

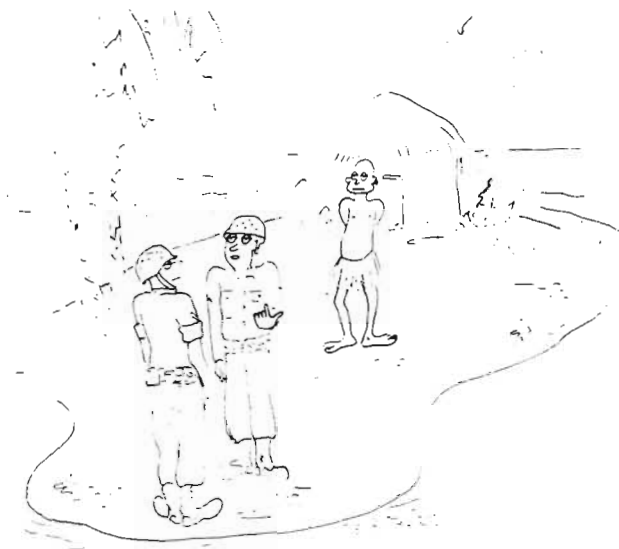
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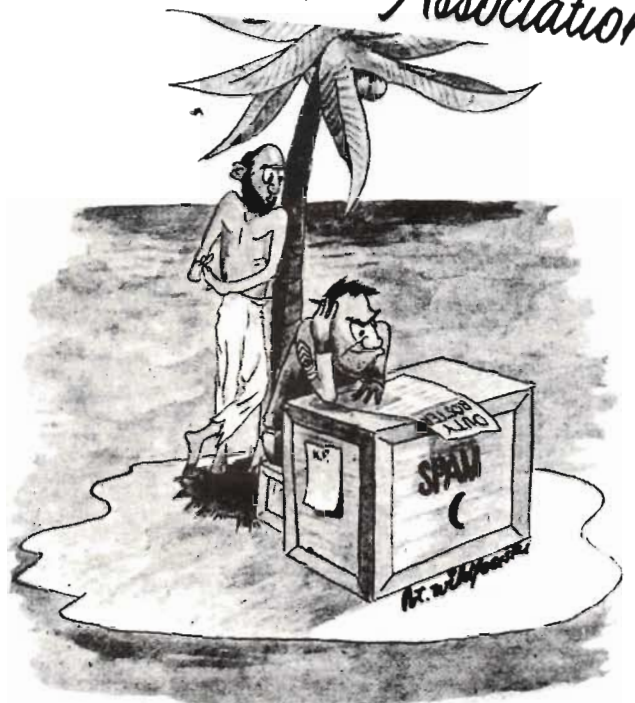
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"HE SAYS IT'S OKAY, HE KNOWS EVERY INCH OF THE ISLAND."  
 —T.S. Arnold Thurm

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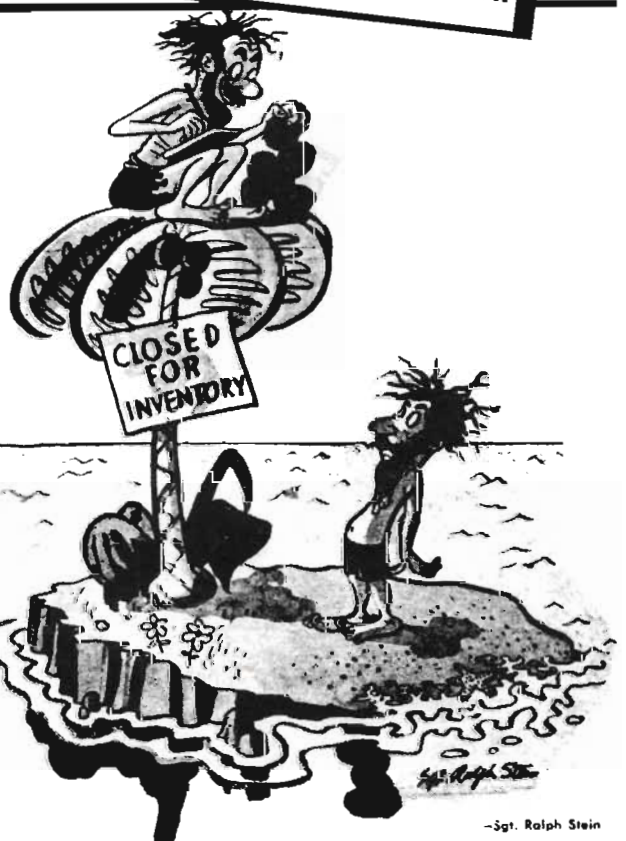


"I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOT ME ON DETAIL AGAIN TODAY."  
 —Pvt. Frederick Wildfoerster



**We are sick of desert island cartoons, too. These are the last ones we'll ever publish.**

"IT'S FROM THE OLD MAN. HE SAYS WE'RE DUE FOR TYPHOID BOOSTER SHOTS."  
 —Capl. Fred Schwab



—Sgt. Ralph Stein



"THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW—IS THE TIDE IN OR OUT?"  
 —Pvt. Mel Warenback

# 7AR0 LEAF

While at BII, MICHAEL "Mike" MOCHAK was stricken in the middle of the night, was rushed to University Hospital, and was IC'd for over a week. Then a transfer to his hometown hospital for another week, then release to the good arms of Alice. Mike is outpatientting with daily trips in for his "medicine." Nothing would please Mike more than a card or other wish from each of you as he endures the agonies of those daily treatments. His spirits are surprisingly good, but they can stand some lifting. He'll not know of this appeal -- at least until after the fact. May we ask each of you to "take ten" and surprise Mike with a get well wish. Let it be your fifth good deed for today. It'll be appreciated ten thousand fold.

Try:

Michael Mochak (D19th '42-'45)  
1143 Walnut St.,  
Springdale, PA 15144

Deep anticipatory thanks for your support on this one. K.R.

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It was a wonderful reunion. Most everyone captured the mood perfectly. It was a time for nostalgia. For three days the gang had a great time renewing old friends, making new ones, reminiscing about those halcyon days when the Army busted its gut trying to make soldiers out of civilians who had a thing against being regimented. That it eventually worked out well is now historical fact. The Army sensed that the citizen soldier could cut the mustard when the chips were down and the civilians admitted, somewhat reluctantly that the Army knew something about fighting a war. The reunion reminded all that WW II was won, and Korea was \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill it in) by a lot of ordinary guys who day-after-day kept plugging to get the job done. Like the offensive line of a pro football team, they ate the dirt and got the bruises, while the flashy quarterbacks got the glory. That was the message of this reunion.

## R.S.V.P. Letters to the Editor



The soothing words of JIM MACK, (Hq.Co. 19th '39-'41), of Furnace Lane, New Florence, PA: "We just had our reunion of the 80th Fighter Sqdn., 8th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force at Coca Beach, FL. Had a great time with old buddies, but I'm sure I would enjoy being with old "Chick" buddies even more since it was the beginning of my seven year military career. That's why I wanted to make Baltimore! The "Chick" years of '39-'42 were most wonderful!!! Was delighted to read in the directory that our 1st Sgt. Armin L. Grahls was still living and in the Association. If my memory serves me correctly, Armin was the youngest 1st Sgt. in the Army during WW I. A fine, fine gentleman!!! Sure am anxious to make a reunion in the near future! To meet onesthat I knew from the past and to meet others like yourself to remember in years to come."

## Making Tracks

Our last evening in BII was in full cry on a cool night, one made for dancing and jollity and for savoring the last of the 24th experience. As we had all week, we admired how our crowd -- so often buttoned-up and unapproachable in their cities -- was so loose-legged and animated, and we marveled at how easy it was to talk with them, share a drink, not give a damn together about what was happening in Washington or Lebanon. We toasted America, the Army, and the 24th and beat time to the pounding rock, wonderfully supplied by General Galvin, and we all felt perfectly free. Tomorrow we would don our urban faces again and return to our ordinary lives, and so be it. We had, we agreed, found at Baltimore an antidote that measured up to its promise.

