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President's

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3rd Annual Reunion of the Korean War Veterans Assn.
and Memorial Service will be held:

July 25-26-27-28 in Arlington, Virginia

During this years Annual Reunion and Memorial Service
this Association and No Greater Love will be co-spon-
soring the additional Dedication at Arlington National
Cemetery on 27 July 1987.

No Greater Love is a non-political, non-profit, human-
itarian organization that sponsors programs of friend-
ship and care for children who lost their fathers in
service to our country.

At 10:00 AM the Wreath Laying Ceremony by this Associa-
tion will be conducted commemorating the 34th Anniversary
of the signing of the Cease Fire of the Korean War. The
Memorial Service to honor our fallen comrades will follow
in the Amphitheater.

At 11:00 AM the dedication of the Meditation Bench placed
at the base of the Korean White Pine Tree that the for-
mer President of South Korean, Park Chung Hee, gave to
the United States on May 18, 1965. The Bench will be a
permanent memorial to all who served the cause of peace
in Korea.

This will be the first permanent major international re-
membrance honoring all those who fought and died in Korea
with the United Nations Forces during the years 1950-1953.



Sincerely,

Warren G. Avery

Warren G. Avery President

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Antidote for treason

DON FEDER

THE Walker family, Jonathan Pollard, Marine Corps guards at our Moscow Embassy — the revelations of treason, betrayal by men and women sworn to defend their nation, are appalling.

One can scarcely overstate the damage done by their treacherous activities. The Walkers gave the Russians every cryptographic secret they could lay their hands on. Said KGB defector Vitaly Yurchenko, of the family's contribution to imperiling the West: "If there had been a war, we would have won it."

Thanks to the Moscow embassy guards, the Soviets may now have the ability to decipher coded messages transmitted from any U.S. embassy.

Add to these body blows to national security incalculable damage to American morale. An image haunts us — Marine guards, the elite of the elite, betraying their sacred trust for sex and money. If such men can succumb, who could not?

It happened before with Axis Sally, the Rosenbergs and Alger Hiss. But never on such a scale. And never before so casually — treason for cash or carnal favors.

How can Americans, raised in the freest, most prosperous nation on earth, show such ingratitude to the land which nurtured them, which showered them with rights and blessings? How can they betray family, friends and their heritage of freedom to a monster regime, dedicated to effacing all they hold dear?

The answer lies in our abject failure to teach loyalty. Patriotism isn't a reflex reaction. Far from developing spontaneously, it must be diligently cultivated.

There was a time when we did precisely that. Prior to World War II, our schools placed considerable emphasis on inculcating love of country. Children sang "God Bless America" and "Columbia, Gem Of The Ocean" in assemblies.

Students memorized Patrick Henry's liberty-or-death speech and The Gettysburg Address. They were stirred by that eloquent homily to devotion to homeland, "The Man Without A Country."

The dry rot set in during the '50s and became entrenched in the '60s. Civics courses questioned basic American values. Patriotism became passe, evidence of an embarrassing naivete. Wearing the flag on the seat of one's pants was the pinnacle of sophistication.

America was reviled. Criticism wasn't limited to the current administration, but directed at our national ethos. We were racist, exploitative and warmongering, intellectuals inveighed. Who could possibly cherish such a savage entity?

Treason became fashionable. Young men who fled north, to escape military service, were lionized in some quarters. Prominent citizens hiked to Hanoi, during the height of hostilities, to pledge their solidarity with a government killing Americans in the field, and torturing U.S. servicemen in captivity.

While anti-American fervor has subsided somewhat in recent years, it still dominates the

educational/cultural scene. American medical students rescued from Grenada were booed off the stage when they tried to speak on college campuses. This year's Oscar for best picture went to "Platoon," a film which depicted our soldiers in Vietnam as homicidal thugs. Hollywood is the ministry of anti-American propaganda.

The only antidote to the new treason is to begin teaching love of country once more, thoroughly and unapologetically. Students must be steeped in the lives of the giants of our nation: Washington, Jefferson, Webster and Lincoln. They must be presented not as dry subjects for memorization (like mathematical tables or French verbs) but as heroes worthy of admiration and emulation.

Youth must be told of the sacrifices of those who secured and preserved our liberty: The several signers of the Declaration of Independence who died in British prisons, Nathan Hale, the fighting men who rest in Flanders Field, on Omaha Beach and in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

They must be made to understand the uniqueness of the American way. In all of the dark centuries of man's servitude — to caesars, princes and soviets — here is the sole beacon of hope, a land where freedom is recognized as a God-given, hence inalienable right and horizons are virtually limitless.

A civilization which loses the support of its citizens, the dedication of most and the passionate commitment of many, is doomed. How sad to lose all of this for mere want of understanding.

Don Feder is a columnist for the Boston Globe -- and perhaps other papers. In our judgment, this particular column should have been front page stuff in every paper of the country. And, by the way, find the error on this page. A prize for each of the first ten to write in and complain.



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Blossoms & Butterflies

West Point officials had considered inviting a Soviet cosmonaut and a Russian poet to address the Corps of Cadets before Army officials and Army regulations killed the proposed visits.

Good thinking!



Nice generous contribution -- gratefully acknowledged - from B.G. WILSON T. DREGER III, (C 21st '55-'57), of 1819 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta GA. He's now in real estate -- is Prexy. of Dreger Realty.
Tel. 523-2512.



JOHN HUDAK of Rt. 5, Box 50, Dallas PA, is looking for a 52nd FA Bn. crest. We've tried all of our contacts among the supply houses. No luck. Anyone out there got one he'll part with?



Chanced to see comedian Red Buttons the other evening. He's the one whose high spot in his act is to talk about famous people who never had a dinner given in their honor. Like "Eve, who told Adam in the Garden of Eden, 'What do you mean the kids don't look like you?', she never had a dinner." Or "King Solomon, who told his 1000 wives, 'For better service, take a number, never had a dinner."



LETTERS

Dick Hoyt, who edits the 11th A/B Division Association's news letter, has written: "I have been receiving your 'Taro Leaf' for quite some time, and sometimes filch something from it to use in ours."

"You must be using a computer of some kind. Else you couldn't write those headlines and paragraph headings in different type and size letters. I have no experience with computers or word processors -- just an old beat-up typewriter. It would be nice to have "right-hand margin justification" plus the headline ability, and I have been looking into computers. Will you please tell me how you prepare your paper?"

To which we replied, in part: "...You ask how we prepare the paper. We start with a mockup sheet, 9½ x 13" in size to which we paste up the typewritten items and, when we use them, the headings which we have been clipping from magazines, newspapers, books, brochures, as we spot them. Must have 10 thousand such headlines as we've been collecting them for 20-30 years. We rely on such for the sorry reason that we do not have that which you think we have -- a computer or word processor. Had we this equipment, we'd probably adapt our headlines to their respective stories. As is, what we do marry -- headline to story -- is frequently, if not consistently, wild and outrageous. The real function of the headlines is, as we view it, something to break up the page -- a page of typewritten material only could drive you up a wall -- and, admittedly, something to try to catch the eye. It's all as innocent as that." Incidentally, I told you that we paste up these components on a 9½ x 13" mockup sheet. By the photo-offset process, the finished product is reduced to letter size 8½ x 11". Amazingly the process precludes the showing of the edges of the individual typed items or headings so it comes off the press looking like an ordinary printed job. Regretfully, we don't have a right-hand margin justification so the columns don't square nicely on both sides as with your newspaper -- but, heck, we can't have everything."

REGISTER TODAY

BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL

Big, Bold, and Beautiful is our name for the thoughtfulness of DWAIN LOEST (L 21st Korea) of 226 18th St., Fond du Lac, WI. He has sent us the names of 6 buddies who were in Korea and "would like to come to Schaumburg." They'll each be most welcome, Dwaine, and we're most grateful to you. Here they are:

VIRGIL O. GRIMSLED
Box 1314, LaCrosse WI 54602
GEORGE R. CHRISTENSON
1610 Armstrong, Marinette WI 54143
ADRIAN WAGNER
14920 W. View Rd., Cleveland WI 53015
JULIAN STEFFES
Box 246 Rt. 1, St. Cloud WI 53079
JAMES KUHN
1516 N. 22nd, Sheboygan WI 53081
WALTER D. FISHNICK
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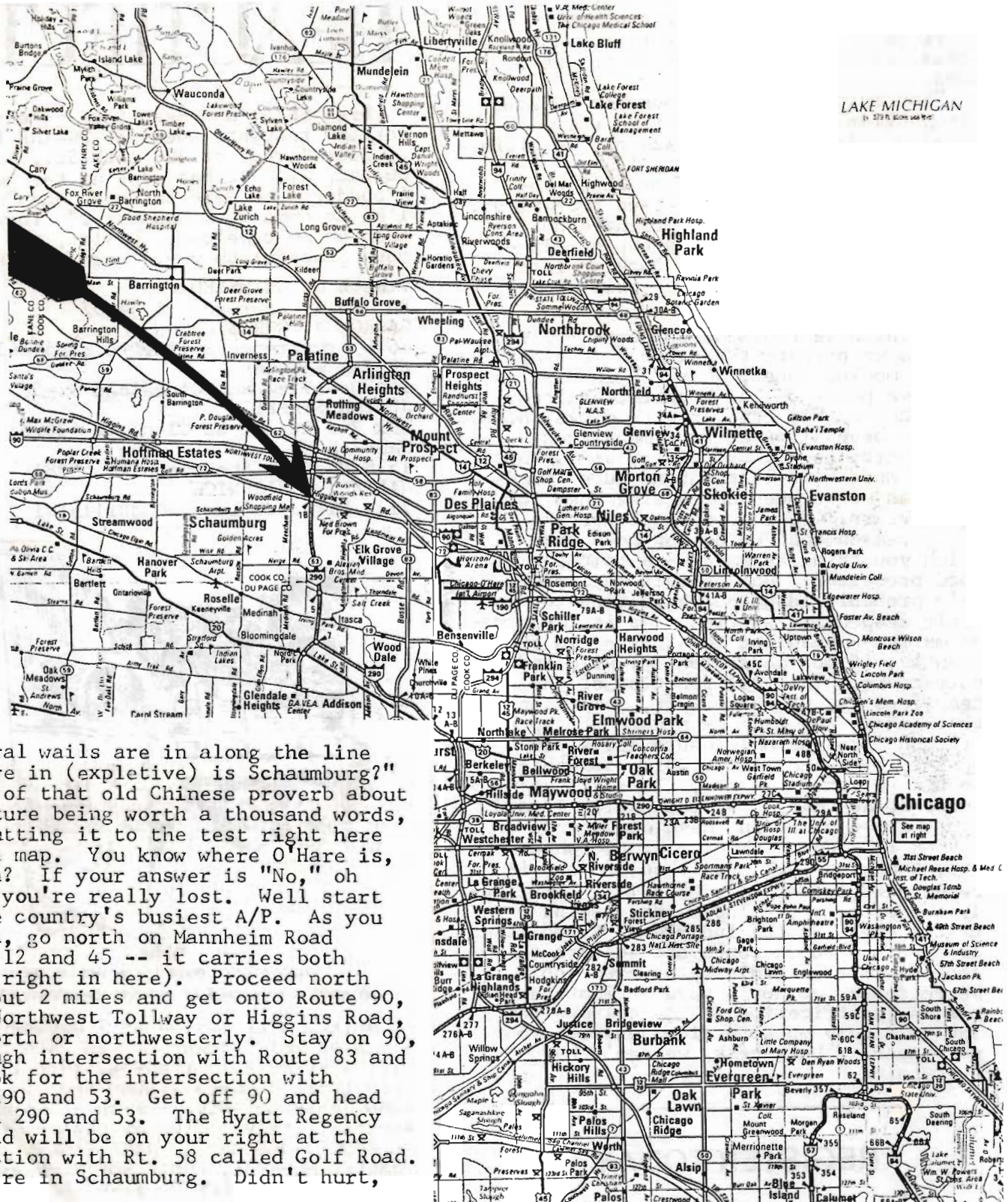


"THEY ALL GOT OVER 110 IN THE I.Q. TEST --
SO WE'RE TAKING THEM TO OFFICERS' CANDIDATE SCHOOL."

Writes BILL BURTON of 7 Bayberry, Kingston MA: "Prewar served 26th 'Yankee' Div. Wartime 24th ('40-'43 19th Inf.) - turn those numbers around and you get 42nd 'Rainbow' Div. - France, Germany, Austria, Italy. Give my regards to AL RIDGE, JOE CENGA, JACK FINAN, CHARLEY MCBRYDE, EDDIE ROBINSON -- and, of course, SHY LUM." Yeah, but how'd you leave us to get to the 42nd, Bill?

WAY TO GO JOE.

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Several wails are in along the line of "Where in (expletive) is Schaumburg?" Mindful of that old Chinese proverb about one picture being worth a thousand words, we're putting it to the test right here with one map. You know where O'Hare is, don'tcha? If your answer is "No," oh brother, you're really lost. Well start with the country's busiest A/P. As you come out, go north on Mannheim Road (routes 12 and 45 -- it carries both numbers right in here). Proceed north only about 2 miles and get onto Route 90, called Northwest Tollway or Higgins Road, going north or northwesterly. Stay on 90, go through intersection with Route 83 and then look for the intersection with Routes 290 and 53. Get off 90 and head south on 290 and 53. The Hyatt Regency Woodfield will be on your right at the intersection with Rt. 58 called Golf Road. Ah, you're in Schaumburg. Didn't hurt, did it?



