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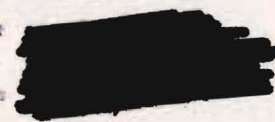
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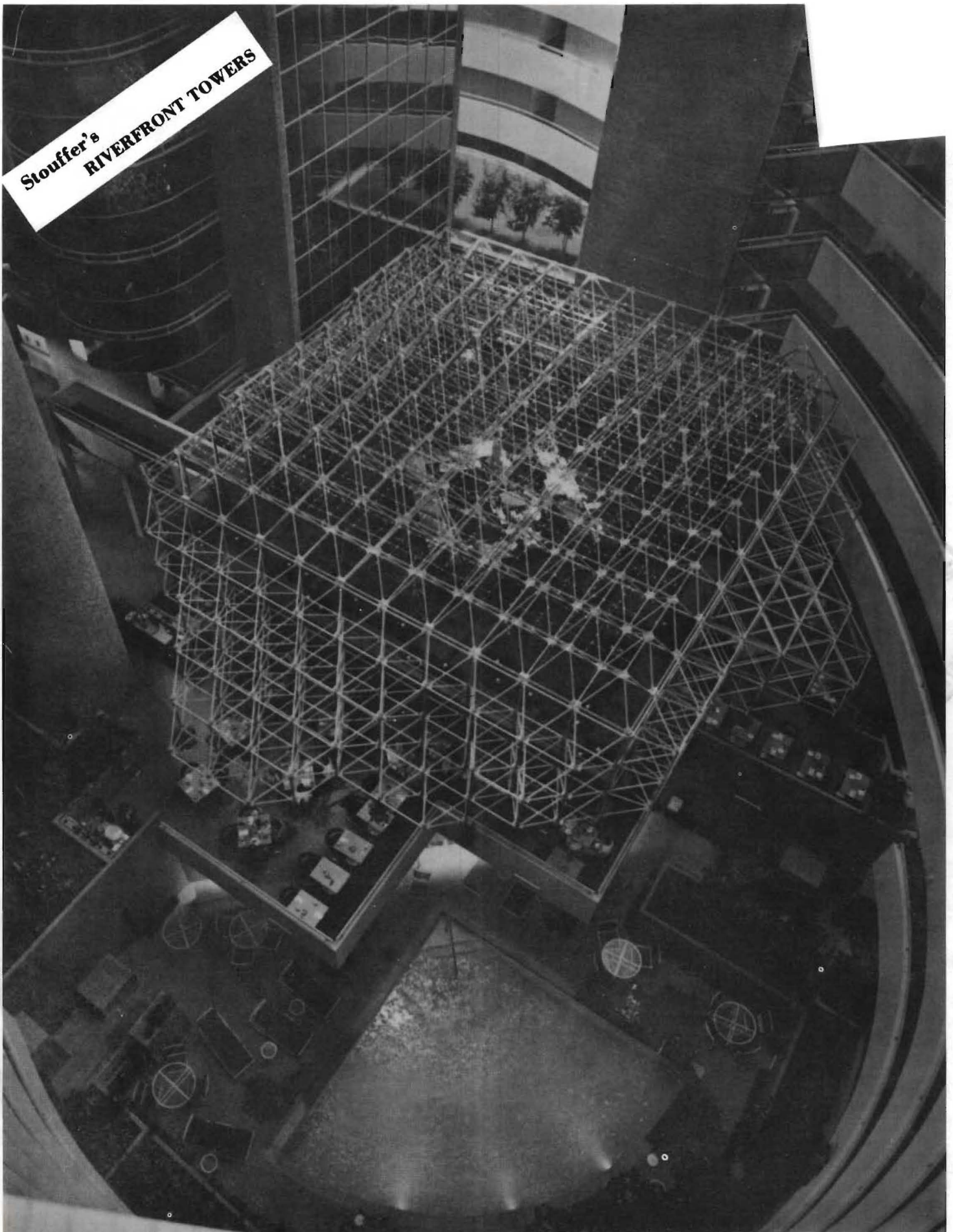
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TARO LEAF

We're late - way late - with this one. It's just one of those things; we can't get "it" all in in each issue. Believe us, we do our best. At any rate, here's the gang (boys and girls) Hqtrs. Co., 3rd Bn., 21st., which met in Springfield, IL, last August. WILBER MAGEL is missing from the picture of the boys; he came in late. Sorry Wilber. And thanks to you, ALBERT and Betty DELAY for sending this clipping to us.



VETERANS HOLD REUNION—July 31 through August 3, a reunion of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 24th Division was held at the Chardrell Motel in Springfield. Those attending enjoyed a tour of the governor's mansion, Lincoln's tomb, the capitol building, Lincoln's home and New Salem State Park. Veterans attending are pictured at top. From the left, back row, are Rollin Dugger of Shawnee Mission, Kan.; Jim Puls of Des Moines, Iowa; Wilber Vandervorst of North Dakota; Alvis Rock of Stillwater, Okla.; Tom Maloney of Erick, Okla.; Albert DeLay of Tilden, Clyde Nettleton of Lansford, N.D.; Robert Nolan of Kansas City, Kan. and Roland Mapes of Ohio. Front row: Gordon Holt

of Jasper, Minn.; Dale Eckhardt of State Center, Iowa; James Wright of Pea Ridge, Ark.; Valerie Seulean of Anderson, Ind.; Andy Torres of Whittier, Calif.; Virgil Easterday of Chillicothe, Ohio; George F. Ryals, Jr. of Thomaston, Ga.; Leo Villarreal of Hacienda Heights, Calif. and Christian Martin of Atlanta, Ga. Wives and friends who attended are pictured below: From the left, back row, are: Joyce Puls, Carrie Wright, Hillard Maloney, Beverly Seulean, Betty DeLay, Alice Ryals, Ester Rack, Marian Mapes and Dorothy Martin. Front row: Edna DeSchepper, Mavis Holt, Dolores Torres, Cobe Dugger, Debbie Nettleton, Evelyn Nettleton, Wilma Eckhardt and Frances Villarreal.

