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Frank J. Kuba

It is not often that we have a chance to be a companion of one who combines the kind of strength required to be heroic in the face of tremendous personal adversity with the gentleness of one who would not break a bruised reed or quench a dimly burning wick. We have been blessed, Oh Lord, by walking the path with your chosen servant, FRANK KUBA, a man whose every spoken word meant such strain -- such internal suffering for himself. Grant that we may be stronger because of his witness.

While everyone associated with the 24th has a right to grieve for FRANK KUBA's death, we all realize that we must take our place behind Louise. Our loss cannot compete with hers. At our gatherings Frank and Louise were always as one -- they worked and played together beautifully. It was this chemistry that made being part of the enterprise that is our Association the experience we can always treasure.

In the emotional hours of the last six months -- the days of Frank's last disablement -- he accepted his long wasting illness with a quiet heroism -- one chanced to overhear: "No man has ever been so loved." Of Louse, we believe it. Her loyalty to her man was extraordinary, refreshing, warm, and good.

Words fail us miserably as we try to estimate the true intrinsic worth of FRANK KUBA, this wonderful man who has now left us - for that worth can be found in that whole he brought to each of us - that so enobly enriched our lives by his presence.

Cursed with the most base and unbelievable medical problems - which he endured for all of the years of our acquaintance, he never lost his indomitable fighting spirit. Frankie well earned his place in the partheon of Taro Leafers.

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We mourn one of our dearest friends,
a man who could light up a room with his
presence and who could, with his dance
floor twirl - with lovely Louise in his
arms - remind us that grace is a most
precious gift of the God he worshipped
so faithfully.

In his passing, he has left a tremendous heritage of example and precept for those of us left to carry on.

We sons of today salute our gallant

Be thou at peace, Frank.

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Vernon Schenkel

Hardly believable was the shocking news that, while FRANK KUBA was being laid to rest, his Florissant MO neighbor, the spirited VERNON SCHENKEL has passed on. Only a few days earlier we had exchanged Christmas greetings with Vern, he reporting with great sadness that his beloved Dorothy was suffering from serious medical problems, thereby accounting for their joint absence from our latest gathering at Savannah, but enabling him to assure us that his first priority was Dottie, as if assurance was necessary. And now this gentle, quiet man has passed from this world.

Our life - and the lives of others of our group - was brighter because of the warm friendship of this most kind man.

Vern wasn't a lapel-grabber.
He was the kind who stood quietly in the background.

He was the man with the unerasable grin.

He was a warm, decent human being who never would hurt.

He was a man in the ways that really matter - in grace, courage, kindness, and cleanliness of heart. He was a model for others to emulate.

He was a handsome, well built man with the personality and character to match.

Untold are the number of family and friends who found strength and hope in the deeds and counsel of this caring man.

For those of us he touched, his

memory will never fade.

The warmth of his friendships was wonderfully assuring, especially to one person whose only excuse is that at least he has documented his gratitude by penning these words.





TARO LEAF

NOTICE:

ATTENTION!!!

TO ALL DUES-PAYING MEMBERS:

For those that don't know our system regarding dues collection, a brief explanation, if you please.

We don't mail bills or statements as they represent time and postage. We place notes in Taro Leaf advising that "dues are due". Our fiscal year runs from August first to August first. Dues are \$10.00 annually.

You can save your Association postage and labor by sending us your dues payment.

And, of course, LIFE MEMBERS, who owe on their accounts, should also make their annual payment.

Thank you.

24th Infantry Division Association

A Brief Pause... For Station Identification



In the New York Times, a quarter page ad, (\$6,000) was devoted to the late Nora Astorga (Sandinsta Ambassador to the U.N.).

It said how she was a heroine, sister, mother, friend to all who loved peace and freedom.

Among the signers were: Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Ed Asner.

When ED BALBI and his Mrs. move, they go from Albany OR to 222 Brookview, Farmer City IL. Now there's a haul.

One of the world's most successful door-to-door sales approaches: "Let me show you the little item your neighbors said you couldn't afford..."

ADDRESS-CHANGED?



OUR NEW

ADDRESS IS.

Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN (Div.Hq.-34th '41-'45) has told us this story on several occasions. It never ceases to delight us. We could stand hearing it a dozen times more. The scene: Manila. The time: 1930. MacArthur is C.G. of the Philippine Dept. Red is a Lieutenant in the 31st Infantry. Here, listen to it as Red tells it:

Red tells it:

"I had received orders for my return to the United States. Before catching the boat, I visited the Army-Navy Club one evening, and progressed to the Manila Hotel bar. Next step was the dine and dance pavilion in the hotel, where the dance floor sloped down an inch or so at a 45° angle to the cement surface where the dining tables were.

"My Corona-Corona cigar was going good, and I was feeling no pain. I circled the dance floor, evaluating the situation. Then I slipped on that sloping floor edge, falling with my hands flat down on top of the nearest ring-side table... looking over my cigar at a range of two feet at Maj.Gen. MacArthur.

We were both wearing our best white civilian suits, but there was no question about identities. He stared blankly at me as though I were not there -- which gave me the idea it would be better if I were not. So, with quiet dignity, I struggled to my feet and made off."

Great, Red - terrific - love it!!

JACKET AND TIE REQUIRED

Postcarded by BILL BROOME of I 21st WW II. He was in Chile when last heard from. Bill is getting all over the world with his wanderings.



"You'll have to find some other way for drying your laundry, Lt.
Chopper!!"

From our in-house philosopher, FRANK WILCZAK, (24th QM - Germany '58-'59), now of 224 Shanley, Cheektowaga NY: "The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

May we quote LEO DAVIGNON (21st '42-'45) of 6775 Smith, Middleburg Heights OH? ...well, we're going to anyway: "Fabulous time in Savannah -- see you in Fort Worth!"

A definition of movie ratings by Kirk Douglas: "'G' means the hero gets the girl. 'R' means the villain gets the girl. And 'X' means everybody gets the girl!"

Missed Savannah -- medical problems -- faithful BENNY MASHAY (D 19th '40-'43) of 32548 Knollwood, Warren MI. Benny, you don't tell us what's up. Fill us in, please; we're worrying.

