawn, Honolulu, got tired of paying dues so he just became a Life Member. Says 3rd Eng. AL ZAWISTOSKI and wife and son paid him a call in Sept. They'd never heard of the Assn. They do now. Al wanted DICK LIGMAN's address. He got it.

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The bearded lady
Tried a jar
Now she's
A famous
Movie Star
Burma-Shave

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JOE PEYTON saw a midtown shop with a Going Out of Business sign, and a note: "Don't Be Fooled By Imitators, We Have Been Going Out of Business at This Location Since 1947."

* * *

A peach
Looks good
With lots of fuzz
But man's no peach
And never was
Burma-Shave

"Terrific!"

A rancher became concerned when his expensive Hereford bull failed to exhibit interest in any of the cows brought to him for service. The worried breeder went to a veterinarian for advice and the doctor gave him a supply of large tablets to be administered every twelve hours in the bull's food. Within three days the bull had regained his former virility and even torn down a section of fence to get at some neighboring cows.

"That stuff is fantastic!" exclaimed one of the rancher's neighbors. "What is it?"

"I don't know," said the rancher, "but it tastes like charcoal."

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If you
Don't know
Whose signs these are
You haven't driven
Very far
Burma-Shave

* * *

Newly joined is EDWARD GOOD, (21st), of 4116 Washington, Minneapolis, Minn. Ed comes in at the urging of BOB HARDIN. We're happy you're aboard Ed.

* * *

They missed
The turn
Car was whizz'n
Fault was her'n
Funeral his'n
Burma-Shave

The Division has inherited 12 missile sites in the Miami area and the Florida Keys. The artillery brigade which had them has gone out of business. The missile battalions have been relocated, all Division has is the real estate. A civilian security force will likely eventually replace Division personnel at the 12 sites.

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I proposed
To Ida
Ida refused
Ida wonmy Ida
If Ida used
Burma-Shave

* * *



"IT WILL BE JUST OUR LUCK THAT THE JAPS WILL NEVER BOMB US,
AND THAT WILL MEAN ALL THIS WORK FOR NOTHING!"

VIP

Talking with Veep WALTER CUNNINGHAM one recent evening, we were bemoaning the fact that an airflight into and out of any city in the southeast (other than Atlanta) is a difficult problem, made so by the transfer situation. Said WC, "When I die and go to Hell, I'll likely have to change at Atlanta". W.C., have no fear; if there's any justice remaining on this thing called earth, you'll be going the other way - non-stop.



Joined: JOHN and Jacqueline PLENSKOFSKI, (C 5th RCT '50-'51), of 390 Kalmia, Warminster, Pa., and we're right proud to welcome them into our elite circle.



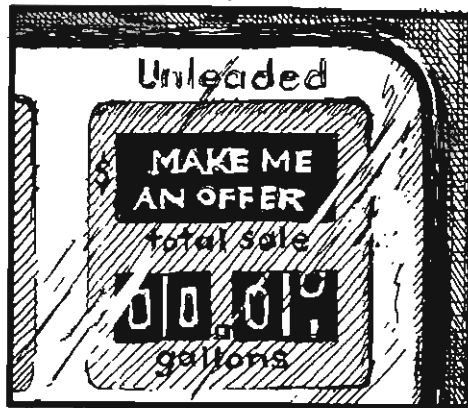
LOU BROWN sends us this one of Mrs. HENRY, a/k/a Mary, GOSZTYLA dancing with you-know-who at our Lexington soiree.



LOUIS BROWN of Vinita, Okla., sends us this one of a few of the Baker 34th boys at Lexington last August. Back row, l. to r. it's himself, Lou, RUSSELL PYLE, HOWARD BABB, HAROLD FRITZ and ROY FROST. In the front, it's DANNY COUMO and - wait a minute - that's ANDY BOGGIS - a ringer. Andy was Company A. Three other Company B men, EWELL PENICK, HENRY GOSZTYLA and MARION BABER failed to make the picture.

'And Now A Word From ...'

Life Member AL "Handlebars" SOUSA, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), of 3672 Woodlawn, Honolulu, sends us the names of two new potential members - AL ZAWISTOSKI of 3817 Millbrook, Philadelphia, Pa., and DONALD WONG, Treasurer of Capital Investment of Hawaii, Inc., 239 Merchant, Honolulu. Thanks Al.



The Pittsburgh decision has been made - after President LES WHEELER, Veep WALT CUNNINGHAM, Convention Big Wig VIC BACKER and Past Prexy DON WILLIAMS each made the trek to the City of the Golden Triangle to check it out. It's the Marriott - \$35 for a double room - \$30 for a single room. Eureka!! We're on our way.

Success comes in cans; failure comes in can'ts.

BULLETIN BOARD



Lexington carnival - head table invitees - Maj.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, Dorothy NEWMAN, and our hungry Assoc. Vice President, WALTER CUNNINGHAM. WILLIAM SANDERSON, Photographer.



At our Lexington wallow: Past President PAUL and Lessie HARRIS. Photographer: BILL SANDERSON.



The time: Aug. 11, 1979. The place: the banquet hall of the Hilton Inn, Lexington, Ky. The scene: Celebrators Celebrators - retiring Assoc. Pres., MICHAEL J. RAFTER, Elise COMPERE, Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING, and THOMAS H. COMPERE. Photo, courtesy of BILLY SANDERSON.



At the banquet head table at our Lexington caravansary - Assoc.Chaplain, FR. CHRISTOPHER BERLO and our new First Lady, Dorothy WHEELER. Pic by Past Prexy W.SANDERSON



Lexington fiesta head table - Convention Chairman ROSCOE CLAXON, retiring First Lady Loretta RAFTER, unidentified waitress, and back of the piano. Photo'd by BILL S. (Bill is especially good with pianos).



Head table guests at our Lexington festival - Maj.Gen.AUBREY S. NEWMAN, Laura ROSENBLUM, Assoc. President, Brig.Gen. LESTER WHEELER. Picture snapped by BILL S.

Tomato juice is being added to gasoline. It makes a 4-cylinder car run like a V-8.

Worthy of note



Just joined the team - SAM and Helen and Rover GAROFOLA, (E 19th 3/41-2/43), of Box 74, Vernon, Fla. We're going to hear more from these folks. Sam and Helen are enthusiastic eager beavers. We have our doubts about the puppy, however. Welcome aboard, Sam and Helen.

by
the
way

More glory running BILL BYRD's way. He has just been made Optimist of the Year by the Ft. Smith, Ark. Optimist Club. Congratulations, Billy.

all over the world

MIKE MARINO, (C 19th 2/42-12/45) writes us from 71 Burnside, Cranford, N.J.: "Trip to P.I. sounds good. How about stop-overs at Hollandia and Goodenough?" Will you and Tess go, Mike?

PUZZLE CORNER SOLUTION

Moment of truth

It was a lulu, wasn't it. Try:
40 pennies,
8 nickels
and 2 dimes.



At our Lexington circus, with his back and shining pate to the camera - JOSEPH I. PEYTON. And at the adjoining Lexington banquet table, your Editor (proving that he "loves" banquets) and FRANCIS W. and Ruth MENNEMEYER. Camerawork by W.S.



