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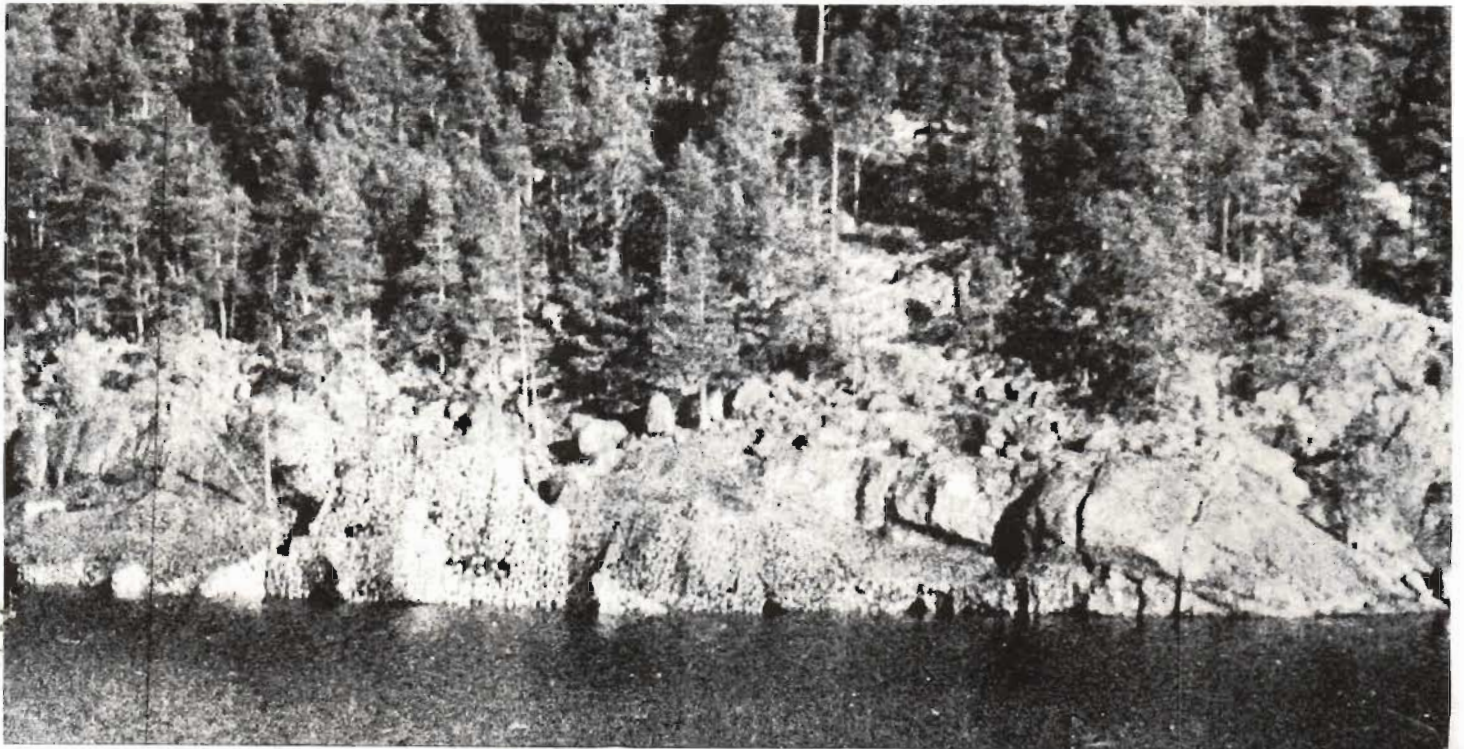
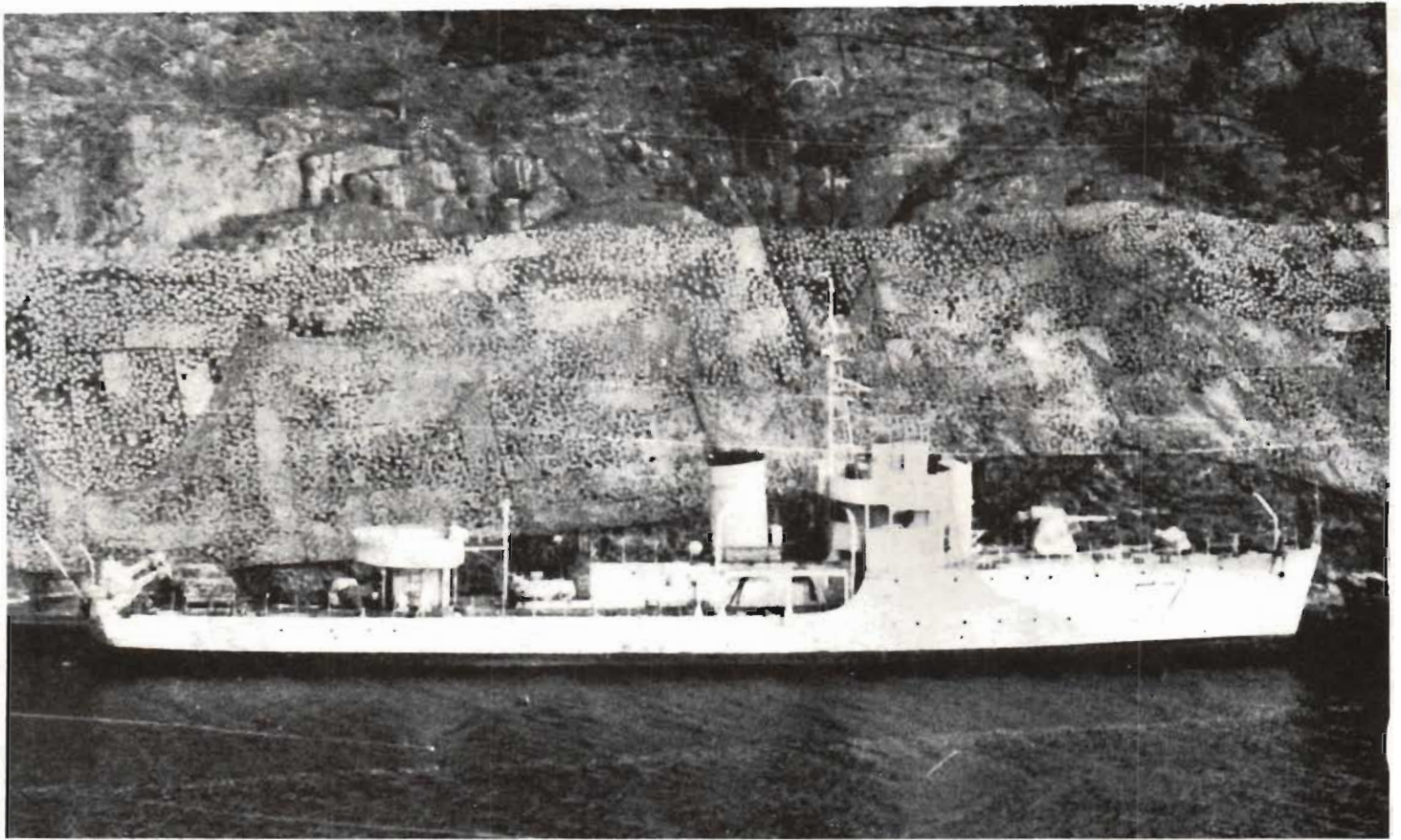


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Now you see it; now you don't!

Bet you never suspected that Sweden may really be the world's most formidable naval power. Here is some startling evidence -- two views of a Swedish minesweeper fitted out with secret new camouflage gear which makes invisibility a practical maritime reality. In the top picture you see the ship as she actually is, with her sneaky netting of color-and contour-blending materials in a raised position. In the bottom picture the netting has been lowered into place, and presto! - the ship has all but vanished against the rocky Scandinavian shore. So there's no telling how many similarly disguised Swedish cruisers, destroyers, aircraft carriers and battle wagons have gone completely undetected by spies who thought they were just watching the fiords go by.



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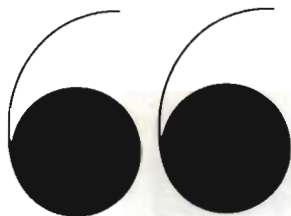
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Little things make life really worthwhile. Life Member KENNY PATE (E 19th '42-'45) of 1205 Sunset, Burlington IA, felled with a stroke and prostate problems. "Your 24th Buddies" flowered him. Ruth a/k/a "Brownie" then wrote us -- aw shucks, you read it just as Brownie wrote it:

"Why am I always late and in a hurry?
Life is hectic and fast pace.

"Do appreciate your kindness. The lovely flower arrangement lasted almost a month. Really touching! As you get older things mean so much and life is so interesting and busy. Huh?

"Kenny is slowly coming around. Putters about, walks, visits and rests. Enjoys talking. I'm usually with him so I don't get much accomplished. Ha!

"Have had some extra calls and cards! And I'm trying to acknowledge all (and I never go into a formal letter anymore).

"Kenny talks of the Chicago reunion. Is close by us but have to see by August.

"Thanks for your concern and kindness.
Aloha - Kenny and Brownie Pate."



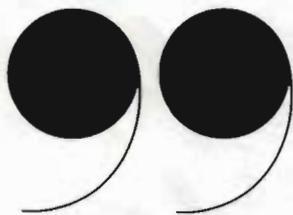
This lobby shot shows off the first, third, fourth and fifth floors of our little hotel. It'll be up to you to find the second floor.

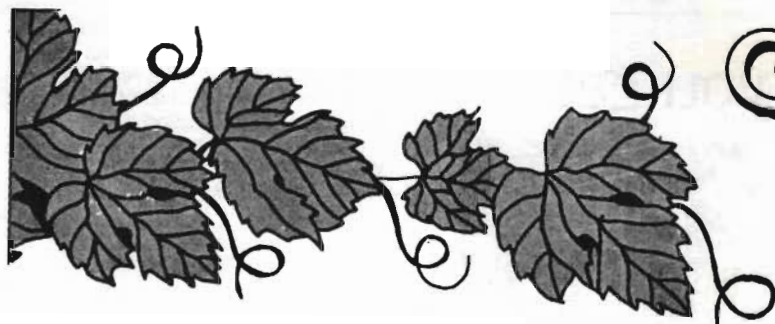


Three old timers gather in April in Schaumburg to insure that our hotel is ready for us. They are!

Of course it's l. to r. CC JOHN "Bob" SHAY, TOM COMPERE and JOHN KLUMP.

**Meet,
Drink
and be
Merry**





the Grapevine



A couple had returned home late from a party. As the wife prepared for bed, her husband went into the bathroom and came back with two aspirin and a glass of water. He handed them to her.

"What's this?" she asked.

"For your headache."

"But I don't have one."

"AHA! Gotcha!"

Mrs. HOWARD LUMSDEN, or Glad as we know and love her, has asked us to insert this little item by way of saying "Thank you from a heavy heart" to all of you who extended sympathies at the time she lost Donna. Glad said that she just hasn't yet found the strength to write each and every one a personal note. She will in time.

Like exceptionally good eating? While we're together in mid-August, you might want to sneak over to Wheeling, north of O'Hare -- about a 30 minute ride from Schaumburg. There you'll find LeFrancais, one of the finest restaurants in the world. It's on 269 South Milwaukee Av., Tel. 541-7470. It's acknowledged by the nation's top food critics as one of the world's outstanding French restaurants. GERRY STEVENSON's widow, Belle, who will be with us at Schaumburg, still lives in Wheeling and she'll tell you all about LeFrancais. In fact, Donna, her beautiful daughter, once was a hostess there.

Heard from CATHERINE J. FARRELL, widow of our own PHIL FARRELL. Kay was an Army Nurse at Schofield '40-'43, is now retired at 20 Josephine, Somerville MA. We invited her to be one of our gang just as was sainted Phil before his untimely death. Kay -- we're proud to have you aboard.

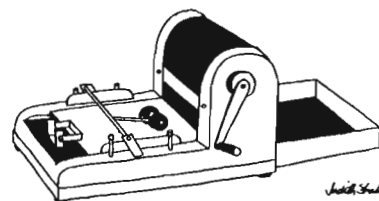
In case you've never flown into O'Hare, you'll want to know this. A spectacular flurry of activity takes place every day at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. About 125,000 passengers (40 million per year) arrive daily from all points of the globe and sweep through its long corridors, making it the busiest airport in the world and the hub of the nation's air transportation system -- the nation's crossroads.

A little bit of trivia -- Didja know that Great Britain, which issued the first postage stamp -- in 1840 -- has never never never printed its name on any postage stamp it has ever produced. Oh well, just thought we'd mention it.

Schaumburg, located about 15 minutes northwest of O'Hare, is home to Woodfield Shopping Center, Route 53 and Golf Road. One of the largest indoor shopping malls in the world, Woodfield houses more than 220 retailers, including Marshall Field's, Lord & Taylor and Abercrombie & Fitch. When the workday's over and it's time for dinner, Barry's Ribs, 444 Mall Drive, serves Southern-style, hickory-smoked ribs in a relaxed atmosphere. At Lou Malnati's, 1 South Roselle Road, the fare includes pan pizza and stuffed spinach bread.

Some people leave without saying good-bye. Others say good-bye and take forever to leave.

BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker

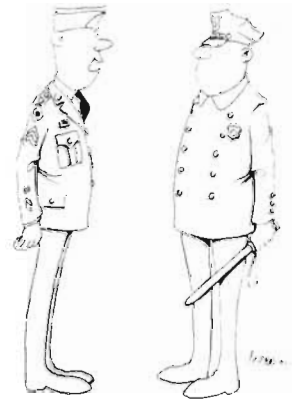


What you see is what you get

The National Order of Battlefield Commissions is searching for members. Anyone who received a battlefield commission and is interested in joining the organization can receive more information by contacting A.F. Warnecke, 1916 Catawba St., Fayetteville, NC 28303. Tel: 919-484-2890.



DANIEL H. BRANTLEY (H 21st) of Jesup, GA gave us this one. We just had to use it, even though it's a fuzzy one. After all, it was taken in the land of the fuzzy-wuzzies. It's a part of H 21st at Hollandia. Wish it were more clear, fellas. As Jackie Mason says, "Sex is bad for one -- for two -- not so bad."



"Well, Charlie, how does it feel to be back in civvies?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

We don't know, at this moment, whether or not there'll be another issue before Schaumburg. Right now, the treasury is hitting bottom. Why? Because a disturbing number have yet to pay their \$10.00 dues for the year Aug. 1, 1986-Aug. 1, 1987. That's putting it right on the line!!

CHICAGO

Have any interest in cleaning your pond -- assuming you have one -- of weeds and the like. JOHN KLUMP is waiting for you at Schaumburg. He tells a fascinating story -- bought some amur fish; they eat the growth and clean up the pond. Course, if you don't have a pond, forget we ever mentioned it.

