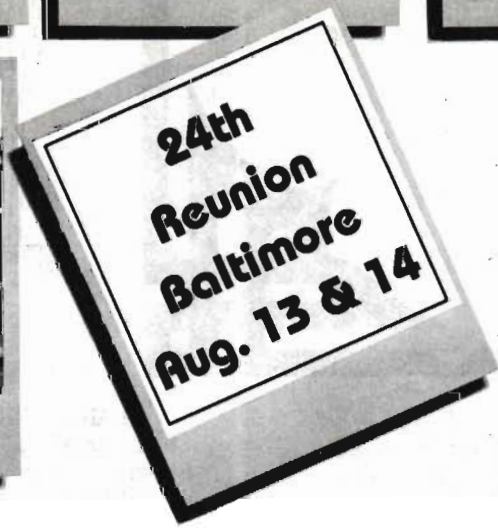
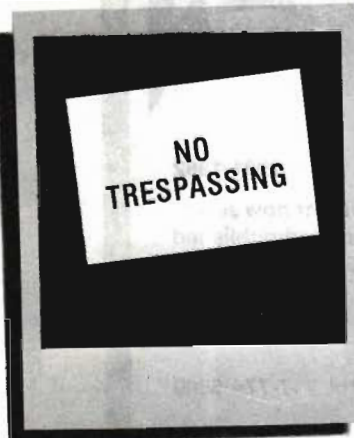


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AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT THERE'S STILL
A GANG THAT SAYS "YES"?**

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"Look, Helen, I didn't mind you calling me 'Poopsie' in public when I was a Lieutenant, but . . ."



"You were supposed to leave that at the examination station."

TOM WAHRENDORF, (34th 3/41-7/45), of RD5, Box 57, Oswego, NY, couldn't make St. Louis -- daughter got married. You and Jo had best try to make Baltimore, Tom.

GENNARO FISCHETTI, (34th), of 42 Rose, Staten Island, NY, says he can't wait for the year 2008; he always wanted a \$6000 suit.

"In" are GEORGE and Juanita LEWIS, (D 6th Tk., '51-'52), of 20709 St. Rt. 125, Blue Creek, Ohio. George reminds us of the lady who went to see her shrink about her husband who blew smoke rings. The doc said, "Lots of men do that." She said, "But my husband doesn't smoke."

FRANK MANKOWSKI, (C 21st '40-'41), of 29 Lincoln, Kings Park, NY made PH. Spent a day with Ret. Sgt. Maj. CHARLEY KOWALSKI. They visited C of the 21st and "were given the VIP treatment."

ERNIE VIENNEAU, (M, I & K 21st, 5/42- 6/45) of 26 Potter Rd., Waltham, MA 02154, is a very, very active fellow in the Mass. Dept. of the Reserve Officers Association. We're right proud of you, Ernie.

JAMES ONISTZUK of 17 Cunniff, Milford, MA would like to hear from Co. M, 21st men with whom he served at Schofield from '38 to '41.

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WE'RE
GOING
TO MAKE
BALTIMORE
FAMOUS..
AGAIN.

Faithful BILL WILLMOT, of 1630 Venus, Merrit Island, Fla., has asked us to publish this and we cannot deny him this favor. Here goes:

"The newly-formed Signal Corps Association is a professional organization for communicators throughout the world. The Association was founded to recognize the proud history of the U.S. Army Signal Corps and to preserve that ever-evolving history for posterity.

"Members of this new organization will receive the Army Communicator, the professional Signal Corps journal, with information on timely reporting of developments world wide.

"If you have ever served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, or worked for the Signal Corps as a civilian, you are invited to join. Annual dues are \$10. with life memberships available at \$100.

"Additional information and application blanks are available from: Signal Corps Association, P.O.Box 7740, Fort Gordon, Ga."

Happy to oblige you, Bill.