Martha and CHARLEY CARD (B 34th 6/44-1/46), have a new address -- it's 12107 Waldemor, Houston TX. Charley has a new job at Dresser Industries; he's now Manager of Export Sales. That should mean some out-of-the-country trips, Charley. Right?

For this, we are indebted to FRANK SKINNER:

"Two farmers each claimed to own a certain cow. While one pulled on its head and the other pulled on its tail, the cow was milked by a lawyer." (Jewish parable)

New address for HERBERT CARLSON (B 19th '48-'50). He's at P.O.Box 66, Pittsburg, NH 03592.

For 40 years, the United States has given away its military presence in the rest of the world. Two conspicuous beneficiaries of this largess have been those two economic giants. Each has been spared the need to devote anything like the American proportion of their gross national product to military expenditures. Isn't it about time each started to underwrite the bigger share of military expenditure in the name of its own defense.

Moving east is CHARLEY NOTO "to be closer to my family." Charley was in Palm Desert CA. Now it's 145 Greystone Ln. Rochester NY 14618. Charley was L 34 '42-'44. Took lead on Biak.

Have a "To Whom It May Concern" letter. Here, we'll read it to you first.

"After 33 years, I have finally rejoined the 24th and now I would like to locate some of my old buddies of A Co. 5 RCT in 1951. So if anybody remembers John "Blackie" Covais, just call or write: John Covais, 41 St. George Dr. W. Shirley NY 11967.

There it is, Blackie; you asked for it. Blackie, by the way, just paid the dues for his old 19th buddy: TONY "Cappy" CAPOBIANCO, 33 Colonial Drive, Farmingdale NY. Welcome aboard, Cappy.

This one's from good friend BILL SHOWNEN who served in G-2 Sect. from '42-'44. It goes:

"Read in the paper about a Czechoslovakian midget who had a rep as a freedom fighter. Communist police tried to capture him and he slipped over the border into another Iron Curtain country where he knew there were sympathizers. He knocked on a secret door late at night. It opened slowly and he was asked what he wanted. He said, 'Please, won't you cache a small Czech?'"

Love it, Bill. Thanks.

We asked you for samples of Army slang you remembered best. And boy, did they come in!! Samples, somewhat cleaned up:

"It's your turn in the barrel."

"As busy as a whore on a troopship."

"Sympathy." You'll find it in the dictionary, right after s---."

"He would p--- on your leg and tell you it's raining."

"S--- flows downhill."

"As f----- up as a Japanese firedrill."

"Zied."

"Gohung or go hungry."

"Bug out."

"Pull a Hank Snow."

"Let's motor."

WALTER CUNNINGHAM reports that he likes a Vodka mixed with carrot juice; drinks 5 or 6 of them every day. Says he sees everything double, but he sees very clearly.

Latest gimmick -- not for sale here. It's a baseball alarm clock. It's an alarm but is throwable like a ball. When it rings, throw it against the wall to shut it off.

The problems of the Marine Corps emanating from the devilry in Moscow calls to mind one of their popular advertising themes: "We need a few good men." We heartily concur.

FOR THE RECORD

We are proud to give you the following drawn from General JOHN R. GALVIN's recent testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee as Commander of the Southern Command.

On a Large Scale Soviets at the Root of Destabilized Americas

By Gen. John R. Galvin, USA

Central and South America are currently areas of low intensity conflict, with war in El Salvador, war in Nicaragua, and growing subversion and insurgency in at least 10 of the remaining 17 countries that lie within the region.

I am describing a situation that can be summed up as destabilization on a large scale. This instability results from the accumulation of four centuries of problems, recently aggravated by an enormous economic debt, and further threatened by a strong insurgent attack on national political infrastructure that is without precedent in this hemisphere.

The principal support for insurgent groups has come from Cuba. Fidel Castro — with Soviet backing that now amounts to about \$13 million per day — provides guidance for organizing "umbrella" groups and instills a sense of common goals. Cuba also funnels weapons and other assistance to guerrillas in several countries.

It was with the assistance of Castro that numerous insurgent groups united into the Frente Sandinista (FSLN) in the late 1970's. The same is true for the Farabundo Marti (FMLN) in El Salvador and the Union Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) in Guatemala. Castro has trained at least two groups of Hondurans in insurgent tactics, after which Nicaragua aided in getting these groups back into Honduras.

Recently Cuba has also been helping guerrillas in Colombia and Chile. While he did not create the domestic situations that facilitated the destabilizing rise of communism in the area, Castro has certainly taken advantage of them.

We tend to look at Cuba as a factor threatening our east-west rather than north-south security relationships. But Cuba today has 50 different school courses for terrorists and guerrillas whom it trains in several different locations on the island. From these courses more than 10,000 guerrillas are now back in the insurgent ranks in their home countries.

We tend to overlook the Cuban "American Bureau" and its wide ranging influence — controlling even ambassadors from Cuba to the various countries of Latin America. The agents of the bureau play a key role in radicalizing labor unions, school systems and many other social and political organizations within the various countries of Latin America. The bureau helps Castro set the overall, long-term direction and provides financing, guidance, and technical support.

If the insurgent threat were not enough, in Latin America today we are faced also with the phenomenal growth of illicit drug traffic — a menace which threatens both the political and economic stability of the region. Given a level of drug traffic amounting to roughly \$13 billion per month in the United States, the availability of truly enormous sums of money is breaking down weak government infrastructure in Latin America.

It is also becoming clear that the drug traffickers are closely tied in with guerrillas and terrorists. Drug money is the resource for the purchase of weapons, explosive, and communications equipment, all of which may be better than the arms and equipment available to the police and the armed forces. In exchange, we have seen instances of guerrillas providing security for narcotraffickers and assisting them in the movement of drugs.

On the other side of the coin, all is not "bad news" in Latin America. There is a different kind of US interest in Latin America today than there has been in the past, one that is based more on our own principles and ideals (human rights, political "space," pluralism, national planning and development, the proper role of the military) rather than a paternalistic approach that did not extend much beyond commercialism.

Latin American governments have also changed. Most are now democracies. With some notable exceptions, the nations in this theater are more participatory, collect more taxes,

invest more, build more and educate more, and in general articulate their national interests within the international community better than they have at any time in their history.

Given the situation I have described, my mission can be seen as the classic cavalry role: protect the flank, provide early warning of trouble, be prepared for contingencies — and do this with a small force. This also could be called "economy of force." To accomplish the mission, I have the following force strengths: in Panama: 9,700; in Honduras: 1,100; in El Salvador: 55; in 16 security assistance offices: 90.

Because of the way I am organized, with theater as well as country responsibilities, my peacetime strategy is active at two different levels — regionally and country-by-country. The regional strategy is aimed at maintaining a stable south flank. The country-by-country approach establishes the military input for 17 distinctly different country strategies that I coordinate with each US ambassador.

The overall strategy also addresses national concerns which transcend political boundaries, such as the destabilizing effects of Cuba, Nicaragua, and the drug traffickers. This more general theater approach follows classical lines (objectives, threats, concepts, resources), while in individual countries I work closely with the state department, principally the 17 ambassadors, to insure that military relationships support the efforts of other national agencies to achieve the US policy goals and objectives. This recognizes the role of the military in helping to build a shared consensus with Latin Americans on democratic ideology, the form and role of government, and the economic system.

My tools for carrying out the overall military strategy are security assistance, forward deployed forces, training opportunities, intelligence training opportunities, intelligence peacetime psyops, combined training exercises, and a variety of "vehicles" for professional dialogue (staff visits, workshops, seminars and lectures, map exercises, unit and personnel exchange programs, instructor and subject matter exchanges, and the School of the Americas). I use these means to contribute militarily to regional stability by:

- Revitalizing and sustaining highly professional military-to-military relationships within the framework of positive government-to-government ties;
- Promoting apolitical military institutions that support democratic development, respect human rights, are subordinate to civilian control, and are committed to high standards of military professionalism and ethics;

• Enhancing deterrence in Central America by signaling a firm commitment to the area, improving Honduran and Costa Rican readiness, and providing high quality training for US military personnel;

• Supporting counterinsurgency operations in El Salvador and helping other Latin American militaries to combat terrorism and insurgency when requested; and

• Improving regional defense cooperation to counter insurgent unification and narcotics trafficking, to preclude regional conflicts, and to encourage national development and collective security.

The second level of strategy can best be seen by example. In Honduras, the country-level strategy addresses the very real threat to regional stability posed by Sandinista Nicaragua as well as its own particular security problems. In coordination with the ambassador, I work at bolstering Honduran defensive capabilities and enhancing internal stability.

The strategic means available to me to work toward these objectives with the country team are the same as in the generic military strategy—security assistance, forward deployed forces, training exercises, intelligence sharing, and so forth. Given the nature of the threat and of our objectives, my concept is based on:

• Deterring Sandinista aggression and intimidation through a force presence that emphasizes a comprehensive exercise program.

• Assuring the Honduran government by our actions at several levels (such as force presence, continued exercises, intelligence sharing, and civic action programs) that the US is committed to security and development in Honduras.

• Assisting in the modernization and professionalization of the Honduran security forces. (Actions include visits by survey teams, security assistance, exercises, mobile training teams, and many different forms of professional dialogue.)

As we carry out this support of Honduran national strategy, we also find great benefits for ourselves. Deployments of US forces to Honduras provide unparalleled, realistic training opportunities.

In sum, the two levels of US Southcom military strategy aim at accomplishing a broad mission using limited resources. (For example, the entire military assistance program (MAP, i.e., donated funds) for all of South America for the last fiscal year totalled only \$5.6 million.) I work through military-to-military contacts to accomplish three inter-related priorities: improve regional security, encourage national stability, and in essence serve as an example of a military institution subordinate to civilian leadership in a democracy.

Here are several issues that are affecting the security relationship between the United States and Latin American countries.

The war in El Salvador: The Duarte government has retained the initiative

over the FMLN during the past 12 months. Militarily, the El Salvadoran Armed Forces (ESAF) are winning the war. Using other yardsticks to measure success than the traditional indicators of terrain captured or enemy killed, ESAF has come to attach greater importance to the number of guerrillas remaining than to the number of guerrillas killed. They recognize that reducing the size of the insurgent force can be pursued as effectively in ways other than just killing them. Two years ago there were 11,000 guerrillas; this year our estimate is 6,000.

About 2,500 guerrillas have been killed or have turned themselves over to the government in one way or another. The other half have left the ranks of the FMLN. This trend demonstrates that the Salvadoran armed forces understand the triangular nature of their struggle.

Low-intensity conflict in their country involves the interaction among three elements: the government, the enemy, and the people. The Duarte government, with its police and military, and the FMLN, with its terrorist and guerrillas arms, compete principally for the support of the Salvadoran people.

In this situation if the government fights the enemy in such a way that it loses the people, it does not matter if it beats the guerrillas. The Salvadoran armed forces have recognized the importance of civic support and seek to keep it by stressing the non-violent elements of warfighting such as civic action, psyops, and the proper treatment of prisoners.

There is still much to be accomplished in El Salvador, however, particularly in regard to the implementation of Duarte's

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national plan, "united for Reconstruction" (UPR). Working with the ambassador, I have concentrated on the military aspects of his plan. I believe that we must sustain our support for President Duarte's UPR for several more years, maintaining at least this year's basic level of \$115 million for the armed force and roughly four times that amount in economic aid.

Additionally, we must fund the supplemental request for reconstructing the civilian and military facilities damaged or destroyed in last October's earthquake so President Duarte is not forced to divert funds for his national plan.

The US country strategy being implemented in El Salvador provides a reasonable model for dealing with low intensity conflict. We must see it through to the end.

The Contra's war against the San-

dinistas: As an insurgency the Contra movement does not fit the classic mold of protracted struggle: over time developing a strong political following, a trained military arm, and a dedicated infrastructure of support before challenging the government. The Contras have grappled with the survival issues common to all resistance movements, such as the need for a sanctuary and the problem of sustained external support, but they have approached forcing internal political change in a different way.

A quick look at the origins of the movement will help explain. Its birth can be best described as a spontaneous uprising of campesinos in different parts of the central highlands of Nicaragua. In the beginning, the contras made little effort to build a political infrastructure, but recently the movement has become more active in getting its message across to the Nicaraguan people by both word and deed.

On the other hand, the Contras still lack a number of things. Their domestic and international political profile is not strong. A logistics infrastructure has not been completed. The tie-in with the Nicaraguan people has not been established to the degree that it should.

Given these strengths and weaknesses we have to ask two questions: what will happen if we continue to support them and what will happen if we do not?

In the first instance, if we opt to continue supporting them, we must recognize that the Contra movement, like any insurgency will need time and support. The Contras grew dramatically over the last three years when support was shaky at best. In the first weeks of this year real progress has been made. The Contras:

- Continue their painstaking efforts to unify and solidify the political structure (UNO).

- Receive better training in leadership and combat skills.

- Can now reach all of Nicaragua with Radio Liberation.