Plenty of free parking -- absolutely free -- at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield -- 50 feet from the hotel door too. Go for it!

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

TENNIS, ANYONE?

U.S. military aircraft flew 15,827 hours during FY '86 in support of drug interdiction efforts, according to the U.S. Military Posture Statement for FY '88, prepared by the Joint Staff.

Since 1981, when the Posse Comitatus Act was clarified by P.L. 97-86, U.S. military forces have actively supported law enforcement agencies to the maximum extent possible consistent with resource availability and the needs of military preparedness. Assistance includes aerial surveillance, communications and intelligence support, towing or escorting seized vessels, and logistical and personnel assistance.

We say, "Good thing -- because this is WAR."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"Never see anything about my F 21st buddies" sings VINCENT CAULFIELD, 66 Wyoming, Syosset NY. Vinnie was in the outfit from 10/51 to 9/52. We can't write what we ain't got, Vinnie. How do you like that for fracturing QE2's English?

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

AWAY FROM IT ALL

There is first class, non-stop transportation waiting for you at O'Hare to whisk you to the Hyatt Regency Woodfield. The fare is \$7.00. The Hyatt Regency Woodfield Express makes scheduled stops on the baggage (lower) level of Eastern, United, TWA and Delta airlines.

Hours of operation from O'Hare:

Thursdays and Fridays - every hour on the hour

Saturdays - 9 a.m., 11 a.m.,
1 p.m., 3 p.m.

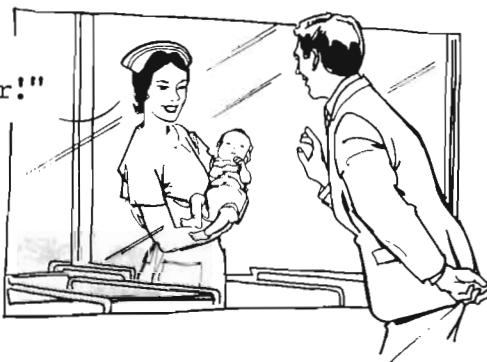
Hours of operation from the Hyatt:

Sundays - 9 a.m., 11 a.m.,
1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.

To reach them by telephone, call 312-885-1234.

Another 5th RCT man writes in, asking about us -- HERMAN WILLIAMS, of 2616 Tobermory, Cincinnati OH. Of course, we "recruited" him.

"It's a Taro Leafer!"



On Iran...this fact seems to be lost in all of the hubbub:

Soviet designs on the Mideast are at the heart of the matter. It has been eyeing Iran for years and sees its chance once Khomeini goes to take advantage of turmoil, drive a wedge clear to the Indian Ocean.

Iran is THE key piece of real estate in that part of the world...between Russia and the Persian Gulf, the principal oil-shipping routes. Long borders abutting the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan. A position from which Moscow could intimidate Arabs, Israel and others.

Keep this in mind as you watch what's going on there...and here.

If at first you don't succeed,
get a bigger hammer.

We hope and pray that the brethren, in convention assembled, will demonstrate the wisdom not to hamstring those who will do the legwork in preparing for the '88 clambake by placing a restriction on them that "Room rate must not exceed \$60.00" -- as was the case this year. A committee has got to have some reasonable latitude in a crucial matter such as this.

Pages on the floor of the Senate and House? We hadn't been reading much about them in recent years -- not since one of the Massachusetts Congressmen got emotionally involved with one of them a few years back. At any rate, RAYMOND E. DONNELLY JR., (5th RCT) of 1 North Fenwick, Arlington VA, called us the other evening. It was obvious that he had considerable experience with political Washington, so we popped the question. Seems that Ray's wife is in charge of the pages on the House floor -- 65 of them. They rotate them every 6 months. Live in a "dormitory" adjacent the Same Rayburn Building. Obviously they keep a closer watch on those kids these days. Good thing. Incidentally our congressman is still a congressman.



United and American airlines passengers departing from O'Hare must pay a \$9.00-a-ticket surcharge to cover the cost of the city's jet fuel tax. This went into effect on May 1st. The surcharge is expected to effect 7.5 million passengers annually. Passengers on flights originating in Chicago are subject to the surcharge. What we don't know is how they are treating round-trip tickets, say from Baltimore to Chicago and return, which ticket will have been purchased in Baltimore. Stay tuned!

Tact: the art of making guests feel at home when that's really where you wish they were.

For the Way You Live

Bumper Stickers we've spotted in recent weeks:

I'm the one your Mother warned you about.

This is the earliest I've ever been late.

Trust me, I'm a Doctor.

I could use a little moral support. A little immoral support wouldn't be bad either.

A woman's place is in the mall.

Lead me not into temptation; I can find it myself.

A peacock that sits on its feathers is just another turkey.

Just when I thought I was winning the rat race -- along come faster rats.

Get even. Live long enough to be a problem to your kids.

Not all men are fools; some are bachelors.

It used to be wine, women and song. Now it's beer, the old lady, and TV.

Life's a bitch -- and then I married one.

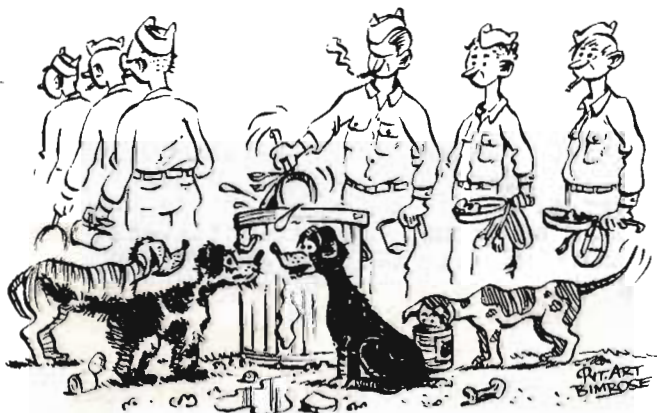
I can't decide whether to commit suicide or go bowling.

You don't know anything about a woman until you meet her in court.

I know it all; I just can't remember it all at once.

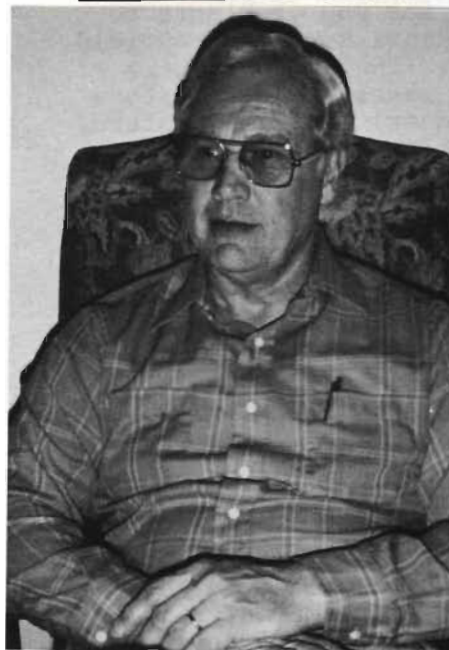
Don't bother me now; the game is on.

It's been Monday all week.



"I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF SPAM, AREN'T YOU?"

"does age matter... or doesn't it?"



Meet L 19th's HOWARD W. CAMP of 430 S. Stadium, Xenia, OH. Howie was with us in '51-'52. Note the hand and the ring -- just like a West Pointer. Thanx for responding to our request for a picture, Howard. He also sent a little for the kitty -- gratefully received. Listen to this as Howie wrote it: "Just received a phone call from ALBERT BERRY of Cynthiana KY. Got Al to sign up. He just got his first issue of the Taro Leaf and lo and behold my letter to you was there. He called me immediately.

"On the night of Oct. 14th, 1951 in N. Korea when I got wounded, Al was Battalion Commander's jeep driver. He loaded me into his jeep and drove me from Bn. Aid Station to Mash Hospital. We were discharged together in 1952 and never saw each other after that.

"I've written to him and I'm making plans to get together with him.

"My wife and I have already made reservations at the Hyatt Regency for the 14th and 15th of August. Albert said Martin Wiglesworth was going and that he goes all the time to the reunions.

"I'm reading a book about 'Ike' and see that he belonged to the 19th Regt. in Texas back in the twenties.

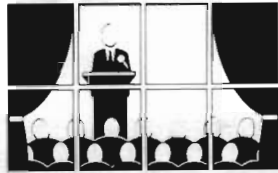
"Again a small donation for some postage. Thanks, Howard Camp."

Great letter, Howie.

Speaking of swimming, The Hyatt Regency at Schaumburg boasts of a heated outdoor pool and an indoor lap pool. And be sure to give their sauna a try. There's also an exercise room, a terrific whirlpool -- and a jogging track if any of you are into such -- yet.



Our Hyatt Regency? They call it a 5-story hotel -- but we could only count 4. Floor 2 is missing. You see if you can find it when you get there.



REAR WINDOW

Rear window it is on this one. RAY G. BARNES of 506 W. Cleveland, Marshfield WI sends us this one of himself when he was D of the 21st at Schofield pre Pearl Harbor.



Gee, these are great, Ray. Thanks. A little faded, but what the ----, aren't we all?

Also, he send us one of Ham Bone, the Company mascot.



SOUNDINGS

Prexy WARREN AVERY has asked us to be sure to include this St. Patrick's Day story appearing in the Atlantic City Sunday Press -- which we happily do.

"Some guys'll do anything to attract attention," quoth one snickerer after the story of Bill Dougherty's St. Patrick's Day accident broke in The Press.

The article was about the Somers Point resident who, in attempting to festoon his second-floor apartment's balcony with appropriate green, slipped and fell, hanging -- head down -- by a heel, until rescued by quick-acting neighbors Marilyn Larned and Mike Sweeney.

The speaker was, of course, kidding, because anyone who knows Dougherty has great respect for him and his dramatic, action-packed background, rich with two-wars service to Uncle Sam after some standout achievements in sports.

Bill, on Army duty in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, not only weathered the Japanese attack but then fought all through World War II, including a dozen Pacific landings, followed by front-line service in the Korean War, and never once suffered a scratch -- except maybe from his Gillette. All of which is little but history to him, a staff sergeant with Co. I, 21st Inf. Reg. in WW II and as a platoon (master) sergeant with the same outfit in Korea.

A footnote: On Oct. 20, 1984, he and 180 surviving comrades gathered in the Pacific to mark the 40th anniversary of their landings on Leyte in the Philippines, marching on the beach in review before President Ferdinand Marcos and top military brass. Then these veterans visited Baguio City, site of a reunion banquet planned for the next day. But after bedding down for the night they had to flee their hotel which had been set afire by anti-American radicals. In escaping the flames Bill lost his clothing, watch, money, decorations, luggage, etc. -- his escape efforts hampered by the paralysis resulting from the stroke he suffered in 1978.

Bill was one of the best all-around athletes to come out of Holy Spirit High School, and a star in football, basketball, track and baseball through the years 1924-25/25-26/26-27. He later played with several local clubs such as Shamrocks, Bellevue, Sylvania, Chelsea and St. Michael's and sparkled in both the Atlantic County and Atlantic City leagues. In the Army, too, he earned headlines with his prowess as a batsman and pitcher.

He wound up his quarter-century military service in the middle 1960s, retiring as a top-kick.

One day we shall burst our bud of calm and blossom into full hysteria.

We receive all kinds of "views" or news releases. Lately there has been a rash of such. Here's one from RALPH W. MELCHER, of 181 Dolomite, Colorado Springs CO. Ralph doesn't tell us the source. It's from the Cannoneer but that means zilch to us. And as to poor DANIEL SIFFORD we know only that he's in Oklahoma. We happily reprint the news item. We had to trim the photo. It's a bit dark. You've seen how hopeless newspaper photos are with our offset process. But in she goes. Dan is standing in front of a lineup of howitzers. Anyone know Dan? We'd like to contact him.

Coming into Chicago by train or bus? And wanna get out to the hotel? Here's what you can do -- Go "subway". The subway station is three blocks from either the Trailways or the Greyhound bus stations in the Loop. The subway station is located at Washington and Dearborn. For \$1.25, take either the A or B train to O'Hare. The 25¢ is for a transfer. Disembark at the Harlem Avenue station, the corner of Harlem and Higgins. Take the 209 Bus to Woodfield Shopping Center across Golf Road from the Hyatt. Courtesy cars from the Hyatt pick up and drop off every hour at Marshall Fields. Walking, it would be about two city blocks. If you're still lost, call us and we'll come and get you. See ya!

8B the Cannoneer, April 23, 1987

POW endures 842 days in captivity

April, 1950 - Daniel Sifford enlisted in the Army

June, 1950 - Korean War began

August, 1950 - Sifford went to Korea with the 24th Infantry Division

April, 1951 - Sifford was taken prisoner-of-war (for 842 days)

April, 1987 - POW Day commemorated; Daniel Sifford reflects

MORE than 33,600 American soldiers lost their lives in the Korean War. Death stalked Oklahoma resident Daniel Sifford, but he was determined not to die on foreign soil.

Sifford said will power and determination pulled him through. "We got together and helped each other as best we could," he remembered.

One of our guys said to us, "All the strong ones will help the weak ones. We're gonna take as many back home as we possibly can."

So, for 73 days, the stronger soldiers carried the weaker ones until they arrived at a POW camp at Chong Song, North Korea. Sifford's unit had been overrun. They were so outnumbered, the Americans had lost the battle, he said.

THEY MARCHED day and night three or four weeks, during the rainy season, from one place to another, he recalled. They were fed rice and barley.

"One time they gave us rice and weeds for 33 days in a row," Sifford said. "It wouldn't have been too bad if they'd have given us enough of it."

"We kept picking up others (on the trek) until we had quite a bunch," he related. "We carried our sick on stretchers. We must have carried them a couple hundred miles."

At the POW camp, they had physical training every morning. Their job most days was to carry logs three miles down the mountain.

"It was mostly dead timber, partly for our use, mainly for theirs," Sifford recalled. "Our rooms frosted over since we could build a fire only one time a day."

SIFFORD ADVISES young soldiers today that if they're ever captured, "Do the best you can. Keep faith with your fellow man and try to help. Don't give up — keep faith with your god and your government."

One day all the POWs were taken to a group meeting.

"Another fellow and me were cooking rice, so we didn't go to the meeting," he said. "Afterward, we heard all the hollering, crying, and screaming. As soon as the other POWs were close enough, they yelled to us, 'It's over, we're going home!'"

About a week later, they loaded us on trucks — seemed like they hauled us all over Korea, he said. Then, they boarded a train going



to Freedom Village at P'anmunjom eight miles behind the border.

"The day I was released, they had set up a tent right on the line between South and North Korea," Sifford said. "The Chinese had given the Americans a list of our names earlier."

An American first sergeant called out, "Daniel Sifford." He walked inside the tent, and across the line.

He was going home.

