

# FIRST, THE BAD NEWS!!!

From the 7/14/80 issue of Newsweek, thoughtfully sent to us by NATHAN F. MCCALL, of New Castle, Pa.:

## 'We'd Have Problems'

*Along with the famed 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne, the Army's 24th Infantry (Mechanized) is training for a spearhead role in the Rapid Deployment Force. Last week, NEWSWEEK'S Ron Labrecque watched tanks and men of the 24th at Fort Stewart, Ga., and filed this report:*

In the cool of the morning, 300 young soldiers awaited the helicopters that would ferry them to a wooded landing zone—the starting point of a 15-mile training hike. “How long is this march gonna take?” one of them drawled. “They gonna have a van along the way? I know I’m gonna fall out.” A buddy snapped sarcastically: “They gonna have two Dobermans, two rattlesnakes and two alligators for anybody who drops out.” When the choppers arrived, the soldiers dashed out to them awkwardly, and some were knocked off balance by the prop wash of the rotor blades. Lt. Col. Gary Woodham, a 41-year-old Vietnam veteran, watched critically. “Right now,” he admitted, “we’d have some problems if we were called up.”

The 24th Mechanized may be the weakest link in the RDF, but its problems can be found throughout the volunteer Army, and they raise serious questions about America’s ability to fight. Shortages of equipment and maintenance failures plague all branches of the armed forces. In a readiness test last week, only 23 of the 66 F-15 fighters at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia were found fit to fly combat missions; faulty equipment and inexperienced crews were held to blame. Some technical breakdowns are hair-raising. Twice last month, U.S. strategic nuclear forces were scrambled when an air-defense computer malfunctioned and gave a false alarm of a Soviet missile attack.

**Gene Soft:** Nearly 43 per cent of the current crop of recruits are in the lowest mental category the Army will accept, and only 38 per cent of the Army’s male recruits are high-school graduates. In some elite units, such as the 82nd Airborne, a gung-ho spirit prevails. But officers and noncoms at Fort Stewart speak candidly of their outfit’s limitations. “Our company ranges from the intelligent to the illiterate,”

says Capt. Douglas Terrell, a Texas A&M graduate. Like many other officers, he believes the Army has gone soft. “Not many people want to spend five days out here in the rain,” Terrell says. “In Europe, it’s easy to instill pride; on the border they can see the enemy. In the States, they see McDougal’s.”

Some of the 24th’s shortcomings were all too obvious at a proficiency-testing site I visited. There were about 30 different tests, ranging from field-stripping of weapons to identification of friendly and enemy tanks. Only a few seemed to be doing very well. At the radio-testing tent, one young soldier was told to relay a message about an “enemy” tank position. He could barely read the printed message. At another post, ten photographs of U.S. and Soviet armored vehicles were on display. Anyone who had studied them in the handbook could easily have told them apart. Few soldiers I saw could do so. “They kind of think of this as a milk-and-cookies affair—so just a game,” complained Sgt. Louis Netterville. “They know they’re not being fired at.”

**Tank Warfare:** When it comes to tank warfare, however, the 24th is in its element. At a live-firing exercise, a battalion of M-60A-1 tanks maneuvered for hours in the hot Georgia sun and staged a deafening show of strength. It was the unit’s first full-scale live-firing exercise, and Lt. Col. Douglas Rogers, 39, the commander, had some explicit orders for his men. “I don’t want 1,000-round bursts from the machine guns,” he barked, stabbing the air with a hunting knife. “That’s the main lesson you will learn today: how much ammo it takes to do a simple job.”

When the “battle” was over, Rogers assembled his men and read them out like a coach. The helicopter gunships had shot well but hovered too long. “I think you guys would have been dead,” he said. “We went to war today. But we took some casualties. We’d be lucky if we came back with 50 or 60 per cent. Those aren’t good odds.”

Later, driving back to headquarters in an open jeep, Rogers sipped a Coke and said he was satisfied. But he conceded there was plenty of room for improvement before Oct. 1, the division’s target date for completion of RDF training. How would his men do in actual combat? They would do OK, he said—with a little luck, a downhill slope and the wind at our back.

Live firing at Fort Stewart: Can they get it right?

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## AND NOW

### FOR THE GOOD NEWS!!!

We, the 24th Division "alumni" are congregating at Irvine, Cal. next Oct. 11th.

Myrna Loy of "Thin Man" fame says: "Nobody has to tell me about middle age. That's when the director tells you to pull in your stomach - and you already have."

JOHN and Gladis RUSSELL (A21st '48-'50), of R4, Bellfontaine, Ohio, asks when that History is coming out. Soon, good friends, soon!!!

One who promises to be with us at Irvine is Lt.Col. EDWARD J. VOSO (D 21st '39-'42), of Terrace Mobile Homes, 1815 Sweetwater, Spring Valley, Cal. Looking forward to it, Ed.

Is it reproduction furniture you want? Try RAYMOND GUNN, (G & H 21st '51-'53; Div. Hq. '59-'63), of 2501 Piedmont, Marietta, Ga. Ray in joining reports, "Visited Stewart in June. Very enjoyable time." We wonder, Ray, if you caught Newsweek's very unflattering piece.

It's retirement for Lt.Gen. WILLIAM B. CALDWELL, III. Leaving his last command, Fifth Army at Ft.Sam, Bill now languishes at 7200 Warm Springs, Ga. Happy retirement days is our wish for this fine gentleman.

Our good friend HARRY ROBIN met his good friend RAY GUNN and now good friend Ray is our good friend and fellow member of this Assoc. Ray's at 2501 Piedmont, Marietta, Ga. He had 2 hitches with us - one in Japan and Korea and one in Germany.

Col. JIM OGLETREE, (Div. QM '47-'50), of 1007 Jackson, Tahlequah, Okla. - where, Jim? - wrote the Editor of the Muskogee - where, Jim? - Daily Phoenix, and unloaded something off his chest. Jim asked us to reprint it and we do, gladly:

"I watched the recent return of one of our Iranian hostages with shame and humiliation. It was the same shame and humiliation that I felt when I saw our Vietnam Veterans being returned home 'through the back door' and bearing all of the stigma of defeat! A total of 2,700,000 American soldiers served; 300,000 were wounded; 75,000 were disabled; 57,000 died! Now some Americans are trying to build a Memorial to these loyal American soldiers. It will be near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Congress has agreed to provide the land for this Memorial, but the cost of erecting the Memorial must be paid with contributions from Americans who feel that we owe this little to these dedicated patriots. Contributions are tax-deductible. Twenty dollars will inscribe the name of one Vietnam Veteran who gave his life in service to you and your country. The smallest contribution should at least be as much as the price of admission to a Jane Fonda movie! Please send contributions to: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. P.O.Box 37240, Washington, D.C. 20013."

In the name of the Association, Jim, we sent a contribution. You don't have to hit us over the head with a shovel.

Back in the fold once again is JACOB PAVLIK, (M19th '41-'45) of 26 Mason, Exeter, Pa. Said Jake: "It's been a long time. Great to read Taro Leaf again. Say Hi to all of those great men of M of the 19th for me." We did, Jake. By the way, Jake is back in, thanks to the prodding of ALEX BRONSBURG, (C 3rd Eng.) of 76 Lackawanna, Swoyersville, Pa.

If you are sending in names and addresses of old pals whom we might write reference joining our little club, please don't bother if the addresses are of 1945 or 1950 vintage. We are spinning our wheels and wasting money which is only going to the beloved postal service. Those chaps are perfectly capable of screwing up the mails by themselves. Let's us not compound the felony by writing letters to guys you haven't heard from in 35 years. It's all an exercise in futility. Besides it's raising Cain with the old arthritis. O.K.?

In one square mile of Waikiki, there are 102 hotels. Mahalo!!

Friendship - and that's the name of the game we play here in this Assoc. We can't define it, but we all recognize it, and treasure it, as we did recently in the case of Anwar Sadat and the late Shah. Sadat stood 10 feet tall as he stood by in his friendship for the Shah as he was laid to his rest. Pitiful that no formal representation was made by any other country, including our own. We looked more than a trifle petty and, as usual, extremely unreliable as allies. Shocking that the only chaps willing to attend the services were outcasts like a former king of Greece and a former president of the U.S. We would hate for our funeral to resemble a lampoon of a loser's class reunion. Politics hardly makes foul-weather friends. Jimmy Carter came out of it looking bad. What else is new?

We're printing this for JIM ERWIN (A,M21st '50-'51), of Box 608, Marongo Valley, Calif. Jim wrote it and we're using it just as he wrote it:

"Dear Gimlet 1st Bn 21st,

You with a Big A. You know, the one that got hit May 1951 - Bullet went in one cheek and split the other. And left a good medic with a hole in his helmet, and still laughing at the sight, I saw when I came to - O, How I would like to know your name - Help, anyone know him?

James Erwin"

Today's Fascinating Fact: Jimmy Carter is the first President born in a hospital.