Past Prexy GERALD STEVENSON, (Div. Hq) at BII, was telling others about the two dumb guys who showed up at a Halloween party with burnt faces. Seems they'd been bobbing for French fries. Sounds like a Henny Youngman story, Gerry.

# WHAT'S News, WHAT'S Coming

Take the bull by the horns, we did. We're ordered 100 copies of each of the cloth-bound and the paper-bound versions of "Follow Me," that wonderful book written by Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN, with whom, at BII, we made a deal. The book is a rare combination of anecdotes and recollections. Every Taro Leafer should own a personal copy. The price at your local bookstore, if they can keep them in stock is \$14.95 for the cloth and \$9.95 for the paper. Our price which means "your" price, if you order from us is \$12.95 for the cloth edition and \$7.95 for the paper edition - and that includes our costs in mailing to you.

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Wonderful seeing JOHN (63 Field, and Jay WELCH who had motored to BII from Napa, Cal. -- Yes, Cal. Trouble was Johnny sat beside CARL SCHAAD, (63rd and 52nd) at the banquet. Looked as though they were planning a TOT in the event of WW III, but in reality they were merely reliving their days together in WW II. Sorry, Jay, and Mary, but that's what it's all about.

## Knots

Seeing JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, (G 21st), looking so well at BII put us in mind of the secret wish he expressed to be Secretariat just after the horse had been retired to stud. What could be better, he reasoned, than to be a retired millionaire with nothing to look forward to but sex.

## Thanks for the memory

## A-Ten-Ten-tion!



PAUL, (I 34th), and Dottie WISECUP proudly presented this one to us at BII. It's Joshua, 14 months old, son of their Curt whom most of us recall as a baby himself. Curt and Debbie are living in Kettering, Ohio, while the grandfolks, as most everyone knows, have migrated to Florida. Welcome to the 24th family, Josh.

200th anniversary of the Purple Heart medal was observed at Stewart recently with fitting ceremony. General Galvin spoke at a retreat ceremony. A reception followed at the NCO Club hosted by the AUSA. George Washington established the Purple Heart on Aug. 7, 1782 while headquartered at Newburgh, N.Y., just above West Point. He was then C-in-C of the Continental Army.

Army cooks soon will be getting recognition for their culinary efforts each meal, according to a Troop Support Agency official at Fort Lee.

Recognition will be in the form of a card, bearing the name of the meal item and of the cook who prepared it. The cards will be placed in front of the food items on the mess hall serving line.

The idea behind the move is "to create more pride in the product" by identifying food service soldiers with the items they prepare. "Also, if it's something particularly good (a mess hall patron) might be more inclined to say, 'That's excellent spaghetti today, Jones,'" the official said.

VIC BACKER, (A34th), told us a story at BII. It seems two dumb guys went out hunting for bears. They saw a sign that said "Bear left" - so they went home. And to think we went all the way to Baltimore for that.

DID'JA EVER? Did'ja ever wake up in the middle of a dream, usually at the most exciting part - then try to go back to sleep to see if you can pick it up where you left off, just to see how it came out?

BOB NELSON, (F19th), gave us the sad report at BII that he is suffering - glaucoma in one eye. Such a swell guy, too.

Little 'ole Ben Sasway, the 21 year old collegian who failed to register for the draft; let's not forget him. Funny, but we didn't have that trouble 20 or 30 or 40 years ago.

# EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

"I'm the commandant of the division headquarters. The term has been around since World War II."

These are the words of a commandant, CAPT. JAMES A. HAUG. Many people are unaware of the role this individual and his staff play in the scheme of things at division headquarters.

Those of us of WWII vintage surely remember HENRY MUCCI or HUGH "Flattop" TAYLOR. We wonder if Haug is like either of them.

Haug is responsible for many things. Between himself and three other staff members - an operations sergeant, draftsman/illustrator and a driver - headquarters is kept running smoothly. This small office serves a multi-faceted function.

According to Haug, the commandant is "responsible for the operation and control of the division headquarters building to ensure everyone has adequate office space, and that maintenance is taken care of properly, and work orders are coordinated. The headquarters commandant is tactically responsible for the security of the division main command post, its internal arrangement and its overall operation."

Haug briefs the staff duty officers and "runs rosters" for the Field Officers of the Day (FOD).

Additionally, he is responsible for the movement of the staff sections in the field.

"I am responsible for organizing the command post in the field," Haug explained.

And so we close with a sigh, "Ah, it all comes back to me now."



## TAKING THE FIFTH IN A MILE

DID'JA EVER? Did'ja ever look around a diningroom waiting for your waitress to bring your check? There'll be 15 waitresses on duty - 14 and yours. The 14 will be in plain evidence all around the room. Yours will be hiding out in the kitchen.

At BII, JACK ANDERSON, (A19th), was proposing sweatshirts incorporating the patch. Seems Jack can print them down there in N. Car. Send us your proposition Jack. Of course, you noticed that Division personnel bought up boxes of some from Stewart - and they went like hot cakes.

# A PAIR OF ACES



We're getting old. Can't remember whether we have used this one or not. If we haven't, we should have. So here goes -- it's l. to r. CHARLEY and Martha CARD, (B 34th '44-'46), and Margaret and BILL SLATAPER, (A, C & D 34th '45-'46), both residents down Houston, TX way. With that flat in the background, it could have been mistaken for Matsuyama.

## *Jewels For Your Table*

If you find any mistakes in this issue, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

# Changing Scene

In which we extend apologies to WOODSON C. TUCKER, now of 53 Tomino, Hot Springs, AR. We had him in the recent Directory as being of the 1st Div. Not so! Woody was 24th Division Chemical Officer. Sorry old friend.

## HISTORY ON THE WING

We cannot cover all of BII in this issue. We have to spread it out over a few issues. OK, VINNIE VELLA, (K21st)? You were there at BII and we don't want to miss you - or anyone else who attended.

Wonder why it took so long to nail Gaylord "Mr. Moist" Perry "for the first time" for his spitter.

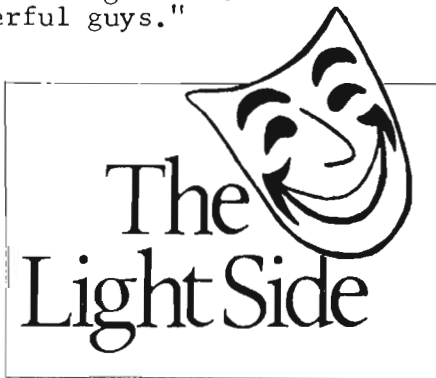
# Our versifying friends

Lucille BOYCE, JOHN's (F19th) better half, wrote this moving piece while at BII:

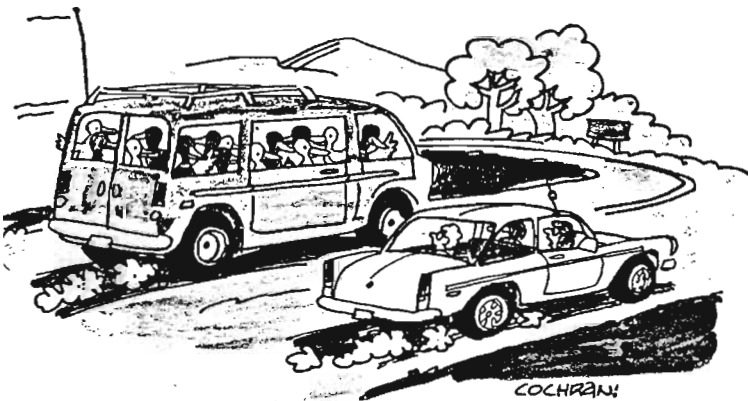
" These men have fought and tasted fear  
And now they meet just once a year  
Shaking hands and slapping backs  
Backs that once carried back packs -

" They fought, they wept - homesick too  
While eagerly awaiting letters from  
you  
For all of those who waited at home  
Had to carry the burden alone.