THE STUFF THAT'S MADE OF DREAMS

El Paso, TX. His letter starts off with:

"El Paso, The Home Of Sun City Weather -- El Paso Averages Less than Four Days Without Sunshine Per Year"

It's BOB MALONE talking. He has come back "to the fold" and we're thrilled.

Continues Bob: "I've really lost track of everyone and everything connected with the 24th Division. In transfers, moving and other disturbances, I plum didn't do my job. We, mostly Faye, keep in touch with some old comrades through Christmas cards but that's the size of it.

"As you know, I stayed in the Army after WW II. Was transferred to Artillery and served an interesting and enjoyable 30 years. I retired in 1971 and settled in El Paso. The weather is good and the living is easy.

"When serving in Korea, I asked to be assigned to the 24th. However, they were in the process of being phased out, so I was sent to the 2nd Infantry Div. where I served in the 38th FA Bn."

Great to have you back, Bob.



CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE (5th RCT '51-'52) of 507 E.Timber, Payson AZ, tips us that they want to build a memorial to Gen. Walton H.Walker at the site where he was killed on 12/23/50.

BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker

TRADE WINDS

The first printout (dated Apr.15) from the Hyatt Regency Woodfield shows the following as being the first in line for reservations:

Alvator, J.E.
Ardrezak, Gloria
Armour, Donald
Baker, Tony
Barnett, Lacy
Booker, Wess
Boyce, Eansley
Bradford, Edgar
Brandesky, Albert
Camp, Howard
Ender, Robert
Frederick, James
Giorgi, Nelson
Green, Bill
Grimsled, Virgil
Hanlin, C.G.
Hardin, Robert
Hartley, Paul

Holderman, Henry
Johnson, Lester
Keller, Richard
Klump, John
Kniecik, Arthur
Lumsden, Howard
O'Donnell, J.Spike
Pennington, Jack
Robinson, Edward
Schaaf, Valentine
Schroeder, Roy
Seltsam, Albert
Shay, John R.
Visser, Harold
Von Mohr, J.A.
Wilson, Granton
Wilson, Howard
Young, Philip

IN ANY EVENT

This note from NELSON W. GIORGI (C 19th 1950), of 1900 S.Ocean, Pompano Beach FL:

"I would like to contact former members of C 19th who served under Capt. Louis Rockwerk from July to Nov. of 1950. I have recently found out that he lives in Ft.Lauderdale. I'm sure that some of the former members would like to know how to get in touch with him. Thanks again."

We're only too happy to publish these little memos. It goes with the territory.

Avoid barber shop at our August hotel. \$9.00 a head -- a real clipping. Go for the \$4.00 job at home before you come out.



IT'S GOOD NEWS

Without any question, the first prize must go to Dr. PHIL HOSTETTER whose wonderful sense of humor is as shining bright today as it was when he sutured Chick wounds in the Mindanao jungle. Wrote Phil: "Re what's wrong with the cover? Let me tell you. The page is upside down, that's what. Only one 'A' is printed properly."

We said prizes to the first 10 to spot it. Well in they came -- by postcard, by letter (3 with postage due -- the little man in gray waltzed in with his hand out), by cable, and by telephone. Not a single carrier pigeon in the bunch.

Hats off to these - #2 - #10:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| BOB JOHNSON | TED SHIELDS |
| JOE CENGA | TOM KILFOYLE |
| Bonnie PENDARVIS | BILL SANDERSON |
| (for FLOYD) | SPIKE O'DONNELL |
| POMAS FASULES | |
| HERB KINGSBURY | |

Sixty-eight others came forward -- each with the correct solution -- but too late to claim one of the prizes.

One of the "68 others" was PAUL E. TIGHE who simply sent in this with his dues:

taro leaf
Upside
Down

Another late arrival was this cryptic message on a postcard from the always-funnable TOM UPTON. It read:

"One of the 'a's is upside down. Please send me a corrected copy -- or a Mars bar or whatever."

We sent via UPS to UPTON a corrected copy and a Mars bar. We were all out of whatever.

And this good laugh from BILL MCKENNA: "About that 'a' in leaf. I just thought our Editor was turning over a new leaf... and hadn't quite finished." Fortunately for us, we have a bunch of clowns in our midst. Thankfully we sing, "Bring on the clowns!"

Our thanks to each for playing the game.

'Twas fun.

Next Thursday night - Bingo 7:30 p.m.

SEEING THE LIGHT

If Ma Bell would stop taking time and space on TV and would stop inundating us with mail assuring us that they are ichi-ban, they might be able to give us a break on their rates. One of governments biggest mistakes was to break that little family up. Break AT&T up and we've all "enjoyed" nothing but increased rates ever since.

HOW TO SURVIVE A REUNION

Adjust Your Toupee in Private and Keep Your Room Number to Yourself

By J.S. SMITH
Quoted in the Times



The ensign was conducting a tour of a World War II battle ship for a group of tourists.

He stopped and pointed to a brass plaque imbedded in the deck and with a solemn voice said, "And this is where the gallant commander of the ship fell."

"No wonder," said one of the tourist women. "I nearly tripped over it myself."

Membership Chairman BOB ENDER has recruited, as Life Member #730, ALBERT J. TUTTLE, (A 5th RCT '51-'54), of RD 1, Box 70A1, Noxen, PA. We welcome you, Al, with open arms -- but where, good heavens, is Noxen?

QUIET PLEASE!



In our last issue, we "pet peeve'd" the use of smoked glass windows in vehicles. It evoked this titter out of RALPH BALESTRIERI (C & Sv. 13th F. and 19th, 11/50-6/51). Ralph's at 41 Rose, Eaton NJ. Sayeth Ralph: "Had a little free time so thought I would send an old forward observer's solution for stopping a

car with smoked glass. Pull up behind suspects car -- not too close. Draw .45 pistol (.45 has intimidation factor). Take cover behind own car or door. Order suspect driver out of his car, using public address system of car radio. Order driver to open all doors. Order all others in suspect car out and all occupants to spreadeagle on ground. If suspect car has no hatchback, blow a hole in back window with .45. That should also bring out anyone hiding below the seats. Keep them on the ground until all have been ID'ed, and DL and registration check made over police radio. A few sets of dirtied clothes and a couple of replacement rear windows should get them the message!

"Another 'pet peeve'. Left lane bandits and the 'double nickel' on a highway designed for 75 mph - while driving a car designed to cruise at 100 mph, tires rated for 130 mph, and driver qualified by training for over 100 mph. (Bet you won't print that. Everyone thinks forward observers are crazy anyway!)"

Terrific, Ralphie, terrific -- and we've printed the whole shebang. Love ya!



"I suppose you know you're out of uniform."

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Report in from Annie Sue BARNES concerning CLAUD, (K 21st '41-'45). Annie's at Box 243, Rt. 8, Fayetteville TN. The lovely gal writes: "Claud is still in the Alvin C. York Med. Center in Murfreesboro TN. He can't turn in bed but the nurses read his mail. She says they both cry together when he receives mail from his old buddies. Thanks a lot for the mail."

What d'ya say -- everyone "take 5" and send a card to Claud. Letter postage 22¢; postcard postage 14¢. Pretty cheap cheer-up stuff, isn't it? Thanx.

BEETLE BAILEY

Mort seems to continue to be troubled with some of his curvilinear lines -- we're still in his support however. Don't give up, Mort.



Another Life Member - #731 - thanks to BOB ENDER is TAKESHI KUMAGAI (34th '46-'50), a retired electrical engineer residing at 600 N.Latham, Alexandria VA. Tski -- yes that's his nickname is an ex-POW. Tski -- do you pronounce it ski as in ski??? We're right proud to have you in the club.

IS IT BIGGER THAN A BREADBOX?

In case you hadn't noticed, we're partial to Mort Walker. Believe it or not, he has 4 sons, also cartoonists: Brian 34, Morgan 29, Greg 36 and Neal 25. Through collective effort, they have rescued from obscurity the comic strip, Betty Boop and Felix, appearing in 75 newspapers worldwide. Pop's Bettie Bailey has been running for 36 years.

THE BEST OF THE BEST.

Newsy letter from ROSS PURSIFULL who writes from 2879 Holiday Pines, Traverse City MI: "Thought good health would last forever -- it didn't -- heart attack last fall -- still undergoing all the procedures -- am continuing work -- until the doctors make the conclusions -- hope to see you all in Chicago." That's bad news and good news -- bad that you're having problems, Ross; good that you're gonna be in Chicago. You've been away too long.

Small World

We don't mention each new Life Member as he joins. Perhaps we should. Maybe we will. Comments, anyone? Tennis, anyone? Meantime here's an item on Lifer No. 702 -- RODNEY F. STOCK, JR. (Tr.Co., 34th '55-'56), of 4551 Azalea, Reno NV 89502. Rod sends us his card which we happily reproduce, even if we don't understand all of it. Rod, how about a squib on just what you're doing? The gang will be happy to learn. Meantime we're proud to welcome Rod to the "Elite":

Historical Research / Site Locations
(Great Basin Area)

R. F. "ROD" STOCK

4551 Azalea Dr., Reno, NV 89502
(702) 825-5574

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XNGH - E. Clampus Vitus
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"Once is not enough!"

As bubbly as a bottle of Dom Perignon was a letter from MERRILL STRATTON (5th RCT '52-'53), of 19 Bowman, Westborough MA in which he told us how he enjoys Taro Leaf, adding, "I have no criticism to make." Hold it right there, buster; we've got a plaque for you. Merrill, you've shot us right up onto Cloud 9. Thanks.



BOB NOLAN (21st '42-'45) of 205 S. Bethany, Kansas City, KS, had to obtain a passport photo so he said to the fellow, "Make two" - and here he is, just as handsome as in days of yore. Reason for the passport photo? Bob's going to France in August. Boy voyage, Bob. That's French for "We're gonna miss you at Schaumburg."

Hottest Show in Town



Prexy, WARREN AVERY and C.C. BOB SHAY met at The Hyatt Regency in April. One room that overwhelmed them was Confetti. This club offers unique high-energy entertainment using state-of-the-art sound and video equipment. Featuring a neon-underlit dance floor and three free-standing bars. Audience participation and crazy promotions are an integral part of the "Confetti Concept". The ultimate party atmosphere is created by periodic blasting of the dance floor with clouds of confetti.

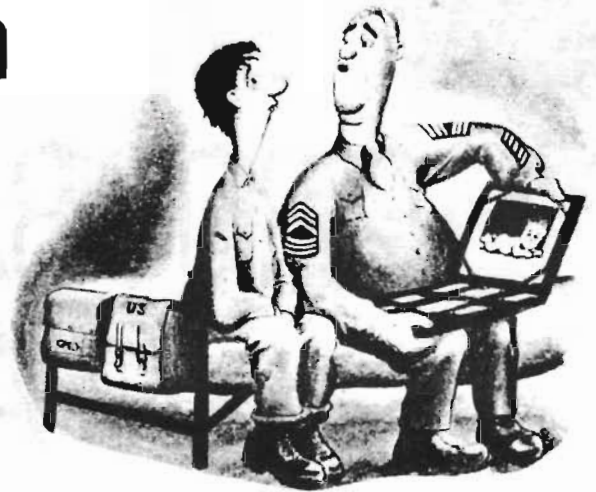
An unbelievable Happy Hour on Thursday and Friday -- 4 to 8 p.m. -- all you can eat -- and all FREE. Order one drink and they give you another one FREE. Don't miss it!

Looking for pals -- 1st Sgt. CECIL O. COX (E 34th '41-'45, of 1508 Dunbar, Cayce SC. Cecil writes: "Would esp. like to hear from any of the old bunch who were at Ft. Jackson before we went to Wahoo and joined the Division."

Rev. ROBERT D. SAWYER (21st '49-'51) is Pastor of First Methodist Church, Orlando FL and has written in for info on Schaumburg. He's now a member. Use 6628 Tebbetts, Orlando, if you are writing Bob; that's his home.

Let's see if we can't avoid the stampede into our Saturday night banquet. Let's walk in like ladies and gentlemen this time. Some of our crowd at LAX acted as though they hadn't had a bite in 16 days.

They say money doesn't bring happiness - but I'd like to find out for myself.



"... ME AS A CIVILIAN."

—Pvt. Tom Flannery

Thoughtful HENRY G. UPFOLD (Hq. 3rd Bn. 19th '53-'54), Box 5087, Kingsville TX, has the floor, so please sit up and listen: "I don't know if any of the members are having trouble with the V.A. but if they are advise them that they can get free help through The Disabled American Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, or The Jewish War Veterans. These organizations are not under government control and they are there to help the veterans. I have fought the V.A. for years trying to get service-connected disability and had no luck at all until I got the DAV to help. Each time I would apply for compensation, the V.A. would turn me down. The DAV took it all the way to The Board of Veteran Appeals and Service-Connection was granted retro-active to July 1983. Now I get my medication from the V.A. which helps out considerably since I am retired on disability since October 1971."

Good thinking, Henry; we are passing the word. Give Miss Kittie a hug for us.

Printing bill for last issue (#5) - 2200 copies - \$1837.50. That's 83¢ per copy. It's as simple as A-B-C. Mailing you 5 copies of Taro Leaf during the fiscal year costs considerably more than your \$10.00 dues.

Latest word from NOEL MJONESS (M 21st '51), of Box 80, So.Star Rte., Northome MN 56661: "Thank you for your concern about my health. Rochester or Mayo Clinic couldn't do much; maybe later on, some surgery for the left leg, hip and spine may be in order. We hear from Mary Erwin once in awhile. I served with Jim in Korea and he was the medic that patched me up before I reached the field hospital."

We're pulling for you, Noel.



PROGRAMMABLE PARADE

AUGUST 13, 14, 15, 16 - 1987
HYATT REGENCY WOODFIELD
1800 East Golf Road
Schaumburg, Illinois

- TENTATIVE PROGRAM -

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH:

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| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | / REGISTRATION | Lower Level |
| 9:00 a.m.- ? | / HOSPITALITY ROOM | Lower Level |
| 1:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. | / REGISTRATION | Lower Level |
| Open | / LUNCH & DINNER | On Your Own |

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH:

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| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | / REGISTRATION | Lower Level |
| 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. | / HOSPITALITY ROOM | Lower Level |
| Open | / LUNCH | On Your Own |
| 1:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. | / REGISTRATION | Lower Level |
| 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. | / COCKTAIL HOUR..... | ? |
| 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. | / SIT DOWN DINNER (Tickets Required)..... | ? |
| 9:00 p.m.- ? | / DANCING..... | ? |

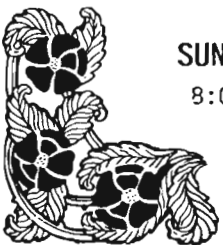
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH:

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| 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. | / REGISTRATION | Lower Level |
| 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. | / HOSPITALITY ROOM | Lower Level |
| 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | / BUSINESS MEETING..... | ? |
| | President Warren G. Avery, Presiding | |
| Open | / LUNCH | On Your Own |
| 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. | / COCKTAIL HOUR..... | ? |
| 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. | / MEMORIAL SERVICE & BANQUET (Tickets Required)..... | ? |
| 9:00 p.m.- ? | / DANCING..... | ? |

Music Provided by the 24th Division

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH:

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| 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & ALOHAS..... | ? |
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Yalta Conference, 1945 Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin

We know a meeting doesn't have to be big to be important. The important thing is that our meeting is going to be big and the big thing is that it's going to be important. Lots of brass will honor us with their presence -- the Division Commander, Col. LEWIS L. MILLETT, Medal of Honor, John Toland, the distinguished author, and as we go to press, Lt.Gen. Edward Rowny, the President's Advisor on Arms Control. Did we say "big"? Indeed! Did we say "important"? You bet.

