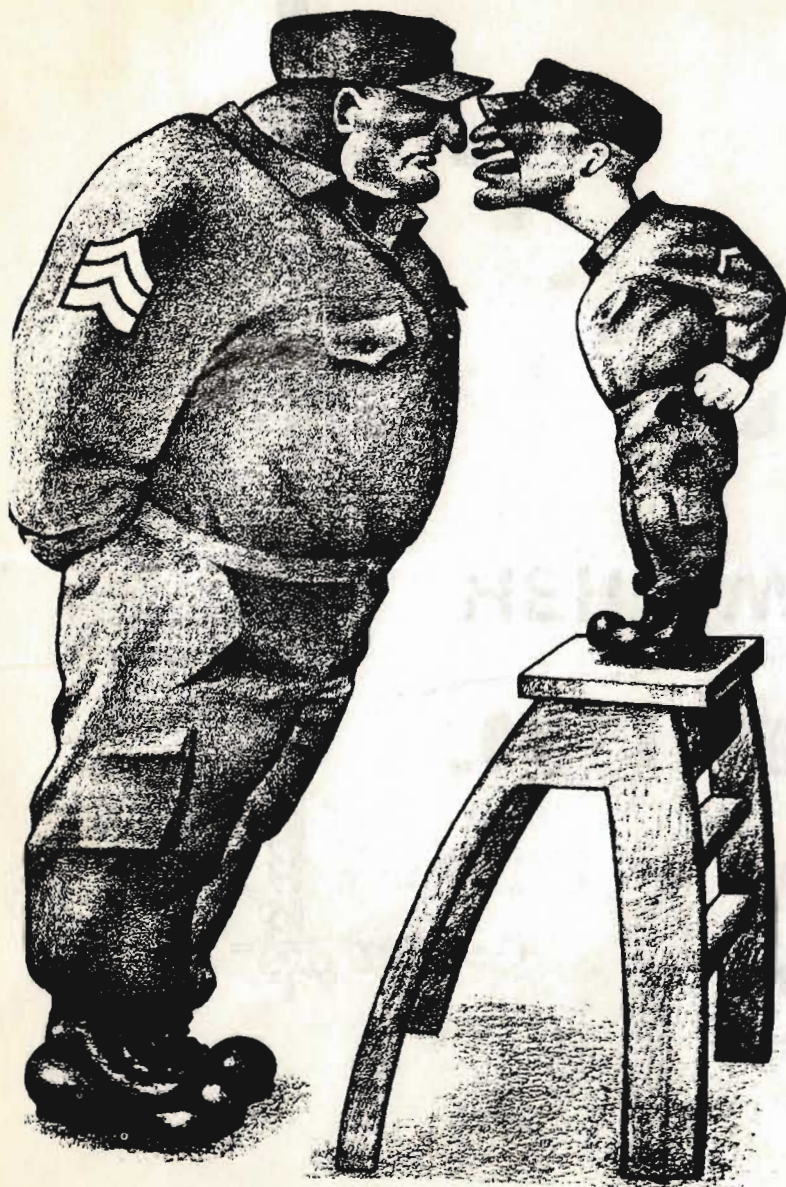
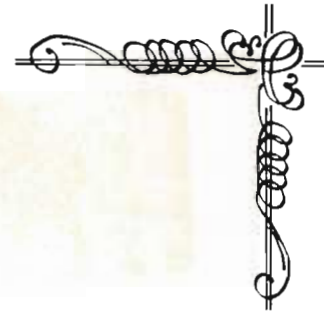
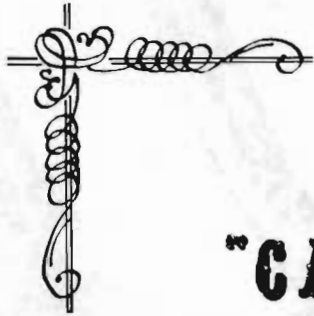


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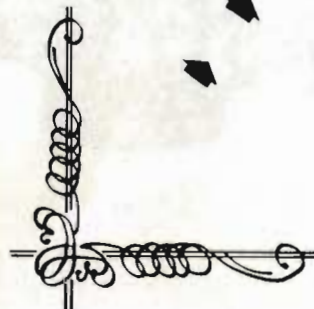
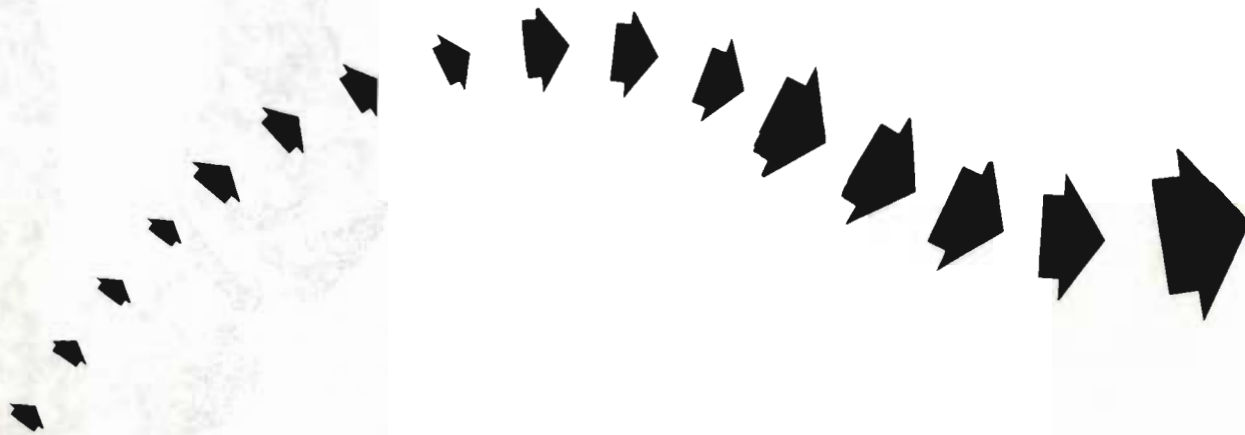
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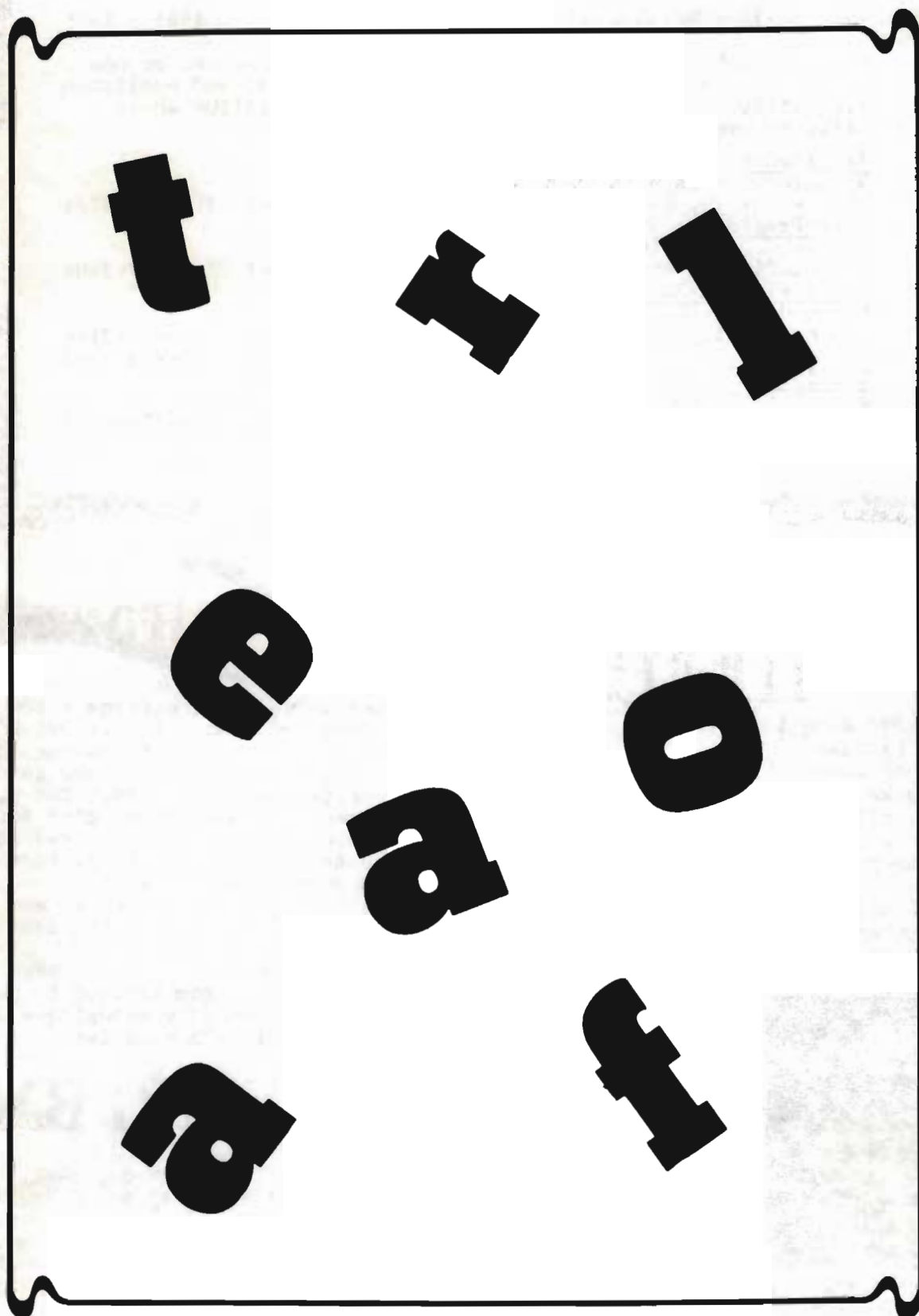
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And lots more.