Worth repeating - the line by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen which goes: Every child should have an occasional pat on the back as long as it is applied low enough and hard enough".

your
letters

BILL SOLOMON, of Toms River, N.J., in paying his dues, gives us the Rodney Dangerfield line: "When I was a kid, I once dramed I was kidnapped, and they sent a note reading, 'We want \$5000 - or you get your kid back.'"

class by itself.

JACK FINAN goes poetic with this little piece dedicated "To All the Gimlets":

Late in de fall de river mos' dry'
Water lie low and de banks lie high,
Bullfrog roll up his pants jes' so,
An' he wade acrost from sho' to sho',
Sun shine hot an' de catfish say,
"We'se gettin' right freckle-faced
down our way."



We're not sure but we think it's BOBBY BRAHAM on the left. We "think", we said. And it's also Veep WALTER CUNNINGHAM having what no one knew would be a last conversation with Fr. CHRISTOPHER BERLO. DON WILLIAMS was behind the camera at Lexington Aug. '79.

ON YOUR
OWN



At the rostrum at the annual business meeting at Lexington, Aug. '79. The Assoc. Chaplain, the late Fr. CHRISTOPHER BERLO, the brand spanking new Assoc. President, Brig. Gen. LESTER WHEELER, and the just designated '80 Convention Chairman, VICTOR BACKER. Photo courtesy of DON WILLIAMS.



GEORGE RUTLEDGE, Past President HOWARD LUMSDEN and Past President WILLIAM BYRD, at Lexington, Aug. '79. Photo by DON WILLIAMS.



CHESTER ANDREZAK, Mrs. DONALD "Irene" WILLIAMS, and RICHARD WATSON. Photography by DON WILLIAMS.



When and if you should telephone Maj. Gen. FREDERICK IRVING, don't be at all surprised if lovely Vivan tells you that he's out playing tennis. This miraculous man seems to grow younger with each passing convention. Give him another ten years and he'll be showing up at one of our parties complaining that he's got an acne problem.

The best of spirits

In a business where nightclubs open and close like Venetian blinds, Rodney Dangerfield has operated a successful one. He says that "One night some guy at ringside says to me 'Ay, Rodney, can I have your autograph - and also can you bring us some more butter'".

Perspective

Unthinkable is it that the diary of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would have been allowed to see the light of day. More difficult to comprehend is it that DDE would ever have reduced his thoughts to such a writing - e.g. that MacArthur was a temperamental baby", that Adm. Ernest King, CNO, was a "mental bully", the "antithesis of cooperation, "a deliberately rude person", etc., etc. Bad enough was it for Nixon to keep his tapes, we now see that 30 years before DDE was putting into print his deep concern over Roosevelt's 2/22/42 order to MacArthur to proceed to Mindanao and Australia.

"I'm dubious about the thing!" the diary was said to have read. "I cannot help believing that we are disturbed by editorials and reacting to 'public opinion' rather than to military logic."

MacArthur "is doing a good job where he is, but I'm doubtful that he'd do so well in more complicated situations. Bataan is made to order for him. It's in the public eye; it has all the essentials of drama; and he is the acknowledged king on the spot. If brought out, public opinion will force him into a position where his love of the limelight may ruin him."

Loewenheim said relations between MacArthur and Eisenhower had cooled while Eisenhower served as a top aide to MacArthur in the Philippines before the war.

"I still think he might have made a better showing at the beaches and passes, and certainly he should have saved his planes on Dec. 8 - but he's still the hero!!!" the entry for Jan. 13, 1942, read.

"In many ways, MacArthur is as big a baby as ever," Eisenhower wrote on Jan. 19, 1942. "But we've got to keep him fighting."

Four days later, when MacArthur had named Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland to be his successor in the event of his death, Eisenhower wrote: "He picked Sutherland, showing he still likes his boot lickers."

Excerpts from the diary showed Eisenhower's strong displeasure with the Navy, particularly Adm. Ernest King, chief of naval operations.

"One thing that might help win this war is to get someone to shoot King," Eisenhower wrote in a March 1942 entry.

Hard to digest, isn't it?

Hamilton Jordan gets into more jams than a strawberry patch - but it doesn't seem to jar JC.



When good friend DON WILLIAMS sends us his wonderful bunch of Lexington Aug. '79 photos, the decent thing to do is to use the solo of Irene, Don's lovely mate. Wouldn't have it any other way, Irene, as you sit beside the Hilton pool.



CHET and Gloria ANDREZAK on the bus headed for God-knows-where at Lexington Aug. '79. They being Chicago folks, we are reminded of the little old lady who, in getting on a bus in Chicago, said to the driver, "Does this bus go to the loop?" "Nope", he replied, "it just goes 'beep-'beep". DON WILLIAMS Kodak'ed as he went.



It's DALLAS DICK bending over. VICTOR BACKER behind him, with WALTER SCHERER - (we think it's Shorty; DON WILLIAMS didn't label his shots) - and CHARLES MCMICHAEL at Lexington Aug. '79.

Elegance is:



In the familiar left to right manner - why do we always have to say it? O.K. let's not - ever again - meet our good Lexington friends - FRED OLSEN, (Hq. 3rd Bn & L 19th '51-'54), of 3440 Mountain, Brookfield, Wis., and DON and Marilyn CLARK (B 19th '51-'52), of 78 Draper, Warner Robins, Ga. Fred graciously supplied the cheese and other goodies at the Saturday night cocktail hour - a most interesting gentleman. Retired sailor from Sweden. Don and Marilyn were terrific too - don't get us wrong!

HOUSECALL



It's a Lexington pic, courtesy of DON WILLIAMS, showing BILL and Alice SANDERSON, (19th '40-'44), of 57 Peck St., Attleboro, MA, guarding that precious VERBECK BOWL, which Bill gets to keep until next August.



It's BILL BYRD, AL SELTSAM, VIC BACKER, and BILL MULDOON, at Lexington. Photography courtesy of DON WILLIAMS.



Who else - the wonderful DALLAS and PEGGIE DICK, (A, B, C, Hq. Co., Sv. 19th '35-'45 - he tried most all of them, didn't he?), of 1701 Bridge, New Cumberland, Pa. These good friends are a precious addition to every one of our gatherings. Picture by DON WILLIAMS.

One of World War II's most famous photos: Douglas MacArthur wades ashore with 1944 force to retake Philippines. Gaetano Faillace made the shot.



Now 72, retired Army major may well be world's most decorated combat photographer.



as we see it

Still taking pictures is 72-year old Gaetano Faillace. We (Bill Sanderson, Ed Henry, Gerry Stevenson and ourselves) remember meeting him in Tacloban 4 years ago. He was making much of his one time role as "personal photographer to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur".

Though he was 38 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Faillace tried to enlist. It took him six months' effort before the Army would accept him. A self-taught photographer, he was originally assigned to communications until he showed some buddies a film he'd shot in Japan before the war.

