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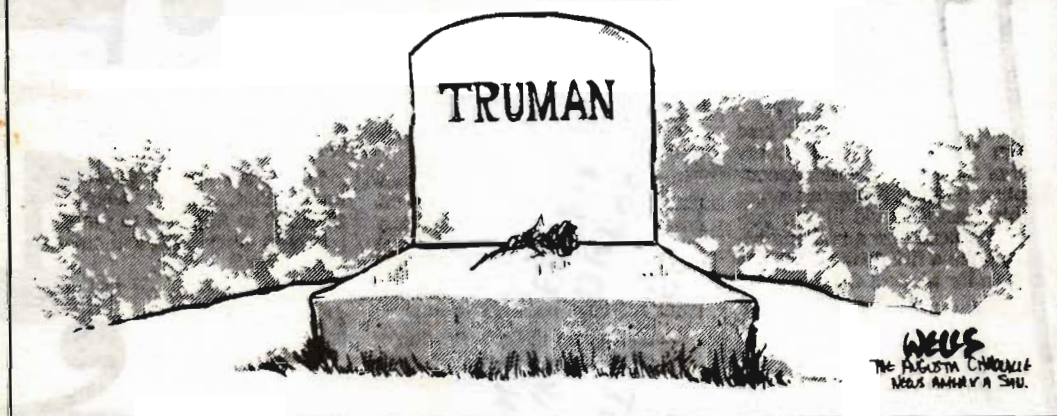
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# Here it is!

# TARO LEAF

HARRY, THEY'RE STILL GIVING YOU HELL FOR DROPPING THE BOMB. FORTY YEARS OF HINDSIGHT BY FOLKS WHO DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO BED EVERY NIGHT THAT SUMMER OF 1945 WITH THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY OF ENDING THE DAILY CASUALTY LISTS. BOTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN. OLD AND YOUNG. 162,000 DIED ON OKINAWA ALONE THAT APRIL. YOU WERE A GOD-FEARING MAN, HARRY. YOU MUST HAVE PRAYED EVERY NIGHT FOR A WAY TO SHORTEN THE WAR. TO END IT. THEY BROUGHT YOU A WAY. A HORRIBLE WAY. BUT WAR IS HORRIBLE. YOU USED IT. IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT. THANK YOU, HARRY. REST IN PEACE.



This one came to us from BOB LONGFELLOW (52 F & Div.Arty. '52-'54), of 12731 Poplar, Garden Grove CA, sometime this past summer when the bleeding hearts had their crying towels out. Bob's simple but cryptic note accompanying it read, "Ken this sums up this overworked subject fairly nicely. Don't you agree? Bob. Agreed, Bob!"



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# The Bulletin Board



Bright Star '85, in August, was the largest mid-east exercise ever. About 9000 American troops, including 1000 from Division (elements from Div.Hq., 1st Brigade Hqs., a tank battalion task force and Support groups) took part.

Three previous Bright Star exercises have been held in the area, beginning in 1980. The series was designed to train U.S. troops in desert warfare and to perfect techniques for the Rapid Deployment Force, organized under President Jimmy Carter to defend Western interests in the Persian Gulf and Middle East.

In the last Bright Star exercise in 1983, 7000 U.S. troops staged maneuvers in Sudan, Somalia, Oman and Egypt.

Good friend Col. JOHN MCNEILL has left Stewart after 3½ years -- gone to Command Information in the Pentagon. He and Cecile and the 3 children leave Stewart with many fond memories. He did a lot for our Association.

Retired from GE after 36 years -- HERBERT KINGSBURY (C 34th '43-'45) of 1368 Evergreen, Schnectady NY.

It was voted, at the annual business meeting at L-IV to give a Life Membership to Mr. LEE A. TELESCO, Consultant International Relations, San Miguel Corporation, PO Box 271, Manila, Philippine Islands.

Lee was a key man in Manila at the time of the Baguio fire. He was the influence on Philippine Air Lines by which they set aside seats for our gang on the first flight home. For this and a host of other niceties, the membership voted strongly in favor of bringing him into our fold. We say, "Welcome aboard, Lee."

We "of the east" -- sounds like a Masonic lodge, doesn't it? who made the LAX party in June were gifted with Mexican hats by JOHNNY ROBINSON (C 19th '42-'45), of 359 I St., Brawley CA. We decided against using any pictures, Johnny -- but you were terrific nevertheless -- and we are grateful.

Enjoying themselves at L IV -- Louise and Judge GENNARO FISCHETTI. Judge, your idea on doing something for the families of those we lost at Baguio was noble -- and we're gonna do something -- but not a lottery!



At L IV, Col. FRITZ WEBER and DON KNAPTON. Love those colorful shirts; they helped to make the party the success which it was.

Lt.Col. ROBERT and Jo Gertrude BARRY, (QM 4/50-12/50), are now at 250 W.Canal, Palm Harbor, FL 33563 (Tel. 934-3870)

We just "worked" a list of 224 POW's of Korea days. Mail return as "not at" on 143. That's worse than 50%. Do us a favor, please. Don't send us any more lists that are 30 or so years old. Spare us this ridiculous expense, not to mention effort in man hours.



# HIGHLIGHTS



Chaplain JOE PEYTON at the rostrum conducts our Memorial Service at L-IV. HENRY GOSZTYLA lights the candles. L. to r. at the head table: Garrith NORTOF, Phyl WATSON, DON ROSENBLUM, ANDY COOLEY, JOE, Toastmaster TOM COMPERE (yeah -- same jacket), FRED IRVING, RAY KRESKY, Margaret PEYTON, TOM NORTOF, and new prexy DICK WATSON. Just why Peyton, Nortof and Watson are standing escapes us.

## ENIGMA

## At Ease

Today's trivia: Who pitched the last perfect game in the major leagues?

Which came first, the egg or the hen?  
Puzzled a lot of prewar men;  
But will someone ever live to tell  
Which came first, the whine or the shell?



"The "Return to the PI" gang who have memories of those October '84 days which will never be erased were at L-IV in strength. Here are 3 of them -- HORACE HOGGETT, BILL HARTMAN, and KAY DOLEMBO. Wonderfully clear shot, Phil. Terrific!"

Trivia Answer: Len Barker, for Cleveland against Toronto on May 15, 1981.

## No, But If You Hum a Few Bars... \*\*



Outgoing president RAY KRESKY puts it on the line to the new "Old Man" who himself has something of a doubting look. The General would have been even more of a doubter had he attended our annual business session a few hours earlier. It looked like something engineered by Ralph and Alice Kramden with a lot of Ed Norton thrown in.

## BACKWARD AND FORWARD



Clarys (Mrs. ART) KEMP and Mary (Mrs.) HELLMAN exchange pleasantries at L-IV. One nice thing about your work, PHIL HOSTETTER, is that you're not afraid to get close-up and allow your subjects to occupy the best of a frame.

JACK and Eleanor FINN (34th '49-'50) have moved from Roslindale to 2494 State Rd., Plymouth MA 02360. They're in the crow's nest looking for OTIS BANNON and acting Tech Sgt. SADDLEBACK. Thoughts, anyone?

Those wonderful folks, JACK and Arlene HARDIN (24 MP '51-'53), of 6083 Tiverton Square, Columbus OH, Tel. 888-3728, have recruited HARRY W. BARBER of Centerburg, OH. That's all we have on Harry until Harry reports himself in.



# Expanding Horizons



521 of us sat down at the Saturday night Memorial Banquet. Photo courtesy of PHIL HOSTETTER, the "company photographer."

It took a man to do this. At our L-IV business meeting, AL RIDGE, on one side of the hall, asked for the speaker of the moment to stand up as he could not hear him. The speaker was JERRY VON MOHR, confined to his wheelchair at the opposite side of the room. Of course, Al did not know -- or he never would have so spoken. Al is naturally contrite, his booboo having been made known to him. Al writes: "It was the biggest mistake of my life. May I apologize publicly through the Taro Leaf to Jerry and to every other Taro Leafer.

We know both men -- intimately. We have every confidence that this will mark the end of this -- for them, and for us.

You Know You're Getting Old When:  
You can make the wrinkles that you see in the mirror disappear just by taking off your glasses!

HOMER E. DAILEY (C 19th '50-'51) is now at 375 Wallace Av., Frankfort KY. Couldn't make L-IV -- medical problems -- and Frankfort was only 50 miles away.

Retired from GE after 36 years -- HERB and Ethel KINGSBURY (C 34th '43-'45) of 1368 Evergreen, Schenectady NY.

From SIDNEY and Mary Jean MATHIS, (K 34 & Div.Hq. '46-'48) of 1405 Hawthorn, Waukesha WI, comes this, in speaking of L-IV: "Enjoyed the Louisville reunion, but feel we could have had more planned tours of interest. Too much idle time stated by all parties! Keep us informed on California and its prices. Would be a great trip!"

We read you loud and clear, Sid.

Another mover: FRANK MOYER (19th '41-'44) from Ephrata, PA to 811 E. Bougainvillea Av., Tampa FL 33612. Nice going, Frankie; you're no dope!

NELSON H. GARBER (5th RCT '52-'53), just married again and in the process got his address all mixed up. See what it can do to you. Try the newlyweds at 2 Hillside, Foxboro MA.

BOB SAAL, at 600 W. Ridgemont, Peoria, IL writes, "I'm still reading the Taro Leaf from cover-to-cover looking for someone from the 52nd F."

JIM DEVER (Hq. D 19, 1/51-11/51) of 625 Olympia, Pittsburgh PA, asked for a Xerox copy of Danger Forward, so we made it for him. It's the best we could do.



# Thank Goodness



PETER CROMBIE, 339th Eng. brought delight to everyone at one of our L-IV gatherings, coming in as you-know-who. Great crowd pleaser.

Early to bed and early to rise, is a sure sign you're fed up with TV.

Zettler Bexley  
True Value Hardware  
2525 E. Main St.  
Columbus, Ohio  
Fondo Finley, Jr. - Mgr.

Home  
614-746-9321

Business  
614-231-9622

FONDO FINLEY, JR.  
13th F '49-'51

... and top drawer glamour



We love this one. It's Inday and VICENTE SYDIONGCO, of course, all the way from Tacloban. Another terrific HOSTETTER shot. One nice thing about Phil's set of pix; they're all in black and white. You know how we have troubles with Kodachromes. Thanks again, Phil.

*Someone's  
Having a  
Party!*



A wonderful L-IV couple -- LaWand and GILBERT HEABERLIN.

# "Mesmerizing!"

The Division Commander, Maj.Gen. ANDREW L. COOLEY, honored us with his presence at L-IV and as you might have guessed was the speaker -- the real 100% speaker -- there were lots of 5% speakers too -- at our Saturday night Memorial Banquet.

There was no copy of the speech available for the reporters following the speech -- or even before the speech -- so we did the best we could in noting what he said.

Here's what our notes looked like:

## Greeting

Topic: 24th I.D.: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow  
40th Anniversary end of WW II -- almost to the day.

## World War II

First to fight tradition begins  
8 killed Schofield barracks, 7 Dec.41  
Shot down 5 Japanese planes  
Success in southwest Pacific  
Earned division heritage at  
at Hollandia, Biak, Leyte, Mindoro,  
Luzon and Mindanao.