The Stewart gang is really busy -- in lots of places.

A swarm of Cobra attack helicopters recently buzzed the treetops surrounding Keystone Airfield near Camp Blanding FL in much the way mosquitoes pester Fort Stewart campers. The low-flying aerobatics of the 24th Combat Aviation Battalion gunships signaled the climax of an exercise which tested the ability of XVIII Airborne Corps units to stage a joint rapid deployment.

News in brief

Dues sans letter from DICK FONTAINE (21st) of 617 Pawtucket, Lowell MA. Okay, Dick, if you don't wanna talk -- but thanks anyway.

After 36 years of keeping a low profile, Tokyo Rose (real name Iva Toguri D'Aquino) is back in the limelight, having agreed to assist producer Fredrick Close in developing a movie about her life. The sexy-voiced radio announcer and disc jockey was convicted of treason in 1949 for her broadcasts to American troops in the Pacific during World War II. She served 6 years of a 10-year sentence, and her pardon in 1977 was one of the last official acts of President Gerald Ford.

The film hopes to explore Tokyo Rose's change in status from traitor to patriot. At 69, she's currently managing a Japanese bookstore in San Francisco.

LOOKING BACK

LACY BARNETT (A 24 Med., 34th, 19th 1/49-9/50), of 406 West South St., Winchester IN writes: "In your next issue would you see if anyone knows where CLIFFORD E. BLACK is now. He was Med. Co. 34th as a sergeant in '48-'50. Then got a Battlefield Commission in Korea in Aug.50. He resigned from the Army in 1953 -- was one of the best surgical technicians I have ever known."

There you are, Lacy. No charge!

CALIFORNIA

ED SMIGEL (A 34th, I 19th, 8/50-7/51) of 14 Liberty, Agawam, MA 01001 (3 miles away from us), has something to say and we wanna help him say it. Take it away, Ed:

"As we all know, Ten Million dollars was donated to build a Vietnam Memorial and only Three and One Half Million ever reached the memorial itself. The difference went to fund raiser's expenses etc. On top of that, our Federal Government lost approximately three and one half million dollars in taxes from the above donations. It is ironic but true, but our Federal Government could build the 'Korean War Memorial' for the same amount of money (\$3.5 million) that they lost in tax revenue on the Vietnam War Memorial. Please let your politicians in Washington and our President hear of this.

"I would like you to write your U.S. Senators asking them to support and fund the long overdue 'KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL.' Also please write Senator Malcolm Wallop. He has said that there will not be ONE RED CENT of federal monies for the K.W.M. This gentleman needs to be flooded with many, many letters to change his way of thinking. Mail letters to:

Senator Malcolm Wallop, Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Land
and Monuments

Washington, D.C. 20314

"Thank you for your interest and support for the KOREAN WAR AWARENESS PROJECT so that we may continue to make the public, politicians, and all of America aware that there is a forgotten war, KOREA."

There you are, Eddie. Glad to do it. We'll not enter into a debate on the ten million that was raised for the 'Nam Memorial. We're not privy to the facts. But this we do "suspect" -- that there's a disturbingly large part of the money raised for any do-good project that gets stuck to the underside of the table. That's why we've insisted the Treasurer of this here Association be bonded. If as much as one red copper dime sticks to our fingers, see the bonding company -- and we'll write you from the Bastille.

BILL BROOME (I 21st '38-'40) of 15100 Dacosta, Detroit MI is on the move -- November, Europe (12 countries in 3 weeks) - December, Puerto Rico, "sitting on the beach, watching all the girls -- go by" - January, South America. He adds as a postscript, "I'm not fond of the Middle East." Smart, Billy.

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"BLACK COFFEE. I GOTTA LISTEN TO THE READING OF THE ARTICLES OF WAR TODAY."

An after Christmas Party was held recently by LESTER A. JOHNSON in his home at 10769 So. Pulaski Rd., Chicago IL. A few of the many guests included ANTHONY J. FARC, 4127 West 81st Pl., Chicago (G 21st '42-'45), DONALD J. ARMOUR, 6705 So. Maplewood Av., Chicago (24 Med. '42-'44), and RICHARD C. GOINY, 3619 West 64th St., Chicago (E 21st '45).

Some of the topics discussed were Tony and Don's paths crossing in Australia and later on Leyte, without having ever met. There were many incidents each could relate to. They also discussed travel reservations for the up-coming reunion in LAX. Of course a lot of time was spent evaluating the Chicago Bears slaughter of the New York Giants in their game just a few hours earlier. Lester Johnson is a Chicago Fireman and has traveled extensively in Europe during the past several years. He has made trips through Ireland, England, Italy, France, Germany, Poland and Russia. Les would like to hear from anyone who served with him in Korea especially "K" Co. 21st '51-'53.

BARTOW D. TOMBLIN (G-2 Sect. Div. Hq. '44-'45), of 3805 Woodland, Columbus, GA sends 2 notes along -- first that he's grateful to JIM MIMS (Div. Photo Sect. '44-'45) for bringing him into the Assoc. -- and second, that following the war, he returned to his old job as a bank teller, retiring in '85 as the bank president. We're right proud, Bart.

The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

And lots more.

Great news out of the GEORGE and Totsie ARENS camp over there at 10162 Stone Arch, Grass Valley CA and we are grateful. They have sent in some names of members and could-be members of Hq. 21st. The list goes:

DALE & Delores ACKERMAN, 3235 Alderwood Av., Bellingham, WA 98225
 ROBERT & Delores BILYEU, 12 Audobon Pl., Huntington NY 11743
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 JOHN & Louise HIGGINS, 2101 Barrywood Rd., Huntsville AL 35810
 D.E. "Doc" & Nelda JOHNSTON, 101 NW 73rd St., Vancouver WA 98665
 JAMES & Lola KEESEE, PO Box 14, Latham OH 45646
 ROBERT & Ella Rose KELLY, 9621 Gramam St., #46, Cypress CA 90630
 FELIX KLOSINSKI, 5444 S. Kenneth Av., Chicago IL 60632
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 NEIL & Barbara RINGROSE, West 629, 33rd Av. Spokane WA 99203
 WILL & Madeline ROGERS, 222 Camino Al Logo, Atherton CA 94025
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 GILBERT & Helen VOGEL, 2520 Seneca St., St. Joseph MO 64507
 CARMINE & Rose VON FROLIO, 492 Durant Av., Staten Island NY 10308

Haven't seen a list like that in months. We're working on 'em.



Only one with a magnificent heart like our own ED HENRY would write us this: "Ken: This photo is one of the various pix on my office wall. The photocopy was taken through the glass frame -- the quality of the same is good, i.e. the original. Years ago I captioned it as 'Gimlets Crossing Mindanao 23 April 45 - A Co.'"

"What would you think of publishing same in Taro Leaf and offering original to anyone who recognizes himself? The facial features of the six men in the foreground are quite clear in the original but I don't know how kindly Taro Leaf printer would treat it. Ed."

Well, there you have it, and in our own frame on the adjacent page is a poor print of the picture. Recognize yourself and Ed's copy could be yours.



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Everybody and His BROTHER

Well not exactly "everybody" but JIM KEAGY of 153 S. Spencer, Indianapolis, IN who wrote: "Enclosed you will find dues for my buddy of L Co. 21st '43-'46) JACK D. TURNER, Lakemore Addition, Mountain View Dr., Morristown TN 37814."

We took care of it, Jimmy. Welcome aboard, Jack Turner!

**We
Take Dues
Anytime**

RED ALERT!



The Sick Book

FRANKLIN SKINNER (C 11th F '50-'51), who meanders between Calif. (in winter) and New York (in summer) meandered a bit too far south and got run over in Brownsville TX -- compound fracture right leg - stitches -- received the blessing of a Catholic priest -- Frank's a Protestant -- say's it did no harm and, in fact, made him feel good all over -- also says he had a "dream" while in hospital -- all the men of my old outfit came into my room, complete with gear, stood there, and then marched off in a single column.

Frank's temporary address is 11B Rentfrew Blvd., Brownsville TX 78520.

BOB HARDIN (5th RCT 7/50-2/51) of 27000 SW 142nd, Naranja FL 33032, has been through two operations on that troubled right foot. Hoped to cast off the cast -- how's that for alliteration? - by Xmas. We hope so, Bob -- you've suffered so terribly much.