"The next day", Faillace says "the commanding officer asked to see the film. Then the Intelligence Service asked to see it, and in less than a week I was transferred to the Army Photographic Center at Fort Monmouth, N.J."

His first combat mission was on Christmas Day 1943. With the U.S. Marines, he landed at Cape Gloucester. Before they even hit the beach, Faillace had his movie camera churning, capturing the brutal battle for history. The film, first shown in newsreel form, was later made into a motion picture entitled "Attack."

When MacArthur saw the Cape Gloucester film, he decided he wanted Faillace as his personal photographer.

From late 1943 until after the surrender, Faillace spent almost every day photographing MacArthur under a variety of conditions and circumstances.

Perhaps the most famous picture Faillace ever made of MacArthur was the general wading ashore in the Philippines on Oct. 20, 1944, leading the landing that would eventually return the islands to American control.

Critics of MacArthur scoff, claiming the general splashed through the water several times to "get it right" for the cameras.

"That isn't so," says the man who took that picture. "We were in the landing craft heading for the beach when it got stuck on a sandbar, about 50 feet from shore. The general ordered the ramp lowered.

"When the ramp hit the water, I was the first one out and I filmed him wading ashore. I can assure you, he did it only once."

The only combat photographer in the Southwestern Pacific to win the Silver Star for bravery, Faillace also was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Though he retired from the Army in 1964, Major Faillace hasn't put away his camera. Nor has he stopped traveling. One room of his North Hollywood, Calif., home is packed with 80,000 slides and 100,000 feet of motion picture film he's taken during his trips.

We're looking for people who saw that landing at Red Beach on 10/20/44. Please sing out.



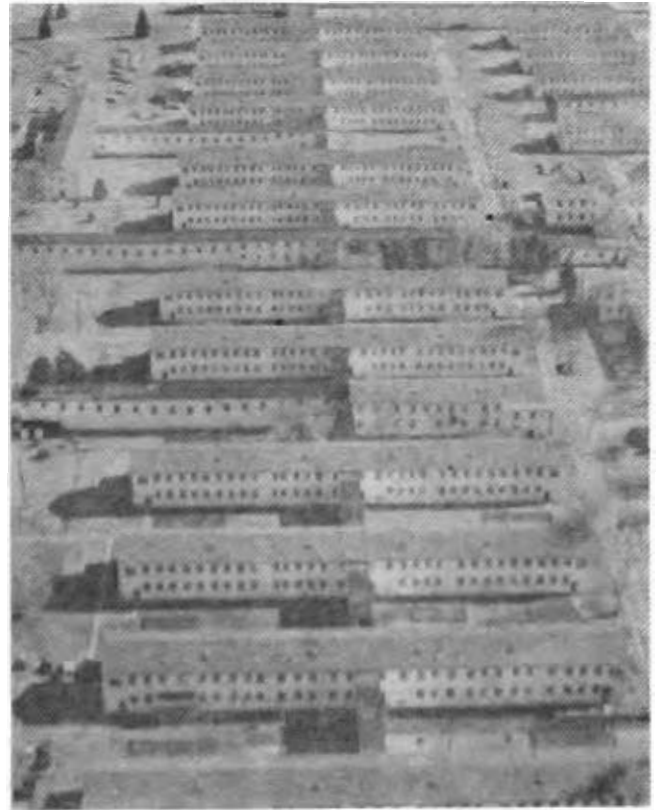
Sir Laurence Olivier will play you-know-who in the forthcoming movie, "Inchon". Also playing: Ben Gazzara and Jacqueline Bisset. Bisset? Wonder what her role will be. This'll be good.



We were riding out to the Savannah Inn with WALTER CUNNINGHAM. The conversation got around to Button Gwinnett, signer of the Declaration of Independence. His signature is the rarest and most sought after U.S. autograph. Commented Walter: "Button signed the Declaration and, apparently, damn little else".

"MY OLD FRIENDS"

EDMUND P. PISAREK, (21st '40-'42), of Box 2641, Reno, Nev., just paid his \$10 dues for fiscal year Aug. 1, '79 to Aug. 1, '80. We'd appreciate it if the rest of you who owe would pay up. Saves a lot of postage money if you will. Ed asks: "Why was Cinderella such a lousy basketball player?" Give up? Because her coach was a pumpkin!'



Ft. Carson may be getting a new hospital to replace the sprawling 2 story wooden structure that was built when we were there in '42. If ever there was a security and maintenance nightmare, with its cul-de-sacs, this was it.

PARADE OF PROGRESS

VERNON HENSICK of Rt. 1, Nashville, Kans., spotted our item about LOU PERRY's question as to the name of the topkick of I Co. of the 19th on Mindanao. He reminds us that FRED KLINGBAIL was company commander (Fred's at 217 Linwood, Stevens Point, Wis.). VIC BUZZINOTTI, of 404 Harrison, Kittanning, Pa., was a Lieut. in that company. Maybe one of them will know.

DOING IT HIS WAY

Great teamwork, CHARLIE GRIMSHAW (A-5th RCT '50-'51), of Renton, Wash. The Post Office likes to call it "WA"; we prefer "Wash." and we're sticking with it. At any rate, Charley asked the editor of the "Boeing News" to print a squib about us and our upcoming book. He did and out it went to 100,000 Boeing-ites. Terrific, Charley, just terrific. All kudos of the month go your way.

What's Happening

You were represented - at the Division's 38th birthday party, that is - last September 29th. Five of us - President LES WHEELER, Vice President WALT CUNNINGHAM, Secretary KEN ROSS, Past Prexy ED HENRY, and Past Prexy JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL made the weekend trip to Savannah, then down 95 for 30 miles, then turn right and along "the tunnel" for another 20. Their reception of us and the honor they showed us as being the earliest "brave men of courage" (a little embarrassing for a Division Adjutant General, a Division Ordnance Officer, and a Division Judge Advocate General - but we smiled and happily accepted the plaudits thrown our way, along with the genuine articles, Les and Spike). It was a grand party and they were grateful that we came to help them start the 39th year.



Muriel TINO, faithful wife of MIKE, (110 Cottage, Jersey City, N.J.), writes that Mike is able to walk a little. Suffered a stroke in '71 - left arm and leg hit pretty badly. Next time you're on a trip somewhere - anywhere - drop this wonderful couple a card. They're kinda stuck in J.C. - could there be anything worse? - unless it's Newark - and would love to receive your mail. Thanks.

Let's talk it over



Happy words from Life Member #177, DAVE and Sherri LOMAX, (B 5th RCT '51-'52), of 118 E. Park, Jeffersonville, Ind. go like this:

"Just a line to let you know that Sherri and I had a great time in Lexington. This was our first one. We didn't know anyone when we got there but everyone made us feel right at home. Not only did we have a grand time, but it was heartwarming to be with other members of the 24th. We met a lot of wonderful people, and are hoping we can make Pittsburgh. Our thanks to all who made this meeting a success. Dave and Sherri Lomax."

Wonderful message, friends, thanks a bunch.

this is it!

