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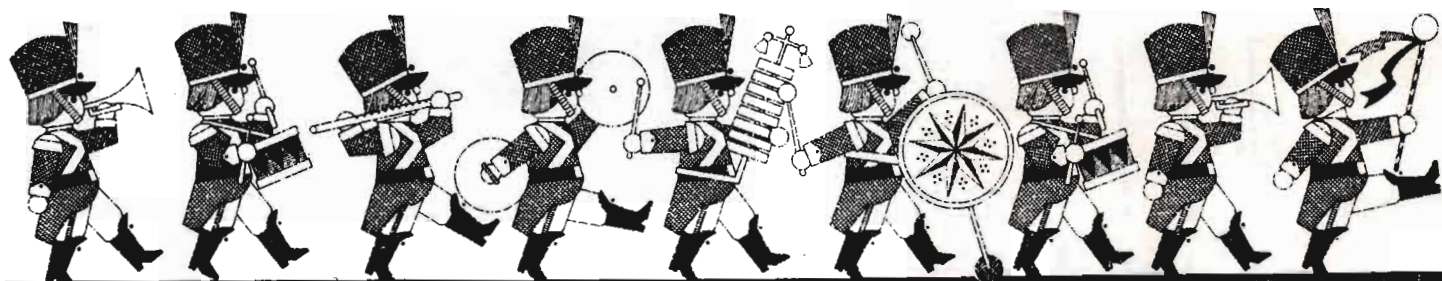
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Henry Knox



**“You hated
the waiting.
So did we.”**



On 10/28/86, 33 years after the end of the Korean War, RR signed the bill authorizing erection of a memorial in the Washington area by the American Battle Monuments Commission honoring the members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served during that war.

The memorial will pay tribute to more than 5.7 million Americans who served during the three year period from June 1950 to August 1953. The Korean War was an extremely hard fought one. During its relatively short duration, 33,600 Americans were Killed in Action and an additional 21,400 died of non-battle causes; 8,200 of those listed as Killed in Action were classified as Missing in Action and presumed dead. In addition, more than 103,000 Americans were wounded.

The legislation authorizing this \$6,000,000.00 project requires the memorial to be erected with private contributions except for a Federal appropriation of \$1 million to be used for design, site preparation, associated administrative costs and partial construction. Consequently, it is necessary to raise a total of \$5 million from private individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations. To date, a little more than \$1.5 million has been raised.

Those interested, may give proper and long overdue recognition to America's Korean War veterans through a fully tax deductible contribution to this memorial. All contributions should be sent to:

Korean War Memorial Fund/ABMC
PO Box 2372
Washington D.C. 20013-2372

More than 5 million Americans are alive today who served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. These men and women deserve national recognition of their courageous efforts which contributed so significantly to the stability, economic advancement and growth of democracy that has characterized the Asian-Pacific region during the last three decades. It is also important to eliminate the stigma from Korea of America's so-called "Forgotten War" through the erection of a memorial that will provide lasting remembrance of the courage, sacrifices and achievements of America's Korean War veterans, and give them the long overdue recognition they so richly deserve.

Beautiful words heard recently at the retirement parade for Sec/Def. Weinberger. It's the Navy goodbye with the traditional wish: "May you always have fair winds and following seas." Lovely, isn't it?

MSgt. JOHN S. MCMURRAY was 5th RCT in '52-'53 and retired from you know what in July of '65. Johnny has settled down at 46 Leslie, E.Orange NJ.

DELINQUENT DUES NOTICE

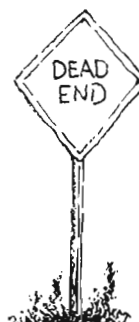
This will serve as the official notification to those of you who have not paid your dues for the year 87/88, which were due on or before August 1st, 1987.

We don't send statements. It just costs too darned much and takes too much *d%# time.

Please refer to your membership card. If it shows August 31st 1987, and you have not paid your dues in the last month, you are delinquent. So, please respond immediately and provide the financial support that is needed for the continuity of your association.

On the other hand, if you are in such financial circumstances that you require assistance, please notify your Secretary so that a confidential notation can be placed on your record.

Our thanks go out to all of you who responded promptly to our dues requests, and to the many of you who so generously contributed additional amounts to help a buddy. It is our sincere hope that those who have not paid their dues to date, will be taking care of this in the very near future.



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MORE GREAT PICTURES



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TOGETHER

we're going places!

24th Infantry Division Association

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Savannah, Georgia
Sheraton Savannah
Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 1988
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Introducing our new Chairman of Membership - BOB JOHNSON - the column is all his.

* * *

Greetings:

Scared you, huh? Just wanted to get your attention.

Dear --

Just read your notice in the (VFW, DAV, American Legion) magazine trying to locate comrades, establish claims etc.)

How many remember getting a letter that started like that? I'm the guy.

I'm BOB JOHNSON and have been designated as Membership Chairman.

I consider myself re-enlistment NCO, P.I.O. (public information officer) and last and more important, "The Sheriff".

The association lost 45 members in 1985-1986 for failure to pay dues. In 1986-1987 we lost 37 members. I feel that the reason was that most of them forgot and were to ashamed to renew. How to prevent this! Well it's that time of the year. Banks, insurance agents, businesses etc. are giving away free calendars. Got one yet? Look at July 1, 1988. Find it? Write "Send Ken \$10.00 for dues". Turn the page. Look at August 1, 1988. Write "Last chance - Send Ken \$10.00 for dues."

If we all do that no one will be dropped for forgetfulness.

Thanks.

Bob Johnson
Re-enlistment NCO

Who said, "I will go to Savannah"?

- ☐ Gen. Douglas MacArthur
- ☐ Sir Edmund Hillary
- ☐ Gen. Dwight Eisenhower
- ☐ Bob Ender

True story, so help us.
It was in the U.S. District Court, Wilmington, Delaware.
Lawyers were representing defendants in a drug bust.
The hearing was on a motion to suppress evidence.

The U.S. attorney had called a policeman to the stand to testify on the qualifications of the expert who had discovered the evidence.

The expert was Thor, a dope-sniffing yellow Labrador retriever.

The policeman said Thor had completed his training in Maryland a month before the bust. He could smell out drugs so well that he was chosen to give the demonstration at the graduation day exercises. There were eight dogs in the course, two of whom did not graduate. Thor scored 94 percent on his final exam and graduated fourth in his class.

Judge Jane R. Roth then asked, "Did he graduate Fido Beta Kappa?"

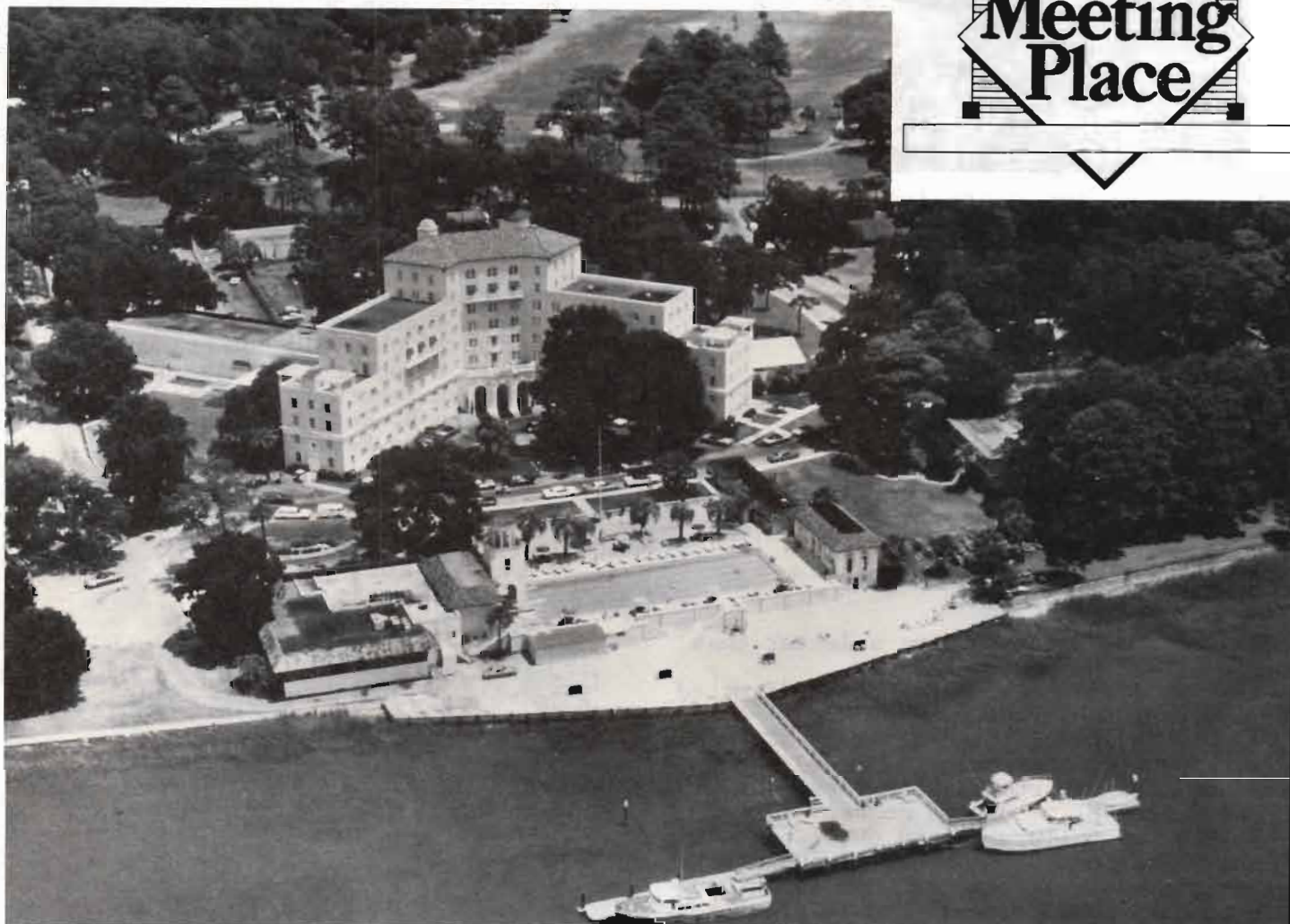


"Says here American assets are frozen in Korea—as if we didn't know!"



DARREL MORTON (19th Anti Tank Co. '43-'45), DALLAS DICK (A,B,C,Hq.Co.,Sv.Co., Band 19th '35-'45) and BILL NAEGELE (C 19th '42-'45). We're counting on each of you to make Savannah. A PH photo.

The Meeting Place



Ah yes, it's our headquarters come next September 29th - the Sheraton Savannah Resort & Country Club. And during that weekend, we're gonna have it ALL. You approach our "resort" from Savannah, of course. It's about a 7 mile ride over. We did it in about 15 minutes. You approach via a road astride the golf course. You might spot it in this photo, running as a white line from about 12 o'clock in a leftward direction toward about 10 o'clock and then making a sharp turn coming directly in along the left side of the hotel.

Most of the 300 rooms are in the main house.

Let's talk about the main house first. Shooting off to the left, in a 10 o'clock direction you'll see a long white wing. That'll contain our hospitality room, our business meeting room, exhibit rooms, etc. The banquet room extends rearwardly from the center of the building. You can't see it here. And extending rearwardly from the right hand side of the building are rooms for the golf nutz. At the end of that line - not visible here - is a terrific pro shop (the gals will go wild over the sports clothing buys here) and adjacent thereto is a delightful coffee shop/sandwich bar. And the golf course - top of the picture - starts here. If you're under 98 ("years", we mean, not "score"), bring your clubs. Hey, you're still with us, aren't you? That's a pool squarely in front of the hotel. To the right of the pool is a rectangular house with a black roof - snacks. Near the left end of the pool, on the bay side, you can see a little rectangular building - it's an open air bar. And then to the left of the bar is a conglomeration of roofs, well 3 or 4 anyway - that's another dining room/cocktail lounge/bar. If you stop for a drink at every bar on these grounds, you'll never make it to your room. More later on the boats in the foreground. Let's finish this story off with this. On the right side of your screen, between about 1 o'clock and 3 o'clock, you can see trees, trees, trees. Underneath those trees is a 2 story row of small rooms and suites. In fact, the very end of that row is peeking out at you, looking toward the pool. They are delightful units. Some of our "ground floor only" people will likely be asking for space over along this row. More details will follow. So far, so wonderful, ain't it? Ah yes, one last comment - parking?? - all you want and it's ABSOLUTELY FREE. See ya!

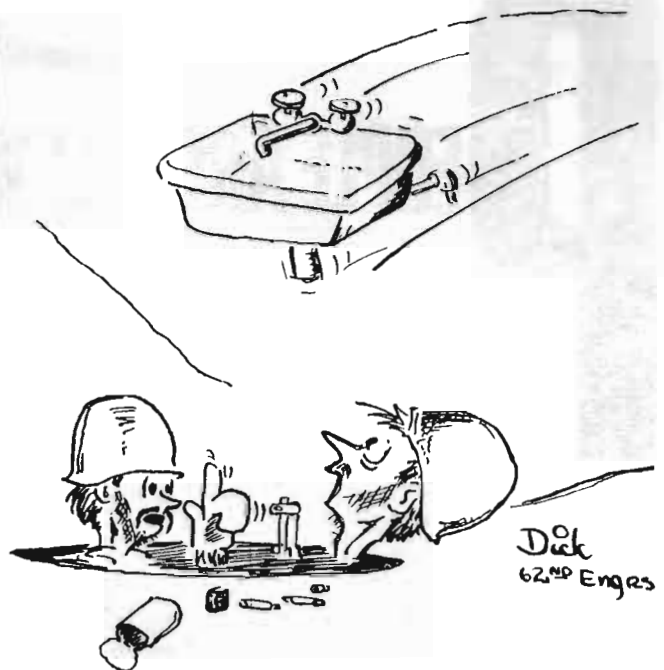
THE COMMITTEE



Lovely Donna Wicks, GIL HAEBERLIN's daughter, MIKE SCOTTO (Anti Tank '42-'43) and seated KAY DOLEMBO (Army Nurse, 126th Hosp. '43-'45). Oh gosh, oh golly, oh gee; that's Helen SCOTTO down in that lower right corner. Almost missed you. Sorry. A PH photo.



"I hate these fast transports!"



Dick
62nd Eng'rs

"Yeah?? Well here it comes now."

In October, Division units were off to Turkey - where? - yes, Turkey, on a mission called Exercise Display Determination. Who went? Well we aren't quite sure and we were lacking a roving reporter to get down to Stewart and find out. Looks like 2nd Bn., 70th Armor made up a task force. Who else went? Golly we don't know. Wait a minute. Answer just came in. These units participated - 1300 men:

- 24th MP Co.
- 2nd Bn., 70th Armor
- 2nd Bn., 21st Inf.
- 5th Bn., 52nd Air Attack Artillery
- 3rd Engineer Bn.
- 24th Sig.Bn.
- H & H Co., Division
- 24th Support Bn.
- 91st Chemical Co.
- Division Artillery??? - That's what the man said!

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 the turmoil and 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. Long borders abutting the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan. A position from which Moscow could intimidate the Arabs, Israel et al.

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

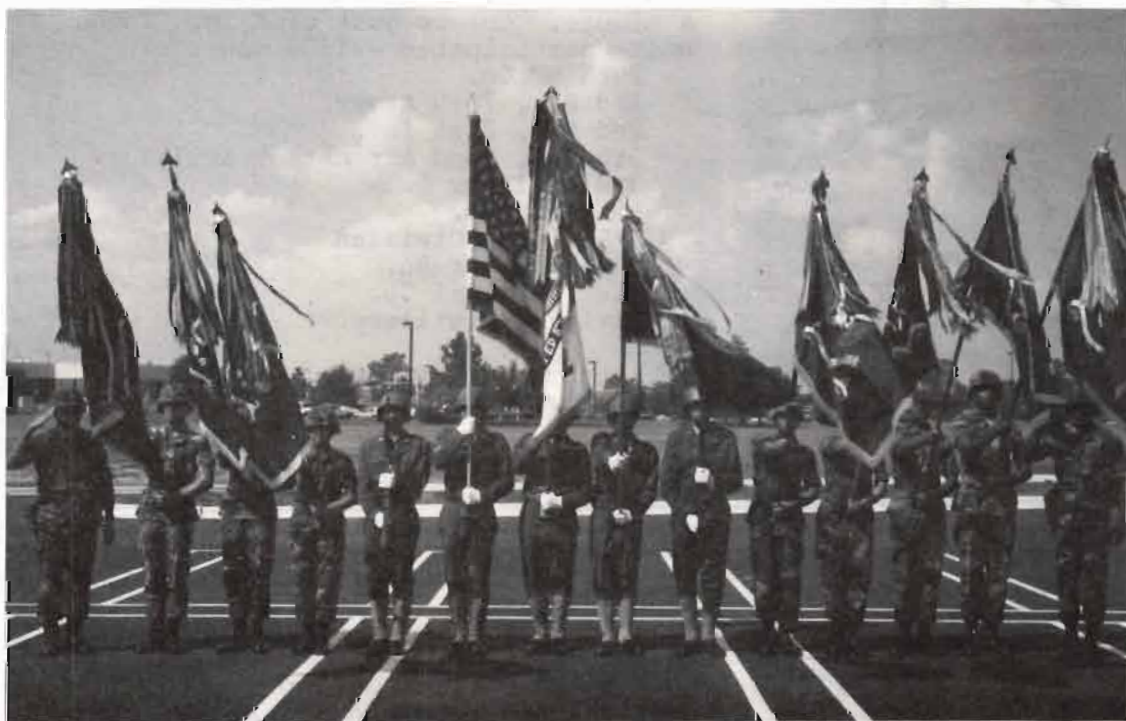
Definition of a Temper tantrum:
Call of the riled.

P EOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT...

Yes, people are still talking about the dedication of the Newman Gymnasium at you-know-where. And we gave you the clue in our last issue so you know who.



Yes, that's the gymnasium as seen from afar - maybe too far, you'll say - but as PHIL HOSTETTER, our favorite cameraman, likes to tell us, "Be sure to get it all in; don't leave anything out." And the chap who took this one did just that. There's the Newman Gymnasium - all of it. US Army photo.



Getting this story together has been harder to pin down than Bonnie & Clyde. We gave you the AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN speech at the dedication in our last issue. And now the rest of the story one issue later - and in our usual monochromatic way too. Wish you could see these shots in their original color. They were (are) beautiful - as was the ceremony itself. The colors were brought forward in front of the building where the crowd was assembled for the speeches. US Army photo.



The Commanding General Maj.Gen. MICHAEL F. SPIGELMIRE has made his introductory remarks, and Red has stepped forward to get ready to acknowledge them. You read what he said - eloquently - in the last issue. Missing was his story about the time Leo Durocher was coaching at first base in an exhibition game the Giants were playing at West Point. One noisy cadet was heckling Leo, doing his level best to upset him.

"Hey, Durocher", he hollered. "How did a little squirt like you get into the major leagues?"