Word from Mary FINAN is that JACK is troubled with circulation problems in the legs. Pinched nerves the medics say -- spurs in the spinal column are pressing on the spinal cord. (A few more issues of this and we'll be ready for our MD exams.) We'll be back on Jack's problem in the next issue.

HUBERT E. SAMM (19th Anti Tank Co. 12/44-1/46) box 52, Hymera IN 47855, reports that he's been back in hospital -- "too much Xmas -- old heart had a flare up -- just another warning." Hubie, postmaster of Hymera, wherever that is, sends "love to all" with a hefty little check "as a contribution."

Thanx, Hubie, and slow down. Remember, no heavy lifting -- but then, we don't suppose PM's have to lift anyway.

Today's trivia: Who quarterbacked the losing team in Super Bowl I?

MERLE SHERAR, (Capt. Hq.Co. 19th, '43-'45), of 530 Mariposa, Hemet, CA, has suffered a stroke. TED SHIELDS reports that Merle is "apparently doing fairly well."

Patriotism is not a short frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

Adlai Stevenson
Address, August 30, 1952

LEO F. MACNEIL (19th Band and F Co. '39-'45) of 47-N Wisconsin, Hobart IN 46342, "I've not written anything because of illness. I've been in the hospital every month this year 4- 14 days." (Ed note: This, too, we're running down.)

Chris and JOHN CASHMAN (21st Chaplain '42-'46), of 181-d Crossways, Leesburg FL 32788: "Sorry did not get to meet you in Louisville. Chris and I were there on our way north after I had an operation in July for prostate which showed cancer. When we got back I had 34 radiation treatments. Everything is all right."

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From DICK and Dotty LEWIS, of 2000 N. Daniel, Arlington VA comes a note, along with an ad out of Army Times asking folks who served with the 1st Marine Div., the 555 Art.Bn. for example, to contact Paul Hines in Burke VA. Writes Dick: "I was in 'Triple Nickle' but before we ever got close to 11th Marines. If you need space to fill in the next Taro Leaf under Lost & Found Classified the 5th RCT landed Pusan about the last or next to last day of July 1950 and the 5th Marines landed about that same time and were operating in the same area (West Pusan Perimeter) that we were in. Think they went south of Masan went down south towards Tong Yong (Tong Yong was 'commie' hot bed even in '46-'47 when I was in occupation with the 6th Inf.Div.Arty.)

Just before going to Louisville last August, I fell down a hill and broke my leg just above the ankle. Six weeks in a cast. Okay now." Those are the "trouble" words from LEO ROGERS (I 19th & Hq. '31-'41), of 914 Robley, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, Cal. Sounds like a Jack-and-Jill story, Leo. He tells us that CHARLES and Lavina GUTHRIE, Chicks, living at 5028 Fallow, Sun City FL never joined our little group. They're in now, Leo, thanks to you.

Trivia answer: Len Dawson, whose Kansas City Chiefs lost to the Green Bay Packers, 35 - 10.

talking about books

The Iranian Rescue Mission: Why It Failed. By Capt. Paul B. Ryan, USN-Ret. Naval Institute Press.

What really went wrong in the covert American attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran?

Author Capt. Paul B. Ryan, USN-Ret., a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, writes an objective, fully documented account of the 1980 operation, synthesizing all available information and offering a balanced analysis of events.

Decisions made each step of the way by the White House, the Defense Department and the JCS are closely examined and assessed for their value to the mission itself and, by implication, to all future special operations.

Captain Ryan presents the facts -- as a historian who had no involvement in the planning or execution of the operation -- to allow readers to judge for themselves his assessment of what went wrong and why.

Ryan concludes that the aborted mission exposed serious deficiencies in the military-political interface and offers proposals for changes. He also shows how tactical lessons learned in the debacle were applied to the crises in Grenada and Beirut.

Pearl Harbor, the Verdict of History.
By Gordon W. Prange. McGraw Hill Book Co.
Author Prange, now deceased, wasn't satisfied with a best seller when he wrote At Dawn We Slept a few years ago. No, he had to milk the story for a second go-round.

He really added nothing new. He would have been well advised to stop after At Dawn We Slept.

Odd that this book and "And I Was There" were both in the bookstores right about last December 7th.

Make money -- that's the idea -- write a book.

Again we suggest that you borrow our copy if you've got the desire to wade through 691 pages of hash -- or rehash.

Our favorite librarian tells us that over 300 books have been written on this story. This one plows no new turf --

Don't waste your time on this \$19.95 turkey.

And I Was There. By Rear Adm. Edwin T. Layton, USN (Ret.). Wm. Morrow and Co., Inc.

The author, now deceased -- stop right there -- Odd that 44 years had to pass and the author had to die before his thesis went to print.

Do you mean that Eight Commissions, Inquiries, Boards, Courts of Inquiry, Investigations and Committees between '42 and '46 couldn't bring his facts to light?

The author was the Pacific Fleet's intelligence officer prior to PH and he continued in that role for Adm. Nimitz throughout the war -- so you can commence with a bit of assumed bias for starters. He was one of the participants!!

Now for his thesis -- that Washington withheld from Adm. Kimmel information about the Japanese intentions. For our money that idea, right or wrong, doesn't negate the sorry fact that Kimmel and Short were caught with their pants down.

Perhaps all of the information was not forwarded in a timely manner -- remember the Marshall cable that went via commercial wireless on that fateful Sunday a.m. but still not to be denied is that a sufficiency of warning had been fed to Wahoo for days, weeks and months before that tragic a.m.

Don't waste \$19.95 on this one. Borrow our copy if you insist on reading this one for yourself.

Welcome to New Member

What dya do when you receive a letter like this:

"Enclosed please find my check for \$10.00 for enrollment in the 24th Div. Assn. I served during the Korean War with L Co. 19th Inf. Reg. 24th Inf. Div.

"Joined the 19th Reg. 3 Jan. '51, wounded in action 12 Apr. '51 at Pogau Dong, North Korea. Reassigned to Ft. Fay, NY 20 June '51."

William F. Bradley, Ex Sergeant,
First Class, 12 Sunset Av., Troy NY "

Why you let him in, that's what you do -- and we did. Welcome to our little gang, Bill -- and Doris too.

News item: Butch Wynegar of New York Yankees says major league baseball players are overpaid. Drum that man out of the union, quick!

**PEOPLE
ARE
TALKING
ABOUT...**



From the Xmas card of "Doc" PHIL and Helen HOSTETTER: "I'm doing my part in Family Practice. Also sail, fish, garden, make photographs, play tennis, bowl, and watch the grandchildren grow." Now there's a busy family.

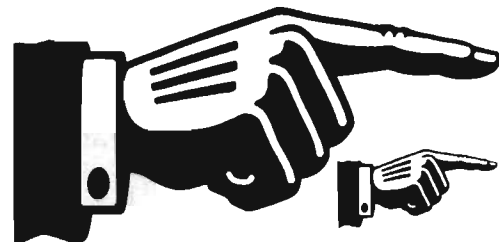
Seeing Red

Disgraceful it is.

Noel C. Koch, the Pentagon's senior civilian in charge of special operations forces, has given an interview in which he alleged that the resistance by the uniformed services to a buildup of special commando units had become so frustrating that he was thinking of supporting proposals in congress to create a single agency to take over the direction of special operations cadres, e.g. Army Green Berets, Navy Seals.

There's an eerie tendency to forget that, in the case of some newly joined members, they haven't been close to our news as it has developed over the years. For instance, recently wrote newly-joined GEORGE J. ARENS, (Hq. 21st '43-'45), of 10162 Stone Arch, Grass Valley CA: "I am hoping to learn of the whereabouts of Col. WILLIAM VERBECK." We had the sad mission of responding thusly to George: "Maj.Gen. Bill Verbeck died in 1965. We give you a Xerox of the issue we put out after Bill's funeral. He was one of the best in our Division -- certainly one of the most loved. His friendship we especially treasured."

THE GIVERS



Months have passed since we last listed our benefactors -- those precious few who do a little more than pay their dues by sending in an extra 5 or 10, or whatever, as the spirit moves. Here's what came in for the "kitty" since our last listing. To each, our heartfelt thanks. It helps to keep us going. There they are over there in the order of their submissions.

