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# TAPS

Deceased CHESTER W. BLUE HORSE, (F 34th '43-'46), of Parmelee, SD. Date of death unknown. Chet, a proud full-blooded Sioux Indian, was wounded on Luzon on Feb. 4, 1945.

Deceased: LEON G. SCHEFFLER, (Hq.Co., 3rd Bn., 34th 10/42-9/45). Leon and Margaret lived at 509 W. Washington, Slatington, PA. Leon died Feb. 10, 1983 after a year's battle with cancer.

BILL WEIDLE, (F 21st '40-'42), of 1095 Byberry, Cornwells Hts, PA, reports that he has heard from some of his 25th Div. pals that FELIX MICHALESKI was killed in Korea during that unpleasantness.

Deceased: DAVID H. STIDMAN, (24th Sig.), of Cumberland, KY. David died July 27, 1981.

Died, Feb. 3, 1982 -- WILLIAM JACOBS, (E 34th '50-'51), of Ft.Bragg, CA.

Deceased: FRANK A. NOSTA, (5th RCT '49-'50) in Lake Ariel, PA. Frank died sometime last August.

Deceased: WILLIAM L. GREGORY, (24th Sig.), of Randolph, NY.

Cunningham, Maj.Gen. (Ret.) WILLIAM A. III, 72, died 9-25-83 at Walter Reed AMC, Washington, D.C.

Gen.Cunningham commanded a battalion of the 1st Inf.Div. (Big Red One) during WW II, and was wounded in North Africa. Later, he served as assistant chief of staff of the Eighth Army and assistant commander of the 1st Cav.Div. in South Korea. He was assistant commandant of the Army's Command and Staff College, commander of the 24th Inf.Div.and head of an Army corps before retiring in 1966.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit and two Bronze Stars.

He is survived by his wife, Madera; a son, William A. IV; a daughter, Susan M. Fleming, a sister and three grandchildren.

Came this note from Sgt. Donald E. Kephart stationed at Ft.Bragg:

"This is to inform you of the death of my father, BOBBY A. KEPHART. He died on 9 July 1983.

"My father was always so proud of being in the Division and the Army. My brother and I are both on active duty now. He is a Staff Sergeant/Chief Instructor with 7th Army Training Command in Vilseak, Germany. I am a Training/Operations Sergeant in a Military Intelligence Company at Ft.Bragg, NC.

"My father has had a heart condition for 13 years and his eighth heart attack was fatal to him. I'm not sure what his unit was but he was part of 'Task Force Smith' in Korea at the outbreak.

"He regularly corresponded with some of the other men he served with while in the Division. We get the 'Taro Leaf' here at my mother's home so if you could possibly write a small article for your 'Never Forget' section, our family would appreciate it.

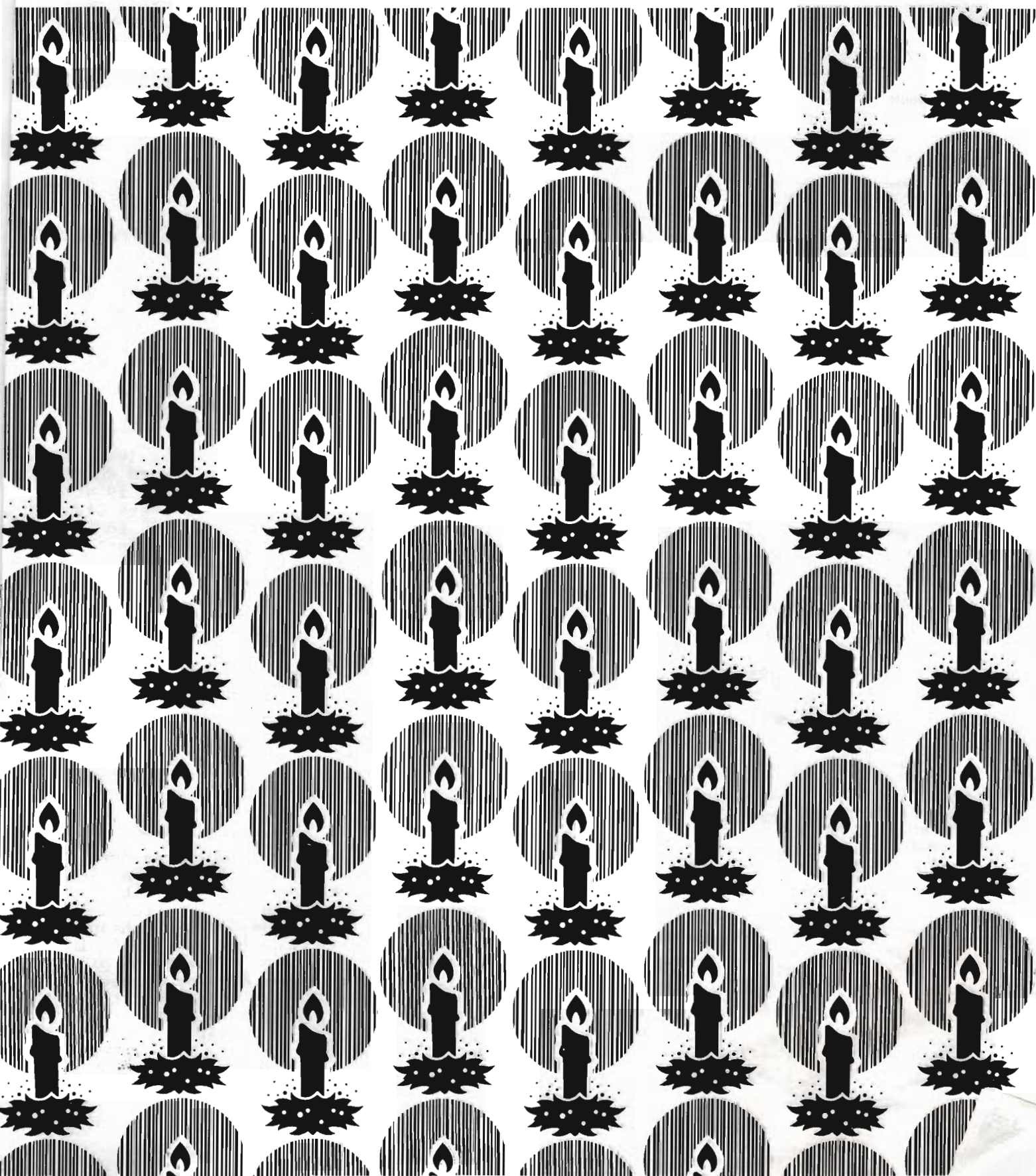
Thank you, Donald E. Kephart, SGT USA"

Bobby was C 21st '50-'51.