" Peace came, the war was WON!  
The men marched home,  
their job was done.  
It all seems so long ago -  
time flies  
But let's not forget these brave  
and wonderful guys."

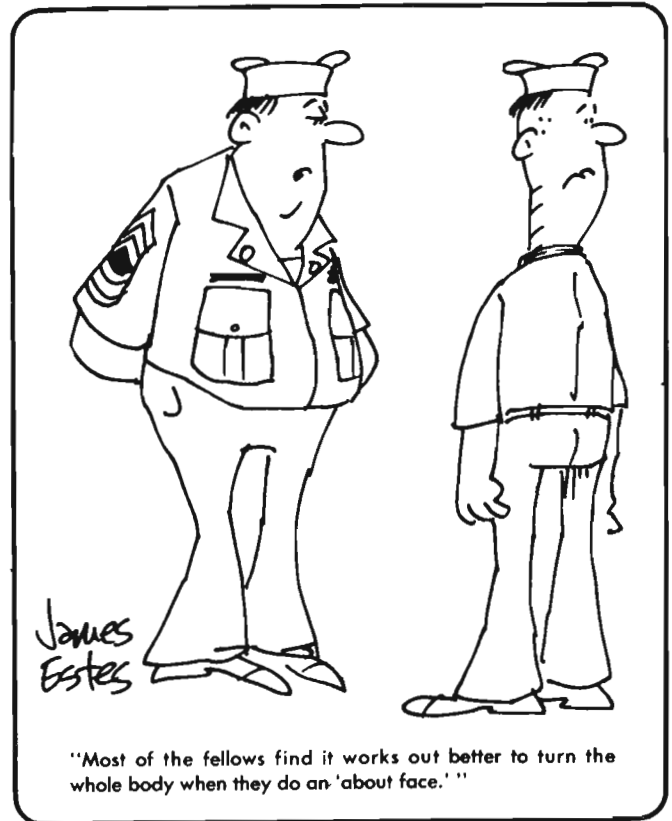


At BII, WALLY CUNNINGHAM, (Div.Hq. '42-'45), a present-day Baltimorean (2828 Maryland Ave.) was overheard to be telling ART KEMP, (C 21st),: "There are 857 bars in Baltimore, and I can honestly say that I have never been in one of them. That's Joe's Bar and Grill over on Eutaw St."



"I always thought they flew South!"

New address for BILL BYRD: 205 Georgetown Circle, Ft. Smith, Ark. Missed you at BII, Billy.

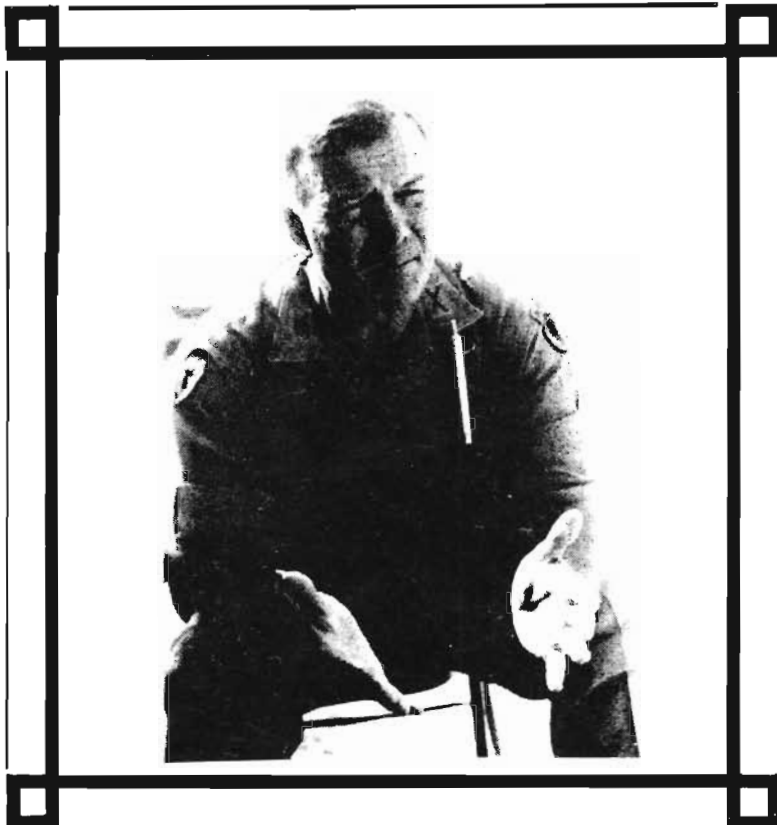


This issue couldn't, nor shouldn't, go to press without this quote from a letter from BILL MCKENNA, (34th): "This month.. another anniversary of Hiroshima. Even more people carrying placards demanding a "freeze", or a "ban", or a miracle. While most everybody in his right mind prays another "Bomb" is never dropped... nobody seems much concerned about the conventional ones - the kind the "other guys" now have more of than we do...and with the same deadly capacity. And is nuclear war really "unthinkable?" No... not as long as there are those who possess the unthinkable weapons, and want to impose their way on others. Maybe wars will finally cease when people realize that the one common bond of mankind is its common victims...and that there was a horror of Hiroshima because there was a Pearl Harbor, and a Palo and a Corregidor...and nothing must change the belief that human life is precious, for the one, and the many. Didn't mean to carry on so." You didn't carry on, Bill - you can bend our ear any time.

## YOUR MONEYSWORTH

Chalk up another first for the 48th Inf. Bde of the Georgia Army National Guard. Elements of the brigade have successfully completed an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRE), thus becoming the first National Guard unit in the country to undergo such an exercise.

The Bde. is the roundout Bde. of Division, as you know.



Col. RONALD C. BECKER's 2nd Bde left Stewart early in August for rotational training at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA. Desert Sting '82 was the maneuver name. Maj. Gen. Galvin left us at B II to fly out to California to observe his team. We give you this pic of Col. Becker. Wish we could have done better.

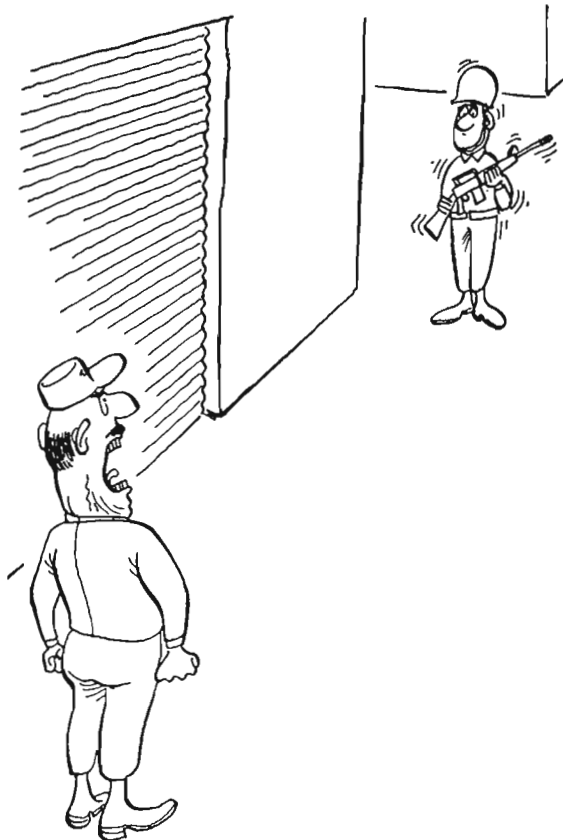
Became a Life Member at B II: GUY SEE (5th RCT '50-'52), of 683 S. 2nd, Heath, Ohio -- #493. Congratulations, Guy. Wrote Guy - and Grace: "Had wonderful time in Baltimore renewing old friendships and making new ones. A super thanks to all who helped to make the weekend great."