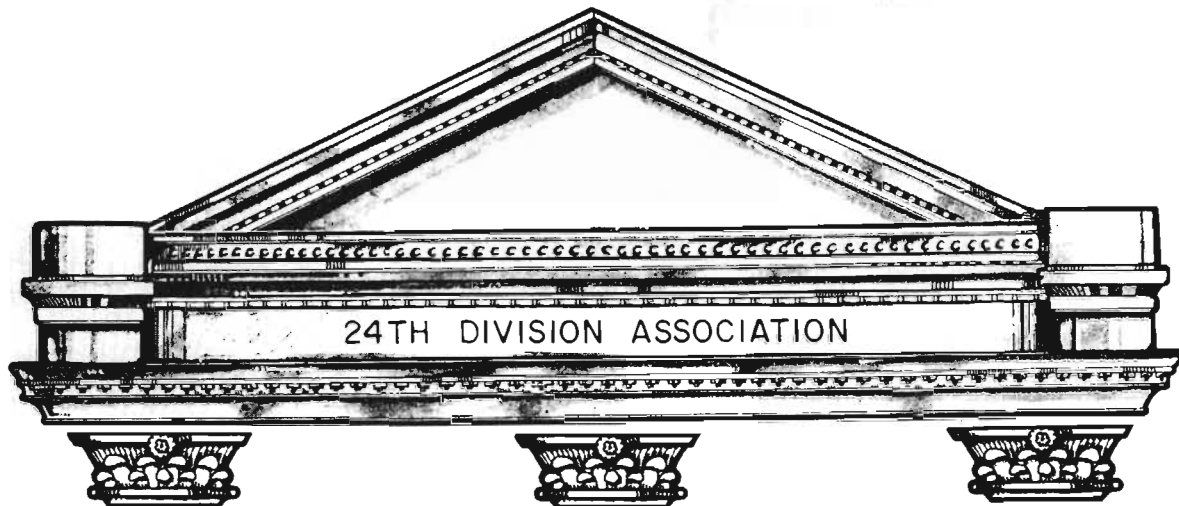


We're going through our files from A (for Alpha) to Z (for Zilch). And it will be ZILCH if your 8/1/85 to 8/1/86 dues (\$10.00) are still due. We are not operating an eleemosynary institution. Look that one up in your Funk & Wagnall if it floors you.

Appropriated -- better call it "stolen" -- from the Red Keystone, the publication of the 28th Division:

We live our lives from day-to-day.
No two of us the same.
Some know the depths of failure,
While others rise to fame.
Some find the going easy,
while others with toil will bend.
But all of our lives have been made
worthwhile
because we've known a friend.

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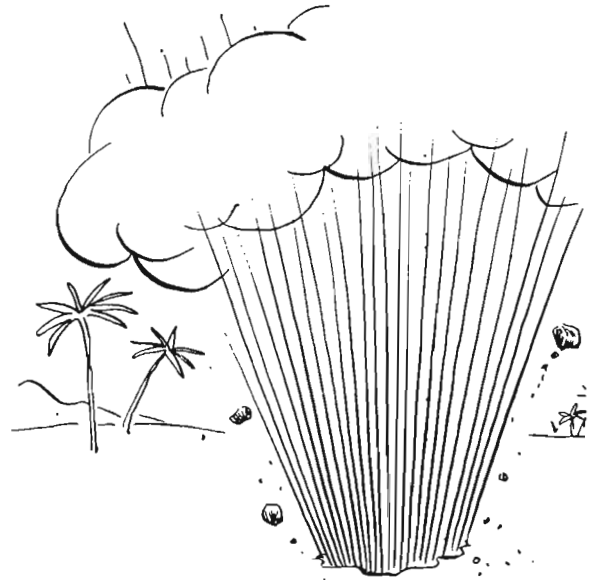


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Even though our next get together is months away - Fri. Aug. 15 and Sat. Aug. 16 to be exact - at the Crowne Plaza almost across the street from LAX. You can walk to the hotel from the airport, if you want to.

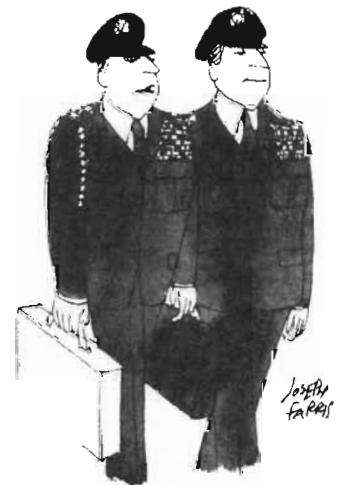


"IF THE NEXT ONE HITS CLOSER WE'LL KNOW IT AINT A STRAY."

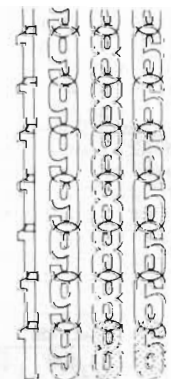


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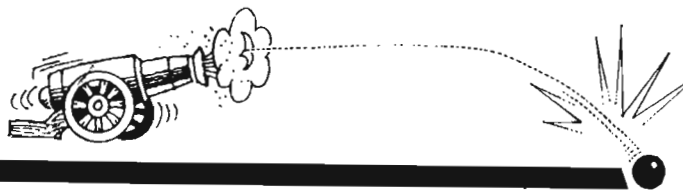
Surrounded by family and friends, Paula Lamb (right) is presented a Certificate of Citation, Theodore N. Vail Award, by Mike Flynn, general manager-network distribution services. Lamb, district secretary-network distribution services, was honored for her role in alerting hotel guests of a fire that destroyed the hotel in which she and her parents, along with a group of U.S. Army veterans, were staying. The incident occurred in the Philippine Islands during the 40th anniversary of General Douglas MacArthur's return to liberate the Philippines during World War II. Lamb was credited with saving the lives of her parents and fellow travelers.



"I'd like to see it changed from the 'Defense Department' to the 'Offense Department.'"



War Stories



DONALD E. MONTGOMERY, of 6824 Oaklawn, Edina MN, gets a whole page and this is his own story just as he wrote it for us:

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With thanks to Thomas R. Campbell of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, I'm delighted to discover that there's a "Taro Leaf" newspaper. I served with the 24th Div., 19th Inf. Regt., Hq. & Hq. Co., Korea, 1953-54. My major assignment after rifle company duty was Regimental S-1 Records Administrator. What wonderful stories I could tell!

Now, however, there's one story that nostalgically comes to mind about our memorable 19th Inf. Chaplain, Donald B. O'Gara, who died 3-14-84 (see enclosed clippings).

ON THE OCCASION OF CHAPLAIN O'GARA'S PASSING

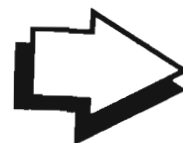
On a cold Korean night in the early 1950's, I was driving our dearly beloved 19th Infantry Regiment Chaplain, Rev. Donald B. O'Gara, to an urgent meeting at 24th Division Headquarters. I had recently been promoted out of a rifle company to regimental headquarters, so I naturally took great pride in the jeep assigned to me. I kept it in tip-top shape and had developed a reputation for quick, reliable trips. At this particular time, we were practically flying along the dark, unpaved, and treacherous Main Supply Route (MSR). Huge billowing clouds of dust were churned up behind us as we flew.

Out of the alert corner of my right eye, which was scanning the roadside for hidden dangers, I suddenly noticed that the kindly old Reverend's lips were moving rapidly as if in earnest, silent prayer. It was common knowledge that enemy infiltrators were lurking about, so I assumed our Chaplain was severely frightened. Seeking to calm him down and comfort him, I ventured to talk to him.

"Don't worry, Sir, I've got my forty-five right here at my side!" I emphasized this assurance with a sweeping right-hand gesture, loudly slapping the big pistol holster hanging from my cartridge belt.

Immediately the Reverend jumped out of his prayerful reveries and retorted, "It's not the enemy I'm worried about; it's your driving!"

What a spirited, kindly person was Chaplain O'Gara. It was said about him that he was much too old to be a chaplain in Korea, 1952-53, but, as the story goes, he begged his bishop to let him go. Believe me, the troops at the 19th were mighty glad that Father O'Gara got to serve them.



In spite of many adverse situations, Chaplain O'Gara cheerfully persisted and lightened the burden of us all. He never complained about the tough conditions. He brought comfort, sympathy, and good humor to many sad soldiers.

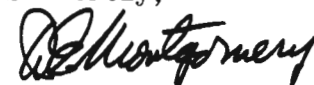
Many are the stories that could be told about Chaplain O'Gara. For example, I'm thinking about the time the Red Cross told a soldier that his mother had died, but it really was the mother of another soldier, who was assigned to another company in the 19th. Both soldiers had the same name but were unrelated, knew each other and had heard about the death of the mother, but, through an unfortunate mixup, the news reached the wrong boy. Chaplain O'Gara got the tough job of correcting that mixup.

It seems uncanny that I should have been witness to so many events concerning Chaplain O'Gara's sojourn with the 19th. I remember one particularly stirring event, which was the day before the good Chaplain was to rotate. We were standing on a hillside as the Chaplain shook hands with a vast assortment of farewellers and well-wishers. Suddenly, the regimental supply sergeant came by and, choked with emotion at the thought of Father O'Gara's leaving, timidly offered a most unusual farewell gift. He presented the good chaplain with a shiny forty-five pistol and the assurance, "It's OK, father, the serial number has been listed as missing in combat!" We onlookers were dumbstruck at the incredibility of the gift, but Father O'Gara, without batting an eye, flinching, or smirking, kindly thanked the sergeant and graciously declined the gift with the excuse that he might get into trouble with the MP's if they caught him smuggling it out of Korea. Father O'Gara never suggested that it was an inappropriate gift for a chaplain.