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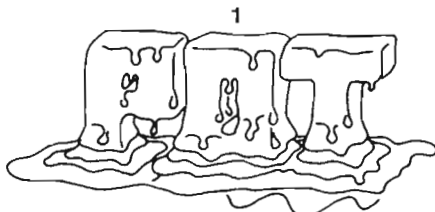
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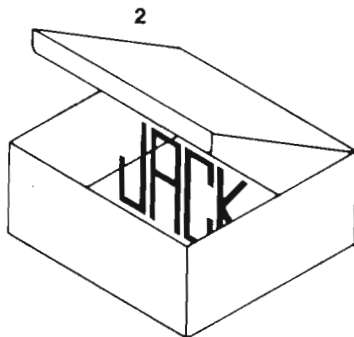
Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any of its attached units. Dues are \$10.00 per annum, inclusive of a subscription to Taro Leaf.



Our next following headlines form "Wacky Wordies". You know how to play -- you try to discern a familiar word, phrase, saying or name from each pictorial letter arrangement. For instance, #1 depicts the phrase "melting pot". Ain't it fun? Try your luck on the rest:



RAY FIES, (H 21 '43-'44), of 3714 Romig, Reading, PA, sends us dues for a new member, BILL LARKIN of 2508 Lancers, Richmond, VA. Watta guy. Thank you, Ray.



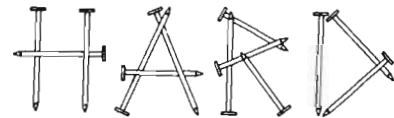
BOB HARDIN tells us that the 4th Inf. and 15th Inf. will be at Stewart sometime in '85. We smell a rat. We're trying to run it down. Stay tuned.

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# THE PLOT

EDDIE ROBINSON has asked us to insert this reminder that the Chicks will have a breakfast on the Saturday a.m. of the Cincinnati reunion and on all reunion Saturdays therefollowing. As your plans progress, Ed, send along your copy. Happy to give you any space you need.

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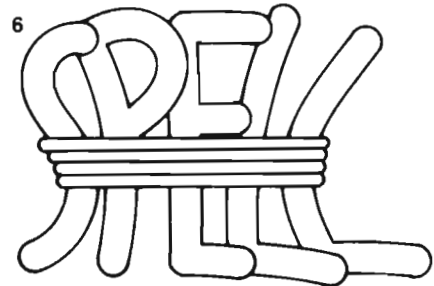
Surgery (prostate) for JOE BUCKOVICH, (G 19th '43-'45), of 136-08 60th, Flushing, NY. Now he's an out-patient for a series. Why not card him? Joe, by the way, bought our last hard copy of "Follow Me".

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Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN received the "Distinguished Doughboy" award during the annual Infantry Ball November 19 at the Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club. The award was established in 1980 to honor an individual who has been instrumental in improving the morale and welfare of the infantryman.

Host for the festivities was Maj.Gen. J.J. Lindsay, CG of the Infantry Center and School, Fort Benning, Ga.



Atari laid off 1000 employees due to the decline of interest in home video games. So what does Atari do? It hires Alan Alda to be its commercial spokesman. And he doesn't come cheap. Would you believe they're paying him in excess of \$10 million. That to be piled on top of what he has already collected from that show (we can't mention it by name) and the millions more he'll pick up on the reruns. But what about those unemployed Atari workers. No one seems to care.

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**GEORGE**

Spotted in the window of an Albany, NY, grocery store was this sign:  
"Strictly fresh eggs, 75 cents; fresh eggs, 60 cents; eggs, 50 cents."

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

BILL ANDERSON, (C 21st '50-'51), of 13640 SE Highway, Clackamas, OR, has left the US National Bank to become collection manager with Citicorp Acceptance Co. in Portland, OR. Bill writes that he and Connie -- and cat, Sam, -- have moved the mobile home to Portland. Tel. 503-656-9637.



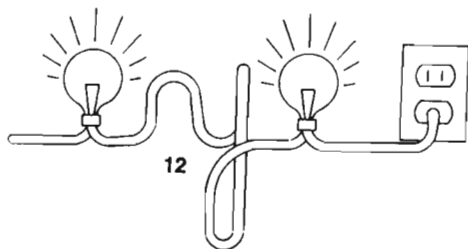
The rich and successful expert who made all his money in the stock market offers this advice: "It's not the bulls and bears you need to avoid, it's the bum steers."

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*Footwork*

ED PISAREK (21st '41 - '44) of Box 2641, Reno, NV is a fully paid Life Member #536. Paid his \$100.00 with one payment.

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*vine*

BG BERNARD M. HERRING, Jr., reported to Stewart on July 18th as the new Asst. Div. Commander. He formerly was Deputy CG/Chief of Staff, I Corps at Ft. Lewis. Did you know that I Corps was "back home".



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Later years: the time of life when we try to convince ourselves it's only a vitamin deficiency.

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**CODE**

New member W.B. BARTON of 2549 Aladena Forest, Birmingham, AL, wants a roster of the 724th Ord. in the period '44-'45. Wish we could respond, Bud -- but we simply ain't got.

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**LEAGUE**

They opened a new library in New Castle PA. And NATHAN F. MCCALL, (I, L 34th '49-'50), presented them with a U.S. flag for and in the name of the Assoc. The folks there sent us a nice thank you note. The accompanying picture was too dark, Mac, so we can't use it. Sorry, Mac. But we're right proud of you for your fine gesture.



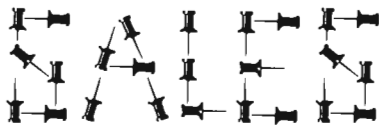
NELSON ROGERS, (M 34th '41-'45), of King Ferry, NY, anxious to hear from M 34 fellas -- especially CHESTER CYDE PLUNCKETT who "was out of Roanoke, VA".

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Then there's Burt Reynolds, who says: "It may be true that canned and frozen juices are becoming more and more popular, but like most men, I still prefer to squeeze my tomatoes."

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**IDOT**

BACIL H. STEED, of 79 Henbury, Darwin, NT, Australia, looking for JEFFERSON deR CAPPS of '49-'51 vintage. Ideas, anyone?



2nd Brigade Commander, Col. HORACE G. TAYLOR, has joined our ranks. We're right proud of the way these folks are coming to our support.



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LUTHER HOWARD, JR., (C 5th RCT '51-'52), of 302 Rogers, Greenville, SC, in joining our ranks tells us that "A father is a person who thinks no one is good enough for his daughter except guys she can't stand."