Leo turned toward the cadet and shouted back, "My Congressman appointed me." US Army photo.

And now what are they doing? Where are they all going? They're going inside, that's where. But not before Red cuts the ribbon officially to open the doors. Red, we must mention here, throughout this day of such honor, exhibited the zeal of St. Michael the Archangel, coupled with the passion of the chicken master Frank Perdue. After it was all over, Red could be found for a full hour or so over in a corner happily signing autographs for a long line of soldiers - and he was enjoying every minute of it. US Army photo.





Consider that ribbon just about cut, friends, and Red's ever-lovely helpmate, Dorothy, is right there to ensure that he gets it right. He did! US Army photo.



Then it was down the halls to inspect every nook and cranny of this perfectly unbelievable gymnasium. In case you're wondering, yes there was punch and a host of other goodies following the official tour through a stupendous exercise room, an oversized room capable of being converted in a flash to three basketball courts, oodles of handball courts, locker rooms, supply rooms, steam rooms, you name it. They had thought of everything - including one

tremendous olympic-size pool. We are grateful to you, Mike Spiegelmeyer, for these pictures - and more for the meaningful ceremony which they depict. In honoring Red, you honored each of us. Thank you, thank you. US Army photo.

PEOPLE



How many can you name? Well, lessee. MIKE SPIEGEL-MEYER, Red lighting up like a Christmas tree as he greets ? - You guess it - Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING. Red is overwhelmed by the fact that Fred has flown down from Virginia to watch Division honor his one-time C/S, his one-time 34th Commander. Between Mike and Red, that's HUGH CROSSON peeking through. And you might spot RUCKER FORD over Fred's shoulder. Red has a powerfully

emotional, sentimental side. As one of his admirers - and they are legion - said: "Red can get misty-eyed just listening to America the Beautiful. He can even cry at a K-Mart opening." Only foolin' Red, we love ya! US Army photo.

What happens next?

A welcome note from DON NESBITT (C & D, 6th Tk.Bn. 5/51-2/52) over there in Clarks Summit, PA: "Long talk with LEE CALANDER (C & D 6th Tk.Bn. '51-'52) of 8 Indiana, Wheeling WV. Great talking with him after 36 years. Looking for JOSEPH PAUL (driver) of Long Island NY, HENRY PARVIN (asst.driver) of Norfolk VA, ALAN KRUGH (loader) of South Western PA. I think we need more humor in the world today. You can poke fun of me anytime. My door is always open - 10 miles northwest of Scranton." Nice letter, Don. Sorry we can't help you locate your 3 pals. As you see, we're publishing it. It may help.

BILL BARNETT asked us to insert this one--and this we happily do:

"Would like to get in touch with anybody from H 19th 3/40 - 12/41, Tel. 305-725-0992 - Call Collect. I will be very happy to accept."

Bill's at 118 E.Versailles, Melbourne Beach FL.

Someone wrote the other day, "Aintcha ever gonna print somethin on the Field Artillery?" We'll print it if you send it in. Meantime in the very same mail comes an inquiry from CSM Ret. CLYDE W. JOHNSON of 1500 Redwood, West Columbia SC. Clyde was 11th Field from 9/50 to 11/51.



GIL HEABERLIN (A 34), JACK HELLMAN (QM) and JACK BROWN (Sv., E & I 34th '42-'44) have just heard the one about the fellow who gave out with the advice: "When you're about to be run out of town, get out in front and make it look like you're leading the parade." PH photo.

An armored car, caught in congested traffic, found itself directly behind a hearse on the way to the cemetery. "Look!" said an amazed bystander to his companion. "There's someone who's trying to take it with him."

WHO'S NEWS



LOU and Earlene BROWN (B and Serv. 34th '40-'45) enthuse about our idea of having a black and white snapshot of every member and every wife. Do we have yours in our file? Would like to use the photo when we run an item on you.

JACK T. CROSBY, JR. (Sv. 21st 9/53-12/54) of 838 E. Scott, Grand Ledge, MI has sent us his card. Buys and sells military insignia. Call Jack if you want/have got anything - Tel. 517-627-9553.

It's hard to say who brags more, the reformed smoker or the guy whose car gets 30 miles to the gallon.




HORACE HOGGATT (339th Eng. '43-'45) and CHARLEY BEAZLEY (34th '44-'45) were enjoying themselves thoroughly when Phil snapped this one. Horace is the slow-moving one. It takes him two steps before his pants move. Charley's the easy-going one. It takes a gallon of kerosene to light his fuse. Horace says of Charley, "He's as easy-going as spilled paint making its way across the floor." A wonderful pair, these two.

How would you like to have your errors counted and published every day like those of a baseball player?

Here's a report on a TF Smith man. KENNETH G. DIBBLE (C21st '49-'51) is at Rt. 1, Myerstown PA. He is also Life Member 475. He was wounded on July 5, 1950 - squad leader, 4th squad, machine gun section - was wounded again on July 13, 1950, and darned if he wasn't hit again on Sept. 7, 1950. Was sent to hospital in Japan and from there back to hospital in El Pasos, TX where he stayed from 10/6/50 to 3/1/51. Then to assignment at Indiantown Gap where he was a First Sergeant until being discharged May 8, 1952.

Quote of the month - by Phyllis Diller: "I don't believe the world owes me a living - although an apology would be nice."

Postscript in a "Red" NEWMAN letter: "You know you're getting old when it takes longer to rest than it does to get tired."



TO THE MEMBERS, EACH OF THEM:

As your President, I'd like to tell you how proud I am to have this great honor. I hope in the year ahead that all of us will be able to move our Association to bigger and better things. The Commanding General of our Division, MIKE SPIGELMIRE, and I have met. Division will be of great assistance for our convention in 1988. They are looking forward to our invasion of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Additionally, we can expect an influx of new members into our Association from among the members of the current 24th.

I have no big goals and objectives except to ensure that all members have the opportunity to keep in touch and that we all have a lot of fun at our next convention. I'm a believer that we need not be too serious about the Association and that Ken, Bob, and I will do the work.

On a somber and serious note, your prayers for JOE PEYTON, Margaret, and their children are needed. Joe is not well.

Keep in touch with me with your ideas and anything else you'd like to say, hopefully with the idea of making our Association better.

Sincerely,



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

You Read It Here First

The formal contract with The Sheraton Savannah Resort & Country Club has been signed. Our necks are way out - reaching as far north as Hilton Head, 35 miles away.

The guestimate is that we'll need 50 rooms for Thursday, Sept. 28th. It follows that, if more than 50 register EARLY for reservations commencing with that Thursday date, timely reservations will get them blocked off. As is, the house is presently reserving 50 for that Thursday. So much for "openers".

The Friday and Saturday dates, of course, are for the dates when they are "throwing the full house open to us". That again means early reservations and first come and pay, first served. You'll see why in a minute.

The Sheraton simply cannot accommodate the totality of the turnout anticipated for this one. The function rooms - no problem. But the bedrooms, not enough.

Ergo the "backups".

Mulberry Inn is a perfectly delightful hostelry at 601 East Bay Street in Savannah. In the N.E. corner of the town near Pirate's Den. Special group rate of \$60 single or double occupancy obtains. They're ready for us too.

Reserve early. Anything after Aug. 29th, reservations will be taken on a space available basis.

Now for the Ramada - in Savanna again - near the Civic Center - a couple of blocks from the DeSoto Hilton. They're blocking off 40 rooms for us - \$35 single- \$40 double occupancy. Here again, reservations after August 29th will be taken on a space available basis.



It's JESSE and Daisy FOSTER (E 19th '40-'43) of 6608 Powhatan, Riverdale MD 20737 on their 43rd anniversary day - last November 3rd.

Now, if you've given the matter any thought - and we beg of you so to do - you can see that we've all got to pitch in with a little homework early on in this game - else the whole matter of reservations is going to become as fouled up as a Japanese fire drill.

What do we mean? Simply this.

We've got to receive - or rather the Sheraton has got to receive your reservations early - by July 20th at the latest - in order for it (the Sheraton) to make its determination as to who goes where.

And by "reservation", they mean not only a request for the space desired but \$ to back it up.

This is a very businesslike approach - and you can hardly blame them for the "Put your money where your mouth is."

The airlines finally found out that the only way to operate is with reservations plus cash. So now do the hotels.

It separates the men from the boys - the serious from the non-serious.

Those wanting as first choice the Sheraton - or Mulberry - or Ramada - need only say. That's easy.

Where the possible troubles arise will be when they have filled up the Sheraton and then, of necessity, find that the overflow must go either to the Mulberry or to the Ramada.

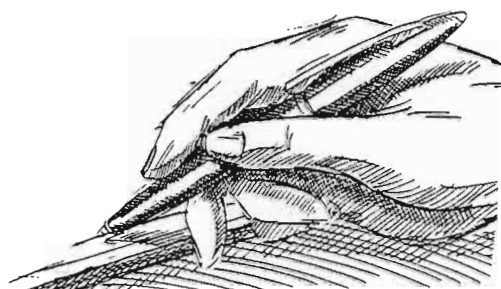
Are you with us so far? - or are you ready to chuck the whole business?

We consider an Afghan pullout bid as a Kremlin ploy. Pull out? Perhaps. But their Afgan strap President-for-Eternity Najibollah is already in, fortified with sweeping powers. Another Poland. Another Bulgaria, or Romania, or Czechoslovakia -- you name it. So really, what do we gain by insisting that the Russkies get out? Better had we kept our mouths shut. Agree?

Real class. A few days before the Army-Navy football game, 3 Naval Academy players paid a surprise visit to the Army QB, Bryan Babb at Walter Reed and presented him with a football autographed by the entire Navy squad. Cadet Babb is recuperating from cancer surgery. Isn't that a simply beautiful story?

We're starting early this time on the reservation business. And for a very good reason. This gathering promises to be our biggest ever and we've got to get the reservations in early.

Now You Have No Excuse To Spend The Weekend At Home.



SHERATON SAVANNAH RESORT RESERVATION REQUEST (S)

(Please Type or Print All Information)

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Arrival: _____ Day _____ Date _____

Departure: _____ Day _____ Date _____

*No. Adults: _____ No. Children: _____

Sharing with: _____
(Hotel will not assign roommates)

Please check desired accommodations:

☐ Single - \$60.00 ☐ Non-smoking room preferred

☐ Double - \$60.00 Check-in: 3:00 p.m. Check-out: 12 noon

Suites: Call hotel direct to reserve.

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature: _____

Group Name: 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Dates: Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 1988

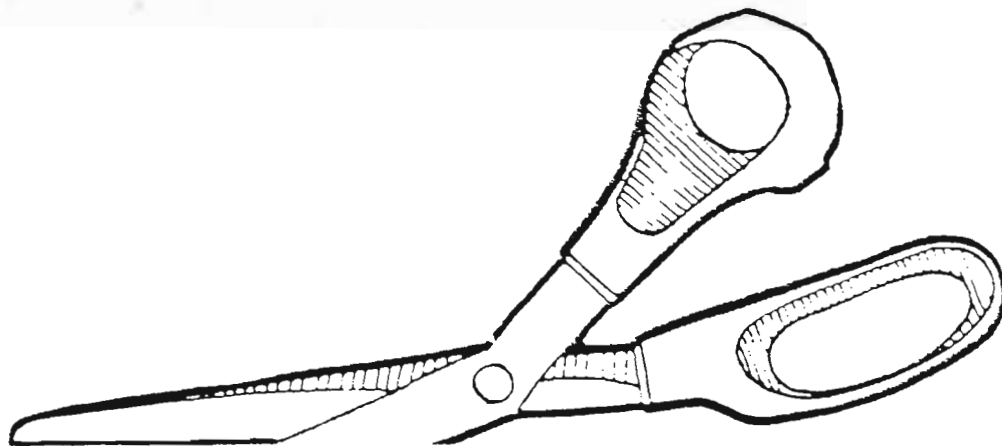
IMPORTANT DEPOSIT/RESERVATION INFORMATION

The Sheraton Savannah Resort can only confirm your room reservation request when accompanied by your check for the amount of your selected room rate covering the first nights lodging plus 10% sales tax (Please put arrival date on face of check) or completion of the Credit Card information above. Refunds will be made when cancellation is received by 3 p.m., 72 hours prior to your scheduled arrival date. (Be sure to obtain and keep your cancellation number). Use one reservation request for each room requested.

Reservations received on or after the following date will be accepted on availability basis: **AUGUST 29, 1988**

*Extra person charge: \$15.00
*Rollaway charge: \$15.00
*Maximum (4) people to a room.

Call Now Before Someone Else Takes Your Seat.

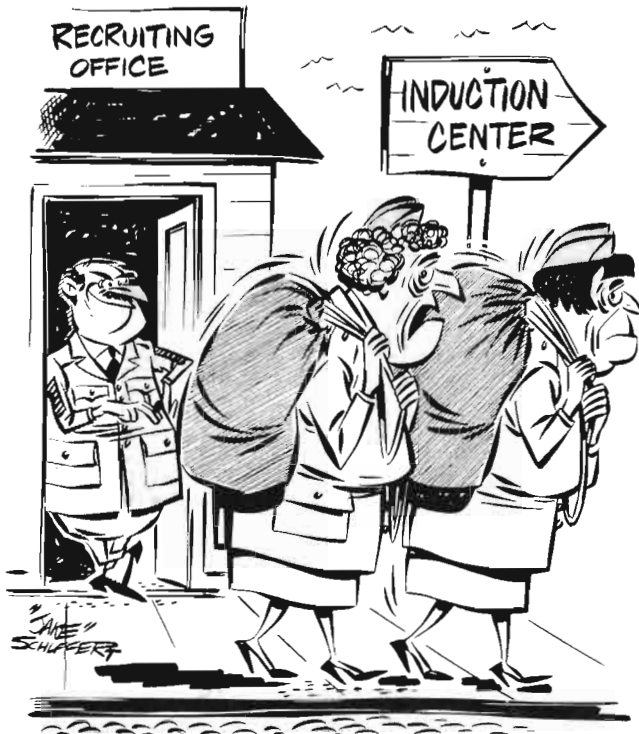


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**Sheraton Savannah
Resort & Country Club**
612 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31410

Attention: Reservations Dept.

interpretations



"He'll do anything to meet his quota; I know, I'm his Mother!!"



It's that grand gentleman, PAUL AUSTIN (F 34, '42-'45). Sorry it isn't a better likeness, Paul. You are the owner of a most distinguished face - we mean it Paul - but this is the

only one of you in the whole bunch. PHIL, you goofed again.

The Sheraton Savannah. Along with its superb amenities, you'll find an equally superb convention services staff - meticulously professional and dedicated to making sure, minute-by-minute, that our meeting is the best one ever. These folks know how.

Sign we spotted recently in a factory:

All employees
Not fired with enthusiasm
Soon will be



You are the lucky owner of one terrific smile, JOHN J. KELLER (H 21st '40-'45).
A JM photo.

The Sheraton Savannah redefines Paradise. If you thought meeting in Georgia was already Paradise, wait'll you see what this crowd has spent \$20 million on. It's a "brand new" hostelry - updated, renovated, and different in a few thousand different ways from its illustrious past. It's a totally contained experience for our meeting. Paradise within a paradise. The Sheraton Savannah has truly redefined Paradise.



They're reliving some battle, those two. It's DON KNAPTON and MIKE SCOTTO. Have you both elsewhere in this issue, but by golly, you're each going in for a second go. A PH photo.

The Sheraton Savannah is the ultimate resort in Georgia. Make your plans early for an unforgettably spectacular meeting at this simply elegant playground.

The only things that come to him who waits are birthdays and second notices.

VOICES



Lola and DON LUEDTKE loved the story about the two battleships assigned to the training squadron. They'd been at sea on maneuvers in heavy weather for several days. Don's friend was serving on the lead battleship and was on watch on the bridge as night fell. The visibility was poor with patchy fog, so the captain remained on the bridge keeping an eye on all activities.

Shortly after dark, the lookout on the wing of the bridge reported, "Light, bearing on the starboard bow."

"Is it steady or moving astern?" the captain called out.

Lookout replied, "Steady, captain," which meant they were on a dangerous collision course with that ship.

The captain then called to the signalman, "Signal that ship: we are on a collision course, advise you change course 20°."

Back came a signal, "Advisable for you to change course 20°."

In reply, the captain said, "Send: I'm a captain, change course 20°!"

"I'm a seaman second class," came the reply, "You had better change course 20°." By that time, the captain was furious. He spit out, "Send: I'm a battleship, change course 20°." Back came the flashing light, "I'm a lighthouse!"

Add's Don, "They changed course."

Moved - just around the corner in Tampa FL. BILL WING (5th RCT) has gone from 7517 N.Dartmouth to 13618 N.Florida.

Betty and AMON DOWNS of 208 Daisy Lane, -- now that's a nice name for a street -- over in Inverness FL write: "Enjoy the magazine -- still haven't heard much about C of the 3rd Eng. '41-'45." We know, we know!!!

SNAPS



Visiting relatives in AZ was BILL SHOWEN (21st '41-'43; 24th Recn. '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha. That's Bill on the right. While there, Bill spotted the name KMIECIK. To himself - quietly - he said, "I had a friend by that name. ART KMIECIK used to live in Wis. - now living at 10402 Corte Del Sol Veste, Sun City AZ. How'd you like to have to write out that street address twice a day? So Art, who was D 19th '44-'45, and Bill met at Art's house where this shot was taken. Reports Bill, "Art has had a couple of open heart by-pass jobs but seems to be doing well now." It goes without saying that Art is on the left in this one.

For years, we've had a bit of a back-and-forth correspondence with B.A.LOVELL (A & F 19th '43-'45). Only this very day are we in receipt of a \$25.00 check marked "Donation" and signed B.A.LOVELL. Our curiosity gets piqued when a fellow uses only his initials for his given name. Well old B.A. we went hunting and found out that it's Bert. So B.A., we don't care what you say, you're Bert to us for the rest of the route. And, by the way, Bert, that contribution was darned of you. Thank you. Bert incidentally lives in Pegram TN. Look that one up in your Funk & Wagnell's.

A pretty girl entered the subway car. A young man rose to his feet.

"Oh, no," protested she. "Keep your seat. I insist."

"Insist all you like, Miss," replied the man. "I'm getting up -- I get off at this station."

Nothing is wonderful when you get used to it.



Meet that gentleman from the south, BOBBY BRABHAM.

Another past president - ROSS PURSIFULL. Great having you back again, Ross; you've been away too long. A JM photo.



A widely reported DOD advisory panel recently came in with the charge that, in the Pacific, the Navy and Marine Corps were subjecting their women to "abusive behavior". Golly, we always got along fine with ours, didn't we?



No two are alike



Sure as h---, it's JOE DAWSON but what's he holding in his hands? Look familiar?

As busy as a one-armed paper-hanger with the hives was GILBERT HAEBERLAIN who would jump up and lead in "We're Here Because We're Here" at the drop of a hat. Genuine enthusiasm here. Thanks Gil; you were great. PH photo.