All 38 previous Presidents were born "at home."

That explains it.

Col. BILL BIGGERSTAFF (34th & 19th and Div. AG '41-'43), of St. Petersburg, Fla., promised to make our next gathering. Says he's divesting himself of several pesky "committees and things" and will surely be among those present next time we meet. That's good news, Billy.

"Goodbye, Darkness" is William Manchester's "Memoir of the Pacific War".

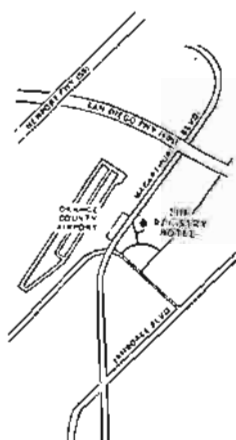
He had been there before, as a young marine in the Pacific in World War II. He went there again, more than 30 years later, to recapture, verify and analyze what he had learned in an experience that had continued to haunt his life. He is William Manchester, a first-rate writer, as his biography of Douglas MacArthur (American Caesar) and his other books have attested, and this memoir is a masterpiece of its kind.

It's a memoir, he stresses, and not a history. But it has the quality of an epic, covering the full sweep of action in the Pacific as the fighting man saw it and lived it - from the Philippines and New Guinea to Iwo Jima and, finally, Okinawa. Manchester writes with the eye and ear of a skilled military historian, describing the battles in absorbing detail.

But he has also written an intensely personal book. Manchester not only distills his own experiences on the battlefield; like a good novelist, he brings to life a rich gallery of people.

What James Jones did so well in fiction, evoking the character of men at war in their strength and in their vulnerability, Manchester has achieved here in the literature of fact.

Read it if you can.



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JOHN MACNIDER, of 3301 Yorba Linda, Fullerton, Cal., wrote in:

"Have been procrastinating on checking on the Association for years. It's about time I got on the stick. I saw your address in the legion magazine.

"Would you please let me know what the yearly dues are and if there is a history, or histories of the 24th covering the Korean War, where they can be obtained.

"It doesn't really seem that it has been thirty years almost to the day since I joined HV MORT CO. 19th above the Nakdong River. I was a squad leader and F.O.

"During our part in the Pusan Perimeter defense, I was evacuated to Japan, rejoining the rest in North Korea the day after Thanksgiving.

"Right off the top of my head, the names I can recall are Capt. Crozier, Lt. Tankersley (Class of '50 West Point), Sgt. Lev, and Hildebrandt who always seemed to be my unlucky radio opr. Col. Ned Moore, Regt'l.C.O., also happened to have been chief of staff from my 4W II outfit (101 ABN)

"Retired in '64 as a M Sgt and in '65 during the buildup in Vietnam I took a military leave of absence from my job with the State of Arizona and returned to active duty. The Army, in their infinite wisdom, sent me back for another tour in Korea so I was there again from '65-'66. I returned to the Retired list in '67.

"I moved to California in June of '70 and have been here since.

"Hope you can put me in touch with some of my former buddies".

Good letter, John. By the way, John is now a member.

Lt.Col. GEORGE "Bob" SCOTT (Hq. Co. 34th '42-'45), of 3001 N 43rd, Waco, Tex., wants to be sure we received his contributions for the History. We did, Bob; they'll be included.

Ft.Stewart/Hunter AAF,Ga. June 26: Soldier from E Co., 3rd Eng. Bn. directs CH 54 skycrane helicopter into position on the Ogeechee River with a 22 foot bay of ribbon bridge. (U.S.Army photograph by Eric Hulsizer)



A word on aging from Bette Davis: "Old age is just something where you wake up one morning and suddenly - you've got it."

Change of address: ROY L. FROST (4129 Elmwood Drive, Apt.#6), from Topeka, Kans. to 18 Chapel, Bella Vista, Ark.

Note from LEW RICHTIGER who joined I 34th on Leyte as a Lt. was with PAUL CAIN on Corregidor. Then became 3rd Bn S-2 with "Bugeye" WILLETT on Mindoro and Mindanao. Rick wants to be remembered to PAUL CAIN, DICK SEAVER, SAM SCHNEIDERMAN and JACKIE SCHOLLER.

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Ft. Stewart/Hunter AAF, Ga., June 26: 3rd Ebg. Bn. Echo Company (Float Bridge) held their training exercise at Kings Ferry, Richmond Hill on Tuesday. Echo Company put together their ribbon bridge on the Ogeechee River.



Seven sections or bays of the bridge were airlifted to Kings Ferry from Ft. Stewart with two CH 54 sky crane helicopters from the 1160th Georgia Army National Guard. After these 22 foot bays were dropped into the river, members of Echo Company with the use of bridge erection (power) boats maneuvered the bays into position to make a raft or bridge.



Some bays of the bridge were brought to Kings Ferry by bridge transporters (truck). The transporters were backed part-way into the river. As each bay was released from the transporter it automatically opened into a raft. These bays were maneuvered into position by boat and hooked together to make a raft.



The raft was backed up to the river bank where a 25 ton low boy with a bulldozer was driven onto the raft along with a bridge transporter. The raft was then moved out into the river. The raft has the capability of being maneuvered across the river with vehicles loaded on it.

We are in receipt of a letter from a young lady in Tacloban. We'll not use her name nor will we use the name of the Lieutenant whom she identifies (he's not on our records, incidentally, but he may be one of ours. Anyone interested in more information can contact the Editor. The letter went, and we give it to you as the young lady, who signs herself as a "Miss", wrote it:

"It might surprise you to receive a letter from a stranger far across the sea. You know Sir, I happened to know your name as the Editor in the 'Taro Leaf'. I am glad to know that you welcome inquiries regarding old buddies who have not been heard since the end of World War II.

"Well, I am referring to a man named Lt. ----- (-----) ----- and just like you he is a US World War II Veteran who was here in the Philippines during the Liberation time. It so happened that I am his daughter, a souvenir of war. Unluckily, my mother died when I was young and sad to say I could only recall a very shallow information about my father. What I only know is his name and his headquarter while still in the Phils. and that was in "PAWING-PALO, LEYTE". Sad to say again that all my efforts in search for him were all a failure due to lack of information. Just a few weeks ago, I have received a reply from the US Army Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri, requesting me to accomplish a form for further information about my father and that's why I had to research from magazines or from any source that may lead to an information about him.

"Sir, if it would not be of great disturbance on your part, please help me regarding this matter. I would be very grateful for whatever favor you could give me.

"May I extend my thanks for reading this letter and please may I hear from you soon."

We have answered simply that we would try to help her. How far beyond this we go will be controlled by the nature of the response we receive, if any.

As the monarch in "The Kind and I" was given to saying, "Is a puzzlement". The puzzle now is, simply stated, "Who knows that JOHN BOLES (D 21st '44-'45) had malaria and a back injury at Sarangani?" Johnny says he's been fighting the VA for 25 years and is "tired". He has had a heart attack and is now totally disabled. He's at 4111 NW 37th, Miami, Fla., in case you can help him. The whole thing is a puzzlement.

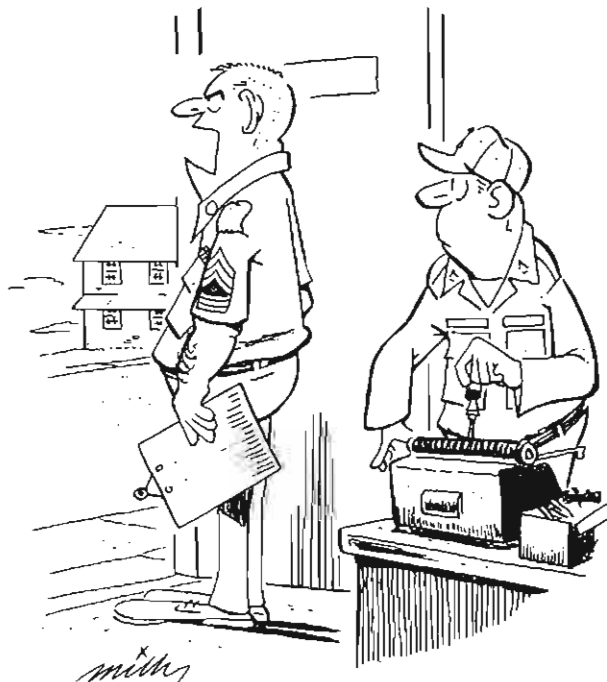
What Russia needs is a Ralph Nader - someone to recall the defectors.

The 9th Infantry Division Association struck paydirt at their Washington reunion last July. They were visited by the President who came over to their hotel to award their Lt. Col. Matt Urban the Medal of Honor. Urban had been recommended for the award in '45 but - you've got it - Army lost the papers. Urban only heard about the recommendation in '78 and made inquiry. Investigation revealed the record and the President decided to make the award. Normally recommendations must be made within two years of the action. In this case, the events occurred in the summer of '44 in France. The press gave no coverage to the problem of how and why things got screwed up.

