



I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

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Let's Put Down Crying Towel

One of the newsmagazines recently quoted a presidential aide as saying that, "Everything we touch turns to mud," or words to that effect. It would seem to express our mood as a nation these days. There is a national keening in the air, a lament for the days when everything we touched turned to gold.

We seem to have made a litany of our troubles, a monotonous chant permeates our society: inflation, taxation, pollution, corruption, devaluation, investigation, assassination, allegation; delinquents, dropouts, drugs, rip-offs, rapes, muggings; strikes, floods, earthquakes, welfare abuse, consumer fraud, fuel crisis, shoddy goods; Cambodia, MIAs, ABMs, CIA, FBI, conspiracies, bugs; traffic jams, dirty movies, jerry-built homes, over-crowded schools, recalled cars, and Watergate. Like Rodney Dangerfield, we get no respect. Lord, how we pity us!

This self-staged wake is disturbing because it is so untypical of Americans. We have been in worse trouble before, but never before have we taken it so hard. We are not a stoic people, but neither are we crybabies. Not until now, that is.

The truth of the matter is we really don't have that much to cry about.

Our country has never been and never will be perfect. We had a violent birth and have lived from crisis to crisis ever since. In the process of growing up, we invented a way of life that is the envy of the rest of the world.

We cannot move to a better place because there is no better place. We certainly have no monopoly on national tribulations, nor do we have even one problem that is uniquely ours. As for common problems, they are more severe elsewhere. Taxes are higher in England and inflation is worse. The smog in Peking is deadlier than it is in Los Angeles. Corruption in Italy is a way of life. Bugging is commonplace in Paris. In the Soviet Union, all consumer goods are in short supply. Violence in Ireland makes our frontier days look tame. Israel is surrounded by armed enemies and her citizens are threatened abroad. Millions of children in dozens of countries are always hungry. Millions never go to school at all.

This is all another way of saying that we should put down the crying towel, stop scourging ourselves, and look around. The rest of the world would settle for our problems in a flash. We may not be at the peak of our form but we are not falling apart, either. We have much to do and no time for brooding.

The theme this year seemed to put us in mind of those precious Bobby Browning lines:

"Grow old along with me,
the best is yet to be".

And so it went for C.G. HANLIN (34th '42-'45), Ann DUFF and ED HENRY, (Div. Hq. '42-'45), as they stood on deck of our



cruise ship, awaiting cast off from the W.P. dock. C.G. will chair the '74 Convention, next August, in - fasten those seat belts - Clearwater, Fla.

Enjoy their first fiesta did JOHN BOYCE (F 19th '41-'45), and the boys, Brian and Benedict. Someone wanted Johnny's address try 1173 Stone, Rahway, N.J.

Hopefully out of the VA hospital at Fresno by the time he reads this will be BILL PITCHER. Back home to Shafter, Cal. it'll be. Bill was with the 34th from 6/55 to 10/56. By the way, Bill, in case you're looking for Division shoulder patches, we have about 30 left - \$1.00 each. Or you can write Luck Goldberg at A & N Trading, 714 12th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. He also has them.

It's our ever-genial Chaplain, Fr. CHRIS J. BERLO, (19th '44-'46), on the W.P. boat



ride the Thursday evening of the party. Fr. Berlo was heard telling the one about the dad whose hippie son confessed, "Pop, I'm in love with a girl". "Thank God, you made the right decision", replied the pater.

New address on MILTON SKELLY, (Div. Hq. '46-'48): 465 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Missed you at W.P., Milt.

JIM HARTMAN, (724th Ord), sends \$5 for dues and \$15 "as a contribution; keep up the good work". Thank you, Jim. It was he who added a P.S. which went: "Just tell them that all the great men of history were short. Julius Ceasar was short. Napoleon was short. Clifford Irving was short - about \$600,000."

Old friends together once again - which is what W.P. was all about. MIKE RAFTER, (A 34th '41-'44), with the beer:



Convention Chairman VIC BACKER, (A 34th '41-'45), and that ever-present crying towel, who did such a masterful job in bringing it all to pass. Vic's Rita was heavy on the helping bit, too - a wonderful couple - Vic and Rita, that is - not Vic and Mike.

CHET and Gloria ANDREZAK, (Cn. 21st '43-'45), were at W.P. though we don't see them in any of our pictures. Sorry! Chet was telling us about the 6500 ton Jerry "Seto" which jammed a 189 ton freighter in the waters just off Matsuyama. It was a beautiful body of water around there - remember it? For that matter, the whole Inland Sea was gorgeous. Agree?

They could have sailed right on down to Manhattan and MG FRED IRVING, VIC BACKER, MG HARRY JONES, (Div. Fin. '42-'46), and TOM COMPERE, (Div. G1 '42-'45), wouldn't



have minded it a bit. Harry was making his first convention ever, with Gloria - a real doll. They're at 8906 Captains Row, Alexandria, Va. Tom, of course, brought wonderful Elise, without whom a convention would be pretty dull.

A retired Able of the 21st man reports in. He is retired Major LISLE WEST who served the Gimlets from '41 to '45.

Life of any party are DALLAS and Peggie DICK, (C 19th '35-'45). They came over to W.P. from New Cumberland, Pa. He was telling a few of us at the Thayer bar about his cousin's boy who came home from school and said to his father, "Daddy, how do you find the lowest common denominator?" The father looked at the kid, red faced, and shouted, "Haven't they found that yet? They were looking for that when I was in school".

Back to a convention again after much too long an absence were BILL and Lorna DAVIDSON, (Div.Hq. '41-'45). Don't do that again, folks - please.

DURMOND BIRDWELL, who hails from Searcy, Ark., has now retired from the Army and settled in Porterville, Calif., the land of his good wife. Says Durmond, "It'll be interesting to hear today's teenagers tell their children what they had to do without.

Outstandingly brilliant were the twin costumes of BOBBY and Inez BRABHAM, (Div.Hq. '42-'45). Their Hawaiian dress for the Friday night gathering was a "His and Hers" thing - both units made from the same cloth - and what a riot of color this nice little couple made. Inez is Deputy Auditor for Sumter County, S.C.

In this one: That's MG ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF, (Div. CG 11/44-11/45), standing



at the rail (upper left). That's Rita Backer in the left foreground. It's Life Member and Past Prexy JOE PEYTON, (Sv.19th '42-'45) staring at us.

Gone To His Reward: TOM KUBIAK suffered a massive stroke last May 10th and died 8 days later.

Blissfully happy to be with us at W.P. were Life Member LEON and Alice SWEM, (34th '43-'45), out of Carthage, N.Y. Lovely couple, devoted to the cause. What a pity that D/A can't sense that here



in these Associations are some of the best friends they can possibly have. D/A apparently couldn't care less. And it's a day when D/A needs every friend it can muster. Pity it is - and has been for lo these almost 30 years. The public relations department at the Pentagon must be run, in our view, by a bunch of bobby soxers.

Out of Baker Company of the 6th Medium Tk.Bn., during '50 and '51 comes new member, retired S/Sgt. JIM STORM living near Benning at 6 Starlight Court, Columbus, Ga. Says Jim, now that 18 year olds can drink legally in Georgia, the bars are carrying signs that read "Bourbon and Waa Waa".