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The Division History covering 1941-1980 will be released just as soon as the Editor, who is writing it, can finish it. The cost — \$20 per copy. Only members will be allowed to purchase copies.



Col. LUCIEN BOLDUC, (Hq. 3rd Bn. 19th '40-'41), of 2825 W. 32nd, Denver, Colo., reports in with this:

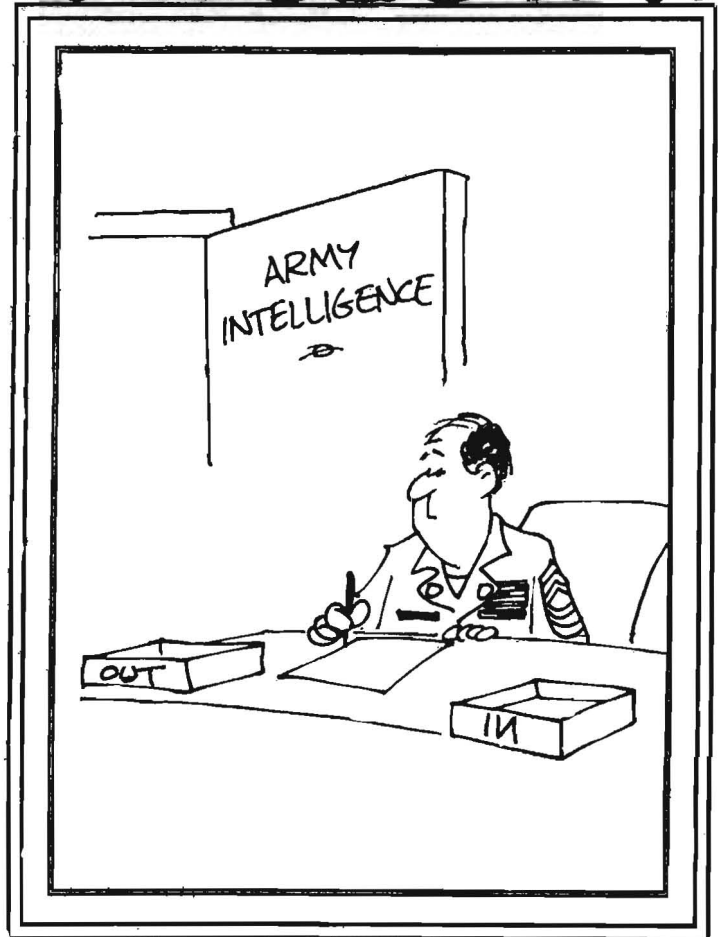
"We moved from Albuquerque, about 3 years ago. I was involved a little in the hospital here trying to get patients to join the organizations which wanted dues, etc. Eventually, the doctors here put me through an operation to try to get me in shape. I went through the operation in September, was moved to a civilian home for people like me, remained there three months and went through their program. Was moved back to the Army Hospital twice to try to get me back on my feet. I am going through this now but not making much progress. I hope things will get better since I am being treated five times a week by nurses, but not as much as I had hoped for. I hope that, by the end of next month, I will be back on my feet again and enjoying life again with my good wife who is my roommate and a very fine one for me.

"Hope all is going well with you and your job. As always, Lucien."

O.K. gang - how about a card or note to Lucien? Just a line to let him and Antoinette know you care will help a lot.

IN THE PINK

TED SLOAN, (L 21st, Hq. 3rd Bn. 21st '51-'53), of 1138 Enfield, Lebanon, Mo., is joining, thanks to JIM ERWIN, writes: "It appears that our organization is the best kept secret since the Manhattan Project. Wish I'd known of it 25 years ago. Don't know when I've been happier to join anything." Well, we're thrilled that you're with us Ted, but on the secrecy issue, you hit a raw nerve. We've been since 1947 trying to yell it to the world.



PAUL FRASER appearing elsewhere in this issue, writes:

"Had a recent visit with Don and Molly Cubbison in Clearwater, Florida, 33516. Don was with the 52nd FA, '41 through '42 and they live at 1311 Weaver Dr.

"On the same trip we had dinner with Carl and Mary Schaad, 63rd FA, '41-'46". They live at 7116 Warbler Lane, McLean, VA."

Thanks for the report, Paul.

Have we got a deal for you

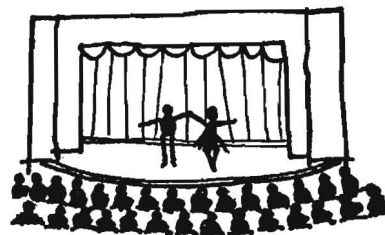
Here's an idea from BOB LONGFELLOW, (52F and Div.Arty. '52-'54), of 12731 Poplar, Garden Grove, Cal., who writes:

"Was recently called by two old friends who were attending an association convention of another Division I was once assigned to. Hadn't heard their voices since WW II and I mean to say it was one heck of a pleasure. Wouldn't that be an idea? - Set aside a particular time for calling old friends from the convention site - making your records available for running down phone numbers. Believe it would have an adhesive effect and might encourage those called to attend subsequent meetings. Also a lot of fun."

Great idea, gang. Now get those telephone numbers in and we'll do two things. We'll have them ready at St.Louis, and more, we'll publish them in an upcoming issue. Thanks, Bob.



DON KNAPTON, (G 21st '45-'46), of 46 Sylvester, Rochester, N.Y., tells us that swimming is the most popular participant sport in good ole USA. About 105 million are in the swim annually. About 70 million bicycle. 60 million go for camping. About 59 million fish. 43 million bowl. And about 38 million go for boating. Somehow they forgot horse racing, dog racing, and poker playing.



ELRA HUNTLEY, (H&S and D, 3rd Eng. '49-'52) of Box 507, Conklin, N.Y., says he's the only 24th'er who belongs to the National Order of Battlefield Commissions. Elra got his while with us. And he asks: "Where are the other Mustangs?" We'll ask, Elra, we'll ask.



