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James Jones, 1921-1977

Ronnie Young, who is the brother of Joan Farrier, who is the wife of our own devoted TOM FARRIER, knowing of the friendship of James Jones for us, suggested for his obit that we use one of the moving sequences out of "From Here to Eternity". Ron's appreciated suggestion, though it arrived a bit late for our last issue, was so superlative that we had to yield, ergo two obituaries for Jim, the previous one and this one. But then, Jim was a double-sized man in many ways.

What Ron treasures, what we all treasure, is that part where Prewitt sounds "Taps" in the Schofield quadrangle. We'll not use all of it - it went on for three beautiful

pages - only that eloquent part, complete with warts and all, warts such as his "cant" in lieu of "can't" - Jim thought the apostrophe abhorrent There are those of us, Ronnie Young included, who consider that Jimmy Jones was at his absolute best in describing the indescribable sense of loss and sadness and yearning as you lie in a bunk in a barracks in the darkness and listen to the most touching of all calls.

In the memorable language of James Jones -

This is the song of the men who have no place, played by a man who has never had a place, and can therefore play it. Listen to it. You know this song, remember? This is the song you close your ears to every night, so you can sleep. This is the song of the Great Loneliness, that creeps in like the desert wind and dehydrates the soul. This is the song you'll listen to on the day you die. When you lay there in the bed and sweat it out, and know that all the doctors and nurses and weeping friends dont mean a thing and cant help you any, cant save you one small bitter taste of it, because you are the one thats dying and not them; when you wait for it to come and know that sleep will not evade it and martinis will not put it off and conversation will not circumvent it and hobbies will not help you to escape it: then you will hear this song and, remembering, recognize it. This song is Reality. Remember? Surely you remember?

"DAY IS done... "Gone the sun... "From-the-lake "From-the-hill "From-the-sky "Rest in peace "Sol jer brave
"God is nigh..."

Good night, James Jones, good night -

And thank you for letting us share with you some of that which we had in common.

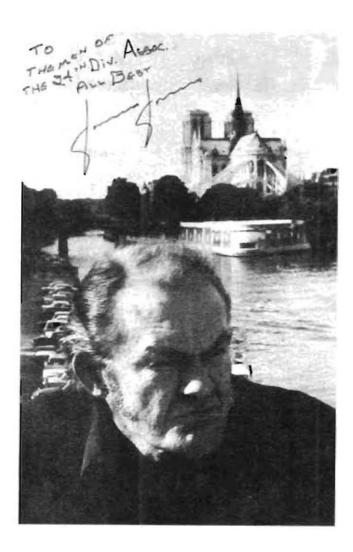
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Planning to make Norfolk is Col. FREDERICK WEBER, (21st '40-'44; 19th '52-'53), of Lumber Bridge, N.C. Wrifritz: "Had long thought that I had more time than most in the Division, but Dallas Dick seems to be just about No.1! Between July 1940 and November 1944, I went from Company Commander to Regimental Commander of the 21st (from Hawaii to New Guinea). Later commanded the 19th in Korea (1952-53). Since retiring after 37 years of service have had some wonderful experiences in business (two years as European manager of Life Insurance), seven years in politics, ("rough" as a Republican in North Carolina), and eight years in education math and science professors, MA in Counseling for my wife and myself. Recently awarded a Flight Instructor's License which my Chief of Staff says may only be utilized to teach our off-spring to fly!" We look forward to seeing you, Fritz.

Ray Kinder, 24th Division Museum Curator

writes:
"As Curator, I am searching for material
The most obvious suitable for inclusion. The most obvious and fertile source of such materials is the 24th Infantry Division Association. I am asking your cooperation in contacting Association members for memorabilia that they might consider donating to the museum. Optimally, I would like a copy of your roster, so that I might contact them individually; but, if this is not practicable, I would appreciate your contacting them on the museum's behalf, either through direct letter, an announcement at your meeting, or in your newsletter. As I am depending heavily on your cooperation, I would deeply appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Ray heard from us: we promised full support, with plugs in our paper, and a request that he not go to the expense of individual letters. messages will tell the story. You know if you have any museum pieces.

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The Association is a strictly non-profit, non-military, nonrank organization of men and women who serve or once served together and desire only to keep alive the warm friendships formed in that service.

How about a date?

We've got a bunch of good ones open in mid-August.

Bob Goodenough is a member of the Public Affairs staff at Stewart. He admits to a strong possibility that Goodenough Island was named for one of his ancestors who was an 18th century English sailing captain. Tell you what, Bob - some of our boys have been looking for any possible relatives of that old sea captain ever since 1944 when we spent a few months on that 20 mile x 10-12 mile island - sometimes called Morata also. Next time the Assoc. convenes at Stewart, you'd better run and hide.

Paid Your Dues?



JACK FINAN has identified all of the Chicks in a 1960 Bragg photo which we ran in a recent issue. Says Jack, Front Row:
1. to r. DICK DIMOND, Pineapple Jack
FINAN, Col. IRVIN BISNOFF (deceased),
CHIEF CHANDLER, COL. SHY LUM, JOHN
CHRISTOPHER (deceased) and JOHN FIRTKO
(deceased). Back row: 1. to r. JERRY
HINMAN, CHARLIE MCBRYDE, RED BRIDWELL,
BILL CHADWICK, JOHN TEN EYCK, LARRY
LAWRENCE, COL. HANK ROYALL, and JACK

WALLACE.



Meet CARMEN BRIGUGLIO (left), friend (middle), and JOHN E. BROWN (right), at Schofield in '40. Johnny, a Dog Co. Gimlet from 12/39 to 3/44, lives in Jacksonville, Fla. with Charlotte. They've just joined our club. They have Carole, Johnette and Joni - all 3 of the gals are married - Johnette has one little gal, Jennifer, age 3. Welcome to the club, Johnny and Charlotte. We're trying to get Carmen to join too.

Our new-fully-paid up Life Member NATHAN McCALL (I-34th; G-21st Korea), asks if anyone knows the address of the Randell Fighting Knife Co. He wants to replace his; left it in Korea when he rotated. Write him at 123 N.Mercer, New Castle, Pa.

As we go to press, the Mayors of the country are meeting in Tucson, Ariz. They are calling for the expenditure by the "Feds" of \$150 billion to "save the cities". We respectfully ask the honorable Mayors, "What dja do with the last \$150 billion the Feds gave ya?"



Pfc. EVERETT B. MILLER, April Soldier of the Month, unloads slide projector from the back of a truck while his unit moves to a new area at Fort Stewart. Miller is from Nashville, Tenn. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt.Barry Sikora)



FLETCHER HOLDERMAN of Gravel Switch, Ky., June and son, Larry (on the left). Larry is manager of a bank in Cheshire, Conn. Fletcher is still farming.



HOUSE AFIRE

Kanji: Abura, meaning oil

From "Red" NEWMAN comes a reference to an Ann Landers column wherein she defines "Lace curtain Irish". Sez Ann, "They are those of Irish descent who have fruit in the house when no one is sick."

"MacArthur", starring non-veteran Gregory Peck, opens with a West Point parade and the acceptance of the Thayer Award in '62 with that memorable speech. Then a flashback to Corregidor and the escape by PT to Australia. Then WW II through to Korea, the firing, and back to West Point for the finish of the speech. There's your plot, gang.

Help! JOSE SANCHEZ, (K 5th RCT 1/53-3/53), of Rt. 1, Box 503, Laramie, Wyo., is looking for anyone who served with him during the above period.

BENNY MASHEY has enrolled ED PISAREK (21st '41-'44), of Box 2641, Reno, Nev. as a new member.

Next time you step into a voting booth, be sure to remember your Congressman who gave himself a 30% pay raise this year.

Catch LEROY E. ATKINS, (21st), now at Box 89, Eastham, Mass., was in Provincetown, the summer home of 10,000 weirdos. Says Roy: "The trouble with earning a living these days is that it doesn't give you much time to live."

Visitor: Any big men born in this town? Resident: Nope, only little babies.



neighborhood?"

It's PAUL and Ruth HARTLEY, 3407 Grand, Des Moines, Iowa. As Paul says, "Sorry we don't have one of us together, least of all one including nephew JOHN W. STROOP, (52nd F. 1/53-6/54). Paul and Ruth gifted John with a Life Membership in the Assoc. Now there's love for you.







The PAUL MONACO's (24 Med. '43-'45), send us the address of MILTON ONTELL. It's 1878 Springfield, Maplewood, N.J. They say people were asking for it - we're asking for it, if we don't print it.

On the occasion of a recent visit to Nippon to see their "children and grand-children", Brig.Gen.LESTER and Dottie WHEELER were wined and dined most hand-somely by General and Mrs. Ichiji Sugita. Sugita, as a captain, was once assigned to G Company of the 26th Inf. in Plattsburg, N.Y. when then-Captain AUBREY S. NEWMAN was commanding. That was years ago, Les.