The town philosopher says he is lucky -- he doesn't have any of the ailments featured in TV commercials.

Just one more bit of evidence that we "army'd" 40 years too soon. It's a gosh darn shame!! Meet Mary C. Howard, Stewart's Safety Officer. She went on Desert Sting '82.

The 32-year-old, Hinesville, Ga. native, a GS-9, has been with Stewart's safety office for the past 3 1/2 years, having previously worked in the post's travel section and hospital.

Her main reasons for deploying with the troops were to observe training, to learn more about the field environment, and to make sure that safety procedures were followed. →



"... AND FURTHERMORE A SENTRY DOES NOT YELL, 'OKAY, BUDDY, REACH!'"





# A Special Touch

## "A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT"

Hardly a month has passed since our last reunion in Baltimore and here we are again planning for the next one in August 1983. The site, of course, is of your choosing (Savannah, Ga.), and an excellent choice it is.

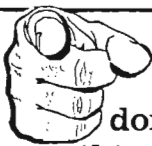
At the risk of repeating myself I can't emphasize enough the importance for those of you who attended our reunions in 1976 or 1978 to use your powers of persuasion with those members who were not in attendance in Savannah. You will recall that Gen. Rosenblum and then Gen. Vaught went all out to make us welcome, not to mention the use of the base facilities for our pleasures and comfort.

Lo and behold we have another such man, a cut of the same cloth, the present C.G. at Ft. Stewart, Gen. JOHN GALVIN and he also welcomes us to Savannah and Ft. Stewart. Gen. Galvin has given me reasons to believe this reunion will be remembered for a long, long time.

I'll be there - hope you are too.

*Chet*

CHESTER A. ANDREZAK  
President



**YOU**  
don't belong to  
this Association!

**IT** belongs  
to **YOU!**

JOE MCKEON, (Hq. 2nd Bn. 19th), came all the way from California for B II and was more than a little distressed the way the banquet speeches dragged on and on and on -- and said so. He threatened not to come to another reunion "unless this foolishness gets straightened out." You're not alone, Joe. There were quite a few complaints about it.

# Action!

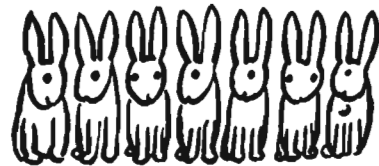
ROY F. MILLER, (B 19th '45), of R6, Box 42, Doniphan, MO, anxious to prove he was in Division. Was wounded on 6/13/45 in a land mine explosion on Mindanao. Eardrum ruptured. Evacuated to 119th Hospital on Leyte. Can anyone help? Wants only to prove it all happened in Div.

## AT EASE

Missed: Going through our town was AL FASSBENDER, (M19 '41-'42), of RD1, Ulster Park, NY. We missed him by a mile. Sorry; Al.



It's AL HOFFMAN on the left and JESSE FOSTER on the right, natch. Taken at Vacaville, Cal. They spent "hours in July" reliving their days in AT 19th '41-'42. Jesse and Daisy, his wife of 38 years, were at B II, brightening up every group in which they joined.



BERT LOWRY reported at BII that he'd just bought a night club back in Lomax, IL. (Pop. 974), and URB THROM told us that he'd just bought a couple of racehorses in Florida. What next?

Please forgive us for being a little tardy in acknowledging your payment of dues during August. Coming in in bunches, as they do, we got a little behind with our paperwork. Sorry 'bout that.

# Step right up, ladies and gentlemen . . .



Why not save yourself some time and postage this Christmas by sending your Greetings via the Taro Leaf. You'll help the Association just a little bit. Each page of Taro Leaf costs us about \$40.00 to print. We'll give you a full page and/or greeting for \$50.00. That will be \$10.00 for the kitty in case you're a little slow. We'll give you a half page for \$25.00, a quarter page for \$12.50, and an eighth of a page for \$6.50. Anything smaller? Forget it! Send your check and this form to the Editor to arrive before Nov. 7th. Your Christmas Greeting will appear in the December issue. If you want, add a black and white glossy of yourself or of your family and make it a part of the Greeting.

Just fill out the form and mail to:  
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Here's \$\_\_\_\_\_. Please insert this Christmas Greeting for me:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## ON YOUR OWN TIME

We found a precious couple at B II -- Dora and MAURICE FINEGOLD, (Sv. 19th), of 475 50th, Miami, FL. What they are short of on height, they make up for in warmth and congeniality. Wrote Dora, after the fact: "We look forward to Savannah. We are willing to wait; it is up to Him to make it possible. We met some lovely people at Baltimore and want to see some more of them."

That movie, Inchon, starring Sir Oliver as You-know-who, is finally appearing in the local houses. Was made 2 years ago. Often wondered why it wasn't released sooner.

People who say they don't have time to read hardly ever mention not having time to watch TV.



Old 19th friends at BII -- JESSE FOSTER and EDDIE ROBINSON. Writes Eddie - "Great reunion. Only left hotel once - to go with JOE CENGA and find some Maryland crab cakes."

Diet books are on the best-seller list which proves that people can make a good living off the fat of the land.

If it weren't for the weather, most people couldn't start a conversation.



At BII in the usual l. to r. -- ROLAND SMITH, CSM CLARENCE WILHELM, KENNETH PATE, and RICHARD LUM. Wilhelm and Lum were both born on Maui.

If you can sell something for twenty-five cents to someone who doesn't know what it is, doesn't know what he can possibly do with it, but figures for a quarter he can't go wrong -- that's a rummage sale.

Help! Help! Help! Another cry out of the wilderness. A couple of 724th Ordnance men this time. They want verification of an ambush involving them circa Apr. 21-22, 1950. They are JOHN A. VENEZIA and OLIVER WILSON. John's at 9 Valley View Drive, Rockaway, NJ. Johnny says that a Lt. Brooks, now deceased, put them both in for the Silver Star. Can't find any record. Anybody got any ideas?

Every few days, we hear from someone who starts out with, "I ain't never heard of this Association before. Where you guys been?" So how about it gang? If you know of someone who could be but isn't one of us give us his name and address. We'll do the rest. Only 1568 of us are members. And there are over 300,000 out there who could be members.

CHARLEY HOGUE, (Sv. 19th), at BII, was one of the 365 who sat down at the Luau, one of the 480 who sat down at the Banquet.

Joined: ALFRED J. PISANELLO, (E 21st), of 324 Spruce, Glenalden, Pa.

JOE PEYTON's beloved Kate will likely have had her baby by the time this reaches you. Best, Kate -- with love.

Great year, now past, on the part of Prexy DALLAS DICK, (19th). He and wonderful Peggy did yoeman service at BII.



It was appalling enough that the government took so long to indict those young men defying the law requiring them to register for the draft after turning 18. Now, would you believe, there are those who say there are so many unregistered that it is doubtful the draft registration law can be enforced at all!

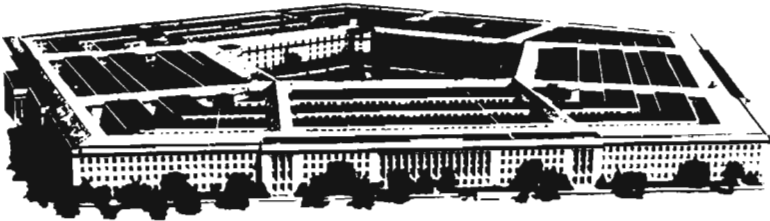
Most unregistered are unregistered as a result of ignorance or sloth. A few successful prosecutions will raise the percentage of compliance from the presently estimated 80% back to 95% plus.

