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Thursday, August 3rd:

Registration at Ramada Inn all day
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Friday, August 4th:

Registration at Ramada Inn all day
Travel to Fort Stewart in AM for Division Review
Display of weapons and equipment
Lunch at unit messes or Officers' Mess
Tour of 24th Infantry Division Museum
Travel back to Ramada Inn
Hospitality Room open
Poolside cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres
Dinner at one of Savannah's many fine restaurants

Saturday, August 5th:

Business meeting at Ramada Inn in AM
Tour of historic Savannah and lunch
Hospitality Room open
Cocktail party and banquet at Hunter Army Airfield

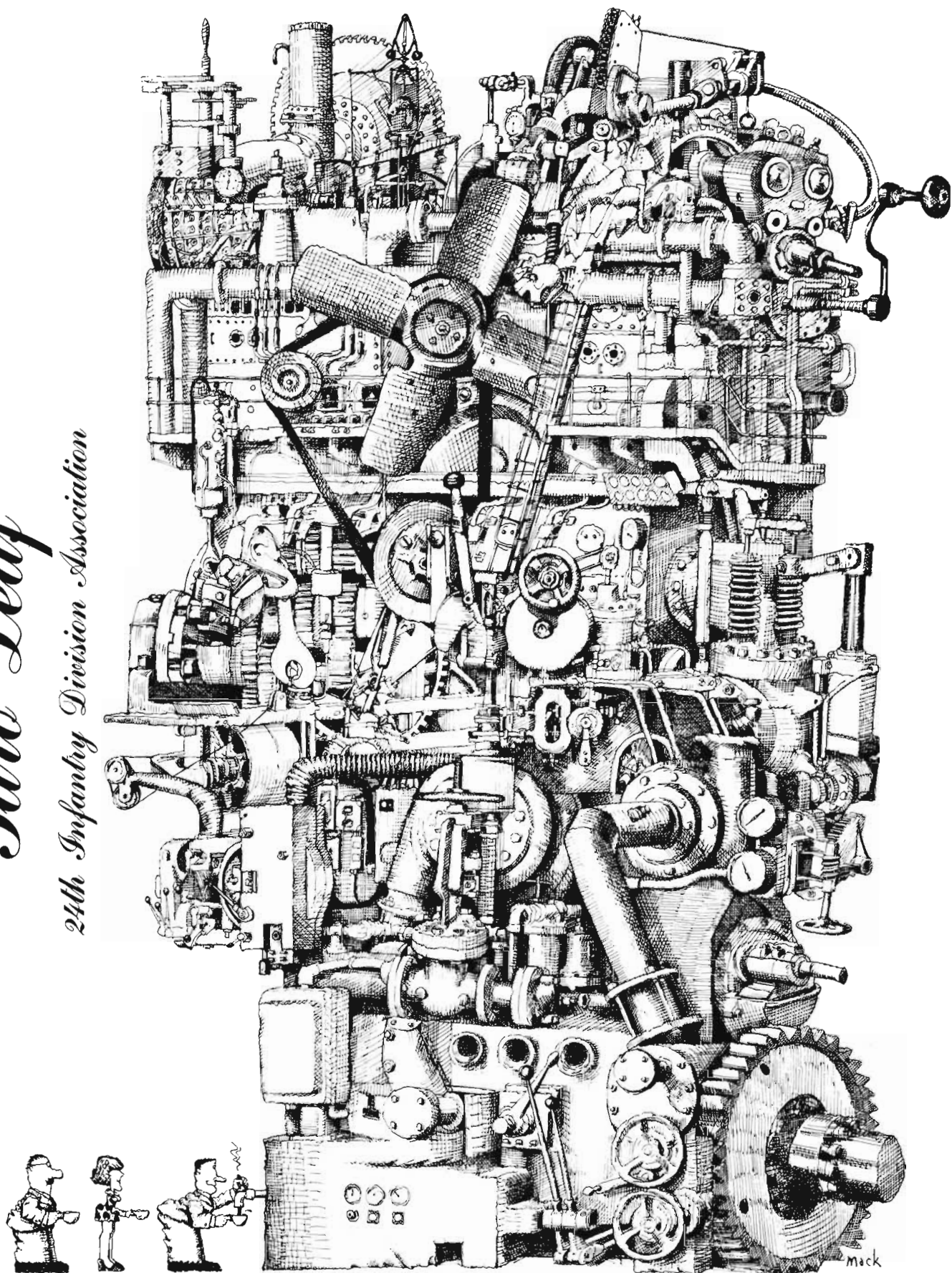
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"... in the ol' days, we had another name for that, and it wasn't 'Creamed Beef on Toast' ..."

Early Bird Hurrahs for DOUG KEYSER who not only paid his Aug. 78 - Aug. 79 dues early but also brought in DAVID COLBERT as a member.

Issues ago, we made a plug for CALVIN GARRETT of 806 Linden, Hanover, Pa., asking you if you had any stamps you did not want to send them to him, he being a collector. Cal now writes that several of you sent him some without giving a return address so he can't send you the usual "Thank you" note. So we do it for him herewith. He is most appreciative.

Our baby Life Member (#234) is LOUIS A BROWN, (B & Sv. 34th '40-'44), of 205 W. Delaware, Vinita, Okla., we proudly proclaim. Writes Lou: "In the 34th the motto was 'Always forward' in French - now I rely on 'Better late than never' in English".

It's E.M. McKEEHAN and CHICK NELSON at the MacArthur Museum in Norfolk last August.



PAY YOUR DUES!

Thanks

Coming aboard is GEORGE MONROE, (Hq. & Hq.Co. 34th '43-'45) of Santa Barbara, Calif. He sends us a list of about 50 members of his outfit - for which we are grateful.

BOYCE HUSON (Div.Hq. and MP's '39-'42), of Normal, Ill., is retired as President of the First National Bank there. Recently heard from Gen. DAVID P. SCHORR in Chapel Hill, N.C. Saw Maj. JOHN MALTRY in Ashville, N.C. Boyce is now in real estate, then full retirement to his favorite little ole fishing hole in Minn.



"What did I say about too much powder?"

Historical Evaluation and Research Organization of Box 157, Dunn Loring, Va. 22027, has sent us a questionnaire. Seems that they are engaged in a study of World War II and later personnel casualties associated with the loss of artillery pieces. Surprising as it may seem, there is no readily available record which shows how many crew members were killed or wounded incident to the loss of an artillery piece in combat. Seems as though D/A should be ashamed of itself on this one. At any rate, D/A is concerned with this question and has contracted HERO to prepare statistical data relating to personnel and artillery losses. Accordingly, they have prepared a short questionnaire which we believe can be easily answered by individuals having personal recollections of casualties and artillery losses in their units. If you have knowledge of such incidents, it would be greatly appreciated if you would answer the questionnaire. In addition, if you can, send the names of other individuals from as many different units within your organization as possible, who you believe would be able to provide such information from their own personal experience. All participants in this study will be given credit for their assistance. Here's the questionnaire:

DATA ON ARTILLERY LOSS AND PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

Unit Designation	Approx. Date	Caliber Artillery Piece	Weather, Terrain & Posture of Unit	Extent & Cause of Weapon Damage	No. of Crew Killed or Wounded

Note: Give unit designation to battery level. Give data as completely as can be remembered. Posture of Unit: give either attack, defense, inactive. Cause of damage, such as: mine, artillery, rocket, air attack.

Remarks: If possible mention weather, terrain, and conditions of combat at the time of the incident.

As earlier reported, Maj.Gen. AUBREY and Dorothy NEWMAN, and Col. EDWARD M. POSTLETHWAIT, made the return to Leyte last October. Ed, you may recall, commanded 3rd Bn. 34th at Red Beach and across Leyte and also the amphibious task force in the successful and hard fought assault and recapture of Corregidor.

Here's how Red described his return to Leyte:

"It was on to Leyte for the dedication of the Mac Arthur Memorial 20 Oct. Since I had commanded the 34th which cleared the way for his dramatic 'Return' to the Philippines on Red Beach, I decided to fly down a day early. This allowed me to follow the route of our regiment as we fought our way across Leyte - until I was relieved of command by a piece of Japanese steel.

"When Dorothy and I stepped off the plane, we were met by an unexpected crowd and a band, again with that aura of excited happiness and enthusiasm which cannot be counterfeited.

"How could this be, just for a regimental commander from thirty three years ago? My name had been associated with an action on Red Beach prior to General MacArthur's arrival - but there is more to it than that. Well over a hundred veterans returned to Leyte for this occasion, and every one of them was received with joy there is no other word for it.



"Boy, I'm gonna enjoy Japan in the summertime!"

"Dedication ceremonies by the Philippine government for the MacArthur Memorial were inspiring - accenting the Reunion For Peace idea. In a great parade of colorful floats, three flags flaunted in the breeze from Leyte Gulf: the Philippine, American and Japanese flags. Also countless hands, on the floats and in the crowd, held aloft three small replicas of those flags. Nothing could have pleased General MacArthur more than those flags waving side by side - especially since a contingent of Japanese veterans, headed by Maj.Gen. Eiichi Hirose, were there as participants.

"The impressive memorial is hard to describe. Its central feature is on a raised earth mound on the beach where he made his landing and historic broadcast to the Philippine people: 'I have returned.'

"At the highest point there is a square reflecting pool of shallow water. In its center is a larger than life size bronze statuary group, designed in the postures shown in the famous picture of General MacArthur as he waded ashore - thus will now continue wading ashore for future generations to see.

"When the ceremony ended, we were surrounded by an indescribably friendly crowd of smiling people. Vaguely, I was aware there was a pattern back of what I was seeing on this trip, but did not realize what it was.

"Around another fine memorial on Corregidor, unlike on Leyte, we found grim stark evidence of titanic furious battle everywhere. One large caliber mortar battery, deep in a protective pit, was reduced to rubble and tortured shards of steel.

"Among many shattered concrete and steel buildings was the famous 'mile long barracks,' now an immense roofless hulk of battle blasted walls. The famous Malinta Tunnel, its many branches blown shut, staggers the mind with its miles of underground corridors. But our taxpayers got their money's worth from that great structure and the years of labor it took to build - because without Malinta, Bataan and Corregidor could not have held out as they did.

"As we left Corregidor by boat there was again that just out of reach, 'Why?' Not only had we fought here so far from home, but had planned to do so for years. What was the 'big picture' that both explained and justified it?

"We were privileged to have an audience with President Ferdinand Marcos, a most impressive man. He gave us a wonderful talk, accenting the importance of the Reunion For Peace in which we were participating. He pointed out he had lost his own father in the war, but the war was over now and we must all work together - the Philippines, the United States, and Japan - for a peaceful secure future.

"Reflecting back on his words, I realize he was stating a basic element of Philippine military policy - and that the principle was taken, consciously or otherwise, from our own military policy. In fact as our group of World War II veterans moved from Manila to Leyte to Bataan and Corregidor, the nebulous pattern that I sensed connecting them was simply our long time military policy in action. When that is understood, it explains clearly, 'Why did this happen, and why here?'"

"I did not realize the United States had any well defined military policy until 1947, twenty two years after receiving my commission. As Director of Instruction at the Armed Forces Information School I attended several lectures on the subject by the Commandant, Brig. Gen. (later general, and vice-chief of staff) Williston B. Palmer. Unfortunately I do not have a copy of those lectures. But here are some comments, based on what I recall, which place what we saw, heard and felt in the Philippines in clearer focus:

"General Palmer's reference to 'The Military Policy of the United States,' by Bt. Maj.Gen. Emory Upton, USA, was my first knowledge of that great historical document. It is based on the premise that our military policy is revealed by a study of precedents. His assembly of facts in support of this premise is exceptionally detailed, beginning with the Revolutionary War and extending through the Civil War, and is brilliantly illuminated by General Upton's most perceptive comments.