A jolly quintet: IRVING, BACKER, JONES, COMPERE, and HENRY, together again some 29 years after the fact.



We're way late in sadly reporting the 10/31/68 death of Maj.Gen.CHARLES L. DASHER, JR., Div. CG for a year in Japan and Korea during '52-'53. Our sincere apologies, please.

The silverplated porkchop for the pair moving most frequently goes to BOB and Mavis PERE, (I 34 3/41-12/44), who have jumped between N.Y., Hawaii, Fla., Ariz. and back again to Hawaii in the last 4 years.

Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.

Died: CHARLES R. CONNOR (Hq.Co., 3rd Eng. '44-'46) of Baltimore, Md. Charlie passed away last Aug. 30th.

Died: JOE SUZAN of Exeland, Wis.

Died: GEORGE M. CLOAK, (C 52 '42-'45), of Upper Darby, Pa. last Sept. 10th.

Died: LINTON J. BUTTREY, (19th).

Died: VERNON HAYDEN was killed last Dec. 18th in an auto accident in Ft. Worth, Tex. His widow Lois wrote us, "How I wish he might have lived to know that our younger son, David, has been accepted for West Point."



Looking exquisite in a stunning red-white-and blue number was Dorothy WISECUP, one of our loveliest. That's Past Prexy PAUL with her.



Manning the registration desk are Mrs. Rita BACKER, Mrs. Beverly Corris, a Secretary's Secretary, and Mrs. Alice SANDERSON.

Joined is TREVIS SHEPARD, (C 34th '50-'51), manager of Shepard's Automotive in Akron, Ohio. Trevis and Louise have Larry (20) and Barbara (14). Trevis was detached from the 2nd Div. in June of '50 and you all know why so we won't belabor it. He tells us that when Larry was 16, he went out and set two national records in auto racing; says that Barbara is looking forward to doing the same in the women's division.

A news release out of West Point in mid-September reports that "The Silence" or shunning of cadets who violate the honor code has been officially discontinued by the Cadet Honor Committee. Of it we shall say no more. We were taken to task for knocking the whole business in our last issue.



Need you ask? We'll just say "IRVING, WOODRUFF, NEWMAN, and LESTER" and let it go at that.

DALLAS and Peggy DICK, (19th '35-'45), postcarded us from Wahoo with: "At last got back. Peggy is fine after operation. Leaving for Maui, Lanai, and Hawaii. Dallas".

Taro Leaf keeps tabs on CHARLIE and Gladys ANDERSON, (Hq.Co. 6/42-8/45) who have left New Mexico for 715 W.State, Lindsburg, Kans.

Ft. Myers, Fla., May: Retired Floridians are JOE and Venie BOHNAK, (Div.Hq. '46-'48), at 1057 N.Waterway, Ft. Myers, Fla. Over at Clearmont, 164 E. Lake Shore to be exact, are good friends MARK and Elsa KREIDBERG, (Div.Hq. '46-'48). Over at Merritt Island on 1125 Carrigan are BILL and LYNN HINTERHOFF, (Div.Hq. '45-'48). 'Swonderful to hear from these lively folks once again.

Guess it had been 7 or 8 years since we had laid eyes on Col. ROBERT DANIELS, (Div. Hq. '44-'48) who flew up to W.P. from San Antonio. What a grand thrill it is to see Robin again. Guess we've had the privilege only about 6 or 7 times since we parted Division sometime in June of '47.



We must give you a few more pictures of the Recognition Ceremony last May 25th at Scofield when the Division Colors were returned to Scofield. We have them and feel that they must be used.

It's MG Donnelly P. Bolton and our own AH KEE LEONG, who represented us, in the reviewing jeepu. Note the "25X" on the bumper.

The colors pass in review.



One thing about Ah Kee. When he gets into the act, he gets into the act.



MG Donnelly P. Bolton, C/S,
USARPAC, gives flag to Ah Kee.
We're proud of ya, boy.

This is
the post-
ing of
the colors
in Carter
Hall.



LOST: ART SNOW, (B 13th F '40-'45).
Last known to be at 4 Governor Drive,
Reading, Mass., his mail keeps coming back.

"Wash your hands" yelled the sergeant
to the private.

"Both of 'em?" queried the private.

"No", grimly replied the sergeant,
"Just one. I wanna see how you do it".

Gone to Glory has Col. IRVIN BISNOFF,
70, of Bradenton, Fla. Irving died last
Oct. 4 in Sarasota, he having lived in
Florida since his '55 retirement after
serving 28. He was buried in Arlington.
If the community misses him, we will miss
him more, and that gives us at least a dam
realization of how much Evelyn will miss
him.

BILL and Betty HOOD, out in Oakland,
Calif., send along dues and "You're doing
a great job". Thanks kids.

LAWRENCE and Margie DALEY, (M 21 11/41-
5/45), made it 5 and 5 as they told us
their daughter had had twins a few months
ago. All O.K. Congrats to the "Gramps"
and to the new mother.

It's the Garden State now for
DONALD and Jane WILLMOT, (34th - Korea).
It's now Box 312, Glen Gardner, N.J.
They sent in 5 for dues and 5 for our
kitty. Don tells about the Procrastinator's
Club in Glen Gardner; seems they have
postponed their annual banquet for the
third time; something came up.



After the W.P. banquet - WALT CUNNINGHAM, Billy VERBECK, ROBERT "ROBIN" DANIELS, Rita and VIC BACKER, and Billy VERBECK's precious wife Joyce who found out that this water bed business is a leaky kind of thing.



Orla McCarthy and SPIKE O'DONNELL on the W.P. boat ride. Orla and Mac McCarthy are the good friends of DICK and Phil WATSON. Why do we put it that way. Orla and Mac are the goods friends of everyone privileged to meet them. They're a terrific couple. In this one, Orla is keeping Spike company during one rocky portion of the ride.

Odd, but nobody seemed to raise an eyebrow when Judge Sirica handed out those 20 and 30 year sentences to first offense burglary offenders in an effort to pressure them to betray confidences and thus trample on the Eighth Amendment ("Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted"). Think about that.

On from Jennings, Mo. came LEO L. CREAMER, (G 21st), to W.P. and it certainly was a delight to see him again. We told Leo and we'll tell you that we can't possibly mention everyone who attended this, one of our best, get-togethers.



Life Member - Past President - William Jordan Verbeck Bowl Awardee JOE PEYTON, on the right, congratulates Life Member - Past President VIC BACKER who has just been named as the '73-'74 awardee of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK Bowl. Vic was completely surprised - and overwhelmed. Speechless, was he - and that's going some.



Retiring Prexy RED NEWMAN with Ginny and BERT LOWERY, our new President and First Lady.

LAFE and Doris COCHRAN, (24 QM '41-'45), finally made another convention, after missing the last nine. Lafe was saddened by the news of Joe E. Brown's passing. Lafe recalled to mind the time Joe visited Division on Mindoro, just before the jump to Mindanao.

HAP and Sally CONKLIN, (724 Ord. '44-'46), made W.P., though we're worry we didn't get much chance to talk with them. Likewise for Life Member ANGELO and Mary LORIO, another 724th '34.