## Leyte

Very hazardous operation because only light naval protection  
Landing at Red Beach met heavy Japanese resistance  
Col. Newman, "Get the hell off the beach. Get up and get moving. Follow me."  
Beachhead established, then bloody campaign of Leyte Valley.  
Met and destroyed the crack troops of Japanese First Imperial Division in Ormor Corridor.  
Won deadly battles at Breakneck Ridge and Kilay Ridge  
Fought under terrible conditions:  
Air sorties, "Hellish Terrain"  
constant rain, meager rations, sickness, snipers  
78 Straight days of offensive combat (a record in S.W. Pacific)  
Deeds of heroism were commonplace  
Cost: 524 killed, 1785 wounded, Japanese dead above 7250

## Earned Name "VICTORY" DIVISION

Success in every campaign  
Acquired five campaign streamers (Central Pacific, New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon, Southern Philippines)  
Earned Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.  
Division pride, esprit and symbolism born because of great soldiers  
Division had 3 Medal of Honor soldiers and 15 Distinguished Service Crosses

## Korea

"Ignored" war now getting some long due recognition.  
Division once again First to Fight.  
Task Force Smith  
Part of I/21st: 2 rifle companies, 2 mortar platoons, antitank teams, Battery of F.A.  
Orders "Stop them where you find them."  
Engaged enemy at Osan  
540 Taromen vs. 4000 Infantry and 33 T-34 Russian tanks of North Korea  
Fought bravely, absorbed heavy losses, slowed down enemy  
Their delaying action bought needed time.  
Division fought alone in first 3 weeks of Korea  
Units surrounded constantly and had to carve own way out  
Fought "Human Waves" of Koreans at Kum River  
All units, including MP's, Signal men, Engineers, etc. had some direct combat



"SO IF ANYONE FEELS THEY'D LIKE TO CHALLENGE MY AUTHORITY, I WISH THEY'D STEP OUT NOW."

—T/Sgt. Frank R. Robinson

## Taejon

34th and 19th Inf. vs. two North Korean Divisions  
Few tanks for support, low ammunition  
Held for two days but at nearly 30 percent casualties  
2 Medal of Honor winners here.

## Division sacrifices in first weeks of Korea

Lost over 2400 men MIA and tons of material  
Had 55 consecutive days of combat  
But quick deployment and delaying action deprived North Koreans of victory



Later Korean Combat of Division  
 Crossed 38th Parallel  
 Reached near Yalu River  
 Engaged Chinese communists

Unit Awards and Decorations:  
 Earned 8 campaign streamers  
 (includes UN defensive, CCF  
 intervention and 2nd Korean winter)  
 Awarded 3 Presidential Unit Citations  
 (1 U.S., 2 ROK)



Division heritage grew in Korea  
 Heroism and sacrifices of individual  
 soldiers  
 9 Medals of Honor  
 104 Distinguished Service Crosses  
 942 Silver Stars  
 1277 Bronze Stars  
 Our soldiers symbolized individual  
 sacrifices for freedom  
 Deserve full recognition and honor.

Yesterday's Soldier Established Our  
 Heritage

Gave us achievements  
 Gave us pride  
 Gave us symbolism  
 Gave us victory  
 We truly "Follow You"

Today's Mission

Southwest Asia/Middle East  
 Protecting America's interests  
 and citizens  
 Rapid Deployment  
 Getting there fast  
 Heavy element/mechanized role

Today's Training

Tactics and doctrine  
 Airland battle concept  
 Flexibility of forces  
 Coordination of combined arms

Weapons and Equipment

Modernization increases capability  
 and equalizes numbers  
 Soldier must be familiarized  
 Highly technical now - computers,  
 lasers

Examples: M1 Tank (Division to get)  
 Multiple Launch Rocket  
 System  
 Tow Missiles  
 Apache and Blackhawk  
 Helicopters

Exercises

More realistic today -- use of miles  
 Computer analysis  
 National training center  
 Bright Star: Division Soldiers excelled  
 Quick thrust  
 Emergency deployment readiness  
 exercises



"BEEN HERE IN NEW GUINEA LONG?"

-Sgt. Bill Morrow

Today's Soldier

Great soldiers in Division  
 Professional  
 Intelligent  
 Educated  
 Motivated

Soldiers excel in training

Performance at NTC  
 Army training evaluation program  
 Proficiency with weapons/equipment

Today's soldier maintains our heritage

Knows honor of Division  
 Wants to succeed  
 Accomplishes missions



Division Tomorrow -- Our Future Hopes  
 Even better weaponry:  
     will get increased firepower and  
     efficiency  
 Improved logistics Support:  
     computerization of systems  
 Advanced training methods:  
     electronic simulation training  
     computerized evaluation of training  
 Tomorrow's soldier to advance our  
 Heritage:  
     Achieve continued victories  
     Protect this nation  
 Challenges we face:  
     World turmoil  
     Changing technology  
     Soviet threat.

There you have it in capsule form. You can tell from this staccato outline that he covered our story from beginning to today and ended with a bold look into the future.

Tremendous speech, General Cooley.  
 We salute you -- with pride.



"GUM"?

—Pfc. John DeVries

North and South Koreans are now on an exchange visit basis. Lot better than exchanging lead as they did 35 years ago, isn't it.

VIC and Velma REINICK, (F 34th '43-'44) of 1042 Dixie, Hemet CA, report hearing "a rumor that wives are not welcome" at our reunions. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Says also: "If the next one is one the west coast, I'll be there if I have to crawl." That's the spirit, Vic. See ya.

Sad words from HENRY G. UPFOLD, (19th '53-'54), of Box 5087, Kingsville TX: "I wanted to join but have been hard pressed for money at this time. I am retired on disability from the federal government since Oct. 1971 with emphysema and cystic disease of both lungs. I am trying to get service connected on this and that is the reason I put an ad in DAV and VFW magazines. I wrote a letter to Bob Johnson to thank him for the membership. It really means a lot to know that there are still a lot of people who haven't forgotten what comradeship is all about. Thank you for the wonderful papers you sent. They stirred a lot of old forgotten memories. Keep up the good work and 'God Bless You'. Needless to say, Hank is a member.



"POOR JARVIS IS DEPRESSED. HE WANTED TO JOIN THE SKI TROOPS."

Pvt Robert Bugg

BILL NICHOLS (G 21st 3/52-9/57), of 537 Alabama, Birmingham AL writes:

"Finally got my artificial leg and am back in the Veterans hospital learning to use it. I'll be here four or five days taking therapy.

"I'd love to hear from any member of the Association.

"My Life Membership plate arrived okay and I'm very proud of it.

"Doris and I are planning a trip to Washington, Virginia and Maryland. We plan to look up Joe Peyton in MD.

"Better close and get ready to do some walking."

Best luck with the leg, Bill. Keep us informed.

One thing for sure: if we ever get to Congress, we're going to make zucchini against the law.



# All Signs Point To "Go"

NICK MARASCO, (L 34th '43-'45), of 22 Paper Mill St., Honeoye Falls NY 14472, has come onto a copy of "Children of Yesterday" with the name Lt. BURL F. COURTNEY, L 21st, on the inside front cover. It cost Nick \$80.25. These book hunters can ask for outrageous sums. We had one ask us for \$100.00 for the same book. Anyway Nick is ready to sell if you're interested.



Col. FRITZ WEBER,  
Helen SCOTTO, and  
Kate WEBER at L-IV.

## WHAT IF?

L-IV stands for our 4th Louisville Convention. And this is the port side of the banquet head table -- or is it the star-board side? In which PHIL HOSTETTER, our favorite photographer, caught Garrith NORTOF, our Convention Chairman's lady, Chaplain JOE PEYTON, Phyllis WATSON, our new first lady, Lt.Gen. DONALD ROSENBLUM, whom everyone knows, and the guest of honor, the Division Commander, Maj.Gen. ANDREW L. COOLEY. Great photography, Phil.



Patricia Goldman, the vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, tells a story about a stewardess who, frustrated by passenger inattentiveness during her what-to-do-in-an-emergency talk at the beginning of each flight, changed the wording and said, "When the mask drops down in front of you, place it over your navel and continue to breathe normally." Not a single passenger noticed.

From MURIEL TINO, long faithful wife of MIKE, of 110 Cottage, Jersey City NJ comes this report: "Mike is okay now, following recent hospitalization (in Apr.). We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary on Apr. 29th." How wonderful you've been, Muriel, through these long years of Mike's problems. We're proud of you.



# Oh, What a Party It Was



We had to include this one of JACK HELLMAN, GIL HEABERLIN, Donna Wicks, Kay Dolembro and BILL HARTMAN.

## THE GALLERY



We wouldn't dare not use this one of Helen HOSTETTER, our photographer's better half, and Pat GRUBE. Gosh, but we have great admiration for your work, Phil.

Didja know there are more than 200 Japanese restaurants in NYC. Ah so! And we thought it was the cars they were sending us.

BILL SANDERSON says, "The reason I have such a good memory for names is because I took that Sam Carnegie course."



# REUNION



We're going to use as many of Phil Hostetter's wonderful L-IV pictures as we can. We don't want to slight Kay Dolembro, Bill Hartman and Donna Wicks (Gil and LaWand Heaberlin's lovely daughter).

*From the*  
**CROW'S NEST**



JACK and Mary HELLMAN are enjoying themselves at L-IV. The Baguio people, you may notice, had their own little badges to signal to the rest as to who they were. And what a joy it was to have them together at Louisville as well as to be with us. What they have been through!

# Special

Congrats to DON and Wilma NESBITT, (C & D 6th Tk.Bn. '51-'52), of RD 6, Box 120, Clarks Summit PA (Tel. 717-563-1682). They're proud grandparents for the 3rd time -- this one a girl, Deierdra Farrell. That's Amy's daughter, isn't it, Don?

Can I use my Master Card to pay my Visa?

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

He was a skilled linguist, a combat veteran with a top-secret clearance and an important job helping improve the Western alliance. But the FBI says Lt.Col. Wayne G. Gillespie, arrested for allegedly conspiring to sell arms to Iran, wanted to "try something else and earn some money."

Gillespie was one of six people taken into custody and charged with conspiring to provide up to \$75 million in missiles and other military equipment to Iran, in violation of a ban imposed when the Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary government ascended to power in 1979.

The real shocker came in the fact that Gillespie is West Point -- Class of '60.

The secret of success is to stay calm and cool on top -- and paddle like HELL underneath!

## You Tell Us

Comes back JOHNNY LEAHY, (K, Sv., H, OX 1st Bn. 21st '42-'44), of 308 Zada, Vista CA, after we returned his unsigned check to him: "Thought I'd gotten over my forgetfulness. You know two things that happen when you start getting old; -- you start forgetting -- and..... I can't seem to recall the second thing."

BG LES WHEELER and Div. C/S Col. EUGENE DANIEL exchange pleasantries at L-IV.

Bumper Sticker: If God wanted me to cook, why did He invent restaurants?

You want  
trivia  
— we'll  
give ya  
trivia!

An American astronaut was poised in his capsule, ready to be launched. A reporter asked, "How do you feel?"

"How would you feel," the astronaut replied, "if you were sitting on top of 150,000 parts -- all supplied by the lowest bidder?"



Mona and JACK BROWN at the Friday night sit-down. At the business meeting the next day, the vote was decidedly against any more dinners like that one. Next convention chairman take note!

Start each day with a smile and get it over with.







"Tell th' ol' man I'm sittin' up wit' two sick friends."

## VIEWPOINT

Moved to the Bradenton FL Life Care Center have DICK and Martha "Marie" REINKE, (Med. Inspect. Div.Hq. '44-'45). Marie suffered a stroke in early '44 -- but, reports Dick, "continues to improve and now is able to do a little traveling." We're pulling for you good folks. Dick, by the way, suggests that we lump all the items on sickness over on one page, calling it "The Sick Book." Great, Dick -- we'll try it. As you've noticed, those items are becoming more numerous with each passing issue.

## It's a bargain

ED SMIGEL (A 34th and I 19th, 8/50-7/51) of 14 Liberty Av., Agawam MA, wrote in for a copy of the "Follow Me" book, "before you run out," he said. Ed got his copy.

Rodney Dangerfield admits he's not too bright. Says "It takes me an hour-and-a half to watch Sixty Minutes."

Sign on a display of girdles -- "Line Tamers."

## Front & Center

It's front and center for HENRY ZUCHOWSKI, (Hq.Bt. 13th F '40-'42), of 739 Palma Del Rio, Port Richey FL. His dues are paid up but he sends in a \$10.00 "donation." You're great, Hank.

## BETWEEN THE LINES

Wonderful BILL McKENNA (34th) of 970 Neilson, Albany CA, sends in his dues and "a little extra for twine, staples, scotch tape...or just plain scotch." Thanks, Bill. You must know by now that it's California in '86. At our annual meeting, we really stuck our neck out on that one.



