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NARRATOR'S REMARKS AT THE DIVISION REVIEW ON AUGUST 19TH

MEMBERS OF THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, HONORED GUESTS, SOLDIERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: WELCOME TO THE DIVISION REVIEW.

STANDING BEFORE YOU ARE THE COLORS AND REPRESENTATIVE FORMATIONS OF EACH MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMAND OF THE DIVISION. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A COMPOSITE BRIGADE CONSISTING OF TROOPS FROM 5 OF THE 6 SEPARATE BATTALIONS OF THE DIVISION. THE CAVALRY SQUADRON IS NOT REPRESENTED TODAY BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMITMENT IN EGYPT.

TODAY, WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL REUNION IN SAVANNAH. WE HONOR THEM DAILY WHEN WE EXCHANGE SALUTES WITH THE WORDS "FIRST TO FIGHT" AND "VICTORY!"

THE DIVISION WAS "FIRST TO FIGHT" AT PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 7, 1941 WHEN SOLDIERS OF THE 24th SHOT DOWN FIVE JAPANESE PLANES JUST 68 DAYS AFTER THE DIVISION WAS FORMED. BY 1944, THE DIVISION WAS SPEAR-HEADING GENERAL MACARTHUR'S THRUST INTO THE PHILIPPINES. AFTER 77 DAYS OF COMBAT ON THE ISLAND OF LEYTE, "VICTORY" BECAME SYNONYMOUS WITH THE 24th DIVISION. "VICTORY" WAS USED AS THE RADIO CALL SIGN FOR THE DIVISION, SOLDIERS CHALKED IT ON THEIR HELMETS, AND NATIVES SHOUTED THE WORD AS THEY WERE LIBERATED BY THE 24th.

AFTER THE WAR, THE DIVISION WAS PART OF THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN JAPAN UNTIL THE MORNING OF JUNE 25, 1950 WHEN THE NORTH KOREAN ARMY LAUNCHED AN INVASION ACROSS THE 38th PARALLEL. ONCE AGAIN THE 24th WAS "FIRST TO FIGHT" WHEN AN INFANTRY BATTALION TASK FORCE SLOWED THE ADVANCEMENT OF 20,000 ENEMY SO THE REST OF THE DIVISION COULD LAND AT PUSAN UNOPPOSED. A MONTH LATER THE ENTIRE KOREAN CAMPAIGN RESTED ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE DIVISION, WHICH HAD TO HOLD THE TOWN OF TAEJON FOR TWO DAYS. WE HELD FOR THREE, AND HAD TO FIGHT OUR WAY OUT. THE 24th'S ACTIONS SOON BECAME LEGENDARY AGAIN.

HOSTILITIES CEASED IN KOREA IN 1953 AND THE DIVISION WAS POSTED ALONG THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE UNTIL 1957 WHEN IT WAS INACTIVATED. IT WAS REACTIVATED IN GERMANY IN 1958, WHERE IT STOOD ON THE FRONT LINE OF FREEDOM ONCE AGAIN. TWO WEEKS AFTER IT WAS ORGANIZED THERE, COMBAT UNITS OF THE DIVISION WERE RUSHED TO LEBANON TO HELP QUELL A CIVIL UPRISING.

THE DIVISION FINALLY CAME HOME IN 1968 TO FORT RILEY, KANSAS, BUT WAS INACTIVATED TWO YEARS LATER. REACTIVATED AGAIN AT FORT STEWART IN 1974, IT GREW TO ITS PRESENT SIZE AND BECAME A MECHANIZED DIVISION IN 1979. ON OCTOBER 1, 1980, THE 24th BECAME PART OF THE NEWLY FORMED RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE.

SINCE THAT TIME THE 24th DIVISION HAS TRAINED CONSTANTLY IN ORDER TO HELP DETER AGGRESSION. WE HAVE SENT UNITS TO THE MOJAVE DESERT IN CALIFORNIA AND THE SAHARA DESERT IN EGYPT. BY MAINTAINING OUR READINESS POSTURE WE HOPE WE WILL NEVER HAVE TO BE THE "FIRST TO FIGHT" AGAIN, BUT IF CALLED ON TO DO SO, WE ARE PROUD TO UPHOLD YOUR LEGEND OF "VICTORY"!!

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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any of its attached units. Dues are \$10.00 per annum, inclusive of a subscription to Taro Leaf.

Chick JESSE L. FOSTER of 6608 Powhatan, Riverdale, MD 20737, doing nicely from May 25th surgery. EDDIE ROBINSON recently spent a happy 5 hours with him and reports: "Jess looks wonderful". Says Jess: "It gave me a real lift. If any of our guys know of an old buddy, sick or well, take time out to write him or call him or visit him. Who knows, you may need it too." Great advice, Jess. We're passing it on. Thanks.

The charm of the Appalachian mountain folk, living deep in the mountain coves and hollows, lies in their isolation from outside influences. Their manner of speech and way of life dates back to earlier more relaxed times and brings forth a bit of nostalgia to all of us.

Good friend, JOE DAWSON, (D 34th, '40-'44) of 17500 Stout, Detroit, who brightened the SIII scene with his grey beard and WW I foolishness sent in a few expressions and their definitions. F'r example:

A-FIXIN' -- Getting ready. "We're a-fixin' to go to the store."

Stewart has seen fit to rename its Bryan School the Brittin Elementary School after Sgt. First Class NELSON Y. BRITTIN, (I 19th), Medal of Honor. Nelson established himself as a true war hero at Yonggong-ni, Korea, on Mar. 7, 1951. He was KIA but not before he took 20 with him.



"This is one for the books" said the carpenter as he built the library.

And so said we: "This is one for the books" as we departed Savannah's Hyatt Regency following a grand and memorable weekend of togetherness.

And before we go on, let us give you this one. It impressed us and we hope it might impress you. It's one corner of the atrium (Webster: "a many-storied court in a building, as a hotel, usually with a skylight"). Yup, that's what it was. It shows one end, or rather corner, of the Hyatt Regency interior -- 7 stories high. Those are elevators you're looking at -- three of 'em. And escalators took you between the lobby and the second floor. Beautiful hotel!!

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

HET -- To become heated or upset.
"Don't let that get you all het up."

Hear about the two sexy canaries who developed a couple of cases of chirpies? Nothing serious, our Taro Leaf publisher, Harry Rosen, reports. He says: "It's tweetable." One more like that and we go to a new publisher, Harry.

Once you're over the hill, you pick up speed.

The CG knew we were on our way and got the word out to the troops as to what he expected of them. They complied enthusiastically -- and with pride.

Meet WILLIS FULLER, (Plt.Sgt. 3rd Plt., 24 MP Co. '49-'52), of 5202 Redding, San Antonio, TX, 30 years ago. Taken "Somewhere in Korea" -- remember that phrase?



VICTORY DIVISION
1 August 1983

Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized):

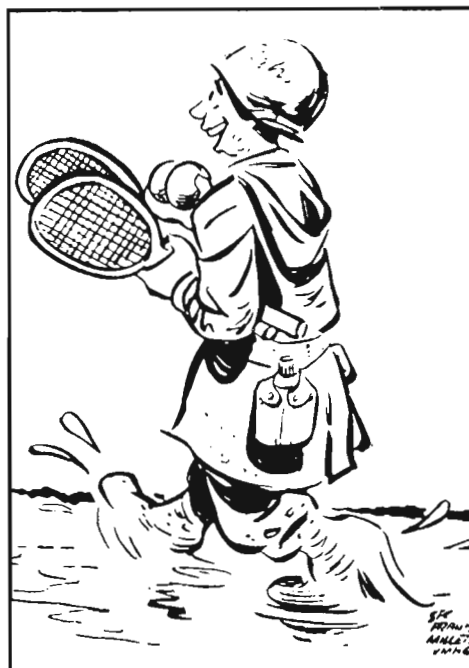
During the period 18 to 21 August the 24th Infantry Division Association will hold its annual convention in Savannah. These people are also soldiers who love this Division. They are the representatives of our proud past just as you represent our present and future.

Many of you will be asked to assist our visitors as we host activities at both Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart. I know that you will perform those duties in a proud and professional manner.

I ask that every soldier at Hunter and Stewart go out of their way to welcome back these old soldiers and to demonstrate by your deeds and courtesy that our Division today is better than it's ever been.

FIRST TO FIGHT!

H. Norman Schwarzkopf
H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding



"Hey, fellows! Look what special services gave us!"

We are hit with it immediately following every annual banquet. We will withdraw to the anteroom, only to be hit there with a blast from a malcontent. At St. Louis III, two years ago, we are pounded about something, now long since forgotten. At Baltimore II, a year ago, he hit us with the threat that he'd never come to another reunion unless M/C TOM COMPERE was discharged as banquet toastmaster. This year the charge was double-barrelled -- 1) that we d----- well had better start doing something for the folks on the west coast and 2) that we'd d----- well better start doing something for the folks who fought in Korea. More on these items anon. But for the moment, why us each year? The business meeting is the time and place for airing the gripes. That's the name of the game.

Word in from JOHN "Peanuts" RUGGABER, (Div. G-4 '46-'48) lost Mildred in Aug. of '81 but remarried in Sept. of '82. Anne and Peanuts are at 2828 Russell Rd., Camp Hill, PA. Says Johnny: "Anne is a few years younger than I am, but so what -- everyone is."

GERRY LIEBER, (Div.Hq.), with his beloved pipe ever in his mouth -- "Except when I eat" says he -- asked us the delicate question: "How many members have subscribed for the forthcoming Division History?" "About 714", was our answer, "less than one-half of the membership." We suggested to Gerry that there might be a message there.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
CUTTIN' UP -- Acting a fool. "Maud shore was cuttin' up last night."

One of the Stewart elementary schools, namely Hallwood Elementary, has been renamed Diamond Elementary School after JAMES H. DIAMOND, Medal of Honor, (D 21st). Jim made his name for all time at Mintal, Mindanao, P.I. in May of 1945. He was KIA on May 14, 1945.

"Patriot", Stewart's newspaper,
from which this headline was stolen,
laid down the theme for the reunion
weekend.

Fort Stewart, Hunter AAF welcome the 24th Inf Div Association's 36th annual convention

12th Armored Division Assoc. met in
Nashville last summer with 837 sitting
down at their banquet. They have
2947 members.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly
dictionary:
AIRISH -- Breezy or drafty. "Shet your
window. It's too airish."

Help! Help! LINDY RADCLIFF
is looking for a 52nd FA Bn crest.
We've tried all the usual sources --
without success. Anybody got an idea?

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly
dictionary:

CRICK -- A stiffness. "Marvin has a
crick in the neck."

C.G. HANLIN failed to make SIII --
and why? -- hospital during the "show" --
got out week later -- heart acting up
again -- says he's "Okay now". Card
him at 1399 Belcher, Largo, FL please.

Sign in a diner: "Don't make fun
of our coffee -- you may be old and weak
someday."

Proudly do we show you the written
welcome of the CG:



On behalf of the present day Victory Division soldiers, I extend a very warm welcome to the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association as you open your 36th annual convention in the Savannah-Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield area.

Many of you are veterans who were the "First to Fight" either in Hawaii or Korea. You exhibited a tradition of valor and the spirit to win. These values serve as examples to any unit in the U.S. Army, but particularly our division.

Over the past few years the division has undergone many transformations. We are now the heavy division of the Rapid Deployment Force. The division is receiving the best equipment the Army has, such as the M60A3 tank and the Improved TOW Vehicle. Even newer equipment will soon be received, tested and fielded.


Soldiers of the division are currently participating in an overseas exercise in Egypt. Others will soon be traveling to the National Training Center in California for tough realistic training. Additional exercises and maneuvers constantly test the mettle of our soldiers.