Making compliance with the registration requirement unavoidable shouldn't be at all difficult. Any male over 18 who applies for a Social Security number should have to supply his draft number; any male turning 18 should have to supply his draft registration number before any of the 50 states could issue him a driving license; any employer hiring an 18-year-old should be required to record the young man's draft registration number.

Given these simple requirements, very few would continue not to comply - for whatever reason - with a registration considered so important to our security and survival as a nation.



"IT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME, COLONEL, THE WAY THESE LITTLE GIRLIES ALWAYS STEAL THE SHOW."



As we who were there well know, it's not uncommon for Japanese men to perform bodily functions in the great outdoors. But a Cabinet minister doing so in the garden of the parliament building threatens something of a government tiff. It seems that a picture recently released by a photo magazine showed a man urinating on a tree in the garden of the Diet. The magazine also identified the man -- as Ichiro Nakagawa, a Diet member and Cabinet minister. His opposition, took issue with the seeming indiscretion and sent a protest note to the management committee of the House of Representatives, demanding an "explanation" from the government party. Urinating in public is punishable by law as a "misdemeanor" but there was no indication if charges would be filed, and no immediate comment from Nagakawa.

## Readers write

Col. SIDNEY S. SOGARD, (Div.Hq. '48-'51), of 3980 Commander, Columbus, Ga., sent in for decals of the Division patch. We have 'em. Good on windshields.

## PREVIEW

AL "Handlebars" SOUSA, (3rd Eng.), tells us that he's going to get DICK GOEAS, (Div.Hq.) to join. We've tried for years, Al. Lots of luck. And Dick was a personal friend of ours, too.

## THE BIGGEST BARGAIN

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance premiums have been reduced sharply for 2.2 million active duty service people and another 900,000 Ready Reservists, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The new premiums, which took effect July 1, will be 11.6 cents per month per \$1000 of coverage. Before the change, service people could buy up to \$35,000 of SGLI coverage for 15 cents per month per \$1000 of coverage.

Where to in '83? It's back to Savannah, says ROLAND K. SMITH, (B19th) who was there at BII when it was voted upon.

## Starting Over

Directory Correction: FRANK SMITH (F 21st '40-'44), of 104 Mary, Bentleyville, PA is Frank "A" Smith, not "Frank "G" Smith. Oops, sorry, Frank.

## THE PROMISE

It's pumpkin pie time. Connoisseurs will remember the last stanza of Lydia Maria Child's "Over the River and Through the Woods":

Over the river and through the wood;  
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!  
Hurrah for the fun!  
Is the pudding done?  
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!



"You'll get over it, Joe. Oncet I wuz gonna write a book exposin' the army after th' war myself."

Memo from D.E. "Ed" FENTON, of 27 Eden Hollow Lane, Sicklerville, N.J. 08081: "I am looking for information about my unit. I was in "B" Battery, 555 FA Bn in Korea. We were assigned as support for the 5th RCT. On April 25, 1951, our unit was wiped out and I was captured by the Chinese. We lost "A" battery, "B" and part of the 5th RCT. I spent 28 months as a Prisoner of War. Since then I have had no contact with anyone who knows who survived. I am presently in touch with about 20 fellows from the Div. who survived. Can you get me in contact with people?" We'll do our best, Ed.

# “Où est ma bain?”

*An interrogation on World War II.*

1. What were the correct military designations of Carlson's Raiders, Darby's Rangers, and Merrill's Marauders?

2. During which battle did one officer say of another, “If he wants my advice he'll ask for it,” and then go back to sleep? Who were the officers?

3. One thousand two hundred fifty tons of what essential war matériel were found on Staten Island, New York, and what were they doing there?

4. Who called up Army Group B headquarters near Soissons and then held the phone out the window, and why?

5. What American officers had the nicknames Betty, Chesty, Mary, Pappy, and Pinky?

6. Who said, “Well, I've got on my tin hat; I can't do anything else now,” and when?

7. What warship signaled another in rhymed couplets and received a reply in Latin, followed by a translation? Where and when did this happen?

8. How did the classification “bigot” originate?

9. Where, when, and to whom did Churchill say, “Où est ma bain?,” and what was he wearing at the time?

10. What authors in what works created the fictional characters CWO Botwinnick, Pfc. Greengroin, Sgt. Limeburner, and Capt. Smith?

11. Who faked the newsreel to make it appear that Hitler was dancing a jig at Compiègne? How was it done?

12. Why did Eisenhower say, “Steady, Monty. You can't speak to me like that. I'm your boss”? Where and when was it said, and what was Montgomery's reply?

13. What does “exdigitate” mean, and why was it written on a roof in Rangoon?

14. Who disinterred a recently buried



German soldier, “to the shame and disgrace of the military service”?

15. Which was the highest rank, an *Oberfeldwebel* in the German army, navy, or air force?

16. What was the purpose of the message “Refer your big boss about Ching Lee; Chinese, catchee? Call off your boys,” and to whom was it sent?

17. Identify: *Aspidistra*, Boniface, Christie, Howard W. Gilmore, “Mokusatsu,” Noor.

18. Of what operation did Hitler say, “Whenever I think of this attack my stomach turns over”? When, where, and to whom did he say it?

19. Who wrote, and on what occasion, “I cannot see any objection to Indians . . . if their virtues so deserve, rising to be Admirals of the Fleet,” and what were the words that immediately followed?

20. What were operations “Bal-lyhoo,” “Bunnyhug,” “Fullforce,” “Massacre,” and “Woebetide”?



## THE ANSWERS

1. 2nd Marine Raider Battalion; 1st, 3rd, and 4th Ranger Battalions; and 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional). During one action a member of the latter was heard to say, "Where the hell are the other 5,306 composite units (provisional)?"

2. Leyte Gulf. Admiral Marc Mitscher, aboard *Lexington*, awakened to be told that the Japanese Central Force was coming through San Bernardino Strait, was speaking of his superior, Admiral William F. Halsey Jr.

3. Uranium ore, stored there as a precaution by Edgar Sengier, head of the Union Minière du Haut Katanga, who had been warned by Sir Henry Tizard that uranium might be important. Sengier was awarded the Medal of Merit.

4. General Dietrich von Choltitz, so that General Hans Speidel might hear the bells of Paris ringing in welcome to the Allies.

5. Respectively, Harold R. Stark, Lewis B. Puller, Milton E. Miles, either Gregory Boyington or Paul I. Gunn, and either Harold R. Bull or Frank Dorn.

6. Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, aboard *Yorktown* at Midway, when told that the Japanese attack was coming in.

7. H.M.S. *Sirius* to H.M.S. *Aurora*, Bône harbor (Algeria), Christmas Day, 1942. The exchange was as follows:

The dog-star on this Christmas morn  
Salutes the Goddess of the Dawn  
And wishes that she'll have good cheer  
Today and through the coming year,  
And very shortly too, perhaps,  
Another of our midnight scraps;  
For in this Force we've just one moan:  
Too little meat—and too much Bone!

*Aurora* replied:

Sirium dea salutat  
Sed mirum quide esse putat  
Os *Aurora* nescit quare  
Canis nequent amare  
Patiatur: si nunc quies  
Nox illi redibit dies.

Followed by:

In dog-speech *Aurora* sends  
Greetings to her Sirian friends,  
Wondering why the Dog has grown  
So disdainful of his Bone.

If for battles he is looking,  
There's delay he must be Brooking;  
But if he will with us stay,  
He once more will have his day.

The commander of *Sirius* was Captain Brooking.

8. "To Gib" spelled backwards, designating officers cleared to Gibraltar for the invasion of North Africa.