Louisville Chicks: Front-ELMER DICK (A 19th '35-'37) and Louise SMITH. Rear - Peggy and DALLAS DICK, (19th '35-'45), RICHARD LUM (19th '24-'42), and ROLAND SMITH (B 19th '36-'37).

## HELP!

We've got to find a better way to know in advance who is coming to a reunion. And why? So we can do a better job of planning ahead, that's why. How about funnelling all requests for hotel reservations through the Convention Chairman? It's an idea.

Fully paid up as a Life Member is #84, CHARLEY TEWELL, (L 21st '42-'45), of 1507 Ruby, Hannibal MO. Charley, and Betty too, turn right around and send in another \$20 "for stamps and such." You're precious people, Charles and Betty.

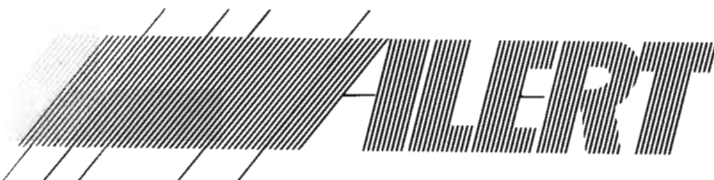
# UPSET? GREAT

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REVIEWS  
ARE IN  
AND  
THEY'RE

Upset? Us? No. Not when Chaplain Lt.Col. EVERETT and Nancy REHM (34th 8/52-2/54), of N.3817 Calispel, Spokane, WA send me their dues. We will expect you folks to make our California reunion. \$ gratefully received, Chaplain.

## YOU'RE KIDDING!

No, we're not. We've lost the services of that wonder of wonder, Membership Chairman LEE LIST, after 4 fruitful years. We can never express our gratitude adequately. But Lee has quit. Now we need the helping hand of each of you. Please send in the name and address of just one non-member. We'll do the rest. Thanx.



No, we weren't on the alert. We've been calling WILSON T. DREGER III (C 21st '55-'57) a Colonel. Pardon us, Bill is a BG Ret. Sorry 'bout that, Bill, down there at 120 Marietta, Atlanta GA. General, we salute you -- and thank you for the dues.

## Letters

JOHNNY POWERS (19th, 42-44) of 4 Kittredge, Peabody MA, in paying his dues, threw in a "little extra for decals for my car." Terrific idea, Johnny. It'll catch a few eyes, wait and see.

Brig.Gen. FREDERICK A. SMITH, JR., (5th RCT '53-'54), has retired as Dean of the Academic Board, US Military Academy from '74 to '85.

Great news from Stewart. They've asked us to post this notice on insignia. We are happy to oblige. Here goes:

If you would like to purchase miniature Combat Infantry Badges and/or miniature Medals, please do the following: Call IRA Green (The Company that makes them) at 1-800-253-5303

or

Write to:

Military Clothing Sales Store  
Building 1004, McFarland Av.,  
Fort Stewart GA 31314  
Tel. 912-767-8372

Please specify exactly what you would like and/or what order you'd like the Medals in.

Several people asked us at Louisville how to get such items as Taro Leaf jewelry, stickpins, etc. The Division will be opening a gift shop in the Museum in late October. As soon as a price list is available, the G-5 has promised to send it to your Editor who will publish it.

Several questions arose at Louisville on 5th Tank and 6th RCT Crests. Phillips Military Surplus has promised to send us a price list, which we'll get to you.



A Louisville pair - Julia and ALTON HALSO, (Sv. 19th '40-'45) of Rt.4, Box 399, Kinston NC 28501. Poor Al has been through serious stomach surgery. We were delighted that you both could be with us.

GUY E. SHEPPARD, SR. (A 21st RCT, '44-'41) has changed his address. Now it's Rt. 1, Box 80A, Haslet TX 76052.

TOM UPTON (Div.Hq. '42-'44), of 4 Dartmouth, Forest Hills NY 11375, recovering nicely from surgery. We are thankful.





The SANDERSON's (BILL and Alice) and the HARRIS's (JUNIOR and Lessie) at the Friday night dinner. One fact emerged from our annual meeting -- that we want no more --- ----- luaus.



## Watch Great Music Light Up The Sky.

DWIGHT JAMES, (E 21st '40-'42), of Box 773, Delta, CO, writes a note of appreciation for the T.L., for which our thanks, Dwight. He adds, "Seems like a long while back, but the magazine brings back lots of memories."

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY**

*invited*

Wanna buy a house? VA has 18000 of them -- all single families. They are units which VA had to repurchase from commercial lenders because veterans living in them couldn't meet the mortgage payments. They are in every state although most are in the Great Lakes and southwest areas.



Yep, it's the church in Palo, courtesy of LLOYD POTTERTON (E 19th, 2/44 - 11/44) of 222 Balsom St., Spooner WI 54801.

Lloyd tells us, "I had my first surgery in this church."

# AA IN NAME!! THAT REGISTERS

And the name did register at Louisville for RICHARD LUM, on from the "ROCK." He saw EDSON CARPENTER, (AT 19th '41-'44), a buddy of JESSE FOSTER, whom he hadn't seen since Pearl Harbor.

## COMMUNIQUE

Lotsa panic'ing about AIDS and its draconian threats. First thing we ought to do is to suggest to some people that they ought to stop doing what they're doing. Not a bad beginning, is it?

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Don't call Ft. Stewart on a Monday.  
The operator will tell you "The post is  
closed on Mondays; they accept no calls  
on Monday." Hope the Russkies never find  
this out. Lessee, the Japs hit P.H. on a  
Sunday. The North Koreans came down on a  
Saturday. We don't have an especially  
easy day of the week in the case of 'Nam;  
every day was a bad day there.



We gave you the Palo church exterior.  
LLOYD POTTERTON says, "Let's go one more  
and give them an interior." It gave  
shelter to many of our wounded in '44.

## OBSERVING THE FORMALITIES



Lively L-IV personalities: Margaret PEYTON, Belle STEVENSON,  
Jerry's widow, who thinks enough of us to come to our gather-  
ings, and Chaplain JOE PEYTON. That's lovely PHYL WATSON in  
the background.



# INTERACTION/85

Interaction is what is called for in this report. We're giving it the space because the folks behind it were rather short-sheeted at L-IV. They didn't get a full -- and fair hearing.

The Association has not, in its 40 year history, become actively involved in "causes." It has just been an unofficial matter of policy. That's all. This might make an exception.

From the gathering of the Task Force Smith men in Columbus, Ohio, last July 5th, on the 35th anniversary of TFS's commitment to battle, a telegram was sent to RR and we want to cut you in on the story. The cable went:

"The Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington DC 20500

"Dear Mr. President:

"28 surviving members of the 406 Infantrymen and the 134 Artillerymen who made up Task Force Smith, the first unit sent to Korea by President Truman on June 30, 1950 have just assembled to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the first ground engagement of the Korean War. We were proud then and we are proud now to have been in the vanguard of the U.S. efforts to stop the New Communist aggressions spear-headed by terrorists.

"Task Force Smith was able to slow the onslaught of the North Korean's armored attack of a force 50 times its own size. It failed to halt the attack because our pitifully undersized, seven year old 2.36 anti-tank rocket launcher (bazooka) would not penetrate the 16 year old tank we faced. It has been known by the U.S. Army throughout this weapon's life that it would not kill the tanks of its day, yet we were sent to war with it. We are sure President Truman did not know how badly we were equipped when we were committed.

"The infantry still does not have a weapon in the front line rifle companies of its light infantry divisions that will kill a modern soviet tank. We find this disgraceful and an unfilling monument for the men our regiment lost in its first days in Korea. We want you to know this so you will not commit forces believing, as did President Truman, that they are properly equipped for a fighting mission and that they will be anything other than a token sacrifice.

"General William E. Depuy, the recently retired four-star command of the army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) used the June 1985 issue of Army Magazine to discuss some elements of the disaster that is awaiting the light infantry when it next confronts tanks. He quotes General Gavin, the wartime commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, 'sad' comments about our own



regiment, still equipped with the WW II bazooka being overrun seven years after he knew the weapon had no value. Gavin himself discusses the 'sad experience' of burying paratrooper who 'had pieces of bazookas ground up in them by tanks as they were crushed.'

"General Depuy cites the heroism of one of our lieutenants, Ollie Connors, who got 22 futile bazooka hits on the tanks that overran us. He knows that 'the same of the weapons development community' has to be 'bailed out with the only currency (available), the lives of brave troops.' Unfortunately, heroism is a scarce and fleeting commodity and we would not sacrifice it merely to keep incompetent weapons developers in business. General Depuy (and we) expect that 'we will be faced, inevitably, with a rerun of Task Force Smith' if we do not 'think through this problem now and move with speed to resolve it.'

"We urge you in the name of our departed comrades to require the army and our defense industry to correct this disgraceful situation now. We do not want other

American soldiers to face tanks in 1985 with the equivalent of what we had in 1950, nearly bare hands, and a weapon that could only annoy the enemy's tankers by scratching their paint. This situation needs correcting now, not at the leisure of the weapons developers.

"Sincerely, respectfully, and faithfully, Billy McCarthy, First Sergeant, US Army (Retired) Representing the Present and Past Members of Task Force Smith, 2881 North Star Rd., Columbus OH 43221."

And, of course, you'll ask, "What was the reply?"

It came about 30 days later in the form of a letter to Billy from Col. Thomas M. Devanney, Chief, Missiles and Air Defense System Division, Office of the Deputy C/S for R & D. It went:

"Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1985, to President Reagan concerning the criticality of having effective equipment in combat. Your letter was not only informative, but also reminds us that we must ever be aware of our shortcomings in the past to insure we do not allow them to happen again. You have good reason to be proud of your association with Task Force Smith in Korea. Its exploits and contributions in that action are well known in military history.

"Your concern that our infantrymen should be equipped with weapons which will do the job is one of the areas which the leadership and management of the Army must constantly give priority. Our potential adversary's capability to challenge our forces is tremendous. He has made significant advancements in the past decade. Today's Soviet tanks are bigger, faster, more sophisticated, and more survivable than any we've seen during other periods in history. The tremendous number of tanks in the WARSAW Pact forces dictate that we develop weapons which are effective and survivable, yet affordable.

"The Army has recognized the need for a family of anti-armor systems useable by dismounted as well as mounted infantry. Our current TOW and DRAGON (Heavy and Medium) systems have been product improved to accommodate the threat of the modern battlefield. They are effective against a multitude of armored vehicles which we expect to face in battle. To insure our forces are capable of meeting future threat developments, the Army is now developing a medium range, manportable anti-tank weapon system known as the AAWS-M (Advanced Anti-tank Weapon System-Medium) which will be used by dismounted infantrymen. AAWS-M is one of the highest priority systems within the Army. It has strong Congressional support. With this system, the soldier will have a greatly improved capability to engage and defeat both present and future enemy armor. We



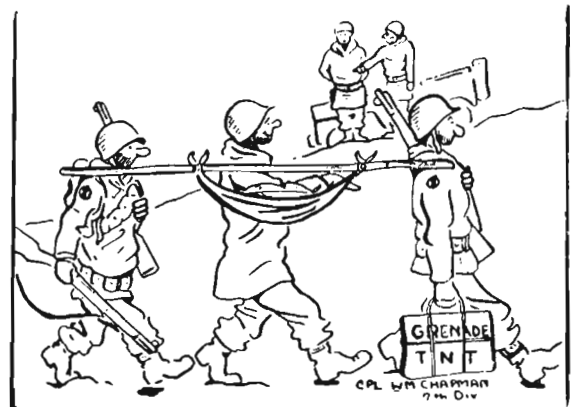
believe the technical challenge to be a big one, but one which is achievable.

"Once again, thank you for your concern. Be assured that maximum effort is being placed on the development of an improved 'tank killer' for the infantry.

Needless to say, the reply did not satisfy Billy or others of his gang, including CARL F. BERNARD.