"The lectures did not cover all angles and facets of our Military Policy (wise and otherwise) as documented by General Upton, but accented some fundamental elements. Among those relevant to what I witnessed in the Philippines were:

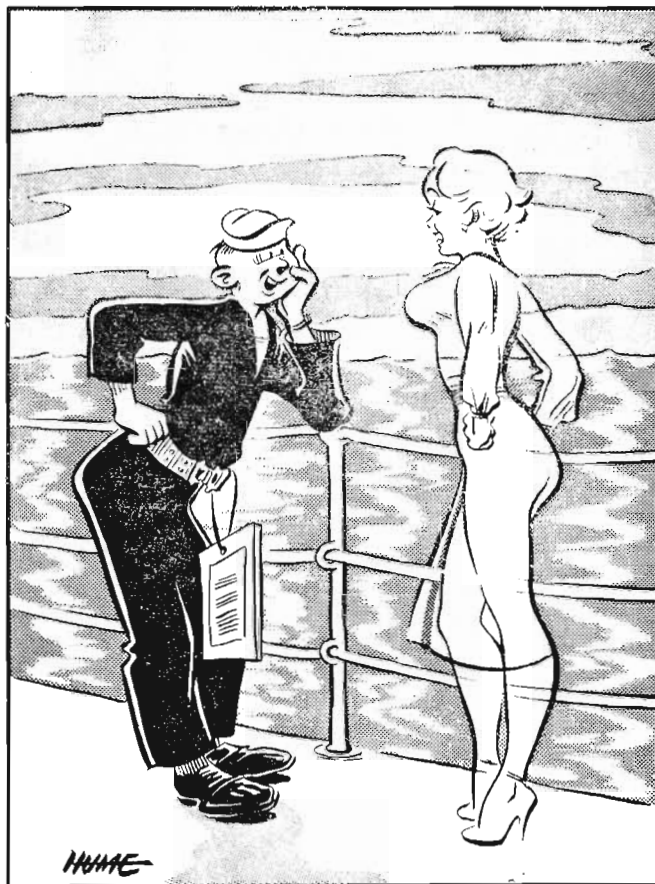
"We have, as a policy, always wanted to fight with allies.

"We have always been slow to get into wars, but once in them (he was talking in 1947) we fought them to a victorious conclusion.. thus our allies could depend on us.

"We always recognized a threat to us before it reached our shores, so fought our wars outside the continental United States.

"We have been magnanimous in victory, thus paving the way to turn our former enemies into friends and potential allies (as with Japan and West Germany).

"We have not sought to expand our territory by conquest. Conversely, in recognizing the right of less strong nations to independence, we have laid the foundation for loyal allies (as with the Philippines).



"Even if you ain't real, stick around until I go off watch, will ya?"

"Looking backward now it is clear that what I experienced in the Philippines was the fruition in heart-warming fashion of the successful military policy features summarized above.

"So much for the trip in general, ... so now for several separate items:

"I visited the spot where HAROLD MOON made his last magnificent battle stand. Under auspices of the Palo Giant's Club, an historical marker is being erected there.

"Our host for our two nights on Leyte were Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Sydiongco, in Tacloban. As a young man in 1944, he attached himself to the I&R Platoon of the 34th Infantry in our drive across Leyte.

"While there we had a nice visit with BUDDY FAROLA from Mindanao, who had flown in for the occasion.

"Aside from myself and ED POSTLETH-WAIT, the only other Taro Leafer I met on Leyte was LOUIS C. DUHAMEL, a former Gimlet. This was his third trip back, and Louis says it will be his last.

"Leyte seems little changed since our day there - except for the impressive MacArthur Memorial area, and the fine modern bridge now connecting Leyte with Samar.

"The church in Pab has been extensively renovated, inside and out - of special interest to me, since that is where the medics divested me of my personal piece of Japanese steel.

"The old Manila Hotel - where as a young lieutenant I once fell off the dance floor onto Major General MacArthur's table - remains unchanged outside, but has been beautifully modernized inside. Also a high rise wing has been attached to it.

"Memories...memories!!! So much comes flooding back - but this is enough, if not too much....."



"All right, you people, shape up--hut, II, III, IV, hut..."

In this issue, we introduce a new feature - a cover page at each end. Nice if you happen to be Jewish.

Now joined is DICK FISHER, (Hq. & Hq. Co. 34th '43-'45), of Parkersburg, W.Va. Dick is president of Richards Co. (building products).

HENRY BURGER (Hq. 2nd Bn. 21st) of Home, Kans., now retired, stopped in on MAJOR HAYWOOD in Madisonville, Ky., on IRVIN OLSON in Ocala, Fla. and JIM THOMPSON in Wharton, Fla. on a recent swing through the southeast. He and June will be at Savannah.

FAMOUS LINES NOBODY BELIEVES:

"Oh, I was just going to call you".

"Your money cheerfully refunded."

"I find pornography basically boring."

"I never watch television."

"I'm sorry, but Mr. Ambruster is in a meeting just now."

"I tried to call you on your birthday but it was impossible to get through."

"Leave the porch light on; the crooks will think someone's home."

"Mr. Ambruster just stepped out of the office."

"I don't know what got into Queenie - she never bites anybody."

"I'd never guess you were 65; you barely look 40."

"Mr. Ambruster is away from his desk right now."

"Museums are great places to meet girls."

"Good music is coming back."

"Don't forget; the grizzly bear is twice as afraid of you as you are of him."

"I loathe cocktail parties."

"I know I can tell you this in strictest confidence."

"I'd estimate this repair job wouldn't run more than - oh say \$35.00."

"He's okay, once you get to know him."

"This is the first singles bar I've ever been to."

"Good French cooking isn't fattening."

"It's not just because she's my niece, but I do think she's unusually bright for her age."

"There's no reason we can't still be good friends."

"Hey Mom, Look what followed me home... ..can we keep him."

"Mr. Ambruster left word he'll be in conference until 5."

"When you're on the road, eat where all the truck drivers stop."

"Sir, that's a flattering style for you; you look great in it -- and it just fits."

"Press here to release oxygen mask."

"Mr. Ambruster left early and said he won't be back until Tuesday."

"I can't understand why you didn't get my card; I mailed it soon after I arrived there."

"Every vote counts."

"My alarm didn't go off."

"The line seems to be moving quickly."

"I didn't see the sign, officer."

"We'll need some identification; not that we don't trust you."

"I really don't eat that much; it's just that my body retains a lot of fluid."

"Getting there is half the fun."

"We try harder."

"Your comments on our food and service will help us to serve you better next time."

"Mr. Ambruster will call you as soon as he returns from Guatemala."

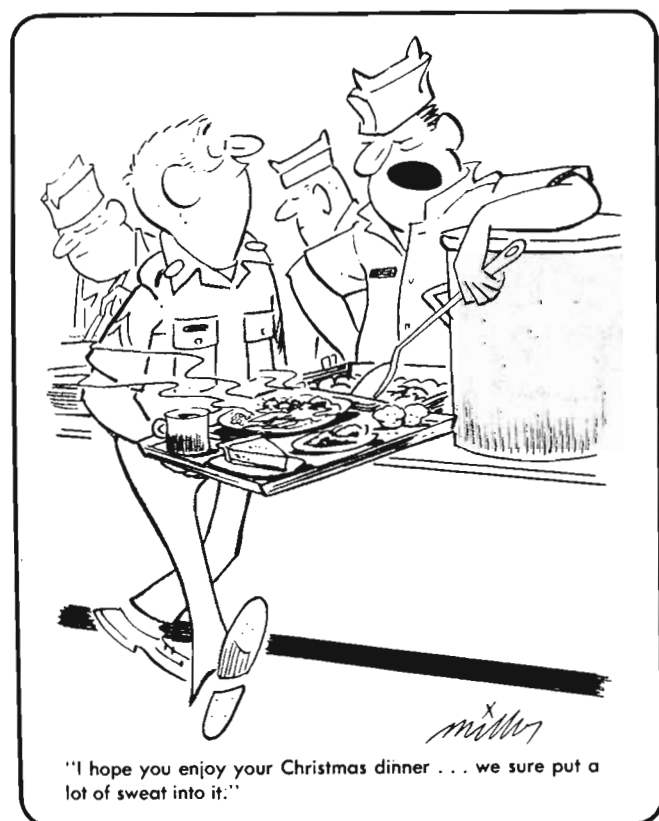
Joined ALFRED G. BROWN, (K 19th 3/51-8/53). Al was a POW from April of '51 to August of '53. He lives at Rt.1, Hanover, Pa. 17331.

We're grateful to BILL HUFF who sends in dues for Maj.FRANK J. NORTON, of HHC, 3rd Bn, 19th, at Stewart.

KEN GRUBB, (24 Sig. '42-'45), of Brownsburg, Ind., lost his wife of 31 years and has remarried "a beautiful gal I've known for 30 years". Best wishes, Ken.



ROY FROST, (B 34th '42-'42), out in Topeka, Kans., notes, from our last issue, that DANNY CUOMO and HAROLD FRITZ are trying to locate HOWARD BABB. Writes Roy: "Try Umatella, Fla. 32784". Also as to that picture on page 8 of the last issue, Roy writes: "I agree with Cuomo and Fritz; it looks like a group from B of the 34th. I think it's the 3rd weapons platoon". Roy will make it to Savannah with Betty if Betty's medical problem eases off before then. We're hoping for you both, Roy.



Big furor in Mainz, Germany. The flap began when the CG of the American post there, Brig.Gen. David C.Martin, decided that Hannelore Nelson had acted improperly when she served as his interpreter at a party given by the lord mayor during the annual spring asparagus festival. The general said she had not been wearing a bra. A 37 year old employee of the PIO, she was accused of being "ostentatious" and was dismissed. Hannelore sued. The lord mayor and police chief testified that she had worn a bra. The Army retreated and settled out of court, agreeing to pay Hannelore \$15,000 and \$6000 in court costs. After it was all over, her lawyer, Ernst Hollnack, summed it all up by saying: "It was the most expensive bustenhalter (brassiere) I ever heard of". Looks like a couple of boobs for the U.S. Army.

A GUIDE TO GOBBLEDYGOOK

People in government service are not the only ones guilty of obfuscatory fiddle-faddle. Obscurantism also practiced by all kinds of professionals, educators, personnel experts, lawmakers and an occasional baseball manager.

One way of coping with inflationary speakers is to go them one better. Help is at hand for those who don't know how to cope by talking like a big bureaucrat. This table gives you instant expertise.

Column 1	Column 2
0. integrated	0. management
1. total	1. organizational
2. systematized	2. monitored
3. parallel	3. reciprocal
4. functional	4. digital
5. responsive	5. logistical
6. optimal	6. transitional
7. synchronized	7. incremental
8. balanced	8. third-generation
9. compatible	9. policy

Column 3
0. options
1. flexibility
2. capability
3. mobility
4. programming
5. concept
6. time-phase
7. projection
8. hardware
9. contingencies

All you have to do is think of any three-digit number. Then pick the corresponding term from each column.

Say you pick number 269. Take the number two word in the first column, number six in the second column and number nine in column three. This gives you that excellent all-purpose phrase "systematized transitional contingencies."

Tell people you're working on that and see if it doesn't impress them.