9. At the Château du Muguet, General Maxime Weygand's headquarters southeast of Orléans, June 12, 1940, to two startled French officers who were having their morning coffee. He was wearing a flowing red silk kimono and was described as resembling "an angry Japanese genie." Teased about this later by Major General Sir Edward Spears, Churchill grumpily inquired whether he should have said, "uh ay MONG bain?"

10. James Gould Cozzens in *Guard of Honor*, Harry Brown in a series in the British edition of *Yank* magazine, John Cheever in a *New Yorker* story of the same name, and Robert Henriques in *The Voice of the Trumpet*. It was Artie Greengroin who said, "Any dope can have an I.Q."

11. John Grierson, by double-looping.

12. Because Montgomery had described SHAEF dispatches of the previous week as "balls—sheer, bloody balls." This was in Eisenhower's aircraft on Brussels airfield, September 10, 1944. Monty replied: "I'm sorry, Ike."

13. Remove digit—i.e., "get your thumb out." R.A.F. prisoners of war, noting that the Japanese had gone, were indicating that they would like to be rescued.

14. General Patton's dog, Willie.

15. Navy; it was equivalent to the American first sergeant. In the army and air force it was equivalent to the American master sergeant.

16. To prevent U.S. forces at Guadalcanal from mistaking the battleships *South Dakota* and *Washington* for Japanese. "Big boss" was General Alexander Vandegrift on Guadalcanal, who knew Admiral Willis Augustus Lee by his Annapolis nickname, "Ching." Lee commanded Task Force 64, which included the two battleships. The "boys" were PT boats.

17. Aspidistra: a British wireless transmitter for messages to enemy-occupied countries.

Boniface: Churchill's name for the Ultra Secret, the breaking of the German codes.

Christie: J. Walter Christie, American designer of the "Christie," or full-bogie, tank suspension, which was rejected by the Americans and adopted by the British and the Russians. The Christie tank was the model for the Russian T-34, the best all-around tank of the war.

Lt. Com. Howard W. Gilmore: commander of submarine *Growler*, who, wounded on the bridge, gave the order "Take her down," and thus saved the ship at the cost of his life. Gilmore was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

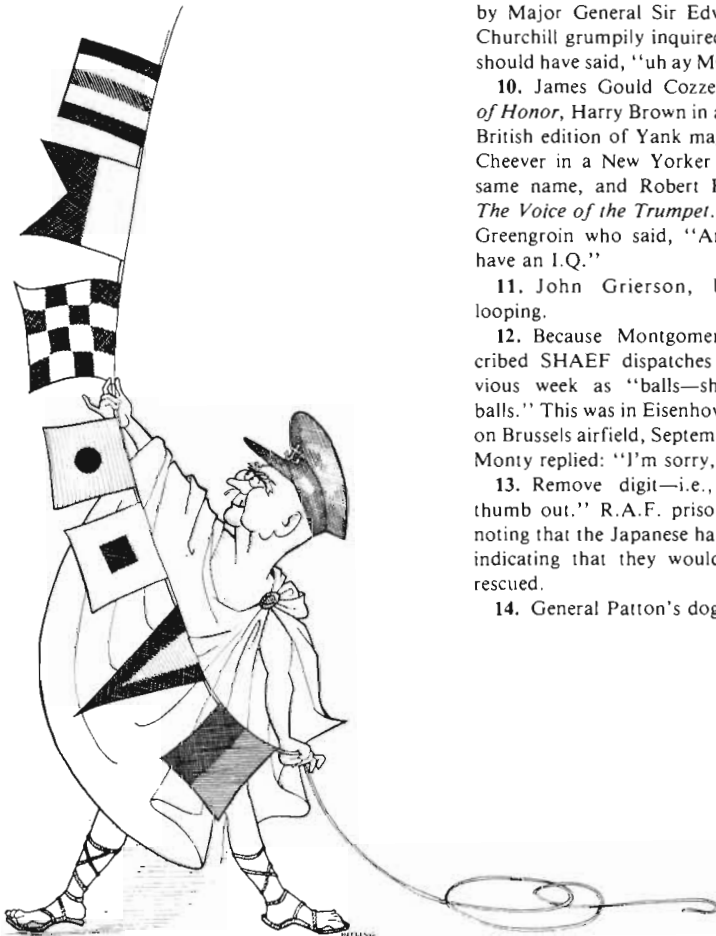
"Mokusatsu": literally, "kill with silence," a word in Japanese prime minister Suzuki's reply to the Potsdam declaration, which was translated as "ignore," but could also have been intended to mean "withholding comment," as an overture to negotiations.

Noor: Noor Inayat Khan, agent of the SOE (Special Operations Executive) flown into France, captured by the Gestapo, executed at Dachau, and later awarded the British George Cross. It was asserted, and denied, that she had been needlessly sacrificed.

18. "Zitadelle," the Battle of Kursk, on May 10, 1943, at the Chancellery in Berlin, to General Heinz Guderian, who had been trying to talk him out of it.

19. Churchill, as First Lord of the Admiralty, asserting a policy of no discrimination on grounds of race or color in the Royal Navy. His next words were: "But not too many of them, please."

20. All were names rejected as unsuitable by Churchill in a memo to Major General Sir Hastings Ismay. Churchill added, "An efficient and a successful administration manifests itself equally in small as in great matters."



# -BULLETIN BOARD-

Those precious people, FRANK and Louise KUBA, (H&S, 3rd Eng., '43-'46), brightened every corner of BII. Frank happily announced that he had retired but 2 short weeks ago. A Happy Retirement Frank and Lou; that's our sincere wish for you both.

We've not reading much about arms negotiations currently going on in Geneva, Switzerland. Our own Maj.Gen. EDWARD L. ROWNY is running that show.

BILL EARLEY, (A 26th AAA Bn) whispered one in our ear at BII. It was about the dumb terrorist they sent to blow up a car. He burnt his lips on the exhaust pipe.

Nice little extra "divident" sent in by JOHN and Martha VOGT along with their '82-'83 dues. They're at 718-1 Governor, Valparaiso, Ind. Couldn't make BII, "medical problems" they write. Hope the problems are going away, folks.

In "Goodbye Darkness" William Manchester describes New Guinea as a most unpleasant place, the kind of country that "would give the bravest manpause."

"Hideous crabs scuttle underfoot," he wrote, "Reptiles are coiled around trees. And somewhere in this green hell lurk scorpions, bats, spiny anteaters, ratlike bandicoots, cassowaries, wild boars and crocodiles: an awesome menagerie which seems to justify the irrational conviction that a menacing beast is close, and coming closer. This is the kind of jungle I learned to fear and hate in my youth, a soggy miasma of disease-bearing insects, snakes, precipitous slopes, mire, swamps, heat, humidity, landslides of falling rock, rushing rivers to cross.

"There is horror everywhere, everywhere, and angst," he wrote.

Be sure to read Manchester's book. It's the story of a Marine who goes back to his wartime places of interest.

Warm letter gratefully received from LEO and Mary ROGERS, (I 19th and Div.Hq. '31-'41). They live at - wait-til-you-read-it- 914 Robley, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA. Doesn't it make your mouth water? Beautiful name, folks. They wanted to be at B II but Col. Leo was tapped again for teaching summer school.

BILL MULDOON, (E 19th '44), of 643 Trapelo, Waltham, MA, became Life Member #500 at BII. We're proud of you, Billy.

This request received from WALTER JOHNSON, JR. of Rt. 2, Box 394, Crossville, TN: "For a long period of time, I have been trying to locate someone who can give me some details concerning the death of my brother, S/Sgt. Orvel J. Johnson, I 34th Inf. He was killed in or near Pohang, South Korea, during the period 10 through 20th of Sept, 1950. He may have been in the 19th Inf.Regt. at the time of his death as I understand the 34th Inf.Regt. was deactivated on the 5th of September 1950 with surviving men assigned to other regiments within the division. He also served with the 34th in Japan prior to the war. Thank you for any help you can give me."