Carl came to L-IV prepared to make a statement at our business meeting concerning the matter, but the chaos of that affair (it went to 2 hours in length -- should have taken less than 60 minutes) made it impossible for Carl to give us all that he had on his mind. Had he gone the distance, we'd all have missed out on the Memorial Banquet. At any rate, here's a slightly abridged version of Carl's comments:

"We are all too old and beat-up now to do the things we once did for our country, fight for it on a foreign battlefield. There is a fight right now, however, which is just as important. We can and should, indeed must get involved in this fight for we can make a difference. This is the fight to get today's front line infantryman a weapon that will kill tanks, and get it to him now.



"He's the best grenade thrower in the company."



"The U.S. Army does not now have an anti-tank weapon for the front line infantry that will actually kill a tank. The Army has a historical record of acquiring weapons that are too small to kill tanks, and it will continue this if something is not done about it. The people who will pay for this folly are the same ones who always pay, the front line infantry, not the peace-time, rear echelon types who decide what soldiers get to fight with.

*"Wish those guys at the peace conference would hurry it up, my feet are gettin' cold."*



"Most of you from the big war did not have to learn because the Japanese did not have heavy tanks.

"In 1943, one of the designers of the 2.36 rocket launcher (bazooka) resigned from his position in the U.S. Army because it had decided to make the bazooka too small to kill German tanks. General Gavin from the 82nd Airborne Division was in Sicily burying parachutists with bits of the bazooka ground up in their bodies when the messages from the War Department arrived warning him that it would not kill tanks. The troops in Europe had a fall-back position. They captured Panzerfausts from the Germans and then used these against their tanks. The Russians did the same thing as they had nothing that worked against the German tanks either.

"Task Force Smith and the rest of the Division took that same undersized bazooka to Korea that had failed the infantry in WW II. It was as worthless to us, as it had been to them. Contrary to the foul stories that circulated immediately after the first battles of 'soft and unprepared occupation troops' that could not beat a fourth rate army like that of North Korea, we fought like hell at OSAN on the 5th of July. The official history says that one of our 2nd Lts, Ollie Connors from Tupelo, Mississippi got 22 hits with the 2.36 rocket launcher on the Soviet T-34 tanks as they passed through us without stopping anything. 2/lt Jansen Cox of Woodlawn, Virginia and one other lieutenant had about the same number of hits with the same 'non-results.' People who will do

what Connors and Cox did, pop at tanks from 20 yards away in the hope of finding a soft spot, are a scarce resource and they deserve weapons that work. By the way, about 20 percent of us who were in the regiment at that time were WW II officers and enlisted men and we knew something about fighting.

"We pulled off the hill in a pretty ragged order about five hours later, after the North Korean tanks rumbled unperturbed through us and their infantry had moved around behind us. The bulk of our survivors made it back to the 34th late that day. Their stories had gotten pretty wild by then and no one in the 34th had any doubts about what was going to happen when the tanks got to them. The rest of the story is pretty sad. The regiment pulled out in a panic before it fought. Those soldiers didn't fail; our American weapons had failed to stop the Soviet made tanks. The 34th Regiment had the same weapons and rumor did the rest. Their justifiable lack of faith in an organization that had put them in an



*"Well, sir, that depends. Just where is the stockade located?"*

impossible combat situation brought on the most contagious of all the diseases, panic. They caught it; it is still available; and today's Army is especially susceptible to it since it still lacks the 'immunization' of being equipped with effective anti-tank weapons.

"The North Koreans took out one of the Division's battalions each time they hit one for the next week. The warrior spirit and exhilaration that comes with winning kept them moving. The loser's spirit that comes with retreating and the sudden realization that one's weapons are worthless had the opposite effect on us.

"An overrun outfit loses its wounded and its equipment. Abandoning the wounded is disgrace enough in itself. The effect on the troops that do get away is permanent. They know the same thing can and will happen to them, and they will run rather than stand and fight. I am not

exaggerating, and you know it. The French Army collapsed in the spring of '40 from the same disease, the inability to stop tanks, rumor, and then panic. The Vietnamese Army came apart 10 years ago from the same sickness. A senior officer now serving in the US Army concluded that if the Cubans had as few as three modern tanks at Grenada in '83, those tanks would have run out of U.S. troops to shoot at before they ran out of ammunition.

"We got the 3.5 inch rocket launcher in mid-July. We eventually became tank hunters, but the damage had been done by then. The North Koreans were high and winning. We were not. The ten days between our first fight and the arrival of the 3.5 marked the Division. The temporary lack of a tank killer had a striking effect on the U.S. position in Asia and it nearly killed off the Division.

"The present day Soviet tanks are as invulnerable to the Army's front-line infantry anti-tank weapons as the German Tigers and the Soviet T-34s were to the bazookas of their day. Our present situation has this history:

"The Army developed and acquired a short, light, inaccurate, and non-lethal anti-tank rocket called the LAW in the early '60's. It was so vulnerable to rough handling and exposure to damp weather that they had to rotate the stocks in the hands of the troops in Vietnam. Its first use against tanks was in defending a Special Forces camp in Lang Vey. It failed.

"General Westmoreland sent samples of the Soviet Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG-7), an updated 'knock-off' of the WW II Panzerfaust, back to the States in '67 and requested that copies be made and sent back to him. 15 years and a half/billion

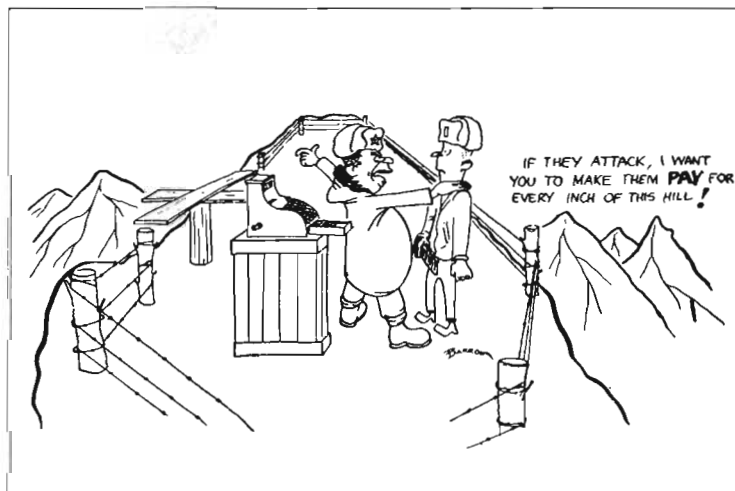
working weapon just seven years later.

"Today, the Army is choosing between acquiring a heavier-than-desired Swedish weapon and a slightly improved version of the LAW that should have been abandoned in the late '60s but remains in the inventory because it is perhaps 'better than nothing.' Neither will kill a modern Soviet tank, and the infantryman with either of these will be as bare today as our regiments were in '50.

"The 'military-industrial complex' that President Eisenhower warned us about doesn't bother me. I am not even enraged by \$600 toilet seats and \$500 ash trays. I am hopping mad, however, about not having a weapon for our front line infantry that will kill the enemy's tank.

"Can modern tanks be killed now by anti-tank weapons in the hands of infantry? The Germans, the French, and the British weapons will, and they can all be carried by a single front line infantry soldier. The Germans even still call theirs Panzerfaust, although with the suffix '3' added to reflect the updating of their proven design to make it a killer of modern tanks; their intention has always been that their infantrymen be able to kill any tank that comes at him from any angle. The U.S. Army has given up because they cannot kill a tank with a very light weapon, i.e. one that weighs less than ten pounds and it has dropped the requirement to kill tanks. They are looking for a 'multi-purpose' weapon, that is, one that will do everything but kill tanks.

"The three nations have teamed on and acquired a company-level, crew-served weapon that the Army has promised to evaluate next year under great pressure from the Congress. Our European allies'



dollars later, the Army was forced by the Congress to give up on the copying job because it wouldn't work. The weapon that resulted, the VIPER, wouldn't kill Soviet tanks, but that is not why it was dropped. The VIPER program was killed primarily because its cost had grown beyond reason, that is from \$78 each at contract award time to more than \$1000 each for a non-

tactics are for the rifle company to take the attacking tank force underfire with the crew-served weapon at ranges up to 2000 yards, and then let infantry platoons strip away accompanying enemy infantry with rifle grenades, and kill the surviving tankers with their big tank-killing rocket launchers when they get within 400 yards. Our Army lacks an effective crew-



served company weapon, the tank-killing rocket launcher, and the grenades, although the LAW we tried to replace in the 60's could do the grenades job. The new European grenades weigh a pound and are almost as efficient, and a lot cheaper, than the LAW.

"Is there a solution? What should the Army do? I believe the Army can have it both ways. That is, the Army can have a light weight infantryman's anti-tank system that can really kill tanks, and be inexpensive enough to be bought in sufficient quantities. The key is to look at the rifle company's anti-tank defense as a system rather than a single weapon. I propose that the company defend itself as do the Europeans:

"A very light, cheap, easy to use, throwaway, proliferable weapon, even a rifle grenade, fully capable against the vast array of non-tank targets such as BMPs, SP Arty, other vehicles, and no less importantly, hasty fortifications, bunkers, buildings and the like.

"A relatively cheap, easy to use, throw away, one-man portable (though heavier than the above), true tank killer.

"A crew served weapon like the Europeans use that will kill a tank about as far as the eye can assure it is not one of ours.

"The first two weapons should be effective out to about 400 yards. The tank-killer may weigh three times more than the lighter multi-purpose weapon, about 20 pounds versus six or seven pounds. The weapons should be issued on a mission basis in proportion to the existing threat. My guess is that for the typical light infantry operation, the mix would be 10 to 20 percent 'tank killers' and 80 to 90 percent multipurpose weapons.

"This concept allows the light infantry to have both lethality against main battle tanks and the high, sustained, multi-shot firepower of a very light, greatly proliferated weapon.

"What can we do?

"We can help the Army revise its priorities. We need use each communication medium we can find to tell them to acquire a weapon for the infantry that will kill tanks. It's not money that is lacking. We could damned near buy enough of the working European anti-tank weapons right off their production lines to supply our front-line infantry for the price of ten of the Army's new helicopters, or five of the Air Force's new fighter planes, or a quarter of one of the Navy's new destroyers. We can pay for these with some of the money saved from not buying a turkey you have heard lots about recently, the DIVAD (now abandoned).

"How do we do this? Get your Congressman into the act. Tell him what the situation is, remind him of the history in Korea, and suggest that your support of him in '86 depends on the support he gives

to the infantry today.

"There are not two sides to this question. The issue is so simple that I am shocked at what the Army is doing. It is time to break the pattern. We don't need to get taken in by whisperings of new and secret Soviet armors that makes it impossible to kill their tanks. We haven't had an infantry anti-tank weapon that has worked in the last 42 years except for a brief period with the 3.5 rocket launcher. I think the Association can help the Army understand they need revise their priorities, and we should. There are no military secrets revealed in anything I've said. The Soviets know our infantry is helpless. Our soldiers are the only ones that don't know, and we need fix this before they find out the terrible truth the bloody way members of this Division did in '50."

Well, there it is, Carl.

Now let's see if our members will run with it.



It's here and there for Col. MAX and Marjorie PITNEY, (13th, 52nd & 63rd Field 7/40-2/46). They were in Kansas, now hang it up at 55 N.4th, Cocoa Beach FL. They write this newsy note:

"Sorry to be late with the dues and to miss the reunion. Hopefully, I'll be there next year.

"Having a reunion with Paul Fraser, lieutenant and captain in my artillery battalion - 52d FA. Haven't seen one another since '45! Happily, Paul will be in Portland OR enroute to a trip to London, the same night my wife and I will be in Portland for the first time since being stationed there in 1947! Small world!

"Best wishes."

Thanx for the good word, folks.

# FAST FRIENDS

Warm greetings from Gen. JAMES B. and Winifred VAUGHT. Here, read it yourself: "Hope all went well at L. Sorry we missed it. I still work and have several bosses telling me where to go and what to do. Enclosed \$50.00 will cover dues for '85-'86 -- put the extra in the kitty. Keep up your good work. All the best, Jim Vaught."