**We're Waiting to
Welcome you**

We asked Convention Chairman HARRY RUBIN to forward a picture of himself that we might use it in this issue. Harry forwarded the above, taken on Augsburg maneuvers in the winter of '67 or thereabouts. If it doesn't tell us much about Harry, it does demonstrate that this little old Division has known some winters other than of the tropical kind. As for Harry, we say only this: the next time you try to get your picture in the Taro Leaf, there'll be black snowballs in Augsburg.

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TO: *Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association*
FROM: *1978 Convention Chairman*

It is my pleasure as Convention Chairman to invite all members and their ladies to the Thirty-first Annual Reunion of our Association in Savannah, Georgia on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of August at the Ramada Inn. All of us here hope that we can make it one of the most memorable the Association has ever had. The City of Savannah and the Division at Fort Stewart are going all-out to give us the support to sponsor a really fine affair.

One of our objectives is to have an interesting and "fun" reunion while trying to hold down costs. I think we have done this through the cooperation of the City, the Division, and the Ramada Inn people. We are making it all available; it is up to you to make your decision to attend. Will you please fill out the registration form soon and send it in to the Ramada Inn. Their cut-off date for registration to give you confirmed rooms is 13 July.

I look forward to seeing you in Savannah; it will be a great reunion.

Sincerely yours,

Harry
HARRY RUBIN
 Convention Chairman

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We've been pushing the idea of each of our members asking for a little publicity in his home town paper to let people know there is a 24th Association. Look how "Bud" COLLETTE tackled the problem:

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Collette to play significant role in reporting history

C.A. "Bud" Collette of La Crescenta has been named coordinator for the Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Sunland-Tujunga areas in compiling a story of the 24th Infantry Division.

The 24th was formed in Hawaii just before Pearl Harbor and saw action in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. It did occupation duty in Japan. It was the first division to be committed to action in the Korean War. After Korea, the 24th was transferred to Germany. For the first 30 years of its history, the division served overseas. Only recently has it been located in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The history is to be in the nature of an autobiography and any man or woman who served in the 24th Infantry Division is asked to make a contribution. Persons are asked to contact Collette at 3825 Franklin St., La Crescenta, Calif. 91214 or call 213-248-2768.

Collette is commander of Tujunga Chapter 41 of Disabled American Veterans and is active in Post 1614 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Order of Trench Rats Dugout 65 and the Glendale Veterans' Council. He is also a Life Member in the 24th Infantry Division Association.

A former infantry sergeant, he served



C.A. 'BUD' COLLETTE
... coordinator

11 months during the Korean conflict. A year ago, Admiral Maeng Kee Lee, president of the Korean Veterans Association, named Collette as Ambassador for Peace for his "boundless sacrifice in helping establish Korea a free nation."

Suggestion: to show your resentment of the Postal Service's contribution to inflation, plaster each letter you send with 15 one centers. Let them count the stamps and hand cancel if necessary. The delays can't be any worse. If you can't beat 'em, lick 'em. Put a little zip in their lives.

CHARLEY DUFOUR (3rd Eng. '53-'54) in speaking of women's styles, laments that "I haven't seen my wife in a dress since the Eisenhower administration".

JACK ANDERSON wants to know who to send his war souvenirs to for the Stewart Museum. Try Dr. Ray Kinder, Curator, Museum, Ft. Stewart, Ga. 31313.

Mailing cost for last issue - 41¢ per copy. Printing cost likely to run as much - to make the printing and mailing something in the area of 80-85¢ per copy.

Internal Army survey indicates nearly one out of every three EMs use marijuana. That's 209000. Further about 49000 use hard drugs such as heroin and LSD.

ACHTUNG! A retired German army officer hospitalized in Coblenz had a skin infection caused by his military medals - pinned to his naked chest. He had served in the World War II Wehrmacht and the West German Bundeswehr and had found it difficult to adjust to civilian life. His wife told doctors he wrote the Iron Cross and other decorations to bed - and ran up the flag in their bedroom.

BOB HARDIN says that the VA may be able to help vets contact their old service buddies by forwarding letters to those who are still listed in their records. Although they can't release information or addresses, they will try to forward mail. They ask that you provide as much information as possible - your friend's full name, service or Social Security number, last known address and rank and service dates are helpful.

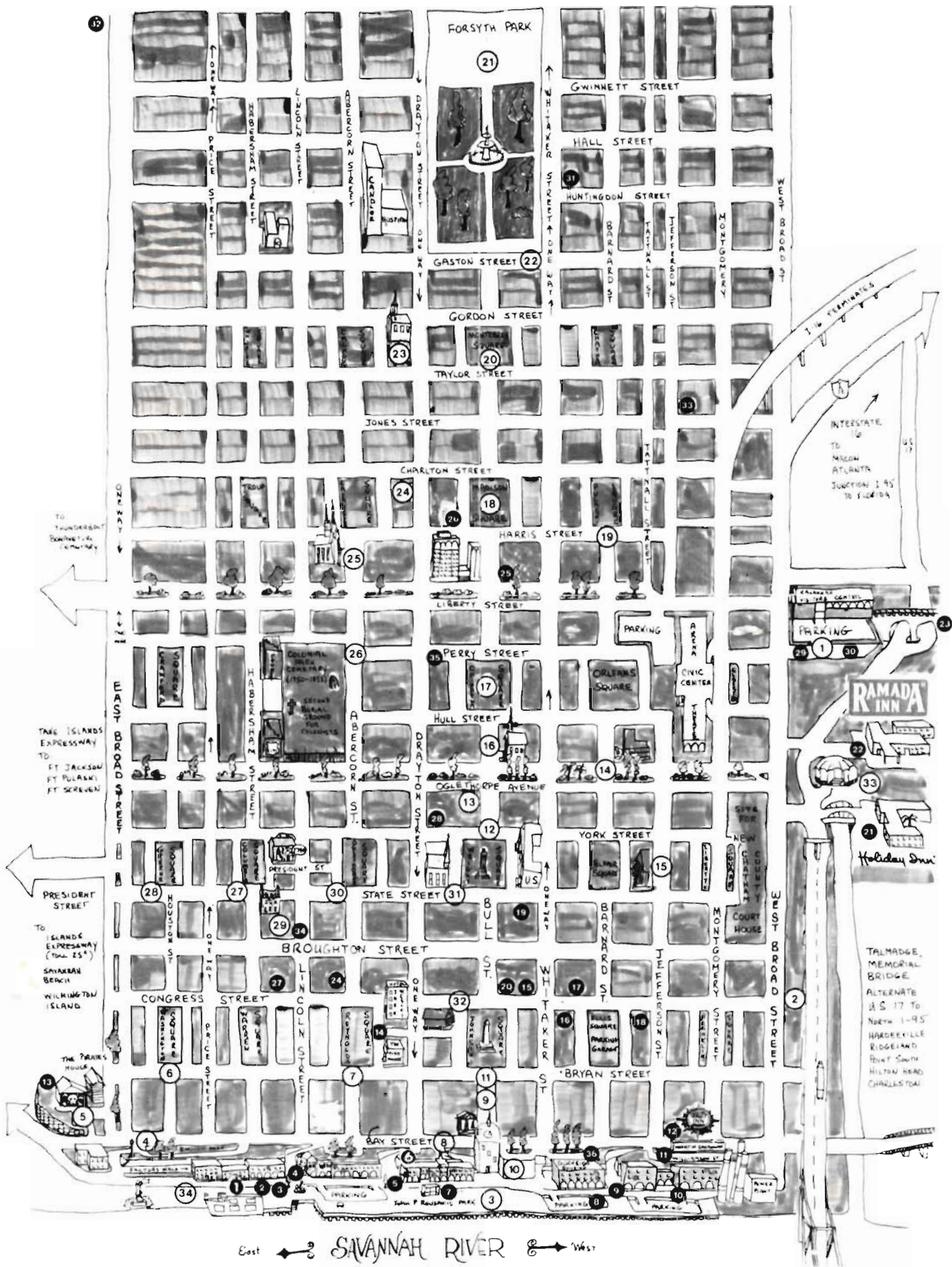
Send your letter in an unsealed, stamped envelope with no return address on the outside to: S.E. Area Information Service, Atlanta, Ga. 30308.

National Restaurant Assoc. recently held its annual culinary competition. This year's winner as the best chef among the elite of chefs? A team of 19 Army cooks took 59 prizes for their 65 entries - 17 firsts, 31 seconds and 11 thirds. So how in this Assoc., representing 175000 dining places from Burger King to the 21 Club, the U.S. Army stood first. What did they offer up? Spam? SOS? Of course not. Trout, glazed ham with mousse and truffles, capon with chateaufroid sauce, chicken liver pate? Indeed. So now you know. D/A has chefs who can turn out veloute and aspic, pastillage and pate. This was the greatest victory for D/A since the Battle of the Bulge - pun intended.

BILL NORWOOD, of 5013 Ormand, W. Carrollton, Ohio, wants us to announce a gathering of ex POWs out of Camp #3 at Louisville, Ky., next Aug. 4 - 6. Contact Bill for details.

Life Member C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE asks us "Do you know what they call 'wife swapping'?" It's a home improvement loan.

Two women started to pass each other on the street. Sez #1: "Pardon me, but don't I know you?" Sez #2: "I don't know; do you?" #1 again: "Well I'm Gladys Sommer". #2 again: "So am I; I hate winter".



Korean Conflict veterans, including many military retirees, are reminded to convert their GI insurance policies before their 50th birthday - or lose them, the VA said recently. The average age of these veterans is now 45.5 years. The insurance in question is the Veterans Special Life Insurance "W" Term policy. VA said that many of the VSLI policies issued to Korean Conflict veterans are still on the five-year limited convertible term plan. This policy carries a very low premium rate but cannot be renewed after the veterans' 50th birthday. It can, however, be converted to one of eight permanent plans if the owner acts before the end of the last renewal period. A VA spokesman says they are encouraged by the response so far to a recent mailint to "W" term VSLI policy owners alerting them to the approaching necessity of converting their insurance if they wish to keep it in force. VA advised that detailed information and cost figures for each of the permanent plans can be obtained on request from the VA Insurance Center, PO Box 8079, Philadelphia, PA 01901, or by inquiry at the nearest VA office.

Last call for dues covering year Aug. 1, 1977 to Aug. 1, 1978. No tickee, no washee - as they say around the laundry.

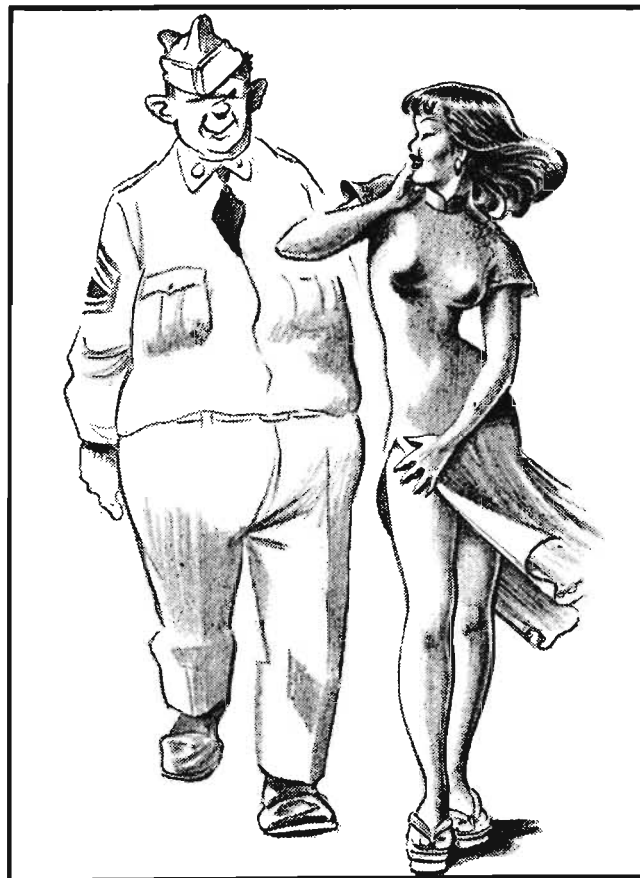
New address for Maj.Gen.FREDERICK A. IRVING (Div. C.G. '42-'44): 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd., Arlington, Va.22202.