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Odd it is how different people see someone each by his own light. JACK FINAN, (19th '35-'42), of 758 E.Whitaker, Raleigh, N.C., for example, remembers Maj.Gen. FRANKLIN C. SIBERT, whose obituary appeared in our Vol. XXXV No. 1 issue, as follows:

"I had the pleasure of serving during 1938-1939 with Lt.Colonel FRANKLIN C. SIBERT. He was the CO of Fort Wayne, Michigan and I spoke with him on many occasions.

"I was a member of the Post Basketball Team. During the tryouts, I didn't think I had a chance to make the team. Six young Thompson Act Officers with college experience.

"Colonel Sibert visited the barracks many times. We never knew when he would walk into the squadrooms. After lunch, you had better be out of the barracks and participating in touch football, basketball, softball, volleyball, horse-shoes, etc. If he caught a man on his bunk, the next stop for the trooper was shovelling coal off a barge on the Detroit River.

"One night, I had a date to take a gal roller skating. I was excused from practice by the basketball coach. Next morning, my Company CO had me on the carpet for missing practice. It seems that Colonel Sibert had a habit of dropping in on the practice sessions. I was warned to be on hand at future sessions.

"The men of Fort Wayne were very fond of Colonel Sibert. In my book of good memories, he was a 'Soldier's Soldier.' God Bless Him."

As we were saying, Pineapple Jack saw him in a certain light -- as he just explained.

But there are (were) others of the Division who saw him otherwise. By them, the memories of his precipitous action on Leyte will never be forgotten -- or forgiven.

Hardworking LEE LIST, our Membership Chairman, can find 'em. He's located and joined up IRVING and Gloria LANGELL, (I 21st '49-'53), of 1940 Blauvelt, Algonac, Mich. We hear that Irv has finally figured out the reason why household budgets never seem to work out. It's because the husband works only 5 days a week while the wife spends 7 days a week. Welcome aboard, folks.

Joined: EUGENE and Erika DAUGHERTY (Hq. & Sv., 6th Tk. Bn. 9/50-5/51), of 3123 Westley, Falls Church, Va. Gene says fun is the same as life insurance; the older you get, the more it costs.

This one appeared in the Charleston, SC paper recently. It's about JACK JENKINS (19th '42-'44), of 154 Stono, Charleston, SC. We hope it brings you a lot of contacts with old buddies, Jack, it's a great story.

Recognition After 36 Years

Silver Star Award Revives John M. Jenkins' Memories Of WWII Battle Against Germans

BY ROBERT SMALL
Staff Reporter

It took 36 years, almost to the hour, but the wait was finally over Saturday for John M. Jenkins, who received the prestigious Silver Star for bravery in combat.

On Nov. 16, 1944, then 1st Lt. John Jenkins, serving with C Company of the 100th Division of the U.S. Army, tossed four hand grenades into a German machine-gun nest, killing four enemy soldiers who had dealt heavy casualties to allied troops in the Vosges Mountain Campaign near Strasborurg, France.

At The Citadel Homecoming, Jenkins was awarded the medal by his 1935 Citadel classmate, retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland, during a luncheon honoring alumni of every five-year class of The Citadel since 1925.

Jenkins recalled the day, which he said resembled the cloudy overcast day Saturday. He remembered that the enemy would stop firing to reload at certain intervals.

"This was the time they were reloading, and I figured they might not be able to react fast enough to me if I surprised them. I thought I could sneak up on them," he said.

Jenkins said after the first grenade was thrown, he heard no noise and decided to throw three more in "to be on the safe side."

During that morning, the enemy killed 22 GIs and wounded 37 others before Jenkins got to their nest.

Three days later Jenkins was



Staff Photo by Stephanie Hervin

Jenkins (left), Gen. Westmoreland

wounded by mortar fire and sent back to the states where he received the Bronze Star for his valor.

Why did he do it? "They had been killing our men left and right. When you see your buddies shot to death, it does something to you," he said.

Westmoreland said he remembered Jenkins when they were both

freshmen at The Citadel in 1935.

Westmoreland attended The Citadel for one year before transferring to West Point.

Ironically, Jenkins did not know he had won the award until April of this year when he received the 100th Division Association's history book and found his name among those listed as receiving medals.