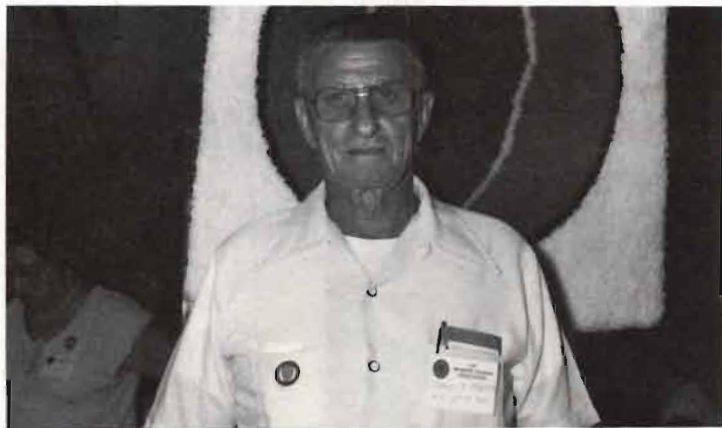


New venue for JOHN and Thelma HUGHES (C 19th 8/50 - 9/53 - POW 1/1/51-8/30/53). Was New Port Richey FL. They've flown to Box 784, Harrogate TN. In the mountains, John?

The shortest distance between two points is usually under construction.



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CHARLEY KAEFER (H 21st '41-'45) of 177 Clinton, Box 24, Cowlesville NY 14037, wonders who made the Newman Gymnasium dedication at Stewart. Lessee -- Maj.Gen. and Mrs. AUBREY NEWMAN, of course. But also our president, Lt.Gen. and Mrs. DONALD ROSENBLUM, Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING, Brig.Gen. and Mrs. LESTER WHEELER, Brig.Gen. and Mrs. JACK MATTHEWS, Col. Frederick F. Irving, JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, ED HENRY, BILL SANDERSON, BOB ENDER, JOHN and Hilda KLUMP, PAUL and Dotty WISECUP, TOM UPTON, Dr. TOM BRODERICK, WALTER CUNNINGHAM, CLIFFORD HANLIN, C. RUCKER and Jane FORD, HARRY and Dee RUBIN, HUGH and Doris CROSSON, and MAJOR HAYWOOD.



We haven't been accused of misrepresenting the facts but decency dictates that we give you some pictorial evidence that we here at the 24th Publishing House have been up a tree for some 6 or 7 weeks while Beverly Corris' broken arm has taken its own sweet time in mending. Due to it all, we are and have been calamitously behind schedule. We'll shortly be back in first and thank you for your patience.

VIEW

BILLY MCCARTHY (Task Force Smith) reports in on the "first anniversary" of his bypass surgery. "All systems go". Retired from Army in '67. Retired from Franklin University in '86. Now working for Ohio Assn. of Chiefs of Police. Is Advertising Mgr. Why the Police Chiefs need such escapes us. Is also directing a drug prevention program for the K through 12th grades. Loves it. Billy adds a jesting P.S. "By the way, when I had my attack, they had to jump-start me twice." Anyway, Billy, you're still with us - for which deep thanks.

A delicious quote stolen from a recent letter from Maj.Gen. "Red" NEWMAN: "... which reminds me of words familiar to all of us from our annual reunions -- 'a friendship like no other'..." Beautiful words, Red.

Crowd Pleaser.

The place to meet with success in the southeast is the Sheraton Savannah. It's quietly elegant. A spacious and gracious place. Along with a level of personal service and amenities that sets a standard for the Atlantic Coast.

Spotted this one - in Army Times:

ANYONE who served with 2d Battalion (Mechanized), 34th Infantry "Leyte Dragons" or 3d Battalion (Mechanized), 7th Infantry "Cottonbalers," Fort Stewart, Ga. Contact Capt. Pedersen or Lt. Heland, Headquarters, 2d Battalion (Mechanized), 34th Infantry, ATTN: S-1, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314,

THE GALLERY



Just a squib to assure you that this is no Mickey Mouse outfit. This is a first class gang and we're on our way to making our next gathering the very best ever. The Ft. Stewart folks anxiously await the return of the "Alumni".

BOB HARPER (Hq. 34th '49-'50; Hq. 3rd Bn. 19th '50-'51) of 1293 Ruby Ann, Saginaw MI, writing for the Saginaw News about the end of the Korean War, had this to say: "I don't think too many American people can recall that day in 1953. Nor can they recall the cost of the war in American lives. Casualties included 54,246 dead and 103,000 wounded, yet the Korean War is American's forgotten war. There are still more than 40,000 American men and women in Korea, doing what was started 37 years ago - fighting communism."

"The Korean War vet did not come home to parades or marching bands or the sound of bugles or big-time politicians making speeches. There are still 8177 MIAs in Korea, but does America care for those poor men not accounted for? It doesn't seem like it to the men who were over there in Korea."

Sorry we couldn't use it all Bob. You write with a punch.

"Well, Sammy," asked the mother of her six-year-old who had just completed his first day at school, "what did you learn today?"

"Not enough," said Sammy, "I have to go back tomorrow."

"What is your opinion of my painting?"

"It isn't worth anything."

"I know - but I'd like to hear it anyway."



It's a Kodachrome - so hold onto your hats. DON and Janice HINKLE (L 34th '45) of 221 N. Walnut, Philippi WV might be disappointed in the result. Kodachromes do for offset printing what Donna Rice did for Phi Beta Kappa. We'll try, folks.

From thoughtful BILL MENNINGER comes this one: "I wish you would put the following in the Taro Leaf. It should be of interest to any member of the Division, and particularly those who were there in July - August 1950."

"It's Leavenworth Paper 13 - Counter-attack on the Naktong, 1950'. It concerns the Naktong Bulge, and the 61 separate counterattacks made by elements of the Division, to drive the 4th NK Division back across the Naktong. The failure on the part of some to follow sound Counter-attack Doctrine caused a long delay and cost the lives of many. The paper was published by Combat Studies Institute, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth KS, in Dec. '85."

Thank you Billy. Tell you what we'll do. As soon as our copy arrives, we'll reproduce it in these pages - en toto.

Attorney ED HENRY has a client who is the sister of one of our boys who seems to have disappeared. We'd like to locate him. Here's what we know. He's Sgt. FRANCIS ANTHONY RYAN, Ser. #RA42271619. He went in in Feb. '46 and was discharged from Ft. Lawton on 1/28/49. He was 11th Field at Camp Hakata, Fukooka during '46-'48. We're not sure of his battery. Following discharge in '49, he attended Columbia Univ. but reenlisted in '51. There the mystery ends - or rather begins. Francis' sister is Bernice J. Janarelli of 5 Hardwick St., Cumberland RI. If anyone can shed any kind of a light here, he might contact the sister - or your Editor. Query: how does a guy drop from sight - and stay out of sight for 36 years. Beats the rug out of us!!

*the wildest
ideas in the world*

A Last Laugh

Did we say "A last laugh"? Did we really? Well, forget it! It's not a laughing matter. It's a crying shame, that's what it is.

And if you cry, we'll understand.

Is that upper lip stiff? Are you sitting down. Have a handkerchief ready.

Alas - and alack.

Division's 2 Bn., 21st is no more -- Gone -- Kaput.

With the kind of mumbo jumbo of which only the US Army is capable, 2-21st has become 2-7th by the flick of a pen, if pens are flickable.

But let's take it in stages.

First, 2-21st celebrated its Organizational Day. Just why the "celebration", we fail to understand.

It was marked with a motivated farewell because the soldiers were also preparing themselves for their redesignation as 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry.

The soldiers of 2-21 Inf. celebrated their Organizational "Gimlet" Day to honor the lineage of the 21st Infantry Regiment and their battalion with events in intra-battalion competition on the sports field.

"We are highly motivated here," 2nd Lt. Paul K. LaFontaine, assistant S-2, 2-21st Inf. said. "But about four months ago when we received word about the redesignation, some people here were disappointed."

The 2-21st Inf. has been redesignated the 2-7th Inf. to enable its soldiers to be in the regimental system, which would also allow them to serve a majority or all of their tour with one regiment and/or for the duration of other tours or until reenlistment.

Let's hear it - 3 cheers for the "regimental system" - the system that has separated not only the 21st - but the 34th and 19th as well - from the 24th Division.

"It is a major change for us and most of the soldiers are looking forward to the change," 1st Lt. Mark E. Brown, adjutant said.

Incredible.

So, with great ceremony, the redesignation took place on Cottrell Field last December 18th.

Had enough? Do you want to throw up?

Wait'll you hear the rest of it. We didn't want to hit you with the whole kaboodle at first.

At the same December 18th ceremony -- brace yourself -- the 2nd Bn., 34th became 3rd Bn. 7th.

All in the name of regimental integrity! Can you justify it in your mind -- and in your heart?

Let us continue -- because we've gotta be brave and face the sorry facts.

The 7th Inf. was first constituted Jan. 11, 1812, in the Regular Army as a company of the 8th Infantry and it was organized in 1812 in Tennessee, Georgia or the adjacent territories.

"The 7th Inf. received their nickname, "Cottonbalers" during the War of 1812 at the Battle of New Orleans," Brown explained. "This was when the American soldiers were fighting against the British soldiers under the leadership of Col. Andrew Jackson. The American soldiers used cottonbales to fire behind against the British."

And they're getting a cottonbaler to put in front of Bn.Hqs. We'll certainly have our eye out for it when we're there next September.

Hey, what's a cottonbaler, anyway?

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BOB JOHNSON'S COLUMN:

Hi, it's me again. The P.I.O.
(public information officer).

How many of us have a local paper that really is concerned about local citizens? You know the kind I mean. The one that says, "Mr. and Mrs. So and So took a trip to visit their daughter", or "John and Mary Jones were visited by an army buddy from the 24th Inf.Div.Assoc. over the weekend," or "John and Mary Jones are going to (or have just returned from) a 24th Inf.Div. Reunion at ---."

Perhaps the local newspaper would print the dates and location of our next reunion. You'll never know if you don't ask.

We tried it last year - with some amazing results by way of attracting new members.

A lot of you pitched in and got your hometown editor to give us even a teeny weeny space. It paid off.

Got any other ideas? Send them to me and I'll share them with the membership.

BOB JOHNSON, P.I.O.
24 Whipple St.,
Somerville MA 02144

On the calling card of OLAVI E. ALAKULPPI (Div.Hq. G-3 '52-'54) of 100 N.Plains, Petersburg VA, we spotted this:

"Sic Semper Tyrannis"

We gave it a liberal translation of:

"So an unjust use of power forever."

What do you make of it?

Potpourri

Issues ago, we raised some hackles - we manage to raise one or two with each issue - but in an issue months ago - we're too tired to look it up - we wrote something about Kate Smith and "God Bless America" - something about when she started singing it - during WW II or before? EDDIE ROBINSON and VINNIE VELLA both think she started singing that one during WW II.

Well, listen to this.

The song was published 2/20/39 by Irving Berlin Inc. according to the records of the Copyright Office.

The cover of the sheet of music itself states: "First Performance by Kate Smith Armistice Day 1938".

Actually the chorus was written in 1918 and that version was deposited by Berlin in the Copyright Office on Oct. 27, 1938.

It was the introduction, rarely heard, that was written for Kate's 11/11/38 radio broadcast, according to a letter signed by Berlin.

So that should put to rest any argument that Kate didn't sing it until "during WW II."

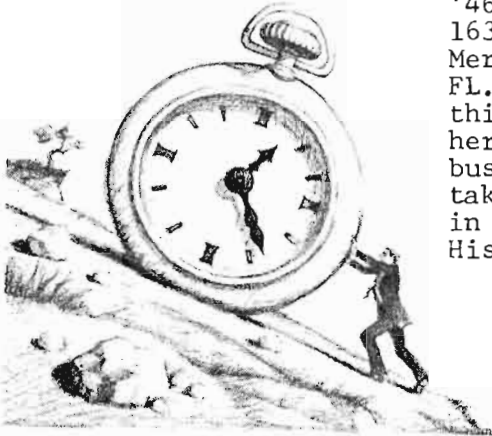


"IN VIEW OF YOUR EXCELLENT RECORD, SMITH, I'M HAVING YOU TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICERS' SIDE!"
—M/Sgt. Ted Miller

JOE BENDER (H 21st '42-'45) has moved to 30 Silver Terr., Hammonton NJ.

When late isn't better than never.

We have one member, among many, who never quits - and is never late. Read this from valuable friend, BILL WILLMOT, (Life Member 292; 21st '44-'46) down at 1630 Venus, Merritt Island, FL.: "Everything is fine here. Keeping busy. Presently taking a course in Military History at the University of Central Florida, enjoying every minute of it."



JOE MCKEON, take a blue ribbon for this one of Helen and GEORGE L. JESTER, (A 21st '42-'45). The contrasts of black and white are terrific. All of your shots were great but some were greater great than others. This is one of the greatest greats. Hope you don't mind all this conversation, Helen and George.

Would welcome a word or two - MSG DONALD F. DALTON (5th RCT 9/49-8/51). Don's at Box 916 in the US Soldiers & Airman's Home in Washington. Let's go with some cards. "Home" is a nice word but living in one the way Don is can be a terribly lonely life.



Now hear this, swabbies!!

After almost two decades of debate, the Navy has decided that its men may carry umbrellas while in uniform.

The decision by Adm. Carlisle A.H. Trost, the Chief of Naval Operations, might not appear to be the stuff of controversy. But his authorization makes the Navy the second military service to allow its men to carry umbrellas. The decision also defies an old military sentiment that a military man protecting himself from the rain with an umbrella looks too effete.

Previously, only the Air Force allowed its men to carry umbrellas. All four services have allowed women to carry umbrellas for years.

The Navy's Uniform Board and top brass have debated the issue off and on since 1969, always rejecting the change with such explanations as the contention that it would hamper saluting.

Two years ago, when the Army's Uniform Board recommended the same step, Army Secretary John O. Marsh and Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., then the Army Chief of Staff, blocked the recommendation and vowed that no soldier would ever carry an umbrella while they were still in office.

Mr. Marsh and General Wickham considered umbrellas an "artificial affectation" that was "intrinsically unmilitary."

Admiral Trost, while finally breaking with such arguments for the Navy, is issuing some ground rules just to be safe.

The Navy is requiring that umbrellas be plain black; they cannot be carried in formations; they must not be used as walking sticks; and they must be carried in the left hand to leave the right hand free for saluting.

Admiral Trost's decision does not affect the Marine Corps, a branch of the Navy.

New address for MURL D. RING (19th and 24 Med. '50-'51). Try 400 Edwards, Pine Bluff AR. Now you're so smart, does AR mean Arkansas or Arizona? It's Arkansas. Murl, you're an old Postal man. Why did you folks go to those lousy abbreviations?

Our Navy has 555 ships. When not at sea, half of them are based at but two ports, Norfolk VA and San Diego CA. No comment.

We're getting mail all the way from
Egypt - from one who hasn't forgotten us:



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF MILITARY COOPERATION
CAIRO, EGYPT

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

Dear Ken:

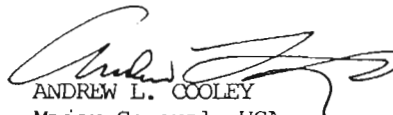
Thank you so much for your letter of 30 June on my reassignment to Egypt. Needless to say it was sad and emotional to leave VICTORY DIVISION but I realize that one must move on to other duties.

The assignment in Egypt is unique and challenging and each day I am getting new insight into Egypt and the Middle East.

I will, when I get thoroughly grounded in my job, provide the insights.

In the meantime my sincere and best wishes to you and the team of the Infantry Division Association to do a great job and my life has certainly been enriched by your friendship.

Sincerely,


ANDREW L. COOLEY
Major General, USA
Chief, OMC

It's what's-his-name again



A big boo-boo in issue #2. We named EDDIE ROBINSON on the left and JOE CENGA in the center but somehow the name of our new Membership Chairman, BOB JOHNSON on the right was lopped off of our copy. Sorry, Bob.



Good friends Virginia and BILL KEYES, leave Wethersfield, CT and fly to us - every year - wherever we meet. Grand couple - warm and friendly, like a couple of kittens. We'll always remember how good and kind these people were to the late DICK AMERMAN, bringing him to conventions when he could never have done it by himself. PH photo.

"They're being passed around as often as young boys swapping baseball cards." Those were the sentiments of JOHN A. BROWN (21st '51-'53) of 17730 Live Oak, Hesperia CA. He was talking about the cannibalizing of today's units. He adds: "I feel it's too bad that they seem to enjoy slicing up the solid units for the sake of maintaining pride in organization. That's the very thing they are ruining. Air Force doing the same thing. What next?" Well, we'll tell you John Brown - and here we'll break your heart. By the time we get to Savannah, the 19th - and the 21st - and the 34th will be no longer a part of our beloved 24th. Details to follow.

Who? One of our past presidents, that's who. PAUL HARRIS, a G Company Gimlet, who, strangely, goes by the nickname of "Junior".



Don't panic, LEE LIST; we've cropped you in order to get more pictures into this issue. JOE MCKEON gave us his permission.



As ROSCOE CLAXON talks, he gesticulates wildly, and we love him for it. We love him for a lot of things. Overseas, R.C. was truly one of "ours". JM photo.

CHARLIE DYNES of 1010 Taywood, Cottage 101, Englewood OH, writes a shorty: "Enjoy magazine but still haven't located anyone I know from E 34th ('44-'45), but bear in mind the memory isn't what it used to be either." You're right on that last point, Charlie.

JUAN S. CALDERON (5th RCT '48-'51) is Cmdr. of the Korean War Veterans group in Santa Barbara CA. Says building an organization like that is tough work. You're telling us, Juan? Good luck.

DIVISION

We have just received a new shipment of decals of the Division shoulder patch in brilliant colors. Actual patch size. Our aim is to try to get one on the rear window of every member's car. They go for \$1.00 each -- and WPTP. Gotcha, didn't we? It's "We Pay The Postage". Write the Editor. Or if you can't stand him, write the Secretary - or the Treasurer.

As we took leave of BOB ENDER, following a Saturday breakfast, he gave us this bid adieu: "Have a nice day, unless you have made other plans." A TB photo.



George Burns believes: "Happiness is a good martini and a good woman. Or a bad woman, depending on how much happiness you can stand."

GILBERT HEABERLIN (A 34th) of 1407 Northglen Ct., Longview TX 75605 recently met with some 2nd Bn., 34th buddies in a resort (Pipe Stem) near Princeton WV. There he managed to enlist:

JOHN GREBENC (Hq. 34th), 2586 S. Winona Ct., Denver CO 80219,

LESTER TOLLIVER (D 34th), Rt. 1, Box 158 Killeen TX 76542,

JACK GOLDMAN (Hq. 34th), 3214 Henderson Av., Silver Spring MD 20902

and HORACE O. WILSON (Hq. 34th), 2220 Sandlewood Dr., Venice FL 34293.

Hopes are high that these newcomers will enthuse over the possibilities of getting back to the Division next fall to see what changes time hath wrought. It'll be a tremendous experience, fellows.