Sustained logistical backing and moral support from the United States can make a major difference, but of course the success or failure of any resistance effort ultimately depends on whether enough of the population is prepared to become part of the supporting apparatus.

The Contras must be visible throughout the country, either physically or psychologically, and their presence and momentum perceived to be lasting. The Contras' image has to be respectable, their message clear and understandable.

Now let me suggest what will happen if we not continue to support the Contras. In this situation, the movement would not immediately die; rather, the numbers would decrease over time to a hard core of a few thousand. Simultaneously, Honduras and Costa Rica would receive another wave of refugees. (Costa Rica is hosting about a quarter million Nicaraguans—roughly 20 per cent of Costa Rica's population—more than 100,000 of whom are refugees since 1979.)

It is uncertain whether the Sandinistas could eliminate the Contras (I suspect that as long as there is a Marxist government in Managua, there will be

violent opposition to it), but the Contra movement would not remain an obstacle to the Sandinista pressure on all neighbors.

Sandinista intimidation would take the form of internal problems in Honduras the other neighboring countries, supported if not initiated by the Sandinistas, backed up by the constant threat of their military force. At some point there would be an accommodation to Managua's pressure, accommodation made easier by our lack of commitment to the area. Eventually, we would be faced with a Central American hostile to US interests.

Having looked at the two fundamental questions on support to the Contras, the choice is between supporting the movement, which means a long-term commitment, or letting it collapse, resulting in regional instability and expanding low-intensity conflict in Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala. Implicit in this trend are decreased US national security and increases in resource costs for the security of our south flank. It seems to me that the US will either have to face the issue of the Contras now, or we will face it later in different forms.

The war against the drug traffickers: This is very much a part of the overall strategy of stabilization. Operation Blast Furnace, a successful attempt to suppress cocaine traffic in Bolivia for four months, was our first campaign in this war. We took six Blackhawk Helicopters (UH-60), an intelligence team and support personnel into an unfamiliar environment to assist the Drug Enforcement Agency's Narcotics Assistance Unit and the Bolivian police.

When the task force arrived, the wholesale price of the coca leaf was \$120 per hundredweight and it dropped to \$10 to \$15 per hundredweight during the operation. (A dealer breaks even at \$40.) Blast Furnace forced the middlemen to disperse and trafficking virtually stopped. The task force reconnoitered 250 different locations and transported the police into 106 sites. We discovered about 35 drug-related facilities, which were then destroyed. When the task force departed, we loaned Bolivia six helicopters (UH-1) and introduced mobile training teams to teach flying, maintenance, and intelligence collection and analysis.

The US needs more operations like Blast Furnace. We also need to encourage bilateral operations between neighboring countries and multilateral arrangements in which several countries work together against the traffickers. With his great resources, a narcotics trafficker can choose to pick up his whole apparatus and move it across borders into other countries, or he can shut down business and wait out the operation. Cooperation among neighboring countries increases the pressure on the traffickers, denying him flexibility. I believe that such multilateral operations can be coordinated — as Operation Hat Trick in the Caribbean has so successfully demonstrated.

What is needed in the war against drug traffickers in this theater is a commitment to take them on. A great deal of Latin courage has already been shown, first by President Paz Estenssoro of Bolivia and now by President Barco of

Colombia. We need to resolve resource issues and lay out the overall US national strategy for a counter-drug campaign.

In my attempt to implement the two levels of military strategy, I find that the security assistance program, which should be one of my principal strategic tools, does not serve implementation as well as it should. Because of complex, layered budgeting and funding procedures, and because of diversity of Congressional involvement (interest by all foreign relations, authorization and appropriation committees), the process has become an end in itself rather than a means for carrying out national strategy.

For example, in foreign military sales (FMS) pricing, regardless of the strategic value of the sale, the sale must not incur a loss to the US government. This policy often results in questionable prices for military articles, varying and unreliable price estimates, and billings for equipment that continue long after the equipment has been transferred.

The provisions of the Arms Export Control Act require a foreign purchaser to pay the full cost incurred by the US government; for example, Costa Rica was recently faced with a choice between paying \$162,000 for a 5-ton truck through US FMS or \$55,000 for a non-standard civilian equivalent.

We should examine the need to charge the countries for research, development and other nonrecurring costs for defense articles that are already in service inventories as well as the cost of all pay, allowances, retirement, medical benefits, leave and holiday costs for US personnel involved in training and services.

Security assistance must be supportive of strategy. If it is — and if the goal is a regional security situation that is favorable to the United States — then there is a valid reason to support some contribution on our part rather than a policy of no profit-no loss. We have lost sight of the strategic importance of other countries to US national security and the need to develop solid, professional relationships between all levels of our respective military institutions. Under the current guidance, these latter considerations clearly are perceived to be less important, an afterthought to be carried out as time allows.

In other words, we are providing only the manpower and finances to support the sales effort and are forgetting why we conduct the sales in the first place. I am convinced that a review of the security assistance program will identify other anomalies, and to my mind there are many:

- Legislative restrictions reduce the effectiveness of the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program. The sanctions incorporated into the foreign assistance authorization and appropriation acts cut off security assistance to nations that in some way are at odds with US policy. Countries currently subject to IMET sanctions include Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Guyana, and Peru. The nations sanctioned represent 80 per cent of my area of responsibility and 71 per cent of its population.

- Security assistance is funded on a year-by-year basis. Multi-year funding is needed urgently to facilitate consistent and long-range planning of improvements for allied defenses.

- Security assistance funds cannot be used today to provide training to police and other law enforcement personnel. (The exception to this policy for El Salvador and Honduras, furthermore, expire at the end of FY 87.) The legislative restrictions were appropriate when approved more than 12 years ago, but now they need to be made less restrictive or eliminated, because the original reasons for the prohibition are no longer valid.

Here are critical deficiencies in the capabilities of Southern Command to carry out its strategy. The list below represents my needs:

- A coherent security assistance program that can be used as an effective strategic tool. I seek the support of Congress for a step soon to be taken in this direction when the State Department submits several proposals to amend current security assistance legislation.

- Implementation of the Kissinger's Commission recommendations embodied in the Jackson Plan, particularly the economic and educational initiatives.

- Long-term monetary and moral support for the Contra movement, including support for regional allies in Central America.

- Continued economic and military assistance for El Salvador and support for supplemental requests to assist in the earthquake reconstruction effort.

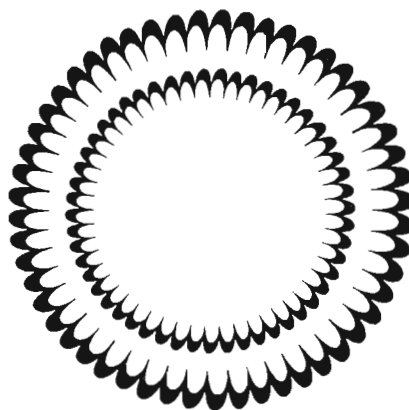
- Resources to help Latin governments fight in the way against the drug traffickers.

- Intelligence, reconnaissance, communications, riverine, and air mobility capabilities for Latin American countries.

- Continued support for US force presence (exercises and deployments for training) in the region.

- Willingness to support funding for military construction which will ensure that we have facilities to respond to crisis situations and to comply with our obligations to defend the Panama Canal after the year 2000.

There are no easy solutions for the problems we face in Latin America. Our overall strategy is adequate, but it is dependent on long-term US commitment. If our enemies become convinced that "waiting us out" is a tactic that will bring success, no amount of short-term effort on our part will work, and our strategy for the region will be undermined. □



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Another member with initials for a name. It's just joined A.E. BYRD (B & C 11th F '40-'44) of Box 228, Midland City AL. Come to Chicago, A.E., and meet C.G. HANLIN. He'll be there.

This arrives from WALLY KUHNER (Hq. 34th '42-'45) of 1637 Falmouth, Charleston SC: "Just sitting here too lazy to run to the corner store to restock my larder of scotch and reliving Schofield days when I hit upon a somewhat less than brilliant idea. I have wanted to do something more than just attend our conventions, so how about this?

"Our name tags always seemed to need something a little more flashy so how about adding the Taro Leaf to the next batch in time for our Chicago convention.

"I would like to bankroll the project and have them made up locally. This would be at my expense and dedicated to one helluva guy who it was my privilege to share a war with - RAY KRESKY. We were with the 24th Recon.

"This year for the first time in too many years Eleanor and I will be getting a small tax refund so we are enclosing a small hunk of it to be used wherever. We are both looking forward to Chicago. Best regards."

New Sec.Navy James Webb has banned active-duty naval personnel from playing professional sports. This reverses the earlier policy of allowing Naval Academy athletes to play pro-ball while simultaneously fulfilling their 5 year obligation (i.e. Ens. Napoleon McCallum). Webb is 100% right. Academy graduates ought to be doing what they were trained for and not cavorting on the gridiron.

JUST A MINUTE...



What a letter from BOB GARDNER (Hq. 21st 11/42-11/45), down at 4061-55th Way, North, Kenneth City FL 33710. Writes Bob:

"I work with a large number of veterans here in St. Petersburg, and would like to have any Taro Leafers make themselves known to me.

"Specifically, I work four days a week at our local Veterans Medical Facility, Bay Pines, as a volunteer, in charge of their Stroke Education Program. I have run the program for the past two years, and always seek out anyone from the old 24th, but haven't lucked out yet.

"I worry that perhaps with this very large group of retirees down here, I may be missing some of the old gang coming through our huge hospital.

"So, would you kindly mention my whereabouts to any of the old gang that might be in the St. Petersburg area, and would be going through the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. (In fact, if the guy's from the old Division, and not well, I might even go to his house.).

"In the hospital, I have an office on the Neuro-Rehab Floor, 5D, Bay Pines Veterans Medical Facility, Bay Pines, FL (St. Petersburg). Or contact me at my home address, please. (Enclosed a check with a small contribution for the Association expenses.)"

Terrific letter, Bob, simply terrific. Obviously you're quite a guy -- but then as as old Gimlet, you've been such for the last 45 years at absolute least.

Approximately 300 members have not paid their \$10.00 dues for the year 8/1/86-8/1/87.

In spite of this we have faithfully mailed them the Taro Leaf as a good will gesture and with a firm hope that this would lead to greater support for the Assn.

The practice of sending the Taro Leaf to delinquent members can no longer be continued. A substantial portion of dues collected must be appropriated to cover its printing and mailing. It is difficult and regrettable to inform you that as a final gesture of good will we are mailing you this issue. If you fail to respond by paying your dues for the current year you will be removed from the Taro Leaf mailing list.

Bumper sticker in D.C.: Some mornings I wake up grumpy; other mornings I let her sleep.

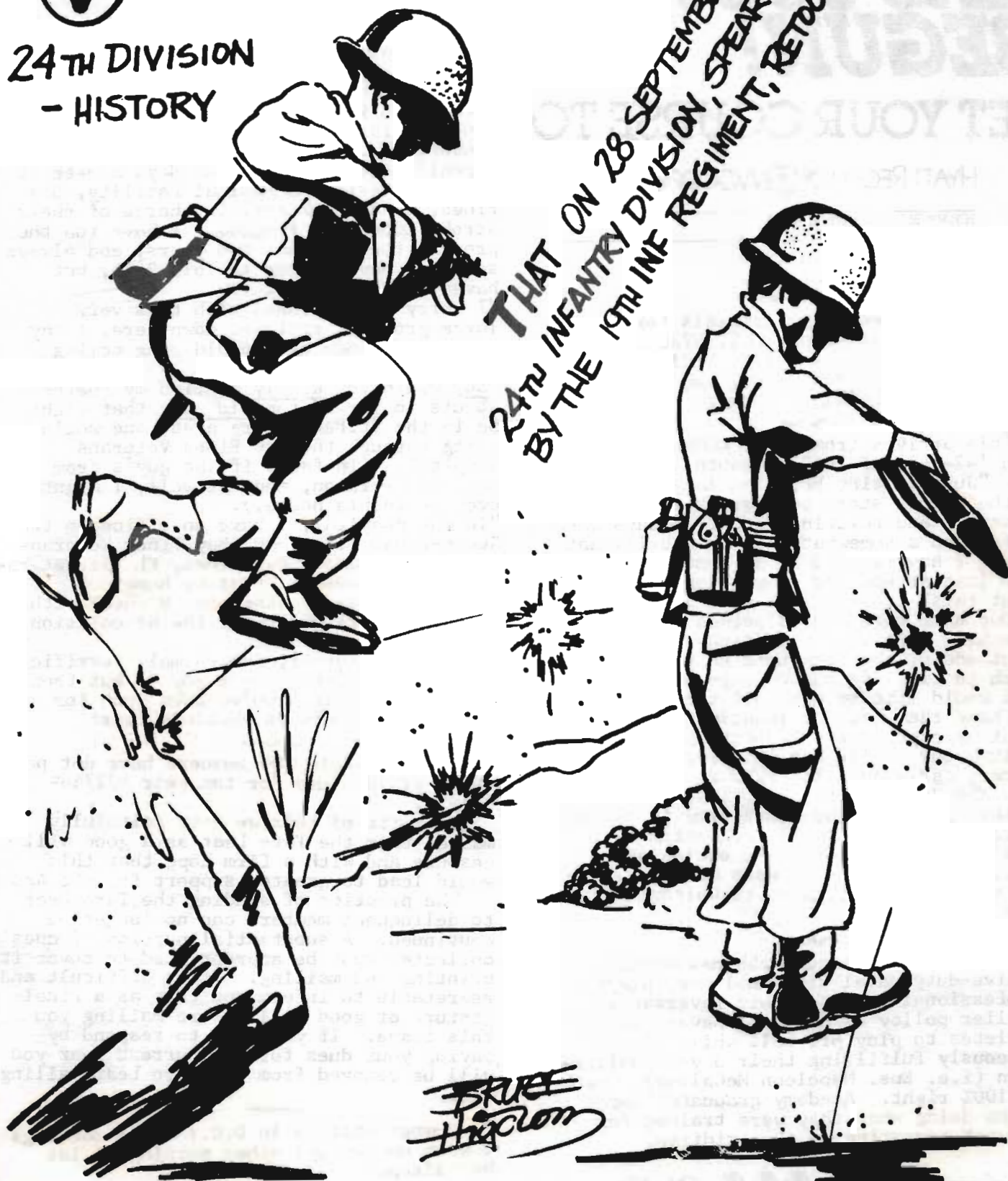


DID YOU KNOW....