Happy West Point couple - Anne and Past Prexy BOB DUFF. Bob was talking about that word "Jap" which, as he was told at the time of the Wilson-Inouye Chapter of the Watergate saga, is a prejorative term resented by any Japanese citizen or person of Japanese descent. Says Bob, "Golly gee, I didn't know that".



Recovering nicely from ruptured disc surgery is ALBERT SELTSAM down there in Danville, Ky. Just "Route 4", if you get-well-card him. He wasn't up to snuff when he was at W.P. although you wouldn't know it in this one of Al and Thelma. That's C.G. HANLIN on the right.



Enjoying the basket supper on the W.P. boat ride were VIC BACKER, SAM GILNER, BERT LOWERY, TOM COMPERE and BOB DUFF.

JOHNNY FARRELL (21st '42-'45), has taken his oath as director of probation for Baltimore County. Originally appointed in '46, Johnny left in '52 to practice law and serve in the county solicitor's office. Then back to probation work in '57. Nice work, John.

JIM PARKER, where art thou? We have an inquiry from GERRY and Louise CHOATE, (21st '43-'45), of Carterville, Ill. Gerry reupped after a 17 year absence. They're in insurance, Bituminous Casualty. These good folks write "Would like to locate JIM PARKER, (H-21st '44-'45), last known to be in Emporia, Va. No record here, Gerry; let's try the gang.

It's a Vice Presidency of Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis., for SAM H. DAVIS, (13th F '42-'46) and we are right proud.

A payment on his Life Membership from ELVIN GREEK, (K 21st '42-'45), of Richmond, Va. Thanks Elvin, and say hello to Margaret. Elvin delivers the mail down there. Elvin says he has sickness in the family. Nothing serious, we hope.

Couldn't W.P. it but JIM DUPAW, (Sv. 34th 1/53-2/54), of Rutland, Vt., sent a message "Bill" and Ellen were building a new pharmacy, their second. It ought to be done by now "Bill". Tell us how does a guy named Jim get nicknamed Bill? Better than being called "Sue" though, isn't it?

TARO LEAF met GEORGE B. GRACE in Clearwater, Fla. recently. He was Maj.Gen. FRED IRVING's aide de camp at one point in his busy army career.

EARL and Jacky LEWIS, (34th 10/42-11/45), of 32640 Ohio, Livonia, Mich. sent a ten spot. Members since '52. Wonderful folks these two. Jacky's terrific, Earl. She told us about "the Xerox people introducing a new copier... a new copier.....a new copier.....a new copier.... a new copier." Loved it, Jackey.

We get all kinds of interesting mail. From ROY and Jerri MARCY, (C 21st '43-'45), of Rt. 3, Box 860, Sequim, Wash., we get nice words about our own efforts; Jerri especially likes our covers so this one we've dedicated to our #1 admirer.



We told you that Billy looks just like his Dad as we knew him and that's his mother, Peggy VERBECK, thoroughly enjoying the W.P. party. We're so glad that this lovely family could be with us for our funmaking.

We'll reproduce anything typed which you send in to us. Here's what you can do to help. Type on plain white paper using single spacing. There's no limit as to vertical length. However, please limit your horizontal spacing to no more than 65 spaces (4 inches). That way, we can set it up just as you give it to us. Thanks.

Taro Leaf salutes new member, 2nd Lt. GEORGE W. BERGNER of the 11th Field (Sv. Btry) in Korea, 6/53-11/54. Georgie met another 24th'er at his reserve camp last summer. Name and address, please, George, and we'll try to sign him on.

A neighbor of ours, one Joachim Hagopian is the buster who was expelled from West Point, then sued for reinstatement, and won. He was heaved for allegedly being "slovenly and uncouth", etc., etc. All of that aside. What rankles us is that, after winning his case, he had the guts to say he didn't know whether or not he wanted a military life. "I haven't got my whole life set on the military yet", he told a local reporter. If he's not sure, what's he doing up there taking up space? He's keeping out a good man who might have his "whole life set on the military". And you and we are footing his bill. We say "Heave him out again and this time make it stick."

It was on Leyte. The visitor to Able Co. Med. Bn. Clearing Station was looking at a wounded Chick.

"When are you going to send this man home?" he asked of the medical sergeant.

"He isn't going home; he's going back to the front".

"Back to the front. But he's in awful shape."

"Yes", replied the sergeant, "and he thinks he knows who done it."

BILLY and Teruko McCARTHY thoroughly enjoyed themselves at W.P. Out of Westerville, Ohio, Bill is financial officer at Ohio Dominican College in Columbus. We especially enjoyed meeting Terry, Billy. She's a honey. All the way from Kumamoto. Wish we had a picture of her for this issue. Bill chides us for lousing up his story in a recent issue; says it goes thus: "Did you hear about the new fool-proof deodorant? - you spray it on, then you disappear, and everybody wonders where the smell is coming from". O.K., so we repeat ourselves. Bill, by the way, was 21st Inf. '46-'51 a Task Force Smith man. He writes us:

"After I left Division in '51, I became top-kick of a company in the 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne. From there to Operations at Stoneman for a few months, then to Camp Drake, Japan, as acting Replacement Depot Sergeant Major. From there I volunteered for Special Warfare and ended up in a Unit in Tokyo. Worked for a few years in the propaganda end of the operations, for the Voice of the United Nations Radio. Took part in the prisoner screening toward the end of the Korean War as I speak, read and write Chinese. After Korea, spent time at Holabird, Meade, and Hood, (all in various schools and Intelligence programs). Then to a propaganda unit in Okinawa's beautiful rock and sand. Worked over most of east and south Asia for four years, then back to Ohio State University in the ROTC Program for two years. Spent a couple of years in Vietnam after that with a break at Knox (installation security). I retired at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, in '67".

FRED and Sally BUAKS, (M 19th '40-'44), the parents of 9, tripped over from Erie, Pa., to make W.P. Fred noticed that they wouldn't let Bella Abzug go to Corregidor while she was visiting in Manila. Golly, if we'd only had her along in '45, we could have sent her over and left behind ED POSTLETHWAIT and the 3rd of the 34th. That would have been siege enough.

GUS and Ginny CASCONI, (Hq.Div.Arty. '40-'45), drove over to W.P. from Salisbury, Mass. "Wouldn't miss it", said Gus. He was telling us about the word from Professor Patrick Quinn, dean of architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic: "If you can pronounce our name, you're admitted. Spell it, and we give you a degree". Told you we'd use it, Gus.

Officer LEW AHNERT, (B 13th F '43-'45), of the Peru Police Dept. was busy this spring with that skyjacker incident. Lots of overtime on the road blocks, says Lew. You're telling us, Lew!!!



The name of the game for PAUL "Jr." HARRIS and GERRY STEVENSON on the W.P. boat ride.

GEORGE and Betty HUNNICUTT, (A and Hq. & Hq. 21st 4/49 - 6/51), have reported in. George, a retired Major, is Registrar and Director of Admissions at Armstrong State College, Savannah, Ga. These folks have Chris 25, Candance 19 and Cayce 10. We see nice alliteration there, George - and Betty - all of which reminds us of the Southern gal who had quadruplets. She named them Eenie, Meanie, Minie and Charley. She didn't want no moe.