Jim and Patricia SEBRING (24M. Tk. Bn 7/51-1/52) are at 1316 Omaha, Bel efontaine, Ohio. They have a restaurant there so if you're ever passing through and are in the mood for a chicken divan, drop in! Says Jim: "Did you know that Macy's has more employees than the tiny African nation of Nauru has citizens? And Nauru, with 6700 people, has the same voting power in the U.S. as China or Russia or the USA." Adds Jim, "Maybe Macy's ought to join the United Nations."

FRANK REIMEL, (134th '42-'45), of 59 High, Montrose, Pa., is trying to get the word out to all Love men of the 34th that they're meeting Oct. 3 and 4 at Great Bend, Pa.

A quick quip from Suzanne Somers who says: "Hindsight is what a woman should have before wearing jeans."



"That's the trouble with the personnel in this battery: No moving parts!"

BOB JOHNSON spotted an item in the DAV magazine reading:

"Korea, 1950: Roy B. Miller, 630 N. Miller Ave., Statesville, N.C. 28677, would like to hear from Capt. Johnson or anyone who was with Co.K, 19th Regt., 24th Div., who remembers him being wounded on Hill 300.

We're running the item, too, for ROY MILLER.

The Pentagon was so high on "The Big Red One", Lee Marvin's WW II thriller, that it offered to send a battalion of the 1st Inf. to march at Cannes to publicize the movie. Plans were going great when the French government butted in with "We don't want any uniformed American troops marching on French soil." Funny, they weren't saying that 40 years ago.

J.W. "Bill" TRULUCK, (19th '42-'45), of Box 4539, Florence, S.C.) sends in a little donation, gratefully acknowledged. He tells us that at his 40th Clemson reunion he saw THOMAS C. "Buck" BREAZEAL and J.B. JONES. Bill was CO of M Co., and EO of the 3rd Bn., 19th. Buck was CO of Tank Co. and J.B. was 3rd Bn S3 and then 3rd Bn CO before he moved up to Div. Hqs. "Great reunion" reports Bill.

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TOM UPTON caught our obit in a recent issue on HARRY JONES and wrote that it reminded him of a story and then thankfully proceeded to set it to paper for all of us. It went:

"Harry Lee Jones was a Lieutenant in those days. I was his tentmate then. Back in Camp Caves in Australia. I kept telling the guy 'something big is going on, Jonesie'. I'd say, 'something real big, and you and I, clobber, we're missing it'. But he paid me no mind. Jonesie seldom did. He'd keep doing what he had to do, saying, 'I tell you, Uppy, we're going to have the only one in this whole U.S. of A. Army; not another one, I tell you.' And he'd keep doing what he had to do. And I kept cheering him on, yet all the time knowing full well that we were missing something, something big, real big - like a war, or something. But, you know, maybe we did miss it, whatever it was, and maybe we'll regret it. But one thing we didn't miss, by god. We had, Jonesie and I, the only GLASS FLOOR TENT in the whole U.S. of A. Army, we did! Or maybe it was the time we built the only BEER AND WINE COOLING CAVE in the 110° Rockhampton sun, alongside and underneath the beautiful glass floor! Or maybe it was another of our whole-some projects. Anyway, it was a lovely war, what I remember of it." Wonderful story, Tom, as only you could write it.

Final payment on his Life Membership in from DON CLARK, (B 19th '51-'52), of 78 Draper, Warner Robins, Ga. Thanks, Don. Don, by the way, wants us to explain the plan in these pages - it's pay \$20.00 a year for each of 5 years - \$100.00 in all - and bingo, you're a Life Member. Good suggestion, Don. We did it, sec.



Fascinating letter in from Maj. Gen. NED D. MOORE, USA Ret., now at 3239 Juniper Lane, Falls Church, Va. We give it to you in full:

"Maybe you have this - if not, I hope that you can use it.

"In the fall of 1950 I sent an officer from Korea to Japan to get Xmas cards for every man in the outfit. The foldable kind so that they could write a letter on it. I was getting letters that the folks at home were not hearing from their soldiers. This was understandable since we were rarely out of action.

"One card got sent to someone at Life Magazine with the enclosed result on the editorial page on Feb. 5, 1951."

With the letter came this item, from the editorial page of the Feb. 5, 1951 issue of Life Magazine.

A quick one-liner from the Great One, Jackie Gleason, who says: "My idea of exercise is to eat faster."



Brig. Gen. HENRY DOCTOR, JR. (right) left Fort Stewart for his new assignment as Director of Personnel Training and Forces Development, U.S. Army Material Development and Readiness Command, in Alexandria, Va. On June 2nd, he left his position as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuvers) of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), which he assumed in June, 1979. Brig. Gen. GEORGE R. STOTSER (left) replaced Doctor as ADC.

## EDITORIALS



### A CARD FROM KOREA

The card was from Korea, and it was late in arriving. On the outside was the regimental shield and identification pictured above. A simple lay-out inside conveyed "best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - From the Officers and Men of the Nineteenth Infantry." In reply we cannot very well wish the officers and men of the 19th Regiment a happy 1951, for we know they are not going to have a happy year. Not a happy start of the year, anyhow. They are going to have more fighting, and killing and dying for their country. And they are going to have it without much thanks from their country or notice in the press. This is the kind of Regular Army outfit which gets the mean jobs, and little else beside. Just a so-so outfit with a homespun sort of fellow (Colonel Ned Monte of Guthrie Center, Iowa) for a commander. The 19th has been getting mean jobs since the first week of the war, and not many of the men and officers who first went into battle are left now. No, there isn't much to say about us to the 19th Regiment. Except this, from the heart—God bless you and keep you. Others may win the laurels. You win the wars.





Out of Salem, N.H., comes word from WALTER CHORLEY, (19th). He's at 14 Spring St. He and the little lady are the parents of 4 and grandparents to Jason, 10, and Kara, 6. Son, Richard, shown here, is with the you-know-what, stationed at Brunswick, Maine, Naval Air Station.

GERALD STEVENSON, (24th MP & Div.Hq. '40-'44) tells us he and Belle are very romantic. Says, "We won't ever argue except by candlelight."

GRANT AGNE of Box 251, Newport, N.Y. heard about our Assoc., and wrote us, saying:

"I served with the Division in Korea at the outbreak of the conflict, and was told by my company clerk that they were drawing up a Division history. I did not pay any money to him, but the clerk took my name and address and said it probably wouldn't be done for some time and that we would be notified when it was ready for publication. There were quite a few signed up. I've never received any notice, but just lately I found the address of the Division and wrote them at Fort Stewart. The Public Affairs Officer, Clarence S. Sanders gave me your address to see if you could help me out. There was also a short movie made called 'The First Forty Days' which had shots of the 34th Division. I think the Government banned it from being shown in the U.S. for a time."

Of course we answered Grant saying that we'd had so many letters about that history - "Danger Forward" - which went to press in 1954 and shortly became "out of print" that we are incorporating it, lock, stock and barrel into our own history to be published as soon as your Editor can finish it. As to the film, that's a new one on us; we'll try to run that rumor down and will get back on it.

Help! Help! Help! ROLLAND PIERRE of 2801 East 16th, Indianapolis, Ind. writes: "I have a great need to get in touch with any 'Personnel' - especially 'Officers' who were with HQs Co. - 1st Batt., 21st Inf. on Oct. 15, 1951. My name at that time was CPL. ROLLAND LEE PUYEAR, US 55 111 431 US 55 111 431. I had the name legally changed for 'personal' reasons in January of '62."

There you are, Rolland. About changing from Puyear to Pierre, we don't know as we blame you. Hope you get a response on your plea for help?



A word from Billy Graham, who says: "I wonder what today's younger generation will be able to tell their children they did without?"



Meet a Beppu trio - all Able of the 19th men. Look as though they'd just been parboiled in the hot springs, don't they? Front row - left HAROLD DE CHIARA (Canton, Ohio) and MANUEL ALVARADO (Seaside, Cal. - who supplied the picture) and back row, left and right, RICHARD DALL (New York, N.Y.). The time? - circa '48.

An elderly couple go down to the old schoolhouse on their 50th wedding anniversary to recall the days when they were childhood sweethearts. They look at the little old desk where he carved her initials and where he used to put her hair in the inkwell. On their way home, a Federal Reserve truck races down the street and money falls out. The woman picks up the money, but the truck keeps going. The husband says, "Give it back." She says, "Finders keepers." The next day two FBI men show up at the house. "Did anyone here find money that fell off a Federal Reserve truck?" one asks. The wife says no. But the husband says, "She lying. She found the money - it's upstairs." She says, "He's senile - don't mind him." They say to the husband, "Tell us the story from the beginning." He says, "My wife and I were coming home from school..." One FBI man says to the other, "Let's get out of here!"