If you want to find out whether or not you're too heavy, try this: Subtract your waist measurement from your height in inches (without shoes). If the answer is 36 or greater, you're O.K.

A former Green Beret, Milton Ross of Matteson, Ill., charges that physical and psychological illnesses he suffers, as well as his son's birth defects, were caused by exposure to a defoliant we used in Nam. The VA has been flooded by queries from Nam veterans who believe their chronic health problems may have been caused by exposure to the defoliants.

Man stops to gaze at the street window of his favorite bookstore. Spots a poem printed on a piece of cardboard serving as a backdrop for one of the books on display. Walks into the store and asks the clerk: "How much is that doggerol in the window?" Well, what do you expect for \$10 a year? Bob Hope?

Here's one for the books. The want ad of the year comes from the Woodstock, Ill., Daily Sentinel and reads: "Need someone to clear snow from walks at Unemployment Office, 425 Clay St., and at office building, 232 Washington Street."



"Gomen nasai—takusan wind—China dress dame-dame!"

WALTER CUNNINGHAM, in a telecon the other evening, told us about the 85 year old lady who was a friend of his mother's. Upon being asked how she was, she'd invariably answer: "Oh, I'm fine, just fine. I eat very well. My eye sight is good. My feet are able to get me about without any trouble. So I'm fine, just fine. Of course, my mind has gone....." Loved it, Walt.

Girl shows her engagement ring to her girl friend. Says the g.f.: "Well I'm glad of one thing; at least he's not a spendthrift".

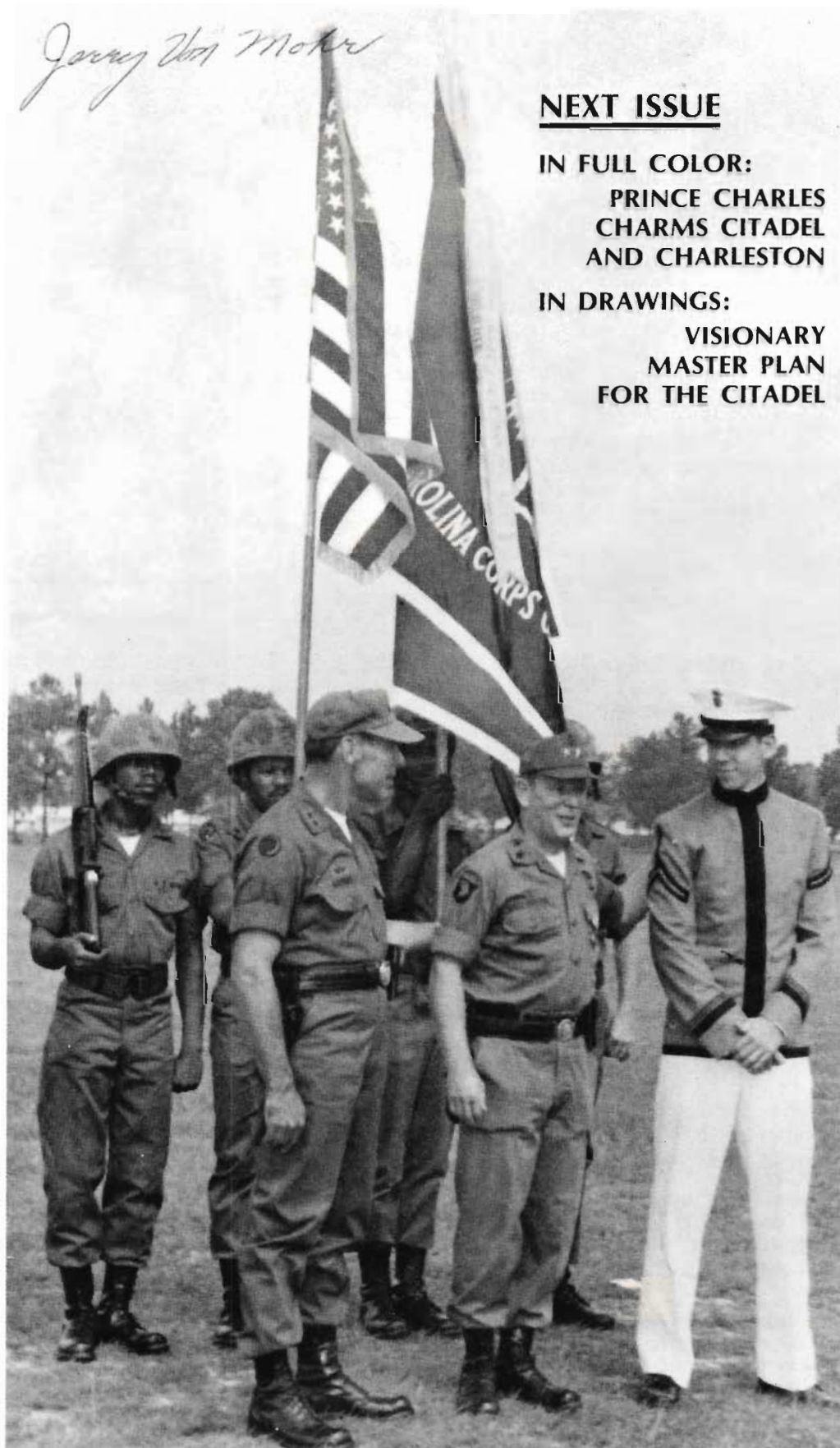
AH KEE LEONG, (3rd Eng. '42-'45), of 430 Kaiolu, Honolulu, flew to the White House in May for the President's Committee on the Handicapped. He's the wheel on that matter in Hawaii. Ah Kee asks if we heard about the motorist, going 80 mph, who tried to beat a speeding train to an intersection. "He got across, all right", sez Ah Kee, "a beautiful marble one".

Appearing in the classified ads of our local paper was this one: "Small apartment for runt".

Cheery note in from Brig.Gen.ROBERT B. SPRAGINS, of 3034 Heatherhill Dr., Huntsville, Ala., along with a hefty contribution.

JERRY VON MOHR favored us with a copy of last fall's "Alumni News" issued by The Citadel. Proudly, we reproduce the cover (on this page) and the first page (on the next page) of that issue for reasons which will be altogether obvious.

The Citadel/Fall 1977 alumni news



NEXT ISSUE

IN FULL COLOR:

PRINCE CHARLES
CHARMS CITADEL
AND CHARLESTON

IN DRAWINGS:

VISIONARY
MASTER PLAN
FOR THE CITADEL



Maj. Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum, '51 (right), outgoing commander, 24th Infantry Division, passes the division color to Maj. Gen. James B. Vaught, '46, the new commander. (U.S. Army photo)

Cover Story

CHANGE OF COMMAND TURNS OUT ROSIE

A 1951 Citadel alumnus is one of the nation's authorities on combat readiness. He is Maj. Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum who came by that role as commanding general of the Army's 24th Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

The Army color photograph on the cover depicts General Rosenblum at a ceremony during which he relinquished that command to Maj. Gen. James B. Vaught, '45. Cadet Jay R. Rosenblum, the General's son, was proudly on hand while the flag of the Corps of Cadets was carried with the colors when

11,000 participating troops marched in review.

Appearance of the Corps flag was a surprise to General Rosenblum and doubtlessly to other participants and spectators. The idea was perpetrated by the deputy post commander of Ft. Stewart and implemented by Lt. David N. Mills, '74, former aide de camp to General Rosenblum and currently a Citadel recruiter.

General Rosenblum, now commander of Army Readiness Region II at Ft. Dix, N.J., has been frequently quoted in such publications as *U.S. News and World Report* on Army readi-

ness for combat. He said of the 24th, whose motto is "First to fight," "If the rest of the Army is as good as we are, we're in good shape."

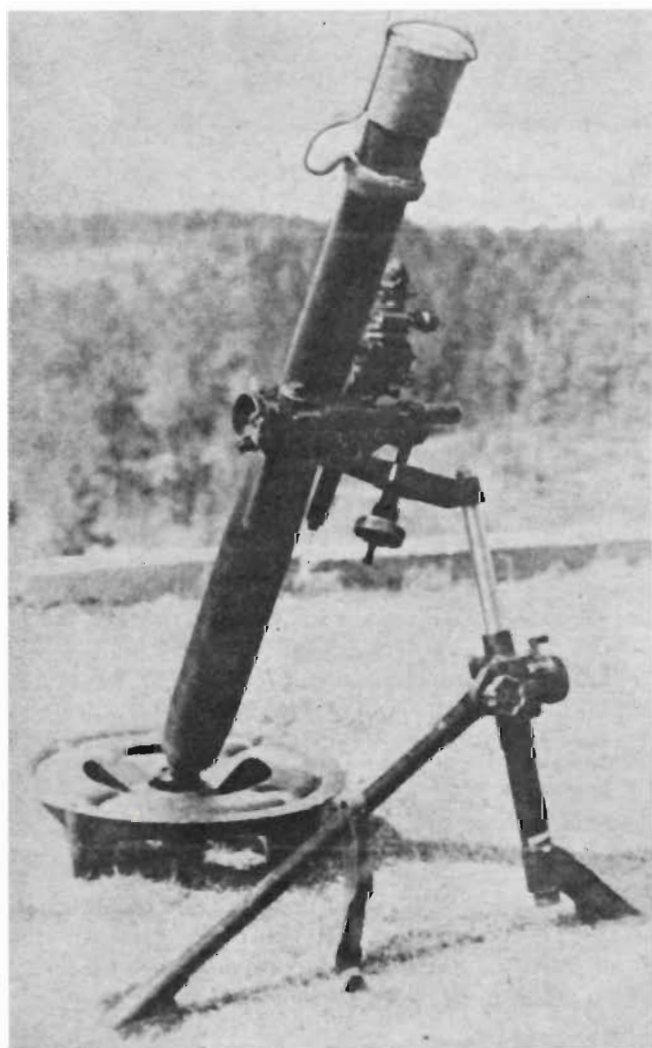
In recognition of his "unparalleled support" to the 24th's support to her "round-out" brigade, the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of the Georgia National Guard, General Rosenblum was presented the Georgia Distinctive Service Medal.

The 24th Division was reactivated in 1975 with then Brigadier General Rosenblum as its 39th commander.

Watch for an outstretched hand when you cross into Georgia on your way to Savannah. It may be the hand of millionaire Senator Herman E. Talmadge who said "Wherever I go in Georgia, people entertain me, lodge me, give me small amounts of money." The Washington Star reported that he received so many gifts of pocket money during the past 31 years that he wrote only one check to cash between '70 and '77. Said the Senator, "My out-of-pocket expenses come from donations friends give me, \$5, a \$10 bill, sometimes \$15 or \$20. They come up and say they know I have a lot of expenses back in Washington and they want to help me."

He said he doesn't report the cash as income because it represents gifts, which recipients are not required to declare, The Star said.

Can you really believe this? Can it possibly be true? When or where will it all end?



Our current 81 mm mortar, the M-29, may be replaced. We're looking at a British mortar of the same size. It has a claimed range of 5600 meters and a sustained firing rate of 15 rounds per minute.