Recently honored by Catholic Charities was Rt.Rev.Msgr. CHARLES J. BRADY, (21st), for community service. It's an annual award for commitment in the area of civil rights and Christian social concerns. We are right proud of you, Msgr. Our thanks go to JERRY VON MOHR who spotted the release out in Kettering, Ohio. Said Jerry, "I know Fr. Brady is too humble to tell you this himself."

FRANK and Pauline MIKLAS, (A 21st '50 - '51), in Blue Island, Ill., are looking for M/Sgt. or Sfc. JOHN HOLLAWAY out of Texas. John was first in Charley Company, wounded, returned to Able Company. Says Frank, "John was by far the finest leader I ever saw." Frank, by the way, served in 1st Cav., 25th, 7th and 1st Marine Divisions, but signals, "But I'll always have a tender spot for the 24th".

KEN and Alice TARRANT, (A 63rd F 5/42-8/45), celebrated their 25th last Sept. 28 (1972). They have Linda (24), married with 1 daughter, Ken Jr. (22), Holy Cross graduate now a 2nd Lt. in USMC at Quantico, David (19) married last year, and Laura (15), a tenth grader. That's quite a family, Ken, over there in Quincy, Mass.

BOB and Ursula NELSON, (I 19th '42-'45), went to Hawaii in Oct. for their 25th.

Odd, but the publications crying for the immediate publication of the Nixon tapes are the very ones demanding an absolute shield law to protect forever the confidentiality of their reporters' notes. Think about that.



A few words from our outgoing Association President, MG AUBREY S. NEWMAN, of whom we were all very proud.



Proudly we hail two Dorothy's, NEWMAN and WHEELER.

Happy to see Alice and EARL BRIDWELL, (H 19th '38-'42), at W.P. after missing a few. Medical problems here but they seemed to be in the best of spirits. As Earl was saying to the boys in the Thayer lobby, "Show me a gall bladder sufferer who won't take his medicine, and I'll show you a man with unmedicated gall." You haven't lost the touch, Earl.

Taps for Doc GEORGE E. MORRISSEY, (34th '42-'45), out in Davenport, Iowa. Ellen sent us the tragic news that death came to George last April 25th.



A few banquet head table personalities: Alma ZIERATH (who wanted only to go home; they'd been on the road for 6 weeks), MG HARRY JONES, Dorothy NEWMAN, MG FRED ZIERATH (who stayed east after attending his 40th reunion at WP merely to be with us) and MG FRED IRVING.

A twenty received from Dr. WALTER J. STOPA, (K 19th '42-'45), of 9 N. Main, Enfield, Conn., where he is an optometrist. Say Doc, how about letting us apply that toward a life membership? You know; 20 a year for 5 years, then no more ever.

Killed instantly in an auto accident was VERNON HAYDEN (21st), of Ft. Worth, Tex. This was Dec. 18, 1971. Lois tells us that David, their son, proudly carries on the strong tradition of his father; he's in his 2nd year at West Point.

New address for BOB SILVERS (JA Div.Hq.). It's 712 N.Bundy, Los Angeles. Writes Bob: "Please accept this check for \$25.00 for one year's dues. You fellows really deserve whatever help you can get for your wonderful efforts. And please give Ed Henry a special hello for me. If it means anything to him he certainly had a very positive effect on a rather incompetent court reporter who only tried hard."

May we introduce just-joined WALTER and Rose CHRISTIANSON, (G 34th '44-'45, and M 34th & H 21st '49-'51)? They're at RR 1, Christie Rd., Ladysmith, BC, Canada. They are poultry farmers. Says Walt: "I'm looking for MIKE VOLCHKO, last known to be with the 34th at Camp Mower, Japan and in Korea". Walt, we'll do our best to locate Mike; he's not a member by the way.

Taro Leaf travels with TOM and Polly BAKEWELL, (724 Ord. '43-'45), of Huron, Ohio, who made the Gaspe' this summer, dropping off along the way Priscilla for her last year at Colby (Waterville, Me.), Elizabeth at Calais, Me. for a teaching assignment there, and Jennifer at Dana Hall (Wellesly, Mass.), leaving only Polly at home with the dog, cat and horse.

To Hawaii way last May flew JAMES and Betty CHAMPION, (A 13th F 8/41 to 4/45), of 622 Euclid, Erie, Pa. Here's Betty standing by a field just outside Schofield. Betty and Jim had gone over to see daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law (Naval Air) living at Evia Beach. Jim got over to see Schofield. "What changes", writes he. Here's one of Jim walking across the lawn outside of the barracks where he was stationed just before P.H. Day.

And he also sends along another taken from the third floor of that barracks.



One man's idea of the peak of confusion: any conversation between C.G.HANLIN, (L 34th '43-'45), and HOWARD LUMSDEN, (21st & 19th '50-'51).

A fire in St.Louis that destroyed countless military records will have no impact on the 13 million veterans and dependents now receiving VA benefits, according to Donald E. Johnson, director of the Veterans Administration.

The fire that burned out of control for more than a day at the National Personnel Records Center destroyed the files of hundreds of thousands of veterans. A VA spokesman said the loss would chiefly affect those applying for compensation whose medical records were destroyed by the fire.

However, the VA would have alternative ways to develop the compensation claims, Johnson said. They would include backup files or affidavits for military comrades.

Records of more than 32 million veterans, living and dead, are kept on a computerized master file in Washington. Since 1968, the VA data processing center at Austin, Tex., has maintained files of three million veterans of the Vietnam war. Other VA files are kept at its records center in St.Louis some 10 miles from the disastrous fire, at 57 regional VA offices, 169 hospitals and two insurance centers.

The fire in the Military Personnel Records Center apparently started on the top floor of the six-story building that contained the records of 56 million persons. The top floor was used primarily for files more than 25 years old.

The Army records in the center operated by the General Services Administration included about five million from the World War I era, about nine million from World War II and about six million documents for those who served until the late 1950s.

The GSA said it hoped to salvage from the fire-gutted sixth floor a tape and disc record retriever system which would aid in duplicating lost records.

Writes our old Chemical Officer of Kokura days, good friend SAM UMPHREY: "Please add my voice to the multitude howling for a California reunion." We hear you, gang!

Taro Leaf's "Kitchen-Snooping": In dishes using lots of butter and fats, a little lemon juice added will make them more easily digestible....When cooking a roast, place the contents of a package of onion soup in the bottom of the pan for a delicious gravy.....For different pancakes, try ham, bacon, or balonga, sliced thinly, then pour pancake batter over the meat, flip, and serve..... What other veterans publication gives its readers so much?