During your stay in Savannah, many activities have been planned to bring you up to date on the division, its soldiers and its training. We will be doing our utmost to make this your best convention ever. I think you will find that your division and its soldiers are as good as they ever were!

Once again I welcome you on your return to the home of the 24th Division.

Victory!

FIRST TO FIGHT!


H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

The local merchants were most gratuitous with their good wishes; they even paid for space in Patriot to express them. It was enough to warm the cockles of our hearts.

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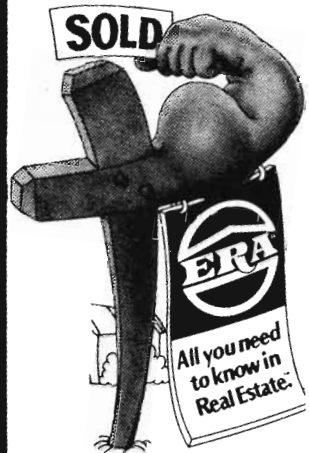
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"I'D LIKE A LITTLE FATHERLY ADVICE, SIR"

-Cpl. Ernest Maxwell

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

AWFUL POORLY -- Very ill. "He's been lookin' awful poorly."

The static displays arranged for us at both Hunter and Stewart were impressive and showed much concern for us. BILL KEYES and JOHNNY BROWN, both D of the 21st men, were particularly moved by what they saw.

MOVIE RATINGS EXPLAINED

"G" - Hero gets the girl.

"R" - Villain gets the girl.

"X" - EVERYBODY gets the girl.

When most people think of Hawaiian food, the luau immediately comes to mind. It is obvious that the chef at our SIII caravansary never got farther west than Memphis. The focus of all luaus is the roast suckling pig, enough to turn the stomach of the most hardened Top Sgt. And, of course, don't forget the poi, lomi salmon, fish with teriyaki sauce, seaweed, squid, pipikaula and Korean broiled beef. With coconut pudding for dessert -- or mango ice cream. What we saw most of at the Hyatt was the rice. And the price charged for the disappointing food was scandalous. Small wonder that the Hyatt management kept such a low profile. So much for our first gripe.

Sign in the window of a reducing salon: "Rear today -- gone tomorrow."

Elements of Stewart/Hunter were "not present but accounted for." They had deployed to Honduras as part of AHUAS TARA II (translated Big Pine II). Objectives?:

- o To practice procedures for command and control of joint operations in coordination with the armed forces of friendly nations in the region.
- o To evaluate our capabilities to conduct combined military operations.
- o To test and practice existing plans for operations in this region.
- o To practice the deployment and sustainment of US forces under conditions of austere facilities.
- o To practice the deployment and employment of a joint task force headquarters in command and control of joint operations.



Taro Leafers are great lovers. Sweeping Maralind off her feet is S/Sgt. JOE SAUNDERS, (724th Ord.Bn -Now) who was ending 6 months separation. Joe had been on peacekeeping duty in the Sinai.



JIM CHAMPION, on the left, sends us this one of going on guard at "Hidden Village", Wahoo in Feb. '42. Jim says fellow on the left is "Peters from AL." Reminds us of that story where the woman standing in the doorway says to the soldier, "How many men do you have?" And the answer: "96 without Peters." Remember it?

Describing a reunion is like trying to tell someone who hasn't been there what combat is like -- it's impossible. The days that fly by...the parties, banquets, memorial service. What can't be described is what it is like to take part in all this with men like yourself ...the wonder of seeing a foxhole buddy after all those years.

The Association was represented at Stewart on June 29th at the Change of Command Ceremony whereat third stars were pinned on the collar of JOHN R. GALVIN and Maj.Gen. H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF assumed command of the Division. It was a most impressive ceremony.

The ranks are thinning. The average age is 63 years. Some of them are bald; most are paunchy. Time is taking its inevitable toll.

But once they were young soldiers. The good old days came back over the weekend as the boys exchanged stories -- mostly the good ones, the funny ones -- no heavy stuff at reunions -- with old pals getting together.

Joined up! JESSE C. ETHERIDGE, (724 Ord.), of 201 Antrim, Port Wentworth, GA.



Meet Sgt. JIM CHAMPION at Ft. Lee in '58. With him is a Philippine guerilla he met while on Leyte. He was training at Lee, then went back to the PI to assist in training the PI army.



Photo, courtesy of Life Member JAMES R. CHAMPION, Sgt. Ret., of Erie, PA. Taken by a sugar field outside of A Btry. 13th Field camp, Feb. '42. Who is it? It's Jimmy, of course. Thanks, Jim.

Spotted a sticker on the bumper of a car driving up to our hotel in SIII -- it went: "Will Rogers never met Howard Cossell." Loved it!

JOHN WHALEN, (21st '51-'52) was with Item and Easy companies as a medic. He is now at 10 Weeks, Roslindale, MA. He wrote the Pentagon about us and lo and behold they led him right to our doorstep. He's now IN. Welcome aboard, Johnny.

24th ID war vets have their reunion

By John Martin

More than 400 old soldiers from the 24th ID Assn. exchanged "war stories" from both World War II and the Korean War last week at a reunion that was held in the Savannah Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The reunion, that started Aug. 18, was the 36th annual convention of the past soldiers of the 24th Inf Div.

The first day of the reunion found the ex-soldiers replacing duffle bags for golf bags and charging up sandy beaches was changed to "driving" through sand traps. Hunter Army Airfield golf course played host to a golf tournament.

For those who were not so athletically inclined, Historic Savannah provided a bus tour of

downtown Savannah. The fantastic weather was provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

First call was early Friday, earlier than most of the members were used to. Fort Stewart scheduled a tour of the installation and a demonstration of military equipment and techniques.

The Rangers and units of the division showed helicoptering, vertical extraction, MILES demonstration with displays and a visit to the museum with a command review that honored the members of the association. All of this was highlighted by a ride in a CH-47 Chinook helicopter or a UH-60 Blackhawk.

As night fell the Hyatt was turned into a tropical paradise as the reunion members en-

joyed a Luau. The division band's combo played while the couples danced to the sounds of the big band era.

Not all of the reunion was entertainment. On Saturday, the members got down to the order of the day—an association meeting. The members voted on new officers and the location of the next reunion.

A boat tour of the Savannah Harbor and time to shop at the local merchants finished the day.

Maj. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf spoke to the members at the evening's banquet and memorial service.

Sunday was a day of saying "aloha" to friends and comrades of days gone by.

Old soldiers never die, they just...



*loud
'n
clear*



Demonstration

These 24th ID Assn conventioners await the beginning of a MILES demonstration which was conducted to provide them an update on the division and its training. (Photo by Sp5, Melvin Vaughn)



On display

24th ID Assn members were treated to an aerial equipment display at Hunter and later some of them took aerial tours aboard Chinook or Blackhawk helicopters. (Photo by Sp4 Theresa Biron)

Think Quick
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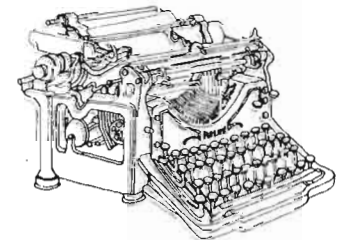
Nostalgia

A rebuilt World War II half-track provides a nostalgic reminder as it transports Maj. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, present division commander, and Chester Andrezak, 24th ID Assn president for a review of the troops. (Photo by Sp4 Theresa Biron)



In step

These present day division soldiers show members of the division association that they are ready and that they still know how to march in step as they conduct a mini review as part of association convention activities. (Photo by Sp5 Melvin Vaughn)



From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

PIZEN -- Poison. "I seen lotsa pizen snakes in these parts."

The helicopter ride between Hunter and Stewart was the hit of the weekend. STAN GROSS (A 63rd F), said it best when he said: "We are all grateful to Gen. SCHWARTZKOPF and all members of the command who helped to make it so."

The Command Review at Stewart was "beautiful". Watching the Division (even though only a few of its parts were represented) pass-in-review always brings palpitations to the heart. As JULIUS JOSZ, (A 19th), said: "I haven't been so moved since reading Cinderella."

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

AIM -- To intend or to plan.
"I aim to buy some land."

After Taps were sounded at the conclusion of Chaplain JOE PEYTON's moving Memorial Service at the SIII banquet, BENNY MASHAY, (D 19th), turned to us with tears in his eyes and said: "It was never more beautiful". And Benny was right. Each of the bars was repeated in echo fashion to give the whole a somber, somewhat eerie tone. Benny was not alone in his emotions.

Dr. STANLEY KAISER, (Med.Div.Arty), surprised his old buddy, KEN TARRANT, (A 63rd F), by presenting him with Life Membership #529 at the SIII banquet. "Best kept secret since Hollandia" said Ken gratefully.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

PLUMB -- Completely. "I'm plumb upset with her lolly-gagin' around."

At SIII, it was an incandescent hour. The story of the failed Iranian Rescue Mission was magnificently and brilliantly presented by Lt.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT, its commander. For more than an hour before our annual business meeting, Gen. Vaught beguiled us with his most forthright statement of what went right and what went wrong -- and why. Without benefit of a single note, and without any hesitancy whatsoever, he enunciated clearly and loudly an unbelievably polished recitation of the effort which he headed -- from inception of the concept to and through its tragic terminus. Jim Vaught turned the performance into a kind of epiphany. It was an electrifying hour. Thank you, Jim, from the bottom of our hearts.

JOE DAWSON, who gave us such pleasure a year ago at Baltimore II when he appeared dressed in resurrected WW I regalia, was observed at the Hyatt speaking to a group of Stewart soldiers. Overheard was his comment to them: "Wait'll tomorrow and I'll show you fellows what a real soldier looked like." And true to his word, Joe toured Stewart the next day in the getup which contributed so much fun to our programs. Thanks for the memory, Joe.



"HOW COME THESE SOLDIER GUYS ARE ALWAYS BUCKIN' FOR STRIPES?"

We can't go on without paying tribute to A/C/S, G5, Lt.Col. VERN AUSTIN who was Division's control officer for our SIII weekend. Vern had been working for months in planning Stewart's part in our activities and the fruits of his efforts were seen everywhere in Savannah, out at Hunter, and down at Stewart. Especially unbelievable were the troops of all ranks continually parading around the hotel ready to respond to his every order. At times it looked as though we were being outnumbered by the US Army. Great feeling. And every blessed one of them wore the Taro Leaf too.

Observed on Savannah's River Street: A bumper sticker reading, "Will Rogers never met Howard Cossell".

We have elected to presume that the Goodyear blimp flying up there and around the Hyatt Regency during our SIII weekend was there only for our benefit.

The former Div. C/S, Col. H.G. TAYLOR, now the 2nd Brigade Commander, is now one of our members, we are proud to proclaim.

SOMETHING FISHY

(BUT GOOD)

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
 SHED OF -- Get rid of or unload. "You got to get shed of that old mule."

The "Shy Lum" Fund has, in the words of its originators EDWARD ROBINSON and JOSEPH CENGA, "exceeded all expectations." We're listing those who helped it to zoom to \$1030. If we've missed anyone because of lateness, we'll make amends in the next issue. Here are those who brought it all to pass -- for which the thanks of each Association member and more particularly the thanks of Shy who wrote: "I am humbly grateful." The contributors were:

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LEE LIST, (B 21st), our hard-working membership chairman, smiled with seraphic contentment as people praised his efforts toward bringing new folks into the fold.

The 48th Inf.Bde., our roundout third brigade, recently conducted their annual training at Stewart. Oddly enough, one of their regiments is the 121st.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
 GULLY-WASHER -- A hard rain. "We shore had a gully-washer last night."