A millionaire banker met a friend at the country club and said, "Cory, I'm nuts about this young girl. You know I'm 60. Do you think I'd have a better chance marrying her if I tell her I'm 50?"

His friend said, "I think you'll have a better chance if you tell her you're 80."

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Another sick book entry. ALBERT BRANDESKY (I 21st '44-'46) of 3321 Casa Bonita, Corpus Christi TX had a by-pass (3) on Nov. 1st. Weak, but gaining on 'em, he reports. Don't give up, Al.

New address for JIM CARROLL (H & S 3rd Eng. '49-'51). Try 264 Lark Lane, Folsom CA 95630.

Quote of the Month: Gerald Perry, 1st baseman for the Braves whose '88 attendance record was a meager 848089: "This would have been a good year to paint the seats."

Moved, has Col. JOHN H. SHERBURN (HHB 555th FA '54). John was AG of VII Corps, Germany - and has now moved on to Box 58, White Sands Missile Range, NM. Just perhaps - just maybe - you can make our next reunion, John - in Ft. Worth.

Ronald Reagan had a lot of fun telling s story: "The other night I had a this story: dream that Gary Hart was President, and he was meeting with Margaret Thatcher. Mrs. Thatcher told him, 'I want your hands off Nicaragua, your hands off Afghanistan and your hands off my knee."



"THAT LAST ONE WAS DAMNED CLOSE."

DICK GOINY of E of the 19th shows the bigness of his heart. With his Christmas cards this time around, he enclosed a note - here, you read it for yourself -

"This is to let you know that our buddy RICHARD LUM is now in a nursing home in Hawaii. I know he would appreciate hearing from all of his friends.

Address him at: Richard T. Y. Lum Palolo Chinese Home 2459 10th Ave. Honolulu HI 96816

So if you have a card and an extra stamp around the house, put them to work wishing Shy Lum a speedy recovery."

Can't get much more magnificent than that, can you? So, we repeat - if you can find a stamp, and have a pen and paper, drop poor Richard Lum a line, will you, please? It's probably safe to say that no Taro Leafer ever returned to Wahoo -- and provided Richard knew of the visit - who wasn't royally greeted by that Master of the Greet, Richard Lum.

Heads you win. Tails you win.

Boy, oh boy - we've got a good one cooking now.

In our last issue, we had this item:
"ARNOLD VANDER MEER, (K 19th), of
1411 Madison, Tracy CA was wounded
near 'Yangbyong' on 3-10-51.
Couldn't find it on a map. Wanted help. DONALD JABLONSKI of Hazlewood MO called and said 'It was Pyong Yang; I'm positive.'"

Well this prompted a followup from

Arnie which went this way:

"My discharge states that I was wounded near Yangpyong (this is the correct spelling) on 3-10-51. I never could find a map that showed Yangpyong. WILLIAM BRYANT, 2707 Vallette St., Bellingham WA 98225 sent me a copy of a Korean map that shows Yangpyong. Many thanks to him.

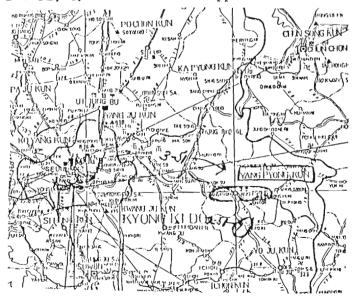
(Ed note: Bill Bryant was D 19th 1/51-11/51 and was known as "Big One". At 6'2", he was the tallest man in his 75 mm

recoilless rifle platoon.)

Well, to get back to business, we were getting along nicely, congratulating ourselves about our unique ability to put out bonfires when this blockbuster arrived from Col. DAN SAYLOR, of 3077 North, East Troy WI:

"He got wounded there on 3-10-51. An answer came back that it was probably Pyong Yang. I submit an alternate location. The 24th was not near Pyong Yang in that time frame. Note that P and B are frequently interchanged when making a translation from Korean to English.

"Provided in a sequence of events. 2-4-51, 3/19 was mouse trapped near the



Han River above Ichon across (east side) the river in vicinity of Ipori (west side). The Han flows north in this area. LTC Curtis Cooper (p. 48, same issue of Taro Leaf) was Bn.Co. If I recall correctly, he was wounded and remained in place to fight the Bn out of the trap. That was not his only trip through the masher. Check p. 166 of SOUTH TO THE NAKTONG, NORTH TO THE YALU by Appleman. Again back to p. 48 of Taro Leaf. Col. Cooper is noted as being with the 34th. True. Recall that subsequent to Taejon, 1/34 became 3/19. We lament his recent passing and remember a true soldier.
"Back to Yang Pyong or Yangbyong.

3/19 crossed the Han some days after 2-4-51 and went into Yang Pyong Kun (county). The county seat is called by the same name and is on the Han. We worked that neck of the woods in March '51. Thus, I would submit that Arnold was wounded while somewhere in Yang Pyong County. I recall those days. At that time, I was a recalled E.R. assigned to M/19. We then went north near the Puk Han River (north Han) in the general direction of Chun Chon. I was then wounded near Chong Pyong. Consequently, those memories are vivid and were refreshed during two further Korea tours subsequent to my later return to the Army. Hope this info is on the accurate side. Age does blunt memory.

Okay, Dan, we've printed it just as you wrote it. Our Mother didn't have any silly children. We're not getting

in the middle of this one.

Dan, by the way, thoughtfully included an extract of a Korean map showing the 3/19 A/O in winter-spring '51. And if that doesn't complicate things, we don't know what will.

So-o-o-o, Arnie, and Don, and Bill, and Dan, you fight it out by yourselves; we're going out for a Miller Lite.

Congressperson Pat Schroeder, the Colorado cookie who is always bashing the Pentagon budget...

Recently, with hubby in tow and two aides (bag carriers) cavorted all over Europe. In a big USAF jet. Cost? \$26,000. Same trip on commercial airlines:

\$4,000.

Midwinter note received by the weather bureau: "Have just shoveled two feet of partly cloudy off my driveway.