Once again the matter of dues comes up. We will probably hit a new high in the number of dues paying members this year but we will also hit a new high in operating expenses so, if you haven't already done so, please send in your dues. Everyone will be afforded an opportunity to become a member in good standing. Some of our members are still under the impression that they must pay their dues in person. This is not so. We have an agreement with the Post Office. They will deliver mail containing dues to us.

Bits from Stewart....\$2½ million shopping mall has opened across from the post theater. It includes the main PX, flower, optical, watch repair and barber shops, beauty salon, and dry cleaning-laundry combo....3400 Georgia Nat.Guard men and women had 2 weeks encampment during May....48th Inf.Brigade, Division's roundout brigade has a 2 week workout in July.

Col. FRANK R. WILLIAMSON (A 19th '39-'45), of 34 Alandale, Norwood, Mass. has retired so he and Jeannette are living a life of relative ease.

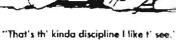
Judge CLAUDE HALL, (21st and G-3 office in WW II; 21st in Korea), has retired as Judge of the County Court in Enterprise, Ore. He's now a free lance writer on outdoor life for the Portland Oregonian. Just had an article on fishing in Sports Afield. We're proud of you, Claude.



Just remember, folks, if you won't go to your friends' funerals, they won't come to yours.

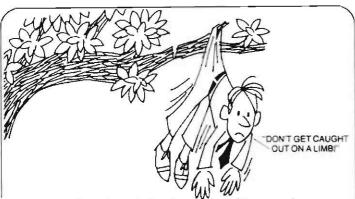
We've got new members in Lt.Col. (Ret) DENNIS and Alice HANRICK. They're F of the 21st from 2/51 to 12/51. He's now with Allstate Insurance and they address at 1905 St.Paul Ave., Fayetteville,N.C. When we asked Denny how many kids he had, he answered: - "At home - Ellen - Maureen - Kathleen - Jennifer - Jeanine - and away - Susie - Dennis P. - Brenda - Karen - Gregory - and Margaret."
Denny, are you kidding us? Eleven????







The old buddy deal - we've run it before - and it has produced help in bringing in some strays and drop-outs. So if you have a \$10 spot you don't need for a pound of coffee, send it in with the name of a buddy. If you can't think of one, don't worry; we've got dozens of them and we'll choose one and send him a membership paid in your name. Much thanks.



At a distinguished civic dinner in London, an elderly clubman was disconcerted to find himself seated next to a silent Chinese. Wanting to be courteous, however, he leaned toward the visitor and asked, tentatively: "Likee soupee?'

The Chinese looked at him briefly, nodded, but said nothing, and the conversation lapsed. However, it appeared that the Chinese was a foreign guest of some note for, as coffee was served, he was called upon to say a few words.

He rose, bowed and made a 15-minute speech in impeccable English about the sociological significance of the European Common Market. Amid polite applause he then sat down, turned to his abashed English neighbor, and, after the briefest of pauses, asked softly: "Likee speechee?"

A story appearing in Army Times has been credited with a revival of the Div's 2d Bde candle ceremony. It all started on March 9, 1963, when the 2d Bde - then stationed in Germany - was presented a candle by its sister unit in the German Army, the 282d Panzer Grenadier Bn, as a symbol of friendship between the soldiers of both countries. In 1970, when the 2d Bde, along with the rest of the Div. was inactivated at Riley, CSM CLARANCE L.WISE said he realized the importance of the candle and saved it. Last year, Wise, now assigned as command sergeant major of the 1st Inf.Div's 2d Bde in Germany, read in Army Times of the provisional activation of Div's 2d Bde. He contacted his counterpart in the 24th Div, CSM ROBERT IVEY, and told him he would send the candle to him. In the candle ceremony, the taper can be lit only by the brigade commander, and extinguished by the junior officer of the brigade present. The command sergeant major of the brigade must record each lighting of the candle in a logbook. When the candle is not in use, it must be displayed in the position of honor in the brigade's trophy case. When it is moved, it is transported by the brigade Soldier of the Month and protected in the same manner as the colors. Since the candle's arrival at Fort Stewart it was lighted on one occasion, on March 9, the 14th amiversary of its presentation. The picture shows Lt.Col. EDWARD T.RICHARDS, 2 Bde CO lighting the candle. At the left is Col. HELMOT ZEDLICK, the German Army's liasion officer at C&GSC. CSM NATHANIEL MCELROY is at the right.

Well on the way to paid up Life Membership is ED BRADFORD, (H & Sv.,19th '40-'42), of Three Rivers, Mich. We are especially hopeful that he and Lorraine will be with us in Norfolk.



Annual dues come due for everyone as of each August first, it being easier for this little one-cylinder outfit if everyone's \$10.00 in dues come due at the same time.

We have hit upon a simplified system of "notice" - for the acknowledged purpose of cheating the postal folks: one notification, this one, to "notice" you. In the light of some 1250 separate mailings which might have been, an impressive bit of administrative detail is spared, not to mention a simple saving of better than \$162.00 in postage alone. Besides you know and we know how overworked the Postal Service is. And they've already had their hands in our checkbook for well over \$2000 in the last 12. Enough, we say.

Fail to respond to this simple appeal for dues, if in your individual case dues are due, and we'll take the hint - and drop you from future mailings.

You don't have to hit us over the head with a shove!!!!

For listening, we are grateful - deeply. For responding with dues, that this modest effort to keep old friendships alive might continue awhile longer, we'll all be doubly grateful.

24th Divisionally yours.

Kenwood Ross

Sec'y.-Treas.-Editor

Actor James Garner served 14 months in Division in Korea. In them-there days, he was JIM BUMGARNER out of Norman, Okla. Picked up a couple of Purple Hearts along the way. He'll be 49 come Apr. 6th. Said Jim: "When I was a kid and we would play baseball, I'd steal second. Then I'd feel guilty and go back." Somehow we doubt that Jim.



An attorney who often finds himself trapped in a corner at a cocktail party giving free legal advice, was discussing it with a physician friend. "I hate to go to those things. Women are always bugging me for legal advice." The physician said, "That used to happen to me, too, but not anymore. Now, when a woman at a party starts telling me about her symptons, I simply say, 'Take off your clothes' and after that I have no trouble at all."

One wife was standing on a ladder painting the ceiling and called to her husband, who was watching a football game: "If I fall off, dear, will you call an ambulance at halftime?"

Stolen from an issue of "The T Patcher", the publication of the 36th Inf.Div.:





Rock Of Chickamauga Is Solid Booster of The T-Patchers . . .

THEN AND NOW ...

Photo at left: Why is this handsome young man smiling? Cause he just got his 2nd Louie har, with Co. E. 142nd Infantry at Camp Edwards, winter '42. Jack J. Finan, who, every morning sings a few bars of "What Could Be Finer That To Be In Carolina In The Morning," lives in Raleigh.

Now 35 years later, you have his son, Tim Finan and Roberta Kelly Finan, and of course, Old Folks' J. J. himself.

Jack Finan was transfered from the 36th, and wandered all over in his military career. He picked up alot of buddies along the way, and is now dedicated to trackin' down some of the characters of his old outfit, who have been drop-outs and lost. He loves the 36th, and the feeling is mutual.



This one is of PAUL "Swede" NELSON's platoon (G 21st '42-'45), taken at Hollandia. Paul's lovely wife, Lila, handed this to us months ago for use in these pages. At last we're able to use it. We'll get it back to you, Swede. Paul lost all except a little sight in one eye and most all of his hearing - on Mindanao. Paul and Lila are at RR 4, Box 12, Forsyth, Mo.



Lt.Col. JOE GRIGGS has taken command of the 24th Signal Battalion. To his left is Lt.Col.ROBERT SIDERIUS, former commander, 24th Signal, and at the far right is Assistant Division Commander, BG GEORGE E.MARINE. Siderius has gone to Central Army Group, Germany.

Well, they pardoned Mrs. Iva Toquri D'Aquino - Tokyo Rose. Well that they did - she really helped us, don't you agree? She did more for our morale than anyone of us could realize at the time.

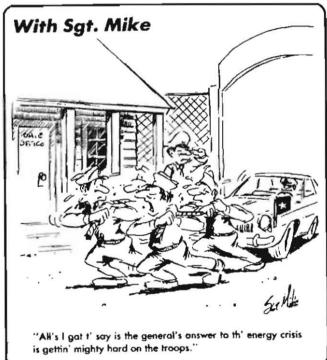
Within an hour of Norfolk lies Williamsburg (restored), Jamestown, (settled in 1607) and Yorktown (where you know who did what to whom). If you have never made these 3, you've missed something - especially Williamsburg, an absolute must.