It's Phyllis ERWIN, JIM's daughter, with her \$10,000, 3 year old "Fire-Glo", an Arabian. She's a beauty, Phyl.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
 KIVVER -- Covered. "Them young-uns is kivered with the pox."

BILL O'KEEFE, (Div.Hq. 21st '44-'50), of 15208 Fern, Tacoma, WA, operated on for back trouble. Recovering nicely.

That dancing couple, HENRY and Mary GOSZTYLA, (B 34th) -- and a nicer pair we've never met -- expressed their sentiments about growing old this way: "By the time your children are fit to live with, they're living with someone else."

In part answer to one of the critical voices raised at SIII which said: "You ain't got no Korea boys at the head of this here club," the reply might be made: "What about our new President, BOB SHAY, (21st), who did his time on both sides of the 38th parallel?"

CHARLEY CLARK, (Hq. 52nd F), all the way from Tustin, CA, brought to SIII, copies of the Schofield Recreational Bulletin showing the movies that were being shown the week before Pearl Harbor. He was passing them out to anyone interested. Nice gesture, Charley.

Address change: WILLIAM R. COBB, (13th F. '40-'53, '46-'49), to 7326 Poi Circle, Orlando, FL. Nice street -- Poi -- for a 24th'er.

Hanging his hat in a new place is RUDY RONNING, (A 19th '42-'45). This time it's Box 6, Trail, Mont. Looked for it on a map, Rudy. No luck.

24th War Veterans Honored

"We were all pretty close," says Missourian Jack E. Brown, remembering his World War II buddies. "This is sort of like coming home after being away."

Brown and several hundred other 24th Infantry veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict from across the country all came home Friday, at a special Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Air Field tour in their honor.

Brown, like numerous other vets, has a war wound to keep his memory sharp. His regiment had been stationed at an island in the Philippines, and was preparing to pull out when a mortar burst dropped in a clearing, dousing Brown with shrapnel. That sent him home. "I still carry quite a slug in my left leg," he says.

Getting a veteran to reminisce about the war is never very difficult. Hemingway once said that anyone who spends a year in the war will have enough to write about for a lifetime. Or, one easily adds, talk about for a lifetime. It's a bonding experience that comes naturally when men go through a life-or-death experience together. One veteran, Melvin A. Butrica, recalls that male camaraderie was different then: "We used to walk around with our arms around each other. Today, people would look at you funny, but then it was nothing unusual."



Staff Photo/RODNEY WELCH

TOGETHER AGAIN AT LAST — Veterans from across the country, many of whom served with the 24th Infantry Division in World War II and Korea, were seated at Cottrell Field for Friday's Command Review.



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HIT! — A tank swerves while discharging smoke during Friday's tour demonstration of the multiple integrated laser engagement system (MILES). The system allows detection of a direct hit or miss from faraway.

"I'll never forget 'em, especially those guys," Brown says with a jovial chuckle.

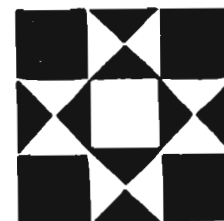
Some of those who came together Friday saw those old buddies, and even relived a staple war experience. The tour leaders demonstrated a laser scope for tanks and rifle artillery which indicates whether a shot is a direct hit or not. Rifles loaded with rounds of blanks were offered to the veterans to demonstrate their own battlefield prowess against each other.

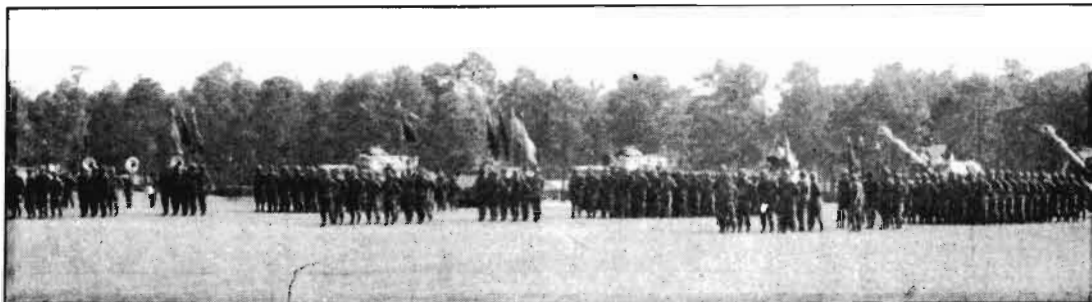
It seemed like great black comedy—this gaggle of bulging near-senior citizens or retirees, a long way from their lean youths of the 1940's, firing away at one another, seeing if they'd still match up.

Butrica, who hails from Milltown, New Jersey, was one. A squat, porky little man, he charmed everyone Friday, including a few military leaders, when he strapped up and took aim, looking like a little boy soldier preparing to do battle with the kid next door.

But it was no mere game over forty years ago, when Butrica was serving at the renowned Schofield Barracks in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the December day when the Japanese attacked.

Butrica remembers not only that fateful event, but also noon of Thanksgiving Day in 1944, when the





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COMMAND REVIEW — Soldiers and tanks were gathered together for a Friday morning command review ceremony in commemoration of the Ft. Stewart Association tour. The tour brought together 24th Infantry veterans from across the country, and demonstrated the capabilities of new equipment.

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WWII Veteran

Japanese began dropping artillery and firing at high range. 35 men were lost in ten minutes, he recalls.

And there are others with stories. War stories are never difficult to fish out, with their varying recollections of old pals, of moments now embedded deep in history. It all came back to these men Friday, as they toured the bases, looked at new equipment with a glint of nostalgia, and relentlessly partied at the Savannah Hyatt.

Having shared time in battle, Friday's tour provided a rare chance for these men—a handful of the thousands who served—to see again the stuff of memory, with everything revitalized but still indomitably in place.



HARRY and Frances WITTMAN, JR., (G 21st '51-'52), of 1385 Terri, Keyser, WV, are just proud of son, Harry III, who having graduated from Potomac State College is now a junior at WV Univ. Made Dean's List at Potomac. No wonder you sent along III's picture, Jr. Junior also covered the VFW Clubs of WV with notices of our party at SIII. We are grateful to you for that Harry.



Meet new member GLEN ROHR. Not only is he a "new" member, he's a Life Member -- #527. Now Sr. V. Commander of the Ohio VFW, Glen is next year's commander. He was 3rd Bn. Hq. & K, 19th '50-'51 -- and now lives with Donna at Canal Fulton, Ohio. Welcome aboard, Glen and Donna.

Biggest boo-boo of SIII - not timely inviting the Mayor of Savannah and his lady to our banquet. Demonstrably good friends of the 24th too. Darn shame. When they finally did get invited, they were "busy". Small wonder. We'd have been busy too.



"BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU-"

—Cpl. Ozzie St. George, New Guinea

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary: BIGGETY -- Stuck up or acting big. "She's been actin' awful biggety these days."

Moved -- to 859 Oneawa St., Kailua, Hawaii. GRANTON and Emily WILSON, (E 19th '40-'43). These wonderful folks were at 11 Washington, Parlin, NJ. Emily brought to SIII, a beautiful knitted robe, made by her good self, and same was raffled before the banquet, MAX PITNEY being the winner. There wasn't time for the selling of raffle tickets for this event so Prexy CHET ANDREZAK drew a name out of a hat. To sell tickets means a little advance planning, don't you see.

"Know how many registered at SIII?" asked our hard-working convention chairman, HARRY RUBIN, (Div.Hq.) Harry, incidentally, was #1 on the registration list. Natch. ALBERT KITCHEN, (21st) brought up the rear as last to register - #235.

Ah, it's good news this year. The speaking part of the SIII banquet went through in 59 minutes -- one minute shy of one hour. Another 24th record for posterity. Let's cut it to 50 minutes in Cincinnati.

LEON SWEM, (AT 34th), was his usual wonderful self at SIII. We overheard him telling JOE BOCCINO, (L 34th) that: "So far I've found only one good thing about my old age." "What's that?" asked Joe. Answered Leon: "While I'm singing, I can brush my teeth."

At SIII, we had only three gripes -- the food at the luau, the boat ride, and the size of the hospitality room. All bummers.

This guy goes to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor finds his blood pressure high, advises him to lose weight, etc., and return in two months. The doc says, "My fee is \$50."

The guy comes back 25 lbs. lighter, blood pressure is normal. The doc says, "Great! How did you do it?"

Guy says, "For \$50.00 I'll tell you!"

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary: CLUM -- Climbed. "I clum thet hill for the last time."

Royalties received by Maj.Gen.AUBREY NEWMAN for all copies of "Follow Me" which we have been able to sell have been gifted to the Association. You may not have realized the generosity of this quiet, unassuming man.

Kudos for the ART POLSON's. On their check, they have their address, telephone number and car registrations. Great idea. E19th folks. No wonder.

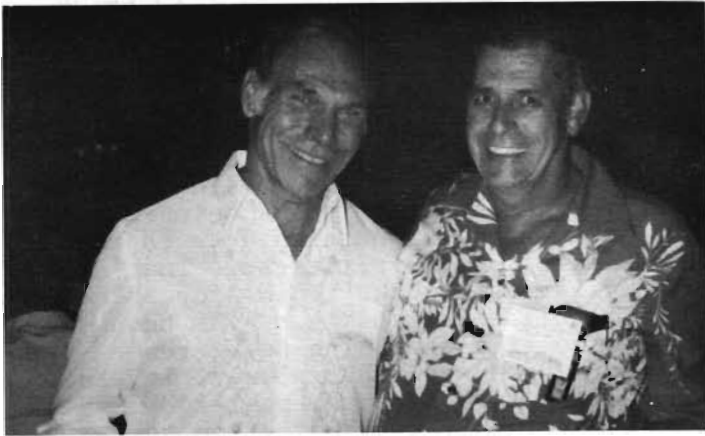
Col. RICHARD and Ruth LAWSON, (Div.Hq. '42-'45), missed SIII and were missed -- were cruising through the Baltic area.

Brig.Gen. GEORGE DICKERSON, (H 19th, G-3 Sect. and CO 34th in Korea), of Poquoson, VA., the city's chief administrator for 7 yrs., has returned to the City Manager's office until they find a new one to hire. George is serving without pay. Great citizen.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary: BOOK READ -- Educated or well informed. "We aim for little Flossie to git book read someday."

The Div. G-4 is one of our members: Lt.Col. DAN G. SHELLABARGER, of 607 Cinder Hill, Hinesville, GA.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
 FETCH -- To bring. "Go fetch the doctor."



DONALD F. YOMNICK, (M 34th '51-'53), of 1893 Palm, Clearwater, FL, made SIII, his first reunion, and is right proud of this picture. Writes Don:

"All I can think of was what a wonderful time Marilyn and I had at the convention. When we decided to attend, I had no idea what it would be like, meeting and talking with the officers, their wives, the enlisted men of Stewart and even meeting and talking with General Schwarzkopf, and his wife, Brenda. They surely are nice people. All made our visit to Stewart an enjoyable one. Everything was so well planned and organized. Our thanks go out to all of them. Also, I never thought I would ever meet anyone from my old company. When I looked at the program I noticed a name I thought I recognized. It was Lt. Gen. JAMES VAUGHT. I first knew him as a 1st Lt. 31 years ago. When he took over command of M 34th, he soon made Capt. He was a very good company commander. I enjoyed talking and going over old times with him. I showed him some snapshots of his men in Japan, and he knew some of them by name. He made our trip to Savannah one we'll never forget."

"Thanks again for a wonderful time."