Seems that about every country with any money is throwing it at the USSR in the form of low interest loans.

Except one. For as Mrs. Thatcher put it: "There is no reason why the British taxpayer should fulfill the shortcomings of the Soviet system.

Two questions begging for answers.

1) the names and units of the 8 Taro Leafers killed on Dec. 7th, and 2) the name of the first KIA in Task Force Smith if it wasn't KEN SHADDRICK. Any takers out there?

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BEETLE BAILEY



... AND IF I HAD A FULL HEAD OF HAIR

AND MY REAL TEETH.





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By MORT WALKER







We couldn't print this if it weren't true.

Address Changes: BILL TREADWELL (L 5th RCT - Korea) to 40 Ocean, St.Augustine, FL; Col. DICK BIGGS (19th '41-'45) to 22 Forest, Shrewsbury, PA.



Missed SAVANNAH: HARMON "Danny" MOORE, (F 21st '42-'45), of 8538 Sylvan, Riverside CA - emphysema; BEN C. GREENFIELD, JR., (Hq. & Hq. Co. 19th '45-'46) of 3909 Wedgeworth South, Ft. Worth TX 76133 - slight stroke.



We've made TV, or at least BILL and Virginia KEYES (D 21st '39-'44) did. But let's start at the beginning. They live in Wethersfield CT - but their 3 young men, Chip, Doug and Bob - are in L.A., active in "the industry". So Ginny and Bill went out to visit them before Christmas and stayed. The boys got them into their sit-com series "The Hogan Family." They were part of the crowd of demonstrators for Martin Luther King. The boys are producers and writers so getting them into the cast was a piece of cake.

We made a spot check among the membership. The question: Should the President attend Emperor Hirohito's funeral? Hardly a scientific method of poll taking. The results were interesting nevertheless. The answers: "Absolutely No" 2; "No" 16; "Yes" 2; "Couldn't care less" 1. There yet remains with us considerable ill will toward those little people in the Far East. We have no difficulty in understanding why.

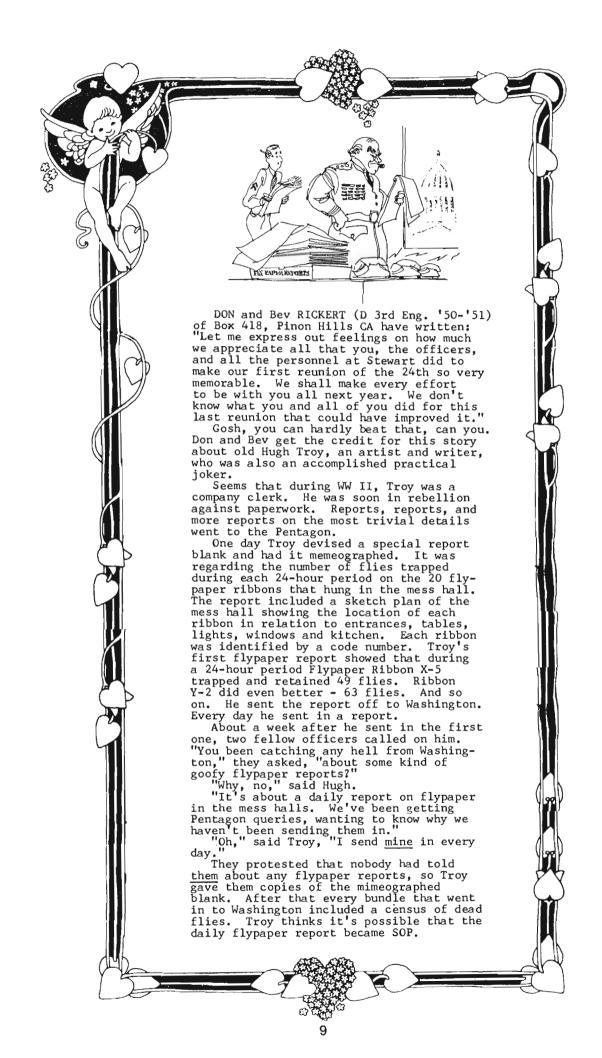


Lost & Found Department Well, lost anyway.
CHARLEY DUNCAN, JR. (24th Recon '47-'50)
is looking for GLENN READING and NEIL R.
HUGHES. So are we, Charley, down there at
Box 225 in Harwick PA. Let's see if this
will pull 'em in.



Another lawyer in our bunch. Terrific!

Proudly do we welcome in EUGENE WILLIAMS of Williams & Miller, of Memphis TN. Gene was 5th RCT 7/51-1/21/52. He took lead on that last date.



President's Message

1989 REUNION: Thanks to our Texas committee for researching the area and pin-pointing the Hyatt Regency, <u>Downtown</u> Fort Worth. This is <u>not</u> to be confused with the <u>Airport</u> Hyatt. And thanks to the hotel staff for working with us so aggressively! This resulted in our locking in a very attractive package, with many, many, enticements for our next reunion. Details of this bonanza will be found in a separate article in this issue of the TARO LEAF, and all future issues.

 $^{*}\underline{\text{Hotel registration}}\colon$ Each member will be responsible for his/her own registration directly with the hotel. Forms will appear in future issues of the TARO LEAF.

Advance Reunion Registration: The committee's plan is to book (and collect) in advance for registration, luau, banquet fees, etc., etc. This form will follow in the next issue of the TARO LEAF, after our Texans have worked with the hotel staff and finalized prices for various functions. Then, upon checking in, you will be handed an envelope containing name plates, luau/dinner functions, miscellaneous information, etc., etc. Should make for a fast and smooth flow upon arrival. Your 100% cooperation with the committee will be appreciated by all concerned.

Important To Note: Tables will be assigned in order that registrations are received. The main banquet ballroom seats 1,400, so there should be no problem as far as capacity is concerned. However, If you want to sit with certain other friends, and this is important, you collect their forms and checks and send in to chairman, Paul Austin, in bulk. Past incidents like "Put us with Bill Smith and his wife and Paul Jones and his wife". In such case, forget it! And don't bitch to Paul. You have to do some work, too!