Just folks? You'd better believe it. GRANTON and Emily WILSON, (E 19th '40-'43) of 11 Washington, Parlin, N.J., write as follows:

"Let's help to get our good will ambassador Shy LUM from Hawaii to St.Louis this year! Since many have inquired, we are asking anyone who would like to contribute, to send their contribution of any amount to us no later than June 1st, 1981.

Shy has ushered many of us around Hawaii and we thank him.

Taro Leaf will publish a list of all monies collected, so there will be no question about any of it sticking to the bottom side of the table."

There it is Granton and Emily. Good luck.



NEAL A. HUFF, (B 19th '40-'44), has moved from Loveland, Colo. to 113 W. Grapefruit, Clearwater, Fla.

Extraordinary!

PAUL KEATING, (Div.Arty. S-2 '41-'45), of 2905 Templeton, Lawton, Okla., saw the inquiry about JOHN BRADY in our last issue and thoughtfully and promptly replied as follows:

"I have just received my copy of the Taro Leaf and read your letter on page 10 about the disappearance of Lt. Brady during WW II. I can't clear up the mystery of his disappearance but can give you details of the events leading up to the moment he was lost, since I was in radio contact with him at the time.

"Lt. John Brady and nine other Army Artillery Liaison Pilots joined Hq. 24th Div.Arty. in Hawaii in February 1942 at the same time that then B/G James A. Lester assumed command. They were organized as the 24th Div.Arty. Air Section under centralized control of Div.Arty. They had been among the first graduates of the course for Artillery Liaison Pilots conducted at Ft. Sill, Okla.

"By the time the 24th Div. landed on Red Beach on Leyte, I believe that Brady had been promoted to Captain and was the 24th Div. Air Officer. At this time I was the 24th Div.Arty S-2. His disappearance took place at dusk, on or about 6 Nov, or about 2 weeks after the initial landing (I cannot recall the exact date - 36 years is a long time).

"On that day, Hq. 24th Div.Arty. made a displacement, for tactical reasons, from Capoocon on the North Shore to Tinequban, which was further inland. Brady had been flying combat intelligence missions all day over the Ormoc Valley, taking time out only to refuel. He finally returned to Div.Arty Hq. just before dusk. Late that same afternoon, Corps.Arty. had attached an 8" Battalion to 24th Div.Arty. Under our SOP, it was necessary to conduct a Precision Registration with one gun of this Bn. in order that it could fire accurate Harrassing and Interdiction fires during the night. For one reason or another, none of the other pilots was readily available to conduct the mission. Brady then decided to fly the mission although he knew he was not required to do so. For technical reasons, Div.Arty. had to act as a radio relay from Brady to the 8" Bn. While the mission was in progress, Hq. 24th Div. sounded a "Red Alert" which meant that enemy fighter planes were approaching Leyte. Brady was notified of the alert and acknowledged receipt. He then transmitted "Wait." Subsequent efforts to contact him failed. We never heard

In our last issue, we reported the inquiry of an Air Force officer about the case of one Brady for whom Brady Field at Hakata was named. Old friend BILL WATKINS thoughtfully addressed the Air Force gentleman as follows:

"I have just read your letter in Taro Leaf about the 24th Division Artillery Air Officer Brady for whom the field at Camp Hakata was named. I was Division Artillery S1 and 4 at the time of Brady's loss and while my contacts with the matter were not nearly as close as those of some others, it may be that I am the only one who will have seen this letter. My recollection is that Brady, who I think was then a captain, was Division Artillery Air Officer. I recall that he was from Pennsylvania.

"He was lost in the very late afternoon of the day the Division seized Carigara. This would have been about October 28-30, 1944. The attack had started at daybreak and the infantry had attacked under an advancing artillery barrage. Late in the afternoon, almost at dusk, there had been a call from some other unit rather than Division Artillery itself for a spotter plane observation south of Carigara and Brady had taken the mission. I had been out of the headquarters on some errand until first dark and when I returned I heard that Brady had not returned and was feared down behind the Jap lines.

"After the Ormoc corridor was cleared of Japs, I recall that somebody from Division Artillery (probably Major Morgan who was Division Artillery S2) went down the corridor and either located the wreckage of Brady's plane or found somebody that had seen it. There was some evidence of machine gun damage to the plane that would indicate that the pilot had been wounded. The civilians that claimed some knowledge of it indicated that Brady had landed the plane and was alive but wounded. My recollection is that those making the investigation could not find a grave that they could identify as being Brady's and could find no more definite information as to what happened to him.

"'Bud' Kelly of Oklahoma succeeded Brady as Division Artillery Air Officer and probably was the other pilot assigned to Division Artillery at the time Brady was lost. If there is any way to contact him, I feel sure he could give you much better information. Francis H. Heller, a Professor of Law at the Law School, Univer-

from him again. Most of us eventually assumed that he had been shot down by enemy aircraft. By this time darkness had fallen.

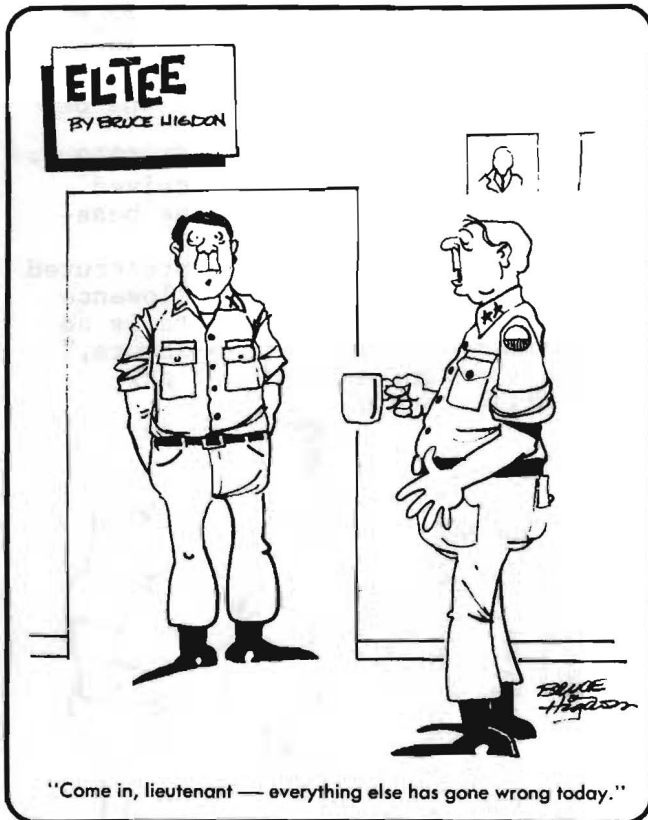
"John Brady belonged to a rare breed of cat - the Artillery Liaison Pilots of WW II. He was not the only one of the origin group of ten young pilots who joined us in 1942 to make the supreme sacrifice. In closing, I am proud to say that he was one of the most courageous and dedicated soldiers with whom I have ever had the privilege to serve.