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An Air Force Colonel returned from Vietnam after 7 years in captivity, only to discover that the AF had given almost all of his pay to his unfaithful wife. So a federal court awarded him \$42,800 in back pay. Wife had been living with another man, had given birth to his child. Said the court, and here is where we cheer: "The Air Force is not required to police the fidelity of the wife, but it is to disburse his pay account with some regard as to what his wishes would probably be, were he in a position to state them."



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Joined: Lt.Col. JAMES M. SIMPSON, Div. G-5, now living at 920 Bradwell, in Hinesville. He and Janita have 2 -- Mark and Timmy. Says Jim: "The interesting thing about TV commercials for new cars is where they find all those empty roads to photograph."

The editor used  
this in a pinch,  
He needed exactly  
Another inch!



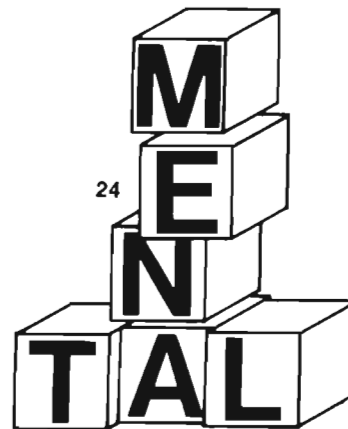
Have found another who agrees with us that M\*A\*S\*H was (is) a bummer. It's RAY FOLEY, (M 21st '51-'52), of 5995 Deerfield, Milford, OH.



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Fires on airplanes? What to do to reduce the risk? Easy. Prohibit smoking in airplanes at all times.



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Surgery -- hernia -- last March for Past President ROSCOE CLAXON of Stamping Ground, KY. Recovery -- miraculous. Roscoe was telling us this story at SIII: It was the eve of their wedding day. The groom said, "I must tell you before we're married, I'm a golf nut. I eat, sleep and breathe golf." The bride said, "As long as we're confessing, I must tell you I've been a hooker all my life." He said, "No problem -- we'll just turn your hands a little to the left."

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More for our military vocabulary -  
Brown nose -- to get very close --  
oh awfully close -- to the  
man in authority  
Rock happy -- time to go home from Wahoo

26  
diet

Biggest governmental mistake in the last 10 years -- encouraging people to go right on red.

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SISTERS

JESSE FOSTER, (E 19th '40-'42), of 6608 Powhatan, Riverdale, MD, is still on the mend from his heart problems. Offers a few sayings that JOE DAWSON missed in our last issue -- e.g. "Mud hole" -- as in "If you don't behave, I'm gonna stomp a mud hole in you." "Whompajawed" -- as in "The road is whompajawed" -- meaning it's neither straight nor crooked.

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THUMB

CLYDE E. CROWELL, (H 21st '39-'41) of Rt. 2, Commerce, TX, is anxious to contact VERNON P. LOVELY. We misspelled Lovely's name in a recent issue. Sorry 'bout that, Clyde. That was not lovely! If you have any info, call Clyde collect: 214-886-6388.

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PROMISE

ALBERT J. BELMONTE, (L 21st '53-'54), of 264 Shrewsbury, Worcester, MA, is trying to get the Purple Heart he was told he was put in for. Happened about July 13, 1953 near Mason. He has written Sec.Def. Weinberger about it so that puts us "on hold" for awhile.

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BOO



"HEY MAC, WHERE'S THE REPLACEMENT POOL?"  
-Cpl. Hugh F. Kennedy

Oh, almost forgot. How'd ya do on our Wacky Wordies? Here's your key.

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Melting pot       | 19. Bobolinks            |
| 2. Jack-in-the-box   | 20. Disappearing act     |
| 3. The plot thickens | 21. Cross-stitching      |
| 4. Hardas nails      | 22. The Great White Hope |
| 5. String quartet    | 23. Panic button         |
| 6. Spellbound        | 24. Mental blocks        |
| 7. George Burns      | 25. Pig Latin            |
| 8. Rubber checks     | 26. Diet of Worms        |
| 9. Curlicues         | 27. Pointer Sisters      |
| 10. Fancy footwork   | 28. Thumbscrews          |
| 11. Crime wave       | 29. Broken promise       |
| 12. Electric eye     | 30. Spiral notebook      |
| 13. Zip code         |                          |
| 14. Ivy League       |                          |
| 15. Home stretch     |                          |
| 16. Strip tease      |                          |
| 17. Blooming idiot   |                          |
| 18. Sales tax        |                          |

DICK AMERMAN, (D 21, 12/42-4/45) has been moved to Bel Air Manor, 256 New Britain Ave., Newington, CT. A simple postcard would thrill him.

Kudo's to Col. HARRY RUBIN who so nobly masterminded SIII as Convention Chairman. We are grateful to you Harry.

Good TOM UPTON, (Div.Hq. '42-'44), of 4 Dartmouth, Forest Hills, Queens, NY11375, didn't make SIII but he did make the front page of the WSJ (Wall Street Journal). It all had to do with his being the Daddy of the modern telephone booth. Knew we'd find that fellow sooner or later.

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Prostate surgery for JOE BUCKOVICH (G 19th '43-'45), of 136-08 60th Ave., Flushing, NY. As if this wasn't enough, he's now an outpatient for a series of treatments. Card, Joe, will you please.





At SIII. Banquet head table. A close-up. Look serious don't they. L. to r. Lt.Gen. DONALD ROSENBLUM, Winifred VAUGHT, Maj.Gen. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF and Mary SHAW, our new First Lady. U.S. Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC.

*Someone's  
Having a  
Party!*

**T**radition  
comes home



At SIII. Past President PAUL WISECUP can't believe much of what he's asked to consume about the '83 version of the Division we love. US Army Photo by James Heap, DAC.



At SIII. Now there's a 4-some. Outgoing Prexy CHET ANDREZAK is applauding as Dr. STAN KAISER gifts KEN TARRANT with a Life Membership. In the background, Toastmaster, TOM COMPERE, acts as surprised as Ken. Tom, you'll notice, is wearing that same jacket he's worn every year since 1948. It's the black and white job that sings as you look at it. U.S. Army Photo by Dan Mock.

Writes Lt.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT (USA Ret.), "Your Taro Leaf reminded me of the nice time we had at Savannah -- one of the best conventions ever." Our sentiments exactly, Jim.

GEORGE KELLUM of 530 Unicon, Delain, NJ became Life Member 542 in a hurry. Paid \$100 in one fell swoop and got it over with.



JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, (G 21st), called us from Chicago the other eve. Asked a good question: "If we got married for better or for worse, when does the better come?"