Unknown to Jenkins, his battalion commander had witnessed the entire incident and had recommended Jenkins for the medal.

After reading the information in the history book, Jenkins wrote to the Army's adjutant general in Washington, D.C.,

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the **BALTIMORE** **LOVE**

(Ed. note: Umpteen weeks ago we pummeled WALTER CUNNINGHAM into writing us one hundred or so words on "The Baltimore I Love" for this issue to give us the essence of this lovely city as he sees it. Kinda like the 100 words you had to write when you went back to school in September -- on the exciting subject, "What I did during my summer vacation." WC has finally responded and here it is. Take it away Wally):

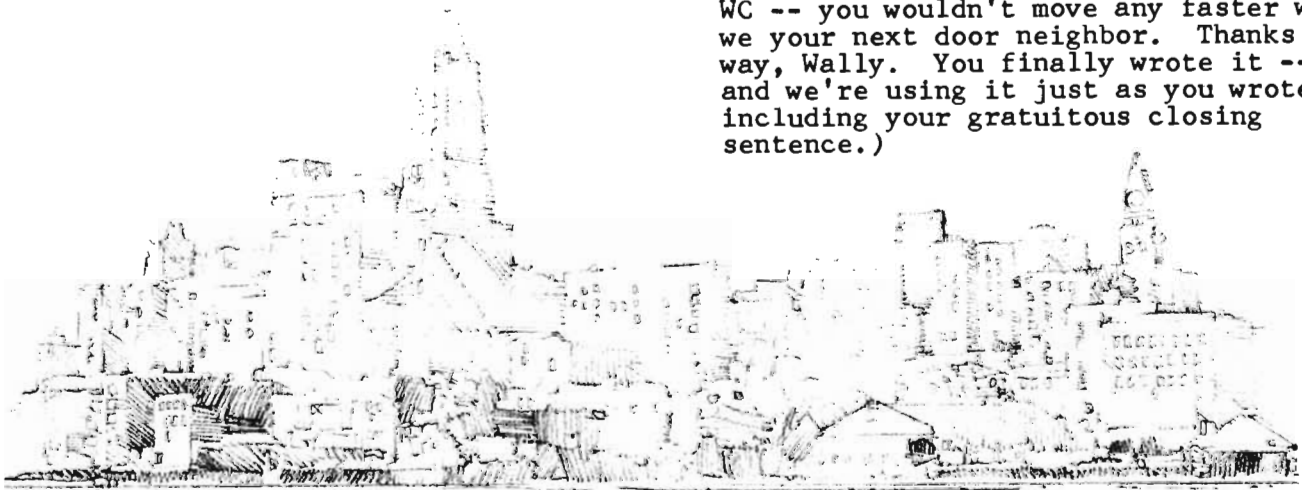
I first came to Baltimore in 1948, other than passing through by train (Baltimore was a place you always passed through) to attend the First Division Reunion at the old Lord Baltimore Hotel. Ten years later I came here on assignment and began a long affair with the city. Thirty years later, upon retiring from the nefarious activities in which I was engaged, the affair had gone on too long to break up. What is the secret of this attraction? First, the food and drink. Life is more than fast food chains. Before the unfortunate demise of stag bars under the impact of women's lib, there were actually two bars where the bartender placed a bottle of your choice in front of you and you poured your own drinks. The responsibility of keeping count was also yours. Second, the slow pace. So many areas and places had such an air of genteel shabbiness that I felt thoroughly at home. To

hurry at anything, including answering correspondence, was considered mildly improper. Third, the ethnic mix. German, Italian, Oriental, and even Lumbee Indian. The Teutonic influence was very marked both in cuisine and place names. There is still a church near city hall where the sermon is preached in German. During the madness of World War I the principal financial district street was changed from German Street to Redwood Street to honor Lieutenant Redwood, the first Baltimorean to die with the A.E.F. Finally the historical associations.