YAMASHITA TREASURE: FACT OR FANTASY?

Manila. The search for the legendary "Yamashita treasure," which has been estimated at up to \$100 billion, began the day the feared commanding general of the Japanese Imperial forces in the Philippines surrendered in the final days of World War II.

Filipino and American treasure hunters traced the footsteps of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, and their search left not a few potholes.

Scattered here and there they found old Philippine silver coins and Japanese Marufuku gold coins used to buy the freedom of Japanese officers in trouble.

But, so far, no real treasure has been found.

When Yamashita was hanged for war crimes on Feb. 23, 1946, he carried to his grave the secret of his treasure - if there was one.

Manila newspapers occasionally carry stories of expeditions searching for the treasure, which was supposed to be the Japanese war loot in Southeast Asia and the Philippines.

Columnist Jack Anderson said the treasure is stashed in 172 locations throughout the Philippines, including sunken ships and buried trucks "laden with pilaged gold, silver, platinum, jewelry, currency and other valuables."

He claimed that Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos has maps to the treasure and is trying to salvage it with a secret combine known as the "Leber."

Anderson said he obtained his information from U.S. State Department sources.

Marcos denied this: "A hundred billion dollars?" Marcos said when foreign correspondents asked him about the Anderson article.

"That puts us in the level of the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)," he said with a laugh.

He said he did not see many gold bars when Yamashita surrendered in the mountain resort of Baguio on Sept. 2, 1945.

Just think gang. If only you had dug that foxhole a little deeper you might have hit it.

Joined has Maj. CHARLES A. KROHN, the Division Public Affairs O.

One of Asia's old grand hotels is back in business after a \$32 million face lift. The retouching restored the old proud features of the 66 year old Manila Hotel. It also saw the addition of a 12 story tower. It's back in the five star deluxe ranks with the Peninsula in Hong Kong, the Raffles in Singapore, the Oriental in Bangkok and the Strand in Rangoon.

CHARLEY and Lois and daughter Sarah, (Hq. 19 '39-'42), off to Hawaii this spring but will see us in Savannah.

Oops! We goofed in our last issue. We carried an item on BILL and Rose Marie SHOWEN and omitted the pictures. Our apologies to Bill and Rose Marie; our apologies to you all. Let's start again.



It's "Before and After" in the case of BILL SHOWEN, (21st '41-'43; 24 Recn '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis. First see our Tech 3rd at Camp Caves in Rockhampton in '43. Then see him and Rose Marie 35 - yes 35 years later in Wisconsin.



A suburban father read that a middle-aged man should not shovel wet snow because he could have a heart attack. So he called in his teenager and said, "Son, a middle-aged man should not shovel wet snow because he could have a heart attack. So would you do it for me?" The son said yes. And the father had a heart attack.

Membership Chairman LUMSDEN, ever on the ball, has recruited Lt.Col. (Ret.) HAYWOOD STANLEY (555 F & 11th F '51-'53), of Box 115, Four Oaks, N.C.

looking forward to seeing you in

SAVANNAH—

DOUG KEYSER has recruited CARSON KEMP (52F '57-'58), of 932 SW 36th, Lawton, Okla., into membership. Doug is on the ball - went to his VFW hall and scoured the gang for Taro Leafers. "Found 3; signed 1; will work on other 2", says Doug in his report. Thank you, Doug.

Good, faithful WILFRED O'COIN managed to get this item published in the Worcester, Mass. Telegram & Gazette and three people responded:

Veterans of 24th Infantry Are Sought

SPENCER — Did you serve in the 24th Infantry Division? If you did, please contact Fred O'Coin of 33 Valley St.

O'Coin is taking part in a national effort to compile a history of the 24th Division.

The 24th was created in Hawaii just before Pearl Harbor and saw action in New Guinea and the Philippines during

World War II before being moved to Japan for occupation duty.

The history will be in the form of an autobiography and any man who ever served in the division is invited to make a contribution.

Area residents who served in the 24th should contact O'Coin.

"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "I have told you the story of Jonah and the whale. Willie, you may tell me what this story teaches."

Said Willie, "it teaches that you can't keep a good man down."



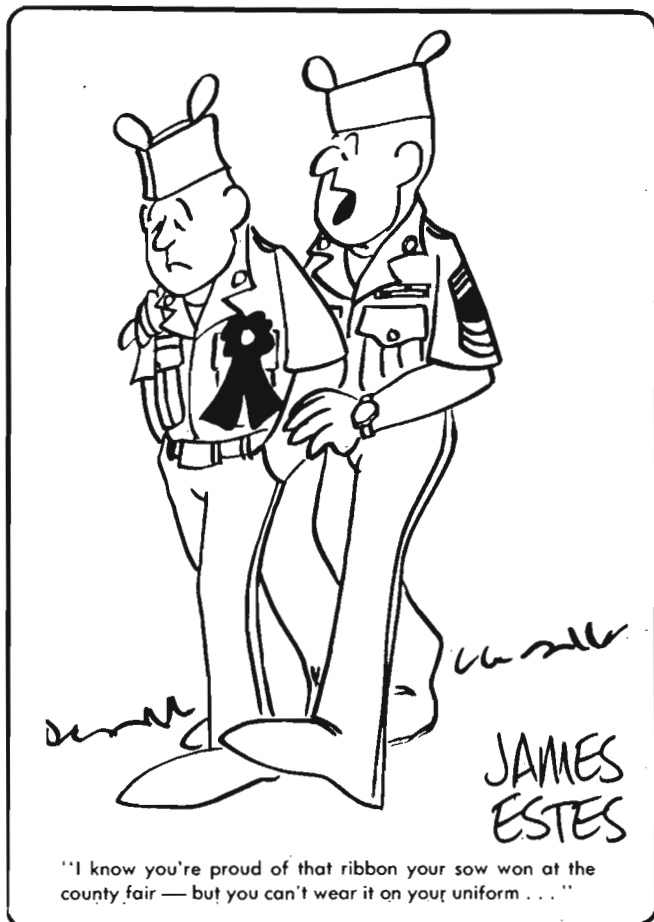
Better late than never - here's one of FRED and Sally BUCK, out of Erie, Pa., who have seven sons, two daughters, four daughters-in-law, and twice grandsons. Wow.

Next time you see Attorney General Bell, ask him if he thinks things would have been any better if President Carter had followed the Kennedy example and appointed his brother as his Attorney General.

Postcarded by DICK and Mae KREIDEL, Coatesville, Pa. who were touring. Our thanks to this fine couple. They dropped in at our office on their way through. Unfortunately we missed them.

JOE KELLY, (D 19th '51-'53), of 917 N. Main, Brockton, Mass., has retired from the Fire Dept. where he was a Lt. and from the Brockton V.A. Hosp. where he was a nursing asst. Is looking for JOHN W. O'BRIEN, then a Lt. and his platoon leader in Korea. We have no record on him; maybe one of you has. As to the Division history on the Korean chapter, it has long since been out of print, Joe; we're incorporating the bulk of it into our new forthcoming Division History 1941-79 out as soon as we can get it out in early '79. Joe sends good wishes with: "I say Good Luck to all Taro Leafers past and present. It was and is the greatest unit ever in my book".

TOM and Joan FARRIER tell about the guy who went to the doctor with a ringing in his ears. The medic recommended that he get an unlisted head. Oh well, they can't all be gems. By the way, Tom went to the Carlisle, Pa. mini-reunion last month. Planned to take pictures for this issue. Shuttered 36 times, only to get home and find he'd forgotten to load.



When Harry Reasonor switches to CBS, he'll take a \$150,000 cut in pay. There now, that didn't hurt, did it. But Barbara Walters is weally sowwy.

First the bad news - JIM FROOME, (21st), of Red Bluff, Calif., went in for kidney stone surgery, too big to pass; when on table, lung collapsed; back out; 4 days later, another meat wagon and the knife. Now for the good news - Jim recovering. Says it takes a long, long time to recuperate. Adds "Hope to see you in Savannah."

Tables are turned on Sen. William Proxmire (D.-Wis.) who has made a name for himself as a government gadfly with his monthly Golden Fleece awards to bureaucratic projects that waste tax dollars. Guess what he pushed for and got. A project in the Agriculture Dept. to spend millions financing the Dairy Forage Research Center at (Where else?) the Univ. of Wisconsin. The center is studying what cows eat. It is the culmination of a 15 year effort by the Senator. Cost \$10 million to date; \$2 million annually hereafter. How do you like it? Had enough?

Time was passing slowly on Noah's ark so the lion suggested to the giraffe that they choose sides for a football game. The giraffe agreed. The lion's team kicked off and on the first play from scrimmage the monkey handed off the ball to the rhino who charged up the middle for 10 yards.

On the next play the rhino scrambled all the way for a touchdown. At half-time the giraffe's team was leading 42-0. Early in the second half the monkey again handed off to the rhino. The rhino headed for a hole in the line but the centipede, who was playing defensive tackle, reared up, grabbed the rhino and threw him to the deck, causing a fumble. The rabbit, who was playing free safety, picked up the ball and scored for the lion's team.

The lion was elated. "Fantastic tackle!" he exclaimed to the centipede. "By the way, where were you during the first half?" The centipede replied, "I was lacing up my shoes."

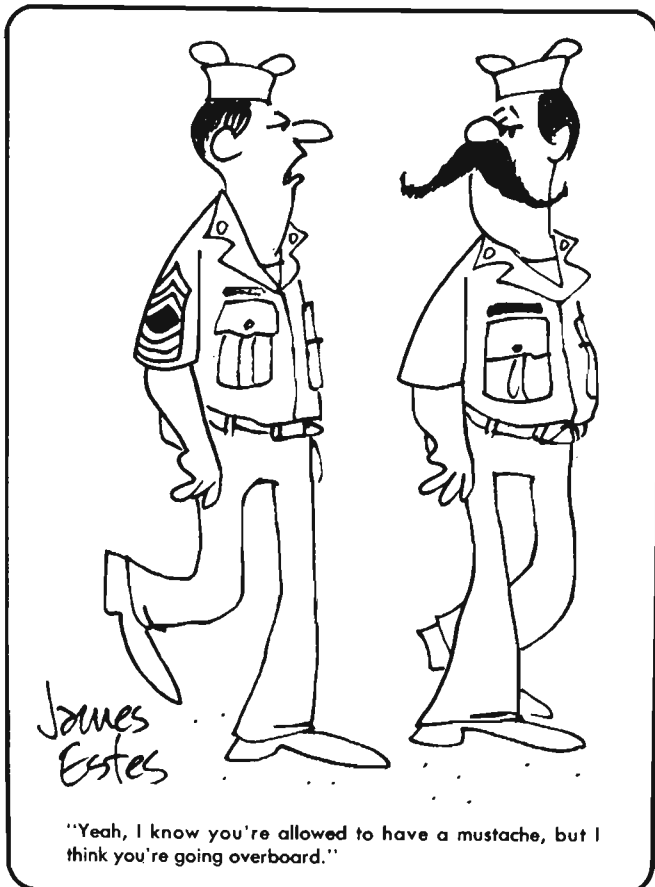
We Believe in Meeting You... All the Way!

LARRY DALEY, (M 21 '41-'45), of 89 Sterling, Yonkers, N.Y. is busy building a house (6 x 6 x 6) for his 3 grandchildren, the oldest girl 7 and the twin girls 6. Writes Larry: "They use the windows to go in and out more than the door. They call it the little house on the prairie. They want to know when we are going to paint the inside. Will have to get water base paint so they will be easy to clean. Made everything for the house, windows, framing, door, iron railing. Also wooden light bulbs for the light. Even an outside rack for cooking with hanging pots to cook with. Also the logs to look like a fire. When they want me to quit work, they steal all my tools and hide them." Nice story, Larry. Thanx.