24TH DIVISION
- HISTORY

THAT ON 28 SEPTEMBER, 1950, THE
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, SPEARHEADED
BY THE 19TH INF REGIMENT, RETOOK TAEJON?



GETTING OLDER *and* BETTER

Getting older anyway. We forgot the rates in the last issue. The rates at the Hyatt Regency are \$55 for a single; \$55 for a twin, and \$55 for a double. Be sure to tell them you're with the 24th. Get your reservations in before July 21st. After that date, they'll take your reservation, but only on a space availability basis. Can't blame 'em for that one, can you?

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING.

Anybody out there who remembers when MILT MCCLELLAN fell down a mountain? Boy, we get some beauts in this office. Milt is at Rt. 2, Box 123BB, Buffalo MO. Apparently he was A of the Gimlets, circa Oct. '51. He seeks especially TOMMY WELLS, JOE SOLOMAN, SHELDON HEINZ and/or LARRY KANASHIRO, not a one of whom belongs to the club. Sounds like a Jack-and-Jill story to us.

When making your reservation, be sure to make clear that you're with the 24th -- or you may be S.O.L. -- (translation: sorry or luckless.)

Diary

Dear Diary. The cover on our last issue was a bust -- no pun intended.

And we had such high hopes for the little letter turner too. Playboy did much better by Vanna when she graced their cover. So-o-o-o; it's back to the drawing board. Sorry 'bout that!



Troubles at Stewart. One suspect was shot and another apprehended the other day when two soldiers allegedly tried to rob the Hinesville Branch Bank on the post.

Shot was Sp. Bill Sotoalmonet, 23, of Puerto Rico, who was flown to Savannah where he was reported in critical condition.

The other suspect, PFC Ronald Regalado, 20, of San Jose, CA, surrendered to the police.

The two suspects allegedly entered the bank at 10:10 a.m., demanded money, and fled the scene with an unknown amount of money, investigators believe. Police stopped the car about 1/4 of a mile away. Sotoalmonet allegedly began firing a .357 Magnum at the officers who had stopped them. The police returned fire, hitting Sotoalmonet once in the head and grazing his side twice, authorities said.

The two soldiers have been at Fort Stewart for about 10 months and are assigned to Company C 2nd Bn 21st Inf.

Policy dictates that we make no editorial comment. Damn the policy!

BOB JOHNSON spotted this item and asked us to reprint it -- which we do:

7th Div., 5th Regimental Combat Team -- Seeking Sgts. Sarrow & McGee Lt. Tully & the Greek or anyone who recalls when I was wounded in Spring (1949 Outpost 17, Korea) - Patrick Adams, Box 223, Poplar MT 59255.

Welcome new Life Member #729 -- think of it, 729 -- He is DON OWEN (A 5th RCT '52-'53) of 8415 Pilot, Affton MO.

Welcome, we say, welcome, to our friendly little club. One new member is BILL STAAB (21st S-3 and regt. EO 9/49-6/51) of 80 Leisure World, Mesa AZ. Bill and "Connie" - her real name is Virginia - how it became Connie escapes us -- but we love it -- are in retirement. Their 3 are Bill, 40, Cathy, 38 and Bob, 35. Holy cow, we're getting old.

We haven't read a Mort Walker complaint in several weeks now. How about you?



MAKE THE BIG 40TH YOUR 1987 VACATION



Meet BILL and Thelma THOMAS (724 Ord. '44-'47) of 321 Bond, Middletown CT. They liked our request for pictures for the file -- and obliged. Terrific looking couple, aren't they?



"Get your raincoat and come on out. We're going to Schaumburg IL to be with the 24th people. Remember when those turkeys arrived at Brisbane?"

NORMAN BABBITT of 225 Eramo Terr., Hamden CT 06518 - Tel. 203-288-0174 -- is trying to round up some of the men at the 21st AAA AW Bn. Anyone having any contacts with any of them? They were with us in Japan in '52, you may recall. Tell us if you can and we'll tell Norm or call or write Norman yourself. Thanks.



VIC REINICK of 1042 Dixie, Hemet, CA, liked our picture idea and wrote:

"I wanted to send a picture of myself but all I could find was a picture of Velma and me. Perhaps you could print this picture or cut me out and print Velma.

"It won't be long until Chicago. I will see you there in August.

"There were so many good companies in the division. I was lucky. I picked one of the best, F 34th. It seems odd but nothing is ever said about the 34th and Biak where we helped the 41st and where I got shot up."

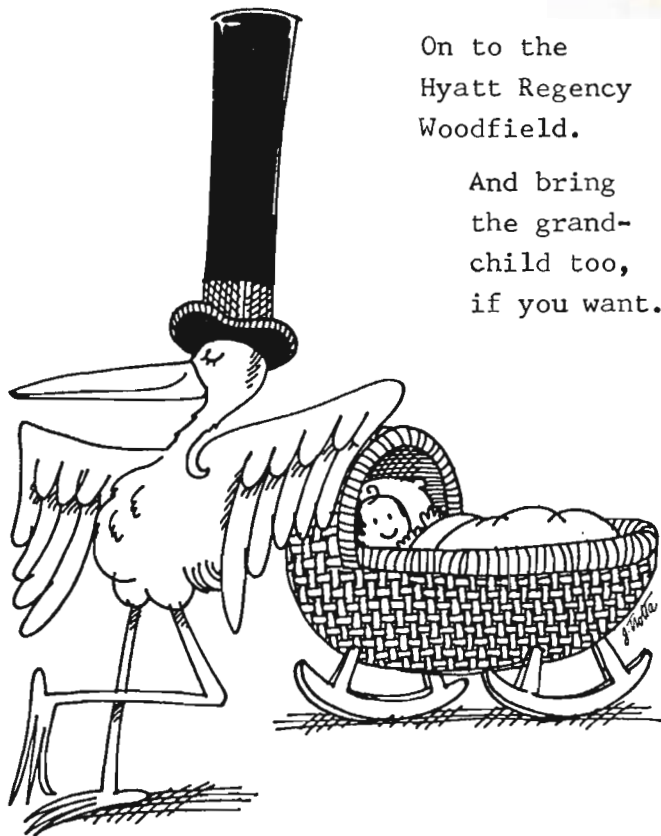
Thanks, Vic; Velma goes into this issue along with your good self. We've long been "coed."

VIEW
And the
winner is...

We asked you for your pet peeves. Try a couple of ours for size:

1. Those smoked windows in passenger cars -- were we a cop we'd refuse to approach a car so equipped.
2. That go right on red or stop business -- we can thank Jimmy Carter for that one, among other things -- now you take your life in your hands at any and all intersections.
3. Zucchini -- if we ever get to Congress, we're going to make it against the law.

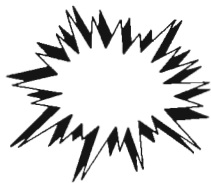
And how was your day?



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the grand-
child too,
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theatre, a DIAMOND elementary school,
a RED CLOUD firing range, a MOWER gym, or
a BRITTIN school? Ft. Stewart, of course.



Chaplain JOE PEYTON has brought another
Joe -- JOSEPH E. WHITE, an H Co. Chick,
into the fold. Joe's 4th "acquisition"
this year. Writes Joe White: Thanks for
the privilege and honor to belong to the
24th Inf.Div.Assn. Hope you have loads of
luck in your recruitment of former members.
I am getting along pretty well for a 74
years old Top Kick. Had triple by-pass
surgery October 9th, and a few other
surgeries. I thank God every day for my
good health. Always a Chick."

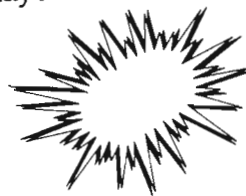
Where will he go from here?

ERRATUM as they used to say in Rome.
We'll give it to you just as FOREST DURWOOD
MOORE (1st Bn. 34th '45-'46) of Rt. 1,
Box 470A, Stoneville NC zinged it to us:
"Not a complaint. Just a correction in
the March issue. The picture on page 25
entitled "Gets Results". The address of
Forest Moore is Stoneville NC. Nothing
against TN - it's a great state -- just
thought some of my buddies might want to
get in touch."

Wow!! An error. First one in 28 years!
We apologize Forest. And in spite of our
goof, Forest sends in a check to enroll
into the club DONALD H. BURR (34th '45-'46)
of 1915 Grant, Baxter Springs KS. So
Forest ain't mad.



Meet FLOYD PENDARVIS (I 21st '49-'50;
POW 7/50 - 8/53) of 405 Morgan, Bonham TX.
Floyd didn't identify his two pals.
Notice they're each carrying a whistle.
Assume Billie won't mind our using this
one, Floyd. Okay?



BEETLE BAILEY

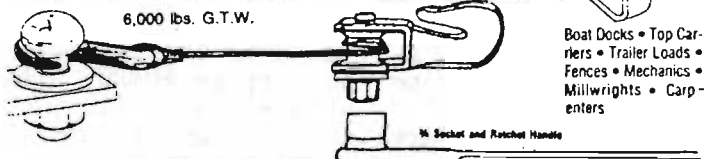
By Mort Walker



Looks like Mort Walker has
gone to the coverup. The gals
must have been complaining again.
Poor Mort.

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CHARLEY RAMSDELL (B 34th 6/53-9/54), of Box 24, Adams MA, sends this one in and has asked us to print this ad. Says Charley: "Just returned from Minnesota; saw this hoist that the boy was making; immediately thought how good this would be for us old timers. Would sure appreciate it if you could find a little space in Taro Leaf to run this ad."

There you are, Charley. You asked for it. Don't know whether you're pulling our leg or not. Couldn't use a hoist if you gave us one.

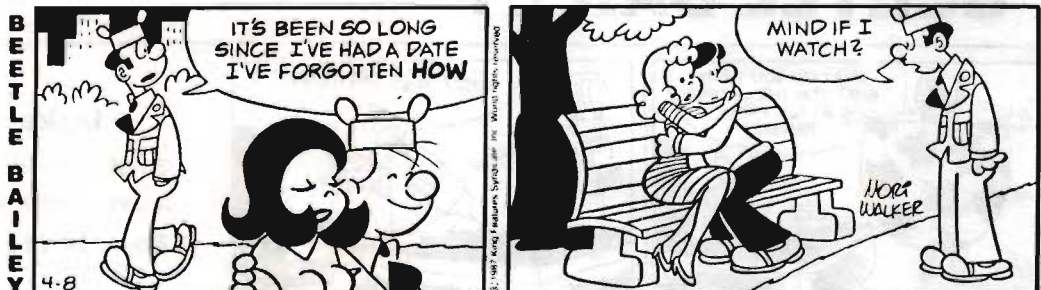


Wonderful friend, FLOYD PENDARVIS, (I 21st '48-'53; POW '50-'53) of 405 Morgan, Bonham TX, caught our request for photos. Says he and Billie "read every issue from cover to cover". You gotta admit, Floyd, that our last Wheel of Fortune cover was a bit of a bust. And we so wanted the little letter-turner to come out looking good. Playboy did quite well by Vanna with its cover. Did you catch it? Floyd and Billie write, "If the Lord is willing, maybe we can make Chicago and meet all the guys of that great outfit." We surely hope so, Floyd - and Billie.



TONY BAKER of 150 Clear Oak, University City TX, goes nostalgic when he writes: "Would you please publish this? I was with L 21st in Japan. Went to Korea with K Co. The Regt. was commanded by Col. Richard W. Stephens. The 3rd Bn. was commanded by LTC Carl C. Jensen. The 3rd Bn. went into position along the highway, six miles north of Choch'iwon on 7 July. Col. Jensen and the S-2 were killed 11 July. The S-1, S-3 and Commander of L Co. were missing in action that day. By 15 July, the 3rd Bn. had only 132 men organized into K and M Companies. Next came the Kum River, Taejon, Pusan Perimeter, Pohang-Dong problems. On 2 Sept., the 3rd Bn. was ordered to take the area North of Pohang. Co. K had Hill 99 as its objective. By 1600 hours that day, our Company could count only 35 men. That was Purple Heart day in the 3rd Bn. I went north with the Bn. in October. Some names in the Company: Davis, Cunningham, Barnes, Ramierez, Waggner, Lt. Winfield, Minor, come to mind. Hope to see many of the old troops in Chicago this year."