Now Commander of his chapter of Military Order of the Purple Heart is C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE, (5th RCT '51-'52), of 6 Cattail, Irvine, CA.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
 DAST -- "Dare. "Don't you dast ask Zeke to the doin's."

We still have copies of "Follow Me" by Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman. Soft covered copies are \$7.95 and \$12.95 for the cloth cover. Send your checks to "24th Infantry Division Association" 120 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01103-2278.

Another mover. KEMUEL and Agnes BLACKER, (52nd F '41-'45) have shifted to 2253 Creekstone, Marietta, GA.

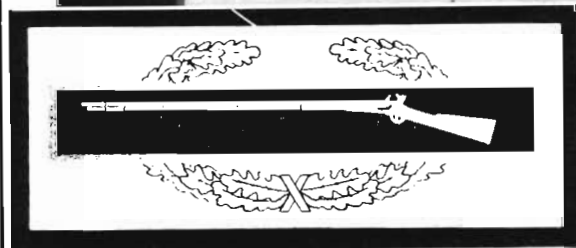
Wonderful to see DON MCHALE at SIII. You were away too long, Don.

Shy LUM saw GEORGE WAGGONER, (E 19th '41-'45) at SIII -- first time since "Wahoo Days".

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
 HOLLER -- "A small valley. "She comes from over in the holler."

Awful thing happened on the way to the Reunion. C. RUCKER FORD (F 21st '43-'45), and Jane, were underway leaving their 2344 Sunderland, Maitland, FL home for SIII. Rucker was felled with a heart attack. Hospital. Then the decision -- bypass surgery. Done. Rucker now home. Talked with both him and Jane. Recovering nicely -- but slowly. A get well card would help. We've flowered him in your behalf.

In case you write MELVIN J. FAULKNER, (H&S 3rd Eng. '40-'53), watch it. He has moved. Try 204 Hickory in Hereford, TX.



CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE, (5th RCT '51-'52) of 6 Cattail, Irvine, CA, was recently at the Marine Base in El Toro where he met Sandy Saavedra, one of the Rams Cheerleaders. Bud is pitching for the sale of a CIB paper sticker or decal. He's selling them for \$2.00. Interested? Write Bud enclosing a self-addressed envelope. From pinups to stick-ons, that's our Bud.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
SMACK-DAB -- On the dot exactly. "I shot him smack-dab through his heart."

One fellow arrived at the registration desk at the late unreasonable hour of 11 p.m. -- a time when a registration desk can seem as gamy as the Green Bay Packers locker room. No one was manning the desk, "surprisingly", and our late arrival was incensed. "Worst organized crowd I ever saw in my life" is one of his quotes. There were others, less printable. As a matter of fact, we cannot find a registration form signed by our malcontent. As tall, tall, tall AL ROCK (B 21st) said in quoting Cal Coolidge: "You can't please everybody, don't try."

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
POKE -- Paper bag. "He put the chicken in a poke."

A typical day's mail reads like this one from HEYWOOD KLEBER, (3rd Eng. '49-'51), out in Rt. 1, Box 302, Monroe, OR: "Sure missed seeing all of you at the convention. Pretty busy out here. Have a new candidate. His name is:

Jack R. Powers
R 1, Box 293A, Albany, OR 97321.
He is anxious to join. He didn't even know there was such an association. But he does now. I told him what a good organization it is and what fine people are in it. Keep up the good work."

One thing about Heywood -- he calls 'em as he sees 'em. Thanks Heywood.

Where to in '84?

You'll never believe it. Cincinnati - it's in Ohio in case you're wondering.

One pitch was for Chicago. One was for Cincinnati.

The Chicago forces thought they had done their homework. It was going to be like shooting fish in a barrel.

Then came the Cincinnati boys -- very quietlike and unassuming -- who spent the hours before the business meeting in button hole-ing and lapel grabbing -- and Lord knows what else!!

Comes the vote. Gangbusters! It was Cincinnati by a mile -- so many raised their hands that President BOB SHAY gave up the effort of trying to make a count and simply declared, "We meet next in Cincinnati."

And the Chicago boys put their tails between their respective legs -- and cried a little bit.

Oh well, as delightful Dottie WISECUP delightfully put it, "It really doesn't matter where it is; we'd still enjoy it. It's the people who count, not the place." Right on, Dottie!!

Sure there were a couple of foul-ups. You can't maneuver 400 or so people without someone's nose getting out of joint. Example: the loading of the buses at the hotel preparatory to going to Hunter for the day's activities at Hunter and Stewart. Sure it looked like something arranged by Helen Keller. But do you know why? We were going to board in front of the hotel, on Bay St. The buses were there and in the right order. Then some two-bit bellhop got excited because traffic was being blocked and the buses were ordered down to the lower level, on River Street. That's when disaster struck. Things crumbled like a toll house cookie. From then on it looked like something being run by the Marx Brothers. But slowly, in time, peace reigned. Even so, poor PAUL and Lessie HARRIS missed out on the helicopter ride to Stewart. Not so bad for themselves, they said, but they did so want their grandson to have the thrill. Kudos for Lt.Col. VERN M. AUSTIN, who, on learning of the disappointment, made arrangements for a private helicopter ride for the little fellow the next morning. But PAUL, "Junior" we call him, thanked Vern for his grand gesture and politely said "No." Was a darned shame that they missed the ride.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
RED -- To clean or tidy up. "Red up your room before you fetch Grandma."

Rotten news on LAWRENCE E. WHITE, (A 13th F. '42-'45), of 130 N. Orchard, Fruita, CO. As Larry himself writes it: "Have been in Salt Lake City Vet Hosp. for cancer." And now for the good news, Larry adds: "Am home now and doing fine." We're pulling for you, Larry.



"You'll like it here, Corporal -- 5,000 men, and 65 miles to town!"

Talk about getting our pictures in "late." TONY TIRRI, (I and Sv. 34th, '41-'44), of 23 Woodland, Valley Stream, NY, sends us this one of 34th'ers taken -- When? -- in 1946. It's of AL and Claire VESPO, Lena and PAT MCDONNELL, NICK and Alice RUSSIELLO, ARMAS and Marie HENDELA and Tony's now deceased wife, Marie. Marie, we're sorry to say, passed away Aug. 3, 1980. Tony's on dialysis -- has been for year and a half. Says he's feeling great. He's just a little slow in getting around to sending in pictures -- 37 years for this one. Tony is looking for MORRIE COREN of G 34th whose Dad ran an upholstery shop up near Yankee stadium. We're gumshoeing, Tony.



From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
SKITTISH -- Nervous. "Them mules git kinda skittish when his dogs howl."



Two cannibals eating supper.
Sez #1: "You know, I can't stand your mother-in-law."
Sez #2: "Okay, then just eat the noodles."

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:
WHUPPED -- Whipped or spanked. "Pa shore whupped me when I fibbed to the widdier woman."

From Ex-Prexy WALLY CUNNINGHAM comes this item titled:

LIFE AFTER 40
HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER

Everything hurts -
and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
The gleam in your eyes -
is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
You feel like the night before -
and you haven't been anywhere.
Your little black book -
contains only names ending in M.D.
You get winded playing chess.
You begin to outlive enthusiasm.
You know all the answers -
but nobody asks you the questions.
You look forward to a dull evening.
Your favorite part of the newspaper -
is "25 years ago today."
You sit in your rocking chair -
and can't get it going.
Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
You're 17 around the neck -
and 42 around the waist.
You stop looking forward to your next birthday.
Dialing long distance wears you out.
Your back goes out more often -
than you do.
A fortune teller -
offers to read your face.
You are startled the first time you
are addressed as "old timer."
You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 p.m.
You sink your teeth into a steak -
and they stay there.
You get your exercise acting as
a pallbearer for your friends
who exercise.
You get too much room in the house
and not enough room in the
medicine cabinet.
The best part of your day is over
when your alarm goes off.

Ever-alert JERRY VON MOHR, (AT 19, '45)
of 3846 Villanova, Kettering, Ohio,
spotted a Taro Leafer while shopping.
Or rather the other fellow spotted
Jerry's decal. Now everybody meet
ROBERT L. HOSKENS, 1401 Tabor, Kettering,
Ohio, who, of course, has now entered
our hallowed hall of membership.
Welcome Bob.

60th Wedding Anniversary for the
FREDERICK A. IRVING's come Dec. 31st.
Card them at 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd.,
Apt. 1110, Arlington, VA 22202.

This item will generate at least two complaint letters. Any reference to homosexuals invariably gets the blood pressure up on a few.

Anyway, here goes -- it's merely a UPI release -- so don't blame us.

It came out of Portland, Maine, just before we converged on SIII and it went:

"An Army general testified Monday he was only following regulations in approving the dismissal of a sergeant who admitted being a lesbian. The sergeant said the regulation was unconstitutional.

"The Department of Defense policy is that homosexuality is incompatible with the mission of the Army," said Gen. H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF, who served until recently as the Army's director of personnel management.

"He testified in defense of the Army's policy barring homosexuals, being challenged by Diane J. Matthews, of South Portland. The one-day trial took place in federal court before U.S. Magistrate D. Brock Hornby.

"Ms. Matthews served four years in the Army before enrolling at the University of Maine at Orono and joining the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps. She admitted to an ROTC officer in October 1981 she was a lesbian. As a result, she was dismissed a month later, but continues to serve in the reserves.

"Ms. Matthews sued the Army, claiming her dismissal violated her constitutional rights to freedom of privacy and expression. She asked that she be reinstated in the ROTC and the Army's anti-homosexual regulation be struck down.

"Schwarzkopf said the Army prohibits homosexuals because their presence undermines morale and hampers recruiting. "If families knew the Army openly allowed homosexuals, recruiting would be devastated," he said.

"Lt.Col. Jon Blades later testified that the Army had conducted two major studies of homosexuality, both finding that homosexuals become alienated from their peers and tend to disrupt normal military operations.

"The courts have generally upheld the Pentagon's policy against homosexuality.

"Hornby took the case under advisement and asked counsel to submit final arguments in writing. He will likely rule in the case within the next 90 days, one court official said."

This from EDSON A. CARPENTER, (19th & 767th Tk.Bn. '41-'45), of 7401 Arrowroot, Gaylord, MI, in writing of the incapacitated JESSE FOSTER: "I wish for him a full and speedy recovery. He was one of the best (censored) soldiers ever to serve in the 19th". Easy on the enthusiasm, Ed; remember this little paper might be read by children, although for the life of us we don't understand why.

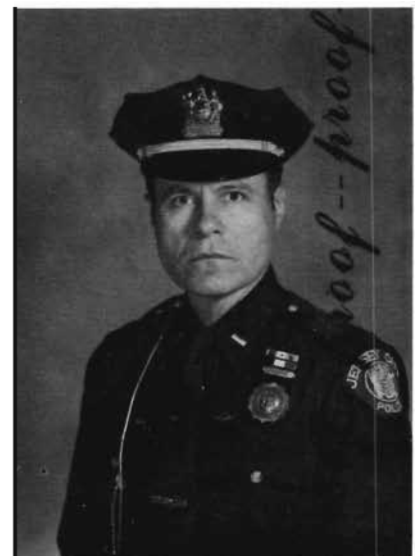
Our dictionary of military slang is growing. Here are a few more:

- Tommy Atkins - a british soldier
- Jock - the Scottish soldier, also "The Lady from Hell"
- Cot squirrels - bedbugs
- Cotton casket - the mattress cover they resort to when they're going to put you down in a hurry
- Hen fruit - eggs
- R.T.B. - read the book
- Tent pole - a 6'6" recruit
- Toilet seat - the meritorious unit citation in the form of a wreath, worn on the left sleeve, and resembling one
- poop sheet - any written word
- mushi mushi - "hello" used in answering a telephone in Japan
- tent soldier - one who likes field duty over a desk assignment
- the top - the first sergeant
- Peeping Tom - an artillery forward observer
- Pineapple soldier - one based on Wahoo
- Cowboy - an Indian behind the wheel
- Meat wagon - ambulance
- M-1 - the Garand, US rifle, cal. .30
- No-wait-Kate - two-timing wife or girl friend
- Ichi ban - number one, first, best
- Civies - civilian clothing
- Incoming mail - hostile fire

Send yours in!