Watta man. We chanced to say to someone at L-IV that we never met a 24th Commander whom we didn't like. Jim is one of those we liked the most.

## Ahhhh...

Ahhhh...We do try to keep a lid on too many people selling things at Convention time. And for the acknowledged purpose of not putting the bite on our membership too many times and for too many reasons. But we are anxious to let Ft. Stewart come in and set up its shop because its goods are good and there is a demand. Lt. Col. JIM SIMPSON, Div. G-5, says they sold \$1900 worth in one hour.

## Inside Stuff

Odd. The baseball heroes who went to Pittsburgh to blow the whistle on their fellows went back to their respective ball parks the next day for standing ovations. RR 40 years ago named some of the Hollywood Commies to a Congressional Committee and is hailed in some editorials of the fourth estate as a bum. Protection of the boys of summer -- no problem. Protection against those who would overturn the country -- not a chance.

JOE and Gladys DAWSON write:

"After Baguio, Gladys made up our mind to completely live and enjoy life more than ever. We always have enjoyed life but we enjoy it even more now."

And we hope you get great joy with what's left to you both. You're wunnerful folks.

# Seeing Red

Press around Labor Day weekend had a field day with the story that RR was an FBI informer. To which we ask, "So what?" We prefer one who talks to the FBI over one who talks to the KGB.

## ARE YOU MOVING?

Take us with you!



Lorna Leah DAVIDSON, BILL's widow, has moved. Try County Creek, 261 Barclay Court, Mantua NJ 08051

## Spotlight

Another "Follow Me" is on its way to a buyer. BORIS T. GERGOFF, 7541 Windsor Woods, Canton MI, has ordered his copy. Not many left gang. \$7.95 per. Good seeing you in Louisville, Boris.

## YES or NO IT'S UP TO YOU!

Writes JOHN MCNEIL, Stewart PO as he leaves his assignment for the Pentagon: "It's been great knowing and working with you. You guys are the greatest and I hate leaving the 24th." We'll keep in touch, John.



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# TALK <sup>OF</sup> THE TOWN



BOB HARDIN (I 5th RCT), of 27000 SW 142nd, Naranja, FL, is right proud of Brenda. This plucky gal was a finalist in the Miss Wheelchair Florida Pageant held in Tampa, Memorial Day weekend. Brenda was escorted by Sr. Airman David Byson of MacDill Air Force Base. Brenda's citation read: "A truck slammed into the bicycle eight year old Brenda was riding and left her with a disability similar to cerebral palsy. She communicates slowly but with determination via the sign language alphabet. But Brenda's personality is not handicapped. Her happiness is contagious. She wants to be part of everything, whether it be a church camp-out, a work bee, or a family gathering. In 1982 and 1983 Ms. Clark competed in the handicapped Orange Bowl Sports Ability Games. Since then she graduated from Special Education classes at Southridge High School and currently is an honorary member of the Pathfinder Club of Homestead Seventh Day Adventist Church. Because of her success in fund raising for this organization, Brenda has been named Outstanding Ingatherer. Her fund raising work has netted the organization over \$1000 each year for the past nine years. In her free time Ms. Clark enjoys racing through the woods with her brother serving as pusher. However, her main hobby is a brand new nephew born this past September. Brenda's favorite song is, 'Kiss An Angel Good Morning.'"

Moved: JIM ("Pickles") and Eleanor HERRING, (24th QM. '40-'45), have left NY state and moved to RD 1, Box 323, Beach Lake PA. Adds Pickles: "We purchased property sometime back and finally decided to build and leave the State of NY and all its high taxes and utility bills. We will still be within easy reach of our children (3) and grandchildren (4)."

JOE CENGA asked us to use an article on his buddy, CHARLIE LANG (AT 19th '41-'44), of 316 E. 238 Place, Carson CA. Wanted to Joe, but it was too dark -- wouldn't reproduce. Anyway, we'll tell you what it was about. Seems Charlie has an obsession -- he plasters jigsaw puzzles on his den walls -- floor to ceiling. Got any old puzzles you can send to Charlie?

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# WHAT THE CAMERA SEES THAT YOU DON'T

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It's Company L of the 21st (Korean days 6/50-6/51) posing during their great meeting at Savannah, GA last April 12th - 14th.

1st row, seated l. to r. - ZERA SPREADBOROUGH, DONALD "Steady Eddie" SPREADBOROUGH, JOEL BERNARD, son of CARL, JOE (MF) GRIFFITH, LP (Dixie) HENDERSON, FLOYD ("Mother") MARTIN, VOLNEY ("Little Fellow") WARNER, and THOMAS ("Toadie") DREISONSTOK.

1st row, standing - Deloris THIEL, Warnetta IVY, Phyllis BURKE, Aydit BERNARD, Bunny HARDY, Andrea DREISONSTOK, Helen MARTIN, and Janice WARNER.

2nd row, standing - Mary TOMPKINS, HARRY ("The Helmet") TOMPKINS, PHIL (A.P.C.) BURKE, BUD (Short Round) HARDY, FRANK (Poison) IVY, HUGH (Brownie) BROWN, CARL (Peep-Sight) BERNARD, W.J. (Mike) THIEL, ARNOLD (Riko) YOSHI-KAWA, HUGH BERNARD, son of CARL and lovely friend whom Hugh Brown wouldn't identify.





# THE GALLERY,

Despite strong support from congressional leaders and the major veterans organizations, donations for the construction of a national Korean Veterans War Memorial in Washington DC have been "disappointingly low," says the American Battle Monuments Commission.

"We had expected to receive thousands of dollars in donations at this point, but so far, we've received less than \$250," an ABMC official said.

He said the commission needs at least \$500,000 to begin planning for the memorial. "As you can see, we've got a long way to go."

Bills have been introduced in the House and Senate giving the ABMC authority to build a memorial here for the 5.7 million Korean War veterans.

"We've made several attempts in recent years to get a Korean War memorial established. But each time the effort was killed by the Office of Management and Budget on budgetary grounds. With Congress expressing strong support, we should get something established soon," he said.

Legislation being considered by the House Veterans' Affairs Committee would let the ABMC build the memorial with appropriated funds or private donations. The memorial, once built, would be operated by the Interior Department under the legislation.

Donations for the Korean War Memorial should be mailed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington, D.C. 20341.

"Every contributor will receive a personal letter from the Commission acknowledging the donation and telling the donor that the money will be returned in the event the memorial is not built," the official said.

We've made a personal contribution, and given a majority vote of the membership we'd happily send a check in the Association name.

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# doing nothing

How about sending in some of your favorite Navy terms? They'll bring back memories. Like "Sweepers man your brooms." Like "The smoking lamp is lighted." Like "Request permission to lay alongside." Surely there's a memory or two in that last one.

# IMPORTANT

JACK E. BROWN (Sv., E & F 34th '42-'44) of Rt. 3 Lake Viking, Gallat MO, reports shopping in a mall in KC, wearing his Taro Leaf hat. LOUIS L. KENDRICKS saw it and came forward for a conversation -- himself an old Taro Leafer. Lou "didn't know we had a club or published a paper." Lou's in now. Is living at 304 N. Francis, Excelsior Springs MO. We welcome you in, Lou.

# BETWEEN US

Spotted in the NY Times Book Section: For a Japanese publication commemorating the surrender that ended World War II and the American occupation of Japan, I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has color slides taken in Japan between 1945 and 1950. ROBERT L. STEELE, 1505 44th St., NW, Washington DC 20007.

Word in from BILL WEIDLE (21st) of 1095 Byberry, Cornwells Heights PA: "Patricia died 3 years ago. After 2 years I married again -- to Mary B." We're a little late with the congrats, Bill, but here they are.



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# BETWEEN THE LINES

There's a story within the story here. Start with this. It's a U.S. Army photo bearing this indicia - 14432-D GWW-3/8/51-837A-USA -- and carried this legend:

"Released by the Chinese Communists and returned to the 24th Division, these American soldiers, all members of the 19th Infantry Regiment, rest in the 24th Division Medical Clearing Station. L-to-r: Pfc. Joe Wright, of San Diego, CA, Cpl. Paul Cramer of Delaware Water Gap, PA; and Pvt. Robert L. Nash, of Rogersville, AL. 8 Feb. 1951."

There's more to the story. Stay with us.

It seems that under date of Jan. 25, 1951, the Adjutant General of the Army, Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell wrote Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nash of Rogersville AL as follows: (We'd have reproduced the letter but it is fairly well smudged.)

"I regret that I must confirm my recent telegram in which you were informed that your son, Private Robert L. Nash ER 53008120, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in Korea since 3 January 1951.

"I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay.

"The term 'missing in action' is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under battle conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that a number of persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as returned to duty or being hospitalized for injuries.

"In order to relieve financial worry on the part of the dependents of military personnel being carried in a missing in action status, Congress enacted legislation which continues the pay, allowances and allotments of such persons until their status is definitely established.

"Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty."

Stay with us; there's more to this sorry saga.

"This photo appeared in various state-side papers, for one, the San Francisco Chronicle of Friday, Mar. 9, 1951 with this caption under the photo (with this leadoff credit line "US Army Photo via AP wirephoto."):

"Released Prisoners -- Robert L. Nash, the soldier at the right, is 22 years old and lucky to be alive. He and the two other Americans - Private First Class Joe Wright of Yma, AZ and Corporal Paul Cramer of Pennsylvania -- were captured by the Chinese, then released. Nash has frost-bite and several arm and leg wounds. An Alabama reservist, he was recalled last fall and captured near Seoul on New Year's Day. He ate two hotcakes at a U.S. aid station the day this picture was taken, five weeks later, and "they made me sick. I'd been living on rice and nothing else." The Army flew him home later for a furlough at his father's farm, near Rogersville. He planned to "play around with the tractor -- and eat plenty of Southern fried chicken, with corn-bread. And if my mother ever sets rice on the table, I'll throw it right out into the yard."

Are you still with us? Wait'll you read the rest.

Recently the Penn. Dept. of Veterans Affairs addressed a letter to us which said (and we are abbreviating it in the interest of space):

"We have a local veteran who was captured by the North Koreans in the Korean War. This veteran's basic problem is for the U.S. Army Review Board, Washington, D.C. to properly identify him as a former P.O.W. of that period. The veteran is PAUL S. CRAMER... We have an official U.S. Army photograph that shows three P.O.W.'s of which one clearly depicts Cramer at the time of their release approximately 11 February 1951.

"On the reverse of that photograph is an official statement by the army indicating all three had been members of the 19th Inf. Regt., 24th Division...

"However, the Army claims it cannot find this veteran on their P.O.W. rosters of the 24th Division..."

They are trying to locate JOE WRIGHT to help to substantiate the claim, they having already located BOB NASH.

Our whole point is that it shows a sorry state of affairs when and if -- as here -- DA can't identify its own POW's. Granted things were hectic in '50-'51-'52 -- but 35 years later?





# Keep the excitement alive long after the applause dies down

Write JOHNNY & Ginny MORRISON, (D 21st '41-'44), of 54 Chelsea, Mt. Sinai NY:

"Let it be known that every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, the Association has a NY Lottery Ticket on:

Mondays: 7-12-19-21-24-40  
Wednesdays: 7-12-19-41-21-24  
Saturdays: 7-12-19-41-21-24"

Johnny and Ginny, we luv ya -- and we'll keep our eye out 3 times every week.

## JUST FOR LAUGHS.

Well hardly. PAUL KEATING (F 13th FA '35-'37, 24th Art. '41-'45, Hq. 2nd Bn. 13th FA '37-'41) 2905 Templeton, Lawton, OK, has joined that exclusive club of those men who have gone the route of prostate surgery. We ourselves paid our dues a year and a half ago. Our group is growing, Paul. Glad to know that you're well along the road back. Feels great to have it behind you, doesn't it? No pun intended.