Alleghany, National, Piedmont and United each serve Norfolk.

Dues have gone from \$5 per annum to \$10 per annum.

Lou and Claire DUHAMEL, wintered at Harlingen, Tex. where Lou continued to recover nicely from heart surgery. He found retired Col. BILL MAPLES also in Harlingen, who served with Division in ETO.

From ex-Prexy BILL BYRD comes this: Americans who served in The Philippines during World War II who feel they are eligible for that Government's LIBERA-TION MEDAL AND RIBBON, should contact the Office of Armed Forces Affairs, Embassy of The Philippines, 1617 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. Inquiries should be accompanied by citation or other evidence issued by the US Government ascertaining you served (Form 214) or other evidence that you participated in the liberation.



EARL HERRIMAN, (24 QM 9/51-9/53), of Norbonne, Mo., tells us that Ruth went through surgery - stomach - and 44 days later came out a new gal. Eats 6 times a day, says Earl. Keep it up, Ruthie.

Meet Life Member #164, JACK DOUGLAS, (3 Bn 21st '42-'46), of Bartlesville, Okla. Jack and Dorothy are at 4214 S.E. State St., in that fair town along with Jonell and Jack, Jr.

As we go to press, we are 1383 strong.



Just in from Prexy HOWARD "LUM" LUMSDEN: "I take great pleasure and pride in announcing that my good friend and former "Gimlet" Major General VOLNEY F. WARNER (L 21st & Div. HQ, '50-'51) has accepted my invitation to be our Norfolk Guest Speaker. And I thrill at the privilege of letting you in on a non-secret - that by that time he may be wearing the 3-stars of a Lieutenant General.

General Warner is a native of Woonsocket, South Dakota. He served in both the Navy and the Army as an enlisted man prior to entering the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1946. After graduation from the Academy in 1950, he was sent to the Republic of Korea as a Platoon Leader and later, Executive Officer of Co. L, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

Upon his return to the United States, General Warner spent two years with the 10th Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, as an instructor in the Fifth U.S. Army Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership School. From there, he was ordered overseas to the Free Territory of Trieste where he commanded Company G, 351st Infantry Regiment. When U.S. Forces evacuated Trieste, he was further reassigned to U.S.Forces, Austria, where he commanded Company C, 349th Infantry Regiment until the mutual withdrawal of Soviet and American Forces in 1954. General Warner then went to Germany as the Battalion S3 of the 349th Infantry Battalion where he assisted in its reorganization as an integral battalion of the 350th Infantry Regiment, and commanded the Regimental Tank Company until his return to Italy where he was assigned as the Assistant Secretary of the General Staff, Southern European Task Force (SETAF).

Dress for our reunion is most informal and casual, save for the Saturday evening cocktail hour, Memorial Service and banquet when a more respectable dress is encouraged.

No planned activities at the Norfolk reunion until Friday afternoon, Aug. 12. Saturday morning will see our annual business session, and Saturday evening will see our cocktail hour, Memorial Service and annual banquet.

To contact ALEX GRAMMAS, write him at Milwaukee Brewers, County Stadium, Milwaukee, Wis. He's managing, of course.

Congress finally got that bill through which posthumously promoted George Washington to 6 star rank. What some Congressman won't do. As one fellow put it, some Congressmen would cut off their Mother's throat for a chance to go to the orphan's picnic.

So we're pulling out of Korea, 24 yrs. after the "end" of that war. In the meantime, we've dumped into it more than \$13 billion in economic and military aid. Gets you right here, doesn't it?



Consumers are being bilked again. The new prices you're paying for dairy products come to you by courtesy of Washington which decided to raise government price supports for dairy products. Call it what you will; we call it taxation. Remember last fall when candidate Carter promised "No increase in taxes". The price tag for consumers for this latest milking is well over \$1 billion. How do you like it?

Brig.Gen. ELLIOTT C. CUTLER, JR. (19th Inf. 51-52), has retired as Head of the Electrical Engineering Dept. at West Point. He and Genevieve will reside at New Windsor, N.Y.

The 3rd Bn., 19th Inf.'s Combat Support Company, activated a few weeks ago, carries a TOW missile platoon, led by Sergeant First Class Shelby L.Chandler, under Captain ARTHUR L. HOLMES, company commander. The TOW missile is a wire guided missile used against armor and fixed installations where high penetrating power is required. It has a range of up to 3,000 meters. The standard TWO platoon carries one officer and 51 enlisted men, working with 12 Table of Organization and Equipment missiles. Each missile requires two jeeps - one to carry the missile and one to carry each missiles's related equipment.

General Warner attended the United States Marine Corps Advanced Course at Quantico, Virginia, and then Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he received a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology in 1959. He was then assigned to the United States Military Academy at West Point as an instructor in the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership. From the Academy, he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Upon graduation in 1963, he was ordered to Vietnam where he served briefly in the J3 Section of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and then became the Province Senior Advisor to Kien Giang Province in the Delta Region. He returned to the United States to attend the Armed Forces Staff College in 1965 and was subsequently assigned to the International Policy Division, Office of the Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army, where he worked on plans for Southeast Asia.

In 1967, he became the Military Assistant to the Special Assistant to the President on Vietnam Affairs, the White House, where he worked on the Vietnam pacification program until he entered the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., in 1968. In 1969, he was graduated from the National War College, also receiving a Master of Science Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. General Warner then proceeded again to Vietnam as the Commanding Officer, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. After completing a command tour, he was reassigned to II Field Force as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G5, returning to the United States to become the Executive Officer and Senior Aide to General Westmoreland.

On July 6, 1972, General Warner became the Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division, and upon his promotion to Brigadier General 11 June 1973, he became Assistant Division Commander for Operations of the 82d Airborne Division. On October 14, 1974, he assumed duties as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Promoted to Major General on 19 June, 1975, he assumed command of the 9th Infantry Division and Fort Lewis on 12 August, 1975.



Out of the files of VERN MULLENGER, of 2221 Grundy, Woodbridge, Va. comes this one of Dog Co., 3rd Eng., taken at Christmas time in '51. Sez Vern: Back row, left to right, GERALD JOSEPH, Philadelphia, VERN himself, MARIO MARCINE, Chicago, ED WHATSHISNAME, Uknowhere, and JOE JONES, Houston, Front row, 1.to r., JOE MARTINEZ, Pueblo, Colo., Whosee, Don'tknowwhere, JACK MURPHY, Oakland, Calif., and Newguy, Damfino. Can anyone fill in the blanks? Vern and Margaret say they'll make Norfolk.

FRANK MOYER's lovely wife, Laura, suffered a stroke last March. 15 weeks in hospital. These folks are on Ridge Rd., Reinholds, Pa. Frankie was 19th from '41-'44.

13th FA men. New member ARVEL RIDDLE, Box 61, Oneonta, Ala., wants to hear from 1st Sgt. McDNAIEL, Capt. RAVILY, et al.

HARRY WITTMAN, (G 21st '51-'52) of Keyser, W.Va., reports that he has had a reunion with DAVID DUBOSE, (same outfit) of Belvedere, S.C. They met after 23 years. Dave was G-21 on his first tour in '51-'52, was with the 34th in '54-'55 again in Korea, and had 3½ years with the 21st in Germany before going to 'Nam to the 9th Inf.Div. He retired in '71. Thanks to Harry, Dave is now an Assoc. member.



The Fable of the Two Squirrels



Once upon a time there were two squirrels who had taken apartments in adjoining trees. Their names were Mr. Hasty

and Mr. Tasty.

When the nutting season opened, Mr. Hasty dashed around like mad all day long with his cheeks full of nuts. Mr.Tasty didn't seem to work nearly as hard. He would sniff each nut critically - look at it from all sides - heft it in his mouth. Once in a while he would find one that exactly suited him, and only then would he store it away.

In no time at all Mr.Hasty had his storeroom full. He sat on a high branch, watching his neighbor still poking around, and said to himself, "You mark my word, before the Winter is over that fussy Mr.Tasty will be over here borrowing nuts."

But he was dead wrong. It worked out

the other way.

What happened was that most of Mr. Hasty's nuts were wormy, and a lot of them were nothing but empty shells with the kernels all withered up.

Mr. Tasty didn't get his hollow filled until snow flew, but what he had were

THE NUTS

There's a moral there, but for the life of us, we're not sure of what it is. Let's just say: Be sure to plan on getting down Norfolk way in August; the party is going to be THE NUTS.

A businessman tried for many months to collect an overdue bill, but with no success. Finally, he sent a tear-jerking letter accompanied by a picture of his little daughter. Under it he wrote: "The reason I need the money."