Air Line Discount Fares: We are in the process of shopping for the best deal with American, Delta and TWA. In the future issues of the TARO LEAF we will advise you of the best possible discounts we have negotiated for our elite members! There will be some sort of a code number you will have to use. For our gang who are driving, parking (under roof) is complimentary.

*Note pertaining to 800 reservation numbers: The operators in these reservation centers have no way of knowing the particular rate quoted to any particular convention group, resulting with members being quoted regular "rack" rates, which are usually at least twice the price of our association special rates. We know from experience! You should handle the mail! And the resulting calls!

Appreciation: Thank you for all your calls, cards and mail, and, most of all, your appreciation for the efforts of our Secy., Treas., Historian and Editor. I wrote to Wen that I certainly am not bucking for his job!!!!

In friendship,

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(With One "0"!!)



Riverside Commanding General's Quarters

Wanna take a crack at this one?... Give up?...Ft. Benning. The present home of MIKE and Diane SPIGELMIRE.



Prexy BOB ENDER spotted this in an Ann Landers column and thought it should shared by all.

"From Kansas City: I wonder if Lady Godiva saw the news item in the paper about an Ohio housewife. She was doing her laundry in the basement and impulsively decided to take off her soiled housedress

and throw it into the machine.

'Her hair had just been set in rollers and the pipes overhead were dripping. She spotted her son's football helmet in the corner and put it on her head. There she was, stark naked, (except for the football helmet) when she heard a cough. The woman turned around and found herself staring into the eyes of the meter reader from the gas and electric company.

"As he headed for the door his only comment was, 'I hope your team wins, lady.'"

JOE MIELESZKO, (Btry C 13th F. '40-'45) writes upon receiving his Life Membership plate: "I can't take my eyes off the most attractive, beautifully represented, professionally designed membership plate that I have seen in my lifetime. It that I have seen in my lifetime. It will be a great pleasure to hand it down to my grandson someday." to my grandson someday.



Warm words from DELBERT and Delores

DELONG of Box 22D, Eden GA:
"Delores and I want to thank you and the Association for a great reunion. was my first and won't be our last.

"If you run across anyone from the A 13th Field, '51-'52, please have them write me. Didn't meet anyone at the reunion from the 13th, but the people I

did meet were just great.
"I met a fellow in a barbershop here in GA who was surprised to find out there was a reunion. If you can, drop him a line. His name is: FRANK BLAKE, Rt. 1, Box 285, Ellabelle GA 31308."

Our guys meet in the strangest places!

Vhat a Year It's Going To Be! 1989

Add this to your Sick Report: JOHN CASHMAN (21st '42-'46), of 104 Crossways, Mid Florida Lakes, Leesburg FL 32788. In hospital Sept. 22nd; out Oct. 14th. Gallblader. "Quite a time of it." Recovering slowly, thank fortune.

3LOSER LOOK

Hip replacement for HARRY L. WITTMAN, (G 21st '51-'52), of 1385 Terri, Keyser, WV. Writes his beloved Frances: "He's home, on crutches, recovering exceptions ly well. Doctor said it looked as though he'd been hit by a train.

Let us hear from you

New address for JULIUS MINKOFF (B 19th '43-'45). Try to reach him at Warwick Post Office Station, Newport News VA 23601.

The USN submarine base at Groton, CT is again selling the Jane Fonda workout tapes.

Have they no shame?



BOB BYREM (B 3rd Eng. '49-'50), of 787 Westfield, Cinnaminson NJ tosses us a lulu as he thoughtfully sends in dues of JOHN PAGLIUSO. Listen to Bob tell it:
"Johnny served during Korea but can't
remember which unit. Hopefully one of the gang will recognize his name. Johnny's at RD 2, Box 307E, Rt. 70, Medford NJ, 08055." Okay, fellas, get your thinking caps on. Johnny's lost.



Taro Leaf 1989 just might be a pleasurable experience, thanks to glasnost ("openness", didn't he say?) and porestroika ("restructuring", didn't he say?)

What do you notice different about this issue.

When opportunity knocks, make sure you're not in the backyard looking for four leaf clovers.





Lovely gesture - Virginia WILLIS, beloved wife of CURTIS (G 21st '43-'46) presented him with a Life Membership as a Christmas surprise. Curt is now Life Member #860. And, Ginny, we ought to be giving you a plaque. You're a peach.



IT WASN'T A YARMULKE

Here's one from a Florida member who was waiting in the courtroom of Dade County Judge Harvey Baxter while a drunken

driving case was being heard.
"Please take your hat off," the judge told the defendant. "Unless, of course, you are wearing it for religious reasons."

After a pause, the judge added, "But I can't imagine what the religious significance is to a baseball cap that says 'Coors' on it."



On the network talk shows, if the subject matter is the CIA, often the guest will be former director Stansfield Turner.

This is like having on a program about women's rights, Jack the Ripper.

Come On down!

TO GO OR NOT TO GOS

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HYATT REGENCY FORT WORTH

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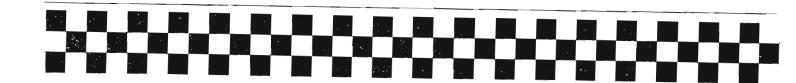
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HYATT REGENCY FORT WORTH

Fort Worth - come September - for a gently paced, giant gulp of nostalgia. Get ready for it - please.

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HEADQUARTERS - 24TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

120 Maple Street Springfield, MA

General Order No. 1

Subject: Reunion - 1989

To: All Units

- All units of the 24th Infantry Division Association will seize and hold the City of Fort Worth, Texas, no later than September 13, 1989.
- Units will move by land and by air and seize the Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- Division advance CP will be established no later than 1200 hours September 13, 1989, on the mezzanine.
- 4. Beginning Wednesday 13th, all units will be on pass status in order to go on tours of the city for cultural and historical sightseeing.
- 5. Special attention must be given to the Stockyards area and Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk!
 Restaurants and saloons must be checked for Texas beef steaks and various cold beverages. It must be determined if Billy Bob's really has 14 bars in the place! Side arms must be checked at Billy Bob's door.
- 6. Report all sightings of cowboys while in the Stockyards area. (You can tell by their boots and hats if they are real.) They drift in from ranches north of town for a little weekend pleasure!
- 7. The medical detachment with HQ in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, will set up an aid station at the door to the hospitality room in anticipation of a few casualties from that area.
- 8. You are hereby instructed to come to Fort Worth hankering for good food, lots of fun, and, most of all, to visit with your old friends and buddies of those days and events which live in our memories.