In our last issue, we asked our members to recall to mind some of the pet slogans, phrases, sayings, or whatever which marked their military days. Boy, did they come in - the raunchy, along with the non-raunchy. Do you remember these? -

"FUBAR"

"As busy as a w---- on a troopship"

"SNAFU"

"It's your turn in the barrel"

"TARFU"

"As fouled up as a Japanese fire drill"

Keep 'em coming - but remember, this is a family magazine.

68 Colonels have been selected for AUS Brigadier General including FREDERICK F. WOERNER, JR., C/S of the Division.

The salesman finally hit on an agreement with his client. Then he called the bookkeeper and asked, "Miss Simkow, if someone offered you \$8000, less 8 per cent, how much would you take off?" The voice came back loud and strong, "Everything but my earrings."



"... and another thing, Frimston, you've got to stop living in the past."

The ultimate salesman is the guy who can make his wife feel sorry for the girl who lost her compact in his car.

FOR THE RECORD

Eleanore Compton Pavey and FREDERICK R. ZIERATH announced their marriage on August 8th in Tacoma, Wash.

Yesterday

I've got a couple of wonderful seats for tonight, darling", the husband said to his wife. "Yours is for the opera, and mine is for the fights."

VIEWPOINT

At press time, 571 members had contributed \$14,979.37 toward our History. That leaves more than half who have contributed ZILCH. You don't have to hit us over the head with a shovel - more than half don't want the book.

SOUNDING OFF

That metric system that we're inching toward. Did you catch that pun? They say that metrication will cost us \$100 billion. Is it going to be worth it? By the way, only four countries still use the English standard system of weights and measures. No, England is not one. The 4 are Burma, South Yemen, Brunei and "Who else?"

SCORECARD

A wrecked B-24 has been found in the New Guinea wilds by two Australian ranchers. The bodies of 8 U.S. airmen were on board.

ON THE SCENE

RUSS HAGERMAN, (11F '45-'47), has moved from Lansing, Mich., to 2712 14th Ave. S.E., Ruskin, Fla.

Reminiscence

Once there was a horse who learned to sing like Sinatra and was to appear on the Johnny Carson Show. In the middle of rehearsal, another horse walked in and pulled him off the stage. "That's his mother," the horse's agent explained, "She wants him to be a doctor."



"Tch-Tch, Mulligan! When I think of the hours I spent teaching you jude!"

PORTFOLIO



The name of Lew Ayres appeared in print during the summer. It was in connection with the TV adaptation of "All Quiet on the Western Front". Ayres, now 71, will be remembered for playing the role of the young WW I German soldier in the original film of Remarque's landmark novel. The film won an Oscar for best picture 50 years ago.

Isn't it ironic that Ayres attained stardom in that film when, as we know best, he was a pacifist and C.O. in WW II who went on to distinguish himself by serving as a non-combatant. We knew him with the medical unit at Palo, Leyte which was in our support as we moved up to Breakneck.

Ayres, with "All Quiet..." in mind, said:

"Actually, I wanted to see a similar movie made from the Japanese side of World War II. Not as propaganda but from a human side. Thirty years ago I tried to put such a film together but no one was receptive.

"They only wanted to show the victorious side of America over the Japanese which was vindictive but understandable. I thought it was a time to build bridges between the two nations.

"I'm not saying there aren't times when strong resistance isn't in the cards. Nor do I say universal peace will be found by universal pacificism to cope with the nature of man. There would be times and places where people have to defend. That's why we have police forces."

Ayres has dedicated his recent years to a study of science as it applies to religion and vice-versa. He tours with his 2 1/2 hour film, "Altars of the World," a compilation of the basic doctrines of world religions.

He also conducts seminars on philosophy stressing the thesis of Frenchman Teilhard de Chardin, the late Jesuit priest who attempted to reconcile religion and science in the field of evolution.

Ayres said, "I'm giving a two-week college credit course at Oakland University, near Detroit, in September titled 'Science, Evolution and Religion.' I'm immersed in the subject.



"We may be here for quite awhile so the first thing we should do is elect a leader!"

"I'd like to travel more but I'm an autumnal father. I have a 10½ year old son, Justin Bret, my first and only child who was born on the day before my 60th birthday. I feel the responsibility of not being an absentee father.

"I work in four or five movies a year now. I'm not a star but a character actor who plays old man parts, which is fine. I'm happy to do it if they still want me. It's comparatively easy work and I'm grateful they pay me well so I can send a little money to the boat people.

"Right now I'm working in a four-hour television film, 'Salem's Lot.' It's about the occult. It's childish but that's what people want and it doesn't do any harm.

"But I wouldn't be an actor if I started over again today. It's not that I look down on acting or consider myself above it. Not at all.

"My thoughts have moved on to other things. I've found my pursuit of knowledge involving science-evolution-religion much more fulfilling. I'm insatiable in that area. I have a thirst to learn as much as I can.

"I know ultimate answers will always elude man. But along the way some of the questions are answered. It's important that we keep up the pursuit."

Between Us

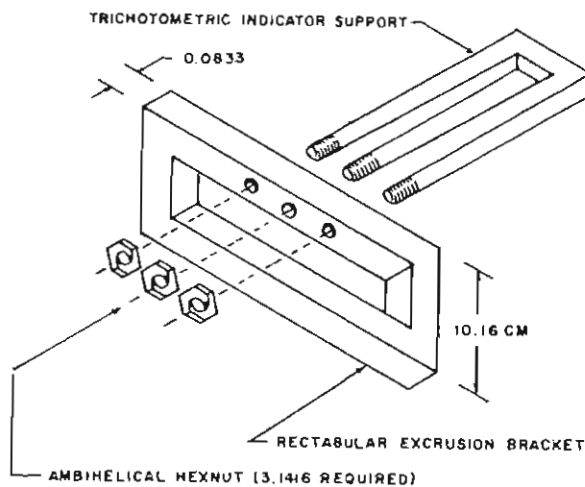
A gorgeous but rich lady sought out a famous artist and offered him \$5000 to paint her in the nude. He refused, explaining that it was against his principles. A week later she offered him \$10,000. Again he refused. When she called and offered him \$25,000, he asked if he could think it over. The next day he phoned her and said he would do it, on one condition. "I'll have to wear socks," he said, "I need a place for my brushes."

HAPPENINGS

RUSS DENNY's better-half is Pearl and Dec. 7th is her birthday. A Charley Company Gimlet, he sends us the names of prospects FRANCIS SALES, 4619 Janet, Cocoa, Fla., JAMES HARNAGE, 2869 Lancaster, Eau Gallie, Fla., WILLIAM AYERS, 105 Melbourne, Indianalantic, Fla., EDWARD BECK, 443 Oakridge, Cocoa, Fla., and WILLIAM LA ROCHE, Box 1634, Melbourne, Fla. That's 5 in Florida, and Russ himself is there, having retired from Eli Lilly in Indianapolis.

IN THE NEWS

Joined as a Life Member - MORRIS BERGAN, (Cn 34th '42-'45), of Rt. 2, Ridgeway, Iowa, Morrie met IVAN W. HAUGEN, (H 34 '42-'45), of Decorah, Iowa, and the two of them doe-si-doe'd over to Prairie du Chien, Wis., to see MERLE BROWN, just back from Lexington. They report Brownie has a magnificent model r.r. They saw his P.I. movies. Fantastic, he reports.