Okay, gang -- there's a challenge.

Glad to correct an error appearing in a recent issue concerning the crocodile who ate the soldier. We had said that BOB BRABHAM (Div.Hq.-AG Sect.), told us that it happened at Hollandia. Bob, at BII, corrected us; it was on Leyte along that river that entered the bay at Pinamapoon. JACK HEN, (C 52nd) confirmed it.

Welcome to a newly-joined member. GEORGE HANSON, Box 218Q, Charleston, W.VA. George was a B of the 19th man from '49-'51. As a fishery biologist, George, you might appreciate the one about the Japanese thermometer company which folded last week. Seems they found a trace of swordfish in their mercury. Yea, that's what you get for joining.

Something we hardly ever do is watch TV - although this summer, circumstances led us to a series of "Laverne and Shirley" reruns. We had never before seen the show - but quickly decided we had never missed a thing. That show was (is) worse than "MASH", if such is possible. Rumor hath it that these two dames collect \$2 million each per season not including the residuals from the reruns airing presently in more than 100 cities. At BII, we told LAFE COCHRAN, (24th QM), what we thought of the show. He concurred. At least, we have one other Taro Leafer on our side. We're not unmindful of the troubles we brought down on our head a few years back when we wrote a zinger or two concerning "MASH".

JOHN L. TOOHEY, (Btry A 52 Field), noted the present day troop list at BII and asked the reasonable question: "What happened to the 52nd?" D---ed if we know, John, but we'll try to find out.

Headquarters 3rd Battalion of Engineers,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

November 6, 1911.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NO. 83.

Upon the recommendation of the company commander the following reduction is hereby made in Company "K", viz.

To be 2nd class Private:

Corporal Thomas B. Hammill.

By order of Captain Lukesh:

*Thomas B. Hammill*  
Captain, Corps of Engineers,

Adjutant.

AL SOUSA, (3rd Eng.) likes to remind us that General DOUGLAS MACARTHUR once served in the 3rd Engineers. He sent us Special Orders #83 signed by him on 11-6-11. Says Al, "I have the original, which I 'liberated' before we left Schofield. Remember the reams of paper we had to destroy before leaving? Well, I salvaged this one from the battalion files."



# A Touch of Class

Meet our "Crown Prince" -- duly elected at BII as our Vice President for 1982-3 -- JOHN "Bob" SHAY (Hq.Co., 21st). We couldn't have elected a nicer guy.

## I'm On My Way

Good to see LOU DUHAMEL, (Cn. 21st), at BII, looking as relaxed as your Aunt Jane on her way downtown to buy a new dress. Keep it up, Lou; stay loose.



As we listened to Chaplain JOE PEYTON's reading of our Memorial Service at BII, we were reminded of Joseph Conrad's poignant epitaph for soldiers buried overseas... "Here dead we lie, because we did not choose to live and shame the land from whence we sprung. Life to be sure is nothing much to lose, but young men think it is, and we were young."

## Autumn's parade of shows

While you are talking about budget cuts, recession, inflation, interest rates, and unemployment, just remember: these are the good old days you will miss twenty years from now.

In with their dues for fiscal year '83 (Aug. 1, 1982 to Aug. 1, 1983), are FRED "Clem" and Elizabeth PUTZ, G 21st '44-'46), of Lacona, Iowa. Thanks folks.

Hard news from RAY MONTGOMERY, (L 21st '42-'45), of Shepherdsville, Ky. Lottie in hospital during summer - recovering - then her Mother died. Keep a stiff upper lip, Ray.

New address for BOB LUHRSEN, (M 19th): 105 Fleur De Lis Lane, Naples, FL. Terrific street name, Bobby; love it.

Col. HOWARD and Marilyn BALLIETT, (A & I, and CO 2nd Bn., 21st '40-'44), are moving to Florida. Leaving Wisconsin where Howie is Asst. Chancellor of the U of Wis. Our best wishes for a happy retirement, folks.



Banquet Guest of Honor Lt.Gen. CHARLES W.G. RICH told the story of his being ordered -- he was CO, 2nd BN, 19th -- to ready H Co. 19th with full field pack etc., etc. The company went off into the darkness -- and Guadalcanal -- never to return to Division. As the "new" H Co. 19th, George Dickerson's company was assigned to Division. And Brig. Gen. George was there in the audience to acknowledge the fact.

Present at BII -- DANA G. WALLACE, (F 34th) who was "riding shotgun" for JOCK CLIFFORD on the day Jock was killed.

## NOW IS THE TIME

The tourist with a camera around his neck had stopped beside a tumbledown shack on a mountain road. Sitting on the porch in a rocking chair was the perfect picture of a rugged old mountaineer... "May I take your picture?" the tourist asked. "All right with me," the man said. "I've always wondered how you mountain people live to such a ripe old age," the tourist asked, "what is your secret?"... "No secret how I live," he said, "everybody around here knows. I drink a quart of home-made whiskey every day, smoke half a dozen cigars that I make myself from my own home-grown tobacco and I chase after all the neighborhood gals."... "That seems like a rather strenuous life for a man of your age," the tourist said, "Just how old are you anyway?"... "I'll be 32, come October."

Storekeepers seldom advertise how much an item costs, just how much you save.

Heard from again: FRANK TITLOW, of 1105 Youngsford, Gladys, PA. Thanks for the dues, Frankie.

Five U.S. soldiers have defected to North Korea since the Korean armistice in '53. Two in '62, one in '63, one in '65, and now Pfc. Joseph T. White, (A, 1st Bn., 31st, 2nd Inf.Div.) in '82.

Sign on lawn: "Kittens for sale! Ring bell - and ask for Mrs. Katz."



The present 724th Maint. Bn. has grown some since we knew it 35-40 years ago as the 724th Ord. (LM) Co. It's the "Mr. Goodwrench" of the Division, they are saying these Stewart days.

The soldiers fulfill a two-fold mission by providing direct support maintenance and class IX repair parts to every unit at Stewart and Hunter and also supply technical assistance to all support units.

Companies B and C are the two forward support organizations. They deploy with the first and second brigades on emergency deployment readiness exercises (EDRE) and they would also deploy in the event of an actual emergency.

Companies E and F provide rear support and support for units not in one of the brigades. They also provide backup support for both forward companies.

Company C personnel work in various fields, from production control to electronics maintenance, they take on the task of being the first brigade's maintenance company.

Company E is the land combat support systems (LCSS) operation and they take care of all the air defense equipment. They repair vulcans, chapperals, TOWs and dragons.

The heavy maintenance company, Company F, provides support to units not in a brigade. Their main mission is recovery of heavy vehicles. In the fuel and electric shop, soldiers can be seen diligently working on carburators, brakes and starters. They meticulously go over each component to see if it is repairable, if so they fix and reissue it.

In our day, much emphasis was placed on such a major item as valve caps. Looks a little more complicated today.

## SCORECARD

Welcome new members:

WALTER D. BLACKWOOD, (13th F and 63rd F '40-'44), of 1169 Pleasant Pines, Mt. Pleasant, SC. Walter is presently personnel manager for the Navy Exchange in Charleston. Retired from Army in '64.

RALPH L. SHERMAN, (11th F '40-'44), of Lake Breeze Turnpike, Gilford, NH.

Col. JAMES "JB" and Lois JONES, (19th and Div. G4 '42-'45), of 2501 Canterbury, Columbia, S.C., signalled that they couldn't make BII. Wanted to be remembered to all of their friends, and they are legion.

## WINDOW SEAT

PAUL "Jr." HARRIS's remarks, in accepting the 1982 award of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK BOWL, were plain, short, but moving -- "Everyone here has heard of General Verbeck. Not all of you knew him. But I knew him. I served him, and it was my honor so to do." Heady stuff, Junior.