You have have the memories, Tony. Can just see you, in Chicago, reliving some of those awful days.



What's next:



Not what's next; it's Who's next. And Col. GORDON PAGE is who's next. Taken in Australia - from the Lt. JACK BEARSS album.



"AND WHERE WERE YOU FOR BED CHECK?"

-Sgt. Tom Zibell



THE MELODY LINGERS ON

The melody this time is, "How about Oklahoma City or Tulsa for the next one?" So asks CARL E. HATMAKER (C 34th and L 19th 8/50-8/51) of 9429 SE 29th, where else?, Midwest City OK. There we did it, Carl.

"Once is not enough!"



JOHN B. HUGHES (C 19th 8/50-8/53; POW 1/1/51-8/30/53) of Box 43, Newport Richey FL, purred like a cat that has chomped up a fat mouse and knows where to find more, as he sent us his picture. You're looking good, Johnny. We had to crop a bit, John, but we saved the bird bath.

The Sounds Aren't Silent

A contractor wanted to give a government official a sports car. The official objected: "Sir, common decency and my basic sense of honor would never permit me to accept such a gift."

"I quite understand," the contractor said. "Suppose we do this: I'll sell you the sports car for ten dollars."

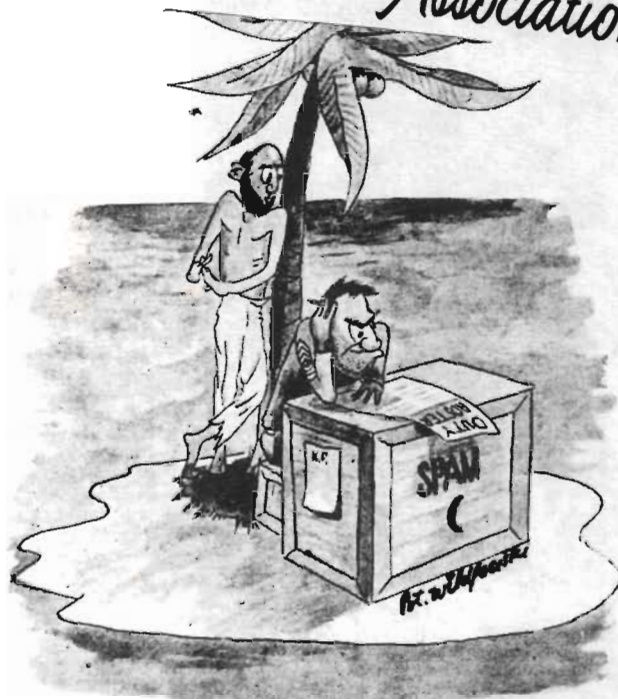
The official thought a moment. "In that case," he replied, "I'll take two."

Defense Department is creating a new command -- U.S. Special Operations Command -- to direct the worldwide operations of commanders and other special operations forces. The command will be located at MacDill. The Readiness Command will be phased out. Congress, unhappy with the '83 Grenada invasion and the '80 rescue attempt in Iran, has ordered this one.



"HE SAYS IT'S OKAY, HE KNOWS EVERY INCH OF THE ISLAND."
—T.S. Arnold Thurm

24th Infantry Division Association



"I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOT ME ON DETAIL AGAIN TODAY."
—Pvt. Frederick Wildfaerster



"IT'S FROM THE OLD MAN. HE SAYS WE'RE DUE FOR TYPHOID BOOSTER SHOTS."
—Col. Fred Schwab

We are sick of desert island cartoons, too. These are the last ones we'll ever publish.



"THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW—IS THE TIDE IN OR OUT?"
—Pvt. Mel Warenback



—Sgt. Ralph Stein



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Ask for a picture and we get the
family -- and nothing could please us
more. It's CLARENCE "Bud" and Jean
COLLETTE (5th RCT '51-'52) of 507E. Timber,
Payson AZ.

BURN THIS BOOK

ANTHONY MALINA (13th F '41-'43) of
429 W.Hillside, San Mateo CA writes:
"Received my copy of "Invasion of Japan -
Top Secret" from Ranger Publication.
"After reading the so-called publica-
tion, I now know how it feels to have
purchased the 'Brooklyn Bridge' and in
no way is it the fault of Taro Leaf or
the association."

Tony, we're with you all the way. We
bit too.

The next so-and-so who comes forward
asking for free space to advertise his
gimmick is going to have to pass the
acid test first.

We apologize for this one. Did anyone
else buy the "Brooklyn Bridge?"

LET'S GET TO THE POINT.

And the point relates to dress for the
occasion -- our August clambake.

For our Friday night sit-down, we
try to concentrate on Hawaiian garb --
in honor of our birthplace. The more
colorful, or outrageous, the shirt or
muu muu, the happier we are. Our Saturday
night Memorial Service and Banquet is the
only time when we dress up -- shoes,
shirts, neckties, suit coats for the boys
-- dresses or respectable evening wear
for the gals. We do like to be looking
decent while we honor our departed.
Otherwise, you're on your own.

DELAY NO LONGER MAIL THOSE CARDS

Our "member" ED MARSH, brother of
Corp. BARTON B. MARSH (M 34th 10/42-
11/17/44) who was KIA on Leyte, is still
trying to locate an A.C. WHITE, a buddy
of Barton's. We've run this one before.
We have nothing on White and have so
advised Ed -- but by chance there may be
someone among you whose bell is rung by
the name A.C. WHITE. Call us, please, if
we struck a chord.

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Take-off

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Let's take-off.

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"HOW DO YOU SAY 'BOOI' IN JAPANESE?"

Fun facts!

Not having a family ourselves, we get a boot out of the Taro Leafer who has a big one. BILL and Carol EDDY (H 19th 4/45-8/46) of 2280 S.Pima, Lake Havasa City AZ have 9 -- count them -- Susan 37, Jim 36, Leilani 35, Bill 34, Mary 33, Ralph 31, Grace 30, Ernest 25, and Monica 23. How about a picture of the gang, Bill? -- Or Carol?

Hard facts!

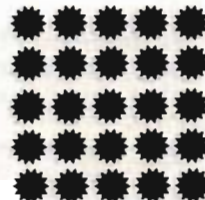
Parents of an eight-year-old boy who was away at camp for the first time hadn't heard from him, so they called him and were a bit disappointed to discover that he hadn't missed them at all.

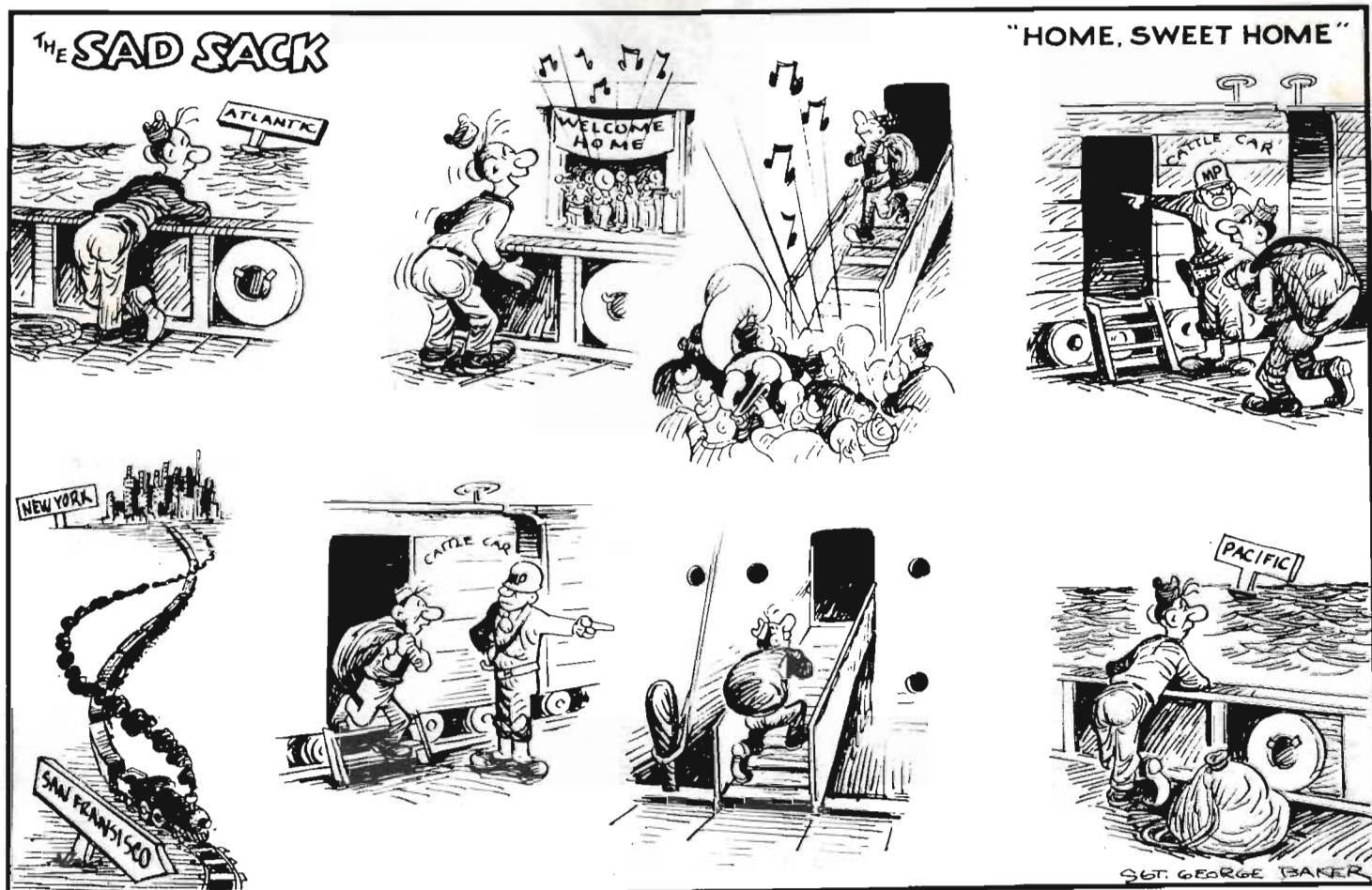
"Have any of the other kids gotten homesick?" his mother asked.

"Only the ones who have dogs," replied the boy.

Key facts!

Spotted in The Retired Officer:
21st Inf.Reg., 24th Inf.Div. (1950-51) -
Former classmate wants information from those who served with 1 Lt. S.F.Exley (SS, PH), KIA Apr.5,1951. Contact: W.Rose, 8428 Blakiston Ln., Alexandria VA 22308, (703)780-5206.

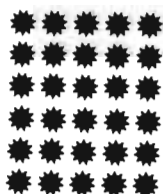




Remember—Your Dues make this News possible!

There Goes The Neighborhood.

JESSE FOSTER ran into a fellow retired telephone man ("Thank you for using AT&T") -- JOHN BELKOSKI by name. An old G of the 19th man, presently living at 28 E. Taylor Run Pkwy. in Alexandria VA. Jess says "he's a little reluctant to join up" - guess John doesn't know what a grand bunch we really are. Anyway, thanks to Jess, Johnny's now a member and is as snug in our midst as a pimienta in an olive.



PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR

A father gave his little boy a bag of candy and said, "Now, Billy, there are 20 pieces of candy in this bag and you're going to share them with your little brother."

"How many will he get?"

"Five," said Billy.

"Oh, you can count better than that," his dad chided.

"Sure," said the boy, "but he can't."



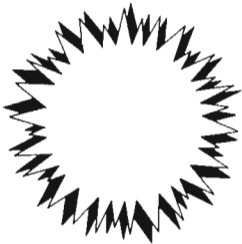
PROGRAM

HYATT REGENCY WOODFIELD

Schaumburg, Illinois

August 13 - 16, 1987

Thurs., Aug. 13	Registration for early arrivals Hospitality Room open all day and evening Meals -- on your own and at your pleasure	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p. 9:00 a.m. - midnight --
Fri., Aug. 14	Registration Hospitality Room Lunch -- at your pleasure Sit-down Dinner The Hospitality Room must close down at 4:00 to allow the house to set up for the Dinner.	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m. - midnight
Sat., Aug. 15	Registration Hospitality Room Annual Business Meeting Lunch -- on your own Cocktail Hour, Memorial Service, Banquet and More Socializing Again the Hospitality Room will have to close down at 4:00 to allow the house to set up for the evening Banquet. Sorry 'bout that!	9:00 a.m. - noon 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. -- 6:00 p.m. - midnight
Sun., Aug. 16	Continental Breakfast Alohas	8:00 a.m.



The Knack of Test-flying a New Idea Before Taking It to the Top

A few thoughts have arrived from aggressive BOB ENDER and we are pleased to quote him in full.

Due to advance bookings of all kinds, it is becoming increasingly difficult to decide in one August where the reunion will be held in the next August and then to expect the chairman to go out and find a "left-over" hotel with proper facilities and favorable rates. This will be especially true in '88, an election year with political activities going on all over the country.