ELLIS H. REED, (F 19th '50-'52), of 806 Morris Turnpike, Short Hills, N.J., is trying to locate his buddy, RAYMOND W. ROUX. Any ideas?

JOE CALDWELL, (D 24th Med. 10/44-7/45), of 3 A McBee Apts., Greenville, S.C. Wrote the DAV Magazine about his old Division and they put him in touch with BOB JOHNSON (19, B4 & 21 3/51 - 12/53) of 24 Whipple, Somerville, MA, who put him in touch with us. You guessed it; Joe's now a member.

A surprise for DELMAR BERRESFORD, (F 19th '41-'45) of 428 Insurance, Beaver, Pa. Good wife Shirley gifted Del with a Life Membership for "sometime between our 35th wedding anniversary in January and his birthday in March". How's that for faithfulness?

Ernie Berry, Pasadena, Cal., defines a perpetual bachelor as "a guy whose romances all go off without a hitch."



"I threw a grenade into the air; it fell to earth I know not where."



"It's never too late", says HOWARD J. CULLINS, (D 3rd Eng. '50-'51), of 2104 Moss, North Little Rock, Ark. Last June 17th, Howie upped and married Mary (he didn't give us Mary's last name - anyway you're Mary Cullins now, Mary - and that's good enough for us). You both have the warm good wishes of each of us. That's Howie's brother Al on the left. He came all the way over from Houston to be Howie's best man. Even though a groom, Howie finds time to ask, "Anyone know whereabouts of PHIL BRAGG, an Indiana boy?"

The Putdown of the Year award goes posthumously to Tallulah Bankhead, who once asked arch-rival Bette Davis: "Daaaaahling, if you ever become a mother, may I have one of your puppies?"

One Edwin Marsh had an item in the American Legion mag that he was looking for men of Co.M 34th during '42-'44. We responded. It develops that it wasn't Ed but his brother. He doesn't name his brother who was KIA on 11-17-44 on Leyte. Can't understand why the brother's name has to remain such a secret. We're working on it. Stay tuned.

101st A/B Div. Assoc. has over 3500 members.

Down in Kitty Hawk, N.C., there's a club calling itself "Man Will Never Fly Society." It's a group dedicated to the motto, "Birds fly; men drink". They insist that powered flight is impossible and meet once a year on the Dec. 17th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight to do what they do best - drink.

As the little old winemaker used to grumble, "If I've told you once, I've told you two onces." Perhaps we did mention earlier that the 12th Arm'd. Div. Assoc. has 3714 members, up 1020 from a year earlier. What are they doing that we're not doing?

"If you don't think about the future, you cannot have one." (Galsworthy)

We can't give over all the fun space to Rodney Dangerfield. Henny Youngman has to get a break too. Try these:

My grandson, 22 years old, keeps complaining about headaches. I've told him 1000 times, "Larry, when you get out of bed, it's feet first."

My grandson was so ugly when he was born, the doctor slapped his mother.

A doctor gave a man six months to live...he couldn't pay his bill... so the doctor gave him another six months.

My wife Sadie just had plastic surgery - I cut up her credit cards.

My wife is a light eater. As soon as it's light, she starts eating.

Like clockwork, TOM RHEM (B 34th '44-'45), of 3451 Carnes, Memphis, Tenn., sends in his \$10 for his annual dues. Thanks Tom. Doing it this way, automatic-like, saves us the expense and time involved in sending out notices.

PAUL FRASER, (52 F '41-'44), of 20427 Mainline, Bend, Ore., thoughtfully sent along news of the passing of FRANK SAYRS, (19th '42-'45). Said Paul, "Frank was loved by all those privileged to know him."

Nice words and deeds from AL FASSBENDER, (M 19th '41-'42), of Box 134, Ulster Park, N.Y. He gave us a pat on the back for our efforts but more importantly, he sent a few extra \$ along with his dues to help meet these ----- expenses. Thank you, Al.

Col. SYDNEY SOGARD, (Div.Hq. '48-'51) of 3980 Commander, Columbus, Ga., writes: "Noted in the last 'Taro Leaf' where SHORTY ESTABROOK questioned the stars on the 19th Sig. Crest. So I will stick my nose in and offer what I have in my records. The 19th Chicks participated in four (4) wars:

1. Civil War
2. War with Spain (Puerto Rico)
3. WW II (24th Div. in Pacific)
4. Korean War

They were called upon to serve with the 18th Div. However the war ended before they could get into it. This was WW I.

Thanks, Syd, for sticking your nose into it. The more the merrier.

Now joined: JOE BELONOS, (B 19th '40-'43), of 64 Brownell, Providence, R.I. Joe's a Lifer in the PH Survivors Group.

ELMER and Margaret PETERSON (I 19th & C 21st '40-'42), of 741 N. 96th, Seattle, Wash., sent along these two pictures.



It's the late Col. RAY MARCY, whose obituary appears in this issue and Elmer at Ray's home in Sequim. Elmer by the way was bugler of the guard on that Dec. 7th morning.



It's Elmer, Jerri Marcy, Margaret Peterson, and Ray. Elmer wants these pictures back so we've gotta be careful.



CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE is the inspirational genius who contrived the idea of a west coast gathering of "old" Taro Leafers - of WW II or Korea vintage or way spots in between. Reach him at #6 Cattail Lane, Irvine, Cal., if you want more info. Bud's with Pacific Tel., but we ask that you not call him collect. Bud himself was with the 5th RCT in '51 and '52, but he asks us to stress that this get-together is for everyone who ever wore the Taro Leaf.

It'll be nothing earth-shattering as a convention - rather it'll be just a quiet, subdued, and peaceful meeting where old friends will gather for a chance to rehash old times with a bit of elbow-bending on the side.

The days are dwindling down. Be sure to save this particular occasion for a chance to be with some old buddies once more.



Writes RAY HARDI, another G of the 21st man, from 10288 Dacey, St. Louis, Mo.: "I saw your item on our friend, Fred L. Gray, who applied for a Combat Infantryman's Badge. Tell him not to feel too bad because I had the same problem. When I was in the hospital in the Philippines, I was given the Purple Heart and awarded the Bronze Star, which they did not have. I was never given the Combat Inf. Badge by the Army and always wanted it. A few years ago, "Spike" O'DONNELL talked me into asking for it. Letters went back and forth between the Record Center and me. To make a long story short, they sent me the Bronze Star but said I was not entitled to the Combat Inf. Badge. How you can be wounded in combat and have the Purple Heart and can't get the badge beats me."

An obsequious fan kept interrupting Dean Martin's drinking. For the first 10 minutes he was only a pest. After that he became annoying. Finally, he said, "I think you're the greatest - what else can I say?" Dean suggested, "You can say goodbye"...Dean says, "It was a woman who drove me to drink - and I never even thanked her."



From LOU and Eileen BROWN, (B & Sv. 34th '40-'44), of 205 W. Delaware, Vinita, Okla., comes this one of son Gary, in-law Audrey and grand boy Gregory. Of course the grandfolks are right proud. Better still, Gary at 27 has just become one of the Chase Manhattan's youngest V.P.'s. Nice going, all.

June 6th went by in our local papers without so much as a mention of D-Day.

A word on aging from Lauren Bacall, who says: "The really frightening thing about middle age is the knowledge that you'll eventually outgrow it."

Henny Youngman says: "I didn't report the loss of my credit cards, because whoever stole them was spending less than my wife."

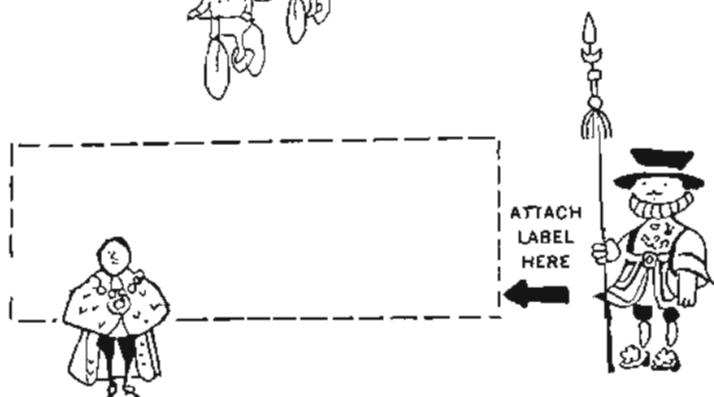


Good grief! Talk about overkill: Hollywood is now working on 4 different films on the life of MacArthur.

Bachelor: a fellow who believes he is entitled to life, liberty and the happiness of pursuit.

Gossip: letting the chat out of the bag.

## MOVING?



**Don't forget to notify us if  
you're changing your address!**

We hope you will RUN - NOT WALK - to the Registry Hotel in Irvine, Calif. come next Saturday, October 11th - Friday, Oct. 10th if you run the day before.

Put on your New Balances, Nikes, or Adidas, or even your highheeled sneakers and dash over to The Registry for the appointed hour. They are open and are extremely enthusiastic about welcoming you to their exciting hotel.