Not much more than a year before his death, I had visited Rev. O'Gara with my unusual modeling family of four boys and four girls (Kids + Modeling = Money, Prentice-Hall, 1954). It was our one big family vacation and the chance for some snowbound Minnesotans to see California, Disneyland, and all the rest. I also wanted my do-it-yourself army to meet this very unusal ex-army chaplain. What a great visit we had!

Father O'Gara was at the Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, where he lived in much deserved retirement. He looked so good to us then that we had no idea he had been ill with leukemia and other problems that led to his death a year later. Graciously he took my large family around the Jesuit complex and showed us splendid views of the bay area, pointing out for us some of the tourist attractions. He seemed his old self from Korean War days, even commenting to my wife about my loquacity (if not my driving) as we boarded our rented Van to depart. With twinkling eyes he turned to my wife and said, "Now you know what it was like for me in Korea!" Good old Father O'Gara: he was the only one in the 19th who could put me down like that and get away with it. Maybe he knew it, too, and enjoyed getting at me. I admit I tend to be a bit puffed up and am no humble soul like he was.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Montgomery (Cpl.)
6824 Oaklawn Ave.
Edina, MN 55435

CHAT WITH THE EDITOR

Mail returned:

MARTIN TULLIO, 5830 Cedros,
Van Nuys CA.

Can anybody help us find him?

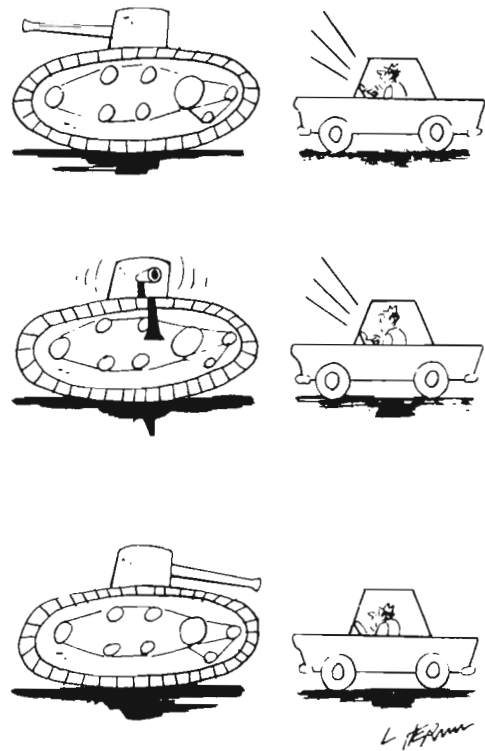
Dues in from FRANK and Florence SMITH
(F 21st '40-'44) of 104 Mary, Bentleyville
PA -- but no news.

There may not be much to see in a
small town. But there is always plenty
to hear.

READERS TALK BACK

In a recent issue, we gave the Task
Force Smith men almost 4 pages of space.
Included therein was a long statement by
CARL BERNARD in which he took a glancing
swipe at the 34th Inf. (pg. 21, second
column). We printed it because we believe
every member has a right to use our space
in order to sound off. Well, Carl's
sound off reached DAN CAVANAUGH (34th &
19th '48-'51), way over on 119½ East 3rd,
Weston WV. Here's what Dan wrote (Ed.note-
sometimes we feel like a punching bag):

"Here we go again. Received the last
Taro Leaf. I enjoyed reading just about
every article until I read pages 19 to
23. Once again the 34th is being dragged
through the mud. To me it sounds like the
34th again is being used as the scapegoat
for everything that went wrong with the
Division during that first month. Page 21,
the 34th pulled out 'in a panic' before
it fought. How come during that period
the 34th was awarded the Presidential Unit
Citation during the period 2 July to
15 Sept. 1950, General Order No. 45
22 December 1950. Again the Korean
Presidential Unit Citation for the period
2 July - 22 July 1950 Message form dated
26 December 1950. Also how come during
the period 4 through 8 July 1950, the 34th
had so many casualties? I should know, we
received our share in my aid station. I
believe Carl Bernard blew the actions of
the 34th well out of proportion. I will
agree the 34th had men who bugged out, but
for damned sure no one will ever make me
believe that the same didn't happen in the
19th and 21st. We had some damned good
soldiers in the 34th. We had men who
stood their ground and fought and died.
During the period 4 July through 31 Aug.
1950, the 34th lost 1797 men KIA, MIA, and
WIA. That left the 34th with a grand total
of 184 men still able and willing to
fight. Hearing the rumors and hearsay
about the 34th gripes me. And I'm sure
the other 183 men feel the same. If it's
true about what Carl Bernard said about
the 34th panicking, I wonder where the
1797 men are?



"One question -- Why was it that the
34th Inf. had to carry the load in Taejon
on 20 July 1950? 'Quote Edwin Hoyt,
The Pusan Perimeter, Page 88,' 'In the
confusion that accompanied the failure of
communications the 19th Inf. 2nd Bn. was
cut off and it too moved into the moun-
tains and out of the fight.' This happened
during the morning of 20 July 1950. Where
were the rest of the 19th and 21st on
20 July 1950? Surer than hell they were
not in Taejon.

"Ken, I can't understand why you put the
article in the Taro Leaf. I think the
article should have been checked out first.
It gripes me when I read articles with
half-truths.

"For sure Ken, this is one member who
will run with it."

"Always a 34th Inf. Man 'Korea'

"And Damned Proud of it!"

D.J. CAVANAUGH

M/Sgt. USA, Ret."

Okay, Dan, okay -- now cool it.

All of this was 35 years ago -- and to
become this exercised today is bad for you.

You know, WALLY CUNNINGHAM once said
to us, "You're the lightning rod of this
outfit" -- and was he ever on target.

As we said in our lead, way up above,
we printed Carl's statement, as he wrote
it. And, Dan, we just did the same by you.

As for "checking out first," forget it
Dan.

Carl, any rebuttal? You obviously have
touched a raw nerve.

If we ever get to Congress, we're going to introduce a law forbidding professional athletes from waving to their mamas over TV.

Erratum: (How do you like that one?) In our last issue we showed a wrong outfit for WALTER "Smigs" SMIGEL. He was Charlie of the 34th from '41 to '45. Sorry 'bout that, Smigs -- and for your delightful "couple of bucks for the kitty," our deep thanks.

Early notes on our caravansary come Thursday, Aug. 14th -- The Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza at 5985 Century Blvd., Los Angeles. 200 doubles are being reserved to us at the \$62.00 rate. Where else in LA could we get a better rate? We have had to forward \$1000 as evidence of our good faith. They're gonna treat you the same way on reservations. They want things UP FRONT. Details in next issue.

Through the Lens

Those same wonderful people who brought you the Korean War are at it again. North Korea threatens to lead a Communist-bloc boycott of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul unless South Korea shares the games 50-50.

The South Koreans are willing to stage some events in the North, like volleyball and basketball. It's a generous offer. But the North Koreans, with typical dogmatic petulance, say no deal -- they want half the pie or the boycott is on.

An apology. EDDIE ROBINSON at Christmas time mailed a lot of 1986 calendars to his friends. We'll let Eddie give it to you in his own words: "Could you please put an apology in the Taro Leaf for me to the people I had sent a calendar to this year. I hadn't looked at the calendars before sending them out. But since I've sent them out I've heard from about 2/3 of the fellows of the mistake in them. I humbly apologize to all. Thanks."

FRANK SKINNER (11th F '50-'51), of 2 Fourth St., Camden NY 13316, is out of hospital -- on crutches -- was hit by a "small Japanese truck." He says, "I think the Nips almost won this one. Have had enough antibiotics to cure the entire Division of any diseases they might have." Says he's slowly on the mend.

He's temporarily at 11B Rentfrew Blvd., Brownsville TX 78520.



"TEN-SHUNI"

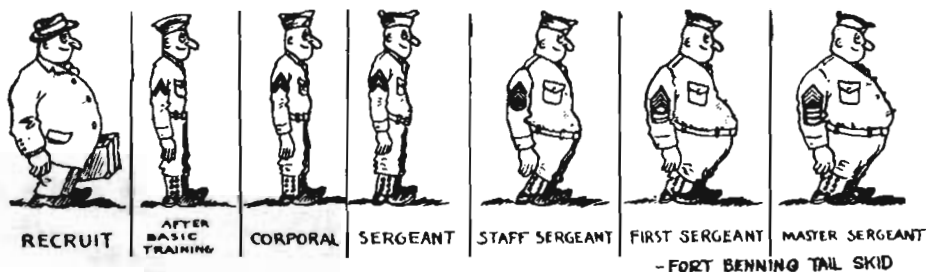
—Cpl. Bill Newcombe, Fort Knox, Ky.