台北國際會議中

Translated, it means, "Thanks, BILL SHOWNEN for sending this one." We mean it; Bill's contributions are consistently top grade. Here's his latest: "Fellow named Arty was checking out at a grocery store. He happened to drop a dollar. The lady in front of him picked it up. Arty said, 'That's mine!' She said, 'But I've got it now.' He began choking her; the dollar fell to the floor. The guy behind him picked it up. Arty began choking him. The commotion brought the manager. He grabbed the dollar bill and Arty started choking him. Police took Arty away. The next day the paper headlined it: Arty Chokes 3 for a Dollar.'"

Don't call us; call Bill Showen.

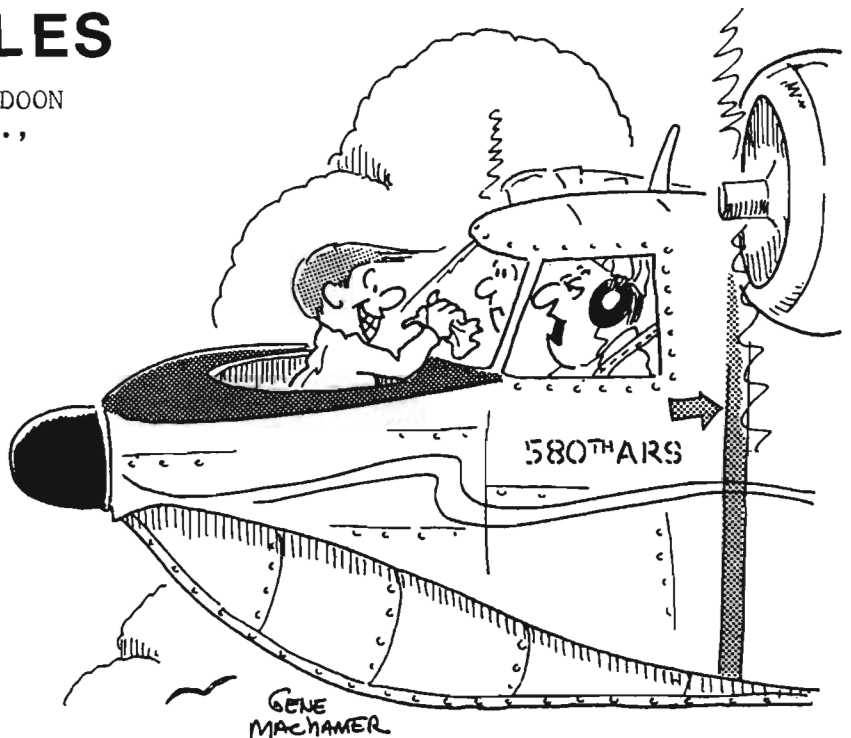
REPORT REPORT REPORT

Wish we could welcome each new member with a squib in our issue. There just isn't space for such. We do steal an inch to say "Welcome" to CAROLL and Dorothy ROBBINS, (D 34th 8-6-50 to 8-14-50) of Rt. 5, Box 190, Lumberton MS. Carroll took lead on 8-14-50, ergo his short "stay" with D of the 34th. Be sure to meet LACY BARNETT at Schaumburg, Carroll. He's rounding up all the 34th'ers.

Didja ever wonder why the Marines got the name of "First to Fight"?

CHANGED FOXHOLES

Change of Address: WILLIAM H. MULDOON
(E 19 2/44-11/44) now at 9 Bristol St.,
Nashua NH 03060.



"IS OUR 'BROWN-NOSING' RADIO OPERATOR UP FOR PROMOTION AGAIN?"

Good BILL BROOME (I 21st '38-'40)
of 15100 Dacosta, Detroit MI, world
traveller that he is - now planning on
Costa Rica, Chile, Bangkok and Jakarta --
boy, you sure space 'em apart, Billy --
sends us one we've had before -- but we
love it so, we're running it again:

"Old man sitting on a park bench
crying his heart out. Approached by
young man wanting to be of help.

"Old man said he was very happy.
Life was good. Had a young wife who
treated him like a king. Their sex life
was good. Enjoyed a very happy home life.

"Young man asked, 'Why the tears?'

"Old man replied, 'Can't remember
where I live.'"

Didja know that Ed McMahon, best known
for his long stint on Johnny Carson's
show, is a BG in the Cal. Air NG?

Q: With his famous macho image, what
were John Wayne's thoughts about the
liberated woman?

A: "They have a right to work whenever
they want to," the late superstar of the
silver screen said. "As long as they have
dinner ready when you get home."

BILL NICHOLS (19th and 21st 3/52-9/57),
of 537 Alabama, Birmingham AL, gets his
new leg in August. Says "amputation isn't
the end of the world -- will be jitter-
bugging within a year -- maybe even doing
the twist."

Wanna be sure the babysitter is watching
the baby? Keep it in the refrigerator.

MOVING
?

**PLEASE ENCLOSE
YOUR OLD LABEL**

PLEASE NOTIFY US
4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

Name (please print)

Address (new, if for change of address) Apt. No.

City State/Prov. Zip/PC

Freedom is the right to be wrong, not
the right to do wrong.

On the set

Letters, oh we get letters; lots and lots of letters. Wasn't that a tune on the one-time Perry Como Show, some 75-80 years ago?

Well we've received a letter -- this one from EDDIE "Steady Eddie" ROBINSON.

Aw shucks, why tell you about it? Why not share it with you?

Eddie writes:

"Dec. 7, 1991 will be the 50th Anniversary.

"I'm a life member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Assn.; they have their meeting every 5 years on Oahu -- the next will be Dec. 7, 1991 for about 1 week.

"I'd like to know what we intend to do. I'd sure like it if we had our annual meeting at that time and place.

"The 25th will have their '91 meeting on Oahu. You could get in touch with them and find out the details.

"'91 is a few years away but, I'm sure that it will take some early planning to bring it off.

"Should I bring this up at our annual meeting?

"I believe that the 24th and 25th should work together on this for various reasons, such as travel, hotels etc. Along with the P.H.S.A., for economic reasons.

"Something else on that. I'm sure that the President of the U.S. would be more than happy to be there then as he would be running for reelection the following Nov.

"Well, I'll close for now, awaiting your answer. Aloha, Steady Eddie."

To all of which your Editor has the effrontery to respond like this:

Terrific idea, Eddie.

Thanks for starting "something."

Thanks, too, for throwing the ball to our court.

We're in close touch with the 25th; they're gung ho.

By all means, bring it up at Schaumburg-- but have something concrete to offer in the way of charter plane possibilities, hotel possibilities on Wahoo, possible itineraries while there, etc., etc. In other words, think it through and come up with a sensible plan. We used to call it "good old staff work." Better still, why not come up with a poop sheet -- have it all in writing -- and pass out a copy to every member present. It'll save time.

Better, better still -- send us the poop sheet and we'll publish it in the next issue -- for every member to evaluate.



"Date of rank?"

Marshall Field's

When you leave the hotel, gals, and walk across the street to The Woodfield Mall, the very first store you'll meet is -- who else? -- Marshall Field's; one of the biggies.



What's it? It's the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Woodfield -- at Schaumburg -- not at Woodfield. Meet ya there? Hopefully, yes!

Our cover picture features the Division monument on Pomunsan Mountain near Taejon. It was thoughtfully forwarded to us by Col. ARTHUR M. CLARKE, USA Ret., of 1401 Lindenwood, Ft. Collins CO. Art was General BILL DEAN's junior aide at the time of Bill's capture, having joined Division in '49 in Japan. Subsequently he was assigned to the 52nd Field. He retired from the Army in '71, his last station, curiously enough, being Ft. Stewart.

From here on, our "centerfold spread" is all Art's -- just as he sent it to us.

Oh, by the way, let us remind you that "Taejon" comes out "Daejon" over there. Wouldn't you know.

Grateful are we, Arthur -- exceedingly so -- for this wonderful memento.

1401 Lindenwood Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80524
19 May 1987

Mr. Kenwood Ross
Editor, TARO LEAF
24th Infantry Division Association
120 Maple Street
Springfield, MA 01103-2278

Dear Ken,

During our recent visit to Korea to see our son, on 22 April, we made a special trip to Taejon in order to see the place that the 24th Infantry Division had a huge battle on 20 July 1950.

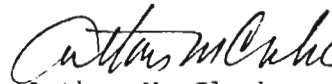
I was surprised at the recovery and growth of the area. Taejon, which was almost leveled as a result of the fighting, has been completely rebuilt and is now an industrial city of about 850,000 people! There are almost no signs left of the war having been there.

We learned that the people of Taejon had erected some monuments to the 24th Division, so of course, we had to go see them. On Pomunsan Mountain, in Pomunsan Park just south of Taejon, we found two monuments. One is indicated as being the UN Monument and the other is the 24th Infantry Division Monument. We made photographs of both and of the inscriptions on them. Since we have come home, we have copied the inscriptions using magnifying glasses. I might add that the inscriptions are in both Korean and English. The day we were there, there were many school children near the monument on a field trip from their classes. Some of the children are in the picture of the 24th Infantry Division Monument.


I am inclosing copies of the pictures of these monuments together with the inscriptions on each. If you wish to use them in the TARO LEAF, feel free to do so. Also, if you wish to take them to the 24th Infantry Division Reunion in Schaumburg, and display them, feel free to do that also. I am sure that there are former members of the Division that climbed Pomunsan Mountain in leaving Taejon that would be pleased to see that the area in which they fought has been made into a park with monuments to their action in Korea.

Copies of the pictures and inscriptions have been sent to Major Lacy Barnett and I am also sending copies to Mrs. William F. Dean and her daughter, June.


Sincerely yours,


Arthur M. Clarke
24th Div 1949-1951

Of Special Interest



SUMMARY OF THE DAEJON BATTLE





BEHOLD THIS PLACE IS WHERE UNITED NATIONS TROOPS, HAVING COME TO A DISTANT FOREIGN LAND, FACED THE ENEMY AND FOUGHT WAVING THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG. THEY HAVE DEPARTED, BUT THIS ACHIEVEMENT WILL EVER SHINE BRIGHTLY HERE.

THE RED KOREA, WHICH STARTED THE WAR ON JUNE 25, 1950, SWEEPED LIKE A TIDE OVER THIS LAND AND DYED IT RED. AT THIS TIME THOSE APOSTLES OF PEACE, THE UNITED STATES 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, WERE THE FIRST TO ENTER THE WAR IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOUTH KOREA. MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM F. DEAN, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, ESTABLISHED HIS OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT DAEJON AND SET UP A DELAYING ACTION TO SLOW THE ADVANCE SOUTHWARD OF THE NORTH KOREAN TROOPS PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAIN FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES EIGHTH ARMY. THIS FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE OF THE DELAYING ACTION WAS PLANNED FOR PYONGTAEK-ANSONG. A SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE FOR CHARYONG MOUNTAINS AT THE VICINITY OF CHONAN AREA AND A THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE WAS PLANNED FOR THE KEUM RIVER. BUT SMITH COMPANY OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION WAS DEFEATED BY THE NORTH KOREAN TROOPS AT JOCARYONG WHICH SPEARHEADED BY TANKS, PUSHED SOUTHWARD LIKE AN ANGRY TIDE, AND ON JULY 16TH THE KEUM RIVER DEFENSE LINE WAS BROKEN. THEN THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION SET UP A FINAL DEFENSE POSITION AT DAEJON AND MADE PREPARATIONS FOR PUSHING BACK THE ENEMY ADVANCE. SEEING THIS THE NORTH KOREANS BOASTED, "IF WE JUST CAPTURE DAEJON, THE RESISTANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY AND THE UNITED NATIONS TROOPS WILL COLLAPSE." AS THEY SPEARHEADED THEIR ATTACK WITH THE ELITE 106TH TANK DIVISION, FLANKED ON EITHER SIDE BY THE 3D AND 4TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS, OUR SOLDIERS ENGAGED THE ENEMY IN BLOODY BATTLE.

IN PARTICULAR, MAJOR GENERAL DEAN, COMMANDER OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, STOOD IN THE FRONT LINES LEADING THE UNITED NATIONS TROOPS AND WHEN NORTH KOREAN TANKS ENTERED DAEJON CITY LIMITS, HE FIRED A 3.5 ROCKET GUN AND PERSONALLY KNOCKED OUT A NORTH KOREAN TANK, THUS GIVING A BOOST TO THE DROOPING SPIRITS OF HIS TROOPS. BUT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO STOP THE NORTH KOREANS WITH THEIR SUPERIOR STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. ON JULY 20TH THE UNITED STATES 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION AT LAST WITHDREW FROM DAEJON, RETREATED TO THE NAKTONG RIVER AND PREPARED FOR A RALLY. BY MEANS OF THIS BATTLE IN DAEJON, THE DIVISION RENDERED GREAT SERVICE TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BATTLE LINE AND IN TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING, IT ACHIEVED THE MILITARY RESULTS OF MANY HUNDREDS OF ENEMY SOLDIERS KILLED AND 15 TANKS AND 21 CANNONS DESTROYED. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION SUFFERED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS SINCE THE CIVIL WAR AND ITS COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL DEAN, AFTER BREAKING OUR OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT RETREATED SOUTH TOWARD KEUMSAN BUT MET WITH THE MISFORTUNE OF BECOMING MISSING IN ACTION.

HOWEVER, WITH THE SUCCESS OF GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STRATEGY IN THE HISTORICAL INCHON LANDING, THE SOUTH KOREAN AND UNITED NATIONS TROOPS DEFENDING THE NAKTONG RIVER BATTLE LINE TOGETHER INITIATED A GENERAL OFFENSIVE. THEN THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION SEEKING REVENGE FOR ITS EARLIER BITTER DEFEAT, RUSHED INTO THE VANGUARD AND CRUSHED THE ENEMY FORCE DEFENDING DAEJON. SO ON SEPTEMBER 25TH OUR LOVELY DAEJON WAS RECAPTURED, THE TIDE OF FREEDOM AGAIN OVERFLOWED HER BROAD PLAIN AND IT WAS AS THOUGH THE HILLS AND STREAMS WERE SHOUTING "LONG LIVE KOREA!" NOW THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE HAS CEASED, PIGEONS ARE ON THE WING AND WILD FLOWERS BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY ON THIS HILL WHERE WE ARE ERECTING THIS MONUMENT TO PRESERVE FOREVER THE RECORD OF THE COMRADSHIP OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN THIS BLOOD BOUGHT MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT. THE UNITED STATES 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION--ITS NAME SHALL SHINE GLORIOUSLY FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!