Should you be in training for your next Marathon, their restaurant will be open, ideal for carbo-loading.

Plenty of room on the outside for your own jogging track for your daily aerobics.

If it's rest and relaxation that you want, the sleeping accommodations are comfortable, spacious and graciously appointed with unique touches of southern Cal. elegance.

In the short and the long run, they are our choice for our gathering of old Taro Leafers. Their staff promises to go the distance to please us.

We hope to see you running the Registry way - and it's not many days off either.



"Yeah, I heard you say, 'As you were.' How was it?"

It isn't often somebody succeeds in silencing Muhammed Ali, but a quick-witted airline stewardess accomplished just that during this exchange at the start of a recent flight from Washington, D.C. to New York:

Stewardess: Mr. Ali, please fasten your seat belt.

Ali: Superman don't need no seat belt.

Stewardess: Superman don't need no plane, either.

We're not quite certain as of this writing as to who of the national headquarters will be at our October west coast fiesta. God willing, your Editor will be.

Someone has asked us to publish the names of our Prexies and their years of office. Happily, we comply:

*Cramer	'47-'48	
Henry	'48-'49	
Pursifull	'49-'50	
O'Donnell	'50-'51	
Ross	'51-'52	
*Duff	'52-'53	
Backer	'53-'54	'55-'56
Peyton	'54-'55	
Claxon	'56-'57	
Compere	'57-'58	'58-'59
Hanlin	'59-'60	'60-'61
*Purcell	'61-'62	
Ligman	'62-'63	
*Verbeck	'63-'64	
*Ciangi	'64-'65	
*Gilner	'65-'66	
Stevenson	'66-'67	
Sanderson	'67-'68	
Williams	'68-'69	
Harris	'69-'70	
Muldeon	'70-'71	
Wisecup	'71-'72	
Newman	'72-'73	
Lowry	'73-'74	
Irving	'74-'75	
Byrd	'75-'76	
Lumsden	'76-'77	
Klump	'77-'78	
Rafter	'78-'79	
Wheeler	'79-'80	

\*Deceased

We can't understand how President Carter is doing so well in the polls when the country is in such a mess. It's like the Captain of the Titanic being named Sailor of the Year.



James Estes

Retirement won't be a vacation for the sergeant. He's been preparing for it for years!

# Speakers Bureau

Our own Gen. VOLNEY F. WARNER, (L 21st '50-'51), Commander of the U.S. Army Readiness Command, headquartered at MacDill AFB, Fla. was making a statement just as we were going to press. We wanted to include it in this issue. He asserted that the nation should not only resume the draft but should also require two years of national service for all young men and women.

General Warner, the senior field commander for the nation's ground combat tactical air forces, also criticized what he called "strategy by budget," in which he said political and military leaders planned military forces on the basis of cost rather than mission.

Both the resumption of the draft and the alleged absence of an overall strategy have become focal points in the widening national debate over the military posture of the United States.

General Warner was the second top officer in recent weeks to publicly advocate a return to the draft. Adm. Thomas B. Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations, broke with the Carter Administration when he contended that the volunteer force was not working and that a draft was needed to fill the ranks.

But General Warner, in an interview on this base, next door to Tampa, went beyond Admiral Hayward's position, in which only those men needed in the military services would be drafted. The general said he thought that young people should serve to give them a sense of commitment to the nation and its institutions.

He contended that the younger generation's lack of identity with the nation "frightens me" and ascribed it to the experiences of Vietnam, Watergate, the Justice Department's undercover investigation of alleged corruption of Government officials and the current controversy over Billy Carter's ties to the Libyan Government.

General Warner said that young men and women should serve in the military service or in other agencies of the Government for two years in return for "their birthright in this country," and added, "The problem with the Army today is not the people in it, but the people who are not in it."

The general conceded that the nation's political, military, business and academic leaders might have failed to inspire or motivate the younger generation to a commitment to the nation, but he argued that a national service program could overcome that.

President Carter, who ordered the resumption of draft registration that began two weeks ago, has said he hopes that a revival of the draft can be avoided. Ronald Reagan, the Republican Presidential nominee, has said he opposes registration or draft in peacetime. Representative John B. Anderson, the independent candidate for the Presidency, has taken a similar position.

The constitutionality of the current draft registration law is being considered by the Supreme Court. In Congress, some members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees have suggested a return to the draft.

On the question of "strategy by budget," General Warner was critical of what he termed the "benign neglect" of the armed forces since the end of the Vietnam War and said it had caused a decline in American military manpower and equipment.

The general asserted that the nation was in danger of "falling into the trap of substituting a soldier's courage for our ineptness in providing firepower."

He also said the armed forces needed more money for training so that they could retain the lessons learned in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and stressed that field officers needed constant training because "wars are won and lost at the battalion level - or at least battles are."



# HELP is ON THE WAY!



No need for help for ED MCCOOL (D 19th - 8/46-9/47), of Box 23, Tuckerman, Ark. Here, we'll let you see for yourself. Here's how he writes us:

"Just a note to let you know I'm getting the 'Taro Leaf' and it is the highlight of the day - My only regret is that I have missed something real good for over 30 years -

"I would probably never had heard if I had not come across a little request by you, in either a V.F.W. or The American Legion magazine - wanting to hear from those who served in the 24th.

"I am now very proud to carry a membership card of the association and be associated and numbered once again with those who now serve or who have served in the glorious 24th Inf.Div. -

"I still proudly display the 'Taro Leaf' shoulder patch along with others on my V.F.W. cap - and I will be forever grateful for the group of men who serve as officers and staff of the 24th Div. Assoc. keeping it alive and bringing to me joy and pleasure which comes with the 'Taro Leaf' -

"My son who is now serving with the 101st Inf. at Ft. Campbell. He sent me a copy of 'Infantry' with an article about the 24th. It gave a very brief history of the division as well as what it is doing now at Ft. Stewart. It also had a picture of 4 members of the 2nd Bn 19th Inf. Reg., 'The Rock of Chicamagua', my old outfit."

Terrific!! Dues in from HANKE CONSTANTINO, (C 21st '43-'45), of 4204 Staatz, Youngstown, Ohio, and he throws in a hefty "extra for stamps, etc." Very considerate, Hank; we are grateful. Hank and Edith have 3 - Karen, Sharon and Darren. Talk about alliteration - meet the alliterating Constantino's.

Friend of ours in town here answered his doorbell and found a man with a gun and a note saying he was a deaf-mute mugger. Says friend: "Immediately I looked on the bright side. I told myself, 'At least he won't take the stereo'."

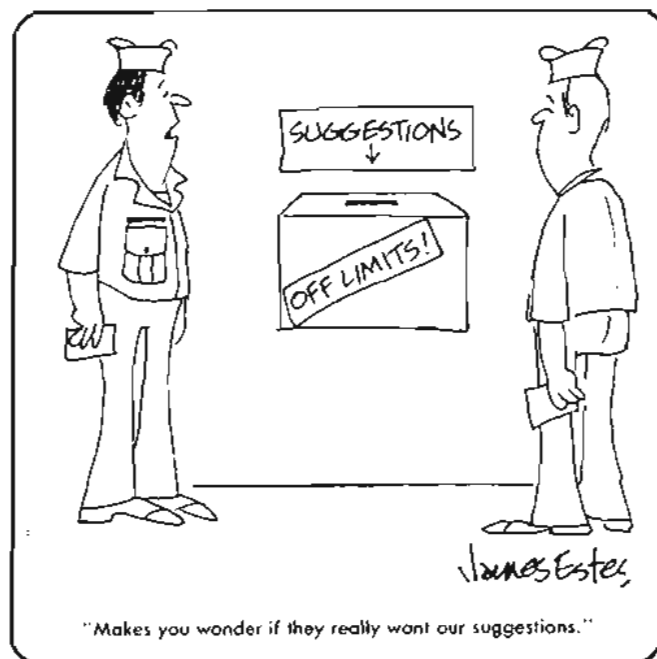
# Vroom! Vroom!

Make all the noise you want. We have another "gain" - BURNETT M. TABOR, (F 34th - 1/44 - 2/45), of Box 50, Crossville, Tenn., comes in through the good efforts of "Bud" COLLETTE, who never stops working for us.

## IN BRIEF

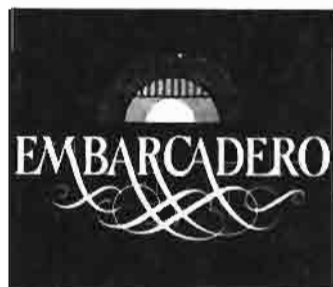
In brief, we're getting mail returned on these Life Members. We'll give you the last known address on each, and ask for your help in locating them:

FRED WEHLE,  
1732 Whitestone, Crofton, Md.  
FRANCIS HARREL,  
3315 S. Gate, Alexandria, Va.  
DONALD CUNNINGHAM,  
5113 Camden, Madison, Wis.  
JAMES MALLEY,  
244 Collins, Hartford, CT  
JERRY WORTHEN,  
401 S. State, Bellingham, Wash.  
GEORGE GREEN,  
1301 Market, E. St. Louis, Ill.  
ELMER SHAW,  
Box 102, Whitmore Lake, Mich.