Good friend, JOHNNY PLENSKOWSKI, (C 5th RCT '50-'51), of 390 Kalmia, Warminster, PA, has made a request of us and we are honored to oblige. Writes Johnny:

"The Korean War Association is planning a reunion in Arlington VA on July 26, 27 and 28 commemorating the 33rd Anniversary of the cease fire. I would appreciate it very much if you would put in the Taro Leaf that membership is \$10.00 in this organization of Korean War Veterans. Those seeking to join can forward \$10.00 to:

John P. Herbert, Treasurer,
1604 Crescent Rd., Clifton Park NY 12065
or: Korean War Association,
PO Box 4610, Halfmoon NY 12065."
Your wish is our command, Johnny.

BILL and Ginny KEYES (D 21st '39-'44) of 120 Valley Crest, Wethersfield CT, spent Christmas in CA. Chip and Doug, two of their sons, are writers for TV actress Valerie Harper who's trying a comeback. Root for them. Bill says he recently received a telephone call from Wahoo. It was a Japanese gal -- now 78 -- whom he met while guarding the Halewa telephone exchange in '42.



Former Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo, who served all nine Philippine presidents and became one of the world's best-known diplomats, died Dec. 16th in Manila. He was 86.

It was Gen. Romulo who waded ashore as a US Army brigadier general with Gen. Douglas MacArthur to start the liberation of the Philippines.

He was a former president of the UN General Assembly and of the Security Council, and was the last surviving signatory of the UN Charter.

He retired on his 85th birthday in January 1984 after nearly half a century in the service of the Philippine government, including 14 years as foreign minister.

Our own ED HENRY wrote of Ambassador Romulo: "I recall him aboard the 'AP John Land' from Hollandia to Leyte. I recall distinctly the presence of Pres. Osmena. One sunny day, Div. Hq. personnel were invited to meet Osmena in his suite on the forward deck. Romulo was in the party. Those Filipinos went over to the USS Nashville on A-Day -- and went ashore with Gen. MacArthur."

GOOD NEWS!

We're going to have a Hospitality Room this year -- at the Crowne Plaza in Los Angeles -- that all of us can fit into at one time. We're tired of being cramped into 2 x 4 spaces by the hotel people.

For the hundreds of cards which were showered our way at Christmas time, the Editor's heartfelt thanks go out to you. We tried to keep up with the niceties by responding in kind -- but simply ran out of gas.

JIM ERWIN predicts we'll have a turnout of over 1000 at our August party in Los Angeles.

FAST TRACK

Three Division battalions have gone the way of all flesh. September marks the retirement of the 724th Maintenance Bn., the 24th Medical Bn. and the 24th Supply and Transport Bn. It also saw the birth of three new battalions.

The 1st Forward Support, the 2nd Forward Support and the Main Support Battalions were activated as part of the Division Support Command reorganization.

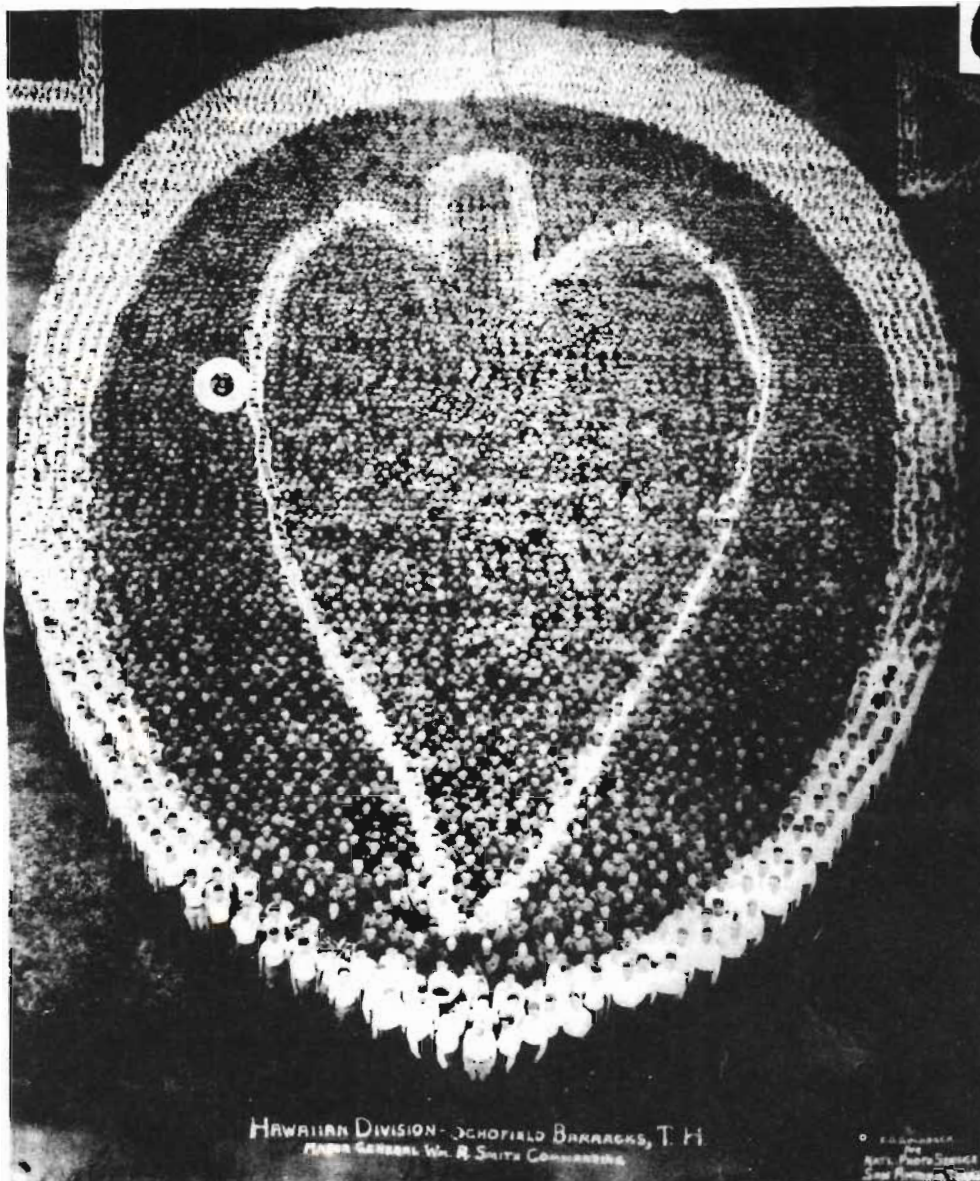
"Each forward support battalion is tailored to support a specific brigade," Maher explained. "Our 1st Brigade is infantry heavy - two infantry battalions, one armor battalion, so the 1st Forward Support Battalion is tailored to support that brigade." The 2nd Forward Support Battalion is tailored to support the armor-heavy 2nd Brigade.

RAY and Marianne SANCHEZ (D 21st 8/50-8/51) of Box 40366 in that beautiful city of Santa Barbara CA 93103, write that they'll see us in LAX. Whoops! They gave us 4 prospective members too: JUAN CALDERON (34th '49-50 & 5th RCT '50-'51), of 1457 Las Positas Pl., Santa Barbara CA 93101; SINFOROSO SANCHEZ (no relation - K 19th '50-'51), of 3316 Cornell, Lubbock TX; MIGUEL MURILLO (5th RCT '53), of 1024½ Alphonse St., also of Santa Barbara; and LOWELL WHITLOW (B 21st - Task Force Smith) of Box 312, Vestaburg PA. Lowell was already a member of the Assn. Thank you Ray -- and Marianne.

Wonderful long Christmas letter from DONALD and Lola LUEDTKE (34th Reg. Hq. Co. '48-'50) of RR 1, Box 5, Arcadia NB. Let's see if we can paraphrase it. '85 Crops good. Lola still at the Becton-Dickinson lab in Broken Bow - 7th year. Kids scattered in 4 directions. Alan, Deb and Austin in Delaware -- DuPont. Brian soldiering at Benning -- Commands a battery -- Curt managing a Long John Silver in Pampa TX. Denise and Bill in Jacksonville FL -- managing a Uni-Mart Club. Think we covered them all, Don and Lola. Okay?

From good friend Col. ROBERT "Robin" DANIELS, (Div. G-1 '44-'48), comes this newspaper clipping appearing several weeks ago in Army Times.

CALIFORNIA



HAWAIIAN DIVISION - SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, T. H.
Major General W. R. Smith Commanding

Photo by E.O. Goldbeck for National Photo Service

Plan Now to Attend
the 1986
National
Convention

Were You There?

Members of the Hawaiian Division, 21st Infantry, Maj. Gen. William R. Smith, commanding, fall in May 13, 1926, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, to form a facsimile of their unit patch. Anyone who appeared in this picture and is interested in a 60-year reunion trip to Hawaii should contact Paul E. Liden (member of Company G, 21st Infantry), 316 Smith Street, Magnolia, Ariz. 71753, phone 501-234-5688. The youngest member of the division would be about 77 years old now.

Ella Mae EBERT tells us about her JOHNNY (G 34 '41-'45), of Rt. 2, Box 54 Proctor, W.Va. That's Johnny in the cropped picture. Seems he just escaped with a heart attack. Says Ella Mae, "Thank God we did not lose him," to which we add, "Amen." Johnny is slowly coming back.