Not just Fort McHenry and Francis Scott Key, but among others, the Camden Street riots. The first blood of the Civil War was shed there (no one died at Fort Sumter on either side) when Massachusetts troops marching to Camden Station to rush to the relief of threatened Washington were fired on by local secessionists, and the fire was returned with a vengeance. The station is still there and functioning. I take the train there when going to Washington myself.

Perhaps I should add my addiction to the sin of sloth. I am too lazy to move elsewhere to a more attractive climate. These seem sufficient reasons for the love affair. Oh yes, I also love Baltimore because Ken Ross doesn't live here.

(Another Ed. note, this one to WC -- you wouldn't move any faster were we your next door neighbor. Thanks anyway, Wally. You finally wrote it -- and we're using it just as you wrote it-- including your gratuitous closing sentence.)



We were asked to give this one a "special treatment".

It's about liberalized claims for disabilities for ex-POWs.

Former prisoners of war who were captive for as little as 30 days may now have certain disabilities accepted as service-connected without having to furnish medical proof of that fact.

The 30-day incarceration period was lowered from six months under recently enacted legislation which also waives the two-year period following service during which certain psychological disorders must manifest themselves in order to be considered as service-connected.

The new law, the "Prisoner of War Health Care Benefits Act of 1981," is designed to meet the needs of the estimated 100,000 former POWs. A joint Veterans Administration-Department of Defense study last year indicated these veterans have higher incidences of physical and psychological disabilities because of confinement that was characterized by starvation diets, lack of medical care and inhumane treatment.

Former POWs may also have experienced difficulties in establishing claims for service-connected disabilities because of inadequate repatriation examinations.

The legislation also establishes an Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War which is required to make biennial reports to the VA administrator and to Congress on problems in areas such as compensation, health care and rehabilitation which affect this group.

Here's what the lady said:



Leave it to a Division QM to put a zing to it. Col. JIM OGLETREE, our Kokura beancounter, '47-'49, now at 1007 Jackson, Tahlequah, OK, had occasion recently to address himself to Congressman Les Aspin as follows: "A recent Paul Harvey News Report announced your findings that the Navy has 1069 Captains and only 438 ships, -- a ratio of 2.44 to 1. This is the same as saying that the House of Representatives has 435 Congressmen and only 50 states, -- a ratio of 8.7 to 1."

We loved it, Jim. Daresay the Congressman did not respond.

JOHN "Mac" MacNIDER, (Hv.Mtr. '50-'51), of 3301 Yorba Linda, Fullerton, CA, thinks we should make a charge for the upcoming Directory. Says the 101st ABN Assoc. charged \$4.00 for theirs.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Department of Veterans Benefits
Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

Nov. 4, 1981

We need your help.

On August 14, 1981, the President signed Public Law 97-37, known as the "Former Prisoners of War Benefits Act of 1981," expanding VA eligibility for thousands of former prisoners of war. The former POW incarceration period was reduced from 6 months to 30 days, a presumption of service connection was established for certain disabilities resulting from malnutrition, and service connected benefits were allowed for psychosis and anxiety states regardless of when first shown unless there is an intercurrent cause. In addition, former POW's are now to be provided both inpatient and outpatient medical treatment on a priority basis, and their concerns are to be considered by an advisory committee to the Administrator.

VA wants to contact all former POW's to tell them of this new legislation and to assist them in applying for benefits. To do this we are going to need the assistance of your large network of friends to help update our locator files with current information.

We would appreciate it if you would ask the members of your organization to collect for us the following data on as many former POW's as possible and to send it to you as a control point:

- Name, Address and Telephone Number
- VA Claim Number; Social Security Number
- Whether or not veteran is presently receiving VA benefits

When the information has been consolidated, please forward it in bulk to my office. We want to begin acting upon this information by early January 1982.

Let me thank you in advance for your continued support and timely response in this important joint outreach effort to help former POW's obtain their entitlement under the new law.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy L. Starbuck
Chief Benefits Director



Finding new members is as hard as fitting Dolly Parton into a B cup -- yet a letter from ROGER ROYCE, of Box 612, Portland, OR, arrived out of the blue and says, "I used to belong to the Assoc. in 1975. Please let me know how much it costs to join now."