"Makes you wonder if they really want our suggestions."





# Just one look is all it takes.

One look, they say, is all it takes. Maybe you can take a look on this one. Brand spanking new member, BOB BYREM, (B 3rd Eng. '49-'50), of 32 Pelham, Marlton, N.J. is looking for BURTON B. CORNELL and LOUIS P. TERHAAR, neither of whom are members. Anyone got an dope?

## Wedding Bells Ringing For GI Joe

"You're in the Army now, you're not behind a plough..." The lyrics do not say it, but chances are you are not single either! Since the end of the draft more than six years ago, the all-volunteer Army has become a force largely composed of poor, black, and married soldiers.

Sociologist Charles C. Moskos, Jr. analyzed official records and spent two months interviewing troops. He found that the people now attracted to Army service tend to be poorly educated. They typically have little interest in postponing marriage to pursue further education or establish a career. The result: married enlisted men increased from 36 percent in 1965 to 57 percent in 1976, with most of the change coming after the end of the draft.

Married life, combined with Army salaries that make it possible for nearly one-third of single enlisted men to maintain their own off-base apartments, has contributed to an "ebbing of barracks life," says Moskos. It also has fostered a different kind of military with a "shockingly high" attrition rate.



Any day, we hear from ED and Irene VASQUEZ, (A 3rd Eng. '44-'46), of 4949 Denny, N.Hollywood, Cal., it's a pleasure. Ed and Irene are back from visiting relatives in Germany. Germany? VASQUEZ? With relatives in Germany? O.K., if you say so Ed. Ed and Irene want a west coast convention. We're trying to lay the groundwork for such right now. It takes planning, folks, and that means time. You can't rush a thing like that, if it is to be a success!! Stay tuned!!

Imagine leaving that clown, Sir Anthony Blunt, the self-admitted spy, to hang around England as the Queen's own art curator for 15 years after being discovered. He was one of the gang of 4-remember those fruit-cakes, Burgess and Maclean, and their palsy-walsy Kim Philby? - A nice kettle of fish! More of the artwork of the flaming liberals of the world.

## A BETTER BREAK FOR YOU

Nice words in from Col. LAURENCE T. AYRES, (CO 2nd Bn 19th, G-3 Sect. '55-'56), of 3000 Susquehanna, Austin, Tex. He says he's still waging war in "assisting County Judges develop civil protection plans. He's Planning Officer for the state of Texas. What hit hard though was his congratulations on our effort followed by a "but" - "but I search each issue for news of men in Korea during '54-'55. Won't they join up?" And we answer you, Lurry, that they're hard to come by as members. It has been so since "Korea". Let's face it; those chaps don't have a very good taste in their mouths and anything that smacks of the military is forbidden fruit.

## Site Report

New site it is for RALPH and Frances LANDRY, (19th & MP '50-'51). It's now Box 58, Maywood, Cal. Ralph's a retired chief warrant in the Air Force. The Air Force? The Air Force, Ralph???

Item out of DAV's magazine, thoughtfully sent to us by BOB JOHNSON: 34th INF. REGT., CO F, Victor W. Moore, P.O.Box 202, Virgie, Ky. 41572, would like to hear from men he served with from 1940 to 1945, especially Michael Podinsky and Charles Taffel. We're trying for you, Victor, we're trying.

Enjoyable set of notes received from CHARLES "Bill" MANNINGER, (A & K 34th, Hq. & Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 34th and Hq. & Hq. Cos. 3rd Bn. and 2nd Bn. 21st '47-'51), of 5009 LaMedera, El Monte, Calif. Bill was reflecting on some of his Division days with some highlights which went like this:

"Several days after our first fight at Chonan, we had withdrawn to the south and had lost all contact with the enemy. This situation was resolved with the order from General Dean to advance until contact was made with the enemy.

"Standing along side the road with my boss, Major Boone Seeger, I took note that the jeep I was to ride in would contain a driver, the Major, a Runner, and a Korean Lieutenant (Interpreter). Immediately behind was a Headquarters Commo truck with just a driver and a Radio operator. I suggested to the Major that as long as we were all going in the same direction, that I might as well ride in the 3/4 ton, where it wouldn't be so crowded.

"The jeep and those in it were never seen again - their disappearance remains a mystery to this day. A footnote to this story - Maj. Seegers had been a pilot in WW II and, at the request of his mother to get into a safer branch of Service, had transferred to the Army.

"There are many stories I could tell, having served with the 24th as long as I did.

"Maj. Seegers, having been in the Air Force, hadn't the foggiest notion as to what a 'Full Field Inspection' was. Nevertheless, he ordered one for the first Saturday after he took over as S-3 of the Regiment. The great day arrived. The troops were drawn up on the Parade ground at Camp Mower. Me and my little notebook were following along behind him.

"Stopping in front of a Private, he said, 'Sergeant - take this man's name. His underwear is not folded correctly.' I could see that it was correct, but who was I to say. The Private spoke up. 'Sir - the underwear is correct'. Looking down at the man, the Major said, 'Private, did I ask you a question?' 'No Sir'. 'Well, then...why am I getting an answer?' He then proceeded to find everything wrong but the way his shoe laces were tied.

If you would like to know how the 34th got to Korea, I can assure you that it was purely by accident.

"Sunday night, July 2nd - I'm at home in Sasebo - the wife is putting the kids to bed. I've got a quart of Canadian Club, which I'd been nursing all day, and a good book. The phone rings. 'Sergeant, get out to camp.' 'What for?' 'Never mind, just come on out.' I'm Operations Sgt. for the regiment and when the wife asks what

the phone call is all about, I tell her that I guess the Schedule for the week is messed up. When I arrive, the place is total bedlam. It's Sunday, and everyone has either been at the Privates Club, the Non-Coms Club or the Officer's Club all day so you can guess what this means. No one knows who has the keys to the Ammo Caves. Everyone is running in nine directions at once and in the midst of all this craziness we are told we are going to Korea and for everyone to be sure and pack a clean set of Class A's, and a set of Brass, because when these North Koreans realize that they're up against American troops, they'll surrender, and they want us to have a nice set of Class A's for the Victory Parade in Seoul. As we rumble through Sasebo in the dark, headed for the docks, a huge sign appears, hanging from the railroad overpass - 'Help the Americans celebrate their Fourth of July... Aerial Displays! Fireworks! Foot races! Little did we realize how true all of these things would be in a few days. We arrive at the Dock - the only ship available is an IST given to the Japanese by the Navy, and not a soul on board could speak English. As the saying goes, 'We sailed with the Tide'. Halfway to Pusan a navy destroyer comes out of the dark and challenges our ship. Of course, the Captain hollers back in Japanese, and since the swabbies don't know Japanese from Korean, they decide we are the enemy and try to ram us. Having run this obstacle, we arrived in Pusan. After spending the night in an open field, we loaded our equipment and ourselves on a train going north, and I can assure you that it was not a comforting feeling to see the 34th headed north, while what appeared to be the entire South Korean Army headed south. One sight that I'll never forget - a train passed us loaded with Korean soldiers - the last car was a flat car and land mines were stacked up in heaps all over the car, and a soldier was standing at the rear, frantically dropping mines off the back end, between the tracks, and I idly wondered just what the hell they were supposed to stop. And so, we went off into battle.

"As you have probably noted, I'm a two-fingered typist, and my fingers have a bad habit of getting ahead of my brain, but thought you might find a little humor in this note."

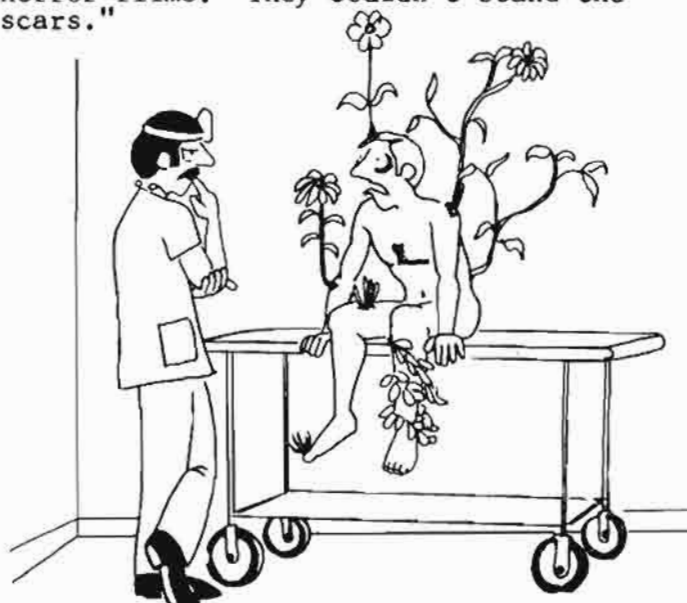




We tipped you to the fact that National Enquirer called us from Florida checking on the how and why of JIM GARNER earned a PH in Korea. In "Rockford Files", he was forever being beaten up, slugged, mugged and zapped. Here's what he told Barbara Walter - She would get into it - on a recent ABC special:

"Right now I'm getting over a concussion and a few stitches in the head and I've got a ruptured vertebra - a disintegrating disc in the neck. I got three in the lower back. I have broken three, four ribs, most knuckles, both kneecaps - we were fighting the North Koreans and I was going south - I got shot in the rear end. And, of course, the knees - I got six incisions in them. The feet? They're just hanging there. I'm constantly in pain. I have arthritis in my back and my knees and my hands. I had ulcers this year - once an ulcer patient, always an ulcer patient. I get depressed. Very."