In closing out the file on the late Rev. CHRISTOPHER J. BERLO, we came across an item we ran in an issue years ago, Vol. XIX, No. 3 to be precise.

Previously, we had run some item involving an optical illusion. He well understood our love for the kooky story, and was sending us one of his own to get even with us.

He went to great lengths to furnish us with his own "shop drawing" of what he called his "Trichotometric Indicator Support" and we reproduce that drawing above.

We mention it anew because it shows the fun in the man. There were those who saw him only as dour, stern, perhaps even harsh. They didn't know or understand the man. He was full of impishness, a devotee of the art of making and having fun.

Along with his drawing, he sent a note of explanation as to just what his contribution was all about. We were grateful that he did.

He started in by explaining that some people who had purchased the support were experiencing difficulty in hanging it on to anything.

Here are a few of his own words on the subject:

"The accompanying illustration is provided to show the type of material as well as the dimension data needed. It will be noted that, in attaching the bracket to the support, a special ambihelical hexnut is used. The application of this nut is unique in that any attempt to remove it in the conventional manner only tightens it. Because of this design, the nut must be fully screwed on before it can be screwed off."

It was all in good fun, of course, but what made it especially intriguing for us was that here was the engineer in him shining forth. He was a bona fide engineer at heart, you know.

Incidentally, he wrote that bit of foolishness from Dr. DeBakey's artificial artery factory down in Texas. He was there for his "10,000 mile checkup", he wrote. Five years earlier, DeBakey had given him some new plastic arteries and he wanted to see how they were holding up.

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When mailing candy, line the cardboard box with foil which has been buttered as you would a pan. Pour the candy directly into the box to set. When cool, fold the foil over the top. Wrap the box and mail, and you'll have no more broken pieces.



Another "before and after" set. It's ROLLIN DUGGER and CECIL PRICE on the east artillery range at Wahoo just before leaving for "Down Under." It's ROLLIN today with Cora. You look a little heavier ROLLIN. He was M21st from 6/42 to 12/45.



JACK FINAN took Mary to Cape Cod for their 37th anniversary. They wanted to visit the old Camp Edwards area where in late '42 and early '43 Pineapple Jack trained with the 36th Div.



The Chameleon's Waltz - Enjoy the chuckle over that whitest of doves, Sen. Frank Church, (Dem.-Idaho), chairman of Foreign Relations, becoming the hawkkiest of hawks over that pesky Cuban crisis, 1979 edition.

Easy way out

Rodney Dangerfield says his psychiatrist told him that he was crazy. "I told him I wanted a second opinion, so he says 'O.K., you're ugly too'".

we believe...

TOM UPTON explains his absence from Lexington - Anitra had suffered a bad relapse and they had to call the reunion off.

**SHAKE,
RATTLE
AND ROLL**

As you may have noticed, Rodney Dangerfield is one of our favorites. Sez he, "I don't get no respect. On my wedding night, my bride told me we were seeing too much of each other."

PITTSBURGH:

YOU ARE THERE.

As we said in the last issue, we'll get behind any kind or degree of enthusiasm generated for an organized return to the Philippines sometime in '80 or '81. Various travel agencies, thinly veiled as government sponsored groups, are knocking at our door and sounding our bell for the business. Ah, there's the rub! We do believe, hell we know, we can successfully arrange our own charter flight if the interest is there. Tall, tall BILL WATKINS, Div.Arty S-4 and aide de camp during Hollandia and the P.I., and now a successful attorney in Anderson, S.C. copied us on a letter he wrote to one of those crowds looking for the business. Bill wrote: "I have received notice from you of the trip to and tour of the Philippines in October. I wonder, if, enough people being interested, a two or three day tour of Mindanao could be arranged, probably in lieu of the tour of Bataan. Those who were in the 24th would like for this to start at Malabang or Cotabato and cross to Digos and from there to Davao. I am sending a copy of this letter to Ken Ross to get his impression as to how many might be interested in such a trip."

In Bill's copy to us, he wrote in longhand: "Ken, I didn't think I'd ever want to see a Philippine Island again. Now I'm rarin' to go. Will you go? Bill."

We answer affirmatively, adding only that it takes a little planning. Write or call us if you find yourself getting the hots.



"All I know is, they began developing when I became a sergeant."

Crowning Touch

RUSS DENNY, (C 21st '41-'44), down in 685 Lemon Grove, West Melbourne, Fla., proves our point - that local publicity pays. He asked a columnist in his local paper to print a piece about the Association. Columnist Milt Salamon obliged, not once, but twice. The second time around, he was reporting, the results of the first time. Here's what he wrote under a screaming 1/2" bold type headline that read "Our Taro Leaf Item Led To A Reunion":

"It seems like you brought two old buddies together," said FRANCIS 'CASEY' SOLES of West Cocoa. He'd read our call here for 'Taro Leaf' men - World War II-era veterans of the Army's 24th Infantry division - and he saw a familiar name.

"Francis said he phoned RUSSELL DENNY in West Melbourne and 'as soon as I heard his voice I knew him...He's the first one I've met from my old outfit, and I'm the first one he's met.' When I went into service in the old Hawaiian division in the last part of 1940 he had his bedright beside me.

"He gave me the lowdown on what was happening over there and how to get along with the boys," Francis said.

"Said Russ: 'I was his communications sergeant. Right after Pearl Harbor we were on the beaches putting up gun emplacements...I sure never thought I'd see any of the fellows after all these years!'

"In '41 the Hawaiian or 'Taro Leaf' division was split into the 24th and 25th Infantry divisions, Francis explained. 'We stayed together (in the 24th) until the latter part of '42. Then I transferred into 25th division reconnaissance and went into Guadalcanal and on up through the Solomons. Russ went into Australia and New Guineaau.'

"A Pan Am security policeman since '56, Francis told us that Russ, with his wife Pearl, 'visited here the other day and we had us a good time!' Francis' wife Ruth put it this way:

"It was like two old women running their mouths here, they were so excited.' (We hear they meet again tomorrow.)

"Also, Russ noted, our Taro Leaf item netted him calls from BILL AYERS of Indialantic, JAMES HARNAGE of Eau Gallie, ED BECK of Cocoa, and half a dozen others whose names he's already forwarded to the division's historian."

Will somebody get this olive out of my martini?

New address for JESSE R. HILL (Div. Hq. in '48; 21st in '50-51), of Box 148-A, Waynesboro, Ga. - "5 little acres in the country".

BILL WILLMOT, (21st '42-'45), of 1630 Venus, Merritt Island, Fla., got us this wonderful publicity in Golden Times, a paper for senior citizens. This is what we need to get our word out:



Rodney Dangerfield, who gets no respect, reports that "When I was a kid, I told my old man I wanted to play on the ice. He said 'Wait 'til it gets warmer.'"