Didja know there's now a Gay Veterans Association? For our comment, send a self-addressed postage paid return envelope.

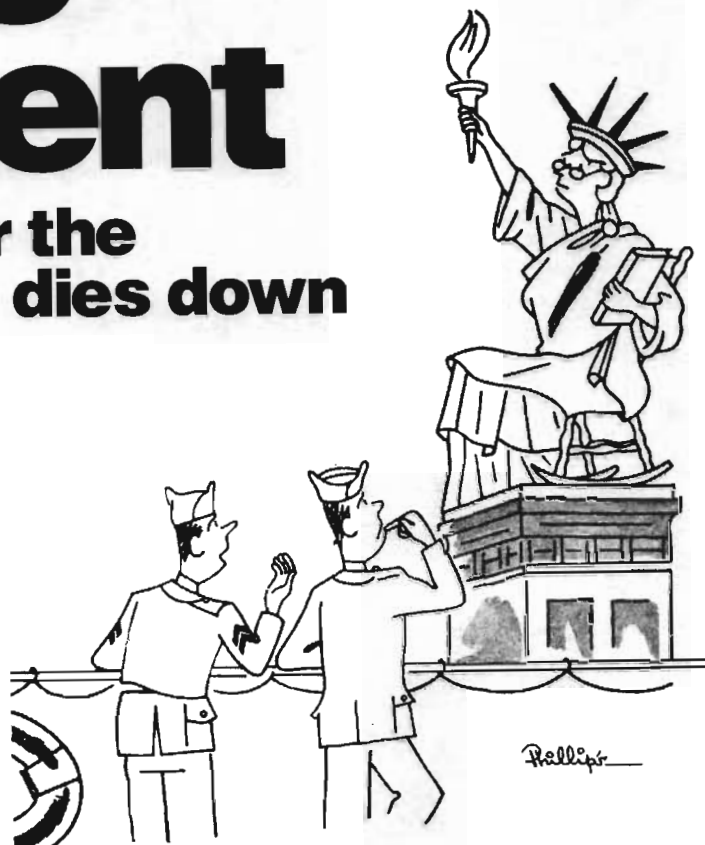


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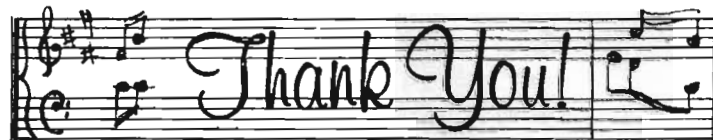
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"I DIDN'T REALIZE I'D BEEN AWAY SO LONG!"

-Sgt. F. Phillips



From CC and Willa HUTCHINS, (Hq. 24th Sig, Hq. 34th '49-'51) of 5056 N. Dewey, Hernando FL comes a lovely \$20.00 check with this note attached: "KR \$10.00 dues-\$10.00 whatever. CC." You're short and sweet, CC -- but beautiful.

Nine times out of ten, if somebody gives you the business -- it's probably failing.

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You'll recall that the Task Force Smith (TFS) honored their own 35th Anniversary last July 5th in Columbus, OH. These pix just arrived so here we go. D----- the Kodachromes. 1st Sgt. (Ret.) BILLY MCCARTHY and his lovely wife, Teruko, are talking with Maj.Gen. Yoon Def, military attache at the Korean embassy.



75 year old Col. FLOYD R. MARTIN, TFS Exec. Off. talks to the 76 friends gathered there in front of him. Grand chap -- everybody's friend.



Lt.Gen. Edward C. Peter 2d, CG of Fourth Army represented the Sec. Army at the TFS gathering. In Korea he was with the 35th Inf. of the 25th Div. during '52-'53. He was with the 25th again in '67-'68. We're gonna use this one but we warn you -- you'll be sorry.



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D 19th 4/50 - 11/50

We're going to get all these TFS folks in on this one. Let's go clockwise starting with Mrs. EZRA BURKE, Mrs. CARL BERNARD, Col. CARL BERNARD (Co. Band Co. L) M Sgt. EZRA "Red" BURKE, Sfc. HENRY "Dusty" RHODES, and one unidentified gentleman.



Col. BILL "Chief" WYRICK holds forth at the TFS reunion.

Speaker of the TFS evening: Korean Ambassador Byon Hion Lew. Retired as a 4 star general of the ROK, he was at one time Chairman of the JCS of the ROK. In 'Nam, he commanded the Capitol "Tiger" Div.



Comparing their "clippings" at TFS are KEN DIBBLE on the left, Co. B, and "Dusty" RHODES on the right. Please don't be too rough on us if it comes out all dark grey; Kodachromes are our nemeses in case you didn't know.



Looking tiny, but standing tall at the TFS gathering. It's 1st Sgt. BILL DOUGHERTY, 1st Sgt. Co. A. Bill is 82; was a Gimlet at Pearl Harbor.

Interesting note from MILT and Joy JURY, (19th and 24th MP '46-'47), of 852 S.Hempstead Rd., Westerville OH 43081:

"Enclosed is my check for dues with some extra for association business. Since I last wrote to you I haven't too much to report. I have been promoted to the position of Corporate Nuclear Security Coord. for American Electric Power Service Corp. here in Columbus, OH.

"The summer has gone so fast I can't believe it.

"Did have a nice holiday in England - Ireland. Love to travel and will be going back to South Africa in early 1986.

"Excuse my handwriting. I am on the couch recuperating from an old football knee injury operation."

Wonderful report, Milt and Joy. Thanks.

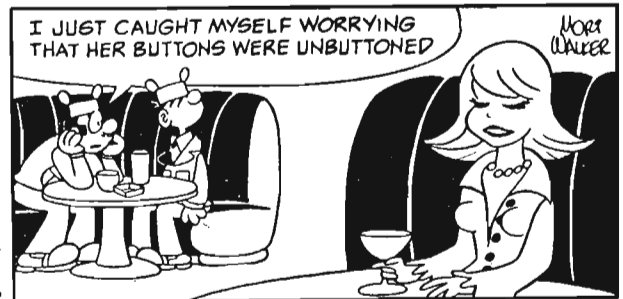


Going clockwise at the TFS breakfast Teruko McCARTHY, Col. BILL "Chief" WYRICK, CO and Plat./Dr. C Co., 1st Lt. CLIFF JOHNSON, Oprns. Sgt., Maj. JESSE MURGA, Co. C., and WILLIS ZILLMAN, Btry. A, 52nd Field.

What do you think? Bad enough to exercise the President of NOW?

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## New Image

Wrote Col. EUGENE L. DANIEL, Div.C/S,  
following L-IV:

"First, let me thank you for a wonderful time at the Convention in Louisville. Tom Nortof did a remarkable job in putting together a really first-class affair. The Commanding General and all of our soldiers who attended were enthusiastic about the warm welcome they received, as well as the opportunity to serve.

"We were very impressed with the World War II and Korean War videotapes you showed on Friday and Saturday. If you can lend them to us for a short while, we'd like to copy them on 3/4-inch videotape for use within the Division. They would help our soldiers gain a better appreciation of our heritage.

"Again, thank you for a very professional event. The rooms were great, the food was great, and the fellowship and camaraderie were the greatest of all."

LEE LIST, our wonderful one time Membership Chairman gave these figures for his 1984-85 report:

Number of members at end of year	1733
Number of members at start of year	1539
Net gain for year	194
Deceased	29
Not at	15
Dropped for non-payment of dues	10

You can be proud, Lee. Deep thanks from each of us.

Newton Minow, attorney and former FCC chairman, on his study of the legal systems of four European countries: "In Germany, under the law everything is prohibited except that which is permitted. In France, under the law everything is permitted except that which is prohibited. In the Soviet Union, everything is prohibited, including that which is permitted. And in Italy, under the law everything is permitted, especially that which is prohibited."

Seen any good bumper stickers lately? Send 'em in. These were in the morning mail:

A woman's place is in the mall.

When God made man, She was only kidding.

Stewart reported \$1900 in sales at their little table at L-IV.

Forgive me if we throw in a Mort Walker strip now and then. We like to keep a watch on him. We're checking on the curves he imparts to his gals. He's been in trouble over that business, you may know.



Ever wonder how many KIA's we had in WW II?

Total battle casualties.....	7012
Total deaths among battle casualties.....	1691
KIA.....	1374
Total wounded and injured in action.....	5621
Died of wounds and injuries.....	315
Returned to duty.....	3266
Total captured and interned.....	6
Total missing in action.....	11
Missing and declared dead.....	1
Missing and returned to duty.....	10

An unbeatable record for understatement was set by the newly-elected president of the United Nations General Assembly as he opened the organization's 40th anniversary session in New York.

"It is a secret to no one that the United Nations is in the midst of a crisis," SAID Jamie de Pinies of Spain. "It has not lived up to the hopes vested in it when it was founded."

Indeed it hasn't.

JOE BENDER (H 21st '42-'45), of Box 1042, San Mateo FL writes: "I wonder if LULOFF of Sv.Co., 21st, is still among us. And Lt. LEM? I've lived in various areas of the State of Florida since 1951-- the climate is more agreeable to me -- mentally and physically -- so I feel better here than in NJ. Mabuhay or shall I say Best Luck?"

EARSEL E. BONDS, (Hq.Co., 1st Bn. 21st '49-'51), of 807 West Ave. I, Lovington, NM, happily joins our ranks -- even sends us the lyrics to that old familiar tune:  
 I'm a Gimlet, I'm a Gimlet,  
 I'm a Gimlet through and through.  
 So if you come to Kumamoto  
 You can be a Gimlet too.  
 Brings tears to these old eyes, Ed.

Castro is telling his Latin American counterparts how to solve the debt crisis -- involving \$300 billion give or take a few. Castro says simply, "Don't pay." Nice fellow.

Nice note from MAX FOWLER, at 4351 Budziak, Oscoda MI. It goes:

"After 43 years, it is great to get in touch with the past.

"I was a 'Gimlet' in D Co. 21st from '40-'42, went to Christmas Island for a year.

"When I returned to Oahu the 21st was leaving so I was assigned to the 105th Inf., 27th Inf.Div. I saw a lot of combat and got out in July '45. I have never forgotten the man of D 21st -- names like ED VOSO, JAMES SMOLA, BILL KENNEDY, ED FARMER, BILL KEYES, JOHN E. BROWN, and so many more. JAMES O. SMITH lives near Ft. Hunter. I saw him last year. He put me in touch with the Taro Leaf. I am going for Life Membership at \$20.00 a year for 5 years. Am in retirement now. I am sorry I didn't know about the 24th Div.Assoc. before.

"In my book the time I was a 'Gimlet' was when I became a man."

Great report, Max. Thanks!

New address for CLARK BACCAY (1st Bg. 19th '56-'57). It's 148 Plymouth, Daly City CA 94015. And also for PETER FUSTINI, (C 34 '44-'45). It's 3200 Mono Way, Sonoro, CA 95370.

Our in Bend OR, on 20427 Mainline, (Tel. 369-4722) PAUL and Aleta FRASER, (52nd F '41-'44) write:

"John Rousell, (52nd FA '43-'46) flew out for a visit in Aug. John recently retired from Louisiana State University as a full professor. While here we arranged a meeting with Gordon Mackenzie (52nd FA '43-'45). We traded a lot of bull and hoisted a few tall ones. Gordon lives in Medford OR.

"The three of us would like to locate Phil Wiseman, 52nd FA and Doc Doyle, Bn. Surgeon 52nd and later Reg. Surgeon with the 19th Inf.

"Enclosed find a few bucks for the cause. Paul."

BG PETER W. LASH, formerly ADC (Operations) has been named CG, Hdqtrs., First ROTC Region, Ft.Bragg NC.



Lovely Patricia, wife of EVANS SYNDER (B 26th AAA, '52-'53) of 130 Ivy, Red Lion, PA, thoughtfully writes: "Here is a check for dues and an extra \$5.00 for postage. Evans was in the hospital with a back problem for 10 days. He is still off work. He is to return late in Sept. to see how it goes."