Another view of OUR monument.
Photo by Col. Arthur M. Clarke

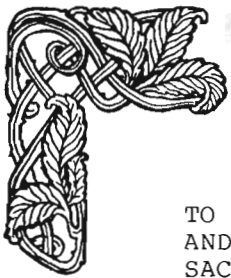
MONUMENT INSCRIPTION

ON THIS BRIGHT HILL WHERE FREEDOM'S SUNLIGHT SHINES,
THIS MONUMENT TO GLORY STANDS SUBLIME.

ON JUNE 25, 1950,
THE DAY THE RED HORDE
SWEPT DOWN LIKE AN ANGRY TIDE,
YOU, THE UNITED STATES 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
LIFTING HIGH THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG,
CAME TO OUR DEFENSE IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM.
FIGHTING TO THE DEATH ON DAEJON'S BROAD PLAIN,
YOUR BLOOD, INDEED, WAS SHED UPON THIS GROUND,
BUT STILL REVERBERATES THE BATTLE CRY YOU RAISED.

APOSTLES OF FREEDOM
STANDARD-BEARERS FOR PEACE
UPON THE HEARTS OF OUR COUNTRYMEN
YOUR NAME IS DEEPLY ENGRAVED!

Note: Both the "Summary of the Daejon Battle" and the "Monument Inscription" are on separate bronze plaques behind the statue on the front face of the granite pylon, and are written in both Korean and in English.



INSCRIPTION ON THE UN MONUMENT AT TAEJON

TO THE HEROS OF THE DAEJON BATTLE. FREEDOM IS A LOFTY AIM OF MAN AND THE LIFELOOD OF HIS SOUL. ETERNAL PEACE IS ANOTHER EQUALLY SACRED IDEAL OF MAN. HERE WAS WRITTEN A PAGE OF THE GLORIOUS STORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEFEND FREEDOM AND PEACE FOR MANKIND.

THE COMMUNIST ARMY WHICH LAUNCHED A TREMENDOUS INVASION INTO THE FREE SOUTH AT THE DAWN OF JUNE 25, 1950, CONTINUED ITS ADVANCE AFTER OCCUPYING SEOUL. AS FREE NATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RACE IN REPELLING THE AGGRESSOERS, THE 24TH US DIVISION==THE VANGUARD OF THE UN FORCES==FIRST ENGAGED THE ENEMY AT OSAN ON JULY 5.

THE ENEMY FINALLY SURROUNDED AND ATTACKED DAEJON ON JULY 17. THE 24TH DIVISION, OUTNUMBERED, STAGED A FURIOUS DEFENSE WHICH LASTED FOR 20 (sic) DAYS UNTIL ITS COMMANDING GENERAL, MAJ GEN WILLIAM F. DEAN, WAS MISSING IN ACTION WHILE COMMANDING THE BATTLE AT THE FRONT.

THIS HUMBLE MONUMENT IS DEDICATED TO THE HEROIC ACTION OF THE 24TH DIVISION IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND PEACE.

MARCH 31, 1959

THE 1202ND ENG CONSTRUCTION GROUP



A view of the OTHER monument --
the U.N. Monument at Pomunsan Park.
No one asked us -- but we like ours best.
Photo by Col. Arthur M. Clarke

Gosh, oh golly gee, Art; how can we
ever thank you for your thoughtfulness?



ROOMFUL OF LEGENDS

Heard from once again after an absence of 12 years -- BILL SCRIVO (Med.Det.34th '44-'46), of 4120 Shore Dr., Lorain, OH.



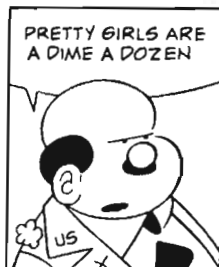
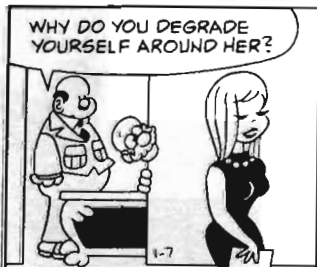
What a joy to renew this contact. Listen to Bill as he reminisces: "One man in particular I remember is Capt. GEORGE MORRISSEY, MD, CO of the Medical Detachment, 1st Bn. 34th Inf., under whom I was proud to serve. He was a real hero and a man who contributed much to my education, well-being and probably survival as a combat medic and company aid man with the 34th (Co. C, 1st Bn. and Med.Det/HQ Co. 1st Bn.).

"As to myself, I enlisted quite young, even to the point of fudging a little on my age (how times have changed.) I joined the 24th on Leyte and went through with them to occupation duty at Matsuyama, Shikoku, before being shipped back with malaria after the atabrine (remember us little yellow people) wore off. My stint in the Medical Corps got me off the idea of being a doctor and I switched to journalism instead. That's been it since I graduated in '50 from the U. of Pittsburgh.

"I was proud of my old outfit, the 34th, and I remember well such places as Kilay Ridge, Zig Zag Pass, Cemetery Hill, Cotabato, Fort Pikit, Davao and the like.

"I lost many good friends there and stored up many memories I'd like to rekindle. Who can forget the tuba juice and the 'Mabuhay' and 'Victory, Joe, two cigarettes.' And, of course, I would like to forget my occupation duty -- running the pro station at the foot of Geisha Row. That's one I didn't tell my daughter when she asked, 'What did you do in the war, Daddy?'

BEETLE BAILEY



"... Do you want onions on yours or not?"

Rain, sleet, snow may not deter the post office but just leave out a zip code and they're completely helpless.

"I recall Morrissey many, many times, writing notes for his diary, in combat, on shipboard or in rest areas. He would write on whatever scrap of paper he could find, EMT tags, backs of envelopes, scraps of package wrappings, etc. Oftentimes I would see him hunched over his paper by the light of a candle or a hooded lantern.

"Tu quoque vale. There was a man -- we shall not look upon his likes again.

"Where the hell has the time gone?

"I look in my file and find a letter from you dated Feb. 14, 1975. That's a dozen years ago.

"What was it Dugout Doug said at that last West Point appearance?

'The shadows are lengthening... I recall the words of that old barracks room ballad, "Old Soldiers never die..."'

"Or words to that effect.

"At any rate, the most important words he spoke were 'Duty, honor, country...' words the men of the 24th lived by.

"The purpose of my letter is to touch bases and ascertain if there is still a 24th Division Association. If so, I'd like to get back into it.

"Please let me know what is happening. In the threescore years I have now lived, I have met no better men than those who wore the Taro Leaf."

What a terrific letter. Thanks Bill.



"YOU'RE ONLY OVERSEAS 19 MONTHS? WHAT'S IT LIKE BACK IN THE STATES?"
—Sgt. Charles Pearson

No tours -- no museums -- no boat trips, this time around. We've had it up to "here" with the tours, museums and boat trips. Our gang obviously is perfectly content with just sitting around enjoying one another's company.

DON'T FORGET

TO PRE-REGISTER



A few "vitaly interested parties" met, in late April, at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield, in Schaumburg, to check on Convention Chairman JOHN "Bob" SHAY and Assistant C.C. Mary SHAY, on the far left. Also in the shot, l. to r., LEN GIORGI, Prexy WARREN AVERY, HOWARD and Gladys LUMSDEN. Each reported "All A.O.K."

JOHN WELCH
(63rd F "under
TOMMY LANG",
of 627 Montecito,
Napa CA, responded
to our request for
a photo of each
member -- or was
it you, Jay, who
answered the call?
Anyway, thanx to
the Welch family,
John & Jay.
See you in August!



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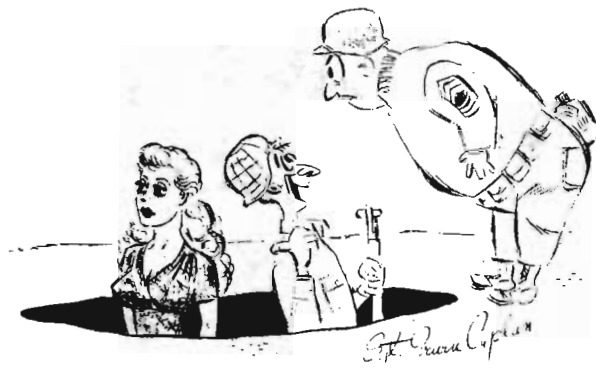


You'll approach our hotel via this road. Looks like a 4-story building, doesn't it? Wrong! They have first, third, fourth and fifth floors -- no second floor. You figure it out.

The kind of a letter we love to receive: "I recently read in the May 1987 issue of the Retired Officer that there is to be a reunion of the Division and 5th RCT. I am interesting in attending this reunion as I was a member of the 5th RCT, 555 FA Bn. (Triple Nickel) when the unit was stationed at Schofield and shipped out with the unit to Korea in August 1950. I was the Battalion Communications and Radar Officer and later the Battalion Exec. I am looking forward to the reunion and meeting with the fellows. Hopefully, it will be a good turnout.

"Yours truly, JOHN J. DEROSA, Lt.Col., Arty., Ret., 911 S.Aldine, Park Ridge, IL."

You'll be most welcome, Johnny. It's a grand bunch of guys and dolls.



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R.H.I.P.

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SITE SELECTION

We're giving you the entirety of a recent letter from EDWARD "Steady Eddie" ROBINSON (19th) of 605 Truman, Boston MA:

"Being a life member of the PHSA, I was made the chairman of the local chapter for our reunion in Oahu in 1991 (Dec.7).

"I understand that the 25th Assn. will be having their reunion at the same time on Oahu.

"Between you and me, I think it would be a good idea for us to also have our reunion at that time and place.

"You've been talking of having our reunion other than during August for the past couple of years. 1991 would be a perfect time to have it in December.

"I believe it would be wonderful if the 24th and 25th Infantry Division Associations could get together with the PHSA for that reunion."

Aloha, Steady Eddie. Terrific idea! Bring it up at Schaumburg in August.

Too much of a good thing is wonderful.

-- Mae West

ED HENRY says he goes to conventions for the same reason lemmings throw themselves into the sea -- because it feels so good after you've crawled for hours over the stones on the beach. We're not sure we understand this one but we've known Ed for 43 years -- and he's never been wrong yet.

We're not so bad off -- we pay an average of 21 cents a gallon in gasoline taxes, while in Italy, drivers must shell out \$1.59; France charges \$1.29; Great Britain, \$1.04; and West Germany, 85 cents.

The young man at the party said to the pretty little lady, "Do you think kissing is unhealthy?" She said, "It will be now -- Here comes my husband."

The lady told the travel agent she was interested in taking a trip around the world. The man said, "Listen, lady, with the shape of the world today, why don't you go someplace else?"

While Col. Harry Summers was at Stewart the other day, he found a moment to comment to a Patriot reporter on his days with the Division. Here's how it looked in print in the Patriot. Obviously, we think enough of it to "give it a page."

Summers remembers 24th ID

A veteran of 38 years in the Army, Col. (Ret.) Harry G. Summers, has proud memories about his service with the 24th Infantry Division in Japan and Korea. During his speech at the membership dinner meeting of the Coastal Empire Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Summers reflected on some of his experiences with the division.

"In 1951, as a sergeant, I never in my wildest dreams ever believed that I'd be back here in the 24th Infantry Division as a retired colonel of Infantry," Summers said. "My career ambition was to make tech sergeant. Everything above that was pure gravy and in a sense that is really true. It is a great honor to be here tonight to address this distinguished group."

Summers joined the 24th while it was stationed in Japan. He was in the hospital, recovering from a stomach operation, when North Korea invaded South Korea.

"They went through the wards marking everyone fit for duty and returning them to their units. They told us about the invasion and that the United States was going to intervene. The 24th Infantry Division found itself thrown into the breach.

"I was a young corporal in a tank company with M-24 tanks, 75mm guns. Most of the senior NCOs had World War II experience having fought with Patton. We had just come off a very extensive training program and

all the stories you hear about how soft and unprepared the division was were untrue," Summers said.

"My platoon sergeant, in one of the first engagements of the war, put 12 rounds into a T-34 and watched them bounce. Our first ammunition resupply was training ammunition which meant that if you were firing at 1,000 yards, you had to set your sights at 2,000 yards," Summers added. "Not surprisingly we lost the entire company in the first week of the war.

"The upside of that was the 6th Tank Battalion from Fort Hood deploying to Korea with brand new M-46 tanks. My platoon sergeant went up on the line with that M-46, put one round into a T-34 and lifted the right track six feet off the ground. Another round carried the turret away, and he came back convinced he now had something to fight the war with."

Summers said that he was very proud of his service with the 24th and that he thought it was the finest division to fight in Korea. He noted that the division took its lumps in the battle for the Pusan Perimeter.

"We had lost the 34th Regiment. The division commander and most of the division headquarters units had been surrounded and captured at Taegu," the retired colonel said. "The 34th came back with 17 officers and 34 enlisted left in the regiment.

"We had a gap in the line that had to be plugged and the 3rd Engineer Battalion

formed a task force under Col. Heyser. Everybody in the division that could walk — tankers without tanks, triple-A people without triple-A, division headquarters clerks, and everybody that could put one foot in front of the other — was placed in the task force and plugged into the line."

The former enlisted man said that the task force was atop a hill. He remarked that the temperature seemed to be about 140 degrees and water supply was about three miles away.

"The 9th Infantry finally got there from Fort Lewis. A loud-mouthed lieutenant was giving us a lot of hurrah about our being unable to hold the line. About one-half hour later litter bearers were coming down the hill and here was the lieutenant on the litter.

"One of the troops asked what was the matter with the lieutenant and if he had been hit. The litter bearer responded that he was not hit but that he had passed out from heat exhaustion," Summers said.

Summers noted that the moral of all this was the fact that twice in its history the 24th has been there at the very beginning. The shock of the people at Pearl Harbor and those in Task Force Smith and the division follow-on into Korea was great.

"But this is something you as members of the 24th Infantry Division must be prepared for," Summers reminded the soldiers in the audience.

Questions, some answers

Here's a good question. Your answers will be appreciated -- and we'll print some of them in these pages. The question is: Do "we," by some kind of mental gymnastics, claim credit for "some" participation in 'Nam by virtue of the respective records of these units?:

1st Bn., 5th Inf.

previous station Hawaii
arrived 'Nam 1-19-66
departed 'Nam 4-30-71
served with the 2nd Brigade,
25th Inf.Div.