# A Test of Will



At SIII. Here's a smiling bunch. Junior has just presented the WILLIAM J. VERBECK Award to Lt.Gen. DON ROSENBLUM and do Mary SHAY, CHET ANDREZAK and BOB SHAY approve!! U.S. Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC.



At SIII. We ask you. Does this look like they got ready for us? U.S. Army Photo by Bill Davis, DAC.

JIM and Betty CHAMPION, (A 13th F '41-'45) have retired, Jim from Hammermill Paper and Betty from J.C.Penny. They're going to Houston to visit son, Dennis, then to Hawaii before returning to 622 Euclid, Erie, PA.

BERNIE COHEN, (E 21st '44-'45), of 2131 Wallace, Bronx, NY, has a complaint. His last issue arrived tattered and torn. We sent him a new one. Sorry Bernie.

Notice how so many of our gang are moving south. Latest is EDSON CARPENTER from Gaylord, MI to 32 N.Fillmore, Beverly Hills, FL. Beverly Hills? That is a new one to us, Ed, where is it?



Because  
he recognizes  
the very best



At SIII outside the Museum, it's BG LESTER L. WHEELER and Dr. Ray Kinder, the Curator. Les has been a nice contributor to the Museum's Division memorabilia. US Army Photo by Bill Davis, DAC.

## WINDOWS ON THE WORLD



At SIII. We won't try to name them all. Think we couldn't, eh? US Army Photo by SP4 Thomas Henderson. Nice picture, Tommy. Thanks.

*Everything You Have Heard is True.*

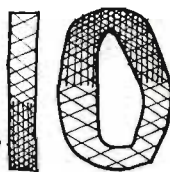


At SIII. Looking down into our hotel's Main Lobby on opening night. The "old timers" are freely intermingling with the "actives" of today. The interfacing was wonderful -- and greatly appreciated by we who had travelled so far for this warm experience. U.S. Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC. Took this one from the 2nd floor, didn't you Dan? Good shot!

LEO MCDONNELL, (24th QM '53-'55), of 1715 Prospect, Scranton, PA, writes that he's out of hospital and recovering. He and Josephine were pleasantly visited by Josephine and MATT SABATINE. Leo asks: "Know how to get even with your neighbors? Buy each of their kids a drum!"

DWIGHT A. ROBERTS no longer calls Detroit home. Try Box 14486, Las Vegas, NV. Tel. 702-649-2891.

We're trying to locate the present whereabouts of Lt. LEWIS F. STEARNS, (L 34th - Leyte). Last unverified info was that he was a dentist in California. Would appreciate any facts or rumors.



Are Your Dues  
Paid?





*Because  
he's a  
good sport*

At SIII. The preparedness of the Division personnel -- all of them -- in giving us a "grand show" was clearly evident in whatever direction you looked. U.S. Army Photo by SP5 Melvin Vaughan.



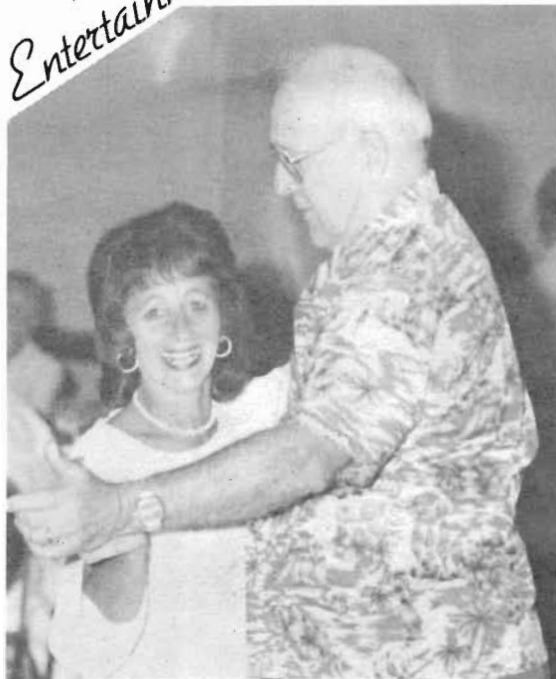
At SIII. We particularly like this one and in she goes, whether you think we try to curry favor with the "brass" or not. We include it because it's an excellent picture of the Division's First Lady, Mrs. Brenda Schwartzkopf. We especially wanted you who couldn't make SIII to meet this very lovely lady. She is looking admiringly at the CG and likewise looking admiringly is you-know-who. Gloria ANDREZAK is with another group in the background. U.S. Army Photo by SP5 Thomas Henderson.



At SIII. The CG looks the crowd over as they applaud him for his terrific effort in making our weekend with him and his people such a happy one. U.S. Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC. We can't say "Thank you" in enough different ways, General.

NORTON "Goldy" GOLDSTEIN, (Hq. 21st '49-'51), of 6200 Wilshire Blvd., LAX, sent in dues for "someone, since someone was kind enough to do it for me once." What a fine gesture. We immediately recruited HOWARD C. JONES of R4, Box 211, Kershaw, SC with the \$. Howie was I Co., 34th from 11/53 to '54. Then went to Hq.Co. 34th. Then to a field hospital near Pusan. While at Regt. Hqs., he worked in the O's mess. Would like to contact anyone who remembers him or his problems.

*That's  
Entertainment!*



At SIII. Mary GOSZTYLA and LOU DUHAMEL do a slow one. U.S. Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC.



Contributed by HOWARD C. JONES, (I 34th '53-'54) of Rt. 4, Box 211, Kershaw, SC. Tallest is Jonesy; the runt is JEANIE A. KEY. Taken in Pusan in '54.



At SIII. All aboard for Stewart. U.S. Army Photo by SP4 Theresa Biron. This is the first one by one of the gal photographers and we're happy.



At SIII. They don't make 'em like they used to. Now they're bigger -- and better. U.S. Army Photo by SP5 Melvin Vaughan. Melvin, you were everywhere that weekend.

1st Man: Lend me your knife. I want to cut something out of the paper.

2nd Man: Sure! What is the piece about?

1st Man: A story about a fellow who got a divorce because every night his wife went through his pockets.

2nd Man: Whacha gonna do with it.

1st Man: Put it in my pocket!

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At SIII. Our Presidents, outgoing ANDREZAK and incoming SHAY are exchanging hats as proud Mary Shay silently smiles on. "Atta boy, Bob." US Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC.

**S**ugar  
and spice and  
everything nice

**F**resh as a  
mountain  
morning



At SIII. Told you they're getting bigger -- and longer -- these days. US Army Photo by SP5 Melvin Vaughan.



At SIII. Trying out some of the new gimmickry. Thrilling experiences. US Army Photo by Melvin Vaughan.