During the December get-together at Stewart honoring General Irving, there was some discussion about changing some *modi operandi* -

1. the possibility of having Savannah/Fort Stewart as the site for the '88 reunion
2. the possibility of changing the annual reunion date to say October 1st, Organization Day.

Assuming lines of past precedent, General Rosenblum will most likely be elected president of the Association for the '87-'88 term. Not only is his home Savannah, he is in a position to act as the liason between Division and the Association, assuring a different type of reunion. October 1, 1988 will be the Division's 47th birthday.

August 15th is V-J Day. True! But October 1st is Division's Day, which is celebrated lavishly each year at Stewart. In spite of repeated invitations by the Commanding General, we annually miss this gala event. Some of the advantages of the October 1st date would be:

- a. A better climate, especially when held in the south.
- b. Less crowded conditions. Vacations and summer tours are over. Schools are back in session.
- c. Lower hotel rates.
- d. Probable lower airline fares and gasoline prices.
- d. Fewer conflicting dates with other reunions.
- e. Harvest time is past (many agricultural people can't leave the farm in August).

When October 1st falls mid-week, we can schedule the reunion for the weekend



prior to Organization Day, in which case some members will want to stay over for those festivities. Or, schedule the reunion for the weekend following Organization Day, in which case some of the members may want to arrive early enough to participate in the celebration, then stay over for the reunion weekend.

(Ed.Note: You're making so much sense, Bob, that it hurts us to consider that there will be some of our number who will argue that you're all wet. Keep going, Bob, you're doing great!)

Prexy Avery has come up with this idea. Why not try a switch for the '38 reunion only. Try a dry run, that is experiment with the Savannah/Organization Day tie-up. Then check the consensus and proceed from there as to the dates of future reunions.

In '88, October 1st falls on a Saturday. Perfect; couldn't be better for us.

Those who missed the '78 Savannah party missed much, including that awesome demonstration of fire power, the gun ship rides, and all the rest. While we have no guarantee of a repeat performance in '88 (should we go there), we can anticipate some sort of a demonstration and worthwhile program.

(Another Ed. note: Bob, you were terrific! Otherwise we're gonna shut up!)

LOOKING?

Snatched from the New York Times. We have found, in 30 plus years of sitting in the Editor's chair, that stories, such as the one below, hold a particular interest for a particular portion of our membership. We have consistently displayed the decency of not asking why. Get ready; on your mark, get set; go.

English War Babies On a Quest to Find American Fathers

By TERRY TRUCCO

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, April 8 — He was only 7 years old at the time, but Frank Hamilton vividly recalls the day his grandmother told him his father was an American serviceman stationed in England in World War II. "I was really pleased," said Mr. Hamilton, who is now 43 and runs an office-cleaning business in a London suburb. "My stepfather was a drunk who would beat me up. I was so glad that this horrible man was not my father."

As his stepfather grew more abusive and his mother more passive, the boy decided to try to find his father.

"I would go to the American war films, and when John Wayne led a regiment I'd look for my dad," Mr. Hamilton recalled with a chuckle. He took up his search in earnest 20 years later but without much luck. Then last year he joined a search and support group in London, the Transatlantic Children's Enterprise, or Trace. He still has not found his father, but he has some new leads and he feels he is on the right track.

Being part of a group has helped. "For years I felt a bit embarrassed to say I was looking for my dad, but now I know there are a lot of others like me," he said.

In the last few years hundreds of British adults, most of them fathered out of wedlock by American servicemen, have taken up the search for their fathers. Two new organizations are providing crucial assistance, although their work is hampered by a lack of access to American servicemen's records. Trace, formed in 1984, now has nearly 300 members, and War Babies, a Birmingham group formed the same year, has close to 250. Other individuals are looking on their own. The American Embassy in London receives three to five letters a week requesting help in finding unknown American fathers. Inquiries rise at Christmas and after World War II remembrances.

War Babies said it has helped about 25 members locate their fathers so far. A founder of Trace, Pamela Winfield, said, "About a third of the members have found some news that is satisfactory to them, whether of their fathers or of their American families." Even if a searcher suspects the father was killed in action or has since died, most still want to know about their American relatives.

Spurring the "war babies" — who are well into their 40's, with children and, often, grandchildren of their own — is a sense of now-or-never urgency. Many redoubled their efforts after the much-publicized 40-year reunion of D-Day veterans in 1984. "It's a desperate situation," said the founder of War Babies, Shirley McGlade, 41, who located her father last year. "These men are now in their 70's and 80's."

Many searchers only recently learned that they had fathers to search for. The stigma of having a child out of wedlock in the 1940's was severe, and children were often told little about their fathers. Janet O'Regan, 42, manager of a Northampton dress shop, learned the name of her father only two and a half years ago when she found her original birth certificate. "That's when I

realized he might still be alive," she said. "My mother had always told me he had been killed in the war."

The need to establish a family identity has sharpened as the war babies have aged. Watching their children grow has also strengthened the urge to locate their fathers, or at least their fathers' families.

"I have this very deep longing to find the other half of the moon," said Joan Hickey, 41, a London teacher. "I don't look like anyone in my family, and I've always felt a little strange about that. I also feel I owe it to my sons. If I don't do something now, they may blame me for it later."

But it is not easy to find a father in another country after more than 40 years. Trace and War Babies dispense lists of government and military offices, newspapers and even schools that have been helpful. One woman found her father by advertising in Army Times, a civilian newspaper popular with veterans. The two groups have also cultivated a network of people in the United States who have helped speed up searches.

Many of those searching have spent years writing to the wrong organizations or tracing fathers to the wrong cities or states, problems often compounded by a lack of information. "If all they know is that their father's name is Chris and he came from Hackensack, they haven't a hope," said Ms. Winfield, who is the author of "Sentimental Journey" (Constable, London), a book about British brides of American servicemen that included a chapter on the illegitimate children.

It is usually necessary to know the branch of service, military unit and home state of the father. The truly lucky children know their fathers' military serial numbers. But many mothers will not discuss such matters. Some have blocked out the war years; one woman had her mother hypnotized in an effort to pry out a few details.

For many the biggest stumbling blocks are the bureaucracy in the United States and, in particular, the Privacy Act of 1974, which decrees that a veteran's military records and address cannot be released without his or her permission. The policy of

the Military Personnel Center in St. Louis is to forward a letter if it finds an address for the man being inquired about. But many World War II records were destroyed by a fire there in the 1970's.

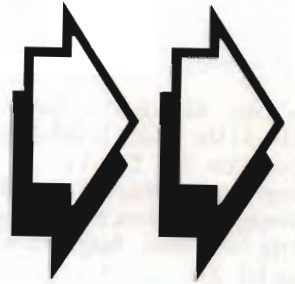
Some searchers have had luck through alternative routes like state motor vehicle departments and the Veterans Administration, but a growing number are indignant that military records, usually the best way to trace veterans, are off limits. "If my father wants to reject me, that should be his choice, not the Government's," said Mrs. O'Regan, who has written to senators and government officials about the problem.

The Public Citizen Litigation Group in Washington, a branch of Ralph Nader's public interest lobby, Public Citizen, is working with a group of British war babies to help them gain access to military records through the Freedom of Information Act, which allows anyone, including non-Americans, to request records from a Government agency. "What the war babies want is an address, and we maintain that can be released because no privacy is at stake," said Joan Meier, a lawyer with the group.

"My guess is that the problem is in part a bureaucratic one. But there is also a kind of puritan bias against these people. Many feel it would be an intrusion and an embarrassment for the servicemen and their families."

Many war babies assert that the United States Government has deliberately denied them access in an effort to shield aging servicemen and their families. Officials in the American Embassy deny this. "There is no Government strategy to obstruct their efforts," a spokeswoman said. "The crux of the problem is the Privacy Act, which was really passed to lessen Government access to personal files."

Those who are successful in finding their fathers are aware that reunions can be traumatic for both father and child, and must be handled with care. Most fathers found by the two search groups have happily accepted their children, although a few cut rejections have occurred. "I certainly don't want to intrude or cause a heart attack," Mrs. Hickey said. "And I don't want anything from my father. I don't want to move to the U.S. But I do want to know."

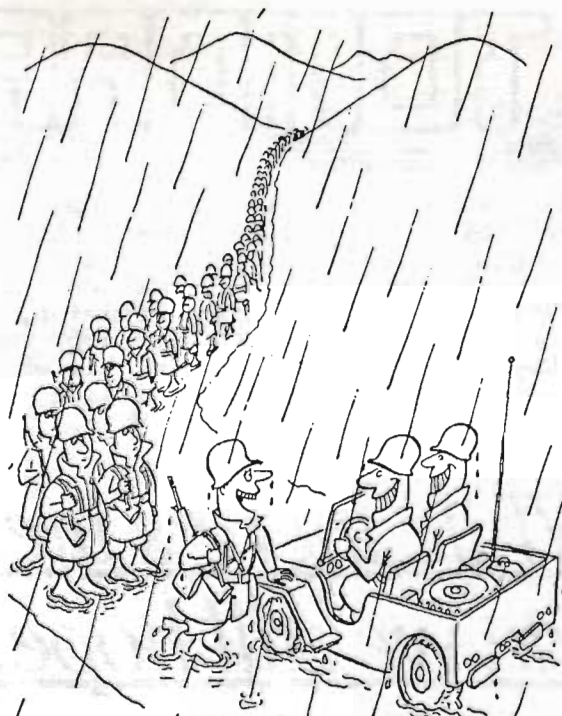


"The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."



The New York Times/Jonathan Player

Frank Hamilton, 43, above, whose father was an American serviceman in England during World War II. Joan Hickey, with her sons, Benjamin, 6, and Stephen, 7, is a Londoner who was a World War II baby.



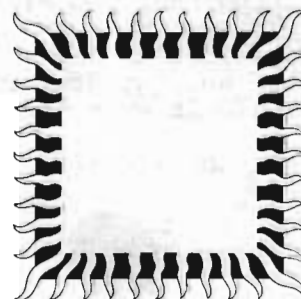
"IT WAS SUCH A NICE DAY
WE THOUGHT WE'D WALK."



Great shot of ALVIS L. ROCK (B & Sv. 21st '44 - '46) of Box 203, Stilwell OK. Life Member Al, #132, thoughtfully sends along a \$20.00 bill "to help with expenses" and adds:

"Esther and I have just celebrated 48 years of marriage in April. We have 4 children: James 47, Jerry 45, Joanne 42 and Jane 33 (3 of whom are now in college). We have 11 grandchildren (3 of whom are married) and are anticipating the arrival of our first great-grandchild. Enjoyed seeing and being with everyone in LAX. Especially enjoyed the great job done by BOB ENDER. Yours truly, ALVIS L. ROCK. P.S. The cast iron market is no good."

Sorry about the cast iron market, Al - but we didn't do it.



TOMORROW

Well, tomorrow -- or the next day. Spotted this man-looking-for-a-man item: DUNN, Sgt. Sidney C., first sergeant in Korea in January-March 1951 with Co. K, 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, assigned from Sept. 1951 to June 1952 to Fort Knox KY. or anyone knowing his whereabouts, Contact Winford A. Schilling, 727 Spruce St., Vinton VA 24179, Tel. 703-343-6397.

While there's life, can we still hope?

This one was a call for help from LEROY ATKINS (21st, Korea), of Box 1588, Orleans MA 02653, and we were about as useful as a hand full of linguine.

Here's Ray's letter:

"Hopefully you can be of some help and assistance in answering a question for me.

"When veterans leave the service, some join the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, etc. And, these organizations have drill teams, marching units, and other groups which require the wearing of the service uniform. As the years pass by, many of us outgrow our uniforms, and there doesn't seem to be any way we can get replacement uniforms, or shirts or ties or whatever.

"Well, anyway, I work with a fellow who was in the Marines. He had the same problem, but through his DAV he was able to locate a military depot in Georgia where any honorably discharged Marine could send and order any kind of clothing.

"So, if the Marines have such a depot, surely the ARMY must have one too. And, if so, I would like to know the address so that I may replace some items that I have definitely outgrown. For the Marines, the only proof required of veterans status was a copy of an honorable discharge.

"Would be most interested in receiving any information that you might have on such a facility."

We drew a blank on Roy and told him so. Even told him how, at Stewart the other day, they wouldn't even let us in to the PX.

Anyone got any ideas?



"IS MY NECK REALLY
SO FASCINATING?"

*How
Sweet
It Is*



Getting pictures out of some members is like pulling crabgrass. Not so with CLYDE C. BOST (M 21st). And here is the gentleman and he gets a little nostalgic when he writes:

"In June '41, I went to Hilo, HI. On Detached Service. It snowed on Monoly Mt. Three of us hiked 13 miles to the top of the mountain just to get to play in the snow. To us that was a great thrill. Also we got to watch a roundup at Parker Ranch. Cowpoke used Black Snake whips to drive the cattle to the branding corrals. I came back to Schofield in September."