By Order Of:

Reunion Committee Paul Austin, Chairman



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Hopefully the Sick Report won't seem as troublesome if we break the items up in 1000 pieces. Like this one, for example: CHARLEY STANCIL (19th Serv.Co. 5/42-7/45) of 1217 Green Mountain Dr., Little Rock AR 72211 just out of hospital -- 2nd heart operation - can hardly write.



We know, we know. Nothing is more dull than a lot of changes of address. But -

but - it's one of our purposes, ain't it?
Chock up one for Dr. BILL GARRY
(I & R 34th '49-'50; K and HM 19th '50-'51
& Augsburg Post QM '63-'65). He's now at 504 Kempsville Greens Court, Virginia Beach VA, 23462. Bill's Life Member #593. Bill writes: "I retired from the Army Reserve in 1971 and still work as a I haven't seen any WW II civilian for DOD. ribbons on uniforms for a long time and Korea ribbons are getting scarce as hen's teeth. I enjoy the magazine." Maybe it's cuz we old folks don't wear our

uniforms as much, Bill.

And while we're on address changes, kindly note that JACK EDGAR (34th '50) has moved from El Paso to 10327 Southport,

Houston TX 77089.

Forty-eight years ago, a foreign power sent emissaries of peace to our country while its military attempted to blow Pearl Harbor off the map. Today, Gorbachev arrives with some vague peace offerings. Double the watch and fuel up the rockets.

A penny saved is a penny taxed,



ARNIE VANDERMEER thoughtfully tips us to this piece of news - for which our

thanks, Arnie:

"Credits for military service should be computed into the Social Security retirement benefits of veterans who served on active duty between Sept. 16,

1940 and Dec. 31, 1956.
"Prior to Jan. 1, 1957, persons serving on active duty did not pay into the Social Security Trust Fund, However, Congressional amendments to the Social Security Act provided veterans who served during this time with gratuitous wage credits.

"These credits are computed as if persons on active duty during this period had earned \$160 a month and had paid into the Social Security system on the basis of that wage. The crediting of these wages has no bearing on a veterans' insured status or earnings requirement. These gratuitous credits are added only after basic eligibility is determined.



Clipped from a recent D/A poopsheet: "What feature of modern Army life traces its roots to post-colonial times, offers the chance for career-life affiliation with appropriate units, developes loyalty and commitment, enriches unit esprit, and fosters an extended sense of

belonging?
"If you guessed,"the regimental system",
you probably know, as well, that the system affords soldiers the chance for longterm identification, the potential for recurring assignments, and the means for perpetuating regimental history, customs

and traditions.

"Besides those formally established affiliations, the concept has another approach to developing an enduring pride that will form a common and continuous bond between active and retired soldiers."
To which we say, "Hogwash."

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The Ups and Downs

One of our boys --

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1988

Ex-Army Mechanic Is Indicted on Spying Charges

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 28 - A Federal grand jury here indicted a Florida man today on a charge that he conspired to deliver intelligence secrets to agents of the Eastern bloc.

The indictment, released by United States Attorney Hinton R. Pierce, ac-cuses Huseyin Yildirim of scheming with James William Hall 3d from 1982 until Dec. 20 to pass the intelligence information to foreign agents.

Mr. Hall, a 30-year-old Army warrant officer, was most recently assigned to the intelligence units of the Ga. He was assigned to the signals in- rim in District Court in Savannah.

telligence traffic analysts with a top-secret security clearance. Mr. Yildi-rim, who was born in Turkey, is described as a former Army mechanic.

Mr. Hall is in Army custody at Fort Meade, Md., pending a decision on whether he will be charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. An

Army magistrate Tuesday ordered Mr. Hall's detention continued for 30 days. On Tuesday, Federal Magistrate Paul Gane Jr. in Tampa ordered that the 60-year-old Mr. Yildirim, of Belleair Beach, be returned to Savannah.

An assistant United States Attorney 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Fred Kramer, will prosecute Mr. Yildi-

The indictment said Mr. Yildirim also used the names Mike Jones and Huseyin Bie in his dealings with Mr.

The indictment returned in Savannah does not name Mr. Hall as a defendant but identified him as Mr. Yildirim's co-conspirator.

The indictment charges that Mr. Hall use his access to "classified national defense information" to steal and copy or carry away classified documents to Mr. Yildirim "and thence to East Ger-man agents."
"Members of the conspiracy" ac-

cepted from Soviet and East German agents "money and things of value" in

payment for the information, employed secret drops to facilitate their activi-tics and employed counter-surveil-lance techniques and coded speech and signals to avoid detection, the indictment charges.

They also used faked identities and forged documents to "facilitate clan-destine travel and provide a means of escape in the event the conspiracy were exposed," the indictment says.

A Series of Acts

Among other things, the indictment states that:

CMr. Hall hid classified documents from Fort Stewart on Dec. 5 and sold them to an undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation agent whom he believed to be a Soviet intelligent agent for \$30,000 on Dec. 20.

§Mr. Hall met Mr. Yildirim near

Savannah three times in November.

9Mr. Yildirim delivered \$5,000 to Mr. Hall on Dec. 10 from "his East German contacts.'

GFrom January to July 1988 Mr. Hall received more than \$40,000 from East German agents "in exchange for documents and information relating to the

national defense of the United States."

9From 1982 until 1987, Mr. Hall received from East German and Soviet agents money in exchange for military documents and information.

Mr. Hall was arrested in Savannah Dec. 21. The same date, Mr. Yildirim was arrested at his home near Tampa.

Army officials began investigating last summer after being tipped that Mr. Hall, then recently promoted from staff sergeant to warrant officer, was living above his military salary of \$20,200.