Now "In": MARVIN C. HANSON (G 21st '42-'45), of Box 75, Underwood, Minn. who enlightens us with the reminder that Robinson Crusoe is the only man who ever had his work done by Friday. Oh you'll get along with this crowd, Marv; you're O.K.

Lt.Gen.VOLNEY F. WARNER, Commander XVIII A/B Corps at Bragg is planning on Savannah. He and Janice have a son in the 7th Ranger Bn. at Stewart.

ART KMIECEK has recruited JOHN A. BARGER, (Hq. & Hq. Btry., Div. Arty. '40-'45), into the fold. John and Pearl are at 2677 S. 66th, Milwaukee.



"Yeah, I know you're allowed to have a mustache, but I think you're going overboard."

Another cave tribe found in the P.I., this time on Palawan. They are living in caves clustered at different levels on the walls of a remote crater. Tribe consists of about 30 families. They subsist on casava, sweet potato and other root crops grown in the valley more than 1000 feet below the crater's mile-wide rim.

The Tasaday tribe (28 people) was discovered in '71 in Mindanao, you'll recall. They didn't practice agriculture (Smart, eh?); they depended on wild tubers and the pith of the palm. Their only tools were fashioned out of stone.

In contrast to the Tasadays, the Taotbatos apparently grow some kind of tobacco, wear multicolored necklaces that appear to be made of beads and build fires by rubbing two stones together.

President Ferdinand Marcos helicoptered to the area, 430 miles SW of Manila, as soon as the discovery was announced.

Marcos said the men are sturdy with well-proportioned bodies and average about five feet in height. No other details of the tribe's culture were released.

Marco's wife, Imelda, accompanied him on the trip, as well as his daughter, Irene.

The settlement is south of a network of about 200 caves where government anthropologists have found pottery, jewelry, primitive tools and other artifacts believed to be thousands of years old.

Recently observed bumper sticker: "In World War III, all men will be cremated equal."

Now in our exclusive little club is WILBUR HILL, (I 21st '41-'45), of 2311 New Berne, Richmond, Va.

When high-ranking officers in the Pentagon were planning a hypothetical invasion, they gave the computer information and asked the question: "Should the invasion be from the east or from the west?" After lights flashed, bells rang and wheels clicked, the officers received the answer, "Yes." "Yes, what?" shouted a three-star general. After more light flashing and bell ringing, the computer answered, "Yes, SIR!"

How about a date?

Since our last published record of contributions received for the DIVISION HISTORY, we have received more first contributions from some of our members and also additional contributions from other of our members as follows:

Arnold, Donald E.		15.00
Avery, Warren G.	30.00 in add. to	20.00
Berlo, Rev.Christopher J.	10.00 in add. to	10.00
Berna, Joseph	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Buckovich, Joseph		20.00
Buzzinotti, Victor W.		20.00
Cavanaugh, Daniel J.		20.00
Dawes, U.A.		15.00
Dews, Robert P.		10.00
Dolat, Stanley	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Dupaw, James W.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Fedock, John		20.00
Ford, C.Rucker	20.00 in add. to	20.00
Geelhold, Theodore		20.00
Hanrick, Dennis M.	25.00 in add. to	10.00
Hardin, Robert	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Hartman, William E.	10.00 in add. to	10.00
Haugen, Ivan		10.00
Herring, James L.		30.00
Hollar, Ernest L.		20.00
Hood, C.W.	20.00 in add. to	25.00
Huff, Neal A.		20.00
Huff, William H.		13.00
Hutchison, Robert		20.00
Irving, Frederick A.	25.00 in add. to	50.00
Johnson, William T.		50.00
Junkans, Oscar E.		20.00
Kaiser, Stanley		30.00
Kawa, Frank		10.00
Kemper, James A.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Klingbail, Fred D.	10.00 in add. to	10.00
Klump, John E.	50.00 in add. to	25.00
LaRocco, Vincent J.		20.00
Lawson, Richard H.		20.00
Lomax, David	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Lovell, B.A.	20.00 in add. to	15.00
Luhrsen, Robert H.		20.00
Luszcz, Bernard A.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
May, Sam R.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
McBryde, Charles M.		20.00
McDonnell, Leo J.		10.00
McKenney, John F.		10.00
Megee, Jerry H.		20.00
Miller, Edward J.	20.00 in add. to	15.00
Miller, Lyman J.		15.00
Myers, Bobby L.		20.00
Nelson, Floyd W.		20.00
Nelson, Robert		20.00
Peterson, Elmer S.		15.00
Salser, Leroy B.		20.00
Scherer, Walter E.		25.00
Seaver, Richard C.		25.00
Shamshoian, Ralph		10.00
Sousa, Alfred A.	35.00 in add. to	10.00
Spragins, Robert B.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Thornton, Douglas W.		10.00
Tomishima, Edward	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Upton, Thomas F.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Wagner, Glenn D.		10.00
White, G.N.	20.00 in add. to	10.00
Stanley, David - for and in behalf of the 1978 PA Mini-Reunion		55.00

**Directions to
Fort Stewart**

Ft. Stewart, located about 41 miles southwest of Savannah, Ga., is readily accessible by way of the major east coast thoroughfares, U.S. 17, I-16 and the completed section of I-95. The Ft. Stewart cantonment area is in the middle southern portion of the reservation, adjacent to Hinesville. The heavily wooded reservation is bisected in several places by paved roads, including Georgia Highway 144, running east to west from Richmond Hill to Glennville, and Georgia Highway 119, running north to south from Pembroke to Hinesville.

To reach the cantonment area from Savannah, drive west on I-16 or drive south on Abercorn extension to Hwy. 204 to the I-95 cutoff to Jacksonville. Continue south on I-95 about eight miles to the State Highway 67 cutoff to Ft. Stewart. Travel north on 67 for about five miles to State Highway 144, and on 144 for about 17 miles to a sign indicating left turn to cantonment area.

Coming from Atlanta, most people travel south on I-75 to Macon and then I-16 to Soperton. From Soperton, follow state road signs through Vidalia, Lyons, Reidsville and Glennville. Driving straight through Glennville onto Highway 144 will lead you across the southern edge of the reservation for 19 miles until signs show you the way to the cantonment area. The major highway passing through Hinesville is U.S. 82, and the two main routes to Ft. Stewart on the east and west edges of town are clearly marked on this road.

And also:

Borzilleri, John G.	20.00
Cenga, Joseph A.	10.00
Cooper, Earl J.	5.00
Farrier, Thomas I.	20.00 in add. to 20.00
Froome, Jr., J.N.	25.00
Grubb, Kenneth E.	15.00
Hall, Thomas J.	10.00 in add. to 10.00
Lew, Eugene	20.00
Newman, Aubrey S.	75.00 in add. to 50.00
Price, Homer I.	10.00 in add. to 10.00
Voso, Edward J.	10.00
Wheeler, Lester L.	25.00



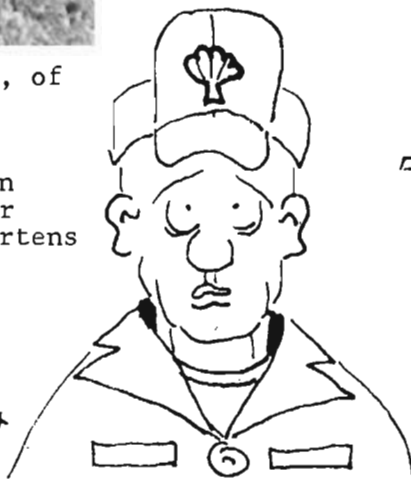
Meet JIM SHIRAH, (D 34th '56-'57), of 616 47th St., Columbus, Ga. Jim's now retired.

ROSS PURSIFULL says: "The reason mountain climbers are tied together with a rope? It's in case one smartens up - and tries to go home."

1978 Annual Reunion
Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5
Ramada Inn Savannah
231 W. Boundary St., Savannah, Ga. 31410
Tel. 912-232-1262
Rates: \$17 single — \$21 double — plus 7% tax



OLIVER MCCALL, (34th '44-'45), of 1402 S.White, Live Oak, Fla., is a name dropper. He wants us to know that he knows Brig.Gen. Norma Elaine Brown, formerly of Madison, Fla., now of the U.S. Air Force. Went to school with her, Madison High, class of '27. '27? You're kidding, Ollie.



"As the ranking second lieutenant I feel that a contingency plan should be drawn up in case the old man retires, you get passed over, the company commanders get riffed and war breaks out."

This, from the June 1978 issue of
Army just had to be shared with you:

'Forward Edge' Author at 75

A. S. Newman: 47 Years of 'Self-Help'

The sliding glass door at the end of the comfortable study shuddered slightly in the stiff wind off the gulf eight stories below as Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. (Red) Newman, USA, Ret., thought over his visitor's question.

"I don't like to use the word," he replied with a good writer's horror of clichés, "but when you analyze it, my columns are self-help. And I get many letters saying that they *have* helped. The



tenor of the letters from young people is that the Army hasn't changed; it's still the same."

The author of ARMY's "The Forward Edge" was referring to the human element, the chief ingredient in a highly popular two-page feature which goes back to 1966 and in numerous other articles extending back 35 years beyond that.

Gen. Newman is 75 this year, a milestone which seemed like an appropriate occasion to travel down to the spacious, top-floor Sarasota, Fla., condominium into which he and his wife, Dorothy, moved last year, and spend some time really talking with a man whose work invariably is the first thing people mention when they learn you are with ARMY.

If it is true that a writer is known by what he writes, regular readers of Gen. Newman do indeed know him, for every observation, point of view and lesson (a term he would wince at) is based upon personal experience—not implied ones, but laid out on paper for the reader to follow to the conclusions he reaches at the end of every "Forward Edge."

He has been described as wise, a raconteur without peer, a gifted observer, a thorough professional, a gentleman, a perceptive teacher, a highly moral and kindly man with an extraordinary memory and, of course, a superb writer.

A faithful reader could know a great deal about Gen. Newman—what he did when he took over his first company, how he handled certain discipline problems, his views about various kinds of leaders. It's all there in his columns.

But the faithful must know, too, that he is also the most self-effacing of men, with the result that one of his most fascinating stories—that of himself—has never been told. Few of those who ask him know, for example, that he was once

one of the Army's best all-around athletes or that he was the central figure in a beach action which was immortalized in one of World War II's most famous war posters. There are less spectacular aspects and more significant ones, perhaps, but knowing some of them should give even the most fervid fan a still deeper admiration for the retired soldier who writes "The Forward Edge."

A native of Clemson, S.C., Aubrey Strode Newman spent two years at Clemson College, where his father was a professor of agriculture, before being ap-



Maj. Gen. A. S. Newman, USA, Ret.

pointed to the U.S. Military Academy in 1921. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry upon graduation in 1925.

Cadet Newman's athletic prowess at West Point—he participated in seven sports, lettering in basketball and track—brought him a position on the U.S. Pentathlon team in the 1928 Olympics at Amsterdam, where he placed 14th in overall competition, fourth in swimming and seventh in running. He was named an alternate on the 1932 team but did not compete.

The late 1920s and the 1930s, from which many of his famed anecdotes are drawn, was a militarily austere period in which our tiny Army made do with meager funds and with what turned out to be some of the best leaders in our history.