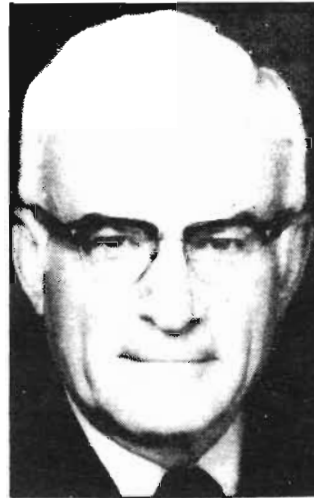
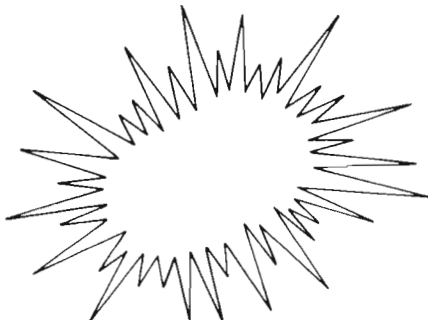
Nice remembrance, Clyde. Thanks.

The Sick Book

Quite understandably, MARSHALL and Milly KATZ (Hq. 19th '41-'45), of 12226 Venice, L.A. (Tel. 213-397-1012) won't be able to make our August gathering. Milly is undergoing chemo and Marsh wants to be close by her side. Let us each say at least one prayer for Milly.



We have asked for a picture of each member - so that when we run an item on you we can also run your picture therewith. A non-member called us all the way from CA merely to say "A Terrific idea!" Well as we were saying, retired postman, ALLEN GARNER (24 Recon. '42-'44) of 305 S. Western, Peoria IL, sent us a set - "before and after". Before and after what, Al? You don't say. Anyway, Al spotted HOWARD MEADORS name in an issue and got on the mushy mushy to Howard in Corbin Ky (24th Recn. K & Sv. 19th '40-'44) only to find that Howard -- better known as "Lou" has suffered a heart attack and is in hospital. Ruth says he's "doing well". Al apologized for calling at "an awful time." Ruthie countered, in her lovely way, with "It's a nice time." You can reach Ruth at 606-528-4577. To send Lou your good wishes, they're at 202 19th St., Corbin KY. We had an item on them in the last issue.



U.S. Army Photo
Gen. BERNARD W. ROGERS

A cancerous prostate gland was removed from Gen. Bernard W. Rogers at Walter Reed.

The cancer was "totally confined to the prostate gland," and the operation was successful, according to a news release from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. "Gen. Rogers is recovering extremely well, very quickly," Col. Gordon Bratz, SHAPE spokesman, said in a prepared statement.

Rogers, 65, has said that he intends to retire in June from his dual positions of Supreme Commander Allied Forces Europe and Commander-in-Chief, European Command.

Trouble. Trouble. Trouble. Oh there's trouble in Port Allen LA -- 419 Louisiana Ave. to be exact. Good ole JOE DAIGLE (24 Sig. '42-'45) reports that after 41 years of the good life with his beloved Evelyn, he has had to put her in a nursing home -- Alzheimer's. Then last November, an exploding ulcer exploded within Joe -- an abcess -- the whole dirty business -- so to a home himself -- then prostate surgery -- and back to the home. Normally 120# Joe went down to 81# and is now back to a fighting strength of 106#. Will be "in this corner wearing purple trunks" before you know it. Is home now. "Still a little shakey in the knees and hands."



From the Office of the President...

Guest Speaker at the 40th Reunion in Chicago, Illinois
will be:

Col. (Ret.) Lewis L. Millett

I first met Col. Millett in Arlington, VA. last July 1986 when he was Guest Speaker at the 2nd Annual Convention of the Korean War Veterans Association. I was so impressed with his speech that I immediately invited him to be our guest speaker, and he has accepted.

Col. Millett retired from the U.S. Army after 30 years service. He has served with 2 countries, USA and Canada. He has served in 3 wars, WW II (with Canada and USA) and Korea (US Army), and is the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Korean War. In Vietnam he served in the US Army with the Rangers. He has 9½ years combat duty during his military service.

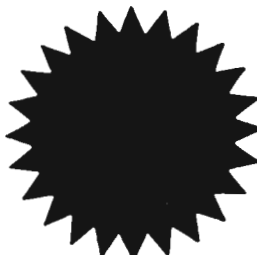
He has returned to Korea since the Korean War as National Chairman of Project Freedom.

I'm sure you'll all be very impressed with Col. Millett as our guest speaker.



Warner

(Ed. Note: President Avery has not made clear that the ribboned gentleman over on the right is not our energetic President. Rather he's our speaker of the evening: Col. Lewis L. Millett. Each of us will be proud to step forward and shake the hand of this distinguished retired officer.)



HIGHLIGHTS



One of the highlights in the JACK BEARSS photo album is that we get a chance to peek at the old MP himself. Note the shirt on Jack's left. Is it hanging on a hanger? Hangers? At Hollandia?

Did

an item, they can more easily picture the man in question -- in their mind's eye.

How do you like this one from ROLAND K. SMITH (B 19th '36-'37) of Rt. 2, Box 48, Grifton NC. Incidentally note that '36-'37 -- that's 50 years ago. Zowie! Anyway, Rollie writes this: "While visiting our son at Scott's Hill (near Wilmington NC) I met a 24th Division veteran. He noticed my 24th cap that I was wearing and then told me he served in the Division also. His name is LARRY HAYES, Rt. 1, Box 561-AA Wilmington NC 28405. He served with the 2nd Bn. 19th at Stewart, 12/74 - 12/77. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 to cover his first year's membership. Please mail him information on our outfit."

And, of course, we welcome Larry into our little club -- and we tip out hat to Rollie for his fine gesture. Thanks Rollie! Hello Larry! Sounds like a song in there somewhere. Right?



"WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GAPING AT?"

-Pvt. Tom Flannery

FLASH AND DASH

Reported by WILBERT "Shorty" ESTABROOK, (B 19th '48-'50) of 29 O'Neil, S. Portland, ME: "Lost two of my guys in August. One died 8/22 and the other 8/30. HOWARD RIPPLE, age 53, POW North Korea nearly 38 months, 136 Countryside Rd., Maugansville MD 21767. And BILLIE C. KNOWLES, age 60, 8300 Phillips Rd., #107 Tacoma WA 98498, Co. E, 19th - POW North Korea for nearly 38 months. Was in WW II. Retired Captain USA. Of our group, mostly 24th Div. guys captured in July '50, only 235 out of 800 made it to freedom. Over 12% have died since 1953."

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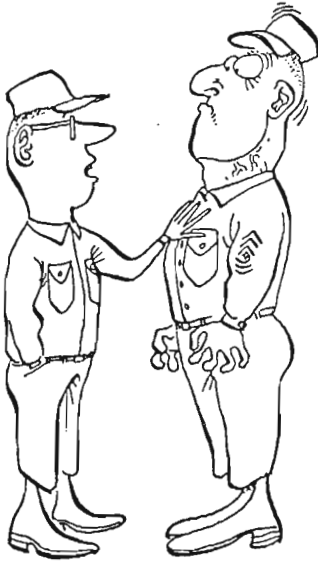
f you'll recall, the brother of the late JACK BEARSS contacted us with word that he had Jack's homendous photograph album which he wanted us to have. We replied that we'd be honored etc., etc. Trouble is that when it arrived we found that there were no captions for the pictures. As Jack was an MP from Wahoo to Japan, we thought we'd get some help from

BENTLEY G. CALDWELL, another MP -- so we sent the album on to BG. He has now returned it with notations where possible and we'll use some of them in our issues.

The former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, Arthur Hartmann, denies that he was culpable in the Soviet bugging of the U.S. Embassy. Mighty strange.

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WHO'S THE BEST?



"MY DEAR FELLOW
WOULD YOU MIND NOT
STANDING SO CLOSE
WHEN YOU YELL?
YOU'RE STEAMING
UP MY GLASSES."

Shhhhh
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Writes CHARLEY RAMSDELL: "The Bronze Star story was interesting as I know someone who has it on his DD 214 who served in Korea with the 24th '53-'54, same dates as mine. War is nothing more than a money making deal at the expense of the lives of a lot of real good men. I had better sign off before I really get going."

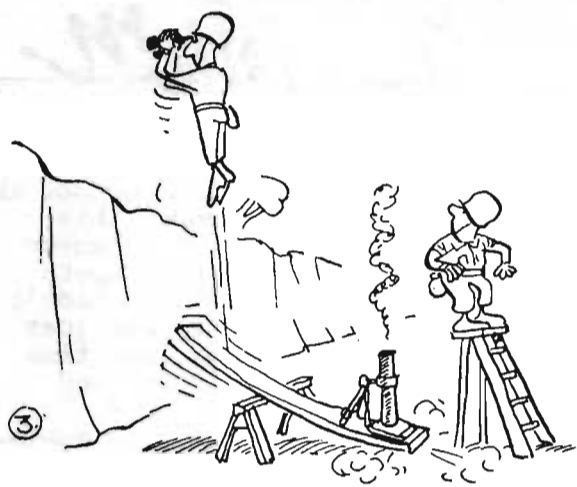
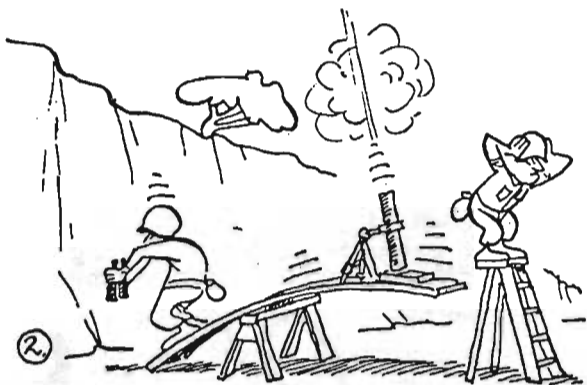
We're getting lots of letters on this one, most telling us how they got the BSM etc., etc. For the most part, they are missing the point -- which is -- There is supposed to be a General Order, noone can say what hqs. cut it, which in one fell swoop, awarded the BSM to everyone in Division. Our suspicion is that no such General Order was ever cut - by anybody, at any time.



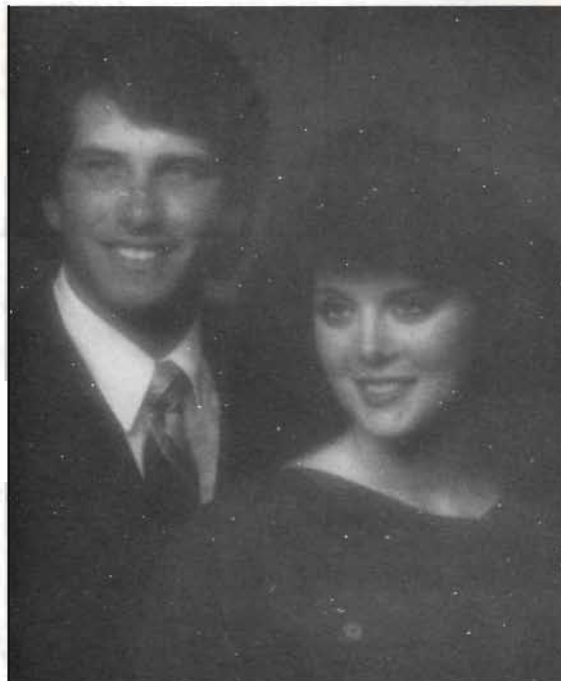
The "truck" picture is of the Sv.19th motor pool circa '46, Beppu, Japan. Right? Fella smack in the center is EARL E. MORRIS (1/45-8/46) of Ingram TX. JOE NICHOLS is in there somewhere too. That's BENNY FRIEDMAN on the far right with the pipe. Otherwise we're dumbstruck. Below it's EARL on the left and JOE on the right some 40 or so years later.



And in the family group, it's EARL and wife, Lillie, daughter, Porcia Watkins (left) and daughter, Comellia Rue (right). Isn't that a beautiful group?



UPCOMING EVENTS



Ages ago we featured the beautiful Marlene SHOWEN, Bill's daughter, on a cover. Now we show her to you again. She's about to marry Pat Squire. Of course, we're showing you Pat too. Handsome couple. Bill's 21st & 24th Recn. '41-'44 and hangs his at at 1911 Francis, Waukesha WI.

Front & Center



Lt. KENNETH KINKLE of the 24th MP's. It was a "Platoon" in the days on Goodenough. From the JACK BEARSS album. Looks like Ken stole a towel from Camp Stoneman.

MAKE HAY IN MAY

National Membership Recruitment Month

ALL HANDS TURN TO

May is the month when we ask each member, please, to send in to

Membership Chairman BOB ENDER
1864 El Paso Lane
Fullerton CA 92633
Tel. 714-526-6860

the name and address of one -- that's all, just one -- pal who is not already a member of this Association. You supply the dope; Bob will do the rest in trying to bring your man into the fold. We're at just about 2000 strength today. To double it by June 1st means 4000. That's right, ain't it?

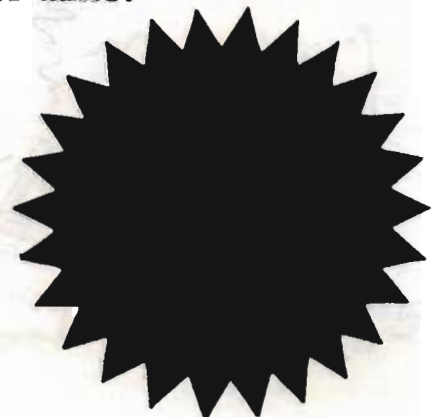
Improve Your Life With FANTASIES

Talk about fantasies. Recently spotted an obit in a Boston paper. One Francis Kilroy, Jr. of Malden MA died the other day, taking with him the claim that it was he who coined the "Kilroy was here" phrase. He served in the Army in North Africa, Italy, Austria, and Romania. Anyone got any other ideas as to how this one had its genesis?