But Garner can still crack a good line in spite of his troubles. When Walters asked if he'd ever do a nude scene, he said: "God, no, I don't do horror films. They couldn't stand the scars."



"I don't know, doc. I think I've been in the field too much lately."



Brig.Gen. GEORGE R. STOTSER assumed duty as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) of the Division on 2 June 1980. General Stotser was born April 21, 1935 in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and has more than 23 years of active service in the Army. He was appointed to the rank of brigadier general June 1, 1979.

He was formerly assigned as Deputy Director, Operations, National Military Command Center, G-3 Operations Directorate, Organization of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C. Prior to that he served as Assistant Director, Operations and Readiness Directorate, Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Stotser is a graduate of the Infantry School, Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a Masters Degree in Education from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn. He has earned the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

WALT CUNNINGHAM just called in his story of the Hammerlick Clock.

Seems as though Hans Schlimmel had died; the nephews were gathered for the reading of the will.

The room was quiet as the lawyer was reading it aloud - "To my nephew, Rudy Himmel, I give \$125,000" - and Rudy's eyes brightened.

"To my nephew, Ludwig Hammer, I give \$150,000" - and Ludwig beamed all over.

Then came, "And to my nephew, Fritz Kreiner, I leave my Hammerlick Clock" - and Fritzie's jaw dropped, almost to the floor.

Fritz picked up his clock and started to walk home - most disconsolate. Why, oh why?

On the way, he stopped off at a bar, still with the Hammerlick under his arm. Drawing his beer, and noticing his obvious depression, the bartender asked of him, "What's the matter, Fritz, what's troubling you?" And Fritzie responded by telling him about being cheated by his late uncle, how all he'd gotten was this --- ----- Hammerlick clock.

"A Hammerlick, you say?" exclaimed the bartender excitedly, "That's a Hammerlick? Let me see it!"

Fritz handed him the clock.

"Yep, that's a Hammerlick all right. You know I know something about these clocks myself; I was born in Hammerlick. This is certainly a Hammerlick - probably worth a quarter of a million."

Fritz almost fell off the stool.

"What?" he cried out.

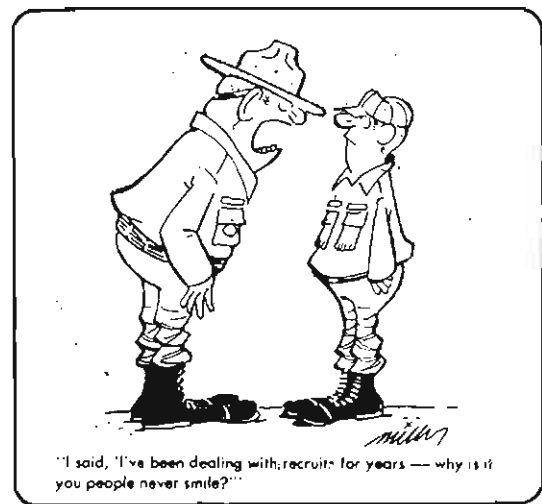
"I said it's probably worth a quarter of a million, but wait a minute . . .", and he stalled for a few seconds. "But this one doesn't go 'Tick-Tock'; it just goes 'Tick-Tick-Tick'. There's no 'Tick-Tock'. It's probably worthless. Tell you what you'd better do; you'd better go down to Stamford, Connecticut, and see Rudolf Yahn, probably the world's best repairman on Hammerlicks. He'll fix it for you, if anyone can."

So off to Stamford went Fritzie, seeking out Herr Yahn whom he found at work in a little back room full of clocks, all going "Tick-Tock-Tick-Tock".

Fritzie explained his plight to the little German, how his Hammerlick probably wasn't worth anything because it only went "Tick-Tick-Tick-Tick".

Herr Yahn listened, very sympathetically. Then he looked up at Fritzie half-assuringly, half-consolingly, and said, "Oh don't you worry, sonny, we have ways of making it tick."

"If you want to kill an idea in this world today, get a committee working on it." (C.F.Kittering)



## ► Mxssagx to all mxmbxrs

Xvxn though our typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcpt for onx kxy. Wx havx wishd many timxs that it would work pxrfrxctly. Thxrx arx 46 kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx not working makxs thx diffxrxncx. Somxtimxs it sxxms that this organization is somxwhat likx our typxwritxr; not all thx pxoplx arx working. You say to yoursxlf, "I am only onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak a program," but it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcasx an association to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx participation of xvxy pxrson rxlatxd to it. So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in our organization and am vxry much nxxdxd." Gxt thx mxssagx? Taro Lxaf nxxds all thx hxlp it can gxt.

Erica Jong, whose Fear of Flying showed her appreciation for things lusty as well as literary, is not about to disappoint next time out. Her upcoming novel, set in the 18th Century, Fanny: Being the True History of the Adventures of Fanny Hackabout-Jones, is due in Aug. We've learned that the heroine, Fanny, is introduced as (among other things: "a woman of the town, a tart, a bawd, a wanton, a bawdy-basket, a bird-of-the-game, a bit of stuff, a buttered bun, a cow, a daughter of Eve, a gay-girl, a high-flyer, a high-roller, a hussy, a jill, a judy, a jug, laced mutton, lift-skirts, light o'love, merry legs, minx, moll, moonlighter, morsel, mutton-broker, night-bird, nightpiece, nymph of darkness, nymph of the pavement, petticoat, pickup, pillow-mate, pinch-price, pole-climber, prancer, quail, quiet mouse and Queen." Yeah, that's a lot of woman. What else is she?

"What men obtain too cheap they esteem too little." (Thomas Paine)





Last June Brig.Gen. HENRY DOCTOR, JR., welcomed Brig.Gen. GEORGE R. STOTSER, the new assistant division commander (maneuver), to the Division. The ceremony including an 11 gun salute was held on Trent Field. (U.S.Army photo by John Martin).

We told you about reading "A Soldier's Story" by General of the Army Omar N. Bradley. We caught this on pg. 227. It tells the story of why Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF was "sent home" from the ETO before he appeared at the Division CP on Leyte.

"Overlord", the Normandy invasion plan was in the works and Bradley describes it thus:

"By reason of its early arrival in England, Gerow's V Corps fell heir to the Omaha assault. Indeed Gerow had been working on a plan for assault since COSSAC published its OVERLORD outline. The two additional corps with their incumbent commanders had been ordered by Devers from the United States. VII Corps under Major General Roscoe B. Woodruff was to direct the Utah assault force while XIX Corps under Major General Willis D. Crittenger would follow Gerow into Omaha beach. Although OVERLORD was to be Gerow's first major combat operation, I had no qualms in entrusting Omaha to him. Not only was he conscientious, self-confident, and steady, but he was thoroughly schooled in the OVERLORD plan.

"However, with Crittenger and Woodruff both cutting their teeth on the same invasion, Eisenhower and I doubted the wisdom of entrusting the entire U.S. assault to an inexperienced trio. Both Crittenger and Woodruff had come to England with distinguished records; both

had been my long-time friends. But neither had as yet experienced combat command in World War II. This was my only prejudice against them. Certainly they merited tryouts and I would have been happy to have had either or both in a situation where the stakes were less decisive.

"While Eisenhower and I were worrying over these reservations, General Marshall radioed SHAEF. There were available in the United States two seasoned division commanders, each with a Pacific campaign to his credit and each capable of taking a corps. He asked if we wanted them; we radioed that we did. Thus Crittenger and Woodruff were sacrificed that we might better insure success on the OVERLORD landing. Crittenger went to Italy and Woodruff to the Pacific. Each was subsequently given a corps and both of them proved our apprehensions completely unjustified. They worked out magnificently in combat."

The two division commanders who were sent to England as replacements of course were Maj.Gen. J. Lawton Collins, who commanded the 25th at Guadalcanal, and Maj.Gen. Charles H. Corlett, who commanded the 7th at Kwajalein. Collins, of course, went on to write his own record in the ETO. Corlett, on the other hand, assumed command of the XIX Corps but was hospitalized in December of '44 with an ailing stomach and returned to the 21 - remember that one, "21"? Three laps around the track if you can't translate it.