3rd Bn., 21st Inf.

previous station Ft.Devens
arrived 'Nam 8-26-66
departed 'Nam 8-23-72
served with the 196th Inf.Brigade
8/66 - 1/69
served with the Americal (23rd) Div.
2/69-11/71
served with the 196th Inf.Brigade
12/71 - 8/72
was the last U.S.Army ground combat
battalion to leave 'Nam.

4th Bn., 21st Inf.

previous station Hawaii
arrived 'Nam 4/14/68
departed 'Nam 6-28-71
served with 11th Inf.Brigade
4/68-1/69
served with the American Div.
2/69-6/71

1st Bn., 11th Artillery (105 mm towed)

previous station Ft.Riley
arrived 'Nam 1-1-67
departed 'Nam 8-14-69
assigned 9th Inf.Div.

2nd Bn. 11th Artillery (155 mm towed)

previous station Ft.Campbell
arrived 'Nam 12-13-66
departed 'Nam 1-1-72
assigned II Field Force 'Nam Art.
assigned Task Force Oregon

6th Bn. 11th Artillery (105 mm towed)

previous station Hawaii
arrived 'Nam 12-20-67
departed 'Nam 9-19-71
assigned 11th Inf.Brigade
later assigned 23rd Inf.Div.

7th Bn. 11th Artillery (105 mm towed)

previous station Hawaii
arrived 'Nam 4-29-66
departed 'Nam 12-8-70
assigned 25th Inf.Div.

2nd Bn. 13th Artillery (105 mm towed)

previous station Ft.Sill
arrived 'Nam 10-30-65
departed 'Nam 3-16-70
assigned 23rd Art.Grp.of II Field
Force

3rd Bn., 13th Artillery (155 mm towed)

previous station Hawaii
arrived 'Nam 4- 2-66
departed 'Nam 12- 8-70
assigned 25th Inf.Div.

7th Bn., 13th Artillery (105 mm towed)

previous station Ft.Irwin
arrived 'Nam 10-28-66
departed 'Nam 10-12-70
assigned 41st Art.Grp.
I Field Force

52nd Art. Group (FA)

previous station Ft.Sill
arrived 'Nam 6-17-66
departed 'Nam 6-30-71

Note that not one of these units was listed in the "Vietnam Order of Battle" as coming from the Division.

We'll be as curious as all get out as to whether you think we can say, "We were in 'Nam" or "Some of our units were in 'Nam."

You may fire when ready, gridly.
Shoot away!!

OUT OF THE BAG

Fighting words from JOHN CERNANSKY (19th '51-'52) of 115 Main, Conemaugh PA: "I believe in the draft and the ready reserve -- a great education -- a great experience." Words dear to our heart, John-boy, right on!

Remember, please, when you send us pictures for Taro Leaf. Kodachromes - Nein! Black and whites - Yes!



1986

Pate

1946 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Pate, 1205 Sunset Avenue, will celebrate their 40th anniversary Oct. 6. Kenny and "Brownie," were married Oct. 6, 1946, in West Burlington. They have resided in Burlington for 38½ years. They are the parents of two daughters, Vicki Renee, Burlington, and Mrs. Jerri Kay (Bruce) Edewaard, Bernalillo, N.M. They also have one granddaughter, Lisa Marie, Burlington.

Newsprints frighten us but here goes. This one came to us from KENNETH and Ruth "Brownie" PATE (E 19th 6/42-8/45) of Burlington IA 52601. The caption speaks for itself. Adds Ken in a P.S. - "The 19th was a great unit to be with. Had some good times along with the bad." Right on, Ken. Love these "Before and After" shots -- hope they come out good; they're a little faint to start with. Ken having prostate problems along with a stroke three months ago. We're all pulling for you, Ken. We've already flowered Ken and Brownie in your name.

WHAT'S UP

A little brag is good for the soul. Here's where we let JERRY VON MOHR (AT 19th 2/45-5/45) of 3846 Villanova, Kettering OH pop off. Writes Jerry: "I just have to tell you about my daughter, Beth. She currently is carrying a 3.5+ grade point average at Eastern Kentucky University where she is a senior. She is going to be listed in American Colleges 'Who's Who for the 86/87 School Year.' Am I a proud father? You better bet I am!!

"Both the boys are also doing great. Paul is an account exec for a printing company and Jay is attending the local community college taking music. I am a very, very fortunate father."

And with every right to be, we would add.

Tryin' beats Talkin'

Want something to make you feel old? As if you needed such! Anyway, ALLEN JOHNSON (34th) of 10827 Previtali, Jackson CA writes in telling us the ages of his "children" -- '47 - 40 - 37 - 28" Forty-seven?? Wow! Al left the 34th on Wahoo to go back to the "48's" in a cadre. That was in '43. Wrote he: "Your paper is very informative but I'm really interested in WW II." That's one of our problems, Al, to strike a happy balance between the boys of WW II and the boys of Korea -- before they start shooting one another. We're trying, fella, we're trying, to keep everybody happy. 'Taint EZ.

COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!

The Population Institute projects world population at 6.1 billion by the end of the century. Serious Query: Will the land be able to support such a number?

a short message

Good old BILL MCKENNA all the way over in Albany CA found FOREST DURWOOD MOORE in Rt. 1, Box 470A, Stoneville NC and invited him in. Forest was Sgt. Maj. 1st Bn. 34th 4/45-2/46. Writes he: "Retired from a textile firm in '85. Am now working as a security patrol officer. So glad to be a member, thanks to Bill McKenna."

We're happy you're back on the "team" too, Forest.

Hey, wanna know something? Life Member BOB FOUNTAIN (Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 21st 3/49-6/51) is no longer at 2579 Echols Place in Macon GA. He and Florence have moved to 1406 Maplewood Dr., still in Macon GA 31210.

Nobody asked me, but..



EDWARD ROWNY
'There is a problem'

Maj. Gen. EDWARD L. ROWNEY, arms control advisor to the President has indicated a desire to join with us at Schaumburg in August -- and we're delighted.

Ed went with Sec./State George Shultz to Moscow in mid-April for one more attempt to advance the arms control issues -- and then went on to

China for talks.

Mr. Gorbachev proposed eliminating the short-range missiles.

Rowney said Gorbachev's surprise offer to include short-range missiles in the Soviet Union's earlier proposal to eliminate medium-range nuclear weapons from Europe is an "important problem" that Washington will have to discuss with its allies.

"There is a problem, because while Gorbachev did say he would address short-range systems on a global basis, when we asked him for his position on where he would reduce, he said he would reduce to zero in Europe," Rowney said.

"As to what happens in Asia is ambiguous. We don't like that ambiguity," said Rowney, who Thursday briefed Japanese officials on the Shultz talks and was scheduled to meet with South Korean officials yesterday.

Rowney said the Soviets have "a monopoly" in short-range weapons, with "well over" 100 launchers and 500 to 600 missiles -- including SS-23s, SS-22s and SS-12s.

He said 40 percent of Soviet short-range missiles -- which have a range of less than 600 miles -- are "potentially targeted against our Asian friends and allies."

Rowney said the United States also is pressing the Soviet Union to accept the elimination of medium range nuclear missiles in Asia as well as in Europe.

Doc DONALD CAMERON of 6766 Stafford, Mayfield Heights OH, writes: "Two men who were members of my medical section of the 2nd Bn, 34th Inf. during WW II are: WILLIAM HANSLAK, 125 Southworth St., Milford CT 06460 and ROBERT ERTEL, 601 Lafayette St., Port Orange FL 32011. Both would enjoy the last four issues of the Taro Leaf and both need some encouragement to go to Chicago this summer."

The encouragement, we tried to give!

You figure it out. We can't. We haven't been much good in keeping up with Army's katzenjammeries with its units. We'll give you the news release; the rest is up to you. "1-13th FA inactivated; 1-14th FA reactivated" was the headline.

The 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery was reactivated in ceremonies recently held at Stewart. The battalion consists of three eight-inch firing batteries with a total 18 guns. The battalion will eventually be up to 24 guns.

The 1st Battalion, 14th FA was constituted Sept. 7, 1927, in the Regular Army as Battery A, 14th Field Artillery, an element of 7th division. It was activated Dec. 1, 1934 at Riley. The unit was inactivated on July 1, 1936. It was again activated on July 17, 1940 at Benning, as an element of the 2nd Armored Division.

The unit was reorganized and redesignated Jan. 8, 1942, as Battery A, 14th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. It was again reorganized and redesignated July 1, 1957, as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, an element of the 2nd Armored Division. On July 8, 1963, it was redesignated as the 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery and on May 12, 1967, was assigned to the 198th Infantry Brigade. On Feb. 15, 1969, the unit was assigned to the 23rd Infantry Division. In November 1971 it was again assigned to the 2nd Armored Division.

Are you bored to death yet? There's more.

The 1st Battalion, 13th Field Artillery, nicknamed "The Warriors," was inactivated in a stirring ceremony at Stewart March 2.

The 1st Battalion, 13th Field Artillery was constituted June 3, 1916 in the regular Army as Battery A, 13th Field Artillery. It was organized on June 1, 1917 at Camp Stewart, Texas. As part of the 4th Division, the command participated in five campaigns during World War I.

On March 1, 1921, the 13th FA was assigned to the Hawaiian Division, then the 24th through the Pacific.

During the Korean War the 13th participated in eight campaigns and received three decorations; two awards of the Republic of Korea's Presidential Unit Citation and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

The battalion was inactivated with the 24th Division Artillery at Fort Riley KS on April 15, 1970.

On Nov. 21, 1975, the 1st Bn., 13th FA was reactivated at Stewart, again as a member of the 24th Infantry Division Artillery.

The unit's motto is "Without Fear, Favor, or the Hope of Reward."

Battery C, 1st Bn. 13th FA remained as Battery A, 13th FA. Battery A is a Multiple-Launch Rocket System battery.

Well the 13th isn't completely gone. There's a little part of her left behind.

Memories . . . Relive and Rejoice

We don't know what we're doing wrong - but suddenly most of our zippers are refusing to zip. We're about to initiate a campaign called "Back to the Good Ole Buttons and Button Holes". Contributions will be accepted. Hope to get it before Congress by Thanksgiving.



And we are quoting from his letter, just as he wrote it: "Like your picture idea. The happy good looking couple in this one is DWAIN and Betty LOEST" (L 21st '51) of 226 18th St., Fond Du Lac WI. Love it Dwaine and Betty. Love, too, that you'll see us in Schaumburg.

Between statues, plaques and other memorials, we're going nutz. Today in comes a pitch for a donation from the General Patton Memorial, Inc. They're planning a "museum" at the Desert Training Center. If you have an extra \$500.00, write them at Chiriaco Summit CA 92201.

Quoting Convention Chairman BOB SHAY in predicting the rattle in the Schaumburg lobby when a couple of old troopers see each other for the first time in 30-35-40 years: "The noise will cut through like a leaf-blower at 7 o'clock on a Sunday morning." And we agree!

A woman who simply could not resist nibbling candy, cakes, and other sweets between meals finally got so fat that a desperate remedy seemed called for. Her solution was to paste inside her refrigerator door a picture of a lovely, slender, perfectly built, unclad young woman -- the ideal figure to which she would aspire through dieting.

The reminder worked like a charm. In one month she lost fifteen pounds. Unfortunately, during the same period, her husband peered inside the refrigerator so often, he gained eighteen!

Remember the good ole days when Ma Bell's monthly bill consisted of a single 6 x 3 sheet? Today it's more like a book. Not to mention the increase in rates! Aren't you glad your government broke up that dirty, nasty, filthy combine, AT&T?

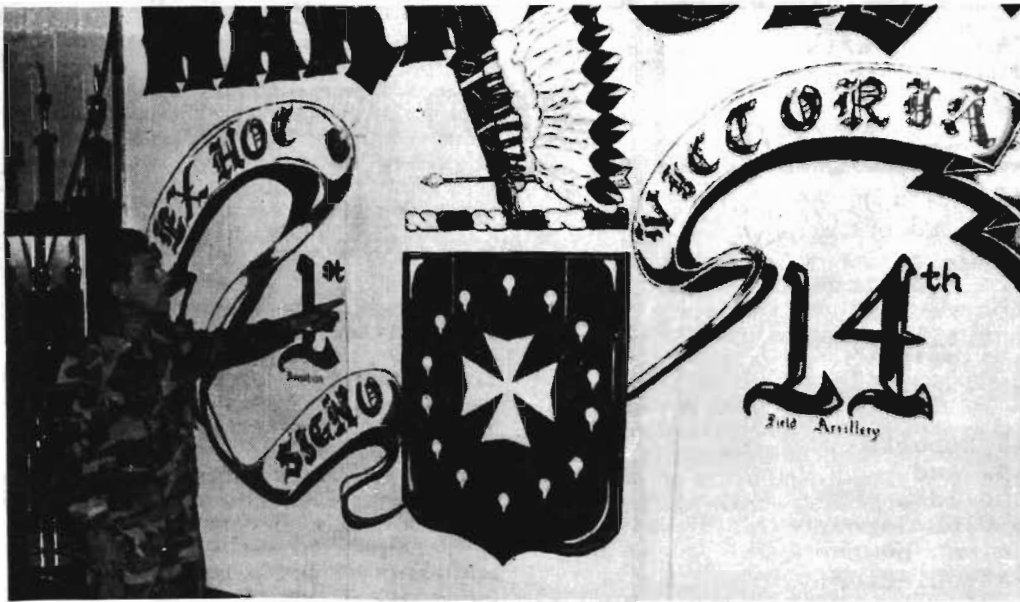
Mrs. ALBERT MINARIK, Al's widow, is trying to contact some of the men of his old outfit - D 21st '45-'46. Al, called "Chicken" by those who liked him best; he was the kid of D Company -- died of cancer several years ago. Any Dog Company Gimlet of '45-'46 can contact Mrs. Minarik at 5216 Avenida Oriente, Tarzana CA 91356. Ma Bell will reach her for you if you dial 818-345-3245. Wouldn't it be great if we could flood her with calls.

We had hoped to be honored, at Schaumburg, with the presence of John Toland, the famous author, who is writing a book on Korea. He wanted to come out to sit down for a couple of days with our Korea men who could give it to him first hand. We made the move of making him an honorary member. As he wrote us: "It is an honor to be an honorary member of the 24th Division Association. I am looking forward to the stories from your members which will help my readers get a broader vision of what really went on in your forgotten war."

Then came the message of regret. John Toland can't make Schaumburg and is sending his assistant, Lewis Michelony, in his stead. Lewis fought in Korea -- but as a Marine. Nonetheless, we'll welcome him with open arms -- and give him both barrels.