At long last, a delightful letter from RUBEN SAROYAN, way out there in Fresno, Calif. It goes: "For the ones that do remember me, I served in Cannon, 21st, then was "loaned out" to the 19th cannon for Mindoro. Returned in good condition back to Service of the 21st where I became Regt Munition Sgt during Mindanao. At the end of the war, I went into Japan as Regt. Supply Sgt. My experiences were many, but I always have fond memories of the time spent on Goodenough. I do wish to be remembered to some of those great guys, LOU DUHAMEL, CHET ANDREZAK, STAN SKERMONT, LT.MORGAN the shoemaker, MAURICE ZUKIN, LOU POZNAK, JACK TERRISI, just to name a few. To bring you up to date, I am now 52 and retired 8 years ago from groceries. Have spent most of my time since in charity work with youth groups such as the Scouts. My health is fine and I have lost part of my hair through the fevers upon returning from the Islands. If anyone writes to me, I will answer them. My address is 1353 Palm Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93728. Good luck to all and some day I expect to surprise you guys at a reunion.." Thanks Rube.



R. to l. at West Point. DICK DIMOND (D 19th), "Pineapple" JACK FINAN (Hq. & AT Cos 19), FRANK EDELEN (C 21st), PETE SEMENOFF (Hq. 19th), and "Shy" DICK LUM who kept the Chicks happy in the Regimental Restaurant on Wahoo. Edelen and Finan were together in the same outfit in North Africa and Italy. Writes Jack of Frank Edelen, "He was a truly great combat officer".

One hot August afternoon at Scofield, a tough Sergeant had been drilling raw, awkward recruits until the men were ready to drop. A Captain paused to eye the spectacle, and at that precise moment an especially clumsy recruit dropped his rifle. The Captain called the culprit out of line. "How long," he asked witheringly, "have you been in the Army?"

The recruit, with all the weariness and woe of the world writ upon his countenance, stammered, "A-a-all day, sir."

Odd, but in '64, Senators Talmadge, Inouye and Ervin each voted 7 times to restrict a congressional investigation into the Bobby Baker monkey business. Think about that.

ALFRED and Alberta MONACO, (D 19th '40-'44), apologize for not making W.P. Only live in Chester, Pa., too. They spend their spare time boating in Chesapeake Bay. Call her "The Three Al's". Al tells us that when his next door neighbor's daughter flunked history, the irate father said, "When I was your age, history was my easiest subject." "Big deal," sassed the daughter, "When you were my age, what had happened?"

Wonderful to see JACK and Marie DAVIES, (34th), after so many years. They're at 5 Winding Way, N.Caldwell, N.J. Jack tells us that JIM "Bill" DUPAW, (Sv. 34th '53-'54), who lives at 64 Watkins, Rutland, Vt., wants to hear from men of Service, 34th. O.K. men, let's hear it. It reminded Jack of an old top kick of his who insisted everytime in bellowing it out thusly: "O.K., you men, let's fall in, in alphabetical order, beginning with the A's."



At the banquet rostrum, it's MG ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF looking only a little older, a little slower, but just as charming and firm as ever. That's Red digesting Woody's words, which were few, but meaningful.

Nancy Perkins O'Neil, heir to the \$50 million Kool-Aid fortune, and married to one James O'Neil for 20 yrs. (5 kids), divorced him in Sacramento. Nancy has been ordered to pay Jimmy \$2500/month alimony, \$30,000/yr. even if he remarries, \$1666/mo. for life if she goes first, a Ford Thunderbird, the family home, 3000 shares of General Foods, membership in 2 country clubs, \$175,000 in life insurance policies, custody of 2 sons and interests in 2 investment companies and several brokerage accounts. We're for women's lib - but this is ridiculous.



Past Prexy PAUL WISECUP has just dropped a "bomb" to the shock of BG LES WHEELER.



At the banquet, outgoing President MG AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN was presented with a memento of his stewardship in the form of the two volume work "West Point Atlas of American Wars". It was inscribed with the more than 1300 signatures of the members of the Association. Wrote Red later, "Truly I am privileged to share in that special friendship like no other in the world. Those autographed books will be among my most prized possessions."

The 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry (Gimlets) and the 3d Battalion, 13th Field Artillery (The Clansman) are now serving with the 25th Infantry Division at Scofield.

Busy making contacts wherever he could at W.P. was Membership Chairman BILL BYRD (Hq. 21st '42-'45), who was ending such a happily successful year of recruiting. We missed Margaret at our gathering, Bill.

On the Hudson River cruise, it's Vivian and Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING, thanks



to Loretta RAFTER who did the picture taking and whose pictures many of these in this issue are. Vivian suffered a mishap at the Officer's Club - fell down some stairs - which frightened us all for a spell. Plucky one that she is, however, she was back in top form for the Saturday night banquet.

BOB and Jo ANDRE, (724 Ord. & 63F '42-'45), kept busy at W.P., contributing reports on the well being of Life Member RAY KRESKY, (24th Recon. '42-'45), felled recently by a heart attack. Ray's at 2519 W. Jerome, Chicago, if you care to get-well-card him. Add the Andre's, "A card would go a long way here."

Thrilled were we to welcome TOM and Mary BRODERICK, (24th Med. '42-'44), to our gathering of the clan. They live "just across the river and down a piece" in Yonkers. Nine kiddos in this family. Wow! Which reminds us of the parents of a 3 year old boy who were teaching the kid to smoke marijuana. Guess they wanted him potty trained.

Life Member JERRY VON MOHR, (AT 19th '45), who lost his lovely Mary this past spring, made it to W.P. nevertheless, bringing his Paul, Beth Anne and Jay. What courage - and Jerry confined to a wheel chair too. The kids are wonderful about it all. Paul, who has his sights set on W.P., wants a Taro Leaf patch for his jacket. He got it, you can bet. Keep up the good fight, Jerry.

CWO Retired ALTON HALSO, (19th '40-'45), now happily retired, has put us in touch with another Chick, a neighbor, HERMAN B. STROUD, of Rt. 1, Box 20, Hubert, N.C.

Taro Leaf feels for JOHN and Dorothy WINGERTSMAN, (21st '42-'45). Winky has been in for open heart surgery. Dottie says, "He's had his ups and downs but is fine now." To make matters worse, he was laid off because of his long absence. So things are rough. Chins up, John and Winky.

WALTER CUNNINGHAM, (Div.Hq. '42-'45), always a delight when we gather together, told all within earshot of the movie reviewer who wrote about the Strategic Air Command hero's wife who "chews him out for spending too much time in the SAC." Indeed, puns are fun. The signs of a practicing paronomasian at work are easy to spot: the writer, like Walter, hunched over his typewriter, chuckling to himself. Every writer worth his salt tries to get one in now and then. Like the fellow who called the book Peyton Place, a "peeping tome", or the one who wrote when the striking cement workers' union "threw in the trowel" and who also wrote, when a Mafia squabble over prostitute money proved that "too many crooks spoil the brothel". Send in yours. We'll use 'em and make Walter sizzle.

On one of our bus trips, we can recognize in l.to r. fashion,



JOE McKEON, ED HENRY, JIM RUSSELL, BILL and Alice SANDERSON, Ann DUFF, BOB ANDRE and LLOYD McCANDLISH. Let him who is without a kidney cast the first stone.

ADOLPH and Beatrice DAMISH (34th & 19th '49-'51) at W.P. told the one about the eagle-eyed and considerate censor who posted this notice on the bulletin board: "Letter at mail desk. Name on envelope 'Dorothy'. Name on letter 'Betty'. Check with me if I should mail it."