By return mail came a photo of a voluptuous blonde in a bikini. It was captioned: "The reason I can't pay."

C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE, Commander of DAV in La Crescenta, Cal., is busy enlisting CLARENCE F. BALKEY, of 10335 Fernglen, Tujunga, Calif. Clarence was 34th and 19th during '50-'51; has 3 Purple Hearts, 3 Bronze Stars; was with the 38th Div. in WW II.

In an era of international tension, natural disasters, pestilence and terrorists, we should all be very grateful that the biggest question facing Washington today is what wine goes with grits.

Signal Lt 24th's first Femme CO

by SP5 Bertrand J. McCarty

One of the companies of the 24th Signal Battalion will soon add a new face to the commander spot. That company, the Headquarters, Headquarters Company for the 24th Signal Battalion, will soon be receiving the first woman ever to command a unit within the 24th Infantry Division. The new commander, Lt Annelouise M. Jeffrey, will have under her direction 108 persons, and readily looks forward to her appointment.

Having served in the Army for three years, the Lieutenant states that the Army has been extremely challanging and rewarding career, and voices the knowledge that she has what it takes to assume the position of commander. Of course, she will have plenty of help and encouragement for the new position, as her husband of one year is also stationed here at Ft. Stewart, being a Captain and commander himself of an air defense artillery battery.

Lieutenant Jeffrey, who is currently the Assistant S-1 for the 24th Signal Bn., states that although she has a B.A. degree in elementry education she has no desire to leave the Army

for a civilian job.

She also states that although she realizes that what she is doing is certainly not stereo-typical for a woman, she helieves that it is exactly this peculiarity that makes her joh exciting. "No where else in civilian life can a woman take on this type of responsibility", she states with enthusiasm.

Although knowing that women commanders in the Army are tew. Lieutenant Jeffrey believes that the tide is shifting. Though she anticipates reservations from other officers and E.M.'s as to her commandership, she believes that there are now enough women in the Army as well as the 24th to make her transition to command much easier.

Citing excellent past commanders, she states that she has learned much by example from superior officers under whom she has served. As to her former commander, Lt. Colonel Robert Siderius, she states that she is lucky to have been able to serve under him "as he was not only an exceptional commander, but has really paved the way for women within the Army." And Lieutenant Jeffrey seems bound and determined to further pave that way herself.



1LT Annelouise Jeffrey of the HHC 24th Signal Bn., the first woman commander ever in the 24th Inf. Div., confers with one of her personnel during "Solid Shleid 77." (Photo by SP5 Bertrand McCarty.)

If you can't make Norfolk, how about writing a memo in the space provided below and mail it in. We'll post it on the board at the Omni.

World War 11 Memories Linger

We "stole" this from the 32nd Div's paper, thanks to Carl Kopischkie, its Editor. Glyn May, one of their members, returned to Brisbane and reported his bindings thusly:

They once called it "Little America" this blossoming sub-tropical Australian

city in the sun.

Brisbane, the place that was brief home to more than one million American servicemen for four dark years between 1942 and

They camped in the hills, on the racecourse, and along the waterfront. They comandeered a score of city buildings and spilled over the footpaths and into the pubs - a million men on their way to New Guinea and Tokyo.

The older generation of Aussies in Queensland's capital city recall i with a deep sense of gratitude as "the great Yank invasion". Invaders who introduced them to chewing gum, Coca-Cola and the jitterbug - and rescued their nation from the brink of disaster.

Today, except for the memories, a few monuments, occasional nostalgic visits by former GIs and Australian war brides of American servicemen, little remains to mark some of the most historic years in Brisbane's - Australia's - history.

In the heart of Brisbane city each morning around 7, a cleaner uncaps a can of Brasso and polishes a plaque screwed to the black-flecked marble entrance of the Australian Mutual Provident Society building at 229 Queen Street.

As in any bustling capital passers-by

scarcely give it a second glance.
"SECOND WORLD WAR, 1939-1945," it says. "in this building General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander, Allied Forces, South West Pacific, established his headquarters on 21st July 1942, and here he formulated the initial plans which led to final victory over the Japanese forces on 15 August 1945.

A few blocks away, in George Street, was Lennons Hotel until the hotel's

demolition in late 1972.

A new 30-story Lennons Hotel opened in

Queen Street in September 1972.

In Queen Street, the Grand Central Hotel, where, they say, every American who ever came to Brisbane learned to drink the heady, high-alcohol-content Aussie beer (and occasionally finished up in a brawl) has long since gone. Today it is an arcade of modern shops.

Queen Street, too, has changed

dramatically.

Diesel buses have replaced tramcars, and 26-story buildings sprout like grass in a summer storm.

The still-magnificant City Hall, with its clock tower spire 302 feet from ground level and once the tallest building

in Brisbane, is now dwarfed by a whole new city square complex of fountains, lawns and underground car parks and framed on three sides by a new international hotel, modern banks and insurance offices.

"...to us, the city of Brisbane at first was an astonishing mixture of ancient iron balconies..horse carts,



"You don't know what a 'G! Party' is, do you, Elkins?"

department stores and big modern trams ... and quaint 1890-style signs on dingy corner stores...at night we used to drink with the Aussies in their canteen some of the best Aussies we ever were to meet. They knew well enough what war was all about, having returned from 3 years fighting in the Middle East."

The population of Brisbane today is about 942,000, more than double its

immediate post-war figure.

High-rise apartment buildings line the New Farm reach of the brisbane River (site of WW II U.S. Navy submarine base), the old Victoria Bridge has been replaced, a new bridge, the Captain Cook, links the southern suburbs to a net-work of fast freeways into the city, and big satellite townships have sprung up in many fringe suburbs.

At Strathpine, 14 miles out, the U.S. Air Force had its own Strip to train

pilots on Kittyhawks and Lockheed Lightnings. Today it is a densely populated suburb called Little Aspley - and the center line of the old airstrip is now the middle of Spitfire Ave.

For Americans who first saw Brisbane from the deck of a ship as it steamed into the wide mouth of the Brisbane River, the scene today would be barely

recognizable.

The mangrove-lined banks of the river have been replaced with a series of gigantic industrial complexes, two oil refineries, a multi-million dollar chemical plant, an international container terminal and bulk wheat handling wharves.

An American visitor, though, would probably notice the American eagle which stands majestically atop a strategically-sited 30-foot memorial in Newstead Park, close to the spot where thousands of troops disembarked.

The monument was the first erected in Australia in 1951 to commemorate America's

war in the Pacific.

It, too, carries the simple message, "They Passed This Way". It adds: "This monument was erected by the people of Queensland in grateful memory of the contribution made by the people of the United States of America to the defence of Australia during the 1939-45 war. Long may it stand as a symbol of unity of English speaking peoples in the cause of freedom."

A short ride away along Kingsford Smith Drive is Brisbane airport (also known as Eagle Farm) which is now a jetport of international standard.

Some of the wartime style buildings still exist, but have been converted to hangars, maintenance depots or remodeled into plush passenger terminals.

A multi-million dollar project is on the drawing boards for reconstruction of the airport and provision of parallel

12,000-foot runways.

World War II GIs would remember Surfers Paradise, now the glamor center of the Gold Coast, and Australia's most popular coastal resort, as a quiet undeveloped area with little more to commend it than superb surf and soft, white beaches.

Today it is the Waikiki of Australia with skyscraper holiday apartments, forests of neon signs, and the briefest bikinis outside the French Riviera.

ALFRED and Barbara RIDGE, (21st), of Hyde Park, Mass., lost son, Air Force Lt.Lawrence Ridge, who was killed in an auto accident in Arizona last December. Young Larry was driving from Williams AFB to Luke AFB where he was to begin training on the 4F Phantom Jets. He was Air Force Academy '75. Besides his beloved parents, he leaves eight brothers and one sister.

When the 24th Supply and Transport's Katio Breakdown Section gets ready for guests they really put on the feed. Even a midwest farm wife's spread couldn't lay out more. Located in the Division Support Command (DISCOM) area, this section receives the food supplies for many division units (17 different dining facilities of 4,000 men). These supplies are broken down into 17 different packages for areas all over the field. Each day at noon all of the mess sergeants from the outlying units come in to do their "shopping" and pick up the rations for their units. They go inside a tent with sections marked for each type of food and pick up what they need for the next day's meal. After loading up the dry goods, they proceed to the reefer unit to pick up the perishables. Then it's back to the units and hungry troops waiting to see "what's for dinner."



"You're carrying too much weight, general — maybe you should take off some of those medals."

C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE brags that he had dinner the other eve at a reunion. Sat with a couple of old classmates, actress Jane Powell, and actress Terry Moore. They were all Glendale H.S. 1947. Can't think of nicer gals we'd love to graduate with.