Need we say more? -- except to say, "Welcome back, Roge."

HAMLET DAVENPORT, of 1904 Hillard, Richmond, VA, is suffering from emphysema. Card him if you get the chance, won't you please?

Still in -- and still in the F.A. That's the story on JOE CHERVINO, (11 F '41-'45), of 1716 E. Main, Peekskill, NY. Joe's now in the NYARNG, retiring on 5/18/82. "Never do I regret one moment," says he. Cheers, Joe.

REG.NO. _____

Baltimore '82
CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Baltimore, Maryland
August 12 - 15, 1982

NAME: _____

DIV. UNIT _____ Co. _____ from _____ to _____
(Please complete for the sake of our records)

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ TEL. (Area) _____

WIFE: _____ CHILDREN: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

			<u>PAID</u>
1.	Registration Fee - Association Members Only	per member	\$ _____
2.	Fort McHenry Visit (Thurs., 3:00 p.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
3.	Happy Hour (Thurs., 8:00 p.m.)	_____ <u>FREE</u> per person	<u>FREE</u>
4.	Naval Academy Trip (Fri., 1:30 p.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
5.	B&O RR Museum Visit (Fri., 2:00 p.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
6.	Hawaii Luau (Fri., 7:30 p.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
7.	Ladies Tour (Sat., 10:30 a.m.)	_____ <u>FREE</u>	<u>FREE</u>
8.	Cocktails (Sat., 6:00 p.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
9.	Banquet - Dance (Sat., 7:00 p.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
10.	Alohas (Sun., 9:30 a.m.)	_____ @ \$ _____ per person	\$ _____
11.	Membership Dues - 1982-83	_____ @ \$ <u>10.00</u> per member	\$ _____
12.	Life Membership Dues Payment	\$ _____ per member	\$ _____
Total paid			\$ _____

Fellow Members:

Your Convention Committee has been hard at work trying to arrange activities you have advised us you would like for our '82 reunion. Yes, the program for our Baltimore Convention was set up from the requests and suggestions you sent us. Activities where you and your wives or guests could be enjoying yourselves, besides in the Hospitality Room. We trust our program will meet with your approval.

Now that we have set up a program, it is now important that you help us bring it to a successful fruition. To have the right transportation for everyone going on the trips or tours and having enough food and refreshments so everyone has his or her fill, each of you will have to inform us in which of the activities you desire to take part.

The Form which we are asking you to fill out is on the reverse side of this letter. This Form is usually filled out when you register at our Convention Table. We are asking you to fill out this Form and return it to me (your Convention Chairman) now, in order that your committee can make the necessary arrangements for the various activities. Some of you may ask WHY? We never did it before. Well, the '82 Convention Committee wants all members who attend to be with their friends and enjoy themselves. In order to do this, it will be necessary to have people other than members behind the Registration Table. Thus, having the Forms in our possession prior to the reunion, will assist in a smooth and orderly registering of attendees.

It will not be necessary for you to fill out completely the Registration Form. We do ask you to fill in the top of the Form in order that we may make your record with us complete. In connection with the activities, if you are attending alone, put a (1) on the line of the particular activities you wish to attend. In the event your wife or a guest is attending and participating with you, then put a (2), or (3) if necessary, in order that we know the correct number of individuals taking part in each activity. For example:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| 2. Fort McHenry Visit | <u>2</u> | @ \$ _____ | Member and Wife |
| 4. Naval Academy Trip | <u>1</u> | @ \$ _____ | Member Only |
| 6. Hawaii Luau | <u>3</u> | @ \$ _____ | Member, Wife & Guest |

The folks at the Registration Table will complete the rest of the Form when you sign up at Baltimore.