Special Feature

Ever on the alert, FRANKLIN E. SKINNER, (Sv. & C 11th F '50-'51), of 4706 Tenth, Los Angeles, Cal., tips us to the news that Col. Karl C. Verbeck, has been named ADC of the 42nd Div. of the NYNG. He has been promoted to BG by Governor Carey. Karl's grandfather, the late B.G. William Verbeck headed the Manlius School from 1888 to 1930. His great grandfather was the famous "Verbeck of Japan" who died in 1898 in Tokyo after serving there for over 40 years as a missionary and educator. His uncle, the late Guido F. Verbeck was head of Manlius from '30 to '40. Another uncle was our own, the late Maj. Gen. WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK who died in 1955 after 41 years of military service. A cousin, Marine Corps Reserve Brig. Gen. (retired) Guido F. Verbeck lives in Lakeville, CT, and another cousin, Brig. Gen. (retired) Samuel S. Verbeck lives in Oneonta, N.Y. All of the Verbecks are descendants of Gen. Jacob Brown, the hero of Sackets Harbor in the War of 1812. Watta family.

24th Infantry Div. Association

The 24th Infantry Division Association is a unique organization of men and women who have at some time in their lives served in a unit assigned to the 24th Infantry Division.

The Association was formed immediately after the end of World War II to perpetuate the friendships and close associations developed during those war years. As time has gone by, the organization has been opened up to all service personnel who have been associated with this very special division.

The primary purpose of the organization has been and continues to be the promotion of fraternalism and comradeship which have been enhanced by occasional get togethers, an annual reunion and publication of "The Taro Leaf" which is sent to all members.

There are thousands of former division members scattered around the globe who are regrettably unaware of the existence of this organization. If you know of someone who served with the 24th, won't you mention us to him? We will all be forever grateful.

Hardly a day goes by in which the Association does not receive a letter from someone looking for an old buddy. Do you have a buddy you have not heard from or seen in years? The Association may be able to put you in contact. Who knows, tomorrow's mail may have an inquiry about you.

For further information, contact: 24th Infantry Division Association, 120 Maple Street, Springfield, Mass. 01103.

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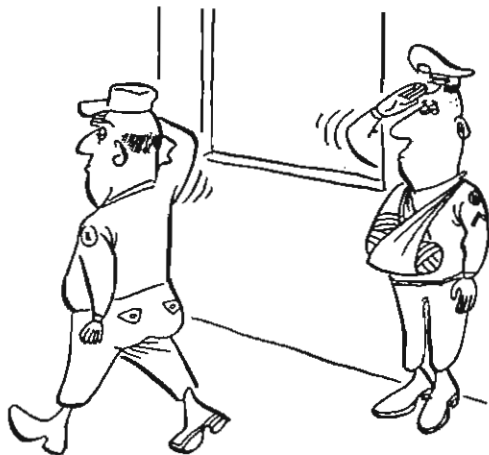
"Dear Spike" is back - after many months of being away. Regretfully, we only have room for one letter and reply by Spike. Here it is:

Dear Spike: I need help. Five years ago, my husband Al (he was in B Battery of the 11th Field) and I rented a house from another couple, Jerry and Lorraine. Six months ago, Al left me for another woman. I went to Jerry to talk things over; he's very sympathetic. We began seeing each other. He told me that Lorraine didn't love him and their relation had been cold for over a year. He wanted to divorce her and marry me and raise my kids. But then, Jean, the girl he was seeing before me, came back to town and found out about Jerry and me. She wants Jerry back and threatens to tell all if he doesn't take her back. Jerry is also having trouble with his first wife, Mabelle; he's \$21,000 in arrears on alimony there. There's another complication; I almost forgot to tell you. Jerry's a minister. Jerry and I are just a couple of nice people trying to get a little happiness out of life. Can you help us?

Sarah and Jerry.

Dear Sarah and Jerry: For two people trying to get a little happiness out of life, you guys take the cake. For openers, Jerry, you're in the wrong business. The whole town is probably already talking so I wouldn't worry about any blackmail. As for you Sarah, about all I can suggest is that you put some distance between you and your meandering parson. By the way, why did you write me. Al's the guy I'd like to help. He's an old 11th Field man.

Spike.



Starting Over

The Div, now officially a mechanized unit, should have enough equipment to train as a mechanized division by January 1.

The division's transition to "mech" started about a year ago, according to Maj. Peter J. Romaine of the G-3 section. On September 16 the division designation officially was modified to reflect its new mechanized role.

The 24th's infantry battalions are authorized approximately 90 tracked vehicles apiece, including armored personnel carriers, mortar carriers, TOW missile carriers and command post vehicles. Infantry units are getting M-113A2 personnel carriers, he said, and the 24th is "probably one of the first units in ConUS" to receive the improved personnel carriers.

A few of the TOW-carrying armored vehicles also have arrived here and the division initial allotment is expected to be about 50. An additional 23 should arrive later.

"The process of receiving equipment will continue," Romaine told us. "By January 1, the majority of the equipment we need to train as a mechanized division will be here. Much of it is here already."

Another big change in the division's armament, as a result of its conversion to a mechanized unit, affects the artillery. Romaine said the division has switched to self-propelled 15mm howitzers instead of towed howitzers.

Despite the official conversion to a mechanized unit, the presence of armored vehicles is not new here. The division has two tank battalions equipped with M-60A1s and they have been in operation here for some time.

The division's two active brigades are rounded out by the Georgia National Guard's 48th Bde, also an armor unit. The 48th provided significant assistance to the division during its conversion process through loans of tracked vehicles and other items from its own equipment pool. Romaine said.

Additional equipment will trickle in after January 1, Romaine said, and some time during that month the 24th's 1st Bde will participate in an off-post exercise involving large formations of tanks and APCs. The division's 2d Bde also will conduct large-scale maneuvers off post in March, he added.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

SAVORIES TO SAVOR

Something - can't remember what - reminds us that we haven't had a good recipe on these pages in months. Here are a couple if you're planning a party with a Hawaiian theme.

PINEAPPLE-COCONUT MUFFINS

20 oz. can crushed pineapple
2 cups whole wheat flour
3/4 cup sugar
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup quick-cooked rolled oats
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup milk
1/4 cup oil
shredded coconut, about 1/2 cup

Drain pineapple. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and oatmeal. Add pineapple and stir. Mix together the beaten eggs, milk and oil. Add to dry mixture. Stir just enough to moisten; overmixing makes muffins tough. Fill 12 greased muffin cups. Sprinkle top with coconut. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until done. Cool in pan 5 minutes, then serve.

(Approximately 256 calories, 6 grams protein, 8 grams fat, 34 grams carbohydrate and 326 mgs. sodium per muffin.)

HAWAIIAN CAKE

Prepare a white cake mix (or yellow cake mix) as a large sheet cake (approx. 9 x 14 in size so that cake will rise to only about an inch or so) Let cake cool completely.

1 package vanilla instant pudding
8 oz. Cool-Whip (or frozen topping)
1 can drained crushed pineapple (16 oz)
also coconut, maraschino cherries,
bananas
and walnuts - chopped.

Prepare pudding and spread on top of cake.