First because he's a member but second because one of us may need him so we give you

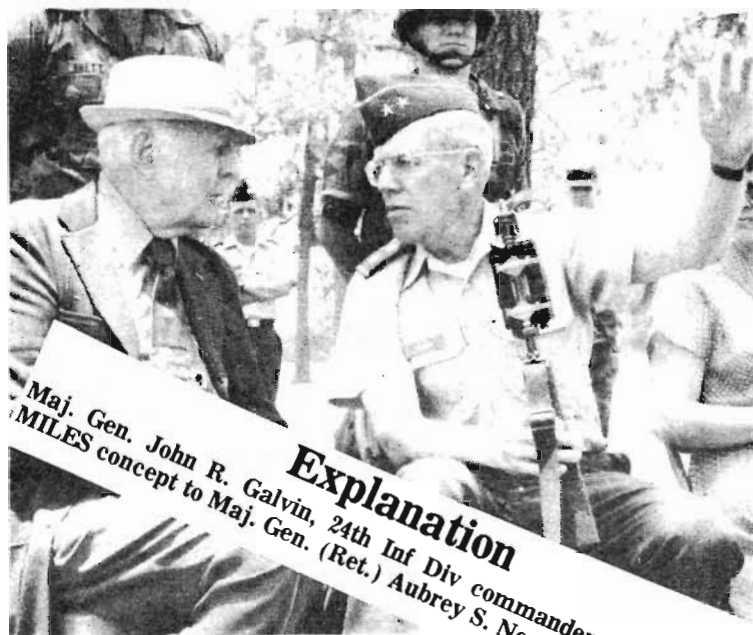
EDWARD B. MCCARTHY, (G 19th '53-54), of 81 McAdoo, Jersey City, NJ. And just "what" is he? Why he's Lieut. E.B. McCarthy of the Jersey City Police, that's who. And remember the limit is 55.



THE NEWS IN PERSPECTIVE



Pinned on
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Aubrey S. Newman, former commander of 34th Inf, presents Sp4 Thomas J. Greuber, 2-34th Inf Bn Soldier of the Year, with the annual Newman award.



Explanation
Maj. Gen. John R. Galvin, 24th Inf Div commander, explains the MILES concept to Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Aubrey S. Newman.

We're a little late with this one -- but include it in this issue we do.

Maj.Gen. and Mrs. AUBREY S. NEWMAN visited the 34th at Stewart on June 10th while Maj.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN was yet CG.

Newman was to present the annual Newman award to the battalion soldier of the year, Sp4 THOMAS J. GREUBER. After the presentation, the 34th gave Newman a demonstration of the technological advances made in the 39 years since he led the regiment, including Viper and Dragon anti-tank missiles, the Improved Tow Vehicle, and the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES).

Galvin asked Newman what he thought of the Army's technological innovations. (Newman allowed that he was impressed, and then added one that hadn't been pointed out to him. "When I awarded that medal I noted that there's a new kind of clip for attaching it to the uniform," he told Galvin. "You can just hook these on the pocket instead of fooling with pins. It's about time they did something about that.")

Newman was equally sharp-eyed during the MILES demonstration. The M16A1 rifle section of the exposition consisted of two infantrymen firing and rushing until one had killed the other. "I think this man was firing without aiming," Newman told Galvin, pointing to the "dead" man. Galvin had the two repeat the exercise, and in seconds the same man was "dead." "You're right," said Galvin. Although the dead man had fired first, the survivor's shots had been aimed.

Galvin added that "MILES" is the Latin word for soldier, as well as an acronym for multiple integrated laser engagement system.

Newman said that the MILES system allowed more realistic war games than the maneuver exercises the Army had run in his time, which invariably ended in arguments that went "you're dead. No, you're dead."

The MILES demonstration concluded with an attack by an armored personnel carrier against a platoon that had assumed a hasty defense.

Newman was then given a tour of the 34th's motor pool. After viewing the battle hardware of the unit he had once commanded, the retired general thanked everyone, and then added that the day's activities had given him the old itch. "It makes me wish I was back in uniform," he said.

"Aubrey," said Galvin, "everything makes you wish you were back in uniform." Mrs. Newman agreed.

Oh yes, on that matter of "doing something" for our west coast friends, meaning holding some meetings in strategic locations in the Pacific time zone, we must not ignore that we have already held two such meetings -- one in San Francisco and one in Irvine down in Orange County. Attendance? 33 in San Francisco -- 76 in Irvine. Not to debate the point -- more meetings can be and will be held. That's agreed. But let's consider demographics for a moment. We analyzed our current roster and, by states, here's where we hail from:

DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIPS BY STATES
(as of 9/1/83)

AL	17	KY	41	OH	72
AK	0	LA	12	OK	23
AZ	19	ME	9	OR	13
AR	37	MD	35	PA	128
CA	140	MA	66	PRico	2
CO	13	MI	44	RI	6
CT	22	MN	17	SC	32
DE	5	MS	8	SD	5
DC	3	MO	61	TN	19
FL	101	MT	4	TX	62
GA	67	NB	8	UT	1
GUam	0	NV	7	VT	5
HI	14	NH	9	VA	42
ID	1	NJ	62	Visland	0
IL	103	NM	6	WA	17
IN	35	NY	82	WV	22
IA	26	NC	47	WI	34
KS	23	ND	5	WY	1

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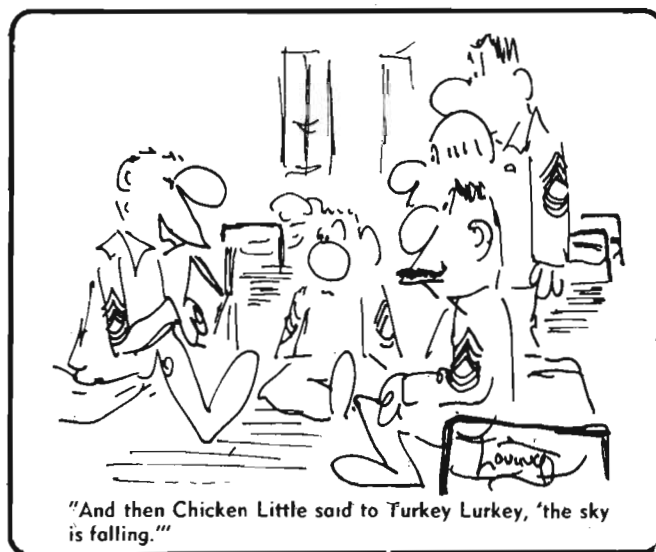
There's no denying facts -- the "west coast" is deserving of a better deal -- and we pledge to do our part forthwith to help to bring it about

Here's a letter, typical of many received after SIII: Wasn't that a great reunion? The day at Ft. Stewart was beyond anything I had imagined. The officers and men certainly were an exemplary, polite, efficient and accommodating group. Their demonstrations also proved they are efficient and precise in combat preparation. I can't say enough about them. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day, the reviewing of the troops, etc. When the band played 'Old Soldiers Never Die' I must confess that I was moist-eyed. The helicopter ride was something I've always wanted to do. Alice didn't appreciate it though and was delighted to ride the bus back." Who's the enthusiast? None other than NICHOLAS MARASCO, (L 34th '43-'45), of 22 Paper Mill, Honeoye Falls, NY.

Joined up: RAYMOND DAVID, (1st Bn. Hq. 34th '41-'45), of 514 E. Ash, Chatsworth, IL.

Maj.Gen. H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF opened his banquet remarks with a story that brought down the house and only helped to cement the warm bond that had been fast developing over the preceding 48 Savannah hours. Seems that years ago when he was well on the way to marrying the very lovely Brenda Holsinger, his best man said of the forthcoming Schwarzkopf-Holsinger hitch, "This doesn't sound like a wedding; it sounds like the opening of a butcher shop." Norman Schwarzkopf had his audience in his hand. He went on to deliver a spirited and frequently rousing statement. Throughout, he used the phrase "My soldiers" as more than a refrain, more than cadence, at most a biblical exhortation. It was beautiful.

Writes RAYMOND RASZKOWSKI, (24 Med.Bn. '47-'50), of 8336 Roosevelt, Taylor, MI: "Often wonder if anyone remembers M/Sgt. Severino Garza, the band leader in Kokura ('47-'50). There is a spot in my heart for this guy and the way he led the band when they played the 'Col. Boogie March'. He would always acknowledge me at the ballpark by playing a Polka just for me. Some other guys one must mention like Art Small, Stewart of Club 24 (remember that great display of fireworks in front of the Clifford Theatre that Art engineered). JOHN BAGLAMA, whom I have to thank for signing me up in your association, VIC HUNGERFORD for his marvelous Training Sessions and others too numerous to mention."



"And then Chicken Little said to Turkey Lurkey, 'the sky is falling.'"

BILL TATMAN is sitting in a bar in Virginia Beach. Fellow comes in and asks around, "Who owns the truck outside with the Taro Leaf on the windshield?" It was DONALD G. BARTLETT talking. Now a member -- natch! He's at 232 Whispering Pines, also in Virginia Beach.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

FUR PIECE -- A great distance. "He lives a fur piece from his kin folks."

Unlike Louis XIV, who declared, "L'etat, c'est moi", Lt.Gen.DONALD E. ROSENBLUM has never been heard in a similar spirit to proclaim in French, English, Kurdish or any other language, "I am the 24th." He wasn't and isn't now but at many points in recent years he might have seemed to be. Name one who in the last 6 years has shown more enthusiasm, devotion and love for the Division and this Association and all that both stand for than Don. That's what the selection committee thought too. That is why PAUL "Junior" HARRIS, last year's awardee of the coveted WILLIAM J. VERBECK AWARD, the Association's highest honor, had the great privilege of announcing Don as this year's honoree and passing on to him the beautiful silver bowl which so nicely represents the award, same to be held by Don until next year's presentation. How fitting, how appropriate that Don should be given this recognition.

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

DOIN'S -- A function. "Are you goin to the church doin's tonight?"

All "peaches and cream"? Regretfully, no. The luau. (If we ever got to Congress, we're gonna make 'em against the law). The attempt was to control the passage through the 4 lines, operative simultaneously. TOM COMPERE called people forward by tables (And here we call attention to the fact that the generals and their ladies were not the first to go through the lines. How do you like that?). Trouble was that some of the early birds heaped their plates full. Yup, you know the rest. And what was even more galling was that some of the plates were returned to the kitchen at party's end still filled with food. We saw this with our very own eyes. We went into the kitchen so we know. Moral: don't serve food buffet style! Let's face it. Every restaurateur will admit that a buffet favors the house. Minimizes waitress requirements obviously. One last word on this one -- and this for those who brought up the rear. You didn't miss a h--- of a lot. (We've eaten better at Wendy's.)

Our Membership Chairman LEE LIST can find 'em. He has located JOHN E. MATTISON, (Hq. 1st Bn. 21st '49-'51) at 1933 Elmira, Aurora, CO.

We've another DON WILLIAMS now in the gang. He's K21st - 1945 of Box 326, Wyatt, MO.

August has been a busy month for both your Editor and his secretary. We are still in the process of doing bookkeeping which piled up during vacation time. If your cancelled check has not been returned to you at this time it is for that reason. You can expect it in your next accounting. Please be patient with us for a little longer. We're doing the best we can!