**W**arm  
thoughts

Conscience gets a lot of credit  
that really belongs to cold feet.

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The I.R.S. clerk opened the tax  
report and out tumbled a coin - 25  
cents. A note said, "I understand I  
can pay my income tax by the  
quarter!"



At SIII. The special courtesies extended by so many Division people to BOB and Alice and Brenda HARDIN were gratefully acknowledged by each one of us who made the Savannah weekend. Sgt. Maj. CULLISON, you were especially kind and considerate. It was heart-warming. US Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC.

Don Knox, a senior editor of Harcourt-Brace-Jovanovich Publishers, is in the process of writing a book on The Korean War to be published sometime in 1985. Knox is looking for the written or taped PERSONAL EXPERIENCES of veterans who did the actual fighting. The period to be covered is the first year, or any part of it, from July 1950 to about November 1951. The book will tell the PERSONAL EXPERIENCES of veterans from regiment to squad level, from colonels to privates -- from the ones who knew what it was like and survived it.

Knox wrote "Death March: The Survivors of Bataan". The book on The Korean War will be in similar format. Knox's latest completed book due for publication is on DELTA FORCE, the ill-fated rescue attempt of the U.S. Hostages in Iran.

Knox does most of his writing from his home instead of his offices, so he wishes all correspondence addressed directly to him at:

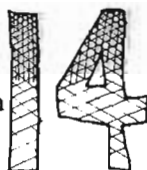
Mr. Donald Knox (Tel. 619-284-4110)  
4661 Marlborough Dr.,  
San Diego, CA 92116

BERNARD J. BAGINSKI, (A Btry. 52 FA '43-'46), of 2308 Eccles, Pittsburgh, PA, tells us more about the alligator story. Says the poor soldier was named KLEIN out of Chicago. A Btry A, 52nd Field man, Bernie tells us about himself: "Have had a couple of heart attacks." We hope you're on the mend, Bernie. Take it easy.

Youth is a gift of nature; middle age is a work of art.



At SIII. You know, when you analyze it, there were few Division Reviews between 1941 and 1957 -- few moments when or places where the entire Division could fall out on a single parade field. US Army Photo by SP5 Melvin Vaughan.



Simply  
magnificent

"Every day we pray for our daily bread", said the little guy. "Why don't we say one long prayer once a week?"

"You want it fresh, don't cha?" says Big Brother.

. . . . .



*C*louds  
of softness



At SIII. What'd we tell you about the Division folks being considerate of Brenda HARDIN. The aim was to relieve BOB and Alice so they might participate more freely in the activities of the moment. The whole experience was simply one grand gesture. US Army Photo by Melvin Vaughan.



At SIII. That some of this "stuff" is simply "unbelievable" was heard over and over again. US Army Photo by Melvin Vaughan.

JOE BERNA (63 FA BN '41-'45) 1712 Andover Ct., Oklahoma City, OK 73120, begat VANN TODD (as a member) and then VANN TODD begat JOE MACKLER (as a member). Sounds like something out of the Bible, doesn't it?

ROBERT T. NELSON, (I 19th, 42-45), of 6228 Cardiff, Philadelphia, PA, tipped us to the fact that DONALD ISON, (Allth F), of Rt. 3, Box 63, Grayson, KY 41143, would like to hear from old buddies. We grabbed the ball, Bob. Thanks.

We may have our faults, but being wrong isn't one of them.

*R*omantic  
dreams



"FRANKLY, FELLOWS, I NEED THE EXTRA DOUGH."

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Private hours



At SIII. Memorial Service. Chaplain JOE PEYTON reads, Prexy BOB SHAY stands by while HENRY GOTZTYLA lights the candles. US Army Photo by Dan Mock, DAC. Those photographers were everywhere during our wonderful weekend. Kinda topped our new President, didn't ya Dan?



At SIII. We promised you helicopters and you got 'em, thanks to the grand folks of Stewart/Hunter. U.S. Army Photo by SP4 Thomas Henderson. You were a little close to get this one, Tommy.

Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN has been awarded the "Distinguished Doughboy" award, an award established in '80 to honor individuals instrumental in improving the infantryman's morale. In good company? You'd better believe it! Earlier awards went to Bob Hope, Ross Perot and Bill Mauldin. We are proud, Red.

Always remember -- success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.

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Satin,  
soft and  
shimmery

PAUL and Hattie FRITSCH, (24 Sig. '43-'44), down in 4915 Dover, Beaumont, TX, report that Paul has recovered from "Terrible '82" and is working hard. They'll be at Cincinnati which will bring them close to good friends, BUD and Jo POE.

Consider this: Middle age is when you are suspicious of any day on which you feel unusually good.

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Definition of antique: Any piece of furniture that is paid for.

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At SIII. Kind of like sneaking in the back way, ain't it? U.S. Army Photo by SP4 Theresa Biron.

*Before  
the party  
begins*

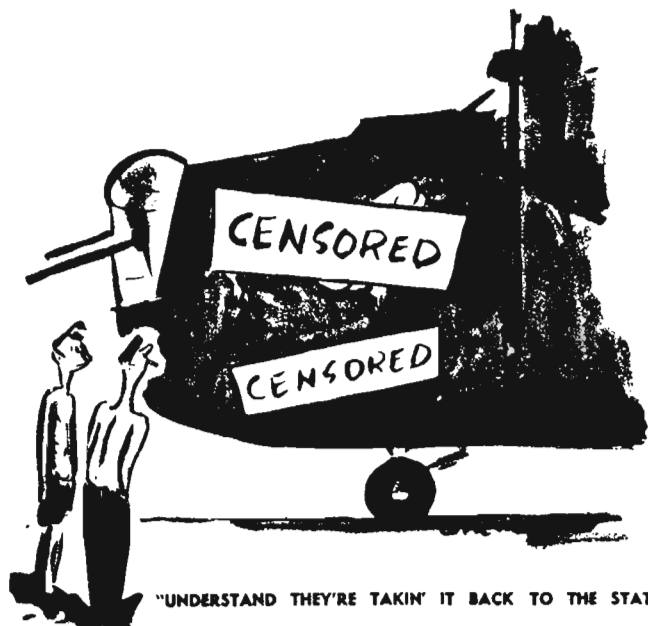
*Opulence  
at every turn*



At SIII. Association members stand for the review. Look at that Division flag, will you? U.S. Army Photo by SP5 Melvin Vaughan.