It's a new address for Life Member ERNEST COMPTON, (I-34th 7/40-7/45). It's now 31012 Palomino St., Warren, Mich. We hope you and Ruth can make Clearwater, Ernie.

TARO LEAF proves that it will print anything, including this one of KEN OLIVER, (1 21st 4/49-7/51), of Tacoma, Wash.



Writes Ken:

"Retreads! Noted you used this word in describing a member or two because they were on their second go around in combat. Like the fellow said. 'I had lots of experiences overseas, and some of them are true.' I was with the 24th Div.Hq. from about 4/49 - 7/50, then like a martyr I volunteered for Co. L 21st. My buddy was killed in

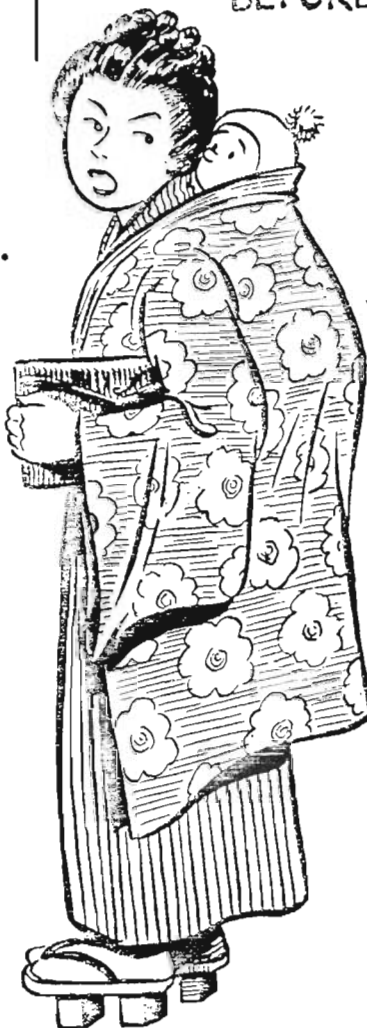
his sleeping bag in Feb. '51. I wasn't. The following month I had the company of a hand grenade in my foxhole. Sure got a bang out of that one! After a brief stay of 3 months in the hospital in Kobe, I returned to L Co. and rotated home in 7/51. I retired in 10/64. I am married. Who isn't? Have two children, ages 12 and 14. Live in beautiful green Washington." Good report, Ken.



Delightful W.P. group - DICK LUM, Lorna and BILL DAVIDSON and BOB and Ann DUFF.

It was a proud JOSEPH I. PEYTON, (Sv. 19th '42-'45), former Association Secretary, Editor and President and '72 recipient of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK award, as he stepped up to the banquet rostrum at W.P. and with a voice full of emotion announced the selection of former Association President VICTOR BACKER (A 34th '42-'45) as this year's recipient of the coveted award. As Vic stepped forward to accept the handsome silver bowl which represents the award, WILLIAM J. VERBECK, JR. also stepped forward to hand the bowl to his Mother, Mrs. WILLIAM J. VERBECK, for presentation to Vic. It was a touching ceremony.

"WHY DIDN'T YOU THINK OF THAT BEFORE WE LEFT HOME?"



Passed on: GENE PRZYBYSZEWSKI, of Floral Park, L.I., N.Y., last Feb. 11. Mary wrote us, sending along a ten spot and telling us that Gene's heart just gave out; he died in his sleep. Back went the ten spot with words like:

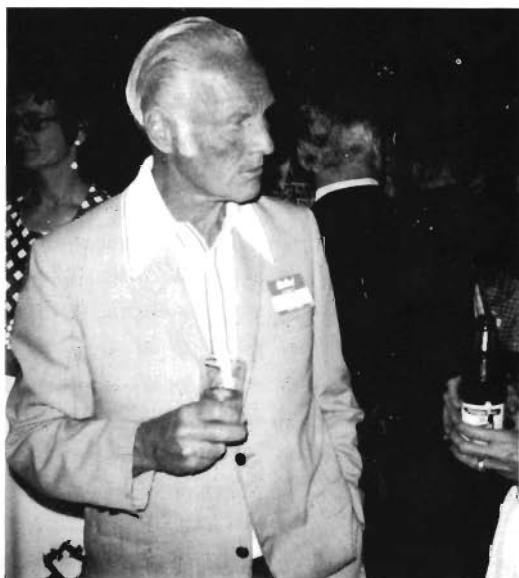
"You need it perhaps more than do we - that is if I recall and I do - that you have Sue and Paul and Margaret and Sally and Peter and Mary Lou and Teresa and John and Joseph. That's a bunch of mouths to feed. That you had to write as you do is our regret. That Gene went peacefully is our cause for relief."



DICK WATSON, SPIKE O'DONNELL and PAUL "JR." HARRIS in a happy W.P. mood.



A wonderful shot of the Newman family: Mrs. Stuart Strong, otherwise Elizabeth, Dorothy, Red, and Mrs. Claiborne Bradley, otherwise Nancy.



MG FRED ZIERATH who celebrated his 40th out of West Point in June graced the Thayer rooms with his omnipresent grace and charm. A bit older - a bit grayer - a bit handsomer - it was a thrill to have you and Alma with us, Fred.



In front of the Hotel Thayer posed JULIUS JOSZ and Ann DUFF.



We simply couldn't resist giving you one more of Billy and his Mother, Peggy VERBECK at our W.P. gathering - and you well know why. It's written all over that face isn't it. And Billy, we can't think of a nicer compliment than just that.

The BILL SANDERSON weekend in Attleboro, Mass., was highlighted not only by Bill's impressive installation ceremony and all that went with it but also by a clambake on the shores of Warwick, R.I. whereat JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL proudly introduced his perfect



friend from Evergreen, Colo., Janet Driggs. Jan won quick and easy and complete acceptance by our gang. Spike had loads of fun with that one about the Gimlet who says to his girl friend: "Let's get married or something". Replies the girl friend:

"We'll get married or nothing."

"Please find enclosed a check for \$5.00 for another year's membership in the finest organization in the world." That's the short message of BILL WILLMOT, (21st '44-'46) from down there on Merritt Island, Fla. Short but sweet, Bill.

Retired and still "over there" is Maj. L.L. SCHRANK who was CO of H Co., Chicks, from 7/56 to 10/57. He's at 8172 Lengries, Wackersberger Str. 4, Germany, just in case you want to ask him to do any errands for you.



A study in the graying of America. It's Brig.Gen LESTER WHEELER, treating age with deference, and its Past Prexy ROSS PURSIFULL stemming the tide with a mod hair style - but the tide is ebbing, Ross.



It's MG ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF, Elise COMPERE, TOM COMPERE, and Col. ROBERT J. DANIELS at W.P.



BILL BYRD of Fort Smith, Ark., was recently elected Vice President of the Arkansas Retired Military Association. Bill is our up-and-coming Membership Chairman.

His primary project for ARMA this year is the AVENUE OF FLAGS at the Fort Smith US National Cemetery. This project recently approved by the Department of Defense, is a plan wherein the next of kin of all those veterans buried in the National Cemetery will donate their burial flags to this committee and the flags will be flown every 20 feet along the streets throughout the cemetery, on appropriate holidays. With Bill involved, it'll be a successful project.