Cheap Tricks



Meet new member OLLIE D. CONNER, JR. (24 Recon & 21st Inf.) of 6720 McCallum, Dallas TX. That mansion in the background looks like Tara in GWTW. It isn't, is it, Ollie? Says Ollie, "I'm starting a new business and everything is up for grabs." Ollie was a Task Force Smith man and we're thrilled to have him on board.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

So we get this letter, see. And the gal (Lynda Roberts of 135 Gayle Rd., Blytheville AR 72315) wants some help. And because Blytheville has a special meaning for us, we decided to print her letter. Here's what Lynda wrote:

"I'm searching for an ex-serviceman who was a friend of my family while on duty with the Army in Brisbane, Australia about '43-'45. He's believed to have been an infantry officer, but I do not know his rank or the outfit he belonged to. Therefore, I'm contacting all divisions that were stationed in the south Pacific on the chance that some of them were actually based in Australia. His name was JOHNNY SANTINI.

"If your organization was based in Australia, would you put a search notice in your association's newsletter for me please. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

"Sincerely, Lynda Roberts."

Anyone ever hear of little Johnny Santini? Come on now, gang, put your thinking caps on!!

TOM COMPERE is up to his ears in planning for "In '87, on to Chicago."

THE BEST OF SPIRITS

Seems this lawyer was listening to the judge conduct the voir dire in a criminal case. The judge was asking all the standard questions when the lawyer noticed that one of the prospective jurors, a slight lady about 60 years old, was obviously eager to get on the jury.

"What do you do for a living?" the judge asked her.

"I am retired," she said.

"What does your husband do for a living?"

"He is deceased."

"My condolences, madam. What did he do before he passed on?"

"He got up, turned red in the face, clutched his chest, and dropped dead on the kitchen floor."

between us

Life Member BILL KELLAR (Hq. & Sv. 52nd F & A 13th F '40-'45), of 450 S. Manhattan, Los Angeles CA writes:

"I was wondering if you have members by the names of Earl Cornell of Baltimore or Robert Heaton of Boston. They were both with me in Sv. Battery, 52nd Field from '41-'45. I would greatly appreciate any information you could give me as to their whereabouts. I am pleased about your coming to California in August and will be glad to help in any way that I can."

No luck on Cornell or Heaton, Bill, but this little item may provoke a response. We have a few 52nd Field men out in the boondocks. We, too, are happy to be going to LA. Had to after 39 years of going no farther west than St. Louis. Common decency demanded a better record than this.

Nice squib in from BILL MCKENNA (34th WW II), of 970 Neilson, Albany CA: "Recently had lunch in San Francisco with BEN WAHLE (G & E 34th '43-'45), of 1132 Killarney, Burlingame CA. While we had not known each other out there, we, nevertheless, had a lot of people and places we both knew and it was a most enjoyable visit. We are looking forward to Los Angeles in August. If there is something I can do to help out for the convention, please let me know. Although far removed from Los Angeles, I would be happy to lend a hand in any way Chairman BOB ENDER may see fit." We'll be calling on you, Billy. Thanx.

"TAPS"

There will be a great encampment
In the land of clouds today.
A mingling and a merging
Of our boys who've gone away.
Though on earth they are disbanding.
They are very close and near.
For those brave and honored heroes
Show no sorrow, shed no tears.
They have lived a life of glory.
History pins their medals high.
Listen to the thunder rolling.
They are marching in the sky.

'Twas the Sunday morning before
Christmas when PAUL AUSTIN had us on the
'phone to advise as to the passing of
RALPH DYER's beloved Martha that morning,
Dec. 22nd, 1985. Paul wanted to write
the notice and he did. Here it is:

"I regret to inform you of the death
of Martha DYER, beloved wife of RALPH
(Hank) DYER, Cookeville TN, on Dec. 22, 1985.
Hank and I served together in F 34th on
Biak and Leyte. After 38 years our friend-
ship was renewed at Savannah in 1983. Since
then, we have visited each other's homes
and were together at Louisville last
August.

"This gallant lady fought a valiant
battle against cancer, and she will be
sorely missed by Ralph and a host of good
relatives and friends.

Paul and Lynn Austin."

Deceased: JAMES R. CHAMPION (A 13th
Field '41-'45), late of 622 Euclid, Erie
PA. A 31 year employee of the Hammermill
Paper Company in Erie, he had retired in
'83.

He was a survivor of the Pearl Harbor
assault and was a member of the Pearl
Harbor Survivor's Association. He was a
staff sergeant, retired, of the U.S. Army
Reserves.

He was preceded in death by one son,
Dennis L. Champion; and by three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Pertz
Champion; one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Eliza-
beth) Pollard of Lawrence Park; two
sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Alberta) Berlin
of Harborcreek, and Mrs. Mary Campbell of
Franklin, PA; one brother, Charles
Champion of Franklin; two grandchildren;
and many nieces and nephews.

The postman has alerted us to the
death of a BOB ENDER buddy of H 21st. The
cold notice came to us on mail addressed
to GEORGE B. SMITH at 1224 15th Ave. N.,
Moorhead, MN. That's all we know.

From FRANK ODDO (D 34th '41-'45), of
55 Wall, Torrington CT, comes this sad
note:

"Please mention in your next Taro Leaf
about the death of a great guy --

Andrew Boggia (D 34th '41-'45)
141 Erlanger Blvd.,
North Babylon NY 11703"

We did it, Frank -- but without much
more. We had no file on Andy; he was
not a member.

Out of 3118 Evanston, Erie PA came this
sad note from Mrs. FREDERICK (Sally) BUCK
(M 19th '41-'44). Sally wrote so beauti-
fully that we wanted to justify our good
friend, JIM CHAMPION, by using it just as
Sally wrote it: "...Sending you a copy of
the news clipping about JIM CHAMPION. On
Nov. 10, Jim and his wife, Betty, had a
Thanksgiving Day dinner for the Erie-
Presque Isle Chapter of the Pearl Harbor
Survivor's Association. Then on Monday,
Nov. 18, Betty called to tell us that Jim
had been taken to the hospital with a
heart attack. Jim had been feeling good
so this was a shock to all of us. On
Fri., Nov. 22, he was up walking around,
had a good dinner, then that evening was
taken home with our good God. We will all
miss Jim. He enjoyed our monthly dinners
of the P.H.S.A. and he enjoyed 24th Inf.
Div. Conventions. His daughter, Elizabeth,
told us he had his boys pack to go to
Hawaii next year. What is so terribly sad
is that Jim and Betty lost their only son,
Dennis, just one year ago, Nov. 30. We
shall miss Jim terribly; he was a wonder-
ful man."

Deceased -- Oct. 25, 1985 -- GEORGE B.
SMITH, of H Co. 21st (1943-1945), of 1224
15th Ave., North, Moorhead, MN. Most
regretfully, we have no other information.
We wish it might be otherwise.

In Fond Memory of

WILLIAM M. O'KEEFE

D and Hq. & Hq. 21st '44-'50

by his beloved JoAnn



DAVID SAMUEL DILLARD

DAVID SAMUEL DILLARD was born 30 November 1917 in Bluefield, West Virginia, the third son of Judge and Mrs. George Lee Dillard. In '31, he entered Greenbrier Military School, graduating in June '35. Within two weeks of graduation, he received notice of his appointment to West Point and, following an overnight Greyhound bus trip to New York City from Morgantown, West Virginia, he made his way to West Point and joined the Class of 1939 on 1 July.

Upon graduation, he repaired to Fort Sam, Houston TX where he spent graduation leave with his mother and brother, George, Class of '38 and then a second lieutenant in the 9th Infantry. In September, he reported in for duty with the 22nd Infantry at Fort McClellan, AL. With trepidation, he officially reported to the commanding officer, Colonel Simon Bolivar Buckner, only to find his fears of his former Commandant of Cadets unfounded and his duty at McClellan under Colonel Buckner's aegis to be all that any second lieutenant could wish.

In '41, the McClellan elements of the 22nd Infantry moved to Fort Benning GA to become part of the newly activated 4th Infantry Division. A year later, the division moved to Camp Gordon, Augusta GA, and being promoted to major, Dave was cadred out to join a newly formed tank destroyer battalion in Texas. Following a stay at Camp Hood, his battalion was moved to Camp Ibis in the Mojave Desert near Needles, CA. From this arid landscape with miles of visibility, he went overseas with his battalion to New Guinea with its great humidity and zero visibility. Seeing no prospect for tank warfare in the jungles, he requested transfer back to infantry and was assigned to the 186th Infantry, 41st Division, then staging at Finchaven for the Hollandia Operation. He participated in that operation and Biak Island as regimental S-3 until the later stages of the Biak operation when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and given

and through the Palawan and Zamboango operations. In mid-July '45, the 41st Division was en route by convoy to partake in the assault on Kyushu, Japan when the Japanese sued for peace. When the 41st Division was demobilized in early 1946, Dave joined the 24th Infantry Division and subsequently became its G-3 when it moved to occupy Kyushu.