HOWARD C. JONES, (I & Hq.Co. 3rd Bn., 34th '53-'54), of R-4, Box 211, Kershaw, SC, needs help on a VA claim. Would like to contact these 34th men of '53-'54 vintage:

Maj. Carl H. Bell, Jr., 34th  
2nd Lt. William B. Brinson, I 34th  
Cpl. James E. Liechty, Hq.Co. 3rd 34th  
Cpl. ? Conway, I 34th "Medic"  
2nd Lt. Gerald R. Craeter, I 34th



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A man was leading a big German police dog down the street and met a friend.

"Look what I got for my wife this morning," he said to his friend.

The friend surveyed the dog and said, "Some people have all the luck! Wish I could make a trade like that."

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A fine is a tax you have to pay for doing wrong. A tax is a fine you have to pay for doing all right!



It was her first cruise. The water commenced getting rough. She was worried. "Oh, Captain," she said, "I don't know what I'll do if I get seasick."

"Don't worry," the Captain said, "You'll do it."

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At SIII. Division operated a PI booth at the hotel.  
U.S. Army Photo by SP4 Thomas Henderson.



At SIII. LOU DUHAMEL, at the Museum, is looking over the photo gallery of past Division CG's. How many can you name? U.S. Army Photo by SP4 Thomas Henderson.



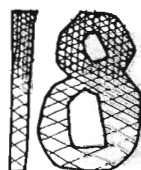
"BY GAD, CPL. WIGGINS, THIS'LL GO INTO YOUR SERVICE RECORD!"  
—Cpl. Tom Flannery

MURRELL and Nell CARR, of 2016 Sherwood, Garland, TX, recently played host to an H 21st group. The men and their wives met in the home of Murrell and Nell. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Crowell, of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Clinton of Tulsa, and Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Townsley of Mesquite. The couples spent the day together and had lunch at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Missed including these in our last issue. Each was a contributor to the SHY LUM FUND:

Richard W. Leen  
Eansley Boyce  
Howard Wilson.

Sorry, fellas; simply didn't have you on the list as we went to press.







At SIII. We had to include one on the Luau -- and you already know our sentiments about that one. U.S. Army Photo by SP4 Thomas Henderson.

*Christmas is  
for children*



"FINE! NOW READ THE SECOND LINE."

—Pvt. Arv Miller

Our old buddie, BOB BARRETH, (724th Ord. '45-'47), writes us from Barreth Ford Inc. in Union, MO. Says Bob, with a bit of advice to all luses: "To avoid a hangover, keep drinking."

Target for the History is now by Cincinnati. We just know we've got to have it done by then.

Alan E. Luedtke, son of DON and Lola LUEDTKE, (34th) is now Dr. Luedtke. Got his hood last summer. He and wife Deb are in New Orleans where Al is with Food & Drug Admin. there. The other Luedtke "kids" are doing well too. Brian's in Germany with the 3/5 FA. Curt's in TX and Denise is in Lincoln, NB.

Thanks for the bulk of our SIII photos go to Maj. John J. McNeill, Jr., Public Affairs Officer, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech.), Ft. Stewart, GA.

More than 158 members of the 41st have already signed up for a trip to Australia and New Guinea in Oct. and Nov. '84.

Okay, out there -- each of you who thinks that the security at the Beirut compound was obviously inadequate, please stand up to be counted.

Kill rumor that Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. "Red" NEWMAN has a bleeding ulcer. Make it "diverticulosis" and you'll be on target.

Good words from BG DAVID P. SCHORR, Ret. of 104 Laurel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC: "I joined the old Hawaiian Division in August of '40. When that Division was deactivated to form the 25th and 24th Infantry Divisions, I became a member of the latter, serving as C.O. of Hq. & MP Co. I remained until Sept. of '42 when I returned to the "mainland". I eventually became a member of the 17th Abn. Division and served with it throughout WW II."

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*Christmas is...  
a time to remember*

Many magazines use an "end-slug" to indicate that an article or story is ended and not continued on another page. Sometimes a simple box is used, but others are distinctive designs, unique to the magazines using them. We give you 15 of them in this issue. Can you match the magazines below to the end-slugs they use (labeled a - o)?

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Bride's           | 9 Playboy           |
| 2 Chess Life        | 10 Popular Photo-   |
| 3 Esquire           | graphy              |
| 4 Good Housekeeping | 11 Psychology Today |
| 5 Life              | 12 Rolling Stone    |
| 6 Metropolitan Home | 13 TV Guide         |
| 7 Omni              | 14 Video            |
| 8 Penthouse         | 15 Vogue            |

a. 

Another fully paid Life Member #384 -- JOHN TOOHEY, (13th F and 52nd F '40-'44), of 1416 Walnut, Ashland, PA.

b. 

More bad news. This time from CHARLEY STANCIL, (Sv.19th '42-'45), of 1217 Green Mountain, Little Rock, Ark. Writes Charley: "I had a triple by-pass a year ago and got an infection before I could get out of the hospital. A couple of times, I thought I was taking my last breath. I lost 20 pounds of weight and had to stay in the hospital another 6 weeks. When I finally got out I didn't have any appetite for several weeks so therefore I could not gain any weight. I felt so rotten I couldn't go anywhere. About a month ago I began to get my appetite back and also 8 pounds of weight. I am still not out of the woods but am feeling better. Since I was hospitalized all of last December I didn't get to send any Christmas cards. I know some of the guys wondered why they didn't receive one from me since I have been sending cards since December 1945. I sure hope to start again this year."

Things are looking up, obviously -- and we are happy for you, Charley.

c. 

BOB MANSELIAN, (24 MP '42-'44), of Fresno, CA, wanted us to place the Fresno VA Hospital on our mailing list and sent us \$100.00 to cover it. We convinced Bob that we'd take his \$100.00 to make him Life Member #543 and we'd "compliment" the VA Hospital in his name. Now, everybody's happy -- Bob, the Hospital and the Association. Thanks, Bob.

DICK and Martha REINKE, (Med., Div. Hq. '44-'45), down in Bradenton, FL, made it to Sweden, Norway and Finland last summer. Regretted not making SIII.

d. 

Headquarters, Second Army, was reactivated on October 1 at Ft. Gillem, AL. Fourth Army is scheduled to be reborn at Sheridan on 1-1-85.

Second Army, under Lt. Gen. Charles P. Graham, will cover N.Car., S.Car., Miss., Ala., Ga and Fla.

Second Army organized in France in 1918 had been inactive since 1-1-66.

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This received from JOHNNY BROWN:

"What a great convention! The activities, food and accommodations were of the best. The day spent at Ft. Stewart (including the flight by helicopter) will long be remembered as a highlight of the weekend. It was also a privilege to be present at General Vaught's speech.