"We both enjoy the Taro Leaf and are happy you are going to put more in about Korea."

Col. RICHARD and Ruth LAWSON (Div. G-2 and C/S '41-'45), of 104 N.Will Scarlet, Williamsburg VA send along a terrific check of "financial support" and these delightful words:

"Ruth and I have just telephoned Fred and Vivian Irving to learn more about Louisville. No doubt he explained why I could not travel there. Recently I have added another health problem to my list by a clumsy fall which broke my nose."

"You may be interested to know that Tom Wells (son of the former Hawaiian Dept. general) who lives in Hawaii visited here last fall and took back to the 25th Division Museum my original 1934 cartoon - the map of Schofield Barracks. To my surprise it has appeared as a double-page spread in the current "Guide to Schofield Barracks" annotated as to the many changes there since 1934."

It was a great cartoon, Dick; we're gonna include it in the History.

Just between us, CREIGHTON and Lois BRYSON, (K 19th '44-'46), of 1816 W. Friendly, Greensboro NC, are right when they write:

"Mind goes back 40 years ago when we all had our fingers crossed, wondering if they were going to call it 'quits'. Thank God they did. A landing on Japan would have been rough as we all know."

We don't know about using this story but we're going to risk it. It comes from ROBERT "Bobby" BRABHAM, (Div.Hq. '42-'45) of Box 1001, Sumter SC. He sent it in along with dues for HUGH A. MITCHELL, (21st & Div.Hq. '42-'43) of 2001 Palmyra, Albany GA. Hugh, by the way, is battling cancer. Here's the story, Hugh, and we print it just for you: "Hugh A. Mitchell (Maj.) Regimental Chaplain for the 21st and then was the first Division Chaplain at Schofield Barracks. Gen. Irving attended service one Sunday and after the service he went into Chaplain Mitchell's office. On the wall hung the pictures of two great men, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Maj.Gen. Frederick Irving. General Irving's picture was hung above General MacArthur's. Chaplain Mitchell was a Captain at that time. Within a few days, Chaplain Mitchell was promoted to Major."

Fred Irving, will you please confirm?

"Most amazing case, colonel. What stumps us is how he removed his helmet."



Just called JESSE and Daisy FOSTER, (E 19th '40-'43), of 6608 Powhattan, Riverdale, MD - Tel. 301-459-0431 - to inquire of their health; they missed L-IV. Jess was hospitalized at convention time while they adjusted medicines. Okay now -- for which we offer thanks.

The political left, which never misses a chance to attack the United States and try to burden us with a false sense of guilt, had a massive field day during the commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The left would never think of commemorating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Bataan Death March or the thousands of American prisoners who died as slave laborers in Japan.

What they don't want to admit is that if there had been no attack on Pearl Harbor there would have been no atomic bombs dropped.

Gossip columns refer to Tatum O'Neal as John McEnroe's "live-in lover." Pray tell, what is the difference between a live-in lover and a common-law wife?

BG HORACE G. TAYLOR has moved from Stewart to ADC-S, USMCA, Kitzingen, APO New York 09031.

What 5 letter word contains 4 personal pronouns in succession?

That word with the 4 personal pronouns in succession? Give up? It's USHER.



Don't know why we used this heading for this wonderful note from EDWARD M. WILSON (21st '47-'50), of 1827 S. 5th, St. Charles IL. Maybe it's 'cuz he's in our "gallery." Here's what he wrote us recently:

"I've been debating if I should Write this.

"Don't print anything I say because I may not know what I'm saying. I just got home from the hospital.

"Same thing as Hubie Samm. They've got me on high blood pressure pills, heart pills and I think sleeping pills.

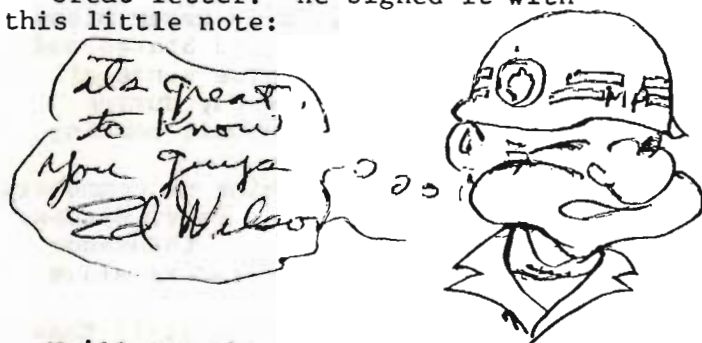
"The reason I'm writing this now is that I was laying in intensive care with nothing to do but think. My wife brought me the last issue of the Taro Leaf.

"God what a blessing in there. I read about Hubie and sent him a little note.

"I also read about something to do with pictures of the 24th. After all these years, I have two left, one in Camp Wood, with General Tony MacAuliffe and another with the honor guard at the R.T.A. in Kuamotto, for another General. I've treasured these pictures that I have because it's all I've got left. What I'm asking is, do you want me to make copies of these and send them to you for the Taro Leaf?

"I know you're busy, Ken, so just say in a small note yes or no. See I told you I can't write."

Great letter. He signed it with this little note:



We'll use the pix, Ed. Send em in.



"ALL RIGHT, MEN—HEAD FOR COVER!"

—Pfc. F. Q. Hewitt

## MEET SOMEONE YOU COULD BRING HOME TO MOTHER

An old WW II group went over to Frankfurt, Germany, a few weeks ago for a reunion with some one-time enemies. This drew a little blood with one dame who wrote this letter to the Editor of the NY Daily News:

"As though it were of little consequence, you buried on an inside page two paragraphs about 25 U.S. World War II veterans and their wives who met former SS soldiers in Frankfurt, Germany, where they kissed, hugged and 'decided to continue their decades-long friendship.' One can assume there wasn't a Jew in that bunch. If I had my way, every one of those Americans would be forced to sit through a 9½ hour documentary called 'Shoah' (Hebrew for annihilation). It took 10 years to make this incredible film, and it tears your guts out. It is sad and disheartening that after 40 years we've gone nowhere in our attempts to wipe out hatred, bigotry and anti-Semitism. For my money, these people are a disgrace to America. Lillie F. Rosen."

Quite right, Ms. Rosen, quite right. 40 years have done little to "wipe out hatred, bigotry and anti-Semitism." Your venomous letter proves it. Doubtlessly you're one of those who created such a stink when RR visited Bitburg. "Disgrace to America" are they? We suggest that they were merely veterans with big enough hearts to be able to forgive and forget.

And we mean it. Welcome, please, newcomers FRED and Eloise SHROYER, (Hq. 1st Bn. 34th & D 3rd Eng. 1/56-5/57), of 107 S. Jackson, Statesboro, GA) Just joined. We'd better explain, Eloise, why Fred is in all caps and you're in lower case up above. We do it to make the names of our men stand out -- easier for other members to spot them as they read through. No intent to belittle you, Eloise.

Author Don Knox, a good friend of ours, is releasing the Korean War - Pusan to Chosin on Nov. 1st. Or rather Harcourt Brace Jovanovich are releasing it. But he has a second volume underway and asks if we'll make his announcement concerning. Here's what he asked us to print:

For the second volume of an oral history of the Korean War which covers the period between New Year's Day 1951 and July 1953 I would appreciate hearing from veterans who have anecdotes, human interest stories, diaries or letters. Please write.

Donald Knox, 4661 Marlborough Dr.,  
San Diego CA 92116



# IN MEMORIAM

Someone at L-IV told us of the death of Life Member #575, METRO KRAMARCHYK, H 21st '40-'45, of 715 23rd St., Watervliet, NY. We are shamed to say that we don't remember who told us. Metro and Eleanor were with us in Cincinnati in Aug. of '84 and in Savannah in Aug. of '83, and in Baltimore in Aug. of '82. Wonderful people. Besides his beloved Eleanor, Metro is survived by his daughters Donna Smith and Christina Stamboly and by his son, Andrew Kramarchyk.

From MARION O. BAKER, 108 S. Main, Box 408, Winchester KY, comes this tragic note: "Just a short note to tell you of the death of CECIL CARR, 643 Headly, Lexington KY. I hate to tell you that Cecil killed himself. Cecil and I were very good friends. We went in the Army together on 4th September 1941, took basic together and joined the 34th Inf. at the same time. He went to Co. D, I to Co. A. I just could not believe it when I read it in the paper."

Words fail us on this one. Perhaps we'd best just say, "Thanks, Marion."

Died: Aug. 12, 1985. JOSEPH BERNA (63rd F '41-'45), of 1712 Andover Ct., Oklahoma City OK. He is survived by his loving widow, Cay. Joe wrote us only 21 days before his death: "I am in my 40th year of clerking for Pierce, Couch, Hendrickson, Johnston & Baysinger, Lawyers in Oklahoma City -- Thought not a lawyer, I've been privileged to see a lot of things. The Taro Leaf remains a boulevard to an integral part of my life." And Joe meant it. He will be sorely missed. Well done, Joe. Be thou at peace.

From RUSSELL H. JONES, (Div. Hq. '41-'45) of Box 262, Averill Park NY, comes this sad note: "Perhaps you should know that a buddy of mine passed away 8/30/84. We had kept in touch over these many years and he had been listed in your directory as a member:

ELVIE L. CRAYTON  
312 Goodrich Dr.,  
Warrensburg MO 64093.

From HEMAN HARP, (M 34th and C 24th Med. and C 24th Med. '44-'45), of Rt. 2, Box 42, Lamoni IA 50140, comes word of the passing of his beloved wife, Della, his wife of 54 years. Says Heman, "It was a sudden heart attack." Heman is slowly picking himself up. Says he was recently visited by Edwin Marsh of Ravenna, NB who wanted to talk about his brother, BARTON B. MARSH, who was M 34th and was KIA on Leyte in Nov. '44 between Hill 1525 and the roadblock on the Ormoc Road. Ah, Ed Marsh -- now there's a man we admire. Ed pays dues to this Association so we're proud to consider him a member. Ed has spent years trying to run down people who might remember his brother and who might shed some light on his death. You're a gentleman, Ed. See page 236 of "Children of Yesterday."

CHARLES E. KAEFER (H 21, '41-'45) of 177 Clinton, Cowlesville NY, advises that Betty JARGOWSKY called him to inform him of the death of her beloved WILLIAM on Sept. 2nd. Bill had been with us only two weeks before at Louisville where he had thoroughly enjoyed himself. Bill was H 21st and before his untimely death had lived at 729 Yale Terr., Vineland NJ. His friends share Bill's loss in the deepest part of their hearts where memories surface and the arrows of sadness sting and then become warm and disappear, but only for a little while. We all have to be measured by our friends and Bill stood with the tallest.

Violet TROMLEY has written in to advise us of the passing, on Aug. 2nd, of her beloved JOHN, (M 21st '8/41-5/45). She is at 10 Schofield Rd., Stafford Springs, CT. John is survived by his loving Violet, and two sons, Chief John M. Tromley USN and Kevin and one daughter, Mrs. Sharon Tromley Ouellette. Violet has asked to be carried on our rolls and, of course, her wish is our command. He will be sorely missed, but the spirit of his example of giving himself to help others will live on.



Col. CHARLES E. OGLESBY died Dec. 24, 1982. Here is the obit as it appeared in West Point's Assembly:

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### Charles Eugene Oglesby

NO. 12151 CLASS OF 1940

Died 24 December 1982 in North Falmouth, Massachusetts, aged 68 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"CHUCK OGLESBY HAS left us and we are the poorer for it. He dwelt among us and we are the richer for it. He enriched our lives by the way he lived his. That was persuasive by its wholeheartedness. Chuck was never luke warm; whatever he did, he did with deep conviction, with thoroughness and with self-denying discipline. He had a rare singleness of purpose."

Those were the opening words of a eulogy given by a dear friend at a memorial service for Charles Eugene Oglesby, son of William Albert and Cordia Oglesby of Aurora, Missouri.