"Sincerely, Paul G. Keating
Lt. Col. Arty. (Ret)

"P.S. When I read the Taro Leaf, I was very much surprised to read that -- "he had apparently made a forced landing and was captured --but was never identified as a POW."

"This would imply that he either died or was killed in captivity. I would certainly appreciate anything you can tell me to clarify this.

"I hope my bit helps to clear up some of the questions of the circumstances under which Lt. Brady disappeared. However, I don't think the final chapter to this story will ever be written."



Nice to get a call from ARTHUR KEMP, (21st '44-'46), of 411 Remington, Suffield, CT. He and Clarys want to make St. Louis. It'll be their first. Eureka! Asked Art, "We'll be sleeping indoors won't we; I've had enough of that outdoor stuff."

sity of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, probably can add a lot to this.

"I remember Brady as a fine officer and a very fine person. The Artillery spotter plane pilots of whom he was an excellent example, who flew those crates low and slow, with no armor and no protection and landed on and took off from entirely inadequate air strips, deserve a lot more praise and credit than they received."

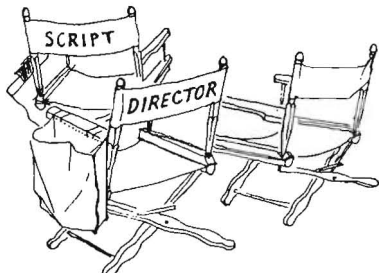
Great letter, Bill Watkins; we appreciate greatly your help on this one.



MATT SLOWIK, (Cn. 19th '42-'44), is now at 3150 N. Melvina, Chicago. Moved after 35 years on W. Belmont. Sold the restaurant and bar 4 years ago after 45 years. His brother Bill passed away a year ago and he still mourns him. Is in good health and hopefully will be with Lum and all the gang at St. Louis come mid-August. Still working for the state as an investigator in the Dept. of Education. Says he sees MIKE RAFTER once in awhile. Good report, Matt - and ask Mike to drop us a line or give us a call. He hasn't contacted us in a couple of years. Thanx Matt.

Don't look now but reality's replaced Fantasy

HUGO SINGER, (Sv. 34th & B 52nd, '50-'51), of Box 1083, Fruitland Park, Fla., is all for reality replacing fantasy. Says it's fantasy when you dream about seeing your old buddies once again. Says it's reality when you consider that you can make it come to pass if you'll just high-foot it to St. Louis next August.



Life Member PAUL FRASER, (52 F '41-'44), of 20427 Mainline, Bend, Ore., you're a peach. You sent us a clipping out of the 'Frisco Chronicle about our old buddy, JOHN WELCH, ye old 63rd F. man from '41-'44. We quote the clipping, which was headlined "OLD BULLETS BARELY HURT":

"David E. Lawson may be the luckiest burglary suspect in Napa County.

"Lawson, 19, surrendered to police yesterday with five minor bullet wounds, three in the chest and two in the side.

"Any one of the three chest wounds would normally have been fatal," said Police Captain Robert Jarecki. Lawson apparently survived because the slugs that hit him were made in the 1950s.

"John Welch, 67, a retired Army officer, told police he fired five times at a burglar who invaded his home two weeks ago, but the man escaped.

"Welch said he kept a .32-caliber pistol by his bed in case of a burglary, but he had not fired the gun since he bought it 24 years ago. The bullets apparently were no longer potent enough to kill anyone."

Says Paul, "Guess it doesn't pay to fool around with an old soldier, but how in the world is Johnny ever going to explain the lousy bullets."

Johnny Welch? Your explanation.



HUGH BROWN and WILBUR THIEL hosted a party at Benning in February for L Co., 21st. Our hard-working Convention/ Membership Chairman HOWARD LUMSDEN attended.

Whenever there's a government program, there's at least one guy ready to rip it off.

Now read this one out of Benning.

Low-paid soldiers eager to snare extra housing allowances are marrying other GIs at this military base, despite Army warnings that the platonic setups are full of pitfalls.

As women serve in greater numbers in the Army and in the same units as their male counterparts, "contract" or "convenience" marriages are multiplying. Typically, the military couple lives in legal matrimony off-post until discharge or reassignment, drawing the extra-quarters allowances allotted by the Army.

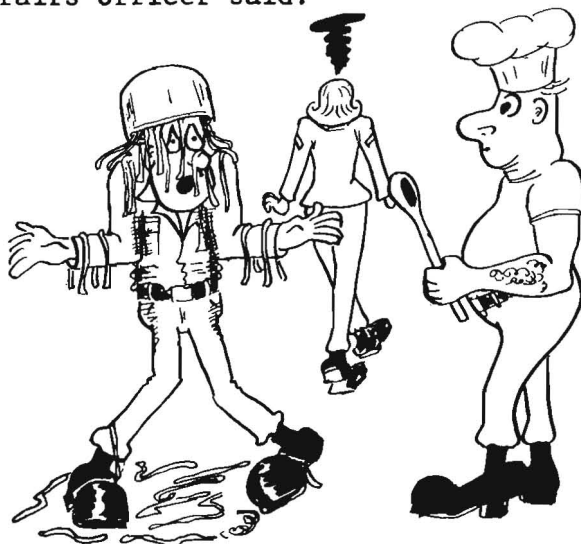
One soldier who went through a convenience marriage said he knew of five other such GI couples at Fort Benning. The private, who asked to be identified only as Jack, said his marriage didn't even last until his discharge date. The couple was divorced within nine months, partly the result of a dispute over marital fidelity.