Regretfully missed a visit from the honeymooning HOWARD "Jaime" and Mildred BRUNO (Hq. 1st Bn. 34th '45-'46) of 2842 N. Desert, Tucson AZ. Touring the country, they were - and Springfield was on their way. Wanted to meet the new bride, too, Jaime. Anyway, all good wishes go to our latest bride and groom.



BILL and Jane KUSHINA are Bill Cosby fans. They like to tell the Cosby line about his joints needing 3-in-1 oil, his intestines begging for vanilla custard, and his eyes that are simply proud of their ability to distinguish day from night. Was great to see you back, Bill and Jane. A PH photo.

Spoke WALTER CUNNINGHAM, in his opening remarks, before a recent Rotary Club group: "I told my host that if he wanted me to talk for a half hour, he'd have to give me two weeks lead time for preparing myself.

"And if he wanted me to talk for an hour, he'd have to give me a week.

"But if he wanted me to talk for two hours, then I'm ready now."



Meet the Commander, if you will, of the Dept. of Ill., American Legion. He is our very own CLAYBORN LOFTON (H 19th 11/50-10/51). Clay can be reached at 2720 E. Lincoln, Bloomington IL., the A.L. office, or at his home, 810 W. Harvard, Campaign IL. We're right proud of you, Clay.

DICK and Dotty LEWIS (11th F '41-'45; 555 FA '50-'51) share a problem with us. Grandson wants to finish high school where he started - so Gramps and Grams have moved to 110 Mallard, Charles Town, WV. That's not Charleston, now, do you hear?



Good friend HARRY RUBIN told us that his Doctor has advised him to quit eating anything good and to try to build his meals around "some small pieces of parsley." A JM photo.



A bunch - we'll not identify them - we'll let you see how many you can name - about to sit down to rekindle memories, catch up on their lives, examine the legacies they've created as reality opens the door. It's a time to stir warm recollections of earlier aggravations. A PH photo.



With good friends HENRY and tiny, tiny Mary GOEZYTYLA, we used that wonderful Erma Bombeck line: "I feel like I'm in the souffle of my life and someone has just slammed the door." A JM photo.

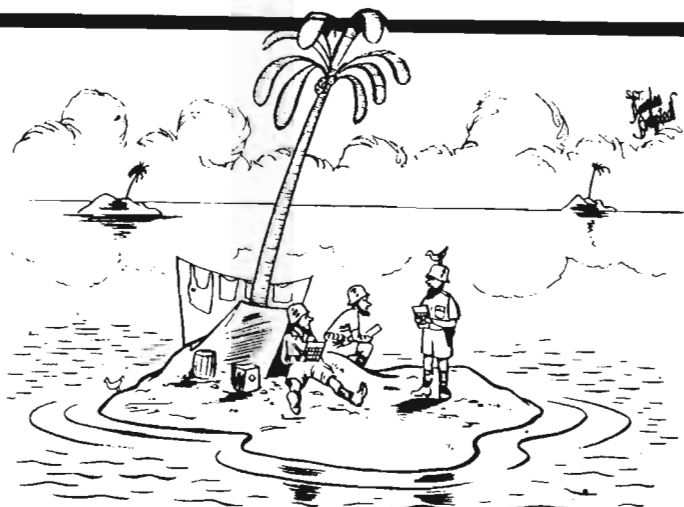
Remember, if you cheat on your diet -- you gain in the end.



HENRY "Mac" MCCUMBIE (left) is telling Dr. HARRY MAYS (right, of course) about the sign he saw in an antique store: "You may touch the dust around here, but please don't write in it." A PH photo.

During a conference a domineering businessman got himself into a towering rage. One of his assistants pleaded with him to be calm, adding, "If you're not careful, you'll get ulcers."

"Get them?" stormed the man. "Nonsense, I give them!"



"PREPARE TO SYNCHRONIZE CALENDARS, MEN."

-Sgt. Douglas Borgstedt

When every picture can tell a story



"HE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE FROM THAT CAVALRY OUTFIT."
-Sgt. Charles Pearson



HOWARD and Gladys LUMSDEN - in Hawaiian attire you'll please note - loved this Korean War cartoon. They asked us where we get these things. Told them that 35 and more years ago we started collecting military humor. Must have a thousand of 'em. Of Howie & Glad, a JM photo.



Gooooooooooooo grief! And we promised no more pictures of the Editor and here he is kissy-kissy with the photographer, PHIL HOSTETTER. By the way, Phil, who in the world took this one if you're in it.

Taro Leaf, the only publication in the U.S not giving space to Madonna or Sean Penn - aw shucks, we just did.



On the Richter, give this one a 1, PHIL HOSTETTER - but we want to use it as it shows our own JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL (on the left) and his brother Billy.



Wes and Mary Booker, daughter and son-in-law of JOHN and Hilda KLUMP, have made a number of our parties - and never fail to make worthwhile contributions to the fun.



There's something of the "Good Ship Lollipop" psychology about Elsa MCCUMBIE, shown here with HENRY. Elsa has a winning Shirley Temple smile, a tumble of jet curls and a beautifully sunny attitude. Lovely gal, Henry. A JM photo.





We said something not long ago about a gallery of our Prexies - well here's another one - BILLY SANDER-SON, the restless flibberty-gibbet who never stands still. A JM photo.

ED HENRY is welcomed in our home like a dear friend, and as a dear friend he is cherished.



"NO MA'AM, IT WAS NEITHER BIZERTE NOR ATTU. IT WAS AN UPPER BUNK AT FORT BROOKINGS, S. DAK."

-Cpl. F. J. Torbert



We told TOM and Mary BRODERICK - Tom's our "TB" photographer in case you didn't know - about the sign we saw the other day on the outside wall of an apartment block: "Small apartment for runt." Gosh, we don't know whether they liked it or not.



It's a faint picture to begin with. Gosh only knows what our President and First Lady will look like when they appear in print. We'll blame it on JOE MCKEON if it comes out too badly. This is a problem we have; we never know how a picture is going to appear - until it's too late.

The trouble with cleaning out drawers is that you can't decide what to do with things you couldn't decide what to do with.



RECRUIT



AFTER BASIC TRAINING



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STAFF SERGEANT



FIRST SERGEANT

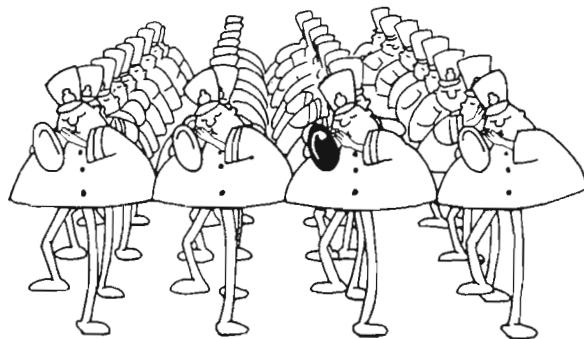


MASTER SERGEANT

John and Joe were reminiscing about the good old days. "I was never spanked but once," said John, "and that happened when I was about eight years old and made the mistake of telling the truth."

Joe digested this information carefully, and then remarked: "Well, John, it certainly cured you!"

Onto the Retired list has gone Dr. ALBERT H. BRADEN, JR. (21st, 34th, 24th Med. '42-'45) of 11202 Tyne, Houston TX. Says he, "Now that I am foot-loose, hope to be more sociable." Does that mean your sights are on Savannah for next September-October? We sincerely hope so.



Moved to Sun City, yep, Sun City AZ. ARTHUR and Caroline KMIECIK (D 19th '44-'45) have left New Berlin, WI and are now a 10402 Corte Del Sol O'Este. Hope you have fun in the sun, folks.



A couple of beautiful artillery people - CARL and Mary SCHAAD. Wonderful to have you with us, Mary - and Carl. A JM photo.

A beauty shoppe on Madison Av. proclaims: "We can give you the new look if you still have the old parts."... A sign in a slenderizing palace: "Let us take you in so the boys will take you out."... This note on the desk of the bank manager: "You got a friend -- if you can come up with the cash."



JOE HOFRICHTER (F 34th '44) with his Sony, talked at S. of going to the P.I. for a year. You and Charlotte gone? PH photo.

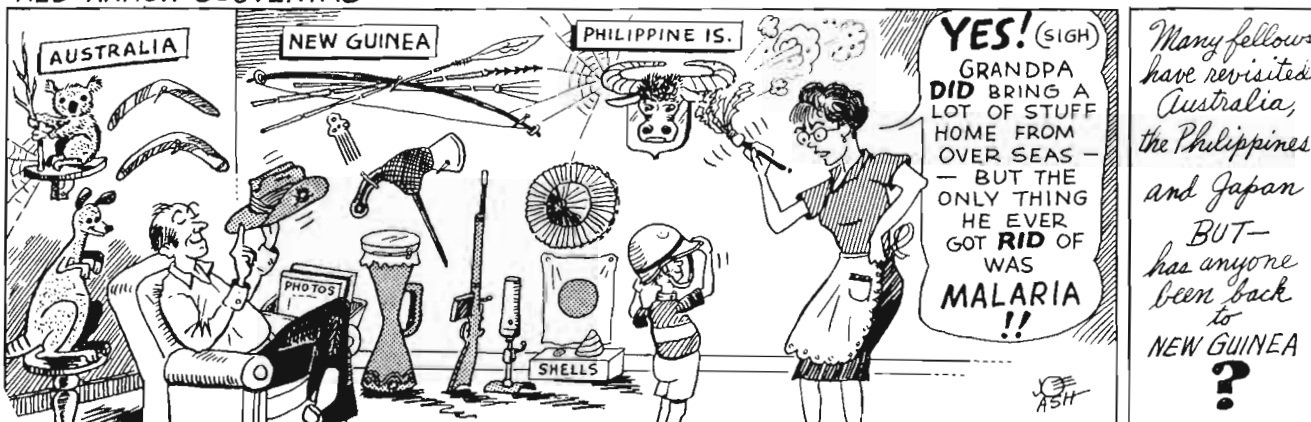
DON WILLIAMS likes to tell the story of the professor. In class one day he posed a question.

The first student was unprepared. So was the second. So was the fifth.

The prof called on one more student, who smoothly answered, "I don't believe I can add anything to what has already been said."

Stolen from the 32nd Division News:

RED ARROW SOUVENIRS



We've not going to type this recent bit of news out of Stewart. We're going to give it to you just as they printed it. It gets complicated.

Units redesignated

Three battalions in the Division Support Command were redesignated during ceremonies held Friday at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field. During the ceremonies the division also bid farewell to CSM Thomas Allen Porter, retiring sergeant major of DISCOM.

The highlight of the ceremony featured the redesignation of the 1st Forward Support Battalion as the 24th Support Battalion, 2nd Forward Support Battalion as the 224th Support Battalion and 4th Main Support Battalion as 724th Support Battalion.

The redesignations were made to "close the loop" on the reorganizational changes made to the three battalions almost two years ago, according to CSM Charles S. Gillison Jr., DISCOM sergeant major.

Gillison said the name change was made to "preserve the history and lineage" of the 24th Infantry Division's support battalions. With the change, the units will retain the original colors from the old Supply and Transport, Maintenance and Medical Battalions. He said the change should bring the units' histories "back into perspective" for their soldiers and "hopefully add to esprit de corps and unit cohesion."

History and Lineage of the 24th Support Battalion (formerly the 1st Forward Support Battalion)

The 24th Support Battalion has a long history of providing support to elements of the 24th Infantry Division. (The unit was constituted March 17, 1921 in the regular Army as the Hawaiian Division Train, Quartermaster Corps, and was deactivated May 31, 1931).

It was activated and redesignated as the 11th Quartermaster Regiment May 1, 1936 at Schofield Barracks in the Territory of Hawaii and on Oct. 1, 1941 was redesignated as the 11th Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. (The battalion was reorganized and redesignated as the 24th Quartermaster Company Dec. 1, 1943).

This unit participated in five campaigns in the Pacific Theater during World War II. It was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Pacific Theater and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. The unit remained on active duty in the Far East after World War II and was one of the first units to be committed in the Korean Conflict.

The 24th Quartermaster

Company participated in eight campaigns and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Pyongtaek, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Korea.

The unit was stationed in Korea until Oct. 13, 1957, then it was deactivated. It was later reorganized and redesignated as the 24th Supply and Transport Battalion on Jan. 21, 1963. On April 15, 1970, the 24th Supply and Transport Battalion was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas and placed on an inactive status.

The battalion was redesignated and activated as the 24th Support Battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga. on Jan. 21, 1975. It was reorganized and redesignated Sept. 21, 1975 as the 24th Supply and Transport Battalion. On Aug. 23, 1985 the 24th Supply and Transport Battalion was inactivated and reorganized under the designation of the 1st Forward Support Battalion.

History and Lineage of the 224th Support Battalion (formerly the 2nd Forward Support Battalion)

The 224th Support Battalion was originally constituted into the Regular Army as the 11th Medical Regiment, an element of the Hawaiian Division, on Aug. 14, 1922 and was organized Dec. 1, 1922 at Schofield Barracks in the Territory of Hawaii. On Oct. 1, 1941, the 11th Medical Regiment was redesignated the 24th Medical Battalion, relieved of assignment to the Hawaiian Division, and assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. At the outbreak of war in the Pacific, the 24th Medical Battalion supported the 24th Infantry Division during the activity brought about by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. On July 30, 1943, the battalion sailed for Australia, arriving there on Aug. 8, 1943. The battalion remained in Australia until Feb. 13, 1944 and then moved to a staging area on Goodenough Island. The battalion sailed for New Guinea and participated in the Hollandia Assault on the island April 22, 1944. For the remainder of the war in the Pacific Theater, the 24th Medical Battalion served with distinction in the battles for Leyte (Assault Landing) at Leyte Valley, Luzon (San Antonio and Zig Zag Pass), and at Mindanao in the Southern Philippines (Assault Landing). At the end of the hostilities in the Pacific, the battalion remained in the Philippines until its departure for Japan

on Oct. 15, 1945. The 24th Medical Battalion remained on occupation duty in Japan until the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. On July 4, 1950, the battalion was rushed to Korea to support combat operations of the 24th Infantry Division. The battalion's distinguished role in this conflict is reflected by the eight campaign streamers, the Distinguished Streamer, and the two Republic of Korea Presidential Streamers which adorn the battalion colors. The 24th Medical Battalion remained in Korea until Nov. 15, 1954, and was then transferred to Japan. After little more than a year in the country, the unit once again returned to combat in Korea and remained in that country through the Armistice until the inactivation of the 24th Infantry Division on Oct. 15, 1957. The 24th Medical Battalion was reactivated at Augsburg, Germany on July 1, 1958, from elements of the 11th Airborne Division. In June, 1968 the 24th Medical Battalion minus one company returned to the continental United States and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas until its inactivation April 15, 1970. The 24th Medical Battalion was reactivated Sept. 21, 1975 at Fort Stewart, Ga., with Company A stationed at Fort Stewart and Headquarters and Support Company stationed at Hunter Army Airfield. Company B was activated at Fort Stewart April 21, 1977. On Aug. 23, 1985 the 24th Medical Battalion was inactivated and reorganized under the designation of the 2nd Forward Support Battalion.

History and Lineage of the 724th Support Battalion (formerly the 4th Main Support Battalion)

The 724th Support Battalion was constituted in the Regular Army as the Hawaiian Division Train, Quartermaster Corps, on March 17, 1921 and was organized as such on May 3, 1921 at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. The unit was redesignated on March 23, 1925 as the Hawaiian Division Quartermaster Train and was formally inactivated on May 31, 1931. On May 1, 1936 the unit was redesignated as the 11th Quartermaster Regiment and activated at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. Once again on Oct. 1, 1941, a reorganization resulted in the redesignation of the unit as the 11th Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Division. A true Maintenance Organization was not formed until Aug. 1, 1942 when the Maintenance Platoon of the

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Division was converted and redesignated as the Ordnance Maintenance Platoon (Q), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Quartermaster Battalion. This was short lived and on Nov. 1 of the same year, the 724th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company was designated and the 11th Quartermaster became the 24th Quartermaster Company. (today 24th S & T Battalion).

After World War II the unit was redesignated as the 724th Ordnance Company on March 20, 1946 and remained so until after the Korean Conflict. On Jan. 4, 1953 the 724th Ordnance Battalion was designated and reorganized with organic companies constituted concurrently. The battalion was transferred (less personnel and equipment) on Oct. 15, 1957 to Department of the Army control pending reorganization. On July 4, 1958 the 724th Ordnance Battalion was reorganized and stationed at Augsburg in the Federal Republic of Germany. Finally, on Feb. 1, 1963, the 724th Maintenance Battalion was designated from the reorganized 724th Ordnance Battalion. The 724th Maintenance Battalion moved to Fort Riley, Kansas with the 24th Infantry Division in September, 1968 and was inactivated April 15, 1970. On Sept. 21, 1975, the 724th Maintenance Battalion was activated (less Companies B, D, E, and G) at Fort Stewart, Ga. On March 21, 1977 Companies B and F were activated, closely followed by Companies D and E in 1977. (Company E, Aircraft Maintenance was redesignated as Company E (Trans Aft Maint) 24th Combat Aviation Battalion (CAB) on Sept. 18, 1979).

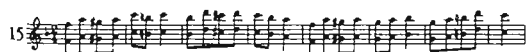
With an MTOE change effective April 16, 1982 the company designations and UICs within the 724th Maintenance Battalion officially changed. Headquarters and Light Company became Headquarters and A Company. Company A (FWD SPT) was redesignated as Company C (FSBS SPT). Company D (HVY MAINT) was redesignated as Company F (HVY MAINT). Company F (MSL SPT) was redesignated as Company E (MSL SPT). There was no change to Company B (FWD SPT). On Aug. 23, 1985 the 724th Maintenance Battalion was inactivated and reorganized under the designation of the 4th Main Support Battalion.



HMMMM!



Notes To Remember



We're warning you, AL SELTSAM - this issue is going to be chuck full of Schaumburg shots.

Quiet, unassuming, lovable DAN MOORE was telling us about the fellow who was writing his autobiography. Says the author, "I have no idea how it ends, but I sure hope it's in the distant future." A JM photo.



Let PAUL and Helen KUKASKY (I 21st '39-'45) of 413 Messner Rd.-South, Akron OH 44319, have the honor of announcing our 1988 convention dates. They'll be Wednesday, Sept. 28, Thursday, Sept. 29, Friday, Sept. 30, Saturday, Oct. 1 with a departure date of Sunday, Oct. 2. Thanks Paul and Helen; bet you're surprising a lot of people with that news.

SOUND OFF

As we are writing this, a courageous President Corazon Aquino is visiting a military garrison "about 20 miles north of Davao." We tried to find its name, but failed. At any rate, by the time you read this, poor Cory may have been unceremoniously dumped. It sure smells as though such an ending is on the way.