From JOE DAWSON's private hillbilly dictionary:

PUT OUT -- Angry, annoyed. "He shore was put out 'bout the meetin'."

We still have Red Newman's "Follow Me" on hand. \$7.95 for the Soft Cover edition and \$12.95 for the Hard Cover edition. We have only five of the hard cover type on hand.

JOE DAWSON, our favorite WW I soldier, offered a set of his homemade wind chimes as a banquet door prize. Our neighbor ART KEP - he lives only 10 miles from us -- was the lucky awardee. Thank you, Joe Dawson.



Request in from C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE, (5th RCT '51-'52) of 6 Cattail, Irvine, CA reads: "Here is a picture of JOCK HERNANDEZ. Jock was the only man from my basic training company, (C 20th Inf. Regt., Fort Ord), to stay with me all the way to Korea. We were both in the 3rd Bn. 5th RCT. I don't remember what Rifle Co. he was in. This picture was taken in early Oct. '51. I think we were on Hill 1073. Jock was wounded and is shown here being loaded onto a cable tram, an aerial tramway used to carry the wounded and dead off of our high hill. They were also used to carry our food and mail. I took this picture of Jock and told him I would send him one -- that was almost 32 years ago. I never got his address. I believe he was living in Modesto or Madera, CA. Will you print Jock's picture and this story in our Taro Leaf. Maybe one of our members may know him. I still hope to give him a picture." There's your request, Bud. Happy to oblige. Hope you find him.

FMI

EMIL H. JANICEK, (Med. 5th RCT '49-'52), of 2226 S 49th, Temple, TX, sends us this one of a 5th RCT sign "somewhere in Korea" and another of his nibs teaching a class in blood plasma administration. Emil is holding the bottle -- no, of blood plasma!!!



"Yeah, those were the days, all right."

All It Took Was One Little Remark ...

The next item came to us courtesy of Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN (34th & Div.Hq. '40-'45). We fear that we'll again be baited with the charge that we're "favoring the brass" -- aw, come on fella, cork it off!!! -- but this one gets coverage, like it or not.

It's a perfectly delightful story which Red sent us. He clipped it from Farmland News out of Archbold, Ohio. It appeared in a column under this heading:



And here's the wonderful story:

It was one of those affairs where you go because you think you have to and you end up not knowing another soul in the room.

I'd only gone because the hostess was a really close friend, and I thought I had to. And except for her, I didn't know another soul in the room.

So I just smiled at everyone I wandered near, finally found the table with the punch and cookies and then wended my way back to a nearby sofa, smiling all the while.

I was sitting there sipping my punch and nibbling on a cookie, mentally calculating the precise moment when I could make my apologies and leave, when this really friendly-looking lady sat down next to me.

She smiled. I smiled back.

Then she said, "Now that the football strike's settled, I decided I might as well come. All my husband ever wants to do is watch those dumb games on television. Don't you get tired of that?"

I smiled apologetically and said, "My husband doesn't watch football."

End of conversation. We both sipped and nibbled in silence.

Then I said, "The holidays are such a nice time of

This issue doesn't cover all there is to say about SIII. We simply ran out of space -- and time. We'll finish it up in the next issue.

Best Travelers in the Association:

BOB and Mavis PERE, (I 34 '41-'44). From the Bronx to Hawaii to Florida to Arizona to Hawaii to Arizona. Last address, just received, is 9441 Navajo, Sun Lakes, AZ.

New member GERARD J. DOPLER (34th & 24 Sig. Korea), of 322 Crescent Hill, Havertown, PA, asks for a 24th license plate. We're getting him one. Any others? Someone else asked for one a couple of months ago and we've lost track of the request. Sing again, will you please? Sorry for the forgetfulness!

year, especially for children. Don't you think so?"

This time, SHE smiled apologetically and said, "I don't have any children."

We both nibbled and sipped again.

Then she said, "Did you happen to see Phil Donahue this morning? I thought it was a really great show."

Again I smiled and said, "Well, no. I work during the day."

Another sip, another nibble. I'd almost run out of cookie.

We sat there in silence for a minute. It was just more than I could bear.

So I said, "My, isn't their Christmas tree lovely this year? I just love the look and the smell of a real tree."

She said, "Oh, we have to have an artificial tree at home. Pine trees always make me itch."

We sat there in silence a little longer. I was just about to make my apologies and go find someone else not to talk to when she leaned over and said, "I like Betty and I hate to say this, but she's a terrible cook. This punch tastes horrid and the cookies are like sawdust!"

"Oh, yes," I replied, "and did you see her bathroom? I mean, who'd have a green shower curtain with pink carpeting and blue towels. Talk about tacky!"

"And she definitely shouldn't wear red," said my new acquaintance, forgetting about the punch and cookies. "She looks so washed out, and the way that dress is cut—I mean, you'd swear she shops at Frederick's of Hollywood!"

An hour later, I left the party with the friendly-looking lady's phone number in my purse and a firm commitment to get together for lunch some day soon. I can see already that we're going to be good friends.

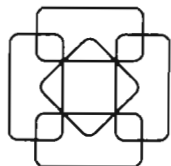
After all, we have so much in common!

A poet HERBIE KINGSBURY, (C 34th '43-'45) ain't. But his heart is in the right place. Note the iambic pentameter in this one he calls "Proud To Be":

"We are proud to be
Members of the Taro Leaf
Meet our buddies who
1942 stormed the coral reef
Our 24th Division friends
Never falter and see us through
Each trial and tribulation
What a great bunch
Of Guys and Gals
We love them each and all."

Herbie and Ethel are grandparents 10 times with another one on the way.

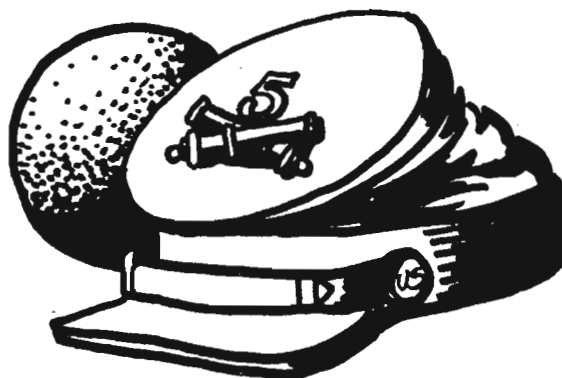
Division has been running an interesting series in its weekly "Patriot".
For example:



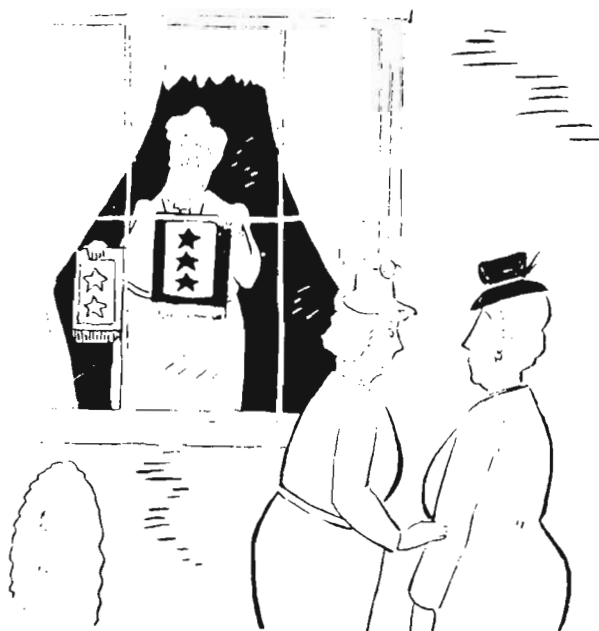
DID YOU KNOW THAT..



24TH DIVISION
—HISTORY—



**THE 13TH FA TRACES ITS HISTORY
BACK TO THE 5TH FA THAT FOUGHT
AT THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG
IN THE CIVIL WAR?**



"HER HUSBAND JUST MADE LIEUTENANT GENERAL."

GIs may soon be getting new rations. The Army is testing new freeze-dried field rations on 100 infantrymen in Honolulu, and their reaction is favorable for doing away with detested C-rations.

The rations, called MRE, or Meal, Ready to Eat, are being tested at the Pohakulea training area, where soldiers seem to agree that they are better than the standard canned C-rations, reports Army spokesman Glenn Exum.

The only complaint, said Exum, is that the portions are too small.

The new rations, which provide 1500 calories a day, come in plastic bags, making them lighter and easier to carry than the canned C-rations. The MREs are also twice as expensive than the old rations, but the Army says it believes it will save on shipping costs.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION TREASURER

This report of the Treasurer for the year, July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983, is submitted herewith.

The fiscal year closes as of each June 30th to allow time for the preparation of the Treasurer's Report in time for the Association's mid-August Convention.

Monies are held in two modes -- a checking account in Multibank National of Western Massachusetts, Springfield, MA, for all normal operating receipts and disbursements -- and a plurality of savings accounts and certificates in First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Attleboro, MA:

Checking Account

Multibank National of Western Massachusetts, Springfield, MA

Balance as of 7- 1-82	\$ 2817.12
Receipts during year of report	<u>27004.47</u>
	\$29821.59
Disbursements during year of report	<u>23090.91</u>
Balance as of 6-30-83	\$ 5694.17

Disbursements 7- 1-82 to 6-30-83

Administrative expenses and supplies	\$ 265.91
Printing, Taro Leaf	7888.45
Postage, Taro Leaf	4321.77
Mailing, Taro Leaf	645.00
Secretarial, History	1263.60
Crests, Decals	7.32
Bank Service Charges	23.14
Baltimore '82 Convention Expense	6167.97
Savannah '83 Convention Expense	200.00
Other postage	219.10
Membership Chairman Expense	200.00
Treasurer's Bond	125.00
Flowers, Funerals & Hospitals	236.10
Life Membership Plates	593.82
Bad checks	207.00
Books "Follow Me"	636.73
Refunds & Transfers	<u>90.00</u>
	\$23090.91

Receivables 7- 1-82 to 6-30-83

Dues and Life Memberships	\$10272.55
Patches, crests	355.40
Contributions	3548.11
History	2052.95
'82 Convention	8947.56
Follow Me	1310.90
Christmas Ads	<u>517.00</u>
	\$27004.47

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS & CERTIFICATES

(all held with the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Attleboro, MA.)

1. Savings Account #6-00007151

Bal. as of 7- 1-82 \$4061.30
Bal. as of 6-30-83 5970.29

Interest earned during year or report \$ 281.60

Deposit of \$798.96 was a transfer of interest on certif. #2982-51

Deposit of \$79.25 was a transfer of interest on certif. #6-31-600330

2. Savings Certificate #6-31-600330 (26 weeks, 9.643%)

Issued 10- 7-82 with \$12,000.00 initial deposit transferred
from maturing certif. #2982-51

Matured 4- 7-83 and automatically renewed to 10- 7-83

Balance as of 10- 7-82 \$12000.00
Balance as of 6-30-83 12000.00

Interest earned during year of report \$ 828.43 plus \$ 79.25

Interest is automatically deposited monthly in Savings Account 6-00007151.

3. 6-Months Certificate #2982-51 (26 weeks, 13.170%)

Issued 4- 8-82 with \$12000.00 initial deposit, maturing on 10- 7-82.

Balance as of 7- 1-82 \$12368.76
Balance as of 10- 7-82 12798.96

Interest earned during year of report \$ 430.20

On maturity, \$12000.00 was transferred to certif. #6-31-600330

and \$798.96 was transferred to Savings Acct. #6-00007151

Certificate now expired.