The BERNIE BJORKMAN's of North Little Rock, AR made MN, TX, VA and Israel this past year.

ARNIE VANDER MEER, who really started something, as reported elsewhere in this issue, says "I'm still trying to locate my Plt.Sgt. named Kelley or Keller 3/10/51 - K, 19th.

Talk about leftovers on the Friday after Thanksgiving. We have 15 leftovers-the Command and General Staff College's Study #13, "Counterattack on the Naktong, 1950". Price \$8.25 - WPTP. Stumped? We Pay The Postage. Gotcha!

Have you got a good war story? Has it been a dependable laugh getter? The story has to be funny -- and clean. Send it in and we'll try to publish it.

We have a few items available for sale:

Caps	\$ 8.00
Patches	1.00
Subdued patches	1.00
Decals	1.00
Crests	
(if we have them)	3.25
Lapel Pin	3.50

Anything else would have to be obtained via our source: Ft.Stewart OWC Museum Gift Shop

c/o Ms. Ginny Pope

16 Wynn Ft.Stewart GA 31313.



This lovely letter-to-the-editor appeared in the January issue of Army. It beautifully speaks for itself; it needs no flowery introduction:

Gen. Newman's Impact

■ With a sadness in my heart, I read Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman's last contribution to "The Forward Edge" last year. I was one of the thousands of young soldiers whose military career was greatly influenced by Gen. Newman's philosophy and outstanding leadership.

My affiliation with Gen. Newman spans over half a century. As a 22-year-old private first class, I was stationed at Plattsburgh Barracks, N.Y., in 1935. I was a member of "G" Company, 26th Infantry, 1st Division. Gen. Newman (then Capt. Newman) was my company commander. As a result of his leadership skills and motivation, our company was designated as the "Honors Company of the Regiment" for each year of his three-year tour.

Capt. Newman promoted me to corporal in August 1936. This encouraged me to reenlist in April 1937, and I was promoted to sergeant in October 1937. I retired after 31 years of service in 1961.

My service under Gen. Newman ended in the late 1930s, but my respect and admiration for him have never diminished. Our paths crossed frequently during the ensuing decades. I followed his illustrious military career with admiration and respect. I was fortunate enough to visit Gen. and Mrs. Newman at the Marshall House when he presented The Distinguished Doughboy Award to the Infantry Center Museum at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Even though his monthly contribution to Army is missed, Gen. Newman's impact will be felt for many years through his numerous books and articles.

CWO 4 SAMUEL E. McGARVEY
U.S. Army retired
Columbus, Ga.

A note from Past Prexy BILL SANDERSON, wintering in Tampa FL, advises that he and Alice are living "around the corner from a cemetery." On the entrance gate there is a notice which reads: "Gates close at 4:30." There's a message there, Bill.

Whoever heard of moving from New Jersey to PA. JOE LEONARD (21st '50-'51) did it. He's now at 68 Crestview, Pottsville PA, 17901.

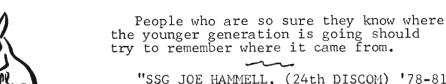
Calling all cars! Calling all cars!
This is Danger Forward calling...
MARSHALL LEE CRAMER (H 19th and H 21st
'49-'51) of 508 Highland, West Memphis, AR.
writes:

"There are a couple of men I am interested in knowing if they are members of the Association and their current whereabouts: JOHN PAKISH from Pennsylvania, Heavy Mortar Co. (I'm not sure of the correct Co. ID) 19th - Japan and Korea '49-'51, and JOHN PICTUN, Boston MA area, H 21st, Korea '50-'51."

Neither is a member, Lee, but we're going to try to find them for you. First, this notice - it will reach almost 3000 Taro Leafers. Hopefully, one of them will respond to your call.



'Left flank, march!'



"SSG JOE HAMMELL, (24th DISCOM) '78-81). Now assigned to Fort Ritchie MD. Any old friends, please write: SSG Joe Hammell, 21 Tritle Av., Apt. #F, Waynesbobo PA 17268. There it is, Joe, just as you wrote it. Hope it pulls.

Listen to this extract from a letter from TONY CASAMASSIMA (B & Hq.19th 1/41-9/44) of 27 Washington, Seneca Falls NY, where Tony was once Chief of Police, now retired: "Each Memorial Day, I place a wreath on behalf of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association remembering those we lost on that December 7th. We cannot and must not forget Dec. 7, 1941. Each year, at the Memorial Day Services, the crowds get smaller and smaller."

It's a sad note, Tony, but true.



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This letter suggests no comment by us;

it sez it all:
"A few weeks ago I received a copy of the Taro Leaf and was browsing through it to see if there might be a familiar name or event. There to my amazement was the letter I had written several months previously. I was very pleased and wondered if anyone would read it. Since then I have received three letters. The first was from a former officer who had served in G during the same period that I was in Charlie. He was writing his memoirs and wanted to include some of my experiences. The second letter was from a friend of a former squad leader in F Co. who was searching for information. I will gladly furnish what information I can although I don't know much about other companies. It was difficult enough figuring out where

my own company was.
"The third letter was a real surprise because it came from someone who was in the same platoon with me and remembered me. In fact he was one of 8 persons that were on a 3 day reconnaissance patrol on Leyte which I had mentioned in my letter. Although his name did not ring a bell at first, as I read his letter my memory was jogged into remembering him. was really good to hear from someone who had shared the same experiences. As he lives in Pittsfield MA I hope that I can get to see him as I do pass near there

a couple of times each year.
"Sincerely, DONALD M. BAYLES (C 34th 12/44 - 7/45) PO Box 396, Southold NY 11971."



"But Sarge, on TV, all the good guys wear white hats!!"

The Beagle Brigade, the Dept. of Agriculture's corps of contraband-sniffing dogs, is operating at Atlanta, Miami, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago airports.

Accompanied by handlers, the leased dogs, wearing green coats emblazoned with "Protecting American Agriculture," patrol luggage claim areas seeking out undeclared food or plant life. The beagles are not

trained to sniff out drugs.

If a dog smells possible contraband, the passenger is taken aside at the point where the customs cards are turned in, and if caught with undeclared food or plant life that might be carrying unwanted pests, can be fined \$25 or 50.00.

eople are talking about...