Now one of us - EUGENE and Phyllis DINARDO, (21st '53-'55), of Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Gene's a Burial Tender. Yep, that's right!

We resent those politicians who, during the heat of the campaign promised senior citizens free Geritol, prune juice, and then of all things, birth control pills.



"I don't care who said to abandon ship, Fiddlecrab stays he still has 30 days brig time!"

Division Support Command has said farewell to Col. EDWARD L. PHILLIPS and welcomed its new commander, Col. LELAND F. TIGH JR. during Change of Command ceremonies last June 6. Phillips, commander of the unit since its reactivation in September 1975, was instrumental in making it a vital part of Division. Tigh, a native of Crocket, Calif., had just been chief of the Strategic Mobility Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, D.A., Washington. He entered the Army with an ROTC commission from U of Cal., in June '54 and has had overseas assignments in Germany, France, Korea and Vietnam. Phillips went to Concepts and Doctrine Logistics Center, Ft. Lee.

The Ford family's money-making ventures in the post White House days include:

\$1 million from NBC for Mr.Ford's participation in programs during the next five years and for first chance to broadcast portions of his memoirs.

\$500,000 from NBC to Mrs. Ford for participating in programs during the next two years.

\$1 million from Reader's Digest and Harper & Row to publish memoirs of Mr. Ford and his wife.

\$35,000 to \$40,000 a year in salary from the American Enterprise Institute, a

Washington, D.C., study organization. \$100,000 for 10 campus and lecture

appearances.

\$50,000 a year in salary as president

of Eisenhower Fellowships.

Somehow, we expected a little bit more from Gerry than this kind of a money-grubbing appearance.

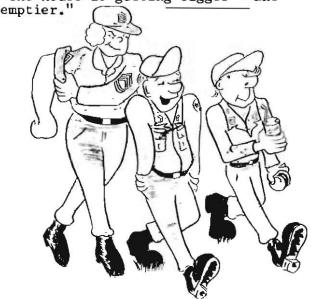
Come to Norfolk with some sound idea as to where we should meet in '78.

We received an interesting splash of literature (booklets and pamphlets) from JOE POTAMI who works for the Lieut. Gov. of Pa. Someone in Harrisburg is on a public relations kick. All very bicentennalish and patriotic. Good though. Thanks Joe.

Here's a story about as shallow as our dog's supper dish but yet it may be of interest. At least we're trying. Seems that the go-go dancer, Carol Futch, who inadvertently torpedoed a naval officer 1½ years ago when she and the submarine Finback made world headlines, is joining the Marines. She says she thinks they offer more opportunities than the Navy. We thank FRANK SKINNER for this item.

Waitress, get this order - Avocado cranberry sherbert in a lemon cup, almond waffles with hot maple syrup, and fried ham slice....Add to our list of contributors to our Division History - WALTER FAUSS \$10; JOE PEYTON \$30.24 more; MIKE WASKIEWICZ \$10. Won't you send in your contribution today? Only about 10% of our membership have sent anything.

Try it for size - a Tahitian fruit cup with shredded coconut, pineapple slices, orange juice, whole raspberries and mint sprig, French omelet folded with fried bacon, a ball of nutty pilaf, and blackberry jam and toasted rye breads...
Life Member LOUIS and Vicki TACCHI, (E 34 '44-'45), of 6832 Bradley, St.Louis, Mo., report that third son, Ernie, married in July, going to Duke Med School. Gene, also married, is living in Tex., working for Uncle Sam. Third son, Kevin, passed away a few years ago, you'll remember. This leaves their lovely daughter at home. As Lou says, "The house is getting bigger - and



"So I told her, 'ain't na way I'm gonna take na orders from

Taro and Maple leafs are combining this summer when approximately 60 soldiers from Division trade places with a like number of men from the Royal Canadian Regiment. Our men, all from Co. "C", 2nd Bn., 34th, made the trip to London, Ontario, and for six weeks are training with the 1st Bn., RCR's Combat Services Company. A Combat Services Company in a Canadian or British unit performs all of the reconnaissance, supplies the mortar fire, anti-tank gunnery, engineering and signal support for their regiment. The exchange is part of a training program, begun several years ago, to acquaint counterparts. Maj.BYRON W. WHITE, Division G-3 training officer, said: "This sion G-3 training officer, said: is cross-fertilization between our Army and those of our allies, especially in NATO. We use their weapons, familiarize ourselves with their tactics, courtesies and histories. Hopefully, we can create an appreciation for and a better understanding of our allied counterpart." The Canadians at Stewart are members of one of the British Commonwealth's most historic units, having fought in South Africa during the Boer Wars, in France during World War I, up the Italian Boot in World War II, and in Korea from 1951-53. By the time we meet at Norfolk, the program will have been completed.



BILL SHOWEN, (21st & Recn '41-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis., thoughtfully sent us this one of the Tanamarah Bay landing on 4-22-44. Bill will happily supply reprints for \$1.00. He says the 5 x 7 enlargement shows more detail. Thanks Bill. By reproducing it here, we hope we're not stealing your thunder.

BILL HAWKINS, (G 19th '33-'35), of Albany, N.Y., has joined. He saw Prexy LUMSDEN's item in the Army Retired Bulletin and responded. It's 50 Kenosha St. in case you write Bill.

A poster says: "AVENGE YOURSELF - Be sure to live long enough to become a problem to your children!"



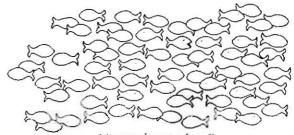
Formal activation of the Division's 2nd Brigade highlighted activities marking the Army's 202nd Birthday and Flag Day last June 14. More than 8000 soldiers paraded in the Division review. Thus the Division became a full-fledged infantry division when the 2nd Brigade officially took its place alongside the already-activated 1st Bde. and the 3rd or "round-out" bde. from the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). Division will have reached its full troop strength of about 12,000 by "Norfolk-time" when the overall post military strength reaches 17,000. "In October 1974, the Army made a commitment to the defense of our country by reactivating the 24th Division," noted Brigadier General DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, Division C.G. "Now, 32 months later, the 24th Division's 2nd Brigade is officially coming on board, and the Army is fulfilling its commitment," said the general. And we are right proud of the whole business. Great show, Ft.Stewart.

Greetings to Dr. DALLAS and Ruth YORK, (19th), of Creston, Iowa, who have joined our ranks.

Archie Highball says that old age didn't stop him from jogging but loose dogs did.

Air Force Lieutenant Col. JAMES T. CRAIG, along with the 25 or so other Air Force personnel under his command, is assigned permanently to duty with Division. Their parent unit is the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C. He is the Air Force's liaison officer with the Division to coordinate all of the Air Force's activities with the Army. That activity could be resupply by air to division support command (DISCOM) or 30 close air support sorties for the lst Brigade. Beans on one end and bullets on the other. "Our primary function," Craig explained, "is to advise the Army on the Air Force's roles in Army operations. The Air Force's missions fall into two basic categories, one is close air support and reconnaissance; and two, is to co-ordinate airlift support." He cited a for instance, "Say General Rosenblum wanted a battalion of men transported from point A to point B. Our airlift liaison officer would get on the horn and call the Military Airlift Command Center, and tell them what we needed. We perform basically a middle man function." As for close air support missions, Lt.Col. Craig said, "During a heavy operation, we have both preplanned sorties and oncall sorties. Planes come in at various times to support. We have other planes back at the base on short alert. It takes five to 15 minutes to get a plane in the air. So on a call for close air support, we can have a fighter on station within five to 15 minutes plus flying time to the target." Tactical Air Control Parties (TACP) are located with each level of command right up to corps level which has a Direct Air Support Center. Each battalion TACP is composed of two people, an officer and an enlisted. These teams operate out of a jeep and trailer. "Every TACP has a complete communications pallet. each jeep hauls its own generator. Any one of our guys can ask for and control an air strike," said Lt.Col. Craig. "There are approximately 20 of these jeeps assigned to the division and they are all we need to do our business." At the division level, the TACP is completely self contained except for telephone land lines. "In the DTOC (Division Tactical Operations Center), we man four radios plus the 'Popcorn machine' (a secure teletype). We have five guys on duty at all times in the DTOC and around 14 in the division on a regular basis. In garrison there are a few less because the MAC portion is not fully manned until it's needed, say like a field problem."

Anticipate a registration fee at Norfolk - for yourself, but not for non-Association members in your party. This helps to defray an anticipated \$1000 in extra expenses in making the convention run.



"I never lorget a face."