Spread frozen topping on top of pudding.
Spoon crushed pineapple on top of topping.
Sprinkle with coconut. Add chopped walnuts.
You may also add sliced banana,
and maraschino cherries.
Refrigerate for at least two hours before serving.
Goey - but delicious!



Actress Jane Fonda has been making the College circuit with husband Tom Hayden. We know about Jane, but this fellow Hayden, what does he do for a living? Does he work, do you think?



It's a long way from Nazi Germany to the Metropolitan Opera, but actor Werner Klemperer has made the transition with ease. Klemperer who kept us in stitches as the bumbling, inept Col. Klink in the now-defunct Hogan's Heroes has appeared in Mozart's "The Abduction from the Seraglio", where he had a non-singing role.

TABLE FOR ONE

The Senate has retained its reputation as one of the world's clubbiest clubs. Whatever the facts of the case against Sen. Herman E. Talmadge - and the facts were powerfully damning - the Senate could bring itself to do no more than denounce one of its more senior and powerful members.

Now Hear This!

Coming on top of the badly mishandled Andrew Young affair, the Cuban fiasco certainly raised the question, "Who's in charge down there?"

THE MAGIC IN THE MUSIC

RUBEN SAROYAN, (21st), of 1353 Palm, Fresno, Cal. is hot and we don't blame him. He wrote D/A, St. Louis, Mo. to bring his record up to date. When his answer came back, it included this: "The records on file at this Center show that the 21st Infantry Regiment was not authorized the Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp". Can you believe it?

NEW FACES,

Terrific one liner: Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, speaking of the perennial Hyman Rickover in his book "On Watch" - "When Admiral Rickover passes on, he'll only be gone three days".

NEW PLACES

Columbus discovered America in a shorter time than Nixon found an apartment.

why not?

The visit of John Paul II proved that he was a roamin' Catholic.

Sight from the past

DICK AMERMAN, (D 21 12/42-4/45), of 83 Reed, Wethersfield, CT, gossips with the news that BILL KEYES, also D of the 21st, has retired from the Post Office.

POINT OF DEPARTURE

Statement of policy: this magazine announces that it will follow the crowd and not mention Chappaquiddick during the next 11 months. So, for the very last time for awhile, CHAPPAQUIDDICK.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow

JOE MORGAN, (B-3rd Eng. '51), of 2217 Grandview, Decatur, Ill., knowing of our respect for "Mr. No Respect"; Rodney Dangerfield, sends us this one by RD - "My first time at the beach as a kid, my old man gave the life-guard \$5 - to keep an eye off me". Joe asks us to "Thank all who sent in the unit insignia as they did" - Joe collects same. Joe hopes to offer his collection to the Division Museum.

THE RENDEZVOUS

CHARLEY JAMESON, (F 21st '44-'45), of Bridgewater, Va., has been in and out of Richmond, Va., VA hospital since February. Now has a pig valve. He writes: "My first experience with the VA and can't say enough for the good treatment and care - superior". Delighted you made it through, Charley. Don't know why they call it a pig valve, but you can expect Charley to give out with an "Oink Oink" when he meets you in Pittsburgh.



Like any good publication, we're forever having growing pains - learning what works and what doesn't - finding out what you like and what you don't like about what we're doing - hearing what you care to see more of - or less of - what delights you - what irritates you - in short, what we can do better to serve you editorially. This is your magazine. We want to hear from you.

A zinger!

That the bus ride at Lexington was such a total bummer, those who endured the agony are due and are hereby extended the humble apologies of we who were responsible for it.

News Update

JOHN TEN EYCK (Hq.Co. 19th '38-42), of 1173 West 20th, Laurel, Miss., has retired from the postal service. There are times when we fear that everyone has retired from the postal service. Nothing personal, Johnny, nothing personal.

worth considering

1st Arm'd Div.Assoc. secretary Bill Beasley took us to task with a memo reading:

"For shame! A Super Infantry publication such as Taro Leaf writing that Adm.Hyman G.Rickover is the oldest military officer still on active duty... when even we armored boys know that General of the Army Omar Bradley, by law, is still on active duty, and would call that Admiral, an upstart kid!"

We sent our apologies to Bill. Of course, he's right. We goofed.

Comment

We went into Lexington with 298 Life Members. (Ed. note: For the uninformed, a Life Membership goes for \$100.00 payable in \$20 installments paid over 5 years). We joined up a few at the convention site and more have joined the ranks since. They are:

- #299 Paul H.Nelson
- #300 Granville C.Shoopman
- #301 Clarence L.Cummings
- #302 Charles Best
- #303 Francis X.Randles
- #304 Thomas C.Gore
- #305 Aron D.Barnes
- #306 Frank R.Williamson, Jr.
- #307 Vince Suilman
- #309 James R.Champion
- #310 Lewis R.Ahnert
- #311 Myrl E.Brown
- #312 Theodore C.Opfer
- #313 Robert W.Pleasant
- #314 Paul Richards
- #315 Roy L.Frost, Sr.
- #316 Edward T.Doubek
- #317 Dana Curry
- #318 Alfred A.Sousa
- #319 Lawrence Z.Passwaters
- #320 Vincent Vella
- #321 Donald G.Clark
- #322 Joseph Trebonyak

#300, by the way, stands for one who doesn't believe in life memberships in anything. Ergo, with all due respect, he gets anonymity. (Ed.note: If you ever change your mind, buddy, ring our bell, and we'll publish the fact!)

Practical Uses for the New M1 Helmet



Request in from new Life Member LAWRENCE Z. PASSWATERS, (Hq.Btry Div. Arty. '50-;51), of RD1, Cedar Village, Lincoln, Del. Writes Larry:

"I write in regard to a back injury received while serving as a telephone lineman. When it first happened I never had X-rays. The medics said it was pulled muscles. But in '74, I had my first serious back operation. Since, I have had 2 more. Now my doctor tells me I am one hundred percent disabled in the back and legs.

"When I first came home, I went to the VA in Wilmington. I first started with my feet which gave me a lot of trouble. They gave me such a hard time that I got upset and mad and walked out. I would accept nothing. A few years ago they awarded me a non-service connected disability which they have now stopped. I am trying to present my case for my back now, but I need information. Will Captain CHARLES WHEELER or Sgt. MURRAY, who will remember my fall while laying a line with a D.K. 4 full of wire on my back phone me or write me? If it is not too much trouble will you see if you can help me find these two people? It has been a long time now and I cannot remember Sgt. MURRAY's full name. This happened in Oct. of '51. Your help would be deeply appreciated. Thank you kindly, Lawrence Z. Passwaters".

Alice WHITE advises us of LAWRENCE's surgery at Grand Junction, Colo. V.A. Hosp. Says he's "getting along fine". Larry was A 13th F from 6/42 to 10/45. He and Alice hang out at Rt. 1, Box 606, Fruita, Colo.



Another in our "Before and After" series. Meet JOHN E. BROWN, (D 21st 12/39 - 3/44), of 6002 Sudbury, Jacksonville, Fla. Now retired, Johnny recalls being due to go home when Pearl Harbor came along. Johnny's active in the PHSA.