We have on Capitol Hill 535 Secretaries of State. If the President must negotiate every bargaining position with the 535, it is obvious that he can't negotiate anything acceptable with our allies, much less our adversaries. If the Commander in Chief must disclose to the Congress -- and that means the world, so good are they with the leak - the restrictions our troops are operating under, then the failure of the mission is practically assured before it gets underway.





PFC Medardo J. Medina-Duran points out some of the detail that he put into the mural on the wall of 1st Bn, 14th FA headquarters. (Photo by SSgt. Maurice Butler)



Read 'em and weep.

This one will bring tears to those old eyes.

Here's just how the Patriot wrote it: "If this battalion is ever relocated, this wall goes with us. The new tenants will just have to build themselves a new one," said Lt.Col. James Gallivan, commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, while admiring the mural painted on the wall in battalion headquarters.

"The mural painted by PFC Medardo J. Medina-Duran, cannon crewman, took three days to complete. Medina-Duran did all the lettering freehand.

"I knew he could draw but he has outdone himself on this one," said CSM David A. Jones. "We showed him the wall and then he used his imagination and creativity. This battalion got more than we expected as an end result."

"Gallivan said Medina-Duran's contribution to the battalion was even more than what appeared at first glance. 'We were 1-13th FA. The 13th FA has a long and glorious lineage which we were proud to be carrying on. Now we have been reactivated as 1-14th FA. It too has a long proud heritage. What we were is no more and what we have to do now is to take pride and carry on the tradition of the 14th FA.'

"The pride we took in the 13th FA must be carried over and placed in this new unit. The accomplishments and lineage of the 13th FA are gone to us. Medina-Duran has helped us all take a giant step in making this new unit of the 14th FA proud. We are using the mural to further the unit cohesion and pride that will make this 14th FA unit as proud as before."

And there goes the 13th Field.

We would like to have in our files a decent photo of each of our members -- like this one of BILL KAELIN (5th RCT) of 4610 Rutland, Louisville KY. Bill's a past CO of American Legion Post 229 in Louisville. Says he wants to see us there in '88 when Louisville hosts the Legion. We'll see, Bill -- and by the way, thanks for the photo.

From the lips of OTTO KRONE (19th '48-'51) of 416 Central, Jefferson LA, come these words, some painful, some nostalgic:

"I have been advised by a team of doctors that I have an incurable disease of my inner ear. I liked the way they broke the news to me; I won't die from it, but I will die with it. 'Labyrinthitis' is the name of the disease. I get very bad dizzy spells and headaches that last for days. I do take medication and it helps some. I am not crying about it; we all get something sooner or later. Since I am house-bound, I have a lot of time to kill, so if any comrades who served in the 19th Infantry Reg., 1st Bn. between Sept. '48 - Aug. '50 would like to drop me a line, I'd sure be glad to hear from them. I will answer all letters. Especially anyone who was at the Kum River Battle July 16, 1950. That's where I got shot in the head.

"Would you print part or all of this letter in the next issue of the Taro Leaf Ken? Thank you! Just call me old Dizzy Krone now.

"Could you tell me why a .12 gauge shotgun was considered an unauthorized weapon in Korea? I've always wanted to know. Heck if you could kill people with a flame-thrower, what is so bad about being armed with an auto-loading shotgun?"

There you are, Otto, just as you set it up. Re the shotgun question, it beats the ---- out of us.

PEOPLE

ON THE MOVE

Attorney JIM POSTMA (21st '43-'45), of 808 Massachusetts, Lawrence KS, recently attended a course - at Kansas U. - titled "1787 - the Year of the Constitution". And who was giving the course? None other than our very own artilleryman FRANCIS H. HELLER (Div.Arty. '42-'47).

And what a record Francis has written for himself.

His proper title is Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor of Law and Political Science. He was the 1986 recipient of the Chancellors Club Career Teaching Award. The award, given by the Kansas University Endowment Association, recognizes Heller for thirty-nine years of teaching and research at KU.

Francis is the author and editor of more than a dozen books and has published more than 150 articles. Four of his books address the presidency of Harry S. Truman. From May '54 to August '55, Heller worked in Kansas City with the former president on both researching and writing Truman's memoirs. Since '58, he has been a member of the board of directors of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute and since '62 has been the board's vice-president.

He came to KU in '48 as an assistant professor of political science. He became widely known for his administrative skills during terms as director of the Western Civilization Program, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, director of the College Honors Program, associate dean of faculties, and vice-chancellor for academic affairs.

Heller's career in teaching and research has brought him national and international recognition. He has served on state, national, and international committees and boards for academic and professional organizations in both law and political science.

A native of Austria, Heller became a U.S. citizen and served in the Army from '42 to '47 and '51 to '53. He holds doctorates in law and political science from the University of Virginia. Before joining the KU faculty, he taught at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary.

FRANCIS HELLER, your friends of the 24th -- and they are legion -- salute you.

And thank you, JIM POSTMA, for reminding us of this one more feather in Francis' cap.

How come prostitutes never get headaches?

AVOID ABSENTEEISM...



...PAY YOUR DUES
PLEASE!

WINFORD A. SHILLING (K 21st 5/49-6/51) 727 Spruce St., Vinton VA 24179 has called us saying that he has spotted a buddy -- TONY BAKER (K 21st and L 21st in Japan before the war) Tony was a POW from 10/50-8/53, and is now at 150 Clear Oak, Universal City TX 78148. And, of course, that's what we're all about. So pleased that we could bring two old friends together.

Off the Air

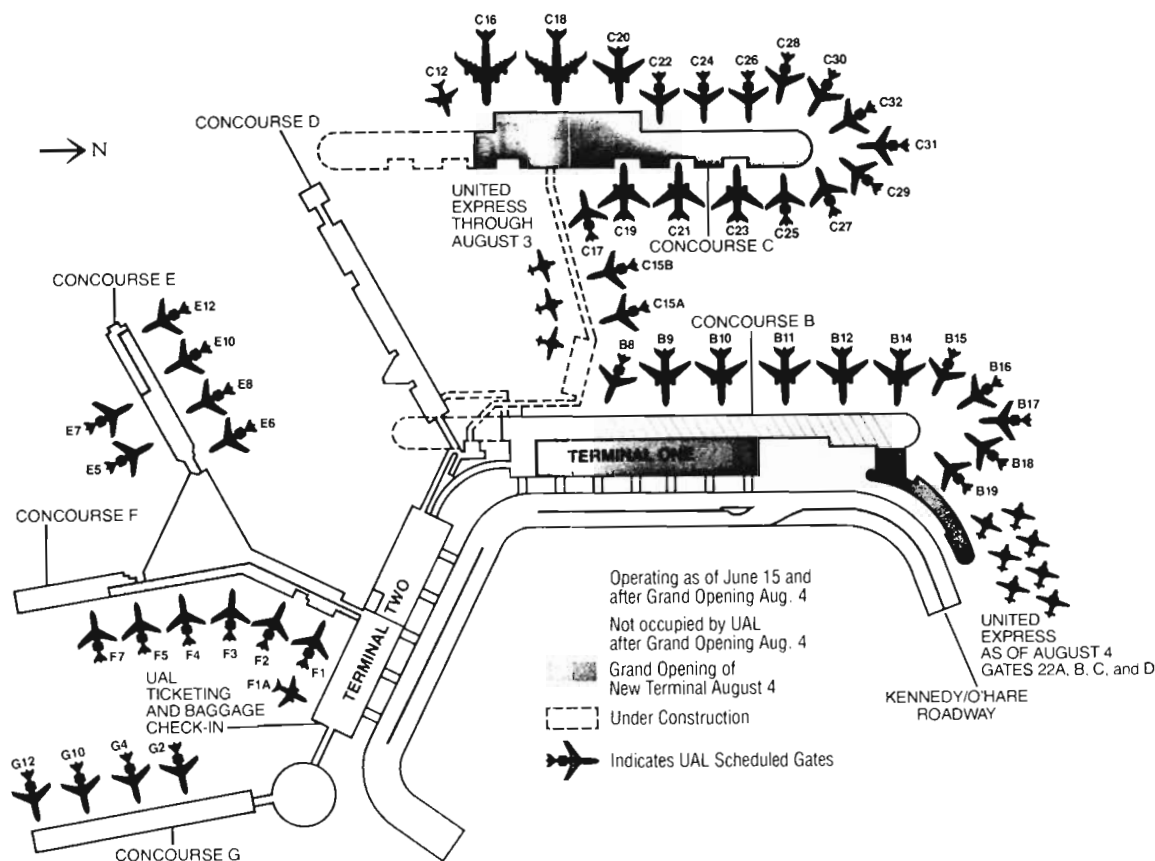
Dottie and PAUL WISECUP (L 34th '44-'46) of 1265 Kasa Mada, Ft. Myers, FL, went from LAX, last August, to Wahoo where they visited RICHARD LUM and the SOUSA's, AL and Mae. They've been visited in Florida by NICK and Alice MARASCO, CHARLES and Florence MCMICHAEL, JIM and Mary Lou HARTMAN, Alice and BILL SANDERSON and JOHN and Hilda KLUMP. Sounds like a busy winter for these terrific folks.

SOUNDINGS

New address for Life Member #347 WILBERT "Shorty" ESTABROOK (B 19th 6/48-7/50 and beyond -- Shorty was a POW) -- he's now at 20702 El Toro Rd., El Toro CA. Shorty's up to his whatchamacallits in affairs involving the return or recovery of MIA's in Korea. He simply refuses to quit.

ExtraGossip **ExtraGossip** *ExtraGossip* **ExtraGossip** *Ext*

Anticipate total chaos if you hit O'Hare on your way to Schaumburg. United's new terminal (called terminal one, the first one as you make the big circle when you arrive by car) is scheduled to open August first. Here's the map United has put out. From here on, you're on your own. Good luck!



The other day we were standing around the information booth at Kennedy in NY. An elderly German had just come off this flight from Munich. He looked totally lost and bewildered. He was trying to get some information from the guy behind the counter. He said, "Was sagst Du?" The guy said, "They lost 8-5."

Caught -- with our finger in the cookie jar. RALPH R. BALESTRIERI has been looking for Issue #4 of this present series -- and wrote us about it. Our response -- there ain't no #4 -- but -- there were two issues called #3. Our humiliating goof. Apologies please.

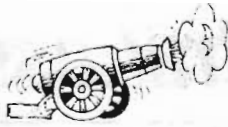
Conversation overhead between a man and a woman sitting beside us (it was one of those 3-seater jobs) in a recent flight from Washington to Springfield. The man says, "I just got out of prison. I did twenty years for murdering my wife with a hacksaw." "Oh," she says, "You're single!"

Precious words in from BILL MCKENNA over there in Albany CA: "I thought the editorial column, 'Antidote For Treason' on the last Taro Leaf cover was terrific. I sent a copy to my son, who teaches junior high school. Soon, perhaps the virtues of love and loyalty associated with one's country will become fashionable again."

We spoke, in the last issue, of Red Buttons theme on who "never got a dinner". Add these to his wonderful one-liners... "Amelia Earhart, who said, 'Never mind looking for me -- find my luggage'... never got a dinner. Steven Spielberg's mother, who said to E.T. 'I don't care where you're from -- you're here now and you're gonna be barmitzvah'd.' Paul Revere, who wore nothing but a raincoat, and said, 'I will flash once if by land and twice if by sea' -- none of them ever got a dinner."

He keeps the gags up to date, adding names in the news. One of the most recent is Oral Roberts, "who said to his congregation, 'I'd appear before you in sack-cloth and ashes -- but I look better in \$700 suits' -- he never got a dinner."

War Stories



HARRY WHALEY, out of Box 27, Griffithville, ARK (we like to use ARK for Arkansas; we don't care what the P.M. General says; we don't like to run the risk of sending Harry's mail to AR for Arizona -- see what we mean?) -- well anyway, Harry wrote us, saying: "I read in one of the issues that someone wanted to know what happened to the 5th RCT. I joined the 5th in '53 early and stayed with them until '55. We went home in '54 with the RGT and took the colors home. When we got to Ft. Lewis, Washington, they deactivated the outfit. I left the outfit in June of '55 for discharge. I think it was Vietnam bound, but not real positive about that."

Thank you Harry. Now let's tell you what we know. The 1st Bn. of the 5th went to 'Nam from Hawaii, arriving there on Jan. 19, 1966. It served with the 2nd Brigade of the 25th. After 4 terrible years, it departed 'Nam on Apr. 30, 1971. We don't know what happened to it then. We're trying to find out. Stay tuned.

MESS KIT ...



May we ask: have you ever seen a more infectious smile than this one? - right out of a Norman Rockwell painting. It's MARION J. MORGAN over at 1715 Perry, Little Rock AR. C 19th, he was a POW 1/1/51-8/25/53. He's smiling because he is free. Here's his letter: "This is a picture of the man who stopped

North Korea's advance on Pusan at Chinju on or about Aug. 1, 1950, after being assigned to the 24th in mid-ocean in mid-July. This picture was made at Portland, OR at the Korean Ex-POW's reunion last August after you sent me the cap. I wear it with pride. The ladies think it's pretty. In regard to Dumas, at the Korean Ex-POW's reunion in Memphis in 1984, there were 5 men from C Co. and 3 of us were from Lt. Kraftco's platoon who got out on Nov. 4, 1950. We will have a reunion with memorial service at St. Louis MO July 23rd to 27th and hopefully there will be 8 or 10 men from C Co. attending. It felt good to see Sgt. Hughes' picture in the last Taro Leaf. I never knew what happened to him. I wonder if anyone knows what happened to Lt. Vanorman or Sgt. Earl after they were captured on Jan. 1, 1951. Enclosed please find a check for \$20.00 for 1987-88 dues and a new cap. I enjoy the Taro Leaf very much."

RICHARD LUM staying behind on Wahoo this year. Can't make Schaumburg. We're gonna miss ya, fella.

Writes CWO ANTHONY MALINA, Life Member #497, in reporting a new address from Carson City NV to 429 W. Hillsdale, San Mateo CA: "Have gone over your membership list and have noted a number of personal horn blowing. Being no exception to hot air, am submitting the following for inclusion in future revision. (Hq. & Hq. Btry, 2nd Bn, 13th FA 1933-1941, Hq. Btry 13th FA Bn, 1941-1943)." In this little club, Tony, we encourage every member to blow his own kazoo. The din is sometimes deafening -- fun though. Your little horn blowing didn't hurt a bit.



BILL PEACOCK (A 21st '45-'46), of Cleveland TX, sends a cheery note. See for yourself:

"I've made a post midlife decision -- I now have a small farm (major crop is debt) in East Texas, approx. 100 miles from Houston, the part of Texas most Yankees don't know about. I have spent years trying to classify all of its trees, bushes, etc. and I'm still at it. When I want a bass or catfish for a meal, I simply walk down to my tank and catch as many as I need. I must admit that my house is a New England style dorm that my 'X' and I built back in '69. It's about 3800 sq.ft. so I rattle around a lot. Perhaps I will look for a PATIENT middle-aged lady; somehow the passionate ones don't have the allure they once had. One day in Mintal four or five of us took a little building that was full of Jap yen. We turned most of it over to S-2 but we kept pockets full. To play Diamond Jim Brady, we would light a 100 yen note and then light a cigarette with the burning bill. It also made pretty good toilet paper. We 'knew' that we would be using invasion money when we got to Japan.