"The photo enclosed is of 5 buddies from Co. D, 21st of Schofield days, who spent the weekend visiting, reminiscing and enjoying all the special activities together with their wives. Front row: JOHN E. BROWN (FL), JAMES SMITH (GA), JIM FLETCHER (AL). Back Row: CHARLES J. MERRITT (GA), W.T. (Bill) KEYES (CT).

"Our congratulations to the Association for a well-planned and executed convention."

Thanks, John, down there at 6002 Sudbury, Jacksonville, FL.

f. 

We have a supply of patches, crests and decals --

Unit crests	\$3.25 each
Shoulder patches	1.00 each
Subdued shoulder patches	.75 each
Decals	1.00 each

g. 

20 Visions of Sugar Plums



h. ▽

Printing bill on last Taro Leaf went to \$1491 for 2000 copies. That's 75¢ per copy. The future looks a little bleak. Agree?

i. **MI**

From C RUCKER FORD, (F 21, '43-'45), of 2344 Sunderland, Maitland, FL - Tel. 305-339-5767, recovering from a quadruple by-pass:

"Thanks for the flowers and the phone calls. What a trumatic experience! I remember very little of what happened at the hospital and my first two weeks at home. Just beginning to get around by myself and starting to acknowledge the many cards, calls, visits and flowers from my friends. My right arm doesn't want to function as it should.

"One thing is for sure -- my life style must change. That hurts since I like to putter around the house and enjoy my booze and food.

"So sorry to miss the convention. We had been looking forward to it. Hope we can make Cincinnati.

"Friends and family are precious commodities. They always are there during a crisis. Thank God for the love of my family and friends which sustained my faith and courage throughout the ordeal.

"May God's blessing be with you all of my friends of the 24th. In friendship."

Just talked with Rucker -- the impetus is forward. Eureka!

j. **♣**

Traditionally, Army has used tan, brown, green and black in its camouflage designs. A spokesman says that, henceforth, only brown, green and black will be used. He went on to say that the elimination of tan will save, in paint and labor costs, about \$100 million a year. \$100 million. We simply don't believe it. Nor does FRANKIE SKINNER, (11th F '50-'51), of 2 Fourth St., Camden, NY who sent us the news item.

k. **♠**

We wanted to load the last issue to the Plimsoll mark with news about SIII. Yet we thought we had a duty to spread other information throughout the issue. We hope you'll understand. At any rate, there's more on SIII in this issue.

l. **♥**

Just sitting and wondering why baseball managers wear uniforms. Good question.

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m. **♥**

RALPH and Hazel KISNER, (B19 7/42-9/43) of 1801 S. Woodland, Santa Ana, CA, off to Portugal, Spain and Tangier. Wanted to go last year but Hazel was having knee problems then. All better, Hazel?

n. **♣**

BILL SHOWEN, reporting on in preparing for a new exercise class at his YMCA read that he was to "wear loose clothing to class". Bill called them up to tell them, "H---, if I had any, I wouldn't need the class." Wonderful, Bill, wonderful. Reminds us of a story we've been telling for 50 years about the lady who walked into the drugstore and said to the clerk, "I'd like to buy some talcom powder." Clerk responded with, "Walk this way, lady." She replied, "Heck, if I could walk that way I wouldn't need the powder."

o. **★**

Re Matching the Magazines and their end-slugs. Here are your answers.

How'd ja do?

1 (l); 2 (c); 3 (j); 4 (o); 5 (k); 6 (i); 7 (a); 8 (n); 9 (e); 10 (g); 11 (b); 12 (f); 13 (d); 14 (m); 15 (h).



"I'VE GOT IT! SOMETHING REALLY DIFFERENT! WE'LL SLICE THE SPAM LENGTHWISE!"

—Pvt. Thomas F. Flannery

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Tie it with  
a Ribbon ★ ★ ★

"Delta Force" by Col. Charlie A. Beckwith is out. We rushed out to buy it. It's the story of Charlie (all 300 pages), of his counter-terrorist unit known as Delta (the first 186 pages), and of the Iran hostage rescue mission (the last 114 pages). The book involves an unbelievable ego -- Beckwith's -- and it's hard to believe all that he writes about, especially concerning things he claims to have said to the Army C/S (first Rogers, and then Meyer). It's simply impossible to believe that these gentlemen would have stood for it. We characterize the whole book with one word -- "Unbelievable."

We found only one place where we were fully in sympathy with Beckwith. Beckwith is now before the Senate Armed Services Committee, the mission having failed. Goldwater, Nunn, Warner, Stennis, Thurmond, Jackson are each asking questions. Nunn has asked about preventing the same thing from happening again and Beckwith answers:

"...If Coach Bear Bryant at the University of Alabama put his quarterback in Virginia, his backfield in North Carolina, his offensive line in Georgia, and his defense in Texas, and then got Delta Airlines to pick them up and fly them to Birmingham on game day, he wouldn't have his winning record. Coach Bryant's teams, the best he can recruit, practice together, live together, eat together, and play together. He has a team.

"In Iran we had an ad hoc affair. We went out, found bits and pieces, people and equipment, brought them together occasionally and then asked them to perform a highly complex mission. The parts all performed, but they didn't necessarily perform as a team. Nor did they have the same motivation.

"My recommendation is to put together an organization which contains everything it will ever need, an organization which would include Delta, the Rangers, Navy SEALs, Air Force pilots, its own staff, its own support people, its own aircraft and helicopters. Make this organization a permanent military unit. Give it a place to call home. Allocate sufficient funds to run it. And give it sufficient time to recruit, assess, and train its people. Otherwise, we are not serious about combating terrorism."

Shades of WW II there.

This was one of the great lessons of the Pacific War, remember?

Who was it who said, "The only lesson man learns from the lessons of history is that man learns nothing from the lessons of history"?

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Note from BOB and Ursula NELSON, (I 19 '42-'45), of 6228 Cardiff, Philadelphia, PA, with regrets for not making SIII. Advises Bob: "If you drink, don't drive-- don't even putt".

In our mailbag this a.m. came a \$100 check from Life Member PATRICK J. BLUNNIE (C 21st '50-'52), of 3421 Garden, Miramar, FL. We are speechless.

Remember this one from our Navy friends? -- Splice the mainbrace.

New address for the GRANTON WILSON's. Try 859 Oneawa, Kailua, Hawaii. Tel. 808-262-7770.

Thinking about the West Coast in '85. We owe it to those folks out there. Fair is fair.

If you haven't seen your name mentioned for some time please give us a squib on yourself to bring us up to date as to how you are, what you're doing etc.

Perhaps there might be someone that you're specifically looking for that one of our newer friends can help us find.