As We See It

Some of the joys coming out of your Editor's job are found in the visitations to Springfield which various members find the occasion to make. Last evening it was a stopover by CHARLEY CARD, Hertz-ing his way from Boston to Hartford, and finding the time to stop by for a couple of drinks. A tight schedule wouldn't permit a dinner but we did enjoy the elbow-bending. Charley's a high mucky-muck in personal relations for Dresser Industries, the Houston, Tex. conglomerate - spends a lot of time here and abroad checking on the subsidiaries. Sounds like important work. Charlie's the same as ever - the perfect gentleman. He was B 34 in '44-'46. He and Martha are at 1311 Heathwood, Houston. He reports a quadruple heart by-pass last spring - fit as a fiddle now but is restricted to such as lettuce, cottage cheese, pineapple, and such. You know how miserable that kind of a diet can be. Great seeing you Charley.

TAPS

ROGER WARE (24th Sig. '50-'51) of Columbus, Ohio, died of heart trouble. He was a member of LEN MITCHELL's VFW post (Len is commander and Len saw to it that the post gave Roger a military funeral.

From HOWARD LUMSDEN do we learn of the passing of Col. MELVIN MACCOUL of Clearwater, Fla. Mac Made our Clearwater and Savannah I conventions. He was the Division Adjutant General from July 3, 1950 to Sept. 30, 1950. We have no other details on Mac.

Sad report from Marion SILVERNESS came to us through LAFE and Doris COCHRAN. BOB SILVERNESS, (24 Med. '42-'45) passed away on Labor Day after long, long bout with myelofibrosis (scarring of the bone marrow). You might write Marion at 8526 Vinland, Proctor, Minn. ROBERT A. SILVERNESS, 60, died in St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, Minn. on Sept. 3, 1979. A native and life-long resident of Duluth, he was a building and bridges foreman for the Duluth, Missaba & Iron Range Railway. He was an Elk, Mason, and American Legion member, not to mention a proud charter member of our Association. Surviving, besides Marion, are his two sons, Robert, Jr. and Ronald, two sisters, Jayne Silverness and June Anderson, and three brothers, Wesley, Eugene and Donald. By our membership, Bob will be sorely missed; he was a great one.

Deceased: THOMAS F. SCARRY, (Hq. Btry. 13th F 5/42-8/43). Tom died in The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, MA on Oct. 1, 1979. A retired Worcester police officer, he leaves his wife, Helen I. Scarry, and a son Thomas P. Scarry, of Worcester. JOHN FRANK MCKENNEY, (AT 21 '43-'45), of 14 Lake, Millbury, MA, sent us the sorry news.

Helping to represent us at Fr. Christopher Berlo's funeral in Scranton, Pa. were, in addition to JOE and Margaret PEYTON, LEO and Josephine McDONNELL, (24th QM '53-'55). RAY and Helen DENDE, (724th Ord. '46-'48).

There were others who paid their - and our - respects but we have lost track of them. For that error, our apologies. For representing us, our humble thanks.

As we've already said, our #1 issue had gone to bed when news of the passing of Father CHRISTOPHER BERLO reached us. Ergo this death notice in this issue.

Fr. Berlo died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 1979 at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Father Berlo was widely known as a priest of many talents. He was an architect, resident engineer, weatherman and curator of monastic design for the Passionist Fathers. He directed the building of Calvary Monastery Retreat House for men of the Worcester Diocese on South Street in Shrewsbury and other monasteries in Florida and Riverdale, N.Y. He also participated in the order's expansion of properties in Hartford; Pittsburgh; Lake Worth, Fla.; West Springfield, Mass. and Farmington, Conn.

During his 15 years at St. Ann's he was in charge of maintenance and was audio engineer for the annual St. Ann's Novena held in July.

He served in World War II as an Army chaplain in the South Pacific with the rank of captain. He was awarded the Purple Heart with cluster for wounds received in action in the invasion of Leyte in the Philippines. During the first three hours of the invasion, Father Berlo conducted burial services for eight soldiers.

While conducting a service for two men, he had to throw himself on their bodies to avoid bullets from the same snipers who had killed the soldiers. He and several other priests dug graves, performed funeral services, and buried the bodies of the soldiers, all under constant fire from the Japanese.

He served in the Army from 1943 to 1958.

He also served with the army of occupation in Europe. He resumed his activities in the order in Colorado, serving as a chaplain.

He leaves three nephews John J., Richard and Paul J. Berlo, all of Gardner; and three nieces, Jean, wife of Robert C. Achorn, and Kay Driscoll, both of Westboro, and Helen Berlo of Gardner, MA.

Father Berlo was born in Roxbury, son of William and Catherine (Maichen) Berlo, on Dec. 20, 1902.

He studied at the Passionist Fathers Monastery in West Springfield, MA and was ordained in Austria on Aug. 15, 1927. He celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest in Gardner, MA in June 1952 and his 50th anniversary in 1977 in Milford, CT.

After being ordained he was stationed in Austria. Father Berlo spent four years working on the construction of a monastery of 86 rooms in Schwarzenfeld.

He drew up the plans and engineered its construction. He later was placed in charge of the renovation of the Maria Schutz Church in Semmering.

He also showed another facet of his talents in the 1930s by completing a 1,400 page "Chant Book of Passionist Order." He studied chant music in Rome with Abbott Ferretti.

While the Germans invaded Austria, he returned to this country by refugee ship.

Recounting a visit to Germany, he said the working classes of Germany were slowly starving to death while more money might be spent in the manufacture of armaments by the Hitler regime. He said German families dared not discuss or complain about this because of the many spies. Their motto was "Walls Have Ears," he said.

While in Austria, a predominantly Catholic country, Father Berlo became acquainted with many political dignitaries. He gave the last rites of the church to the Rev. Ignaz Seipel, the country's chancellor, who had been shot by a communist. Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria, who was assassinated by a Nazi on July 24, 1934, was a personal friend.

Father Berlo spent more than 40 years designing, remodeling and constructing buildings for the Catholic Church, although he had no degrees in engineering or architecture. "It's all in the books if you want to take time to read," he said.

"You don't educate a man, but you expose him to an education. We believe the education of a priest never ends," he said in an interview in The Evening Gazette in 1963.

Father Berlo had one of the first aorta transplants by the famous Texas heart surgeon, Dr. Michael DeBakey.



THINGS TO DO CHECKLIST

Tuesday, December 25, 1979

CHRISTMAS DINNER

- Plan menu
- Order turkey
- Buy groceries
- Cash check
- Clean carpet
- Shine silver
- Pick up wine
- Take tranquilizer
- Dust
- Call Uncle Charlie
- Make ice
- Order flowers
- Pick up Uncle Charlie
- Defrost turkey
- Oops - Rearrange refrigerator for turkey
- Set up bridge table for children
- Get fish for Uncle Charlie (He doesn't eat turkey)
- Set alarm clock
- Bring up extra chairs
- Chill wine
- Organize bar
- Pick up olives

— OR —

- Throw this list out and make a reservation to eat out.