"Well. When we arrived in Kure, we found the Japs using the same type of money we had been burning. We also found a huge house full of nubile young Jap girls. They wouldn't accept Flip or American money and so we had a problem. Suddenly one of the fellows who was in the house that afternoon down in Mintal showed up with a large quantity of that money. Why or how he had carried that much volume and weight from April or May until Oct., I'll never know but he stood at the front door of the house and loaned money to us -- on the basis of 2 Yen now, the prevailing price, for 30 Yen on payday. Some 'eager beavers' one of whom shall remain unnamed, borrowed 60 Yen that night. Oh how the mighty have fallen!!"

T A P S

Good BOB JOHNSON, of 24 Whipple, Somerville MA 02144, thoughtfully represented us at the funeral of RANSOM W. PACKARD (5th RCT), who died last April 10th.

BILL KEYES, an old D21st man himself, received this letter from Bill KENNEDY, JR. of 2100 Trapani Circle, Monterey CA:

"I just wanted to drop you a line and say that my Father, "Wild Bill" KENNEDY, passed away on March 27, 1987. He was suffering from cancer of the bones and liver.

"My Dad often talked of the reunions he would go to -- and the old friends he would see there. When your letter and pictures came - he brought them over to me and enjoyed showing me his Co.D guys. He would bring in his 'Gimlet' magazine and show me the photos -- recalling old times.

"I hope you can make the proper notifications. He was so proud to have served with you all -- you'll never know.

"God bless you and yours."

Mrs. Donna Walk, beloved daughter of our own Mrs. HOWARD ("Gladys") LUMSDEN, passed on on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, after a long, lingering sickness.

Sad note in from JOSEPH T. DAIGLE, (24 Sig. '42-'45), of 419 Louisiana, Port Allen LA 70767: "Just a note to let you know that Evelyn passed away on the 14th of April. She had been in a nursing home since May '85. Sunday morning she was having a little trouble breathing so the home sent her to the hospital. She passed away Tuesday.

"I, myself, am getting a little stronger every day but it is very slow. I hope to be around for awhile yet."

We want you around for a long "awhile yet", Joe. Chin up, sailor.

From ALBERT and Betty DELAY (3rd Bn., 21st, '41-'45) of Box 154, Tilden IL comes the sad news of the passing of their good friend, ROLLIN DUGGER (M 21st 6/42-12/45). Al and Betty had visited with Rollin and Cora only last June at their Shawnee Mission, KS home.

Deceased -- date uncertain -- FRANK J. DELAURO (L 34th '41-'43) of 408 Parker, Hackensack NJ.

With great sadness, we report the decease of Maj.Gen. BENJAMIN F. TAYLOR, USA Retired, on May 15th, in his 75th year.

Benjamin Franklin Taylor, a retired Army major general who later became a Washington businessman, died of cancer at Fairfax Hospital.

Gen. Taylor served 37 years in the Army before he retired in '70 as chief of staff of the U.S. Army in Europe. From '72 until '85 he was president of International General Industries, a holding company consisting of three industrial firms associated with the International Bank of Washington.

Since '82, he had been president of the Olmsted Foundation, an organization that subsidizes postgraduate study for college graduates.

A resident of McLean, VA., Gen. Taylor was born in Washington PA. He graduated from West Point in '37.

He served in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II and in the War Department's operations division. After the war he served in Germany. He was chief of staff of the I Corps in Korea during the conflict there. He then attended the Army War College in Carlisle PA.

Gen. Taylor later served in Germany as assistant division commander of the Third Infantry Division, chief of staff of the VII U.S. Army Corps and then served us as our Division Commander.

From '63 to '66 he was in Washington as director of the Army budget in the Office of the Army Comptroller, then returned to Europe as chief of staff of NATO's Central Army Group.

His marriage to Mary Taylor ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah L. Kirkman Taylor of McLean; two daughters by his first marriage, Linda T. Drustup of Alexandria and Joan T. Moore of Lake Oswego OR; a stepdaughter, Sister Ellen Karena Taylor of Lipa City, the Philippines; a sister, Roxanna T. Davis of Longwood FL; six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

We are grateful to DICK LEWIS, 2000 North Daniel #301, Arlington VA 22201 who represented us at the funeral.

Lt.Gen. JOHN A. DABNEY, Gimlet C.O. 9/48-7/49, lost his beloved Jane last Dec. 7th after 52 years of a "most happy and satisfying married life." He's at 2086 N.Porpoise Point Lane, Vero Beach FL.



Beautiful words, written in '43 on
Guadalcanal by Staff Sergeant William
Sacadat of the 132nd Inf. of the
Americal Division.

We Who Are about to Die

*Oh, blessed be the fighting men,
That we should die so young,
Let the eulogies begin,
And the funeral chant be sung.*

by
William Sacadat
Staff Sergeant,
Company A



*Oh! weep not beloved one;
Life is not that all.
Our fight is right, for freedom
The accursed ones shall fall.
Grieve not if I should die.
My death will ever be
For a cause much
greater than you and I,
For the land of liberty.
So fondly as I bid adieu,
In glorious years to come,
Preserve thy liberty, I say to you.
"Smile, and carry on my son."*

We've been asked to spread the word on this one -- and happily we oblige. Anyone awarded a commission in the thick of the battle has our admiration and respect. We're giving this one a page; it's well worth it.

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(To rise from the ranks to greater distinction)

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SEVERAL THOUSAND MEN WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS ARE SOMEWHERE IN THESE FIFTY STATES AND WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE THEM IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY JOIN WITH US IN OUR FRATERNAL ORDER.

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IF YOU RECEIVED A BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION, OR KNOW OF ANY MAN WHO DID, PLEASE WRITE TO ANY ONE OF THE MUSTANGS LISTED BELOW FOR APPLICATION TO JOIN THE NATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS.

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Prexy WARREN AVERY sent us this clipping out of the New Haven, CT Register. Regretfully, we've had to rearrange the columns a little. The article appeared as a full page spread. We couldn't adapt it with our limitations. Sorry 'bout that, BOB DUMAS. BOB DUMAS, as you now know, is one of our honorary members. Here goes the article -- hold onto your hats:

Page 46 New Haven Register, Saturday, May 23, 1987

Self-styled diplomat hopes to learn fate of his GI brother

By James V. Heallon
Register Staff

Before the thaw developed in March between the United States and North Korea, a retired sign installer for the state Department of Transportation was negotiating with the hermit kingdom of 18 million on his own.

"I am happy the enemy is talking. They want to settle," said Robert R. Dumas, 57, the self-styled diplomat from rural Canterbury in eastern Connecticut.

He says things look more promising this Memorial Day than ever before because he may discover what happened in the Korean War to his brother, Roger A. Dumas.

"Let's settle the issue of the remains first and then we can sit down and talk about live prisoners of war," Robert Dumas quotes a diplomat saying during a three-hour meeting at the North Korean mission in New York.

Roger Dumas was an 18-year-old machine gunner with the 24th Infantry Division.

His brother has spent years trying to prove Roger Dumas was a prisoner of war.

Dumas said the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is more cooperative supposedly because it doesn't want the question of MIAs from the Korean War haunting the 1988 summer Olympics.

North Korea will co-host the Olympics with its adversarial and more productive neighbor, South Korea, a concession the International Olympics Committee made to avoid boycotts by communist bloc nations.



Roger Dumas
Weeks before capture

President Reagan in 1985 termed North Korea one of five outlaw regimes along with Iran, Libya, Cuba and Nicaragua, for sponsoring world terrorism, and in 1979, the North Koreans cheered Iran when it took 52 Americans hostage and held them for 444 days.

Dumas said the North Koreans told him in September 1986, their government was ready to talk about Korean War remains "right now if your country would talk directly to us instead of the United Nations."

While U.S. diplomats now have informal contacts with North Korean counterparts, Dumas says questions left from the Korean War are not to be discussed.

So he has asked the North Koreans to invite him and a delegation of Korean War veterans for a visit.

He said these include Warren Avery of North Haven, president of the 24th Infantry Division Association, and ex-Marine Frank Kerr, a Boston public relations man, and co-founder of the Chosin Few, a group named for the bitter withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir in the winter of 1950.

The 1st Marine Division, for example, clawed 78 miles in 17 days in sub-zero cold, fighting the Chinese all the way to the sea. They took their dead and wounded with them, which not every unit of

the United Nations force was able to do.

For the past decades, Robert Dumas has been asking the government difficult if not impossible questions about his brother's whereabouts. In 1984, the Army reclassified Roger's status from MIA to prisoner of war. Even so, Robert Dumas alleges to this day a wholesale "coverup" has taken place.

Roger Dumas last wrote his family on Nov. 3, 1950, saying Gen. Douglas MacArthur told the United Nations troops under his command the enemy was on the run and they would be home for Christmas.

However, China's foreign minister, Chou En-lai, was warning Washington repeatedly China would intervene if the 70-year-old MacArthur didn't break off his pursuit of the demoralized North Korean army.

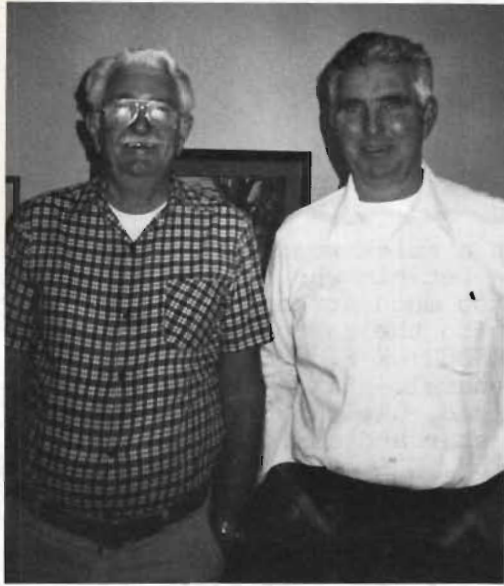
MacArthur's lightly-clad troops penetrated North Korea's towering crags and plunging canyons — and the frozen wasteland became one of the greatest natural traps in the history of warfare.

It hid 33 divisions, 300,000 Chinese peasant riflemen who had slipped silently across the Yalu River in the starless nights of early November. Another 600,000 reinforcements were poised in a staging area on the Manchurian side of the river.

There were sporadic engagements and young Dumas was last seen on Nov. 4, 1950 but it wasn't until the day after Thanksgiving that the bulk of the screaming riflemen in blue Mao jackets burst from ambush.

They shouted, "GI, tonight you die!" amid the calls of buglers and the sounds of cymbal-swinging bandsmen, and weren't inclined to take prisoners.

"They had a certain disposition. They enjoyed seeing you go the hard way," Ed Reeves a Phoenix, Ariz., missionary, recalled in a 1983 interview.

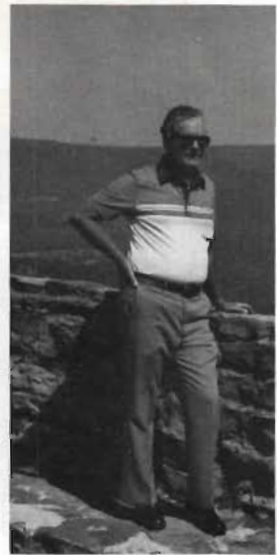


WHAT'S HOT UNDER THE SUN

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Nice shot of DAVE MURRAY in the plaid, looking like he never met a calorie he didn't like, and DAN RICKERT, in the white. Dan thoughtfully sent us a beautiful plaque showing the Division patch which he had whittled out of wood. It's a dandy; we've hung it in our office. Thanks Dan.

Here's a great shot of CAROLL ROBBINS of Rt. 5, Box 190, Lumberton MS. Wish it wasn't in color. Anyway, Carroll has a problem and we're anxious to help if we can. Shucks -- read Carroll's letter yourself: "I'm trying to locate a John A. Cameron who was with me in a machine gun squad of Co. D, 34th, on 8/14/50. It is believed he entered the Army from Ohio, and was with the unit in Japan before shipping to Korea. Have been in contact with Lacy Barnett and was informed that according to the morning reports



for 7/2/50 to 9/1/50 no entry was made for Cameron. We believe he was transferred to the 19th or 21st Inf. I would love to contact this good man to renew an old friendship. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated. Call me COLLECT (601) 796-4750."

Hope you get a bite Carroll. If not, come back at us and we'll try using bigger minnows.

GENNARO "Gerry" FISCHETTI (34th '43-'45) of 42 Rose Court, Staten Island NY, says "It's dialysis time." We're running this down.



And why not? It's 1. to r., LEN PARNCUTT, HARRY WITTMAN, and Betty PARNCUTT in Florida. That boat in the background puzzles us. Where in FL? Anyway, Harry and Frances were down, from W.V. to FL for a vacation -- and Betty and Len Parncutt came a-visiting them in Orlando. Ah, there's a clue. That's where that boat is. They say they'll all be in Schaumburg. Eureka!

script

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BEST BETS

Bets are on that it'll be asked again at Schaumburg. Question is raised each year as to why we mail Taro Leaf via first class. Answer: to improve the chances of your getting your copy. The P.O. serves as a bad example of bureaucracy at work. It's a warning of the abject failure of federal enterprises. The P.O. is losing more than \$1 million a day -- \$500 million for the year ended last Sept. 30th. Doing it our way, the Taro Leaf hopefully reaches you. A little expensive, yes, but more certain.

MEET IN STYLE,

The Hyatt Regency Woodfield - in Schaumburg -- has 400 rooms but they're initially blocking only 200 rooms for us. This figure will go up in proportion to the early reservations which they receive from us. With the heavy August vacation/business travel in mind, latecomers may be taking a chance.

THE END.

NEWS

This'll be a quick rundown on new assignments. Let him who belives we give the "stars" too much attention skip this one and go on to the cartoons.

Lt.Gen. FREDERICK F. WOERNER JR., commanding general. Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, CA, has been nominated for a fourth star and assignment as commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command, Quarry Heights, PA, replacing, of course, our very own Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN.

Lt.Gen. H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF, commanding general, I Corps, Fort Lewis WA, has been nominated to become deputy chief of staff for operation and plans/Army senior member, Military Staff Committee, United Nations, the Pentagon. There's a mouthful.

Maj.Gen. KENNETH C. LEUER, commanding general, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Polk LA has been named commanding general, Army Infantry Center/commandant, Army Infantry School, Fort Benning GA.



"Now that ya mention it, Joe, it does sound like th' patter of rain on a tin roof."