There may be someone in our organization looking for YOU.

Please give us something to write about.

If you wish to be happy for one hour, get intoxicated.

If you wish to be happy for three days, get married.

If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it.

If you wish to be happy forever, learn to fish.

ROY C. SIMPSON, (C 34th 7/43-3/45), of 3225 Sandage, Ft. Worth, TX, asked us to send out an "SOS" for any old members of the 580th, 581st and 582nd Air Resupply and Communications outfits. Roy left Army and went Air Force until he retired. These were special mission outfits and Roy is trying to generate some alumni activities. Anyone out there who can help Roy in passing the word, telephone him at 817-923-4583. Thanks.

Meet our next fully-paid-up Life Member: TALMAGE W. ESSEX, (E 34th '44-'45), of 2549 Embury Park, Dayton, OH. See you in Cincinnati, Talmage.

Nice little contribution -- "extra for postage" -- came with dues from DICK ROSENBECK, (24 Sig. '42-'45), of 56 South, Wilder, VT. Gratefully received, Dick.

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# Romantic dreams

## PHILIPPINES ANYONE???

In 1977, President Ferdinand E. Marcos mandated a program be initiated to welcome back, for appropriate recognition and honors, veterans who served in the P.I. during WW II. Thus the "Reunion for Peace" was born. In '79 and in '82, approximately 60 Association members, together with wives, friends and relatives, participated.

All agree that this "Sentimental Journey" was an unforgettable experience of nostalgia amidst gracious Filipino hospitality. Past President Dallas Dick wrote, "From one who has been there, I can say without reservation that you will find the Reunion for Peace one of the most meaningful and enriching experiences of your life". Bill Watkins said, "In all my travel, nothing has ever been so rewarding." Han Rantz said, "The actual journey far exceeded my expectations." Past President Bill Muldoon, who was chosen last year to raise our colors at Red Beach on October 20th, wrote, "It was the proudest moment of my life and the tears were there to prove it."

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of our Leyte landing. A gracious nation awaits your (our) arrival. In view of the occasion, the Filipino people, their government and military, are making elaborate plans to welcome and honor you (us) for the sacrifices which you (we) made in their behalf.

The trip to the Philippines is scheduled to depart San Francisco October 11, 1984. Joe Hofrichter (F Co. 34th), U.S. Representative for the Philippine Reunion for Peace, is making all the necessary arrangements for this trip. Hofrichter is well qualified and comes highly recommended by the Philippine Minister of Tourism.

The 17 day itinerary will include visits to San Pedro Bay, Red Beach, Hill 520, Tacloban, Palo, Jaro, Carigara, Breakneck Ridge, Tanuan, the San Joaquin River, site of the 6th Army Headquarters, Hill 120, Blue Beach, Dulag, Manila, Corregidor, wreath laying ceremonies at the U.S. Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Cabanatuan, Intramuros, Fort Santiago, Malacanang Palace, Clark Field, Lingayen Gulf Beach, Baguio, Subic Naval Base, Zig Zag Pass, Bataan, You name it. If you were there, we'll go back to it.

The trip will include 5-Star hotel accommodations throughout, most meals, and round trip air fare on Philippine Airlines. \$1795.00 per person if sharing a twin room; \$2025.00 for a single room; \$1745.00 per person sharing a triple room.

Members may elect to visit Hong Kong for 4 nights and five days after the trip to the Philippines for an additional \$257 per person, sharing a twin bedroom - \$357 a single room, or \$245 per person sharing a triple room. This extra package will include round trip air from Manila, 4 nights deluxe hotel accommodations, all transfers, four breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, a full day tour of Kowloon and Victoria Island, and two full days for shopping.

On the return from Manila to San Francisco, a 4 night, five day package can be arranged for members who wish a stopover in Honolulu. The cost for this option is \$160 per person sharing a twin room, \$220 for a single and \$140 per person sharing a triple. This package includes 4 nights at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel at Waikiki, transfers, daily breakfast, Pearl Harbor Cruise, and visit to Schofield.

A brochure of the daily itinerary and all inclusive features is being mailed to each member. This could be our last opportunity to revisit the Philippines. Look for additional information in future issues of the "Taro Leaf". Please plan at your earliest to send in your reservations.

Should you have any further questions about the trip, write Joe Hofrichter, 1718 Bird Dog Court, Loveland, OH 45140, or phone him (513) 677-0267.

*Christmas is for Fun!* **23** *Christmas is... for giving*



"HERE WE ARE, MAC! BRING ON THOSE SOUTH SEA ISLAND BEAUTIES!"  
—S/Sgt. Douglas Borgstedt

How about another definition for our fast-growing Military Dictionary:

**Sick Call** -- That time period (7:30 a.m.) when you reported in "sick". God help you if you got sick at 2:30 p.m. It was -- advisable to be sick, if at all, at 7:30 a.m. Sick call did more to advance the cause of "goldbricking" than any other Army phenomenon.

ROY C. SIMPSON, (C 34th 7/43-3/45), of 3225 Sandage, Ft. Worth, TX, liked "Follow Me" so much -- "should be sipped slowly and appreciated like a good wine" -- that he ordered a copy for each of his four sons -- Wayne, Marvin, Darrel and Dale -- as Christmas presents. We got them out pronto. Have a few copies left so sing out.

VA's files contain 50 Ronald Regans. That's zilch compared with 304,000 Smiths, 202,000 Johnsons, 149,000 Williamses and 144,000 Joneses. Is that the plural of "Jones"? More than 34 million names in their files. Be sure to include your SS# or VA claim # when you write 'em.

The beauty of our job is that we receive great letters and memos -- f'instance, this shortie from KEN McNABB (L 34th '46-'48), of Rt. 3, Oblong, IL:

"Dear Ken:

"Enclosed find check for \$15.00 for dues, etc.

"I wonder if Al Capone was right when he said: 'You can get further with a kind word and a gun, than you can get with a kind word alone.'

"Hope to see you in the Queen City. Ken."

Favorite military slang sent in by CHARLEY HORNYAK, (13th F '34-'45), of 11507 62nd Ave., N., Seminole, FL:

Shave Tails.....2nd Lts.  
Jawbone.....Credit  
Jockstrap.....Athletes  
Pill Roller.....Medics  
Dogface.....Soldier

The father and son team of ALBERT F. FASSBENDER, (M 19th '41-'42) and John Fassbender, both of Ulster Park, NY, rolled into 1st place in both net and gross doubles in the recent annual Kingston, NY Bowling Assoc. Tournament. Nice going, fellows.

**Celebrate**  
the season's  
bounty

**24 Jingle Bells.**