If you've never seen 12 years supply of gas to run your car, Company A of Division's Supply and Transport Battalion has several good exhibits of gasoline in 10,000-gallon quantities to look at. According to Staff Sergeant PEDRO MEDINA, Co. A (Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants) platoon sergeant, six 10,000-gallon bags are used to store petroleum for the division's operation. Separate bags are used for aviation, diesel, and automotive fuels. While Co.A operates a fueling point that is more primative than a regular gas station, they do offer several services a civilian station wouldn't think of doing. The first such service is that they make "house calls." The company fills 500-gallon bags with aviation fuel and has them transported to a brigade area where a three-man team fuels Army aviation. A second service is placing quality control on fuels. Before fuel is allowed into storage it is analyzed. If it is below standards set by the Army it is rejected or brought up to standards. Personnel flying in aircraft can especially appreciate this service - it's a long "walk" back from several thousand feet up.

HELP PRESIDENT CARTER CONSERVE ENERGY.

Spend 3 wonderful days and nights at the warm, wonderful OMNI in Norfolk. Here's a beautiful, painless way to do your part in the energy crisis. Turn off the heat; turn off the lights; put the car in the garage and hop on down to the goldenmost part of the Virginia Gold Coast - Norfolk. For helping out, we'll pamper you with elegant service, excellent food, and the chance to play golf, tennis, swim, sail, fish, bask in the warm sunshine, and be with old friends. Jimmy Carter needs all the cooperation he can get.

Peachy letter from BOB HANTZ, (A 19th 10/41-8/44), in Fremont, Calif. Read it:

"In 8/44, I was sent home for malaria and jungle rot. Was sent to Moore Gen. Hosp. where I volunteered to undertake experiments for the control and cure of tropical diseases. Was there 'til discharged in '45. Any drug that didn't kill white rats was fed to us to see if it killed the malaria bug or us. They failed in both counts. I had 29 attacks of malaria from 8/44 til 5/47. Took me 28 years to find out there was an association; nothing slow about me. I retired in '71, disabled by emphysema. Felton Miller and I used to be able to out hike anyone in the co. but now I can't walk 30 feet without a tank of liquid oxygen. I'm not complaining; a lot of poor devils can't walk - period.

"You wrote about Geo. Chapman. He was once my CO. To show you what kind of man he was, about three weeks after the Japs hit us, he put the Co. funds in the bank and then went to each beach position and told each man personally that he had put \$190 in savings payable to whoever was commander at the end of the war. I've often wondered if the Co. got this money.

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"Since '72, the P.I. Army has had a
group whose sole duty is to watch the
Jap tourists who are running around the
P.O. with maps printed in the last days

of the war.

"This reminded me of a story told me by an ex-G.I. in '47. He had been captured on Bataan and was a POW until '45. In the last days of '44, he and 13 other POWs were sent on a labor detail to Baguio. The only Japs on the detail were officers. They went up there and buried coffin like boxes and heavy sealed vases were put in the boxes before the dirt was thrown back in the hole. Before the job was done, he passed out from malaria and the Japs stopped another detail as it passed by. He was thrown in the truck and one of the men was put in his place. He was sent back to camp and when the work was done the Jap officers killed the POWs that were on the detail. This ex-GI told me that he wanted to go back there and try to dig up those vases but didn't think he would live to do it as his stomach and intestimes were all fouled up.

"If anyone has a copy of 'Children of Yesterday' I would sure like to buy it if I could. It is a history of the 19th from Hollandia on. I had a copy but before I could finish reading it, it was

stolen at Fort Lewis.

"Sure am glad that you fellows formed and kept the Association going. I wouldn't take a million dollars for the experience I had but wouldn't give a dime for more of it. Keep up the good work.

Robert H. Hantz."



"Can't you da anything right, Pvt. Dubloon . . . I sent you aut here to dig a latrine!!"

Voices we're tired of listening to those of Howard Cossell, Curt Gowdy, Al DeRogatis, and Joe Garigola.

The vendor of flowers on a busy corner in London was not doing much business. Scanning the passing throngs, his gaze fell hopefully upon a stylishly dressed young man. "'Ere you are, sir," cried the vendor, seizing a bouquet and extending it under the young man's nose. "Buy some flowers for your best girl friend." "Not so fast, old chap," responded the young man. "I have no girl friend." "Buy some flowers for your wife, then." "Wrong again," was the reply. "I am not married." The vendor, exasperated, was not yet ready to admit defeat. "Tell you what I'll do, guv'nor," he said. "Give me 'arf a pound and you can 'ave the 'ole bloomin' lot to celebrate your luck!"

Color? That's the name of the game. At Norfolk, the boys will wear bright pants and brighter Hawaiian shirts for all activities except the Saturday night banquet when uniform or business suit ("Uniform XYZ") is in order. As for the gals, mumus are terrific - lots of color -dazzling - beautiful. And again, for all activities except the banquet when cocktail dress is in order. Tuxedos? Evening dresses? Forget it. Just dress comfortably.

From the files of JACK FINAN: "Do A Good Deed Every Day - and Everybody will think you're crazy."

If the last time you saw Norfolk was from the rear of a troop truck, look again.

Things have changed since you got out.

BILL WEIDLE (F 21st '41-'45), is back in the fold after a long absence. Bill and Pat had son, Robert, KIA leading an Americal patrol in Nam and it messed things up for Bill for a few years. We understand Bill. Another son, Bill, Jr. was with the 3rd AD in Germany; he now has two boys. Bill's other son John is still at home. Bill and Pat are at 1045 Byberry Rd., Cornwell Hts., Pa.

Joined: ROY B. MEYER, (19th 2/47-8/47) of 55 Pharr Rd., Atlanta, Ga. Roy, retired from the A/F as a Major, was with us during Beppu days. Remember the hot baths of Beppu?

Confessions we're sick of reading about. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin startled



the world a couple of years ago when he wrote a book about his troubles since his moon-walk. Now he tells us that he was in an alcohol trap while at West Point, decided to give the stuff up when he went to Korea in '50. but failed in

the effort, and quit drinking only two days before the Apollo-II launch. Maybe NASA decided that, to go to the moon, one would need to be half smashed.

See where Mr. Alan I. Oaisa is the first full time representative from New Guinea in the United Nations. Wonder how he and Mrs. Oaisa are finding NYC. On sober reflection, however, we were recently in the Big Apple ourselves and it did look like a jungle. With at least another year at the United Nations, Mr. Oasia would like to visit the Middle West before returning home, and Mrs.Oasia has her eye on Mount Rushmore. She says she'll miss American television and New Yrok shopping. But Mr. Oasia says he can't think of a thing he'll miss, least of all the question he is asked when he says where he's from: "Is it in Africa?"



DICK FOSDICK, (63 F '43-'45), of Mayville, Mich., sent in his dues, then an extra 10 for the History, and then dues for a "special buddy of mine", FRANK LADD, (Hq. 63F '42-'45), of Phillipsburg, Kans. Thanks Dick; welcome aboard, Frank. Of the History, we're hard at work trying to bring the pot to a boil. It'll be out some time before Aug. of '78.

As the ship was sinking rapidly, the captain called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward. "I do, sir."
"Good," said the captain, "you pray.
The rest of us will put on life preservers.
We're one short."

A Seattle child psychiatrist figures that the average American kid will have witnessed 18,000 TV murders by the time he graduates from high school.

Undertakers aren't bad guys. They're the last to let you down.

The pajama business is down, we are told. Seems more men are sleeping a) in the nude, or 2) in their underwear. Blame it on the Army, we say. We learned our new habits there.

Our leisurely paced Norfolk program will give you freedom to enjoy many of the historical, educational and gastronomical experiences of the city and its environs.

Program

Thursday 11 August 1977

Registration All Bay - Mezzanine

1:30pm - 5:30pm Hospitality Room Open

(Claremont - 4th Floor)

Friday 12 August 1977

Registration All Day Mezzanine

9:30am - 12:30pm Visit Norfolk Naval Base

Tour Aircraft Carrier

3:00pm Commemorative Service

at MacArthur Memorial

Tour Memorial and Museum

Sunset Cruise of Norfolk 6:00pm-9:00pm

Harbor and Hampton Roads

Saturday 13 August 1977

10:00am - 2:00pm Ladies Tour of Chrysler

Museum and Hermitage

Museum: Picnic Lunch

10:30am- 12:00 noon Annual Membership Meeting

12:00 noon - 6:00pm Hospitality Room Open

Banquet

(Grand Ballroom)

Sunday 14 August 1977

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Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 70th Armor and 5th Bn., 32nd Armor of the 2nd Brigade, observe some of the finer points of the M88 Vehicular Tank Retriever during tank training at Fort Stewart. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt.Barry Sikora)



BOBBY DEWS sent us a clip on a recent American Legion baseball championship game down in Georgia. Bob was coaching Sowega and Albany had a player, Chip Allison by name, who got into a verbal exchange with Bob. The umpire declared Albany the winner by a forfeit after a vocal exchange resulted in Bob grabbing Allison by the shirt. Allison had been razzing the Sowega team and Bob had been telling him to "Shut up", the way good coaches do. With 2 out in the 5th, Bob had heard enough. He strode over to the Albany dugout so the umpire ejected him. But Bob kept walking. When he reached "The Mouth", he grabbed him by the shirt and shook him. Players and coaches separated the two. Continued the news release: "There were no blows passed." Added Bob in a p.s. to us when he sent us the clipping: "This writer could have crucified me for this trick - I must have been out of my head to walk into a mad bench of some great big 19 year olds after this bench jockeybut I had to try and give a lesson in discipline before departing the scene. Of course, I busted him one in the mouth before they got to me. Oh well, they have no draft anymore and the boys have to get some discipline somewhere and this one needed help. I managed the team under protest this year and this will make them look elsewhere next year. What a way to go!" You'll be back coaching again next year, Bob, we can feel it in these bones.