Billy VERBECK congratulates VIC BACKER as recipient of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK Award. Peggy Verbeck had just made the presentation to Vic.



The "Shorty" SCHERER's on the outside, Marge and Walter, with Belle STEVENSON keeping them apart. Make something of that, if you dare.



From the files of BILL LOWDEN (I 19th '44-'45). Here's one of the march in the memorial service for Col. "Jock" CLIFFORD. Remember?



Two to whom we are exceedingly grateful for our W.P. pictures - Belle and Past Prexy GERRY STEVENSON. Others who contributed include BOB and Anne DUFF, BILL and Alice SANDERSON, MIKE and Loretta RAFTER, RICHARD LUM and TOM FARRIER.



Gathered on a delightful New England autumn weekend, on the occasion of the installation of BILL SANDERSON as Commander of Knights Templar, were kneeling, VIC BACKER, seated RED NEWMAN and BOB DUFF, standing GERRY STEVENSON, SPIKE O'DONNELL, your Editor, ED HENRY, FRANK KAWA, DICK WATSON, JR. HARRIS, TOM COMPERE, C.G.HANLIN, and BILL SANDERSON.



DICK LUM sent in a bunch of pictures, some of which we're using in this "reunion issue". Here's one of DICK WATSON, BILL SANDERSON, us, DICK LUM, SPIKE O'DONNELL and BILL KUSHINA. Bill came back again after being away a few years. 'Twas wonderful seeing you again, Bill.



And this one will put you in mind of Volleyball, Valve Caps, and Vindshields in days of yore. Warm friendly photo, isn't it?



BILL ROBINSON, (C 65th Eng., 25th Div.) of 274 West Main, Hopkinton, Mass., thoughtfully sends us this picture of an Able Co. platoon of the 3rd Engineers at Schofield in Oct. '41. Bill, by the way, has sets of 8 x 10's covering the Dec. 7th attack - 25 pix covering Wheeler, Hickham, the ships, etc. He wants \$20.00 per set. Any takers?



TARO LEAF looks toward Wilmington, Del. and sees JOHN C. LADD, now a retired Major but once, in '47-'51, a member of Dog of the 19th. Johnny wanted information about joining. Presto, he's in. Johnny thinks it's O.K. if they want to make homosexuality legal; he just doesn't want them to make it compulsory.

Camden, N.Y., May: Life Member FRANKLIN SKINNER, (Sv. 11th Field 8/50-10/51), was in the Syracuse VA Hosp. recently when LAWRENCE SCAIA of Baldwinsville, N.Y., spotted his pin. Larry, a Gimlet in '50-'51, is now a member of course.

BILL HUGGINS, of 105 Park, Dillon, S.C., a Schafer Beer distributor, happily reports that he persuaded RAY and Joan STUBBS, (K 21st 11/40-9/44), to join and sent along a fiver to cover it. Ray, a restaurant manager has Carolyn 23, Jeanne 20 and David 9.



JOE and Margaret PEYTON enjoying our annual extravaganza, as always.

Surgery for CHARLEY CRAW (L 34th '41-'44), of 36 Burnet, Livingston, N.J. Reports he, "Am doing fine but would like to hear from someone in the 34th". Go to it, gang.

Change of venue for Col. ROBERT H. MALONE, (C & A 21st '42-'45). Last we knew Ace was with the US Military Mission to Liberia in Monrovia. Does anyone have a better address on this wonderful guy?



"Sure it ruins the taste of the whiskey but it improves the taste of the C-rations."



The candles, for the much loved Memorial Service, are being extinguished by VIC BACKER - until another year.



SPIKE O'DONNELL and gals, Rita BACKER and Beverly Corris who gallantly manned the W.P. registration desk. Beverly in addition to being your Editor's secretary is the very gal who puts all this chatter down on paper.



28 years ago, the Div.GI- today a busy Highland Park, Ill. lawyer - TOM COMPERE who freely admits that "All I know about money matters is that money matters."



"Striking" was the consensus when it came to describing Nancy Bradley, Red Newman's very lovely daughter who made it to W.P. from the Newport Navy Base leaving husband, Captain C.S. Bradley, USN behind to mind the store. The couple have since moved on to Italy as their next station.

"MR B'GLOW, DO WE HAVE AN S.O.S. FLAVOR?"



CHARLEY and Lois McBRIDE, (Hq. 19 '39-'42), of 633 Spring, Sanford, N.C., couldn't West Point it; they were marrying off the second of their four daughters that weekend.

West Point '73 is now history - good history though - happy history too. Nonetheless, for an organization oriented much on what is past, the impetus must be ever forward. By all that's holy, the gathering was a success - a smashing one - and there was general agreement among those present that we "must do this more often" - and soon. Our ranks are thinning.



In a quiet West Point corner, Past Prexies and Life Members ED HENRY and JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL meditated. Sadly do we report that on Sept. 5th, Spike's beloved Mother, Anne O'Donnell passed on after a long, lingering terminal illness. Chin up, Spike.

Joined our ranks: Col. FLOYD R. MARTIN, Ret'd., now at 4706 Ginson, Tucker, Ga. He was EO of Task Force Smith and writes, in part:

"You asked for names and addresses of former members. I have lost contact with most of them, but do exchange greetings at Christmas with a few. Here are the names that come to mind:

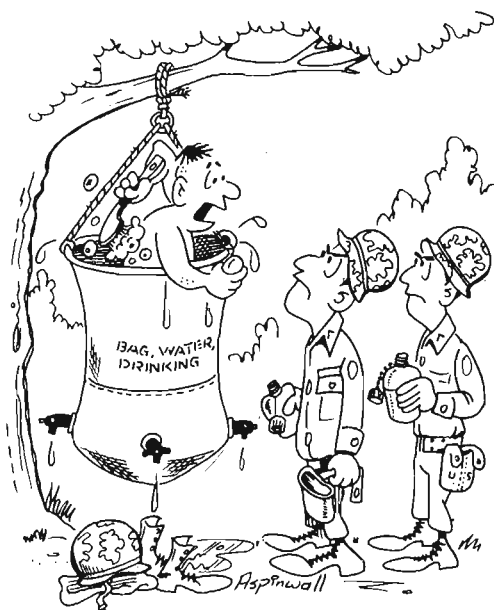
Lt. Col. Norman E. Anderson (Ret.)
P.O. Box 92, Londonberry, Vt.
21st Inf. '49-'51

Col. Wm. Stabb (Ret.)
317 West Harmont Dr., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021
21st Inf. '49-'51

Lt. Col. Hervey J. LeBoeuf (Ret.)
16 George St., Medford, Mass. 02155
3rd Eng., attached to 21st Inf.

"Did you know that the present Chief of Chaplains, Major General Gerhart W. Hyatt, is a former Gimlet? He was one of the Asst Regtl Chaplains in 1950-51 while in Korea and was assigned to my (1st) Bn a good part of that time. He just might be a good one to contact."

Thanks so very much Floyd, and we do hope that you and Helen will be able to make Clearwater.



"You fellows act like you never saw anybody take a bath before."