4. Savings Certificate #50-5891 (4 years, automatically renewable, 7½%)

Issued 3-20-75 with \$10000.00 initial deposit, maturing on 3-20-84

Balance as of 7- 1-82 \$15338.34
Balance as of 6-30-83 16550.02

Interest earned during year of report \$ 1211.73

- RECAP -

	<u>Value as of 6-30-83</u>	<u>Earned Interest During Report Year</u>
#1	\$ 5970.29	\$ 281.60
#2	12000.00	907.68
#3	--	430.20
#4	<u>16555.02</u>	<u>1211.73</u>
	\$34525.31	\$2831.21

8.2%

Respectfully submitted,


KENWOOD ROSS, Treasurer

August 20, 1983

Contributions gratefully received
since July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983
in the order of their receipt:

Olson, Milford A.	5.00
Thompson, Wm. F.	10.00
Menninger, Charles W.	10.00
Pfister, Ralph L.	10.00
Rogers, L.K.	15.00
Newman, Aubrey S.	25.00
Landry, R.L.	10.00
Law, Cecil	5.00
Morrison, John	5.00
Robinson, Johnny	5.00
Campbell, T.R.	2.50
Kostakis, John	5.00
Perry, Louis B.	5.00
Prystal, Joseph	3.00
Rasnic, Wm. J.	10.00
Herring, Charles S.	5.00
DeFoor, Ira T.	10.00
Umphrey, S.B.	10.00
Walas, Frank W.	10.00
Hood, C.W.	10.00
Phillips, Volney M.	5.00
O'Coin, Wilfred W.	5.00
Hudson, Glen	5.00
Farmer, Edward S.	5.00
Guerrera, Michele	5.00
Hicks, Ernest	5.00
O'Connor, J.T.	5.00
Kilfoyle, Thomas F.Jr.	5.00
Vogt, John G.	5.00
Nicoletta, Salvatore A.	5.00
Magel, Wilber	5.00
Roberts, Dwight A.	25.00
Blacker, Kemuel K.	5.00
Suber, Tom W.	10.00
Coyle, Eugene P.	5.00
Joniec, John E.	20.00
Strasen, Harry E.	5.00
Behrel, H. Gordon	10.00
Pfister, Ralph	3.25
Smith, Velmar F.	5.00
Simmers, Jr., Oliver	5.00
James, Dwight E.	5.00
Cotelo, M.L.	10.00
Cullison, George B.	30.00
Tucker, Woodson C.Jr.	5.00
Jones, James B.	5.00
Rehm, Everett R.	5.00
Finan, John J.	10.00
Tino, Michael J.	5.00
Eadie, John	10.00
Langone, Joseph A.	10.00
Daigle, Joseph I.	10.00
Chase, Donald A.	5.00
Mack, James D.	10.00
List, Lee B.	50.00
Smith, Frank A.	5.00
See, Guy E.	20.00
Kingsbury, Herbert	2.00
Boger, Richard	10.00
Ross, Kenwood	118.30
Fassbender, Albert	2.00
Rogers, Robert E.	5.00
Baginski, Bernard	5.00
Moomey, Malcolm	10.00
Ambrose, John A.Jr.	3.00
Bryson, Creighton	5.00
Raszowski, Raymond J.	5.00

Cole, Alice Swem	2.00
Rosenbeck, Richard	5.00
Byrem, Robert	5.00
MacNider, John R.	10.00
Wheeler, Lester L.	100.00
Haverty, John G.	6.75
Malina, Anthony S.	25.00
Stoll, Fred H.	5.00
Jones, Harold W.	5.00
Cunningham, Walter	200.00
Reinick, Victor	5.00
McKeon, Joseph J.	50.00
Upton, Thomas F.	20.00
Marino, Mike	5.00
Longfellow, Robert J.	5.00
Overbeck, Leon	10.00
Palumbo, J.	5.00
Balestrieri, Ralph	2.00
Skinner, Franklin	6.00
McKenney, John F.	5.00
Hardin, Bob	10.00
Dybdahl, C.	15.00
Crowley, David J.	5.00
Fraser, Paul A.	5.00
Brown, John A.	10.00
Simmers, Oliver C.	2.50
Goeas, Richard	15.00
Hagerman, Russell A.	10.00
Card, Charles W.	12.05
Wrist, Richard A.	10.00
Diskan, A.Elmer	5.00
Ross, Kenwood	7.75
Ross, Kenwood	41.75
Dick, Elmer D.	5.00
Bakewell, Thomas W.	60.00
Von Mohr, J.A.	25.00
Ross, Kenwood	43.78
Delameter, Charles M.	5.00
Koenig, A. Bertram	10.00
Cain, Paul J.	7.05
McConnell, Paul E.	5.00
Cuomo, Danny	17.05
Shay, John R.	50.00
Peyton, Joseph I.	50.00
McNabb, Kenneth	5.00
Lea, Ben	10.00
Torsch, Enos	12.05
Lumsden, Howard R.	12.05
Rehm, W.L.	2.05
Murga, Jesse	10.00
Johnson, Robert A.	2.05
Zimmermann, James H.	2.05
Megee, Jerry H.	25.00
Monaco, Paul M.	10.00
Farmer, Edward	10.00
Spragins, Robert B.	67.05
Ross, Kenwood	184.95
Rosenblum, Donald E.	37.05
Mantini, Angelo J.	20.00
Tominaga, George T.	5.00
Howard, Francis G.	5.00
Campbell, T.M.	4.55
Moore, Harmon D.	20.00
Patterson, Calvin W.	15.00
Marinello, Antoinette	20.00
Stock, Rodney F. Jr.	4.00

Ross, Kenwood	81.10
Agne, Grant F.	8.00
Rock, Robert J.	7.80
Hoffman, E.E.	10.00
Ross, Kenwood	28.00
Burke, Ezra P.	5.00
Baldwin, J. Smith	7.05
Eberhardt, Guy A.	5.00
Nelson, Paul H.	3.00
Von Mohr, J.A.	20.00
Milita, Martin J.	5.00
Lum, Richard Y.	10.00
Mellinger, Tom	1.80
Passwaters, Lawrence	5.00
Oeder, Carl H.	15.00
Winerip, Carl C.	5.00
Vienneau, Ernest L.	10.00
DeJong, Harold	2.05
Gloe, Victor	5.00
Mellinger, Thomas	10.00
Scott, Virgil W.	10.00
Wheeler, Lester L.	5.00
Rock, Alvis L.	20.00
Fell, Willis F.	5.00
Ross, Kenwood	450.00
McCool, Edward	2.00
Stratton, Robert J.	5.00
Rasnic, Otis W.	15.00
Guerrera, Michele	4.00
Scalione, Stephen	10.00
Ross, Kenwood	41.11
Monaco, Paul M.	5.00
Foster, Jesse	20.00
Abbas, George A.	.75
Peters, W.J.	5.00
Sousa, Mabel T.	5.00
Heller, Francis H.	15.00
Newman, A.S.	25.00
Obremski, Stanley	10.00
Fritz, Harold	5.00
Kilfoyle, Thomas F.	2.00
Showen, William F.	10.00
Morrison, John	5.00
Fritz, John G.	5.00
Defrain, Robert	10.00
Brown, John E.	5.00
Myers, Bobby L.	10.00
Townsley, Arthur D.	5.00
Johnson, Robert	10.00
Johnson, Robert	1.50
Clark, Donald G.	2.05
Felker, George	5.00
Wheeler, Lester L.	1.15
Rasnic, William J.	5.00
Rogers, L.K.	5.00
Ryals, George F. Jr.	10.00
Tatman, William	10.00
Martinez, Candido	.75
Potterton, Lloyd	4.00
Behrel, H. Gordon	5.00
Ross, Kenwood	124.20
Grimes, Charles	72.05
Clark, Lester L.	5.00
Church, Robert	2.50
Watkins, William L.	50.00
McReynolds, James L.	10.00
Law, Cecil	5.00
Kerkhoff, Edward E.	12.05
Sanger, John A.	10.00

Jones, Gloria C.	30.00
Austin, Paul	5.00
McMichael, Charles E.	3.80
Umphrey, S.B.	5.00
Berna, Joseph	10.00
Rehm, Everett R.	5.00
O'Donnell, James	5.00
Moore, Harmon	5.00
McKenney, Jack F.	5.00
Creamer, Leo	5.00
Walas, Frank W.	5.00
Hickman, Thomas	5.00
Wilson, James Y.	5.00
Alvarado, Manuel	5.00
Hicks, Ernest	2.50
Anderson, Gordon	5.00
Hofrichter, Joseph P.	12.05

Thieves recently filched \$150,000 worth of silver, much of it 250 years old, from a Scottish regiment based in Salisbury in Southern England. Police quizzed 650 officers and enlisted men authorized to enter the officers' mess of the Queen's Own Highlanders on Salisbury Plain after the statuettes, dishes, a clock and other valuables were taken from a vault. Remember them when they were our next-door neighbors in Okayama?



B of the 21st was well represented at SIII in the persons of, l. to r., OTIS RASNIC, JIM HUFF, LEE LIST, BOB CHURCH and IRA DEFOOR, gentlemen all!

Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING celebrated his birthday on September 3rd "as usual" but this year had a "wonderful dividend" -- one of his granddaughters brought forth into the world a great granddaughter for Fred. Wrote Fred, "Months ago, my granddaughter predicted it would arrive on my birthday and it came at 5 minutes past midnight. She just made it." Happiness reigns in the Irving household.

They're coming in in droves. BILL PENCE was pitching horseshoes in the Ohio Championship on Labor Day. Fellow noticed his pin. A drink -- or two. And we have another Gimlet in our fold. Meet FRANK ZIMMERMAN of 5653 N.Glen, Cincinnati. Cincinnati? That's where we're going next!

We say "Welcome to the Club" to:

PASQUALE LIBRIE, (F 21st '40-'44)
58 Trouville, Copiague, NY
(His heart's in Wahoo -- son, Mark, went
to college there, married there, and had
a son there, so Pasquale and Stella go
back "every chance we get")

Col. JAMES W. SNEE (Div. G-3 '49-'51)
570 Glenwood
Satellite Beach, FL.

FRANK W. BOBNAR
408 Highland, Herminie, PA



Meet the pride and joy -- LEE and
Cecilia LIST with son, Danny, at SIII.
Danny's at Patrick AFB in FL. and came
up to Savannah to see the praise heaped
upon Lee and Cecilia for doing such a
hotentot job as Membership Chairman and
First Assistant to the Membership
Chairman.

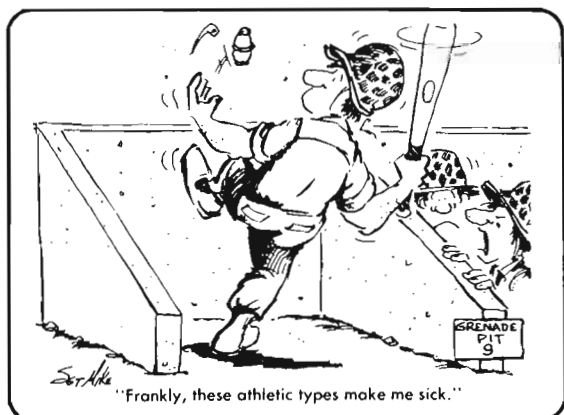
Just joined up -- and welcome them in
we do:

W.B. BARTON (724 Ord. '44-'45)
2549 Altadena Forest, Birmingham, AL

Col. RICHARD C. BIGGS (19th '41-'45)
HNSI-Log-R.Biggs
APO NY 09254

(Logistics mgr. of an AF Base Support
contract in Ankara, Turkey)

JOHN T. DRANKO (21st '39-'43)
1914 New York, Port Vue, PA



"Frankly, these athletic types make me sick."