Gen. Newman doesn't like volunteer forces, but he describes that of the 1930s as "one hell of a good Army—the equal of any in the world. It was so damned much better than I had thought it was. I didn't realize, for example, that when the war started I could move from being a company commander to assistant

chief of staff of a division with no problem.

"We had the service and the training. The school system and the fact that we had discipline made us ready. The soldiers we had were pros."

He was a lieutenant for over ten years, a not unusual length of time in those days of long service and few promotions. It was during this period that he began to write, "because I remembered a professor at the Military Academy saying that an Army officer should have a hobby—an interest outside of his profession."

"Writing didn't interest me in the slightest at first, but I decided to give it a try and I sold a piece to the *Infantry Journal* for eight dollars in 1932. I couldn't sell anything again until 1936 when the *Journal* published a "Cerebration." It was about not bawling people out all the time; know what's good and say so."

Sometime during this period he also decided to see if he could write a book. Because "my first rule about writing was that it could not interfere with my military service," he spent his annual leave one year in a rented room in New York City where he started and finished his book, a piece of fiction that was never published.

"I didn't expect it to be," he recalls. "But I did want to prove to myself that I could write a book."

Maj. Newman was the G2 of the 24th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, when the nation entered World War II and before the conflict ended he was that unit's chief of staff on three separate assignments. He is best known in the division, though, for a short period in the fall of 1944 when he commanded the 34th Infantry Regiment during the 24th's invasion of Leyte Island in the Philippines.

A well-known poster painted for the war's "U.S. Army in Action" series depicts Col. Newman rushing forward, his left arm raised, in a hail of Japanese bullets and exploding mortar and artillery shells.

According to the citation accompanying the Distinguished Service Cross he received after the invasion:

On 20 October Colonel Newman... went ashore in the fifth wave of the amphibious landing at Leyte. He found the preceding waves compressed within a narrow space not more than 100 yards wide and 20 yards from the water's edge, pinned down by heavy rifle and machine gun fire and exposed to mortar and artillery fire. Confused by the loss of their key officers, the men were without trained leaders competent



As assistant commander of the 82nd Airborne Division.

to organize and attack. Colonel Newman at once took charge of the situation, issued necessary orders and literally forced his men off the beach. Under his leadership and direction the troops promptly advanced and secured a beachhead approximately 200 yards inland and cleared the way for the landing of additional troops, equipment and supplies . . .

The painting entitled "Follow Me!" is accompanied by a text which quotes him as having shouted as he led his troops forward: "Get up and get moving! Follow me!" That was right, as far as it went, he recalls, but this command was preceded by his shout to "get the hell off the beach, God damn it!"

He received the Silver Star for subsequent gallantry in action in the same campaign and ten days after landing on Red Beach he was seriously wounded in the stomach when he was caught in a heavy concentration of mortar fire while directing his assault battalion against an entrenched enemy position. "Critically wounded," the DSC citation noted, "he refused to be evacuated and continued to direct the attack until he lost consciousness."

Much of the rest of the war was spent in hospitals recovering from his wound and when the war ended he was assistant G2 for Army Ground Forces in the Pentagon. Among subsequent tours were stints as chief of staff of the 11th Airborne Division (he was 46 when he became jump qualified); commander of the 505th Airborne Infantry; assistant commander and then acting commander of the 82nd Airborne Division; deputy commander of the Infantry Center, assistant commander of the 5th Infantry Division; and, finally, chief of staff of the Continental Army Command. He retired in 1960.

A tall, courtly man who was once described in his West Point yearbook as "living proof that the true Southern gentleman of fiction exists," Gen. Newman walks with the help of a cane, the

result of complications brought on by an old basketball injury.

Much of his time these days is spent at his desk where he writes his columns for ARMY, carries on a heavy correspondence with readers and people who have heard him speak, and works on a book about the human element in military life. But his endeavors are not those of an elderly man who has seen it all and works only to get his life on paper. He is keenly interested in the Army and knows that he can make a contribution through his writings.

"I wouldn't presume to be able to speak with authority on the technical, tactical or strategic aspects of today's Army," he said, "but the human element doesn't change. The many letters I receive from people in the service—and I want to make particular mention of the younger ones—have convinced me that this is true."

His files are laden with letters from men, women, military personnel of all ranks and ages, high school students, wives of soldiers, civilians, reservists and the retired. But he is particularly pleased that he has something to say to the young. That he has is evident in such comments as this from a first lieutenant who wrote from Germany:

"I find your monthly article to be the highlight of the magazine, and I invariably note and file away another piece of useful information from it. I might add that your readership here in Europe, particularly among lieutenants, is considerable. I can think of no more valuable guide or text for the training of young officers, and the continuing education of

older ones, than a collection of your articles."

The purpose of his columns, as Gen. Newman sees it, is to help readers over leadership rough spots by pointing out how others have handled similar problems. Hence, his term, "self-help."

"When I was a young lieutenant, not



Training for the 1932 Olympics.

very many persons went out of their way to tell me what to do, so when I got some experience I decided to use it to try to help others who were in the same boat I was," he said.

He uses anecdotes to illustrate his points and regards as his toughest task



'Follow Me!'

the selection of an experience that will accurately point up what he is trying to say. "Every anecdote I use is true and I try to tell it in as few words as I can," he said. He is also proud of the fact that he has never been proved wrong on a piece of information that he has carried.

Gen. Newman's chief source is a phenomenal memory, an overflowing mental reference bank which astonishes readers many years his junior. But he is also a relentless researcher whose covering letters to those who edit his column are filled with corroborating information.

One of his most fabled sources is his "shoe box," a trove often mentioned in his column and one which really exists. It is indeed a shoe box and it contains, in neatly filed ranks, facts, dates, notes and snips and snaps from a lifetime of soldiering and writing.

When someone asks him why he writes, Gen. Newman likes to point to the end of the first column he wrote for ARMY—in September, 1966:

"You young fellows will retire to the shadows in your turn, though that may be hard to visualize now. As you sip your sunset toddies, I hope your memories of the spark, clank and swoosh in your active-duty days will be as satisfying as are my recollections of the years when hell-for-leather gave the Army its special swank of the oat-burner era.

"While your memories will not have the same tone and tint as mine, still it's well for both of us to realize that, for success, the different challenges each faces in his day require the same qualities of mind and heart." LJB □



"Square your hat and stand up when you salute, sailor!"

In this issue, in an effort to relieve you of the agony of keeping us informed, we enclose a form by which you can easily notify the Editor of any changes as you waltz through life. We'll post it at Savannah for all your friends to see.

Here goes - just cut it out and mail it in.

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BOB PLEASANT, (C 13th F '41-'45) of 260 Barkley, East Columbus, Ohio, who was in the Pearl Harbor mess, heard about us and now has quickly joined up.

Do not forget—IT ISN'T THE PRICE YOU PAY TO BE A MEMBER—

IT IS THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BECOME ELIGIBLE

1978 dues are overdue.

Thanks to BUD COLLETTE, we have new members in ANDREW and Janice YOUHAS (Hq.Co. 3rd Bn., 5th RCT '51), of 507 Commercial Drive, Danville, Ill.

Newly-joined: ANDRES TORRES, (21st '42-'45), of Whittier, Calif., and THOMAS GRUBBS, (6th Tk. Bn. '51-'53), of Orlando, Fla.

Ye Ole Bull Sheet



Col. Henry J. Nachtsheim, Jr., of 4393 Hessel Road, Sebastopol, Calif., is Sec'y. of the 25th Inf.Div. Assoc. He also is a friend of our own Convention Chairman, HARRY RUBIN, whose physiognomy we did not feature in this issue. Henry asked Harry if we'd announce that the 25th is meeting July 27 - 30 at the Philadelphia Sheraton in Philly. We're happy to oblige. Harry asked Henry if he'd announce that the 24th is meeting in Savannah, etc., etc. Henry has willingly obliged.

No more appendix for JOHN BORZILLERI,
of 2125 Bella Vista, Paris, Tex.
It is gone. Recovering nicely.

Here's one to make you toss and turn tonight -

Why were the people of Panama, living under a Communist Dictator, Torrijos, allowed to vote on the treaty concerning the Canal, while the people of Uncle Sugar, the land of the free, a democracy it says here, were denied the privilege? Had enough?

Life Member #211, CLELAND C. and Mary Lee HELMICK (A 52nd F '41-'44), are now at 455 E. Elizabeth, Harrisonburg, Va. They were burned out of their last place. Everything O.K. now. C.C. is looking for anyone willing to part with a copy of "Children of Yesterday". Hold the fort, C.C.; we're going to reproduce all of it in our forthcoming History, so great is the demand for copies.

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Once again the highways and airways
lead us to beautiful city of Savannah.
One if by land and two if by sea -
no that's a poem - but if you are coming
by land, go EZ through the Carolinas;
those cops are sneaky.

Your President and convention chairman have worked hard to give you a great reunion - and the "active" folks at Stewart have done their part. It promises to be a grand fun trip.

For those of you who will make this one your first, remember that we have no strangers in this Association. When you register, tell us you are here for the first time and we'll get you started.

Inflation is not caused by farmers, businesses or workers, but by big spending politicians.

Item in Parade the other Sunday concerned Gen. Omar Bradley. The questioner had heard that he had earned \$5 million from the film "Patton". The answer came back: "General Bradley was paid 10% of the film's profits for permitting actor Karl Malden to play him. To date, Bradley has earned about \$400,000 as his profit percentage." Do you believe it?

Joe Namath says: "The longest I've been able to live with a woman is five days. My nervous system is not geared to having somebody around all the time. There is a freedom within me - or perhaps it is a lack of responsibility - that controls me."



"I don't give a damn where ya wanta go
-this head's secured."

Our speaker for the Saturday banquet will be Maj.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT, the Division Commander. And why not? Here we have the leader right in our own chicken coop while our busy convention chairman spends days asking himself, "Whom shall I approach - Elizabeth II, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Billy Carter, or Valéry Giscard d'Estaing?" No we're staying close to home - and we'll be caring enough to send the very best.



"See! I told ya that--Hell, they've changed it again!"

Retired Lt.Col. GEORGE "Bob" SCOTT, (Hq. 34th '42-'45), of Waco, Tex., has joined. Was regimental commo then



company commander of Hq.Co. He started his army days with the 36th - what Texan didn't? - but he did the hard ones with us. Bob stayed on after WW II and spent 25 years in ETO, Far East, Knox, Hood and Bragg. Presently secretary of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies, he's a 33rd. He and Rochelle have a daughter, a son and a grandchild.

MENIFEE CARTER, (5th RCT '50-'51), of West Palm Beach, Fla., has joined. He spent some time behind barbed wire in North Korea (Apr. '51 - Aug. '53) and has the rotten memories to prove it. We're right pleased to have you with us, Menifee.

Marion NEE, touched by the Association's floral piece, asks that we please say "Thank you, thank you" in these pages.

MILT JURY, (19th 11/46-12/47), of Jackson, Mich., is on the way up. At Consumers Power Co. there, he is now Radiological Training & Coordination Supervisor, Health Physics Section, Nuclear Activities Dept. How's that for a mouthful? We're right proud of you, Milt.

Visiting France, Spain or Italy. Don't turn on the faucet marked "C" to get cold water. The "C" is for the French "chaud", the Spanish "caliente", and the Italian "caldo" - all meaning "hot".



In Memoriam

Deceased: CICERO B. GREATHOUSE,
(24th MP Co. Kokura; PM, Div.Arty,
Fukuoka; PM, 19th Inf. Beppu Feb. '49-
June '50), at Orlando, Fla.

Deceased: Col. HAROLD A. CLOORE,
(Asst. G-3, Div.Hq. 1946-48).