Stripper Fatima Bajali is suing a plastic surgeon over her "cross-eyed" breasts. She claims one now points outward and upward and the other inward and downward. But the surgeon denied in a court that he had boobed during the operation.

If you have seen Eiffel Tower, you have seen them all.

Norfolk will be several days of fun and fellowship - and a chance to handle the serious business that makes our organization what it is today.



Contributed by CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE (3rd Bn 5th RCT '51) who tells on himself. It shows Nickie, surely some of you will remember Nickie, and "Big Butterfly" at the Tokyo Casino on New Year's Eve '51. Warms the cockles of this old heart, Bud.

There's nothing wrong with being relevant in today's world but a student ought to be able to spell the word.

Some letters from relatives are nothing but health reports.

From JACK FINAN's library: "A Barking Dog Never Bites - while he's barking."



HUGO SINGER, (Sv. 34th and B 52nd F 7/50-9/51), of Box 1083, Fruitland Park, Fla., writes: "I have a good amount of items which came out of North Korea while with the 52nd in '50; these include philatelic items as coins, postal stationery, documents, N.K. insignia, flags, etc. Some might be good for publication. Picture taken during my stay in Korea after retirement with my three daughters. Kinchi jar in rear of photo. Am interested in the postal history of both North and South Korea and Japan. Was on Okinawa in April '45 with the 1901 Eng.Avn.Bn. and as we were the first on the island, was able also to get a collection of Japanese military covers and documents." Who knows Hugo, there might be among us those who'd like to exchange materials with you relating to your hobby. We'll try it for size. The kids look like real dolls, Hugo.

It'll be CHARLEY and Martha CARD, (B 34th '43-'46), at 1311 Heathwood, Houston, Tex., as you read this. They have moved from Deerfield, Ill., so Charley can assume the title (and responsibility) of being Mgr. Personnel Relations at Dresser Industries in Houston.

Lt.Gen. PAUL D.ADAMS, will be the guest speaker at the 36th Division's reunion in Dallas next Labor Day. He was a one time CO of their 143rd Inf.

Another Roosevelt thriller has come off the presses. This one, "My Parents" by James Roosevelt (Playboy Press, 369 pp. \$12.50), is a pip, discusses, in embarrassing depth, the sex life of his mother and father. It was bad enough for brother Elliot to go down this very path years before, but now comes James with his version. It's all unworthy of Rooseveltian legend. Doesn't seem possible that each of these two men could do this to the memory of their own mother and father. Unbelievable!

Old steam trains are being used as hotels in some parts of Japans. Saves building hotels for seasonal visitors. It all started at Nakamura on Shikoku. Don't recall the town, do you? We do recall a train ride from Kochi to Matsuyama - on Shikoku - when ROSCOE CLAXON and we piloted. Over 130 tunnels, if memory serves.

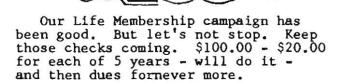
We have "loaned" or given money to about 175 nations since 1946. The total exceeds \$172 billion. Of that, we have collected a return on loans and interest in the amount of \$3.6 billion - slightly more than 2%. We give away money we don't have - and reap hatred and antagonism in return. We've even pushed our debt limit to over \$530 billion to pull it all off. And the "Have-Nots" are mad at us for not giving more.

African natives have long used the papaya for its curatine powers. In the Capetown, South Africa, a young doctor has found its value on dirty ulcers and infected wounds. He's been using it in difficult cases not responding to antibiotics. Fruit of the wound, maybe they'll call it.

We've met annually 29 times since first we convened in Baltimore in '48. Each meeting has been a great success in terms of participation and enjoyment. This year, our 30th, is just around the corner. It's difficult to tell someone just what it's all about. We have no axes to grind, no campaigns to change the world - just greetings and meetings and an all around delightful time.

Write in to the treasurer for a Taro Leaf decal for your car if you don't already have one. You never know when an old Taro Leafer will spot it and seek you out.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

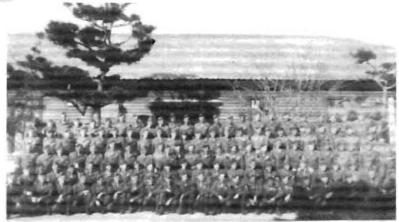


It's welcome to the club to JIM ALVATOR, (21st Japan & Korea) of Washington Crossing, Pa. Jim was one of Task Force Smith and was also regimental pilot.





"He's right, Joe. When we ain't fightin' we should act like sojers."





DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES **ARE NEEDED**

From the files of BILL PEACOCK, President of Houston Export Crating Co., Inc. down there in Texas. They are each of Able of the 21st.

Picture No. 1 was taken during the winter of 45/46 in Okayama, Japan. All men are 1st Platoon, A Co. 21st. The only name I remember is "Evans", the guy with the pipe in his mouth and the bottle. The smiling idiot between the other man with a pipe and the "gitar" is Bill.

Don't know who is behind me or the others except the fellow with the accordian was from Pa.

Picture No. 2 is "A" Co. complete.

Also in Okayama.

Picture No. 3 is Okayama during a beer bust. "Evans" in the corner and "Hidelburg" from Mississippi in bed. He was sick as a horse with malaria and mad as hell at us for getting drunk all over and around him.

Do you want to be a hero? Surrender your war trophy to RAY J. KINDER, Stewart's Museum Curator. Says Ray, if you do, please remember:

"A. That we would like a preliminary letter describing and documenting the materials to be donated;

"B. That the donor should be willing to make of them an unconditional donation to the US Army;

"C. That weapons should be deactivated by removing internal parts, but not welded or otherwise altered in appearance; and

"D. That the Army will pay shipping charges on materials accepted."

These steps are necessary to comply with regulations and official policy regarding army museums.

Items should be sent to the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Stewart Museum, ATTN: AFZP-DPT-PP, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31313.

When we first heard of the Museum, we sent down our little Nipponeze flag. Adds Ray, "I can find no record of our having received a Japanese flag from you." Same old Army, eh Ray?

I respect a diplomat. A diplomat is a kind of politician who, when he's being run out of town, can make it look like he's leading a parade.



Miss Dianne Creech

JACK FINAN, (19th), may not be with us in Norfolk, though he'll try. He retires July 31st and on Aug. 14th, his and Mary's Timothy Ivan will marry Miss Dianne Creech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Creech of Rt 1, Zebulon, N.C. Jack says he might be able to sneak up on Aug. 10th for a few hours. We hope so, Jack. His last medical report on Mary, by the way, "was not as good as we expected". Our fingers are crossed for these Chicks.



VFW REUNION HELD—A reunion of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 24th Division, was held August 26-30 at the Crescent Court in Branson, Mo. Those attending enjoyed the area's attractions, including Silver Dollar City, the music shows and rides on the excursion boats. Veterans attending (back row, left to right) included Jack Douglas of Bartlesville, Okla.; Tom Maloney of Barger, Texas: Roland Mapes of

Gates Mills, Ohio; Harry W. Jacobs of Santa Clara, Calif: Albert Delay of Tilden: Glenn Schetdknecht of St. Joseph. Mo., and David E. Ramsey of McMinnville, Tenn. Front row, from the left: Perry A. Statler of Sedgewickville, Mo.: Herman Miller of Lakewood, Colo.; Gordon A Holt of Jasper, Minn.: Joe H. Vanderburg of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; Dale Eckart of State Center, Iowa; Andreas Torres of Whittier, Calif., and George F. Ryals, Jr. of Thomaston, Ga.



Joined: ALBERT and Betty Lu DELAY, (21st '43-'45), of Tilden, Ill. Al sent along this clipping of a 3rd Bn., 21st reunion at Branson, Mo. last August.

You Too, Can Write A Letter To Your Local Newspaper

Why not write the Editor of your local paper something along these lines:
"I am trying to locate men in the area who served in the famous 24th Infantry Division during World War II and Korea.