You will also find attached a Hotel Registration Form. Please fill out and return to the Hotel as soon as possible. We want each member to have a room when he arrives and we are trying to arrange it so that we will all be in the same general area. It may be wise to send in a prepayment check for at least one night's lodging in order that you have a guaranteed room, instead of waiting until you arrive at THE BALTIMORE HILTON.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, and seeing you in August, I am, for your 1982 Committee,

1405 Belmore Ct.,
Lutherville, MD 21093

Joe
Joseph I. Peyton
1982 Convention Chairman

We're using this one just as BILL SHOWEN, (21st '41-'43; 24th Recn. '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis. wrote it:

"Concerning the tumor on the left vocal cord. Have been receiving radiation treatment at the VA Hospital near Milwaukee. Have had 15 daily treatments of 200 rads each (1 rad roughly equal to radiation exposure of 1 X-ray) or a total 3000. Will have 16 or 17 more treatments or 3200 to 3400 more rads. Two examinations so far have revealed some progress. Of course, there will be a followup visit once each month for some months and then each 6 months for another period.

"As an attorney you may not appreciate the item I read in the paper yesterday about a man who wanted to 'take it with him'. He arranged for his priest, doctor and lawyer to each throw an envelope with \$30,000 in each envelope into his grave as he was being buried. When the occasion arose, each tossed envelopes into the grave. Later the priest admitted that his conscience compelled him to confess that he had kept \$10,000 to help renovate his church. The doctor then admitted that he had kept \$20,000 to help build his clinic. The lawyer said he was appalled at this dishonesty and stated he had placed a check in the envelope for the full \$30,000."

For your personal problems, Bill, our prayers are with you.

For your brand of humor, we're throwing you to the wolves. Although, frankly, we loved it.

WALT RAISNER, (D19th 1/40-4/43), of 44 N. Missouri, Belleville, IL, is anxious to locate these D 19th fellas: OVID H. WILLINGHAM, (last known to be in Henderson, Ky.), WILLIAM G. MUELLER, (last known to be in Pittsfield, MA), ERNEST J. SWIFT, EDWARD PETROSKY, ERNEST W. RICKENBACKER, HAROLD L. LYNCH, ZIGMAN POSKUS, WILLIS M. WILLIAMS, MATT J. CHURACK, EMMIT M. PRICE, WILLIAM G. RAMSEY, RALPH M. GUTIERREZ, and CHESTER R. WESTERVELT.

We've primed the pump, Wally.

HUGH BROWN of L of the 21st recommended for membership LAURENCE H. ROBINSON, (L 21st '30-'32), of 511 S. Willomet, Dallas, TX, and now Larry is in, we're happy to say.

While the Army's Fort DeRussy, on Waikiki Beach is at the top of lists of federal property that may be sold to reduce the national debt, one congressional source says the adjoining Hale Koa military hotel is not a good candidate for sale.



"One wish, huh?"

DANA WALLACE, (F 34th '44-'45), of 154 NW 115th Terr., Plantation, FL, writes BOB HARDIN: "Your letter of information on the Division reunion to be held in Baltimore was received with great enthusiasm. I'm looking forward to attending. This will be my first and I'm thrilled about the reunion and proud of its past history. I'm looking forward in hopes to be reunited with some great men who had taken part in WW II in the South Pacific."

We look forward to meeting you, Dana.

LEE LIST, our new membership chairman, is bringing them in. He has the most elaborate recruiting scheme device by man since Hannibal lined up his elephants, pointed them toward the Alps, and said "Mush". Here are a few of his new ones - EDWARD E. MILLER, (5th RCT '54-'55), of Rt. 3, Box 187, Benson, NC; DAVID H. BIBBY, (E 34th '41-'45), of 40 Hillside, Verona, NJ; GEORGE MENEREY, (L 34th '41-'45), of 1111 Glen Lake, Pitman, NJ; SAMUEL MARINARO, (L 34th '41-'44), of 195 Stevens, Cedar Grove, NJ. Lee List, you're a wonder!! To each of our new members, we say "Welcome aboard."

1750 copies of the last issue (32 pages) cost \$1207.50 to print. That's 69¢ per copy.

For the unusual graphics and cover photos in some of our past issues and in this issue as well, we have loyal members VIC BACKER and RAY DENDE to thank. We should have said "Thank you" long ere now. Hope it's not too late, Vic and Ray. We are appreciative, indeed.

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