Help wanted! Anyone recall VERNON L. BOLEN (26th AAA-B 19th-L 34th '49-'50), of Rt. 1, Box 192, Two Harbors MN? He is trying to obtain a Purple Heart. Read his own words: "I was with the 26th when it landed at Pusan 5 July. I was with the 26th At Teajan when we lost most

of our half-tracks.
"I was with B 19th on the Naktong, both battles of Pohang with L 34th. Then back to the 26th for the breakout from the Naktong. From the Naktong, I went all the way to within 2 miles of the Yalu

River.
"Sinuiju was our objective when the the action. The 26th Chinese got into the action. The 26th was forced back to Pyongyang, then Seoul, and I was evacuated Yongdong po about 25 - 30 Dec. 1950."

Has Vern rung anyone's bell?

Recovering nicely from gall bladder removal: Mrs. PAUL ("Dottie") WISECUP (L 34th '44-'46) down at 1265 Kasa Mada Lane, Ft. Myers FL 33901.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

Comrades who served Dearly Beloved in Germany are beginning to check in. This is great as we're anxious to whip up some enthusiasm with these chaps. For now, we say welcome to JERRY POUCHER (2/21st '60-'63) of Box 712, Maryesther FL, to JIM TENGAN (21st '60-'63) of Box 9257, Los Angeles 90009...that address is the address of the Aerospace Corp., to WALT WOMACK (D 3rd Eng. '59-'62) in Henry Kaserne, Munich - Walt's now at 721 California, Libby MT, and to JAKIE COUBLE, SFC Retired, and now at 230 Concord, Asheville NC. Jakie joins us on the invite of DON MAGGIO - wasn't Maggio the Frank Sinatra part in "From Here to Eternity"? Yes. Don was 24th Admin. Co. '67-'69. He's now at RR 1, Box 296B, Pittsboro IN.

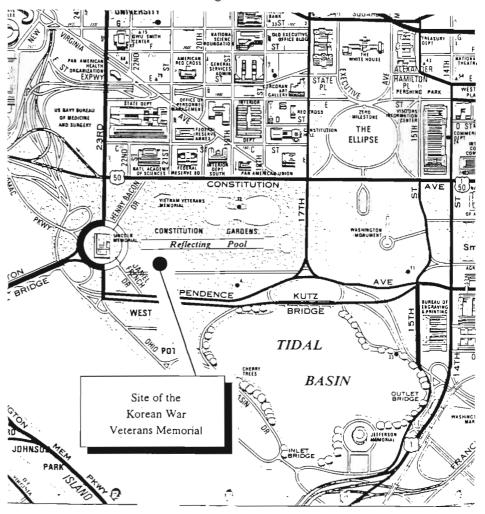
Message from Korean War Veterans Memorial Board advises that

a) the site has been decided - "Ash Woods" on the Mall -- they go on to say: "We are very excited about the significance of the site as it completes a Memorial triangle encompassing the Lincoln Memorial at the apex and the Vietnam Memorial at the other base angle. The site has 7.7 acres, of which we can utilize 2.2 acres for the actual Memorial. The remainder of the site must be dedicated to landscaping and walkways which will tend to duplicate, though not required to be exact, those surrounding the Vietnam Memorial.

"Key to all our programming now is the need to raise the remaining funds to complete our goal of \$6 million. We presently have \$2.41 million on hand and drawing interest. But we have acquired that from fewer than 4500 contributors! That means that of the 5.5 million Korean Era veterans, the great bulk have not availed themselves of an opportunity to contribute."

b) Donations can be made to: Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund Post Office Box 2372 Washington D.C. 20013-2372.





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We are in the process of reprinting a small quantity of Jan Valtin's <u>Children of Yesterday</u>. In case you are unfamiliar with this scarce book, it was originally published in 1946. Mr. Valtin was a rifleman assigned to the division. When General Woodruff learned of his writing talents, he allowed him free access to official field reports. This information, plus on the spot coverage of small unit operations, makes Children of Yesterday a unique record of 24th Division operations in the Philippines. The book has 429 pages in a 6" by 9" format.

Since we are printing only a few hundred copies for our collector customers, the price for this special edition reprint is \$32.50 plus \$2.00 postage. If you never had this book, or need a replacement for a lost or damaged original, you may wish to consider the reprint for your personal library. If you order by 15 May 1989, you can enjoy our pre-publication discount price of \$24.95 plus \$2.00 shipping. After that date, the full price would apply. To order, simply fill out the order form below and return it with your check, money order or credit card information. We can take credit card orders by telephone, if you call us at 615-298-1401.

Some of you may also be interested in another forthcoming reprint on the war in the Philippines. We are also releasing a special reprint edition of General Walter Krueger's From Down Under to Nippon, The Story of the Sixth Army. This book is the perfect companion to your own unit history. The book has 393 pages, 51 photos and 58 maps in a 6" by 9" format. From Down Under to Nippon will retail for \$29.95 plus \$2.00 shipping. If you order by 15 May 1989 on the form below, you can enjoy our pre-publication price of \$24.95.

In addition to our publishing program, our company also acts as a center for military books of other publishers. Our 28 page catalog is available upon request. We do have two items of possible interest which are available now. The first is our video program for the 24th Division in WWII. It has three parts. The first part is "The Victory Division," a 19 minute account of the Division which was prepared by the U.S. Army. The second part is "Battle for Leyte and Luzon," a 31 minute account of the recapture of the Philippines. The last segment is "Payoff in the Pacific," a 54 minute overview of the entire Pacific war. This video retails for \$49.95 plus \$2.50 shipping. If you order prior to 15 May, 1989, you can purchase it for \$39.95 plus shipping. Also available is the "Our Army in Action," a video program on the U.S. Army from 1914 to 1945. Both video programs can be ordered on the form below.

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"TAPS"

There will be a great encampment
In the land of clouds today.
A mingling and a merging
Of our boys who've gone away.
Though on earth they are disbanding,
They are very close and near.
For those brave and honored heroes
Show no sorrow, shed no tears.
They have lived a life of glory,
History pins their medals high,
Listen to the thunder roaring,
They are marching in the sky!