Best Show in Town

WALTER CUNNINGHAM is, without doubt, the best show in town. He telephoned this a.m., having just returned from a cruise to Jamaica and a few other lovely spots in that general vicinity. Said he hadn't taken a cruise in over 40 years and just had to try it again. Said the last time he went, it "was all men, no women and we all wore tin hats. We ate and drank out of aluminum dishes and cups, no music, and at night they turned out all the lights, and when we landed people shot at us." Happily, he adds, "twas a little different this time." Wonderful thing about Walter -- he is never without that precious sense of humor.



QA

One member, who shall remain unnamed, writes in asking us to conduct a survey to determine how many members do not wear pajamas. He says he got into the habit while in the Army; that when he got back home after Korea his wife refused to sleep with him because of it. They were finally divorced. All over the pajamas? Or lack thereof?

Be Pampered...



We appreciate the response we're getting from our request for a good photo of each member -- for the files -- and for use in Taro Leaf when we can. Thanks especially go to TOM ACQUILLA (M 34th 2/42-9/45) of 406 Cascade, Mechanicsburg, PA who enclosed this shot. You're looking great, Tommy.

YOU BE THE JUDGE



RAY G. BARNES (D 21st '35-'37) of 506 W. Cleveland, Marshfield WI, answered our call for a "picture of each member" for the files. And here he is. You certainly don't look like one who was a Gimlet 50 years ago.



"LET'S GOOF OFF FOR THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON"

-S/Sgt Al Rhodes

BEETLE BAILEY



T A P S

Typically, DON ROSENBLUM did not wish to "bother" us, so we had to catch this piece out of Army Times when it appeared, some four weeks after the sorrowful fact:

ROSENBLUM, Rose L., 88, the widow of Col. (Ret.) A.J. Rosenblum, died of cancer March 17 at her home. She was a resident of Cedarhurst NY.

Survivors include two sons, Lt.Gen. (Ret.) DONALD E. of Savannah, GA, and Robert A. of New York City; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two grandsons are Capt. Jay R. Rosenblum, 24th Division, Fort Stewart GA, and 2d Lt. David A.B. Rosenblum, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The sincere sympathies of each of us go out to the Rosenblum family, particularly our valued friend, the Association Vice President.

Deceased: FRANK J. DELAURO (L 34th '41-'43) of 408 Parker Ave., Hackensack NJ. We found out about Frank's unfortunate passing only because mail was returned to us marked "Undeliverable - deceased." Frank died Dec. 31, 1986. Wrote NICK MARASCO who went "fishing" when he first learned of Frank's death: "I was shocked to hear of Frank DeLauro's passing. He had been in ill health for a number of years with sugar. When he came to the L Co., 34th reunion last year, he was using a walker and had had his toes removed from one foot. But, you know Frank's determination. He drove his own car and refused to be helped in any way. One had to fight like hell just to hold a door open for him. But I guess this is what it took for us to win the war -- sissies could not have done it. I tried to call six different people today who lived near him and would have information, but none were home. Tonight I got ahold of Frank Palermo in Rochester NY and he confirmed it. I must comment on 'Toujours in Evant' - 'Always in Front'. That is how it was in our Battalion -- Lazy 'L' and Crazy 'K' out in front and I Co. in Reserve. L & K caught the blunt of things. It's still a damned good motto. Thanks again for letting me know."

Death notices are sometimes perplexing things. One unsigned notice received yesterday went: "Mr. Kellum passed away Feb. 2, '87." It referred, of course, to member, GEORGE KELLUM, of unit unknown -- George never would tell us, who lived at 530 Unicon, Delain NJ 08110. George was Life Member #542. We have given you everything we know. Poor George.

BOB PERE has alerted us to the passing, on Feb. 19th, of W.T. "Sol" SOLOMON, (I 34th '41-'45) in Lexington KY. We don't believe that Sol had a first or second name, only initials. A retired supervisor for the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Sol is survived by his beloved wife, Helen, a daughter, Mrs. Tim (Carol) Carder, a son, Charles, and a son, Walter T. Said Bob in making his report, "Sol was a terrific fellow -- very, very quiet -- but we needed a few quiet ones, didn't we? -- well liked by everyone. Poor Sol will be missed." Thanks for the report, Bob.

Died - Apr. 10th - RANSOM W. PACKARD (5th RCT '50-'51) of Brockton MA. Good friend, BOB JOHNSON, thoughtfully represented the Association with the amenities. Thank you, Bob.

Died Jan. 29, 1987 PHILIP R. ANDERSON, JR. A 19th '49-'53. Andy was of Flagler Beach FL, formerly of Cheshire CT and Cornish ME. He passed away on Jan. 29, 1987 at the age of 56 after suffering from liver cancer for a few months. He was a prisoner of war for 32 months. Besides his parents and maternal grandmother of Cornish, ME, he is survived by his wife, Ann, of Flagler Beach FL, four sons, two daughters, and three grandchildren, all of Meriden CT. Also four brothers and one sister, all of West Baldwin ME.

BOB ENDER advises us of the passing of HOWARD NOELL, of 6193 N. Old Oregon Trail, Redding CA. Date of death is uncertain. His widow, Elsie, merely wrote Bob that "My husband Howard died." Life is strange, life is cruel, isn't it?

This received from Clayton CHRISTIANSON, brother of the late WALTER O. CHRISTIANSON: "A note on the death of Rose Christian-son, wife of the late W.O. Christianson, a 24ther. I have some of his war medals and items, which will be put on display at the Vets Club in Casselton ND.



Edward Marion Postlethwait

NO. 10888 CLASS OF 1937

Died 10 April 1985 in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

EDWARD MARION POSTLETHWAIT was born in Kansas City, Missouri on 12 October 1911. He graduated from high school in Bloomington, Illinois, attended Illinois Wesleyan University for two years, and was appointed to West Point while serving as a private in the 14th Cavalry, a horse cavalry.

Nicknamed "Uncle Ed" because of his "advanced" age, Ed graduated in 1937 from the Military Academy as a second lieutenant, Infantry. His first assignment was Company I, 57th Infantry, Fort McKinley, the Philippines. In July 1939, Merece Taralseth from Warren, Minnesota arrived aboard the USS *Grant* to wed her lieutenant. General Walter K. Wilson, Sr. gave the bride away and Mrs. Wilson sang, as she had done in the Chapel at West Point. Bill Yarborough '36 decorated the Officers Club and Mike Michaelis '36 decorated the Chapel. Among the ushers were Hank Spengler, Tank Hardaway, and Kelsey Reaves, all '37.

Returning Stateside in 1940, Ed joined the newly activated 8th Division at Fort Jackson and was in the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment for the next five years, rising from company commander to battalion commander. He took the battalion through Hawaii, Australia, and combat operations in Hollandia, Dutch Guinea, Biak, Leyte, and Luzon, leaving the outfit after commanding the amphibious forces retaking Corregidor. His battalion was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation for Corregidor.

Between World War II and Korea, Ed's tours included assistant G3, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces in Washington; student and instructor, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth; student, Armed Forces Staff College; and chief of Plans, G3, Fifth US Army. During the Korean War, Colonel Postlethwait served as G3 of I Corps in combat. Upon returning he attended the Army War College, followed by a three-year tour in G2 at the Pentagon.

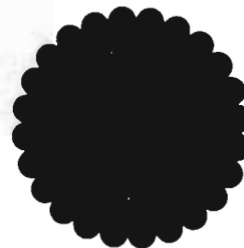
Ed's favorite tour was as commanding officer of the 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment in Germany from 1956 to 1958. The 503rd had parachuted on to top side of Corregidor when his 3rd battalion, 34th Infantry landed on Black Beach. He felt it a great honor to have commanded both. He remained in Germany for two more years: one as G4, Seventh Army in Stuttgart and the other as G3, Central Army Group (NATO) in Heidelberg.

His final tours included those of assistant chief of staff and deputy J4, US Strike Command, MacDill AFB and chief of staff, J.F.K. Center for Special Warfare (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. Ed retired in 1967.

After retirement Ed and Merece remained in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he pursued his self-proclaimed "retirement jobs"—building their dream house and seeing the children through college. In 1981, four years after Merece had died, Ed moved to Stuart, Florida, where he enjoyed writing and traveling until just before his death.



EDWARD MARION POSTLETHWAIT



MATTHEW SABATINE

How do you put tears into a typewriter?
How do we start to say not only what
we know but what we feel about
MATTHEW SABATINE?

We have lost Matt; he died March 24th.

We knew him, as the record goes, as
Hq.Co., 1st Bn., 21st April '44-
December '45.

He is survived by his beloved Josephine
and their 5 -- Matthew, Jr., Kathleen,
Beverly, David and Joanne.

Jo can be reached at 616 Roseto Av.,
Roseto PA 18013.

Matt and Jo had celebrated their 45th
Wedding Anniversary, a mere 20 days
earlier. Their 10th grandchild was born
on March 3rd.

A legend to his family, an inspiration
to his Gimlets, he was a friend to each of
us.

Matt's passing was all too silent, too
uneventful. For the world is a far better
place because he lived.

Matt slipped silently away from us,
too silently.

There should have been more fanfare,
more acclaim -- the Division and its
Association, if not the world, should have
stood at attention in respect. Matt was
a great man. The world is a far better
place because he lived.

Matthew Sabatine

I am writing an eulogy for our dear friend, MATT SABATINE, who passed away on March 24th, 1987. I asked Josephine if it would be all right and she said "Yes".

I received a telephone call from HECTOR COMO (HQ 1st Bn. and A 21st), 16524 Terra Bella, Mount Clemens, MI, telling me that Matt had died from a massive heart attack.

We both arrived in Roseto early Thursday. The wake was held at a Funeral Home in Bangor that evening. The room was filled with flowers, and the 24th Division Association wreath lay at the base of the casket. The American Legion, of which Matt was Commander a few years back, gave their respects.

On Friday morning, a high mass was held at Matt's church. The long funeral procession passed slowly through the streets of Roseto to the cemetery. Matt was loved by the people of Roseto. Some put their hands to their hearts as the hearse went by. At the cemetery another service was held. In the background was the firing of the American Legion rifles and the playing of Taps. Matt Sabatine was laid to rest.

Hector and I first knew Matt Sabatine at Hollandia. We served together all through the Philippines and on into Japan. You couldn't find a better man or braver soldier. He had a heart of gold. Together we fought the Japs and, when we weren't fighting, we would laugh and cry for the buddies we were leaving behind.

JOCK CLIFFORD and NICK SLOAN knew Matt Sabatine for his bravery. Many were the times they would send him into a tough situation. Matt would come through with flying colors.

After the war was over, we corresponded through the mail. We also made a few of the conventions together, meeting old buddies and having a ball. That's about it, Ken. Fill in the parts I goofed on.

VINCENT J. LAROCCO
(Hq.Co., 1st Bn. 21st '43-'46)
208 Beech St., N. Massapequa NY

(Ed. Note: You didn't "goof" one iota, Vinnie. We're using it just as you wanted us to. Matt would have wanted it that way too.)

Homer I. Price

He had moved - with Frances - and their daughter - from Oak Harbor, WA to Honolulu HI only 30 months ago that the family might bask in the tropical sun while he enjoyed his retirement.

And now - on March 12th HOMER I. PRICE has crossed the river. Another Gimlet - A Company '40-'42.

Frances tells us that he caught a virus and that together with his diabetes problems hospitalization was dictated. In less than 12 hours following admission, Homer's wonderful heart just stopped.

In Fran's words, "We had 44 wonderful years together, the last two, almost three, on 'Paradise.'"

There was a military service and interment at the Punchbowl on March 18 -- then the two ladies flew back to Oak Harbor for a Memorial Service on the 26th with the remainder of the family and dear friends in attendance.

Said Frances, "Homer was so proud of his Division and the 21st. He even named his boat 'Gimlet' back in Oak Harbor.

Thank fortune, Homer and Fran were able to be with us last August in Los Angeles -- and were planning on Chicago this summer.

Especially warm in our catalog of memories is the hour or so we spent in the privacy of our room - at LAX - with Homer and JOE MCKEON - while we socialized a bit in the usual manner but also initiated some planning which was going to "revolutionize this Association" -- Homer's words for it. Homer started something; it shall be up to Joe and us to try to bring it to fruition -- in Homer's name.

The days go by, and we move a little closer to accepting the unacceptable. To all who knew and loved Homer Price -- we use the word love with reserve -- there was never a doubt that he was a real, bona fide gentleman -- and yes such a gentle man as well.

The friendships Homer cultivated, the warmth he displayed, and the style and grace which he brought to every day of his life shall not soon be forgotten by we who admired him so.

His passing is a truly great loss to all of us.

We say au revoir, not adieu, to a beloved and gallant soldier who has lain down for a rest while awaiting the bugle call which will unite him again with all of his brothers of the 24th.