News from good friend Col. ROBERT
DANIELS (G-1 '45-'48), reports the
untimely passing of Lt.Col. GEORGE
"Bug Eye" WILLETTS about 2 years ago.
George was in his retirement days in
Mt.Holly, N.J. Widow Nancy subsequently
resettled in Austin, Tex., but has since
moved from there.

Deceased: RICHARD J. MURPHY (H 19th
'46-'47), of Quincy, Mass. This was
passed on to us by KEN TARRANT, (63 F
'42-'45), of 36 Dysart, Quincy, Mass.,
who was never quite able to entice
Murphy into joining. Thanks for trying,
Ken.

Died: P.EDWARD COLE (F & A 19th, '41-
'45), of Fern Creek, Ky. last Jan. 17th
in the Louisville, Ky. Veteran's Hospital.

At a memorial service on Pearl Harbor
day just before he died, Ed saluted as
the jets flew by overhead. That's
Virginia, his faithful wife, just to his
left and slightly behind him.

Ed was a special favorite of JACK
FINAN. The two of them corresponded over
the years and relived over and over
their days of service together.

Wrote Jack: "The more I think of
P.Edward Cole, the more something gets to
me. We all have lost a good and dear
friend. He was a Taro Leafer through
and through."

Ed Cole was a special friend of your
Editor as well. We know we speak for
the membership when we say that we shall
miss him. So long, Ed.

Deceased: GLENN JUSTICE, (19th 1/38-
6/43), of Gravette, Ark.



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We ask leave to memorialize in the records of this Association these words on the honorable and productive life of a great and good man.

We write, not in a mood of gloom or grief, but of good cheer and gratitude, that in our time we lived in friendship with JOSEPH F. NEE, man of strength, sensitivity, independence, wisdom, compassion, patience, and love.

Joe died, on June 8th, in Syracuse, N.Y. while attending the funeral of his brother, George.

Any remarks of ours can hardly describe fairly this wonderful man.

But we shall try to rise to the occasion; Joe was a special friend.

His was the familiar Boston education - Boston Latin followed by Harvard - BA '38.

Football was his love, and with it, he felt the first flushes of public acclaim. Participation in the Shrine East-West game and the Fresh Air Fund All-Star game, and enshrinement in Harvard's Hall of Fame - all came his way. Football was to be his career - he was assistant coach at Harvard on Pearl Harbor Day.

His army career brought him finally to us on Mindanao; he was a major, arriving a little late in point of time, much to his everlasting embarrassment, we were soon to discover.

We remember the occasion of our first meeting. We had gone forward to see Col. Thomas "Jock" Clifford for some now long-forgotten reason. Newly-arrived Joe, whom we had never met, had also gone forward to see Jock on another problem.

It was the voice that first caught our ear - that resonant voice coming from down deep within, and yet having such a musical ring. We clearly caught the accent - pure "pahk-the-cahr-in-the-Hahvahd-Yahd" - before we caught the commanding presence, the magisterial carriage. We turned around for the confrontation and asked merely, "Boston?" He smiled that warm smile and nodded affirmatively. Thus was started our friendship of 33 years.

Incidentally, on that mission, Joe found himself without return transportation to Danger Forward so we had for ourselves a passenger. And before we could take our leave, a beady-eyed Nip was turned over to us for transport back. There we were, in our quarter-ton, driver and ourselves in front, Joe and a prisoner in back, with Joe with his hand on his .45, ready to let Nippy have it if he tried anything untoward. The humor of it all was something special - Joe's first trip forward and he was bringing back a prisoner. His lament: "If only I had a camera; my wife will never believe this."

Whether Marion was ever made privy to this story, we don't recall. Joe was not long on stories about himself - nor about his family. It was years before he confided to us, one cold winter's night, that his father had been a Medal of Honor man.

His tour with Division was, first as an assistant G-3, then as G-2, but in a matter of weeks Hiroshima had been atomized, and Joe had made a bid for what was then for him the more exciting job of Recreation Officer - "where I can do some real good in helping the men switch to peace." There was a clue there in his applied rationale. He wanted to use his creativity and his love where it would do the most good. The days of war were over; the days of peace were at hand. Joe was bent on doing good - and he spent the next 33 years in doing it.

Early on in our Japan days, Army was out to entice its especially qualified officers to become integrated. Of his 800 or so non-regulars, here was one Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF wasn't going to let get away. The pressures exerted were tremendous. Woody wanted Joe as his personal contribution to the about-to-grow regular establishment.

Joe sweated - for weeks. Did he want the army life? What of Marion, his beautiful bride back home, with whom he had shared only a few weeks of wedded life before he departed the Z.I.? What of his dream to return home to coach football. There was a short flirtation with the whole idea before it turned to agonizing. We shared in some of that agonizing. Finally, his decision - "I'm going home". And he did. And Army has been all the poorer for it thersince. What a regimental commander he would have made!! What a commander of an airborne division!!!

So back to civilian life went Joe, determined to find himself a spot in coaching football - somewhere, college ball, high school ball, somewhere - a vacancy he could not find - he was a few months too late.

So he found himself a home with the March of Dimes, then on its way to wiping out infantile paralysis.

Quickly, he rose up its ladder.

Then in '72, he was elected president and chief executive officer, succeeding Basil O'Connor, the March of Dimes president since its founding in '38.

Joe had risen to the top in his chosen field, lending faith to the truism that cream always rises to the top.

Space will not permit us to bring out the many grand memories which are ours.

We recall picking up the phone one day. It was Joe opening with "Mushy; mushy," the familiar Japanese telephoned "Hello" which he always used with us. One of our eulogies had appeared in a Taro Leaf he had just received.

Joe was calling to say "Thank you" for our putting some of his own emotions down on paper. It was the JIM PURCELL obit, we recall - and Joe and we had both been warm in our feelings about good "chum Purcell".

The conversation got around to the jocular question of "Who'll write mine?"

Little did it occur that this day would come when we sit here writing of our good friend Joe.

Joe Nee had many happy days, days of intense, exhilarating joy - with his devoted wife of over 34 years, Marion, and their two loving children, Leslie and Jeffrey.

But happy days also had their counterparts, the bitter ones when Joe Nee knew his health was failing - ergo his own private decision early this year to take retirement.

The quantities for which we aspire as human and which are required for a great leader were combined in Joe whose name and life we honor and will always be a cherished memory.

In Euripides' Iphigenia in Aulis appear the words: "How can I praise thee and not overpraise, and yet not mar the grace by stint thereof." To list the attributes of Joseph Nee is to measure the profundity of our loss and to remind ourselves that, while the Almighty determines the length of our lives, it is we and we alone who determine their breadth and their depth.

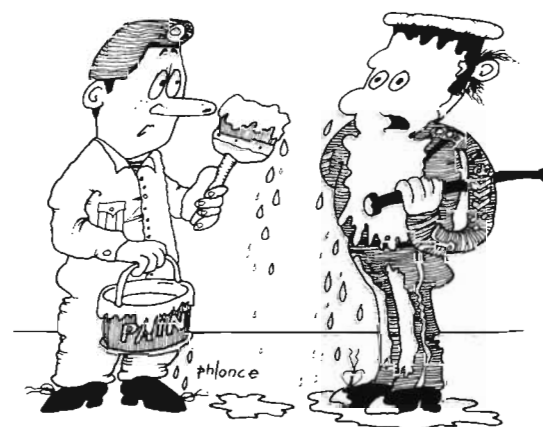
As human being, soldier, and executive, Joe Nee was an extraordinary person who fought the good fight and gave the country of his genius, his insight, his creativity and his love. He gave great breadth and depth to his life.



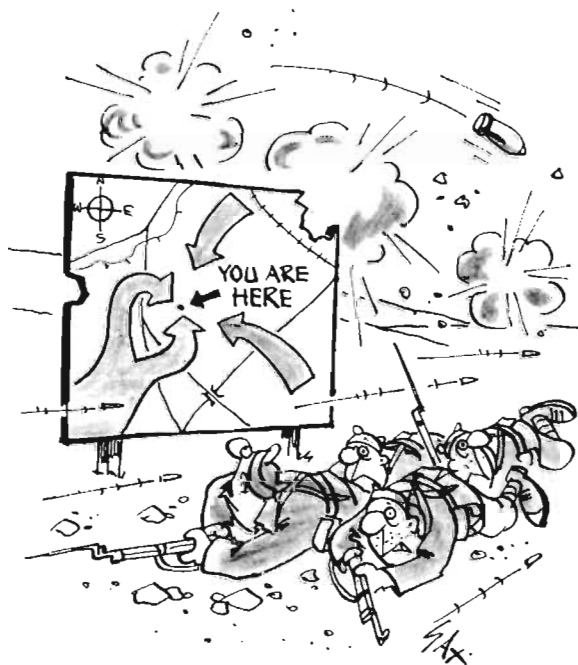
"The parachute loft, Sir...and Pfc Keldrick, our rigger."



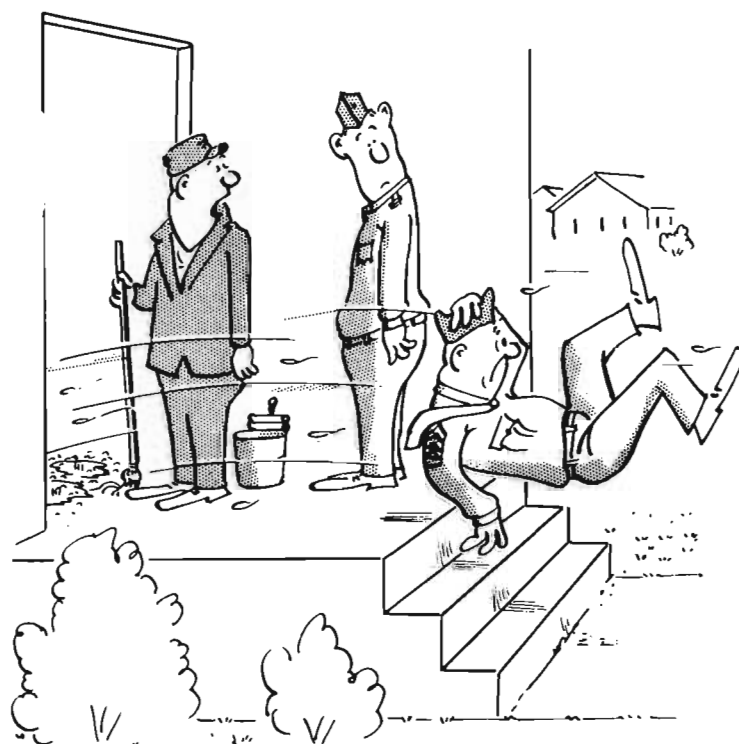
"Lucky for you our captain has a sense of fair play."



"No, lad, no... If it moves, salute it!"



"ATTENTION, EVERYBODY!"



"Careful in here, Sarge, I'm sudsing up the floor."

TARO LEAF

24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

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Thursday, August 3rd:

Registration at Ramada Inn all day

Hospitality Room open all day

Friday, August 4th:

Registration at Ramada Inn all day

Travel to Fort Stewart in AM for Division Review

Display of weapons and equipment

Lunch at unit messes or Officers' Mess

Tour of 24th Infantry Division Museum

Travel back to Ramada Inn

Hospitality Room open

Poolside cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres

Dinner at one of Savannah's many fine restaurants

Saturday, August 5th:

Business meeting at Ramada Inn in AM

Tour of historic Savannah and lunch

Hospitality Room open

Cocktail party and banquet at Hunter Army Airfield

Sunday, August 6th:

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