He was born on 27 October 1914—the third of nine children. After graduating from high school in Aurora, Missouri in 1932, he enlisted in the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas and two years later he made news! An Associated Press dispatch headline declared "NOW LAUGHS AT HIS PALS IN BARRACKS AT FORT RILEY — Private Oglesby Hitch Hikes to Washington, Gets West Point Appointment, Hikes Back Again."

Soon after graduation from West Point, Chuck married Virginia Warren of Massachusetts. A son George William was born in August of 1941. Then in December of 1941 Chuck left for wartime service overseas. He took part in the Hollandia invasion in New Guinea, the invasion of Biak and was wounded in Luzon. His Silver Star award reads, "For gallantry in action at Zig Zag Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 3 February 1945. On this day a regimental combat team launched an offensive directed at exceedingly strong enemy positions in Zig Zag Pass. The enemy had command of the entire area and could place mortar and artillery fire upon the advancing troops. Colonel Oglesby, battalion commander, was assigned the mission of securing a hill upon which the enemy was strongly entrenched. The hill had to be taken at any cost. Realizing how this situation would affect the morale of his troops, Colonel Oglesby personally led the attack in an endeavor to turn the left flank of the enemy. He constantly remained at the focal point of the attack and by his courageous leadership so inspired his men that they continued time after time to assault the enemy and beat back a strong counterattack. On the following morning he again personally led the attack and remained constantly in the vanguard, so skillfully directing and coordinating the advance that the objective was achieved. In accomplishing this mission Colonel Oglesby was seriously wounded and was evacuated, but the undaunted courage and brilliant leadership of this commander carried his troops through to a decisive victory."

After six months at Valley Forge and Cushing General Hospitals and six months on limited duty, Chuck fought his way back into the service.

Then came the happy days. He was assigned to Benning as an instructor and in May 1947 his second son, Steven, was born.

In July of 1948 he became a student at the C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth and then it was on to Fort Monroe for two and a half years.

Headquarters Allied Forces Southern Europe in Naples, Italy was next but here



CHARLES EUGENE OGLESBY

tragedy struck. Son Steven at age six, died as a result of a fall. It was more than Chuck could bear so he requested a transfer.

From February 1954 to July 1955 he was with Headquarters First Army at Governors Island, New York with much temporary duty at Camp Drum. Then in July 1955 he left for the Army War College. After graduation, he was assigned to West Point as Commander of the 2nd Regiment of cadets. After three satisfying and enjoyable years at West Point, Chuck prepared to go to Warsaw, Poland where he would be the defense attache. At the Army Language School in Monterey, California, Chuck, who had failed French at West Point, learned Polish in just under a year. There was another year in Washington for orientation and then the challenging and exciting duty in Warsaw.

After returning from Poland he became chief of staff at Fort Jackson. Two years later he was off again. This time for attache duty in New Delhi, India where once again he proudly represented his country.

The retirement years can be summed up by going back to the eulogy:

"In 1970 Chuck and Ginny retired to Cape Cod and soon Chuck became in many ways active in community affairs. He served several terms as president of the Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod and in between chaired the Association's energy committee. And again, in all the things he did, there was this wholeheartedness, this conviction that the cause was a good cause, that inspired all those who worked with him.

"Chuck believed in leadership but not in leadership by power. While in his modesty he might not have put it this way, I think that he believed in leadership by inspiration. He may in many ways have been a conservative, but he was a conservative who believed in innovative methods.

"His dying was an example to all of us, as his life had been. We mourn with Ginny and Bill and Donna, but at the same time we are grateful that Chuck lived among us. We shall cherish the memory of this exemplary man."

There the eulogy ends but it should be added that he was a kind, loving, and devoted husband and father.

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LEWIS RICHTIGER (I 34th and 3rd Bn. S-2 under "Bugeye" WILLETT'S '44-'46) died July 14th. We are advised by his daughter, Sharyl Richtiger Hans. Rick was a platoon leader on Bataan, Corregidor and Mindanao with Company Commander Paul Cain and Bn. Commander ED POSTLEWAIT. Until his retirement, he was a Vice President of the Lincoln National Bank in Chicago. He is survived by his beloved wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Mrs. Abby L. Hans.

A true son of the Division, he was inbred with its ideal, and possessive of the punctilious manners that exemplify the genuine idea of courtesy. He talked, sang and laughed his way into our hearts.

Sweet words come from his lovely wife, Mrs. LEWIS (Evelyn) RICHTIGER, of 225 Lake Blvd., Buffalo Grove, IL., so sweet that we simply must use them in full, just as she wrote them:

"We thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful letter about Lew. He was constantly reminiscing about his days in the service and I do believe that he was a better person because of those years. I never heard him complain about one day in the service and we were married 38½ years.

"I would like you to accept this check in his memory. We both enjoyed reading the Taro Leaf -- so keep it coming and I will continue to be a "so called" member of the 24th -- so please continue to "bill" me or give me some idea as to when to send the yearly check.

"Sincerely, Evelyn Richtiger."

Thoughtful Col. ERNEST A.H. WOODMAN, (Div.Arty. '52-'53), 1905 Camelot, Ann Arbor MI has written us to report the passing of two good Artillery men who served with him at Camp Youngham in Japan after the Korean mess -- Col. EMIL MEIS (Div.Arty. S-2) and Col. EDWARD BANNON (Div.Arty S-1). One by one, these good men are leaving us.

DICK LEWIS (11th F WWII & 555 Bn. Korea) of 2000 N. Daniel, Arlington VA, has reported to us the death, on Sept. 18, 1985, of Col. BEN HARVEY, JR. Ben died of cancer, at age 67.

His obit read in part:

Col. Harvey, who had lived in the Washington area since retiring from active duty in 1970, was a resident of Springfield VA. He was native of Pine Bluff, AR.

He earned a degree in civil engineering at the Virginia Military Institute in 1940. He held a reserve commission in the field artillery when he was called to active duty in 1941. After World War II, he remained in the Army, transferring to the engineers. During the Korean War, he earned the Silver Star Medal while commanding the engineer battalion of the 24th Infantry division.

He had held a variety of engineering assignments in the Far East, Europe and this country. Col. Harvey was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the National War College, and the engineer, field artillery, and chemical warfare schools. In addition to the Silver Star, his military decorations included three Legions of Merit, and the Bronze Star and Army Commendation medals.

His first wife, the former Charys Beard, died in 1976. Survivors include his wife, Sophie, of Springfield, a son, Army Maj. Benjamin Harvey III of Fort Monroe VA, and a grandchild.



IN LOVING MEMORY

LEWIS RICHTIGER

by his beloved Evelyn



Col. JAMES L. BEYNON, (Div.Arty. Commander '50-'51), went to his reward on Oct. 7, 1983. Here is the obit which appeared in West Point's Assembly:

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James Lee Beynon

NO. 8600 CLASS OF 1929

Died 7 October 1983 at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, aged 79 years.

Interment: Cremation and ashes spread on the Gulf of Mexico.



JAMES LEE BEYNON

JAMES WAS BORN in Chicago, Illinois on 30 April 1904. He was the son of Dr. James V. and Effay Leora Hardwick Beynon. They moved to Rockford, Illinois where he attended high school. He then attended the University of Chicago for two years studying pre-med. James was appointed to U.S.M.A. by Charles A. Fuller, 12th District, Illinois, in 1925.

James was well prepared and did not have to spend all his time in books. He participated in athletics and made the football squad for four years. He also made the basketball squad. Baseball found him excellent infield material, and his endeavors resulted in three major A's—a reward fitting for his splendid virility.

In 1929 he was appointed second lieutenant, Field Artillery and sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina and the 16th Field Artillery. In 1931 he was en route to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and the 13th Field Artillery. In October 1934 he joined the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a first lieutenant. He attended Student Officer Field Artillery School, Advanced Equestrian in 1935.

Jim was a true horse-drawn artilleryman. He loved horses, played polo, rode in hunts, and was an excellent jumper. He said he could see more from the back of a horse than on the freeway. The Army did not have the funds to finance rail transportation in the thirties, so 500+ mile marches for twenty-five days were common.

He received his promotion to captain in 1939 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and advanced to major on 10 October 1941, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was commanding officer of the 70th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, in 1942. In June he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and in September 1942 was a student at Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In April 1944 (World War II) he was Executive Officer of the 77th Field Artillery Group in Rome, Arno, and Po, Italy. In Sep-

tember 1944 James was in Europe as Assistant Artillery Officer, Sixth Army Group. He was promoted to colonel in March 1945 and became Artillery Officer of the Sixth Army Group in Europe. His decorations include the Croix de Guerre with Palm (French) and Bronze Star.

Upon his return from Europe in August 1945, James was assigned to the Plans Section, Army Ground Forces in Washington, D.C. for a year. He then returned to Fort Leavenworth.

Jim was in Hakata, Kyushu, Japan in 1950 as acting Commander of the 24th Division Artillery during the invasion of South Korea. He received evacuated civilian personnel and dependents from Korea to Southern Japan and shipped them north by rail. During the same time he loaded the 24th Division Artillery for combat in Korea; he then took the 24th Division Artillery into Korea.

In 1952 Jim was Deputy Post Commander at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1954 he was sent back to Fort Bragg, North Carolina and retired in May 1957. He moved his family to Corpus Christi, Texas in June 1957.

Jim was supportive of his five children's athletic activities and proud of their scholastic endeavors, including the college degrees that each earned.

Jim decided to go back to college himself, but there was some concern about his lack of American history credits for the entrance requirements. It was decided that since he had lived more than one third of the United States' past—including two wars—he had the adequate prerequisites. In 1976 he graduated from Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, at the age of 72. He was the college's oldest graduate.

Jim spent his remaining years as a substitute teacher and gardening. Survivors include his wife, Betty; five children, Judith, James, Jeffrey, Barbara, and Don; and two grandchildren.

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PAUL L. MYERS of Alton IL died at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis on Aug. 23rd following a long illness.

He married the former Lucille Cherry on Oct. 14, 1967 in Alton, and she survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Sandra Ervin of Bethalto and Carol Lee of Atlanta GA; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a sister, Lois Rhodes of Camby OR, and a brother, Glenn of Alton.

HOWARD and Gladys LUMSDEN represented us in the services - as they so often do these days.

Paul was a member of the 13th Field from Feb. '43 to Dec. '45.

He had the ultimate courage. His quiet acceptance, without anger, of his lingering destiny measured his strength and his faith. For us, his illness was a crushing and engulfing sadness.

His dying was an example for all of us, as his life had been. We mourn with Lou and the others of the family but at the same time we are grateful that Paul lived among us. We shall cherish the memory of this exemplary man.

This part of the job becomes a bit more painful with each passing day. Read this one received from a caring neighbor as we were ready to go to press:

"I am writing to inform you that CYRUS M. HOUSER is deceased. Cy passed away on Feb. 19, 1985 very suddenly with a heart attack.

"His wife, Mildred, suffered a stroke on April 5th and is at present in a nursing home.

"I am a neighbor and have been helping with their bills, etc. and felt you might want to publish his death so his friends would know.

"Sincerely yours,

"Helen Bloom,  
844 State St.,  
Curwensville PA 16833."

JULIEN A. BELHUMEUR, 63, of 1140 South Main St., Bellingham MA, died Aug. 16, 1985 at the West Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was born in Woonsocket RI, Feb. 4, 1922, son of the late Emile and Antonia Belhumeur.

He was a resident of Bellingham for 30 years.

He was employed at General Motors Corp. in Framingham for 22 years where he was an assembler. He retired in 1977 due to illness.

He was a veteran of WW II, serving in the 19th Inf., 24th Div. He was a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

He is survived by his wife, Therese C. (Durand); two sons, Marc R. Belhumeur of Foxboro, and Gary R. Belhumeur of Plainville; two daughters, Susan T. Belhumeur of Plainville, and Julie A. Belhumeur of Bellingham; and one sister, Mrs. Olive S. Smith of Slatersville RI.

The news of our loss of Julien thoughtfully came to us via good friend DON CHASE (B 19 1/51 - 8/51) of 31 Brush Hill Rd., Sherborn MA. Thank you, Don.