"The Division is holding a convention at the Omni Hotel in Norfolk, Va., on Aug. 11, 12 and 13 and is trying to notify all of its former members.

"I have some information on it. Anyone interested might write me at

St., or call me at Tel. Thank you.

Most local papers will run a letter of this type. You never know when you'll catch a stray. It works. Please give it a go. Have 300 of these letters catch 300 new people and the results will be staggering. Thanks.

The newest member of the Division Data Center (DDC) has less than two month's service time and already is running the show. Operating in the field is the DDC's IBM 360-30 computer which took the place of an older computer. Operated by a section of 36 people, the DDC provides data processing for such diverse operations as maintenance, personnel, and supply, according to Captain RONALD BROWN who is the officer in charge. The computer is operated on a 24-hour basis and acts as "kind of an accounting system" for its customer said Brown. Cited as an example was the control of the general workload in the maintenance battalion. Data furnished the computer monitors work in progress, the items being worked on, and the status of the work. This knowledge allows the battalion to shift and control the workload of its companies. Should the computer have problems, there are 11 maintenance people present, and if the computer is down too long, the DDC has access to a back up system. The DDC is just one part of the Division Support Command (DISCOM), suppliers and maintainers of the division. The DISCOM is operator of the support units such as the medical battalion, supply and transport battalion, and maintenance battalion. To control operations on the brigade level, the DISCOM breaks down into Forward Areas Support Teams (FASTs). The FAST is directed by a Forward Area Support Coordinator (FASCO). The FASCO coordinates the efforts of the support elements committed to a brigade.



Apologies for goofing on misnaming JOHNNY GOODRUM in our Savannah issue. Here he is on the left with PAUL J.CAIN, (I 34th '42-'45) on the right. Johnny is I 34th '44-'45 and lives in Savannah, Ga. Of him Paul, his one time CO, writes: "John came to me a Fuzzy Faced teenager on Leyte. He was pretty rugged and a heck of a good soldier. Started out as a B.A.R. man in 1st. Plt., volunteered for flame thrower school, and was outstanding with this little used weapon in digging out the Japs on Corregidor. He shortly became a squad leader and quickly proved himself an outstanding patrol leader. He was moved up to Platoon Sgt., 1st Plt. and later wounded on Mindanao. The last time I saw John was in a hospital at Davoa waiting to be evacuated to the states. After WW II, John became a 20 year man. He is now employed in Civil Service in the recreation department at Ft.Stewart. John first heard about the 24th Div. Association when he heard they were having a reunion at Savannah. He is now a Life Member." Thanx Paul and again our apologies to John and to Paul for our goof.

Senators and Congressmen mailed their constituents over 401 million pieces of mail during the last fiscal year. The postal bill? \$60 million. The printing and handling price? Over \$10 million. How do you like it?

And he's pretty clumsy. I once saw him spill Vaseline.

Paid Your Dues?

We're using this one from JOHNNY WELCH. (63rd F 10/41-9/44), of Napa, Calif., just as he wrote it - it's priceless:

"It happened at Rockhampton. We had just returned, dirty and tired, from a full day on the range, and that awful 110 degree heat. MAX PITNEY recovered a bottle of beer he had stashed in the Service Btry Icebox and went back to his tent. He was just opening his beer when he was called to the Hq. tent to answer the phone. While he was gone, I filled two bottles with water, put one on his table and the other behind his duffel

bag. I took the beer over to ser.

LANG's tent, and put it on his table.

"Max came back to his tent, eased down a big swig - of water. He came charging out of his tent, and I had to listen to a lecture on being able to take a joke, but now the fun is over, etc. retrieved the bottle from behind his duffel bag, sat down in his chair and again took a long, refreshing drink - of water. He came roaring out of his tent like a fullback. I was halfway out

of camp.
"Tommy Lang came out of his tent,
bottle in hand, and said, 'Here's your beer, Max'. Max angrily blurted out, You may be my commanding officer, but, so help me, this had better not be

"Of course, there was retribution. Carrying that heavy pack, those first few days in Hollandia, was rough. After several days, I happened to dig down to the bottom of my pack and found a large rock. Of course, no one would admit putting it there.

"In 1950 I ran into Max at Sill. First time we had seen each other in 6 years. He greeted me with, 'Good to see you, John; did you ever find out how that rock got into your pack at

Hollandia'?

'Great outfit, the 63rd Fld, with Boss Tommy Lang, Exec. Hal Liebe and S-3 Max Pitney.

Terrific, Johnny; thanks 1,000,000.

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Let me tell you about this guy. He came to town with just the Ten Command-ments and a \$20 bill. That was ten years ago and he hasn't broken either one.

Is this man a salesman? During World War II he sold pension plans to kamikaze pilots.

Considerable mystery abounds concerning the 1977 awardee of the WILLIAM J. VERBECK BOWL. Recipients, in years past, have been:

66 ROSS, at Myrtle Beach 69 HENRY, at St.Louis

70 O'DONNELL, aboard SS New Bahama Star

71 COMPERE, at Louisville 72 PEYTON, at Chicago

173 BACKER, at West Point 174 NEWMAN, at Clearwater

75 DUFF, at Peoria

76 IRVING, at Savannah

The award strives to reach the ideal that he who might receive it would best represent among Association members that principle which Bill Verbeck carried so deeply in his own heart - love of Division and all of its appurtenances and all that she has stood and now stands for.



First, as to breakfast. Let's imagine raspberries and cream, fluffy egg nests, hot Melba toast, and guava jelly... Suppose we were to want an acronym for TARO LEAF. JOHNNY EADIE (L 19th '40-'45 & '48-'51) suggests To Always Remember Our Lives Entwined Are Fraternal. We heard you, Johnny.

Norfolk, Virginia, is the place to be August 11 - 14, 1977.

From JACK FINAN: "Love they Neighbor -Aw C'mon, it's only for a month.'



Maj. DAVID and Joyce STANLEY, (H & H Co. 19th '51), have joined. is now heading up his own public relations firm, in York, Pa. They've already made reservations at the Omni. Dave joined the 19th's I & R Plat. in March of '51 as a private. Sez Dave: "After MSG John Bonavich, I&R platoon sergeant, decided there was no way I could become a soldier, I was plucked from *U\$ and put to work in the S-1 section. Captain Jack Pink (later BG) discovered I could type, so I wound up doing damage to a typewriter." When the regiment moved from Korea to Camp Hagen, Japan, Stanley was a member of the advance party, and served there until returning to the U.S. as a Sergeant First Class. In 1958 he received a direct commission as a First Lieutenant. the more interesting tours of duty Stanley had was a three year stint in Ethiopia; executive editor and editor of Soldiers magazine, and working in Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense, during the development of the All Volunteer Force.

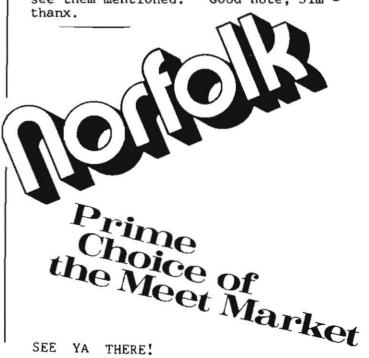


Last week I took an economy flight. There wasn't any movie, but they flew low over drive-ins.

Wonderful letter from JIM and Louise PAFFHAUSEN, (Div.Arty. 9/44-3/46), of 5850 Sagebrush, LaJolla, Calif. We're

giving it all to you:

"After 22 years in Chicago in mortgage banking and real estate, I left for the sunny climate in Soutern, Cal., and the development business. We own a country club in Escondido, where we are building both single family homes and condominiums. While the climate remains sunny, the housing market isn't faring so well, but we have enough confidence in the U.S. to know better days are ahead. I was pretty young (just turned 19) when I joined Div.Arty.Hdqs. at Hollandia, very naive and green. When I was called in for an interview the same day by C.G. Gruber, my impression of him reflected my age and experience. I was actually eager to work for the old codger, but how that changed at Leyte! By the time the war ended and we reached Japan, I had lost most of my naivete, as well as some other things, but I had also gained some friends that I still have today. Although we don't see each other very often, we still correspond even if only at Christmas. My family and I live in LaJolla. We have an 18 year old son and a 15 year old daughter. As you can tell, I started late, and Louise and I celebrated our 21st anniversary this past June. My wife and kids are all golfers, and my wife is an exceptionally good one. But old dad is too wrapped up in business to take time off for the game. The pressure is on, however, so I expect to start swinging a club again very soon. I am somewhat disappointed that none of the Div.Arty. Hdq. people I worked with seem to be members of the Association, or if they are, I never see them mentioned." Good note, Jim Good note, Jim thanx.



SEE YA THERE!