Manufacturer's rep. BOB ENDER, who does business as California Mart, 110 E 9th Los Angeles, signals "Thanks for keeping us together - and for all the hours, days, weeks and months you put in for us - it doesn't go unnoticed nor unappreciated". Thanks Bob. Thanks too for giving us "the difference between rape and rapture?" - "Salesmanship!!!" We also must give space to Bob's story of the Polish fellow whose girl friend was called "Tapioca" - "'cuz anybody could make her in a minute".

ROY L. FROST, (B 34th '43-'44), reports that his wife is recovery rapidly from heart surgery. Says they're travelling more. Roy was hoping we'd Delta Queen it in '74. Sorry Roy; there was just too much of a chance that the boat wouldn't even be running next year.

As M.G. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF wrote us after W.P. was history. "It was great to see so many of the old timers although, admittedly, my contacts with them in recent years have not been many. The war stories get better with each passing year. Some of these with which I thought I was somewhat familiar have grown - have almost gotten out of hand. Nonetheless, the tellers get a big kick out of them". You have hit it on the button, General Woody, and what a grand thrill it was to have you back with us for those few hours.

FRANCIS J. MUCCIO sent in \$25.00 to "keep the wolf from the door". Moose can be reached at 72 Olde Stage Rd., Glastonbury, Conn. You were much talked about and much missed at W.P., Moose. And thanks for the boost.



Life Member and Past President SAM GILNER, (13th F '42-'45), made brownie points with the ship's skipper at W.P.



TARO LEAF welcomes in CHARLIE ROBINSON (724 Ord 2/58-7/69), of Columbus, Ga. Charlie was also Hq.Co. 19th from '58-'62 and was also in Easy Co. of the Chicks in Germany and at Riley. He and Johnnye are now retired, Charlie with an 80% disability. We're happy to have these folks in our club. Charlie asks for a retired member roster. Charlie, it's what we don't have. But we do try to mention these retired fellows in our copy, one by one, as we come onto the facts. We'll have a directory out, hopefully this year.



In September, a few of us - ED HENRY, GERRY STEVENSON, BILL SANDERSON, SPIKE O'DONNELL and your Editor-winged it to Denver to pay homage to Col.URBAN L. THROM on the occasion of his retirement from the Army.



LES JOHNSON, (K 21st '50-'52), proposes running ads in the personal columns of our major papers announcing our next convention. Wonderful idea, Les, and we're going to do it - in moderation. Such costs \$, Les.

Arlington County, Va. had the highest per capita income in the nation last year. \$5446, Census Bureau said. And Montgomery County, Md. a northern suburb of Washington ranked first among areas of more than 50,000 population in median income of \$16710. Kinda proves federal employees are well paid, doesn't it? Someday someone will liston to our 30 year old beef that the federal government itself must bear the greatest single responsibility for today's inflation.



Adventitious JAMES O'DONNELL (G 21st), of Oak Park, Ill., was simply everywhere at W.P., telling one and all about how his barber gives him that modlike haircut. Says Spike, "He pats the hair down with one last pat, gives me a kiss on each cheek, and says 'That'll be \$8.50, pullease'". This is Spike with bearded TOM GRADY, back after too long an absence. Spike persuaded Tom to become a life member too.

"No, I'm not doing much—just staring at the five walls."

'74 Convention Chairman C.G. HANLIN is trying to round up the more than 50 members living in Florida for a get-together come Saturday, December 1 at the Hilton Inn, Clearwater Beach. It's designed to bring the Floridians together so that our next convention at the same place next August 7th to 11th will be a greater success. Writes C.G. "Ed Henry, Bill Sanderson, Spike O'Donnell, Tom Compere, Don Williams, Gerry Stevenson, Burt Lowery, Mike Rafter and Gen. Newman are planning to meet with us Saturday December 1. I thought it would be real nice if all the Florida members could get together that day with the fellows flying in from all over the U.S.A. Any of you wishing to stay overnight let me know and I will make reservation at the motel. My address is 582 Baywood Drive North, Dunedin, Florida 33528 - Phone 733-5080." This is no closed deal; all members are cordially invited to join in the day of fun. Let C.G. know if you can make it.

Methuen, Mass., Apr.: BILL "Pappy" HYNES, Superintendent of the Water Commission, writes us: "Enclosed is my check for my dues for the ensuing year. I have enjoyed reading the 'Taro Leaf' and once in awhile, I come across a familiar name from the 19th. Will have to sit down and do a little writing for the Taro Leaf. There must be quite a few of the fellows from the 19th Inf. who would like to get together via its pages. I expect to retire in June and I have more time for writing. Thanks for keeping the organization alive, Ken, even though the 24th Infantry Division has passed into history. Bill". You and Louise ought to start planning now on a weekend at Clearwater after that retirement, Bill.

"Find Lt. JERRY WORTHEN for me" pleads Life Member JOHNNY BOYCE, (F 19th '41-'45). Johnny, with Lucille, mending from a broken hip, hang their hats at 1173 Stone, Rahway, N.J. Jerry was in the same company. Any ideas, anybody.

Write BOB and Constance GOLDTHWAIT, (Div. Hq. Fin. Off.), at Packard Hill, Ashburnham, Mass.: "Here's 10 - you can't run on 5 a year. Thanks for the great bulletins all year." Real music, Bob.

It's a small world. A dozen or so Taro Leafers are whooping it up last March in a Wheeling restaurant. A large Taro Leaf has been hung on the wall behind us just to let the rest of the world know who we are. A chap and his lady are eating at a table on the opposite side of the room. He spots the insignia, keeps turning around to look at it again and again. He has seen that insignia before - but when? - or where? Finally CARL B. CARLSON, of 1514 Mitchell, Mt. Prospect, Ill., screws up enough courage and comes over. "Were you fellows ever at Davao?" he asks. "Affirmative" was the reply. Seems he was with the 295th JASCO attached to Division while his outfit was supporting us.

Sad note from KEN GRUBB, (24 Sig 6/42 - 8/45), out in Indianapolis. Ken lost his beloved Harriett last October after 31 ½ years of marital happiness. Hat died following a severe heart attack. They had no children. Ken is anxious to hear from Taro Leafers. He's at 339 Robton St. Our sympathies go out to you, Ken.

It was good to have them back at a reunion after these many years. BILL and Irene SAVELL, Sv. 19th, made it from Clearwater, Fla. (our '74 convention city) and brought lovely Lori and Pat with them.

Wintering in Roswell, N. Mex. is LeROY R. CRUCIUS, '43-'46 First Sgt. of Able Co. of the Med. Bn. Roy promises us lots of help now that he has retired. And we know he means it; he's one eager beaver. Roy by the way and Major BRALLIAR were awarded Bronze Star Medals for their heroies around Davao during that lousy spring and summer of '45.

On Wahoo this spring was MATT SLOWIK (Cn. 19th Inf. '42-'44) of 3906 Belmont, Chicago. Matt visited Schofield and found in being a 1st Bn. of the 19th a 1st Bn of the 21st, and the 13th Field, all part of the 25th Div. He reports that the Rock has been moved to Quadrangle F home of the 19th.

"Take your choice . . . you can go to debris relocation specialist's school for 16 weeks or garbage man's school for one."



"... Do you want onions on yours or not?"