Jack said he and his future wife, Linda, became friends after both were assigned to a medical detachment at the reservation outside Columbus.

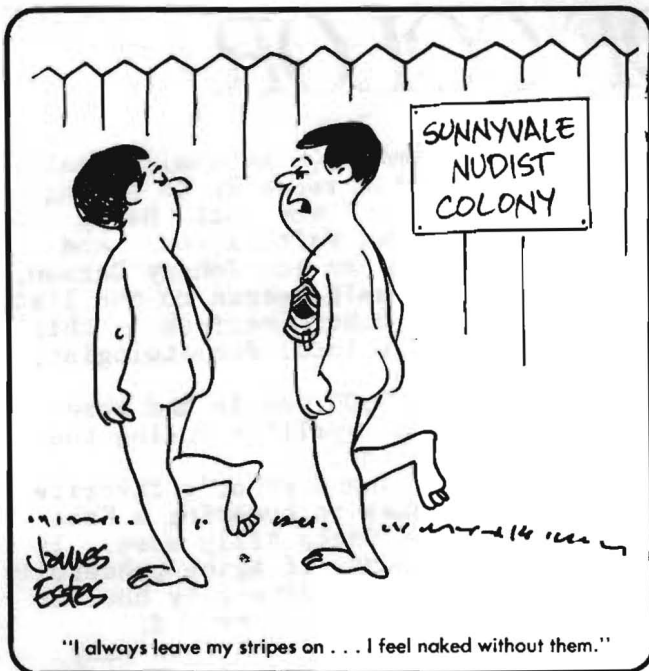
"We hit it off right on the spot," Jack said. "I needed money and she needed more money." He said he also had grown tired of the restrictions of barracks living.

By marrying and moving into a \$210-a-month apartment, the couple received about \$400 monthly on top of the base military pay each drew.

"Potentially they could be prosecuted for fraud, by taking a basic allowance for off-post quarters when there is no real intention to live with a spouse," Maj. Lou Thompson, a Benning legal affairs officer said.



"I only said that it was nice to see a woman in the kitchen for a change."



Hold onto your hats. Here we go again. Pearl Harbor day. This year it'll be the 40th. Who wants to go back? EUGENE B. LEW, (13th F 7/40-9/44), of 78 Victoria, Cheektowaga, N.Y., is itching to go. He says the PHSA boys are planning a trip through Fitzpatrick Travel, 8362 W. 3rd, Los Angeles 90048. It's been our observation that any travel bureau will plan such a trip on the drop of a hat. Anything for a buck. They plan it, usually pooling it with other agencies before they get through. But to get back to our reason for this item. Is there sufficient interest within our own group so that we can plan our own trip and the usual "kickbacks" can come to our own membership who make the trip rather than the travel agency involved. Let's hear it out there if you have a yen to go back 40 years after the fact. Think of it!!! 40 - 40 - 40 - WOW!!!



LEROY ATKINS who lives on Cape Cod proposes a convention on Cape Cod. Wouldn't you know? We reminded Ray that Cape Cod in mid-August is like going to the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. Still Roy, if you have a pitch, send it in and we'll print it. We'll print anybody's pitch. Which reminds us - KEN FENTNER wants another go for Niagara Falls in '82. We'll talk it up, Ken - next issue.



Megee's Words - from Life Member JERRY MEGEE that is - he's at 309 W. 145th, Riverdale, IL. Jerry's thought for the day is - and we love it: "It seems to me that we spend more time and money getting kids to and from school than we do teaching them anything while they're there." You're now retired from the railroad, Jerry, and you're gonna need all the time when the mail starts coming in. It seems that any "political thought" expressed in our pages evokes a comment or two from at least a few. But as we reason it, 'twould be a dull issue without provoking a little controversy.



Life Member #413 has just signed on. We say "Welcome to the Club" to EDWARD SHIRLEY, (24th Sig. '42-'45), of 14529 LaPorte, Midlothian, IL. In addition he told us about MORRIE KING, also of "The Signals," who is in Walnut Creek, Calif., and now Morrie's in. Thanks Ed! Hi, Morrie! Ed tells us about GENE DISHAM of Norman, Okla., another "lineman". Says all he has "is a phone # and the son of a gun is never home." Anyone know how we can entice Gene into our club?

TOUCHES OF COLOR

If you caught the BILL WATKINS reply on the JOHN BRADY affair - in this issue - and compared it with the PAUL KEATING reply, we are certain that you'll be amazed at the way in which the two versions complement each other. And of course, each was written without the knowledge that the other party was also writing. In fact, they arrived at our desk within 24 hours of each other. We're exceedingly grateful to Bill and Paul for taking the time to write as they did. And to think the events took place 37 years ago.



"Okay, Stretch, you get the floor. Shorty will take the ceiling."

Now one of the family - HENRY McCUMBIE, (19th '44-'46), of 4417 Poplar, Baltimore, Md. Hank's a supervisor with the B. Gas & Electric. We say "Welcome Henry and Elsa."

**All you need
for the perfect
vacation
is the perfect
place.**

**We've
got it!**

One of our members - he shall remain nameless - admitted recently to having had a facelift. And why not? Betty Ford had one. Bawa Walters too. And rumor is that you can add Johnny Carson, Cary Grant and Ronald Reagan to the list. Along with 45000 other Americans - this statistic from our local dermatologist, a friend.

He adds that 65000 people had nose jobs and 48000 had eyelifts during the last 12 months alone.

But we're our grandmother's favorite child when it comes to creating a Kate Hepburn chin or a Grace Kelly nose. It offends our own sense of aging gracefully and venerating facial diversity however wrinkled, lopsided and protruded.

Our pal medic reminds us that many people expect more of plastic surgery than is warranted -- an improved marriage, a promotion, a 22-year-old look on a 57-year-old puss, et al. He adds that at least 3 plastic surgeons have been shot by disappointed patients.