BEREAVED - Maj. FRED N. SHROYER (D 3rd Eng. & Hq. 1st Bn. 34th 1/56-5/57), of 107 S.Jackson, Statesboro GA, by the loss last June of his beloved Eloise bringing to an abrupt end a beautiful marriage that endured for 39½ years and brought into this world, Philip, Steve, Richard, Robert and Brian.

From JIM HILL down there in Decator, GA comes the sad report of the passing of Lt.Col. DALE N. JOHNSON of Lithonia, GA on Dec. 12, 1988. Dale was 19th in '49-'50 in Beppu and Korea. Dale's last sickness had been extended and painful. He has left his wife, Willie Mae Johnson, a son, Larry, two stepsons and four stepdaughters.

Sad news out of St.Charles IL. ED WILSON's beloved Laura passed away on Dec. 7, 1988. LOU SELMI thoughtfully called us with the news but we were a little late for doing anything other than telephoning Ed as he was on his way out for poor Laura's funeral. Ed, by the way, was 21st MP's, '47-'50, and can be found at 1827 South Fifth, St.Charles IL,60174. Tel. 312-584-1374.

From faithful HARRY L. WITTMAN, JR. (G 21st '51-'52), down at 1385 Terri St. in Keyser WV, comes the sad news of the passing on of RICHARD L. WINTERSTEIN, (Hvy.Mtr.19th '50-'51), formerly of 7923 Babikow Rd., Baltimore MD. Dick died on Nov. 20, 1988 in his 63rd year.

DICK GOINY, as well as ourselves, kept up a correspondence with Alice MOCHAK after MIKE passed away. And now it has come to its inevitable end as the Big C took Alice away from us last Nov. 2nd. Like Mike, Alice was always one of the faithfuls at our gatherings. And like Mike, she was never one to intrude -- a kind of an "in the background" lady but always quietly enjoying les affaires from her wanted distance. A perfectly lovely lady.

Deceased: RICHARD L. WINTERSTEIN (Hv.Mtr.19th '50-'51) on Nov. 20th,1988. His beloved Rose of 7923 Babikow, Baltimore MD wanted his Association friends to know.

Life Member #156, JAMES A. SHREWSBURY, (A Btry 13th Field '52-'53), passed to his reward last Dec. 9, 1988. Jim, a lonely type, favored us with his presence at St.Louis '81, Baltimore '82, Savannah '83 and Cincinnati '84.

President BOB ENDER has received word from Hideko HOOVER of the death of her husband MALCOLM HOOVER ('39-'41 & '57-'58). They were living at St.George, Utah, having just moved there from Alhambra CA when Malcolm drove up into the mountains of northern AZ. He was a photographer and had a love for the mountains. He simply disappeared. His truck was found 18 days later and then it was another 10 days before his body was found. Date of death was given as Feb. 24, 1988. Malcolm was with us at PH time, then went with the 25th to Guadalcanal and New Caledonia.

This message arrived from precious friends CHARLIE and Martha CARD down in Houston TX: "First the bad, sad news... although you may have heard it from Mrs. Welker...CHUCK WELKER left Savannah and took a leisurely sight-seeing trip back to their Washington state home. While I may not have the data correct, on or about 10/15/88 Chuck suffered a heart attack, was taken for bypass surgery to Seattle and due to complications of which I have no knowledge, did not make it. He passed away and was buried 10/29/88. Chuck was a B-34th vet and was with DOUG THORNTON and me in our Leyte-Luzon-Mindanao days.

Eleanor is at 216 Wetherald, Wenatchee WA 98801.

Died on Christmas Day: DAVID FRANZ (5th RCT - POW 7/50-8/53) of 3 Mullen Way, Bridgewater MA 02324.

Deceased: Life Member #94, VERNON SCHENKEL. A 34th'er - Hq.Co. 1st Bn. '42-'45 - Vern was living with his beloved Dorothy at 3215 Leisure Wood Ct., Florissant MO 63033. He suffered a heart attack on Christmas Eve and was in ICU until he passed away early Friday morning, Jan. 6, 1989. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Besides Dorothy, Vern is survived by son, Stephen, and daughter, Joan.

Deceased: Col. FREDERICK T. ABT, (34th Korea) on May 20, 1988.

Deceased: Life Member #150, FRANK J. KUBA (Hq. 3rd Eng. '43-'46), of 4035 Helmkampf Dr., Florissant MO 63031 on Jan. 11, 1989. Frank is survived by his gracious wife, Louise. The Association was represented at the funeral by HOWARD and Gladys LUMSDEN.

Deceased: FRANK P. MANKOWSKI, (C 21st '40-'41) on Sept. 5, 1988.

Word from DICK and Phyllis WATSON is that HOWARD C. MCVEAN (2nd Bn. aidman, 19th '41-'45), passed away last March 22, 1988. His beloved Norene survives him at 4732 Morris, Ft.Worth TX, 76103.

Dear Ken,

I was grief-stricken by a phone call this morning from Henry Lamb informing me that his brother-in-law, Theodore Anderson had passed away. The news was heartbreaking, though not unexpected since I had talked with both Henry and Ted a couple of weeks ago and sensed that the end was near for Ted.

Ted and Henry both were Sergeants in E Company 21st Inf. Regt. (my initial assignment in the 24th Div.), and are to be counted amongst those stalwart 'regular army' soldiers that comprised the bravest of the brave - - the very heart and soul of our beloved 24th Inf. Div.

Ted loved the army and was so proud to have been a member of the 24th Inf. Div. He wanted, so badly, to attend our last Convention - but lo, his deteriorating health prevented it. Ironically, Ted lost his battle with cancer on December 7, the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, which he had survived unscathed.

Ted is gone. I will never forget him. He was a good soldier and a good friend. I shall be eternally grateful and proud for the privilege of having served with Ted and the men of E Company, 21st $\, {\rm Inf.}$

Respectfubly,

le. Rucker ford

In warm memory

Robert A. Johnson

by his friend

Edward Robinson