When we were with JIM and Louise FREDERICK (# 34th '44-'45) of 2116 Menefee Dr., Arlington TX 76010, at S., little did we know about the wealth of news we'd have to deal with in this issue. F'r instance, our '88 convention site, not to mention dates, the JOE PEYTON story, the dedication of the new gymnasium at Stewart, and, of course, the rare chance to show off as many of our Schaumburg foks as we can - we had no idea we'd be deluged with such terrific black and white glossies.

JACK ANDERSON nobly demonstrates the consolations and healing powers of laughter. A JM photo.



Much ado these days about Mikhail Gorbachev's wanting a commitment to slow the development and deployment of SDI. Does anybody think that all the while he hasn't something to meet it or best it on his drawing board?



Tracing a friend?

Did you ever try to find that friend you served with way back when? Each branch of the military has a locator service that anyone can use by mail.

1. Write a letter that you wish to send to your friend. Be sure to include information about yourself so he/she will know who you are and how you can be reached.

2. Write your friend's full name, last known rank in center of the

envelope and put return address in the upper left hand corner.

3. Put proper postage on the envelope.

4. Put that envelope inside a second envelope and include any details about your friend, such as service number, duty station, birth date, MOS, etc.,

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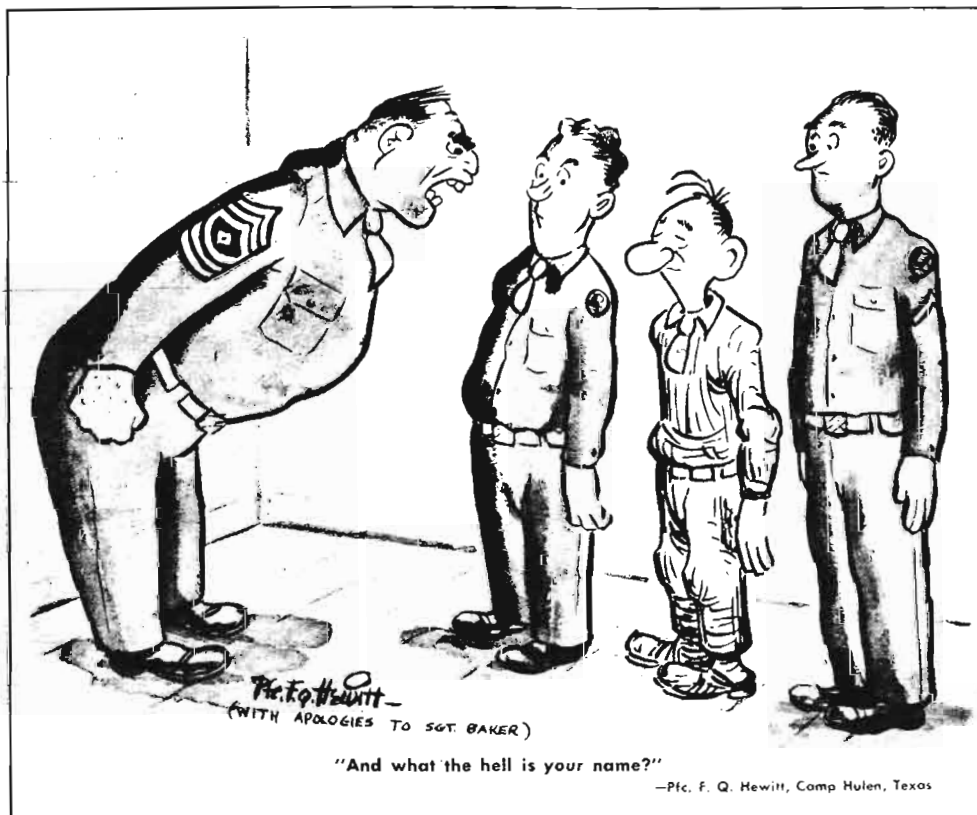
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"And what the hell is your name?"

—Pfc. F. Q. Hewitt, Camp Hulen, Texas



CHARLEY and Betty NEWKIRK, another perfectly beautiful couple, took delight in the story going the rounds at S. It went like this:

In the 1960s, one of Admiral Sergei Gorshkov's newest ships boldly steamed through a U.S. naval formation in the Atlantic and then, without provocation, suddenly and rashly pointed her guns at Admiral Isaac Kidd's flagship.

Kidd immediately ordered battle stations and had every gun trained on the Soviet ship. The startled Soviet captain quickly signaled, "Do you want to start World War III?"

Admiral Kidd signaled back, "If I do, you will be the first to know."

Getting around



Betcha didn't know, ART and Clarys KEMP that Maj.Gen. and Mrs. FRED ZIERATH have departed Tacoma WA for a warmer clime. It's 81 Casa Blanca Dr., Yuma AZ now. Art, you looked great at S. Has been in twice for heart surgery. A JM photo.

Poor JOE PEYTON has known since Labor Day that he was afflicted with a brain tumor. He has been unbelievably stoic in the face of a prognosis that his condition was terminal. His doctors gave him the terrible fatalistic signal: "about two months." Joe, with his indomitable will, replied: "I want to make it to have Christmas with my family." He did. This is written on the 30th of December. In a few minutes our printer will walk through the door and this issue will go to bed. Our last word on Joe -- less than 8 hours ago is that this very morning Joe is being moved from his home (where he has wanted to die) to a hospice. Last evening Margaret has to be rushed to a hospital for surgery last evening - kidney stones. What travail all Peytons have had to endure during these past 16 weeks. Only their unbounded faith in the Almighty has enabled them to carry on.

A late Christmas card from JOHN WELCH (63rd F '41-'44) of 627 Montecito Blvd., Napa CA 94558, tells us that his beloved Jay has been in Letterman for over 3 weeks. We immediately called John this a.m. Says she knows him when he's there with her -- but little else. Has hopes that she will yet pull through. Johnnie -- be assured of our prayers for you and for your wonderful lady. She is such a charming lovable woman. They were both with us at Schaumburg, you'll recall.



JESSE and Daisy FOSTER observed, approvingly, that at the banquet, "there was no swarming into the room in angry profusion, like a bunch of pirates boarding a ship." A JM photo.

Up Up & Away



We simply have to share the news with RAY and Sophia FIES.

The Aviation Brigade at Hunter Army Airfield has joined the U.S. Army Regimental System as the 24th Aviation Regiment.

The regimental concept, approved by the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Edward C. Meyer, in 1981, is designed to provide each soldier with continuous identification within a single regiment and to implement a personnel system that would increase the possibility of serving recurring assignments within that organization. Companies within the brigade will also be redesignated as follows:

238th Aviation Company - Company D, 24th Aviation Regiment.

174th Aviation Company - Company E, 24th Aviation Regiment.

246th Transportation Aircraft Maintenance Company, Company F, 24th Aviation Regiment.

24th Attack Helicopter Battalion - 1st Battalion, 24th Aviation Regiment.

We're not too hot on the new regimental concept. We'll tell you more on that later.



Whenever we see the name C.G. HANLIN and his usage of his initials only, we are put in mind of that famous line attributed to Joe E. Lewis. When they asked him

where he got the "E", he replied: "I borrowed it from Lizabeth Scott."



MIKE and Loretta RAFTER say they know they're getting old. Mike says they have a neighbor - age 20 - who knows the mighty Joltin' Joe DiMaggio only as the fellow who used to sell Mr. Coffee. A JM photo.

New Zip Code for GLENN E. BEHREND. Was Iowa City, IA. Gone to Gen. Del., Raymondsville TX 78580.

Parents who are lucky in their children usually have children who are lucky in their parents.



ED FARMER delights us with this version of the calypso song, "Drinking Rum & Coke Cola". Says he, RUSTY COMES, and M.D. AITKEN started it. We remember well how the 21st boys used to sing it during their Okayama days:

1

We looked back over the fantail
We saw Mindanao Girls weep and wail
They seemed to be a little hard to forget
Japan is a long way off as yet.

2

When we arrive in Kure Bay
One thing we must learn to say
When we meet a geisha girl
Ohio Gaziamos lets give it a whirl.

3

Okayama's quite a spot
Geisha girls run cold and hot
When we get our pesos changed to yen
We're going to find ourselves a Joro Den.

4

We drink saka every day
It goes down the same old way
Every girl's a Geisha now
Because they like our GI chow.

5

Every Private and the Colonel
Shout Banzai go to Hell
Yukakos where we like to stay
To Koi O Suri our life away.

6

When the 21st wolves begin to howl
All the Chichi's start to scowl
They act this way because they knew
It meant Musume Gookan O Suru.

(Chorus)

Drinking Saki and Coke Cola
Down at Okayama
We never quench our thirst
We're the thirsty 21st.



JOHNNY TRINCA regaled us at S. with his story about the guy who couldn't win a bet at the track. He tried all the systems; nothing worked. A friend tells him the reason is that he doesn't live right. He is urged to attend church. Well, he has never been one to bother heaven

with his problems, but now he'll try anything.

The next Sunday, he sits through an entire church service. On Monday, he returns to the track, but passes up the first two races while waiting for "the word."

In the third race, something tells him to bet No. 4. He does. No. 4 breaks well, and the guy says, "Thank you, Lord."

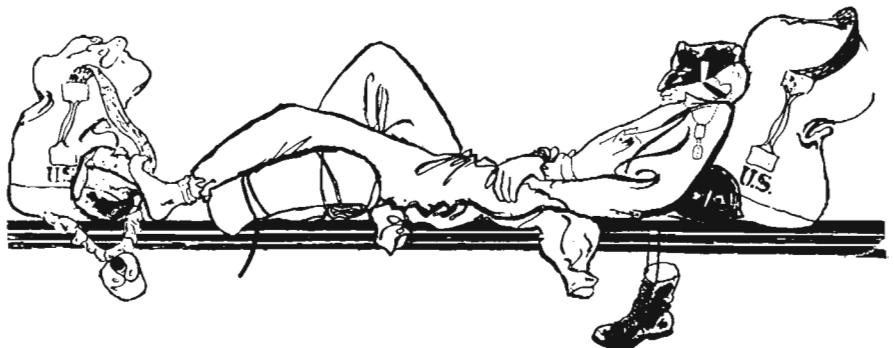
As the horse gets in and out of trouble, the guy continues to utter his gratitude. "Thank you, Lord, thank you."

The horses come into the final turn. Number 4 is second at the head of the stretch. His jockey is driving him hard, and he passes the leader at the eighth pole and begins to pull away.

"Thank you, Lord," the guy says, "I'll take him from here. Come on, you son of a gun!"

Federal officials say they won't know until next year whether the Pentagon will undergo a \$450 million facelift or whether a \$500 million annex will rise in the south parking lot.

The GSA is overseeing efforts to design an annex of 3 million square feet - roughly half the Pentagon's size - consolidating DoD workers now spread to nearly 90 leased sites in the Washington area.



Photography, pure and simple.



JACK and Mary HELLMAN (QM '42-'45)
with Helen HOSTETTER standing between
them. A PH photo.



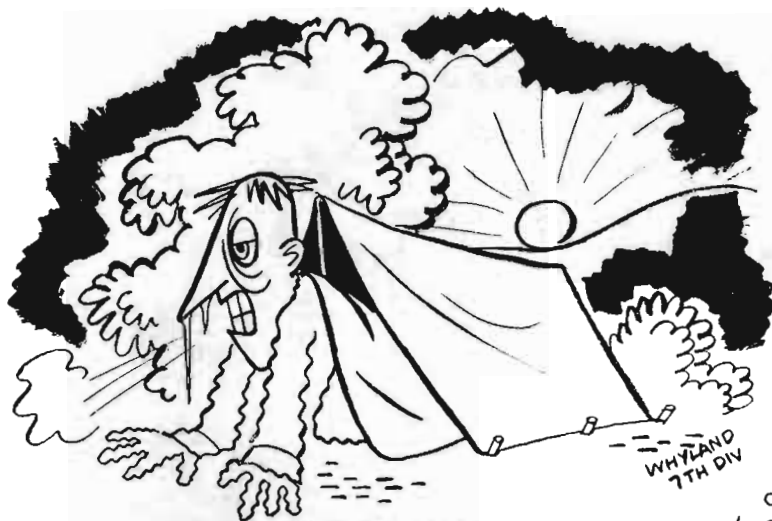
HENRY and Marge GORGOL (H 21st '40-'44)
made a terrific couple, don't you agree?

How's this for a proud record? It
belongs to CSM EDWARD OLENDER, Ret., of
Box 9A, Springtown, Tillson NY:

I 21st '41-'42
C 34th & L 19th '50-'51
3rd 21st '69 - '70

JOHN A. SANGER in with a hefty \$25
contribution. Appreciate it deeply,
Johnny.





KOREA- LAND OF THE MORNING CALM!



Just found this one of Mary and BOB SHAY, our indefatigable head honchos of our gathering at the Hyatt Regency in S.

Winston Churchill was visiting friends the afternoon of one of his radio broadcasts. He left rather late and, stepping up to a cabstand, instructed the driver to take him to the BBC studios.

"You'll have to take another cab, sir, I can't go that far," the driver told him.

The former Prime Minister was rather surprised and asked the driver why he was limited in the distance his cab could be driven.

"Mr. Churchill is broadcasting," replied the cabby, "and I want to get home and tune in."

This pleased Churchill and he pulled out a pound note. The driver took one look at the money and said, "Hop in, sir. The hell with Mr. Churchill."

JACK and Jeanne BROWN (Hq. 2nd Bn. 21st '51-'53) of 17730 Live Oak, Hesperia CA can't say enough about the hospitality extended by BUD and Jean COLLETTE last summer when they were in Payson AZ. They're lovely people, we agree, Jack. Note you'll be in Savannah with us because your ancestors came from Georgia. Jack sent along a check for \$25 - "for the good of the order."

FACE to FACE

Read this one - it's typical of our daily mail: "Enclosed is my check for my dues, \$50 for dues, \$3.50 for lapel pin and \$20 to help for mailing costs.

"I was so happy to read about my old 1st Sgt. JOSEPH E. WHITE in the Taro Leaf. I called him up in San Antonio, TX. I had a great conversation after 45 years.

"Could you please put this in the T.L. Would like to get in touch with anybody from H Co. 19th Inf. 3/40 - 12/41 - Tel. 305-725-0992 - Call COLLECT. I will be very happy to accept.

"Thanks, Chick WILLIAM P. BARNETT
118E Versailles Dr.,
Melbourne Beach FL 32951."

Of course, we're happy to print such a letter. It's the name of the game. Hope they run up \$100.00 worth of calls on you, Bill.



PHIL HOSTETTER, we think this one of Dorothy GROSS and KAREL KNUTSON is one of your best. We give it a blue ribbon.

Frantic arguments go on (in companies) and charts and graphs are presented to show that things are better, much worse, or just the same. It all depends upon the chartmakers, where the design appears, and whether you have the blame thing right side up.

Heywood Broun



"SORRY, MOM...IN THE ARMY THAT'S WHAT WE CALLED CREAMED BEEF ON TOAST."

—Sgt. Bil Keane

Forgive us, PHIL HOSTETTER, please, if we trim a few of your wonderful shots. It's just that we want to get as many different folks into these issues as we can. Here is one of BOB ENDER, left, and TOM GRADY, right.



JOHN ROUSSEL (52nd F. '43-'45), is Director of Experiment Stations at LA State U. in Baton Rouge. Who says we don't have any 52nd Field men in this club. Johnny sends in his dues "and a little something for the kitty." We are grateful, John.

Nostalgia isn't what is used to be.



Maybe we should start a picture gallery showing off the past presidents of our little club. Here's one - WALTER CUNNINGHAM, a one time Div.AG. Full of charisma, lightness, playfulness, charm and good humor, he's the cream in our bottle of milk.

If you're dieting, the best place for your bathroom scale is in front of the refrigerator.

Golfing Blues out of 124 Willow Lane, Naples, FL. Writes Col. HERVEY LEBEOUF, (3rd Eng. & 21st '48-'49; '58-'61): "If my golf gets no worse, my age and score should equalize in another 16 years."



This is gonna be a cinch, RENE VERMONT. All you have to do in this one is tell the folks that OTIS J. AUTIN has a new zip. Same address - 4305 Driftwood, Colorado Springs CO. But a new zip - 80918. In the last 30 days, we've had just about 30 notices of change of zip. Say Rene, where'd you buy that cap? It's different.



JACK and Marie KELLER (H 21st '40-'45) are all smiles. Can't identify the head in the lower left corner. Can you? Goofed a little bit on that one, Phil - but you caught Jack and Marie just right.



"DELIRIOUS AMERICA BLOWS ITS TOP AS WAR ENDS... WILD, HYSTERICAL REVELERS OVERFLOW BARS... BLARING TRUMPETS... NAKED GIRLS..."

-Sgt. Ozzie St. George

**"BLOW IT
OUT YOUR
BARRACKS
BAG!"**



BILL HARTMAN, complete with medals in this PH photo, told a terrific story about the 19th lieutenant who was caught without proper change for a soda machine. Accordingly, he flagged down a passing Chick soldier, and asked, "Got change for a dollar?"

"I think so," said the soldier cheerfully. "Let me check."

The lieutenant drew himself up stiffly and barked. "That's not the way to address an officer. We'll replay this scene. Got change for a dollar?"

The soldier saluted smartly and said, "No, SIR!"

This will be music to your ears.

Col. BOB JOHNSON of 500 Westridge, Columbia MO, writes: "I served with the 19th Inf. and Heavy Mortar Co. of 5th RCT as a platoon leader in Korea, and when the 2nd BG 5th Inf. was reactivated at Fort Carson I was fortunate to be Heavy Mortar Battery's 1st Company Commander. I was also responsible for teaching 5th Inf. history and traditions and at that time I composed this song, 'I'll Try Sir.' It goes to the tune of the famous West Point Beenirey Havens Oh."

I'LL TRY SIR!

It started back at Lundy's Lane
so many years ago,
the story of our Fighting Fifth,
we thought you'd like to know.
Our Army at a standstill,
British artillery straight ahead
Attempts were made to stop the foe
resulting in the dead.
The General called the Colonel in,
his mission was explained,
The Colonel said, I'LL TRY SIR!,
and then the guns were gained.

In Mexico you found us,
forging on hard ahead,
at Monterey and Veru Cruz
we gathered up our dead.
We fought against Comanches
and the tricky Seminole,
We battled hard in Texas
against the Navajo!,
And then for many years to come,
our fighting was to cease,
we played the role of standguard
and enforcement of the peace.

We held the watch upon the Rhine
when war had ceased to be,
only to return once more,
to fight for victory.
We fought throughout Korea,
at the Yalu and the Han,
You found us at the Punch Bowl
and at the perimeter of Pusan.
We held onto our battered lines,
losing many men,
then in a final effort,
we headed north again.

From Lundy's Lane to Mexico,
our gallant men did fight,
From Chippawa and Tippecanoe
to Pusan in the night.
The legends of our fighting men
forever will live on,
The glory found; The victory won,
is why we sing this song.
So at this time in pausing new,
reflecting our history,
Lift your glasses high in grand salute
to the brave 5th Infantry.