Anticipate that by 1999 - if we're around - plastic surgeons may be able to make everyone look like Candace Bergen or Robert Redford - ageless, seamless, blankly staring into time's dark abyss.

Following the route will mean never having to say you're sorry for your stick-out ears or your prune-like wrinkles. Wonderful thing about it will be that you'll never have to look as old as you might feel.

*Each person has
an obligation to seek truth
as best he understands it, and
to follow that truth wherever
it may lead him.*

Japan's Nissan Motor Co. planning a \$300 million truck assembly plant in Tenn. 1500 construction union members disrupted ground-breaking by the usual stone-throwing, the works. Up to now, the Nips have shied off because of fears that aggressive American unions will saddle them with high labor costs, poor quality work and disruptive strikes. What has happened now will certainly strengthen those fears. There's a deep message here.

The dates for our bash? Stouffer's St. Louis next August 13 - 16.

...tomorrow will be better.



We can thank BERT LOWRY for this one, though we don't know where he got it. It's Maj.Gen. FREDERICK IRVING (Div. Hq.), then "Supe" of West Point, and General of the Army DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, (3rd Eng.), at a '51 football game at the Academy.



New Life Member VIC GLOE (E 21st '45-'46), of New Florence, MO, brightened our day by plunking down \$100 to become Life Member 371 and by sending us the names of JOE COLBERT and BLAIR GARD as new members.



"Oh, hi, Daddy! Meet my new friend Jerry. Isn't it neat? Jerry's a general, too."

Members of the Division recently returned from California. Bypassing the glamour of Tinseltown and the bustle of Los Angeles, their flight ended at George Air Force Base. From there buses moved them to Fort Irwin in the upper Mojave Desert. There, nearly 2,500 combat arms and support soldiers took part in the 1st Brigade's MOJAVE VICTORY, a month and a half long exercise designed to train mechanized infantry units maneuver and operation tactics in a desert environment.

The major objective, according to the brigade's commander, Colonel Edwin S. Leland, was to hone the combined arms fighting force for combat in a desert terrain. In '79, he said, the brigade also took part in Exercise EMPIRE GLACIER where they received cold weather training at Fort Drum, N.Y.

"The principles applied to the employment of a mechanized force are universal," explains Leland. "The underlying doctrine appropriate in one part of the world is the same in another. How you deploy your troops depends on the environment."

In conjunction with the ongoing Army activity at Irwin, the Air Force held Operation Red Flag, a training exercise scheduled to provide mutual support for both services. Aircraft involved in the combined Army-Air Force exercises joined Division forces.

Fort Irwin is the largest Army post in the U.S. in terms of land mass. Three times larger than Fort Hood, Texas, it measures 1,000 square miles or 642,000 acres. The surrounding countryside looks like a giant sandbox dotted with sagebrush and creosote shrubs.

JOSEPH M. SILVA was a Chick when he was KIA on Aug. 19, 1950. His brother, Paul Peloquin, would like to hear from anyone who remembers Joe. Paul's at 68 Cleveland, Malden, Mass.

Just for the record, good BOB JOHNSON (19th '51; 34th '51; 21st '52-'53), of Somerville, MA, wants us to know that he lives on Whipple Street. Says he gets mail addressed WIMPLE, SHIPPLE, CHIPPLE or HIPPLE Streets. Too expensive to move, Bob; ride with it.

All Ye of Company K of the 34th in WW II. Jean Dunn of Rt. 3, Roxboro, NC 27573, daughter of PERRY FRANKLIN DUNN, wants to hear from you, especially anyone who may know the whereabouts of MODESTA B. DUNCAN, last known to be in Moore's Bridge, Ala.

ADDED SUNSHINE

Use this card NOW to take advantage of our special 40th anniversary offer - pay your dues, if due, and remain on our roster:

Dear Treasurer:

Okay, I'll do you a favor and renew for another year right now at the \$10 per annum rate (August 1st to August 1st).

☐ I enclose the \$10 (Bless you for saving us billing costs)

☐ Bill me later

☐ Sue me

☐ G T H !!!

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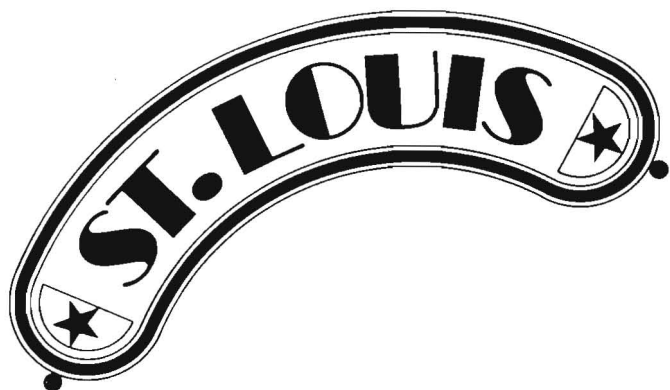
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JOHNNY KUREK, way out there at 1629 W.37th, Chicago. What unit were you in? Our record is incomplete.

Why, we didn't know that!! Sec/Def. Casper W. Weinberger was with the 41st Div. in WW II.

GUY SEE, (5th RCT, '51), of 683 S 2nd, Heath, Ohio, reminds us that, "Most freeways have 3 lanes; a left lane, a right lane, and the lane you're trapped in when it's your exit."



Can we help out BILL EARLEY? He's at 25 Kelly Rd., Hamden, CT 06518. Was in 26th AAA (AW) Bn. Anxious to hear from anyone who remembers his being wounded (right hand) or his being returned from the replacement depot with two frozen footsies. Sing out, one of you. Bill is desperate.