LES FLATT, (24th MP '50-'51), of 5698 Cypress, Forest Park, Ga., was there and took this one showing the Taejon Massacre. If you don't know what it represents, then you aren't up on your history. Thank you for sending it to us, Les.

PHIL MURPHY, (Div.Hqs. '42-'45), of 247 Soule, Wilbraham, MA, found a Tiffany ad in the New York Times. He sent it on with the note: "This should be reproduced in every good paper in the country, starting with the Taro Leaf". Well, here goes, Phil. The body of the ad read:

#### IS INFLATION THE REAL PROBLEM?

No, it is not. Inflation is simply the inevitable, final result of our follies. What, then, are the real causes of this national calamity?

Here They Are:

1. Spending exorbitant sums of taxpayers' money unwisely by our government.
2. Inhibiting the initiatives of the people with frustrating bureaucratic regulations.
3. Taxing savings and capital formation to death.
4. Tinkering with the economic machinery with unsound panaceas.
5. Government programs which have created critical shortages of essential materials and energy.
6. Giving away billions of dollars to foreign governments.
7. Forsaking our religious heritage, not only in our schools, but everywhere, thus, accentuating crime, immorality, greed and selfishness.

After all is said and done, there's more said than done.

## Views of Our Readers



Here's one view anyway - it's MIKE and SALLY LEA, (13th F '41-'45), of Box 307, Cottage Grove, Ore., with their daughter Janet and Jan's new husband Hubbard Nims.

### **LOUD & CLEAR**

It was loud and clear from newly-joined BILL CIMMINO, (K 34 '48-'51), of 301 Hollbrook, Quincy, MA. In writing about the Christmas season, he said: "This wasn't the time of year when the 3 most frequently used words were 'Peace on Earth'. This time around it was 'Batteries not included'".

We've been reading a book by E.J.Kahn titled The Big Drink. It's the Coca-Cola story. Fascinating reading - but - . He says that Coke did indeed "go to war" as the stirring ads read in those days. Bottling plants were set up in 10 war zones and several of the plants moved forward with the front lines. Is this the war we were in? He claims that "Between Pearl Harbor and V-5 Day, GI's gulped 10 billion drinks of Coke, 3 billion of them bottled overseas". Suddenly, as we sit here reading this, wonderment comes over us. Suddenly we can't remember seeing any Coca Cola anywhere between Milne Bay and Taloma Beach. It occurs to us that we saw our first Cokes at Matsuyama in the winter of '45. What reading do you have on this all-important subject?

Tact: The art of making guests feel at home when that's where you wish they were.

The weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.

# TAPS

Stunned were we when Joan FARRIER wrote us of TOM's passing on last June 18th. Tom was 24th Sig. '49-'51. Writing us from 1030 Union, Reading, Pa., Joan said: "Tom was hospitalized for two weeks and one day, released on a Saturday and re-admitted the following Monday, taking an unexpected turn for the worse. Monday they gave him a 50-50 chance but by Tuesday night I held no hope. His liver failed and then his kidneys shut down. I received a call at 3:40 a.m. that he had just "slipped away" at 3:30 a.m. It was very peaceful. I find comfort in that he did not suffer long. He is now at peace with our son "Mike" who was killed by an automobile at age 4½ on 8-12-57."

Born in Reading, Tom was a son of the late Irvin and Theresa (Wolfe) Farrier.

He was employed as a special deputy in the Berks County Sheriffs Office.

Surviving are his wife, Joan M. (Young) Farrier; two daughters; Patricia Impink, and Linda, wife of Ronald Eppihimer, both of Reading; two grandchildren.

Also a sister, Mrs. Virginia Lutz, and two brothers: Peter M. and Paul Farrier, all of Reading.

Came the inevitable closing of our file on good Tom Farrier, and we found these words in Tom's last letter to us:

"I think of the one thing that I will never forget about my service with the 24th.

"In my thoughts at this early 3:30 a.m. hour, it has crossed my mind that perhaps there are only a few people out there who know that after Inchon and Division reentered Taejon, we came across a church where trenches had been dug. South Korean civilians were standing with their hands tied behind their backs. They had been covered with dirt up to about the groin and shot down.

"Also on the floor of the church basement, they were piled three and four deep. I had photos of these things but lost them. Therefore, I have no proof. It is one hell of a thing to remember."

Tom Farrier lived and relived his bitter Korean experiences, over and over.

And now he is at peace.

It was Geraldine MARCY who gave us the tragic news of her beloved ROY's passing. Colonel Roy, (C 21st '43-'45) was "Pappy" to those of us who knew and loved him best. Jerri, writing from 206 Twin View, Sequim, Wash., wrote it this way:

"My Roy died instantly, as he was making a cup of coffee, Aug. 16, 1979. I had a letter from Bud Collette yesterday telling about a reunion in California and I found a photo of him and his wife in Taro Leaf. I've clipped it. I wrote Bud details of Roy's life since retirement. If someone can gain from Roy's efforts, it will please me. He was no quitter!"

"I always read every Taro Leaf but will not be renewing, Ken. I cannot get involved in it, when my man is no longer around to discuss it. You can understand.

"Our Sequim (Skwim) area is perfect. We built on a 60 ft. bluff overlooking the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Wind or breeze is always present. 68° to 72° is high temp. Snow falls but seldom hits the ground.

"Today is pure fog right to the bluff -, but the house and yard are in sunshine. There is a 5 mile wide strip called the banana belt (what else?). We are in it.

"Lighthouse is on end of the 6 mile long natural spit - 2 1/2 miles out from deck.

"Mt.St.Helen's is 120 miles away by the crow. We, in Sequim, heard it blast off - ; sounded like Civil War cannons - 5 blasts! but way off.....

"I had Roy's ashes scattered at the lighthouse area. The end of the spit has lovely booming wave action, and we loved to listen as we stood in the door way or on deck. He is very near me - (as I see it.)

"Ken, your Taro Leaf is quite an operation of love, and I want you to know, we always thought so. Roy would talk about the 24th, more than he would write about it. Men just aren't, as a rule, the letter writers that women are (or have to be).

"Everyone thanks you for your work! I'm looking forward to your book and it will be our son's birthday gift.

"I have BILL VERBECK's copy of 24th Div. book. If Peggy comes to the reunion, give her a hug for me."

We're not forgetting you, Jerri - and we understand perfectly.

Deceased, date not certain:  
JAMES N. COLLOP, 5th RCT. Wounded  
at Chingu, Sept. 17, 1950 and  
evacuated.

Deceased, Nov. '79: KENNETH W.  
HAMMON, of 2127 N. Pine, Rosemead, Cal.  
Ken was 13th Field.

Deceased: On June 21, 1980, at  
Moro, Ore., FRANK C. SAYRS, of the  
19th Inf.

Died, Feb. 28, 1980 - DALE W. ROBY,  
beloved husband of Jan Roby, of  
1830 Idlewood Dr., East Point, Ga.  
Dale was a retired USA Captain, having  
enlisted in '38. In '45-'46, he was  
assigned to Cannon, 19th and received  
a battlefield commission on 6-28-45.  
In '50-'51, he was assigned to C,  
5th RCT. He was awarded the PH seven  
times.

We all join in extending heartfelt  
sympathies to ANGELO G. ROMEO,  
(B 19th '41-'46), of 4221 19 Way East,  
New Port Richey, Fla. in the loss of  
his beloved wife Margaret last  
Feb. 8th.

Bro. RAYMOND T. GOODSON, OSST, of  
Holy Trinity Monastery, Baltimore, Md.  
died on June 10, 1980 in Victoria, Tex.  
He was buried in Holy Trinity  
Monastery Cemetery in Pikesville, Md.  
Bro. Goodson was a member of the 3rd  
Engineers in '52 and '53.

From FLOYD E. EYLER (L 21st '42-'44),  
of 234 Strickler, Waynesboro, Pa.,  
comes this: "A little note to tell you  
of the death of a former member of  
24th Div.: Chester Yingst a 1st Lt.  
L Co. 34th Inf. He died 4-16-80  
after a long illness. He often told me  
he was a friend of ED HENRY's. They  
worked courts martial together in 1945.  
He was also a very good friend and  
neighbor of mine." (Ed. note: Chet  
Yingst, we regret to report, was not  
an Assoc. member.)

Died on June 4, 1979: at Ft. Edward,  
N.Y. - JOHN J. SAVASTA who served in  
H of the 19th from '41-'43. Johnny  
was with us at our West Point gathering.



All of us will miss Milburn Stone,  
beloved Doc Adams of "Gunsmoke", who  
died last June 11th at age 75. The  
character of the gruff but fatherly  
medic became almost a real identity  
as he pulled out the bullets from the  
baddies as well as the goodies.