CHORUS:

I'll Try Sir! I'll Try Sir!
I'll do the best I can -
I'll Try Sir! I'll Try Sir!
For this our cherished land -
I'll be a gallant warrior
and fight for victory -
For I'm proud to be a member
of the brave 5th Infantry!

Winston Churchill's comment after
watching German Army maneuvers in 1910:
"Much as war attracts me and fascinates
my mind with its tremendous situations,
I feel more deeply every year - and can
measure the feeling here in the midst of
arms - what vile and wicked folly and
barbarism it all is."

He's President of the Denver chapter
of the ROA. Who is? DON SIMMONDS
(B 555 FA Bn. 2/53-5/54) of 2560 Quail,
Lakewood CO, that's who.

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Changed fox-holes:

RAY G. BARNES (D 21st '35-'37) was
506 W. Cleveland, Marshfield, Wisconsin.
Now is General Delivery, Greenville MO
63944.

People who love to fish assume that
fish will bite on an expensive lure -
just because they did.

Sergeant O'Connor, an overweight
Gimlet of B Company, had to go to the
hospital for a strict weight-loss diet.
His gang sent him a big bouquet of
flowers. The next day they received this
telegram from the appreciative sergeant:
"Thanks for the flowers.
They were delicious."



We're way late with using this one
EDWARD WILSON (24th MP '47-'50) over there
in 1827 S. 5th, Saint Charles IL. Ed
charms us with the bit about how he and
Laura fight when the Taro Leaf arrives.
We can read that in two ways, Ed - and
Laura.



TOM UPTON
loves to recall
the old days.
The French
aphorism,
"Plus ça change
plus c'est la
même chose" -
the more things
change, the
more things
remain the
same - applies
in spades to
the army,
argues Tom.
Sacre Blue!
Mais oui.
JM photo.



HERE WE GROW AGAIN.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN BOB'S COLUMN

Sheriff Bob Johnson here....

My horse is lame so I've got a sit-down job and can't get around as much as I should. So -- I'm going to deputize all members as the 24th Div. Association Possee. Your membership card is your badge.

Now don't go out and just grab anybody. The association has no need for vigilantes. So how do we go about it?

Remember that lapel pin you bought at the last reunion? How come you put it in the drawer to wear next year? We know who you are. Get it out now and put it on your everyday coat.

And those snazy T-shirts with the 24th patch. Sure it's a nice souvenir, but get it out of the trunk and wear it. Church cookouts, high school or college games. It's a walking neon sign.

Got a decal for your car? Get one! Ken has plenty (\$1.00 each). I had one once. No car. Stuck it on a bus. Last I saw it some guy was chasing the bus down the highway. Couldn't catch him. My horse got lame.

Seems everyone has a baseball hat with the 24th patch. Saw quite a few at the last reunion. Just because the association doesn't have a baseball team doesn't mean you can't wear it year round.

Wear your lapel pins, T-shirts and baseball hats. Get a decal.

What to do if someone wants to join after they spot you. If they've got \$10.00 grab it fast and send it with their name and full address to Ken. He's my #1 deputy.

If no money is offered, send a wanted poster to me. Name, address and unit. I'll handle the apprehension.

If they went that-a-way, let's head 'em off at the pass.

Happy trails,

Sheriff Bob Johnson

For years,
we've been
riding past
president
TOM COMPERE
for that black
and white
jacket he pulls
out of the
mothballs
every August.
Here he is
without it.
Nice thing
about Tom - in
all of 39 years,
he never once
got mad.



We were surprised with this one of MAJOR HAYWOOD. Notice the double image of Major's right arm and part of his Jim Dandy Wahoo shirt. First time we'd noticed that foxy JOE MCKEON had the gang standing in front of a mirror. Great photography, Joe.

RUDY LENZ (M 5th RCT '50-'51) of 3045 N. McKnight, St. Paul MN, wasn't sure he could make S. So he sent along \$ to pay for a couple of bottles of Christian Bros. Brandy for the Hospitality Room. Rudy, you're a wonder. Deep thanx from each of us.

The August Chronicle



The Thursday night rain that nearly drowned us was like a sprinkle of weed killer over our hopes for our friends arriving on Friday. But these early-birds were safe and dry at the Hyatt. Seated: Hilda and JOHN KLUMP. Standing: ART and Clarice KEMP. Wonderful quartet. PH photo.

Everything's coming

up roses—

A 6th Tk.Bn. man, '51-'53, and his good wife write in. BOB and Jean LAWHON at Rt. 2, Box 711, Proctorville OH write: "Sorry we couldn't make Chicago this year but, hope to make the next one. We sure had a good time in Louisville, even though there were no Sixth Tankers there. If by chance some Sixth Tankers read this, we would like to hear from them if they would care to write us. Many fond memories of our last reunion and wishes for many more to come!"

Surgery for HOWARD LUMSDEN - unclogging an artery in the neck -- successful! Card him please -- 167 Hickory, Wood River IL 62095 - Lum is almost blind in his left eye - cataract - and is awaiting scheduling into an OR on this problem. Troubles? - the wonderful Lumsdens have got 'em.



We found a moment alone with FRANK PESKO. Wish we could have spent some time with each of our members and with their wives - but believe it's just not to be. Anyway, we asked Frankie for a comment or two and he completely surprised us with his reply.

As we recall it, days later, it went like this: "I come, observe and celebrate, and I think I understand more clearly the purpose of reunions. It's a time to renew our bond as a unit, our source of strength and stability."

You said it well, Frank. Thanks. JM photo.

**GET ME
WHAT'S-
HIS-
NAME?!**

Writes CHARLEY DYNES (E 34th '44-'45) out in 1010 Taywood Rd., Englewood OH: "Still haven't located anyone I know from E Co. 34th Inf., but bear in mind the memory isn't what it used to be either." We'll try again, Charley.

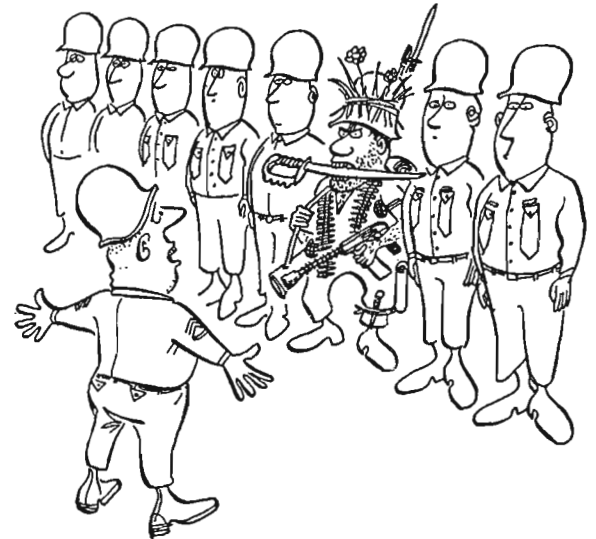
When the USA builds its embassy in Moscow, the construction workers are Russians.

When the Soviets build their embassy in Washington DC, they permit only Russians, brought from the USSR, to work on it. No comment.

Nice business. The Schaumburg hotel has just hit us with a \$645.79 bill for the taxes for the Friday and Saturday night dinners last August. We're still trying to figure that one out.

We were destined to meet.

So says the Sheraton Savannah. For years, the welcome sign has been out. Right now they're getting ready to meet us. The whole plan will be ours for that glorious weekend.



'YOU'VE SIMPLY GOTTA GET IT THROUGH
YOUR HEAD, SMITH. YOU'RE NOT
IN THE MARINES!'

We're going "heavy" with the S. pictures because the mail indicates that so many of our good members want "More. More. More." Here's PETER CROMBIE and VICENTE SYDIONGO, each saying "Cheese" for PHIL HOSTETTER.

A many-splendored thing.

Host air carriers serving Savannah - American Airlines, Continental, Eastern, Delta and Piedmont.

**OUR
RATES
WILL SUIT
YOU TO
A TEE.**

Our convention at the Sheraton Savannah. It'll be a Mosaic of unforgettable moments. That's what you'll take home with you after it's over. Our gathering can be - and will be - a many-splendored thing.



TOM GRADY (H 21st '42-'45) of 182 Barker, Hartford CT, knows the WHERATON SAVANNAH. It's just over 50 years old but she wears her mantle of age gracefully. She has just undergone rehabilitation and, today, is more beautiful than ever.

Of course we mean the Sheraton Savannah's rates - \$60 per - you can't beat that and still have anything decent.

WINDOWS ON THE WORLD



Is JOHNNY KLUMP (E 34th '45-'46) giving Elsa MCCUMBIE his autograph? What was he up to, PHIL? It's your picture. Maybe you can help us out Clarke KEMP over there in back rubbing your neck.



BOB CHURCH (B 21st & Div.Hq. '40-'43) doesn;t mind being photo'd but he wants you to be sure to see that Taro Leaf. Using that as a backdrop was a terrific gimmick, JOE MCKEON. Your idea? Thanx for posing, Bobby.

Postcarded by BILL BROOME (I 21st) from Jakarta and Poland. Says he wants to go to Moscow.



Isn't this one of TOM GRADY (H 21st '42-'45) a Jim Dandy. A TB photo.



One fellow wrote in asking who this PHIL HOSTETTER is who takes all of those pictures. He just had never met Phil and wanted to see what he looked like. Well sir, we give you Phil with a little bit of Helen. What bugs us is, "Who took the shot?" It came with the big bunch Phil thoughtfully sent us. A ???? photo.

Thoughtful JOE MCKEON tells in his cryptic style: "POW Medal established. 125,000 to be ready in January. Applications being distributed to post offices and veterans organizations through the country." We are trying to get our hands on a bunch.

THE BEST



Lewis L. Millett's Medal of Honor Citation reads like a story book. On Feb. 7, 1951, he was Captain of E Company of the 27th Inf. In the vicinity of Soam-Ni, this action took place. The citation reads:

MILLETT, LEWIS L.

Rank and organization: Captain, United States Army, Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment. *Place and date:* Vicinity of Soam-Ni, Korea, 7 February 1951. *Entered service at:* Mechanic Falls, Maine. *Birth:* Mechanic Falls, Maine. *G.O. No.:* 69, 2 August 1951. *Citation:* Captain Lewis L. Millett, Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action on 7 February 1951 in the vicinity of Soam-Ni, Korea. While personally leading his company in an attack against a strongly held position he noted that the 1st Platoon was pinned down by small-arms, automatic, and antitank fire. Captain Millett ordered the 3d Platoon forward, placed himself at the head of the two platoons, and, with fixed bayonet, led the assault up the fire-swept hill. In the fierce charge Captain Millett bayoneted two enemy soldiers and boldly continued on, throwing grenades, clubbing and bayonetting the enemy, while urging his men forward by shouting encouragement. Despite vicious opposing fire, the whirlwind hand-to-hand assault carried to the crest of the hill. His dauntless leadership and personal courage so inspired his men that they stormed into the hostile position and used their bayonets with such lethal effect that the enemy fled in wild disorder. During this fierce onslaught Captain Millett was wounded by grenade fragments but refused evacuation until the objective was taken and firmly secured. The superb leadership, conspicuous courage, and consummate devotion to duty demonstrated by Captain Millett were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of a hazardous mission and reflect the highest credit on himself and the heroic traditions of the military service.

And that, good people, was our Friday evening speaker. Lew Millett, thank you for gracing our hall.



JAMES O. SMITH, SR. (D 21st '40-'44). How many JAMES SMITHS do you suppose have passed through Division since 1941? A JM photo.

Our own Gen. Bernard Rogers, who regarding NATO and its ability to hold back a Soviet attack said, "days not weeks." No comment.



JOHN BRUENING (B 52nd F '41-'45) of 3454 Buskirk, Walnut Creek CA, gives us Lt. JIM WACKATER and himself on Good-enough, himself is right, Jim is thus left.

Philip Agee, the first CIA defector, travels on a Nicaraguan passport. Also, the daughter of Daniel Ellsberg is married to a high ranking Sandinista official. No comment.

Address change for Life Member #471, HENRY TACKETTE (Div.Hq. 8/52-9/53). It's still Charleston WV. Just a new street. It's now 1705 Brawley Walk.

We have a note - source not certain - telling us that RICHARD LUM has changed his name to TIM YOUNG LUM. Any comments on that one? News to us.

FRED HESS (L 19th '43-'45) of 3310 So. Dayton-Lakeview Rd., New Carlisle OH 45344, is reopening their new Do-It Center - "hardware and everything" - in New Carlisle, north of Dayton.

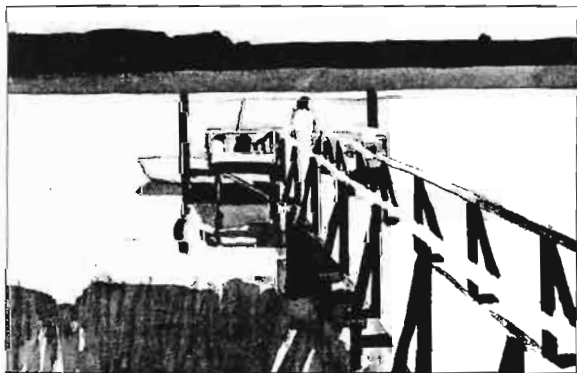
Looked high and low for the VINNIE VELLA photo - and simply can't find it. Wanted to use it in connection with this story on Niagara Falls. Vinnie did admirably in trying to sell the Falls at \$.- but our hearts were set on Savannah for '88. But Vinnie - and KEN FENTNER - aren't giving up. They want us there in '89.

Put On Your Visor, Hit The Greens . . .

Golfers, be sure to bring your clubs. One of the best courses in the southeast will lie right outside your window.

With all the subtlety of a knee in the groin, we've got an idea - or rather a suggestion. Wanna new way to get to Savannah? Go Amtrak! A delightful experience. Different. You get to Washington in time to depart Union Station around 9 p.m. arriving Savannah the next a.m. at 7:26. The route? Richmond, Rocky Mount NC, Wilson, Selma, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Dillon, Florence, Charleston and in. Returning: leave Savannah 7:30 p.m., arrive Washington the next a.m. at 6:20 - 650 miles.

Battleships through the Panama Canal. The only restriction for any ship is one of size. Specifically the ship must fit inside the canal's 1000 by 110 foot locks. Within the past 3 years, the Iowa, the New Jersey and the Missouri have all successfully transited the canal. We're wondering about the carriers.



WHERE LIFE FLOWS GENTLY WITH THE TIDE.

You'd better believe it - that's the way it is at the Savannah Sheraton - or is it the Sheraton Savannah? We're gonna be fighting that one of the next 10 months. Anyway - come on down and discover Wilmington Island for yourself. It is an island you know - although you'll have to be straining those eyes when you cross the bridge - or you'll miss it.



A TB photo of BOB PARNCUTT (F 34 '44-'45) and in case you're confused, TB stands for our old pal, Doctor TOM BRODERICK (24 Med.)



The Sheraton Savannah - the perfect footing for any feet. If you think this place isn't big enough for our crowd, you're getting off on the wrong foot. Besides we're arranging for plenty of backup rooms.

We're trying very hard in this issue to avoid writing anything controversial or anything which any reader may construe as controversial. Golly, is it tough!!!

As we were going to press, we spotted this one. It just had to be included here. They tested 8000 high school juniors last year. And listen to this: 81% of the males knew both Germany and Japan were enemies of the U.S. during WW II. Only 61% of the gals knew it. How does that grab you?

Once you would have needed a title to get even onto the grounds of the Sheraton Savannah. Now all you need is a reservation.

FORECAST

We love that glancing smile, Delores KNUTSON. And we note that you too have a camera. Have any luck? Can you match PHIL HOSTETTER when it comes to "Kodak as you go"? Remember that old slogan - in the day of the Brownie cameras?



Just had to give you this one of Mort Walker, the creator of Beetle Bailey, Hi and Lois, and other comic strips.



We love the so-called "action" shots, like this one of Margaret LONG, LESLIE LONG, CHARLEY BEAZLEY, JOE HOFRICHTER and HORACE HOGGATT. A T.B. photo.

ALFRED RIDGE (21st) of 18 Hamilton, Readville MA, has said that his recruiting efforts have about the same effect as a butterfly's hiccup. And then he comes in with JOE HAMEL (21st and 24th Med. '41-'44) of 116 Main, Mechanic Falls ME. Welcome aboard, Joe - and thank you, Al.



Elizabeth GERGOFF prefers "Betsy" we understand. Okay Betsy it'll be. A PH photo. Strange thing, Phil; sometimes your backgrounds are clear, distinct, full of people. Then sometimes, as with this one of Betsy, the background can be very dark. Not complaining, fella, not complaining. Get too critical and we may get cut off on any more pictures.

WE'RE OUT TO MAKE OUR MARK



PHIL HOSTETTER caught our First Lady, Laura ROSENBLUM, and the ADC, General BILL PAGE as they sat at the head table for the Saturday night festivities.



"You are a self-centered individual interested only in knowing how much you weigh."

BILL HAURILAK (34th Med. '41-'45) of 125 Southworth, Milford CT, wants us to say hello to DOC CAMERON, his old CO, Col. JIM PEARSALL, and Capt. ROSS - Capt. Ross? Ross was Co.E commander, wasn't he, Bill? He's not a member.



response has been terrific. Then at S., we picked up a lot more like this one of LESTER JOHNSON (K 21, '51-'53) f'instance. A JM photo.

Ages ago we made a request through Taro Leaf for passport photos of our members. So we can use them in future issues. Makes a story "come alive" as a newspaperman would say. The



Word from Alice BRIDWELL over in Tucson AZ - 5611 Bar S Street - is that EARL (H 19th '38-'42) is really suffering from the old arthritis. A card would help cheer him up.

You can easily tell where WALTER BRAY (19 & 34, '49-'53) spent some of his war time. A JM photo.

DON NESBITT (C & D 6th Tk.Bn. '51-'52) of Clarks Summit PA sends us this old clipping out of Stars & Stripes, circa '51:

"With U.S. 24th Div. - Of late, the hills ringing the 24th Victory Division have been teeming with pheasant hunters. Imbued with the competitive spirit of the eager hunter, soldiers taking a 'busman's holiday' have been ranging through the brush and thicket with Special Service shotguns in hand.

"While scouting for some of the game birds, four officers with the 6th Medium Tank Battalion flushed out nothing but trouble during a recent excursion. Maj. Lindsey N. Williams, Armory MI led the hunting party. Hot on the trail of a covey of pheasants were Capt. Max E. Call of Afton WY, and Lt. David L. Barnes of Tulsa, OK, who intrepidly waded through waist-high shrubbery with poised weapons.

"Six rounds of enemy artillery suddenly fell into the immediate area. With an undignified remark about the belligerent ways of Korean pheasants, Capt. Harley A. Coffee, (CO Co. D or C) Winfield KS, dived for cover into a patch of loose dirt concealing a very solid rock pile. Left in the wake of the retreating quartet were six smoking shell holes, one uprooted front tooth formerly belonging to Captain Coffee and an undetermined number of pheasants saved by the Red's big guns from certain doom.