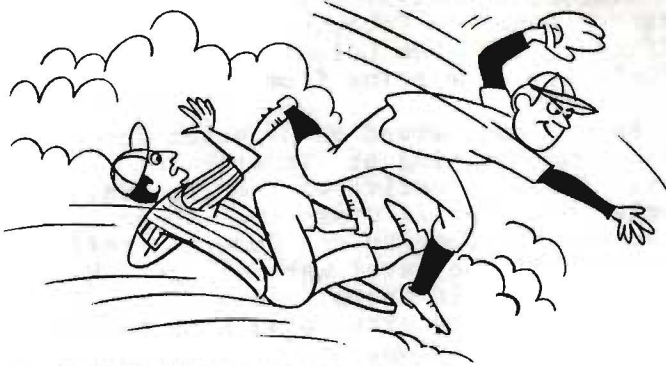
LEROY ATKINS has a word or two with the Editor about a M.A.S.H. item ye Editor had in a recent issue. Sayeth Leroy:

"I cannot agree at all with your remarks concerning M.A.S.H. I still watch it faithfully, along with considerable of the reruns, which are considerably better than some first run shows. Even with the loss of those people you named, the show still continues to receive Emmy's and Emmy Award Nominations. To me, Harry Morgan is well above McClean Stevenson, who never even received a nomination, as is Mike Farrell above Wayne Rogers, and David Ogden Stiers is a capable replacement for Larry Linville. I, too, bemoaned the leaving of Gary Burghoff as Radar, but, the show still goes on. The show, to me, depicts life as it was there during the war, at least as close as you can come. I cannot help but think that MacLean Stevenson, Wayne Rogers and Gary Burghoff would love to be back in the show, although they would probably deny it vehemently. After all, Rogers' show 'House Calls' survives only because it is on after M.A.S.H., and after two ill-fated shows Stevenson has faded into obscurity as has Burghoff, and Linville, where is he? I would love to see such stars as Billy Dailey, Marcia Wallace, Ronny Graham, etc. ingratiate into the show, or at least be given on and off guest shots. So, call off your shots, and go after something important."

Roy, when you get hot, you really zing. You don't even mention the fruitcake. We still think they should really section 8 him; that gag wears a little thin after 8 - 10 years. Don't you agree?

"A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, not with the wind."

John Neal



Pete Rose came closest to putting his finger on the real problem respecting skyrocketing players' salaries when he claimed that the situation got this way because the owners can't trust each other. He went on with: "If the 26 owners would sit down in a room and say they were going to quit giving all this big money, as soon as the door opened George Steinbrenner (Yankees owner) or Gene Autry (Angels owner) would be offering big money, longtime contracts to somebody. If one guy runs out of money, there's always another with tons of money and a big ego."



"I really do like the Army . . . Before I joined up, I was a hash-slinger. Now, I'm a 'culinary specialist'."

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO - all of those shiny silver balls perched atop pedestals that were stuck in thousands of front laws around the country? Likewise as to those cast iron flamingos?

John Blank lives in the same house with his son and grandson - both of them also named John after him. The other day, his daughter-in-law answered the phone. "Yes," she said, "they're all here. Which one do you wish to speak to? John the father, John the son, or John the holy terror?"



We say "Welcome to the Club" to JACK and Dorothy PENNINGTON, K 19th, '50-'51, 3522 St. James Rd., Baltimore, Md; HOWARD and Elsie LANAM, Sv. 19th, '47-'51, 5100 Collinsville, Rd. Fairmont City, IL; MARTIN and Evelyn MUSKE, B21st '42-'45, Rt. 3, LaMoure, ND.



A D/D directive requiring the services to discharge gays without regard to their military records has gained final approval. We give you this sans comment. The last time we had anything on the subject - it was an Anita Bryant gag line - and we received a couple of sassy letters.



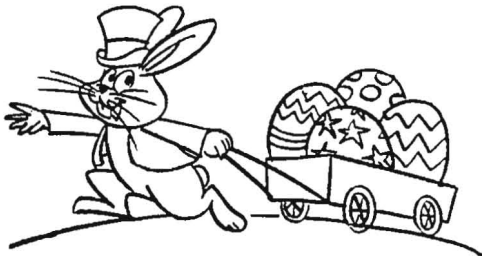
TOM KILFOYLE, Life Member 369, out there in Glendale, Ariz., wants us to try to reproduce this photo of the patch the Recon. boys made up in Japan. Tom was in the Recon. from '48 to '51. Anything for a Life Member. We'll try - and pray a lot. Don't blame us if it comes out all gray, Tom.



Do you recall the army's fatigue sweater of WW II? The one with the 5 button neck opening for ventilation and the high collar. L.L.Bean Inc., the famous Freeport, Maine mail order house, has them for sale. Olive drab color, of course. Or green. Or navy. Sizes Sm., Med., Large or X-Tra large. \$34.00 ppd. Identify as Item 1767M, Wool "Fatigue" Sweater.



In talking business by telecon the other evening with Prexy WALTER CUNNINGHAM, one or the other of us coughed, giving rise to this pithy comment from our president: "You know that's why I smoke. I smoke because it makes me cough, and that's the only exercise I get. I need the exercise." Told you you'd be proud of this buster.



It's Easter Time!!! HOWARD LUMSDEN has plans for a Midwest Rally & Membership Roundup at the Alton, Ill. VFW Post on April 25th. Details to follow.

Command of Division's 2nd Brigade changed hands on February 6th at the Officers Club when Colonel RONALD C. BECKER took the reins from Colonel JAMES E. SHELTON.