Suspected Communist terrorists
recently hurled two grenades into a
crowd celebrating the crowning of a
local beauty queen in the southern city
of Davao, killing at least 12 people
and wounding more than 300 others,
authorities reported.

Police blamed the attack in Davao,
600 miles south of Manila, on the
Communist New People's Army, which for
years has fought the government of
President Ferdinand Marcos.

They said at least two fragmentation
grenades exploded near the wooden stage
in the courtyard of the Agbao municipal
hall. The hall was packed with about
2000 people, many of them children,
celebrating the crowning of a local
beauty queen.


It was the worst grenade attack in
Davao since the Easter 1980 bombing of
San Pedro Cathedral in which 24 people
died.

Police said the grenades were thrown
from a speeding blue Toyota Land Cruiser.

The New People's Army is especially
active in the south, where tossing
grenades into crowds has become a common
practice to intimidate local inhabitants
into supporting the insurgency.



"Who is this trio?" Well it's our
gal Friday, Beverly Corris who is
responsible for putting this poop sheet
to bed, the Commanding General no less
(Bev goes right to the top, like cream
in milk), and EDWIN CHAPMAN, Stewart's
Equal Opportunity Specialist, during
the Association's great day on post.
Whoever said, "You can't go home again?"
Tom, you were all wrong.

 **YOU**
don't belong to
this Association!
IT belongs
to **YOU!**

A plant that started as a silk mill and still does weaving today is producing the helmet that will replace the Army's "steel pot" of World War II vintage.

Strange as it may seem, Gentex Corp.'s heritage as a weaving mill put it in good stead for producing a helmet capable of absorbing the impact of a shell fragment traveling at 2000 feet a second.

Weaving strands of the ultra-tough Kevlar ballistic cloth is one of the first steps in creating a helmet that can withstand a .357-caliber Magnum slug.

The new headgear -- known officially as the Personal Armor System Ground Troop helmet -- has some limitations.

"You can't dig with it, you can't wash in it, and you can't cook in it," said John Daugherty, chief engineer at Gentex, ticking off some of the ways GIs have used the steel pot for four decades.

"But if this helmet gives you more protection so you can come back and use a regular pot or wash basin, that's a pretty small argument."

The Gentex Corp. plant in northeastern Pennsylvania is one of four producers of the new Kevlar helmet. It received an Army contract to produce 126,000 by 1985 -- over a third of the total being made.

The helmet extends further down over the ears and neck than the old helmets, providing 12 percent more coverage. It weighs about three pounds -- a little lighter than the steel pot -- and provides twice the protection from flying fragments.

Remember Beppu -- and its hot sands? BLAKE G. PHILLIPS, (E 19th '46-'47 and Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 19th '51) remembers Beppu too. He has now joined up. Reach him at 5631 Britannia, Sarasota, FL.



A SIII group -- one drinker, four abstaining. Reading l. to r., it's SIII Convention Chairman HARRY RUBIN (who deserved his pop), Membership Chairman LEE LIST, IRA DEFOOR, ROBBIE ANDERSON, and our new "Crown Prince" RAY KRESKY.



40 Years Later, 20 members of E Co. 19th, 24th Infantry Division, WW II, between the years of 1943 and 1945, got together Aug. 18-20 in Savannah, GA. Fourth from the right, back row, is Pea Ridge's James Wright, Wright, his wife, Carrie, and Mr. and Mrs. George Jester, Bella Vista, made the trip together to attend the 36th annual convention of the 24th Infantry Div. Assn. Wright, as a member of the Division, was in battles in the Pacific during WWII, on the following islands: Mindanao, Leyte, New Guinea, Mindoro and Lubang. During the convention, the veterans toured Savannah, took a helicopter to Fort Stewart and toured it, took a boat trip on the Savannah River, and visited with old friends.

"To me, Savannah was the best yet. It is something that I can't express to be able to meet again 20 men that served together in the division during WW II. Am sending a little donation to use as you see fit.

The picture which appeared in the Pea Ridge paper -- Pea Ridge has a paper, Jim? -- carried this story beneath it.

U.S. soldiers were rehearsing mass burials of battlefield casualties in graves dug by bulldozers at NATO maneuvers in Europe a month or so ago. The story was given prominent media coverage in West Germany where the dogooders are highly sensitive to any reports suggesting contingency plans for warfare. Stars and Stripes said it was the first time troops have conducted mass casualty burial training during the annual NATO maneuvers. Seems as though we might well have left the GR people home this time too. We should have anticipated that the German press would holler. Did we really have to send these boys to Europe to practice digging holes?

This comes to us from good friend, FRANKIE WALAS, (C 13th F '40-'43), of 6410 Waikiki, Bradenton, FL. Eat your hearts out:

"Do You Remember When"
Sampling Of Items From The 1941 Menu
of
BLACK CAT CAFE
Honolulu, Hawaii

Breakfast Dishes

Hot Cakes.....	\$.10
Waffle.....	.15
Oatmeal.....	.15
Corn Flakes.....	.15
Ham, Bacon or Sausage & eggs, Buttered Toast and Hash Browns.....	.35
Poached eggs on toast.....	.30
Egg & tomato scramble.....	.30
Oyster omelette.....	.45
Hard boiled egg, pickled egg, or raw egg.....	.05

24-Hour Specials

Breaded Veal Cutlet.....	.35
Roast Turkey with dressing....	.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Fried Chicken with bacon....	.60
Roast Pork & applesauce.....	.40
Swiss Steak & brown gravy.....	.25
Corned Beef & cabbage.....	.30
Spaghetti & meatballs.....	.25
Hot Pork or beef sandwich.....	.25

Steaks, Chops and other meats

Porterhouse & mushrooms:.....	1.00
T-Bone.....	.60
Rib steak.....	.40
Hamburger .30.with onions.....	.35
Liver & onions .30.with bacon.	.35

Fish & Sea Foods

$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Fresh Frozen Oysters, fried, stewed or raw.....	.35
Fried Shrimps on toast.....	.35
Fried Ulua, tartar sauce.....	.30

Salads

Fruit salad with whipped cream.....	.25
Crab.....	.50
Shrimp.....	.35
Potato.....	.15
Alligator Pear (Avocado).....	.10

Cold Meats with Potato Salad

Boiled Ham.....	\$.35
Assorted cold cuts.....	.35
Pig's foot.....	.20
Sardines.....	.25

Soups

Chicken.....	.20
Corn Chowder.....	.20
Vegetable.....	.20
Turtle.....	.20

Sandwiches

(Any sandwich under .20 - on toast .05 extra) Potato salad with any sandwich .10

Black Cat Special.....	.20
Bacon & Egg.....	.20
Cold ham.....	.10
Bacon & tomato.....	.20
Hamburger.....	.15
Hamburger & cheese.....	.20
Peanut butter.....	.10
Club House.....	.50
Denver.....	.25
Barbecued Beef.....	.15
Hot dog.....	.10

Desserts

Strawberry shortcake with whipped cream.....	.20
Pies (per cut).....	.10
Pie a la mode.....	.15
Brown bobbles.....2 for	.05
Ice Cream.....	.10
Banana Split.....	.25

Drinks

Buttermilk.....	.10
Milk (second glass .05).....	.10
Postum.....	.10
Ovaltine.....	.10
Milk Shakes.....	.15
Malted Milks.....	.20
Coca Cola & other sodas.....	.10
with meals.....	.05

A request in from M/Sgt. (Ret.)
DNAIEL CAVANAUGH, of 7302 Georgia NW,
Washington is quoted in full:

"Dear Ken:

"I wish you would write about the 34th when it was fighting in Korea. On numerous occasions, I have been asked during the last two reunions when was I with the 34th. When I mentioned Korea, the first words were, 'Oh, that's when the 34th lost its colors.' Tell the reason why the 34th Regt. was deactivated. After the 34th lost most of its men, either KIA or WIP or POWs. The Regiment ended up with a total of 184 men. I lost a lot of close friends. Hearing about the 34th losing its colors hurts.

"Please set the record straight and wise up some of our members. The non-believers.

"Again I ask you to please put the truth about the 34th in the Taro Leaf."

Okay, Dan, fair enough -- and as they say on television, "You asked for it." Here goes:

The subject of the 34th having lost its colors comes up periodically, but all such statements are refuted by the Chief of the Historical Division of the Army. In a statement several years ago in reply to a query on that subject, he

said, "Neither the 24th Infantry Division, nor the 25th Infantry Division, nor the 1st Cavalry Division lost its colors during the Korean War or at any other period of time." He went on to say that official Army records contain no mention of any unit of the United States Army having lost its colors to the enemy during World War II or the Korean conflict. There is also no record of any Army unit having its colors taken away at any time as punishment for unworthy action.

The O-I-C of Pacific Stars and Stripes wrote Dan on Feb. 6, 1951 -- you see Dan was fighting this one 32 years ago. The O-I-C, Lt.Col. G.B. Schulyer wrote then:

"The regiment had a very commendable combat record, and was deactivated temporarily because of severe combat losses and administrative necessity after the inclusion of an extra combat team created a situation with four regiments in the 24th Division, where only three were permitted.

"Of this you may be sure, there is no element of disgrace attached to the 34th Regiment."

How'd I do, Danny Boy? Satisfied. ? ? ? ?



TAPS

Our apologies go to HOWARD LUMSDEN. We missed noting the death of his good friend, former Gimlet and Life Member CHARLES A "Chuck" WILEY who passed away last March 10th. Charley was Sgt.Maj. Hq.Co., 3rd Bn. '47-'51 and lived, with Marilyn, at 3345 S. 139th E.Ave., in Tulsa, OK. Charley had undergone heart surgery with 5 bypasses -- seemed to be healing well when suddenly, he took a turn and passed away. We regret that we failed to report this earlier.

Died July 27, 1981: DAVID H. STIDHAM, 24th Sig. His widow would welcome receipt of any pictures of David which you may care to surrender. You might write her: Mrs. Alma L. Stidham at HCR 3 Box 859, Cumberland, KY 40823.

Sad note from JOHN F. MCKENNEY, (AT 21st '43-'45). He was planning on SIII but ended up in hospital. Was planning to meet with MEL MUELLER, TED VOTH and JIM MURPHY at SIII. While in the hospital, JOHNNY got word that MEL (AT 21st '43-'45) had been killed in a car accident on July 29th. Jean, Mel's widow, can be reached at 3180 Portis Pl., St.Louis, MO.

Deceased: On July 5, 1983,
ROBERT E. GERRY of Braintree, MA.

We were getting ready to take off for SIII when good friend, NICK MARASCO, (L 34th '43-'45), of 22 Paper Mill, Honeoye Falls, NY, called with the sad news that L of the 34th has lost another good man. JOSEPH S. PRYSTAL of Auburn, NY, died from cancer on Aug. 8, 1983. We had, only a few days before, returned some of his material on the Corregidor job too. Joe was at Baltimore II, with Irene, and appeared to be recovering from his cancer bout of two years ago -- but it was not to be. Joe will be sadly missed.

Through inadvertence the name of JOSEPH S. PRYSTAL, L 34th, '42-'45, who died Aug. 8, 1983 did not get recited by our Chaplain at the SIII banquet. We had forwarded the news of Joe's passing to Chaplain Joe Peyton who had already left his Maryland home to go to Savannah. The slipup is regretted.

Deceased: FRANK A. NOSTA. Date uncertain. Death reported Aug.22,1983 from his widow, Ida Nosta, at RD5, Lake Ariel, PA. Frank was 5th RCT '49-'50.

Deceased: WILLIAM JACOBS Feb.2,1982. Bill was E-34th '50-51.