"The ruffled party of sportsmen trooped back to the safety of their CP. 'This is the first hunt,' commented Captain Call, 'which saw the hunters become the hunted. Damned clever of those pheasants - to have their FO's on the field!'"

EDDIE ROBINSON has friends in the 25th. They're talking up a joint reunion with us in 1991 - our 50th birthday.



"Who is it?"

u-ni-form (yoo'ne-fôrm) *adj.* 1. Being always the same or alike, as in form, appearance, quality, degree, etc.; not varying: *uniform temperature*. 2. Agreeing or identical with each other; alike: *uniform tastes*. — *n.* 1. A distinctive form of dress having a style and appearance and worn by members of the organization or service, as soldiers, sailors, etc. 2. A set of clothes. — *v.t.* 1. To put or cloth in uniform. 2. To make uniform. — *v.i.* 1. To become uniform. 2. To become uniform.



ANDERSON

Illustration by Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Eric E. Anderson

Clothes Make Man; Uniforms, Unit

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. — The recent announcement about religious headgear being authorized in the military was very disturbing. Webster's definition of uniform is "having always same form, conforming to one pattern, regular, consistent, not varying, official dress."

set of uniform laws and regulations. With discipline they must conform to an established standard.

Clothing, as we have heard, makes the man. Uniforms make the unit. Headgear is a part of that uniform.

ERIC E. ANDERSON
Sergeant Major (Ret.)

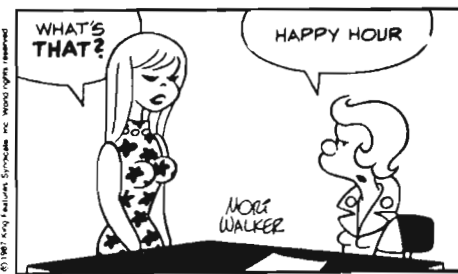
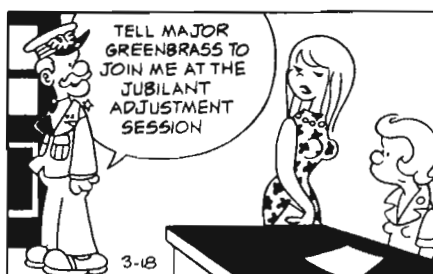
Retired Sergeant Major Eric Anderson, not of the 24th, posted a letter to the editor of Army Times and with it included his own illustration. We admire the novelty of his approach and enthuse over his message. As the Frenchman says, "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose". Read it for yourself:

Before John Toland's book on the Korean War comes out, catch his just released, "Occupation". It's a novel, not a history book - but it's the story of MacArthur's - and our - occupation of Japan. Much space is devoted to the War Crimes and the trials of the war criminals. Good reading. We have a copy. Signal if you want to borrow it. John will likely wish you'd buy a copy - but frankly it's not worth \$19.95.

He's interested in military insignia. That's JACK CROSBY (Sv. 21st '9/53-12/54) of 838 E. Scott, Grand Ledge MI. Jack has been collecting since '41. He 24th patches dating back to the '20s. Hope this spurs on a little interest among the membership, Jack. By the way, Jack is Dir., Finance Division, Mich. Dept. of Mental Health.

Just heard of us: LLOYD RONDO of Box 209, Whitmore Lake MI. He was Japan and Korea. Lloyd doesn't tell us his unit.

BEETLE BAILEY





STEVE and Jean NWRANSKY (3rd Engs. Combat Bn. WW II - Japan and G 21st-Korea) saved that old uniform, obviously. Beautiful fact is that it still fits this wonderful man. A JM photo.



"Sitting on my patio" is the title BILL NAEGELE gives this one. Makes sense to us, Bill. He was C 19th '42-'45 and that patio is at 11029 Briarwood, Albuquerque NM. Bill left us at Romblon - hospitalized. Says he'd love to hear from "Charley Company alumni". Better still, with winter here, why not fly to Albuquerque and sit on that patio with Bill?

How much longer can the embattled Mrs. Aquino stand up to the hordes lining up against her? Was it really worth the blood our comrades spilled there?

New address for MIKE MARINO. 5 will get you 5 you can now find him at Edward Gill Apts., 1A11 Meeker, Cranford NJ.

This is chutzpa - gall with a capital "G". The man took a taxi to bankruptcy court and invited the cabbie in as a creditor.



It's EMERSON WINSTEAD (B 21st '50-'51) of 3339 Van Winkle, Louisville KY. In case it comes out poorly, let us tell you that everything's coming up roses. That's Emerson at the right. You can grow'em, Em.



Here's a terrific shot of SGM HARRY BUDNIAK, USA Ret. (M 21st 1/38-9/40). He's at 172 Laurel Place, Whiting NJ. You're looking great, Harry.



One of the many open questions around Washington is who will succeed Kenneth L. Adelman as Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Our very own, Maj.Gen. EDWARD L. ROWNY is in the running - and he has our vote.

Watch your local paper.

By the time you read this, ERNIE VIENNEAU will have returned to 26 Potter, Waltham MA - made Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in November. Hope it was a great trip, Ernie, and, by the way, thank you for the hefty contribution.



Meet GERALD A. WILLEY, in '52 and in '87. Gerry lives at 1020½ North, Caldwell, OH. Gerry was a special correspondent for Stars and Stripes and had been serving as a consultant to Sec/Def. Weinberger. Proudly he's one of ours.

What do you think of this idea from FRED OLSEN of 3440 Mountain, Brookfield WI?:

"Several years ago I started a 'Battle map' of the 40th Inf.Div. which was the first division I was with in WW II, (later with the 6th Div.) but the 40th never had a reunion except by a couple of individual companies so I gave it up.

"Now, I was thinking that if you are in possession of the 24th Div. Order of Battle and the locations of the different units during WW II and Korea you might want to fill in the map with this information and hang it on the wall in the Hospitality Room at the reunion, where it should help the fellows in their reminiscing and avoid lapses in memory.

"Perhaps the Division G-3 during that period may lend a hand. I don't know if you think it a worthwhile project or not."

We like it, Fred. Wonder who'll volunteer to take over the project. We're a little busy ourselves.

DICK DEWEERD (Div.Hq. 1/42-12/45) out there in Pella IA, suggests that we use this, asking that you hold the page flat at eye level in order to read it. If you can't make it out, give us a call and we'll run over:

As you know, Life Member #717, Bob Dumas of 20 Howe Road, Canterbury, CT, is one of us - even though he never wore the Taro Leaf. His brother, ROGER, did. Roger was C 19th and was captured in '50. He was not repatriated in '53. We've written some of this story in previous issues. This time, we take the liberty of showing you how the Hartford Courant recently made a news item out of it.

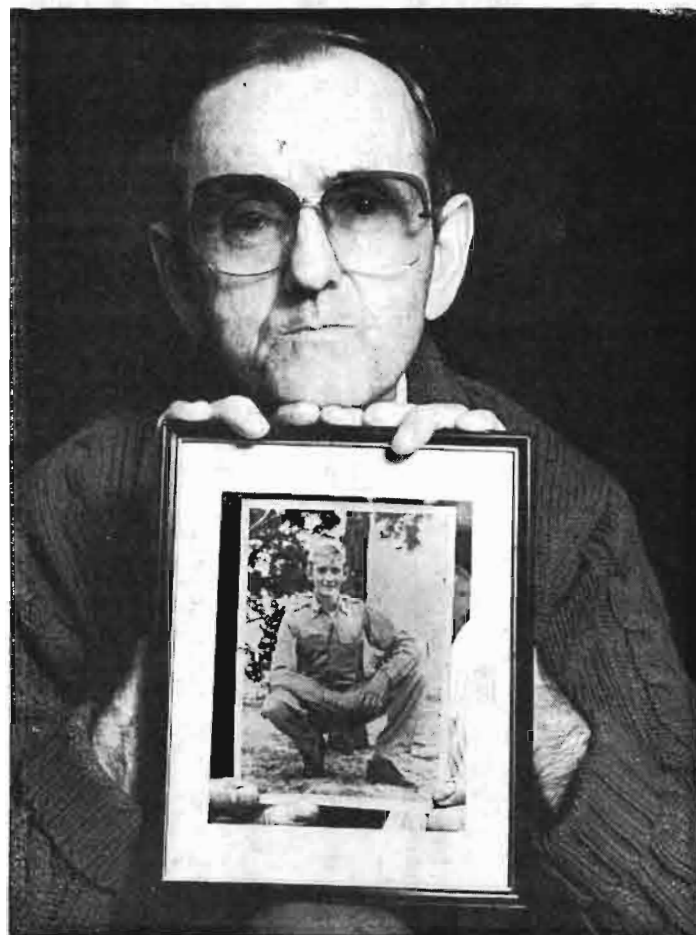
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Robert Dumas of Canterbury holds a picture of his brother, Roger A. Dumas, who was captured in North Korea 37 years ago. Dumas has been searching for his brother ever since.

A 37-year battle to bring his brother back home

If unaccounted-for Vietnam veterans are forgotten, Korean veterans are even more so.

For 37 years, Robert R. Dumas of Canterbury has been looking for his brother, Roger, one of an estimated 63 to 175 Korean War veterans from Connecticut who didn't come home.

Dumas said he feels closer than ever to getting information about his brother because representatives of the North Korean government have told him they would discuss POWs if he would come to North Korea accompanied by a member of the U.S. Congress. Dumas is waiting for the U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson to send a letter asking for an invitation.

(However, last month Gejdenson told Dumas he had been asked by the State Department to hold the letter for a month. It will be sent in December, "barring some development that would make the letter either moot or possibly harmful to Mr. Dumas's cause," said Chip Partner, a spokesman in Gejdenson's office.)

Dumas is anxious to travel. He said he already has waited too long — since July — for a U.S. official — any U.S. official — to agree to accompany him overseas.

Dumas's efforts have become legend. He has battled in federal court to get his brother's status changed from "missing in action-presumed dead" to "prisoner of war" and repeatedly has called his representatives' offices.

"It gets to you after a while," he said. "We got out of Korea like we got out of Vietnam. We left equip-

"It gets to you after a while. We got out of Korea like we got out of Vietnam. We left equipment and prisoners there. The human rights of all our veterans in services have been violated."

Robert Dumas

Brother of missing Korean War veteran

ment and prisoners there. The human rights of all our veterans in services have been violated."

He last saw his brother at their Plainfield home. Roger Dumas was joking about being shipped out to Korea.

"He was a comic," Dumas said.

"He always was full of fun — happy-go-lucky. If somebody said, 'Let's take a trip to New York,' he'd say, 'Let's go.'"

In 1953, when the last POWs were released on television, Dumas and his mother watched for Roger's name, which never appeared. Two

weeks later, the Dumas family received a government telegram telling them that Roger was believed to be alive in enemy hands. Four months later, they received a telegram telling them that the government presumed him dead.

"There was no other information," he said. "That was the end of it."

"I didn't spend 37 years to leave him there dead or alive. My intent was to bring him home. He may still be alive for all I know."

His father died in 1955, and when his mother died in 1959, Dumas made a promise to her that he would bring Roger home. His four other brothers and his sister gave up, he said.

Dumas, who retired in 1975 from the state Department of Transportation, said his campaign has taken up most of his life.

"I have a wife and five children, and they had to live with this, and it wasn't easy," he said. "I never will know the full truth of what went on."

Earlier this year, Dumas sent 45 letters to members of Congress and to four presidential candidates. No one answered him, he said. What keeps him going is the chance that some of his efforts might persuade someone somewhere to act and bring his brother home.

He has planned what he will say. "If they haven't clouded his mind all these years, and he's in half-way good physical condition, I'm going to tell him I never gave up to bring him home," Dumas said.

SUSAN CAMPBELL

Groups help families seeking loved ones missing from wars

For more information about prisoners of war, contact:

■ **National Forget-Me-Not Association for POW-MIAs Inc.**

22 Revere Road
New Milford, Conn. 06776

■ **National Human Rights Committee for POW/MIAs**

P.O. Box 2
86 Hill St.
Walden, N.Y. 12586

■ **National Forget-Me-Not Association for POW-MIAs Inc.**

22 Revere Road
New Milford, Conn. 06776

■ **National Forget-Me-Not Association**

798 Graham Road
South Windsor, Conn. 06074

■ **National League of Families**

1608 K St., N.W.
Washington, Conn. 20006

This comes to us from DICK DEWEERD
(Div.Hq. 1/42-12/45) of Pella IA and
we're happy to use it 'cuz we've got a
headache:

Little Pill

*Little pill, here in my hand
I wonder how you understand,
Just what to do, or where to go
That stops the ache that hurts me so!
Within your covering lies relief,
You work alone in unbelief,
You sink in regions there below
As down my throat, you quickly go.
And just how do you really tell
Just where you are supposed to go?
I've got a headache, that is true,
My broken ribs need attention too.*

*So how can anything so small
End my aches in no time at all?
Do you work alone, or hire a crew
To do the good things that you do?
I'm counting on you mighty strong,
To get in there where you belong.
Don't let me down, and please don't shrink
But do your undercover work!
So down my throat, be on your way,
And end my aches another day.
Don't make a wrong turn, is my plea,
Cause I can't take another till after three!*

The closing or consolidating of
military bases in the debate over reducing
the deficit. At least 28 are being
threatened. Watch 28 congressmen howl.
"Not in my district" will be the familiar
cry.

DICK and Marie REINKE (Med.Inspect.
Div.Hq. '44-'45), leave their home in
Bradenton FL now and then to visit
daughter's family in WI, son's family in
Miami, and most recently a cruise up the
Amazon to Manaus. The Amazon??? Are you
unwell, Dick?



In some ways, we're on a roller coaster.
We had 100 lapel pins. We advertised
them. They went like hotcakes at \$3.50
per, with your very thoughtful treasurer
paying the postage. So we ran out and
had to turn away orders. Then our
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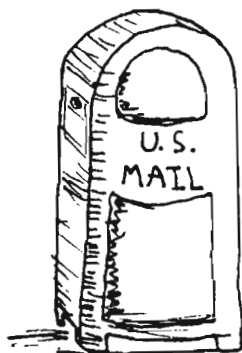
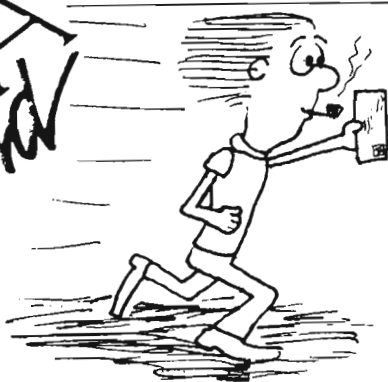
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Not only did Gene and Donnie send us
the names, they sent us the \$ to "join
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to Gene and Donnie and "Welcome aboard"
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Presently Asst.Div.Commander of the 76th Division (Training), headquartered in Hartford CT is Col. BOB PESSIN. Now at 30 Wingate Rd., Holliston MA. We knew Bob when he was a little fellow - C 19th 4/53 to 2/54 and H & H Co., 19th 3/55 to 7/56. Two tours as a Chick, don't you see? And what's especially nice about this story is that the Division Commander of the 76th is BG HOMER JOHNSON who was also a Chick at about the same time as Bob. Homer's address is 89 Post Rd., North Hampton NH. Proudly we salute these 76'ers. They're also members of our exclusive club.

The Senate is getting gung-ho behind the idea of placing the statue of a woman veteran near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. Why, we ask, honor the women who served in 'Nam? Why not honor all women who served in all of our wars? Senator David Durenberger, R-Minn., has introduced a resolution that would guarantee the establishment of the Vietnam Memorial for the women. What next?

The poem which Col. Louis L. Millett read at our Schaumburg banquet has proven to be much too long for inclusion in our pages. However, we have 100 copies; if anyone wants one, he need but write the Editor, being sure to say "Please". Remember that TV commercial: "More Park Sausages, Mom...pul...ease"?

Moved: BILL ANDERSON, to 4407 S.E. Roethe Rd., Milwaukie OR. Bill writes: "I have a lot of good memories of the 24th. I was in C Co. 21st Inf. from the latter part of August 1950 until about Dec. '51 so remember a lot of the early fighting. I was in the first boat to cross the Naktong River - crossed it in, I believe, they called it an engineer's boat - it was made of plywood and we pedalled it across. I was 17 at the time and was an automatic rifleman - light infantry (MOS). Memories of a time that I am proud of, hope I'm not boring you. Sure ramble a lot, don't I?"

Ramble all you want, Bill, we love it.

A Bandsman speaks out. The 24th Div. Band that is. GILBERT WILLMAN of North Vernon, IN, writes: "Enjoy reading the paper but would like to see and hear that more Korean veterans get involved." Will we ever be able to satisfy?

We've set up an interesting story on the next 5 pages. We think you'll like it. Well, not like it - poor choice of words. We think it'll take your breath away.

Issues ago, we ran an item on the tragedy at Slapton Sands.

Now we find that our very own, RALPH BALESTRIERI, was stationed in Devon with the 58th FA at the time - Apr. 27-28, 1944. Ralph has been instrumental in helping to bring the story out into the open. We applaud his efforts.

He tells us he's been swamped with mail. We give you first a newspiece featuring Ralph, followed by a piece on Congressman Howard's activity.

Then we give you three pages of coverage out of People Magazine.

'Nuf sed?

Ex-officer seeks to unveil pre-D-Day deaths

By EDWARD L. WALSH
Press Staff Writer

EATONTOWN — A retired Army officer has asked Rep. James J. Howard, D-N.J., for assistance to break through a 43-year Army cover-up of what happened to the bodies of 749 American soldiers, killed when their slow-moving landing craft were sunk by German PT-type boats shortly before D-Day on June 6, 1944.

He is retired Army 1st Lt. Ralph R. Balestrieri, 41 Rose Court, here. He was stationed in the coastal area of Devon, England, with the 58th Field Artillery at the time.

There is new evidence, according to Balestrieri, that the casualties were hastily buried in unmarked graves along the Devon coast as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower dropped a security blanket on the disastrous Exercise Tiger operations, the last dry run before the D-Day landings in Normandy. The cover-up was to prevent panic among the invasion troops.

"We just missed this maneuver," he recalled, "but we heard about it through the grapevine. That section where we had our camps was sealed off from the rest of the world as pre-D-Day security has been tightened to the limit."

"At the time we knew the men had been buried in the area, but we assumed their bodies were disinterred, and buried in military cemeteries or sent back to family burial plots in the United States. I had a lot of New Jersey buddies with elements of the Fourth Division, on the maneuver, and I never heard from them again."

"But this never happened, according to British sources living in the area. The mystery of where the bodies have been buried is now being investigated by Leslie Thomas, a British writer who first unveiled the disastrous Exercise Tiger in his 1981 historical novel, 'The Magic Army.'"

"He has run into trouble however, because many of the local records



RALPH BALESTRIERI

(1941 Photo)



RALPH BALESTRIERI
Just missed fatal maneuver

58th, Balestrieri wrote his congressman, Rep. Howard.

A spokeswoman for Howard said he will give all possible assistance and will ask the Defense Department to investigate it.