In mid-1947, Dave returned from Japan and was detailed to the University of Toledo, OH to help set up a ROTC unit on campus. In '48, he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics, remaining in that position until mid-1950. He was then ordered to Washington, DC to attend the Strategic Intelligence School, and in December received orders to the Directorate of Intelligence, European Command, Heidelberg, Germany, where he served for three years as Chief of the Military Section, Analysis Branch. In June '53, he returned to the States where he attended the Army War College and, upon graduation in June '54, was assigned to G-2, Department of the Army. After a year in G-2 and promotion to colonel, he joined the Estimates Branch of the Joint Intelligence Group, JCS, for three years. In mid-1958 he proceeded to Korea, commanding the 1st Battle Group, 7th Cavalry until September 1959 when he returned to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth KS. There his role for almost three years was Chief, Corps and Army Section, Department of Larger Units.

In September 1962, he reported for duty at Headquarters, Seventh Army, Germany where he served almost four years as the Army G-2. It was during this tour that he married Bridget Lesley Ellison on 21 November '64. He had met her during her short visit to Fort Leavenworth from Vancouver, British Columbia to visit English friends. Bridget was born in Bareilly, India, of English parents (her father retiring as a colonel after a full career in the Indian Army).

In mid-1966, Dave and Bridget returned to the States, he being assigned to the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, MD. In February '67, Dave retired from the Army to accept a position in operations analysis, Grumman Aerospace Corporation on Long Island and where he remained employed until November '77 and a second retirement. They moved to Sarasota FL and settled into their new home where they lived happily with widgee, their miniature dachshund, playing golf, and enjoying visits by old friends from up north come down to thaw out, drink Dave's field-grade booze and swap old Army lies.

Among Dave's awards were the Silver Star, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with V and

Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He is survived by his wife, Bridget and a brother, Peter (a neurosurgeon in the Boston area).

The interesting thing about this obit is that Dave wrote it himself -- a tribute to his fortitude and courage to look unflinchingly into the future. We know; he was our very special friend. David Dillard, we salute you.

Life Member #349, ANDREW BOGGIA, died June 19th, 1985.

And from Andy's widow, Silvia, or "Syde," came this warm piece:

"I am writing you with a broken heart, it is my very saddest duty to inform you of the death of my friend and beloved husband, Andrew Boggia.

"He was an infantry platoon sergeant, (Bn. Hq. and Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 34th Inf.) from 3/4/41 to 3/11/45, in the Philippine Islands and New Guinea. Needless to say, he was very proud of serving his country, being in the infantry, part of the Taro Leaf and what it stands for. He attended many reunions (the last one in Savannah). He has kept in touch with many buddies.

"After being discharged, he began 39 years of Teamster membership and service, serving for many years on various committees and in appointed positions. He was first made a business agent in 1966 and again in 1974, at which time he began his rise to the vice presidency.

"He was a dedicated teamster and a tireless worker performing his duties in the field until two weeks before his death from cancer. A measure of his dedication was displayed when, critically ill, only a few days before his death, he asked that a room be set up down the hall from his hospital bed in order that he might conduct contract negotiations for the lumber industry.

"His love for his job and the Teamsters, was second only to his love for his family, including our 3 sons. My husband devoted his all and life to whatever he undertook. My best wishes to all.

"Sincerely, Syde Boggia."

Syde added a little p.s. "Hope to see this in your paper." Well, we did it, Syde -- for Andy, for you, and for Marsden, Glenn and Steve.

Came these warm words addressed to each of us from Christine (Mrs. GERALD L.) LOCKHART:

"Dennis and Leslynn join me in thanking you for your gift to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund in memory of Jerry. We feel, and so did he, that the outreach of the Church is very important in today's society and deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

"Sincerely, Christine Lockhart."

Died Dec. 15, 1985. CHARLES R. JAMESON, JR. (F & AF 21st 9/44-7/45), of Bridgewater VA. Charley had been a long-suffering victim of many ailments. He was a faithful correspondent and as recently as last July 12th he wrote: "I appreciate your concern and thoughts. We are depending on faith that now is not the time for old Charlie to go." C. RUCKER FORD was first to learn of Charlie's passing, tried to reach us but failed, and passed the news on to JOE PEYTON who in turn found us. Charlie leaves his beloved Clara and four children -- Linda, Carolyn, Barbara, and C.R. III.

Alice Gray WOODRUFF, died Dec. 2, 1985, at the age of 95 years. She was the widow of Maj.Gen. R.B. WOODRUFF, SR., USA Ret. Mrs. Woodruff was born at Fort Wingate NM territory in 1890, of military parents in the Cavalry of the US Army stationed in the territory for defense and security of that area. She was a resident of San Antonio for the past 40 years. Mrs. Woodruff was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and an honorary member of the Military-Civilian Club. Survivors: Son, Col. Roscoe B. Woodruff, Jr., USAF, Ret., of Camp Springs MD; daughter, Mrs. ROBERT J. (Dorothy) DANIELS, of San Antonio TX; 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren.

We who were privileged to know this grand lady held her in the highest esteem. Fascinating were her stories of her days as a child on Mindanao when her father served there.

This precious note went to Chaplain JOE PEYTON from Clara (Mrs. CHARLES) JAMESON:

"Thanks so much for your letter of Dec. 16. The 24th Division always meant so much to Charles. He was so sorry he wasn't able to come to reunions but he was always there in spirit and prayers. I'm not sure about who to send thank you to about flowers. They were beautiful. So if you know, please say thank you for us and how much we appreciated them. We will sure miss him but we'll meet again before long. Thanks again and may God bless you all in his special way. Clara."

... Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN,
... ionately known as "Red", upon learning
... the death of actress Una Merkel: "The
news brings back the memory of the bright
happy lady who visited us in Australia.
She was the one who called TOM COMPERE a
Texan. Tempus does indeed fugit --
sadly." Red in his message added: "Just
received the sad news that Sgt. Harvey
R. Delaney -- one of the 'nine sergeants'
in my book -- passed away in Plattsburg
on Christmas Eve. Only Andre Jessie and
I are now left from the 'Old Guard' of
Co. G."

Your Editor would like to add the note,
in parenthesis that ("Here is an emotional
gentleman who can find it in his heart
to grieve for a sergeant who served him
so well at Plattsburg, his first station,
more than 61 years ago.")

Unusual response from the Lindsey
Funeral Home in Harrisonburg VA which
handled CHARLEY JAMESON's last rites. We
received in the mail a neat folder in
which was enclosed a 2 x 2 color photo of
our floral tribute. The message read:

"It is our firm belief that your
floral expression of sympathy exercises a
most desired and consoling effect through-
out the entire funeral service. We
recognize, too, that your flowers are a
cherished gift to the family of the
deceased. In view of this, we photograph
each floral arrangement individually and
mount the color photograph alongside the
sympathy card in a folder like the one we
have enclosed for you. These folders
are presented to the family after the
service. We thought you might like to
know what your floral design looked like
and that you would appreciate the manner
in which we looked after your design and
your card."

This may be old hat to you, dear reader,
but it was an absolute "first" for us. So
impressed were we with this thoughtfulness
that we wanted to share it with you. In
addition we've passed it among our local
Digby O'Dells with a view of encouraging
them to adopt a practise along these
lines. There's a lot of real warmth in
the gesture.



Mail from C. RUCKER FORD, (F 21st
'43-'45), of 2344 Sunderland, Maitland FL,
arrived just as we were sending this issue
to press. For obvious reasons, Rucker's
words had to be set to print because he
wrote:

"I've lost two of my old buddies --
'Tommie' Thompson, and 'Charlie' Jameson.
My first assignment with the 24th was on
Oahu as Platoon Leader of the Third Pla-
toon...I remember my Platoon Sergeant
(Sgt. Raymond)...E Co., 21st. Tommie was
a 1st Lt. in E in those days and I got to
know and respect him as a good friend and
a good officer. I think I was transferred
to F Co. at Rockhampton, Australia -- for
what reason -- only the Lord and Lt.Col.
Madison knows. I sorta lost the close
relationship with Tommie after that --
think the last time I saw him was on
Mindanao when we caught hell trying to
cross that river. I think Charlie joined
us just before the Leyte landing, or
perhaps a day afterward. I loved Charlie
like a brother. He was a brave, coura-
geous officer, and a gentleman. At one
time, we were the only two officers in the
Company. He was one of those rare indivi-
duals who had all the facets of leadership
and still had the love and eager willing-
ness of his men to follow of their own
volition. Since the war I had visited
Charlie in Bridgewater, VA. He and his
wife have also visited Jane and I here
in Maitland. I stood by helpless as I
noted the gradual deterioration of his
health. I phoned his home the day before
he died (actually, he died that night
sometime after midnight.) His wife told
him I had called and he remarked, 'Rucker
is checking up on me, huh?' Ken, age is
taking its toll. Let's thank God for
each day -- every day.

Cheers, C. Rucker Ford"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "A Psalm
of Life," seems to have particular
relevance for us here:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

"Footprints, that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again."

These departed friends made their own
lives sublime. And those of us who see
their footprints can, indeed, "take heart
again."