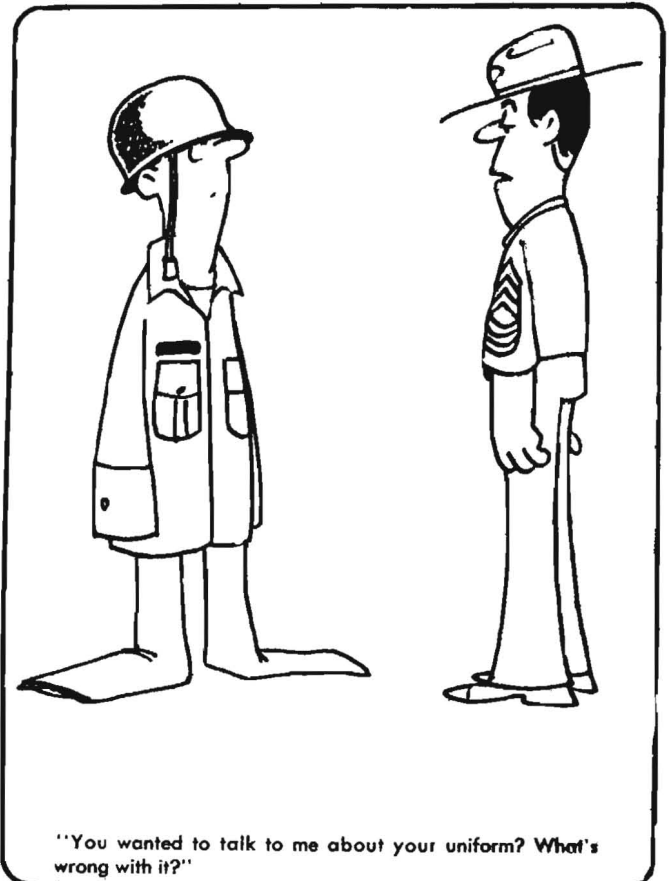
Becker had served as Director for Plans and Training at Stewart since April 1980. A native of Reading, Pa., Becker has over 22 years in. He has attended the Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College. He has had tours in Korea, Vietnam and Germany. Becker also holds a master's degree in education.

Shelton was 2nd Brigade commander since January 1979, and has been selected for promotion to brigadier general. He has left for his new position with the Headquarters of the Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk.

A man was dining in an expensive restaurant. The waiter came over and inquired. "How did you find your steak, sir?"

"Purely by accident: I moved the potatoes and the peas, and there it was."

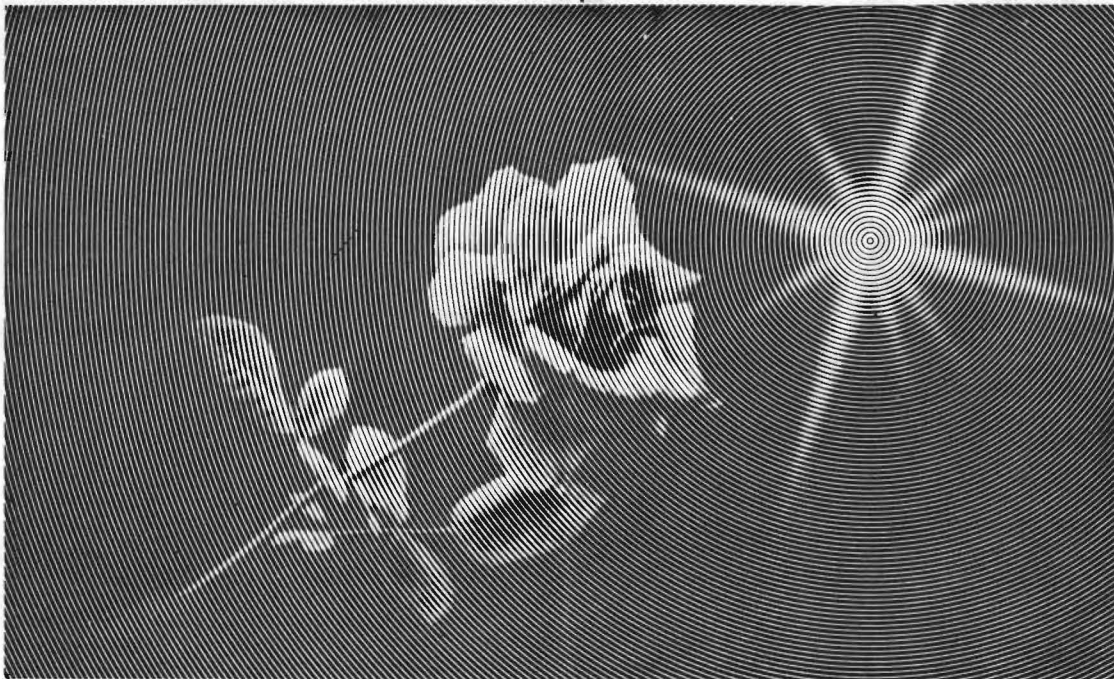
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO - the guy with the pony who came into the neighborhood every summer to take pictures of the kids?



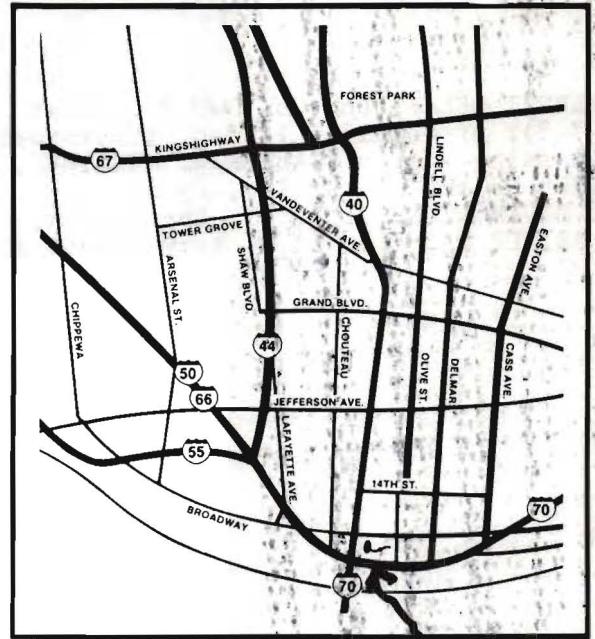
In Memoriam

ALBERT DELAY, (Hq.Co. 3rd Bn., 21st '41-'45), of Box 154, Tilden, IL., reports the passing away of WALTER W. WILLIAMS, of 1265 Helck, Louisville, Ky. , FRED LIVINGSTON, of Rt. 3, Ennis, Tex., and ARTHUR BAGWELL, of Hickory Point, TN.

JOE PEYTON, our Chaplain reports with regret the death of JACK NEDERFIELD's lovely wife Mildred last Dec. 6th. Jack's current address is #165-Route 1, Westfield, PA.



The dates for our bash? Stouffer's
St. Louis next August 13 - 16.



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