## Members write



Look at these wonderful notes from LEON D. SWEM (AT 34th):

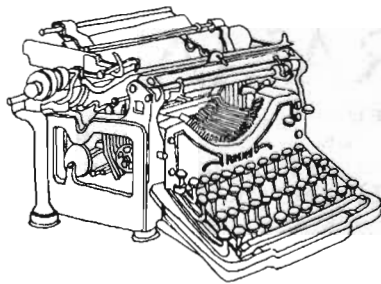
"I drove to Art McCaulley's, leaving July 28th, arriving for a get-together, (Mini-Reunion) on his farm with four other 24th'ers including Art, on July 29th. We were the invited guests of the McCaulley's and a get-together long to be remembered and treasured.

"Art Miller had helped McCaulley with the "Club House" and install huge, picture windows on both ends. Reading from left to right, seated, Leon Swem, Tom Pleis and Bob Pitzer. Back row, standing, Julius Novak, Art McCaulley and Art Miller.

"Our 'get-together' lasted from July 29 - 31. Excellent Hostess and Host.

"Upon my return home, arriving late afternoon of Aug. 3rd, I was pleasantly surprised when Marge and Shorty Scherer knocked on the kitchen door. We enjoyed a grand visit. They proceeded directly to Hasting and Syracuse to visit relatives, (Shorty has a sister in Syracuse) then back to their home in Warren, PA., after spending one night in Syracuse."

CHARLEY JAMESON, (F & AT, 21st '44-'45), of Bridgewater, VA., couldn't make BII but he and Clara sent regrets. Clara recovering from surgery.



We love this story sent in by Maj.Gen. HENRY MOHR, of 20 Grand Circle, St. Ann, Mo.:

Lt.Gen. Manton Eddy, while Commander of the Seventh U.S. Army in Europe during the 1950s, spent much of his time in the field. One dark, rainy night, he dropped in on an infantry unit setting up its bivouac in the woods of Germany. He and his Aide were walking through an area where the men were pitching pup tents. A soldier, seeing General Eddy's light, yelled, "Hey you, hold that light over here." The soldier was trying to drive a tent peg in the ground with his helmet. "Hold the damn thing still!" said the soldier.

When the soldier finished his sloppy task, he stood up and saw the stars on General Eddy's raincoat in the glow of the flashlight.

"What's your name?" asked General Eddy.


The startled soldier stammered, "Jesus Christ!"

## A potpourri

"Kidney removed." That's the signal from METRO KRAMARCHYK, of 715 23rd, Watervliet, N.Y. Writes Metro: "I'm delinquent on my dues. I plead guilty and put myself under forfeiture of my Coca Cola ration for 3 months -- and may the tooth fairy favor you with an Ipana smile." You don't sound like a one kidney man to us, Metro.

The greatest satisfaction which comes to us in this job is when a fine chap like BILL EARLEY (26th AAA '49-'51), of 25 Kelley, Hamden, CT, writes to tell us that BACIL STEED, (A, 70th Hv. Tk. Bn. & 24th Recn. '49-'50), of 6 S. Esplanade, Glenelg, South Australia, caught his name in Taro Leaf and contacted him. Writes Bill: "I hadn't seen or heard of Bacil since we were both at Camp Crouch, in Yamaguchi. Here's a picture of him. I'll be writing him, telling him that I've asked you for an assist. Bacil would like to hear from any of his old buddies." We're putting it in print, Bill - and Bacil.

Sign in nudist camp.  
"Always open; we never clothe."



It's a "Before and After" set. Meet JOE DAWSON (D 34th '40-'44), of 17500 Stout, Detroit, Mich. First see him as he was at Schofield shortly after P.H. Then see him as he was at BII. Joe brought the house down by walking into the annual business meeting in full regalia. Hope the pictures print well, Joe. We want the gang to share these.

### *C'est magnifique.*

The Army is promising that women will play an increasing role in its ranks, even though it has lowered the goals for female enlistment and barred them from 23 more job categories.

The changes result from a 1½-year study of women in the Army that started after the number of female enlistees rose steeply in the late 1970s and field commanders began complaining that combat readiness was being hurt.

Certain jobs are closed to women because the Army says they could lead to combat, thus violating the long-standing Army policy barring women from combat.

In addition, the Army said it plans to limit the number of enlisted women to 70,000 or 10.5 percent of the total force, by 1987. Currently, there are 65,000 enlisted women, or 9.3 percent.

The Army will increase its female officer corps from 9,000 to 13,000 in the next five years, and the number of non-commissioned officers will rise from 16,000 to 18,000 according to the study.

By contrast, the Navy has 35,000 enlisted women, or 7.3 percent of its total strength, and a 5-year goal of 45,000 or 8.6 percent.

Relax, men; they're here to stay.

# PANORAMA

Hail to the untiring efforts of Convention Chairman JOE PEYTON, (Sv.19th) and the wonderful members of his great family for making BII the success that it was. We happen to know that "retired" Joe put in hundreds of hours in the preceding 12 months in order to put it over.

## In The News

BOB HARDIN, (I 5th RCT), was at BII, looking much stronger and healthier. More than a few spoke of it, Bob. We are all pulling for you.

## LETTERS

Moved -- and who can blame them? Col. MAX and Marjorie PITNEY (63rd F & 52nd F '40-'46), from Kansas to 55 N. 4th, Cocoa Beach, FL. That's why we missed them at BII.

Directory Issue Correction: WOODSON C. TUCKER, now at 53 Tomino Way, Hot Springs, Ark., was Div.Chem. Officer '41-'44. Sorry 'bout the goof, Woody.

## DOING IT WITH STYLE

6th Fleet Marines in Lebanon? Remind you of '58 when Division elements went there?

# VICIOUS CIRCLES

HENRY J. GOSZTYLA, (B 34th), at BII, was commenting on the fact that Philippines First Lady Imelda Marcos is apparently the heir apparent for the presidency there. Henry says she probably was one of those kids who did washing for us on Leyte. She was there at the time, you know, living just below Palo and just above Dulag on our left.

Gossip: that \_\_\_\_\_ is "dating a man of letters." "A writer?" "No, a mailman."

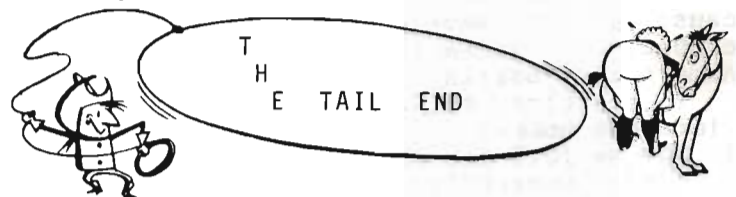


## VITALITY!!

Who came the longest distance to be a part of BII? Try ALFRED and Mabel SOUSA, (3rd Eng. '41-'45) of Honolulu. True RICHARD "Shy" LUM, (19th), also of Honolulu, made BII. Cheers for these 3 wonderful people. The Sousa's delighted us in a most novel and welcomed way -- they brought us a bagful of cans of macadamia nuts.

## Introducing ...

We felt sorry for our honored guest, Lt.Gen. CHARLES W.G. RICH, who had to wait so long at our banquet before he got to speak. At absolute least however, he was not troubled with the problem of the speaker who observed that "being invited here is a bit like being Elizabeth Taylor's sixth husband. You know what you're expected to do, but you're trying to figure out how to make it interesting." Gen. Rich was able to make it interesting -- by mentioning by name as many of those who were in the banquet hall and who he could recall having served Division with him, when he was S-2, S-3 and then CO of the 2nd Bn., 19th.



"Worst Joke" for this issue comes to us from HOMER PRICE, (A21st). He asks: "If a bakery explodes, what might you see?" And his answer: "A Napoleon blown apart!" Ooooooww! And to think that at BII we walked down to the harbor with Homer to look over Baltimore's pride and joy.