In a recent article in the London Daily Mail, Thomas wrote:

"The only explanation given to relatives was 'Lost in the English Channel.'"

"For 10 years, I have known the story of the 749 young men who died practicing for D-Day, and I believe that the time has come for someone to tell the truth about how, and indeed why these men died, and what happened to their bodies."

Thomas, who was a schoolboy in the area at the time of the tragedy, told this story from memory:

"The abiding horror occurred on the night of April 27-28, 1944. There were less than six weeks to D-Day, and this was to be the final rehearsal."

"It was called Exercise Tiger (not Operation Tiger as it has been mis-

named since). The whole point of the sad affair was the young men who died were only rehearsing. They had never seen a German soldier."

"Fleets of landing craft (LCIs and LCTs) and escorts left Plymouth and Brixham with the intention of 'invading' the long, curving strand at Slapton, and getting across the series of small inland lakes, just like the proposed Utah landing beach."

"Part of the armada consisted of a plodding line of landing ships carrying troops and vehicles."

"Things went grotesquely wrong with Exercise Tiger. Supporting paratroopers were unable to jump because of the weather and had to be brought in by trucks, blocking the narrow country lanes. Medical teams arrived nine hours before their equipment."

"But worst of all. The landing force was protected by only one British ship."

"From Cherbourg in Occupied France slid a squadron of German torpedo boats — deadly 40-knot E-Boats. The Navy escort was helpless."

"Two landing craft were destroyed with the loss of 749 lives and with a further loss of 300 wounded soldiers — a greater loss than sustained by U.S. forces on Utah Beach on D-Day. The wounded soldiers were taken to a local hospital, and placed under heavy guard until after D-Day."

"The shock of the tragedy hit Gen. Eisenhower the next morning. What

For 10 years, I have known the story of the 749 young men who died practicing for D-Day.

— Leslie Thomas

happened next is a mystery that has never been solved."

"Aboard the sunken craft were key officers who knew some of the secrets of D-Day."

"Eisenhower, fearing the Germans may have picked up some of these men from the water, ordered that each should be accounted for. A clamp of high secrecy was then placed on the entire tragedy. That clamp remains today."

As the area had been cleared of civilians prior to D-Day, Thomas has found only one woman, Dorothy Seekings, who remembers young American soldiers being buried in unmarked graves in a farmer's field.

"I also heard stories that some of the young soldiers had been buried in a field, a matter raised by a clergyman at a local council meeting in 1944. Going back to Devon, I was incredulous when told that the records of South Hams District Council for 1943-44 were destroyed in a 'cleanout after the war.'"

After discussing Exercise Tiger on British television, Thomas disclosed, he received a telephone call from a former Naval Intelligence officer who insisted it had never happened. He also reported that there has been no effort by British officials to locate the unmarked graves pointed out by Mrs. Seekings. Two other American soldiers were also based in the area at the time. They were Frederick E. Lombard, Little Silver, and Edward Cheeseman, Woodbridge, also members of the 58th Field Artillery.

"I remember hearing about Exercise Tiger," said Cheeseman, "but the security was so tight at the time we didn't get many of the details."

Lombard said he was on other maneuvers at the time, and didn't learn about it until he had landed in France on D-Day.

"We were too busy fighting at the time to pay much attention to the Tiger operation," he said.

Both men, however, are interested in finding out whether some of their buddies were killed and unceremoniously buried in Devon.

Howard asks DOD files on Exercise Tiger disaster

By EDWARD L. WALSH
Press Staff Writer

BELMAR — Rep. James J. Howard, D-N.J., has asked the Department of Defense for files and material relating to the disastrous Exercise Tiger in which 749 American servicemen were believed killed while making a practice landing prior to D-Day, June 6, 1944.

The veteran congressman said he has asked Acting Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci to "help clear up the mystery once and for all surrounding the deaths of the soldiers."

Many of the casualties were from the Fourth Division, which was mak-

ing practice landings on the Devon coast of England when their LSTs (landing ship tanks) were blown up by German E- and U-boats. Their bodies were reported to have been buried in unmarked graves, according to British and American sources who have been investigating the disaster in recent years.

Howard said he had been asked by a constituent, retired Army Lt. Lt. Ralph R. Balestrieri, Eatontown, to investigate the matter. Balestrieri was serving with the 58th Field Artillery in the area at the time of the attack.

"While national security was certainly a justification from maintaining security prior to D-Day, it is no longer

an excuse," Howard noted. "If the reports of the incident are accurate, then the families and friends of the dead deserve a full explanation."

Meanwhile, three former servicemen now living in Central Jersey say they knew about the burial of American GIs in unmarked graves along the Devon coast after a practice landing exercise called "Tiger" was shot up by German boats based in France.

English and American writers, who have been investigating the disaster that happened late in April 1944, have talked to eyewitnesses who recall how an estimated 749 American bodies were buried in farmers' fields to cover up the tragedy so troops preparing for

D-Day (June 6, 1944) would not panic. British locals claim that many of the GIs were buried in unmarked graves, where they still are.

While admitting that 300 casualties are still unaccounted for, Lt. Col. William Mulvey, Army spokesman in the Pentagon, said most of the dead have been identified with about 99 buried in an Army cemetery in Cambridge, England, and others sent back to the United States for reburial. The total number killed he estimated at 700.

Mulvey said no record was kept of the men disinterred after World War II, but offered to send a graves registration team "to any part of the world

where bodies of American servicemen may have been buried.

"That story that 749 men are buried in unmarked graves is a folk story concocted by the British press and some of the natives," he suggested. "If they can point out where they are buried we would be happy to return them to this country."

Balestrieri and the three other servicemen in the area feel this might have been the biggest cover-up of World War II.

One of the three, former Army Sgt. Thomas Kozar, a retired Monmouth County builder now wintering in Florida, has revealed he was on one of the LSTs torpedoed by either an E or U-

boat on about April 29, 1944.

"We had left Plymouth, England, and were maneuvering near the French coast, when we turned back and headed for the Devon beaches, which were a lot like those on Utah Beach in Normandy, France, where we were to land on D-Day," he recalled. "I was sleeping in my bunk when I was thrown to the deck by a loud explosion. We had been hit by a torpedo."

"The LST was sinking so I jumped into the bloody, oily water already full of bodies, and started swimming to shore. The water was about 39 degrees

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THOMAS KOZAR



GREGORY PIDHORECKI

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and I was afraid I'd never make it," Kozar continued. "Luckily I grabbed a timber that kept me afloat until I was picked up by a small fishing boat."

He was taken to an Army field hospital in the area sealed off from the rest of the world before D-Day.

"I lost 18 of the 72 men in my outfit, many of them from Jersey," Kozar said. "We were so closely guarded in the hospital that we never did find out what they did with their bodies, but the scuttlebutt at the time was that they had been quickly buried in farms along the coast with no

gravestones or other markers.

"The talk at the time was that they used a bulldozer to bury many of the casualties in a mass grave. I had a lot of buddies involved in Exercise Tiger, and I'd like to find out whether they ever got a decent burial after the war," he said.

Kozar and Sgt. Barnett Hoffner, a member of a special amphibious engineering brigade at the time now living in Howell Township, also recall high-ranking officers telling them that the bodies floating into the beach were those of German soldiers and sailors who had to be buried immediately because they were badly decomposed. Neither believed this story.

Mulvey contended that Army records show one of the LSTs sank so fast that several hundred men were trapped and their bodies never recovered.

Shipfitter I/C Gregory Pidhorecki, of Brick Township, was on LST 542 heading for the English Channel when he and shipmates spotted the bow of an LST that had apparently been abandoned after being cut in half by German gunfire.

"This was right after Exercise Tiger went awry," he said. "There was nothing we could do as we were to land the Winnipeg (Canadian) Rifles on Juno beach, which we did on June 6, 1944. After that we made 65 channel crossings bringing supplies and reinforcements and taking back wounded."

"When we went ashore in Devon, we were told that the men buried in the common graves after the Tiger Exercise were German soldiers and sailors," said Pidhorecki. "We never believed this as the natives told us they were American GIs."

REQUIEM FOR A FIASCO

An Englishman sees to it that
the American GIs who died
because of a tragic blunder in
World War II are honored at last



Ken Small, at tank memorial, looks out on Slapton Sands (below).



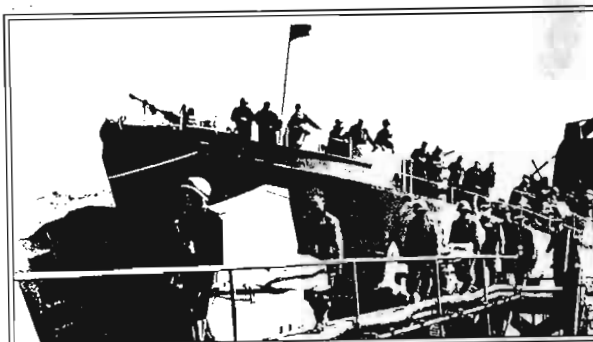
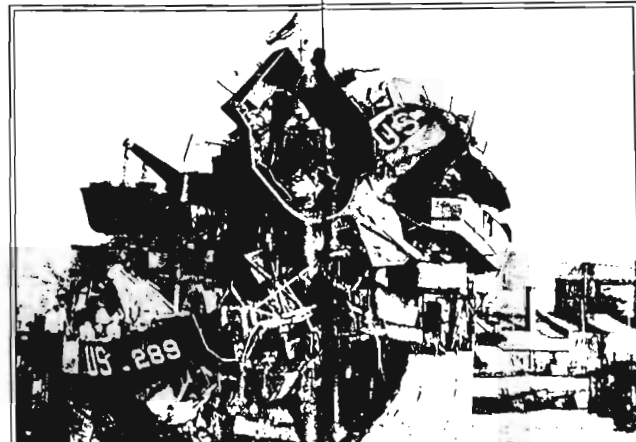
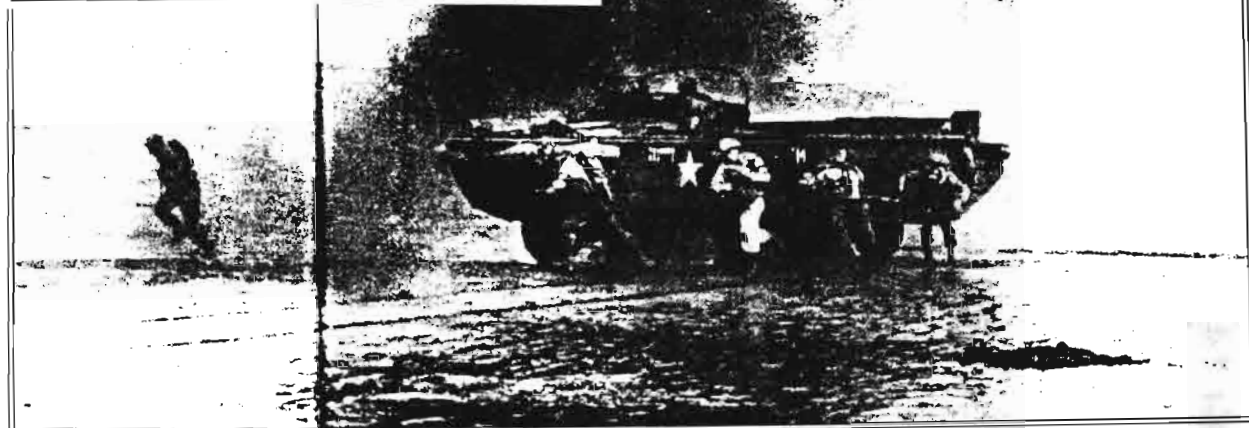
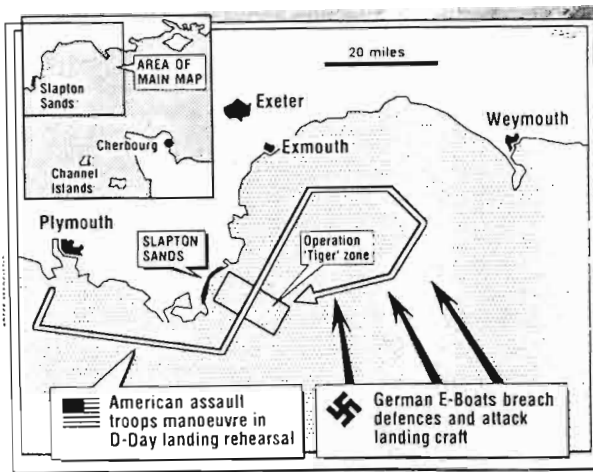


Flanked by Britain's Montgomery and Tedder, Supreme Commander Dwight Eisenhower observes D-day preparations.

Sunday, Nov. 15, a day Ken Small had long anticipated, dawned to gale force winds and torrential rains lashing the bleak seafloor of Slapton Sands, England. The gray beach in South Devon was a mournful setting for the commemoration of a nearly forgotten tragedy. Just after 12:30 p.m. in the nearby village of Torcross, as Small stood proudly by and a group of 500 people huddled under umbrellas, a band struck up *Amazing Grace*. A U.S. Army color guard presented arms, and a small stone memorial was unveiled beside a WW II Sherman tank that had been pulled from the seabed offshore. In that moment, 43 years of dark rumors and official neglect surrounding the deaths of at least 749 American GIs and 197 Navy men in an ill-fated battle drill called Exercise Tiger were formally laid to rest. The ceremony also was the culmination of Small's one-man crusade to honor the victims of a disastrous misadventure by the U.S. and British wartime military. "Call my role what you like, it seemed fate, destiny," says the 51-year-old Englishman and owner of a local guest house. "This has taken 16 years and a lot of money, time and frustration, a lot of dreams and nightmares. But I never even remotely considered giving up. I knew that I just had to do it."

Until Small grabbed Exercise Tiger by the tail, the incident had remained wrapped in obscurity. In the pre-dawn hours of April 28, 1944, a flotilla of U.S. LST troop carriers, loaded with thousands of troops and live ammunition for a rehearsal of the D-day invasion of Normandy, were surprised and attacked by German torpedo boats. A series of command blunders had left the troopships so inadequately protected that more men died on this training maneuver for the Utah beach landing than on the actual D-day assault. The bodies of hundreds of drowned servicemen washed ashore on Slapton Sands, but since seaside communities in the area had been evacuated to make way for the invasion rehearsal, there were few civilian witnesses to the catastrophe. The pressing need for secrecy at the time—and official embarrassment later—kept the disaster out of the public mind, if not out of some history books. After the war, rumors that there had been an official cover-up and that GIs had been buried in mass graves became the stuff of local legend, though both rumors were repeatedly denied by U.S. authorities and seemed to have no basis in fact.

Concern about the incident was swamped at the time by the bigger news of D day and, in the years that followed, by time and the gray sea



The twisted wreckage of a U.S. landing ship dramatized the ferocity of the sudden attack by swift German torpedo boats.

The sight of American casualties being brought ashore after Exercise Tiger spurred rumors of a hushed-up disaster.



Though encrusted with barnacles, the Sherman's wheels and tracks still turned when salvagers hauled it from the sea.

breaking on Slapton Sands. And then Small happened to stumble on evidence of Exercise Tiger while walking the beach near his home. A former police officer who had gone into the women's hairdressing business, Small had bought the guest house and moved to Torcross in 1967. He subsequently suffered a nervous breakdown and after being treated with Valium and electroshock therapy was befriended by a local fisherman who got him interested in beachcombing as a relaxation. Early in 1972 he came across unexpended bullets, mines and shells washed up on the shore. Neighbors told him about Tiger's tragic outcome, but the only official acknowledgment was a monument put up by the Americans thanking the local people for leaving their seaside homes, which were frequently damaged by the elaborate invasion rehearsals. In the midst of his own troubles Small felt compassion for the fate of the American GIs whose lives were unnecessarily lost. Says he, "I thought to myself, 'Why did the American government put this here in 1954, 10 years after they had lost all these lives, with no mention of the lives?' It didn't seem right to me."

Small's budding interest found a focus shortly thereafter when he joined a local fisherman and two divers who were investigating an underwater ob-

ject that had been snagging trawler nets a mile offshore. The sunken mystery turned out to be an American Sherman tank. "Of course I thought, 'Well, if I could acquire this thing and recover it, it would be a really fitting memorial to the men who had died,'" says Small. "But thinking that was one thing, and doing it was another thing entirely."

For Small the memorial was becoming an obsession. He spent the next 2½ years trying to wrest the tank from both the sand and the Pentagon bureaucracy, which refused to consider it abandoned even though the hulk had been left 30 years on the seabed. A U.S. government official visited, trying to dissuade Small from the project, while the British War Office warned him that it was illegal to own or import a tank. In 1974 Small nevertheless succeeded in purchasing the sunken Sherman from the U.S. Treasury for \$50. He next spent 10 years and \$28,000 to have the tank salvaged. Just before the 40th anniversary of D day, the Sherman was finally floated to the surface and towed ashore. "Water was gushing from the hulk," recalls Small, "and a lady commented that it looked like the tank was crying."

The tank was restored and placed on a plinth, and the town affixed a plaque dedicating it to the dead of Exercise Tiger. Still, Small wasn't satisfied. "Having done the tank," he says, "I decided that the ultimate must be

the official American government recognition of this whole thing. I really took the bull by the horns."

Ex-U.S. Army Major Attlee Wampler, whose tank battalion had operated the Sherman, invited Small to the U.S. and introduced him to Congresswoman Beverly Byron (D-Md), whose father, Captain Harry Butcher, had participated in the Tiger maneuvers as naval aide to the Allied Supreme Commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Last January, Byron introduced a bill in Congress for a U.S.-sponsored memorial. Thinking to do some lobbying of his own, Small called the Pentagon and was eventually connected with the office of Deputy Defense Secretary William Taft. Two days later he was invited to meet with Taft at the Pentagon, which he did last May. Taft offered his full support. Recalls Small, "One colonel said to me, 'Man, you've climbed one mountain of bureaucracy, and you've gone up and down the second, and now you're halfway up the third. How the hell you've done it I don't know.'"

Though the Slapton Sands ceremony was a tribute to Small's tenacity, he was by no means alone in his wish to remember the men of Exercise Tiger. Among the mourners that Sunday was Manny Rubin, 64, an American-born clothier who had married an English girl and made his home in nearby Plymouth after the war. He was a signaller second class aboard a landing ship the night of the

disaster. "According to sailing orders, we had a British destroyer on our starboard flank," he says. "I didn't learn until 40 years later that it never left port." The destroyer had been disabled, apparently after hitting another vessel, but the Allied Command nevertheless allowed the operation to go ahead. A British radar station detected German torpedo boats in the operations area, but the warning never reached the ships because their radios were tuned to a different frequency.

At 2 a.m. the fast-moving German E-boats fell upon the flotilla in a surprise attack, and Rubin saw two vessels explode after being hit by torpedoes. In the confusion the frightened soldiers on Rubin's ship even fired on one of their own troop carriers. Two of the troop-packed ships had sunk, and Rubin's ship was eventually anchored near shore, when the light of dawn revealed a horrible tableau. "There were hundreds and hundreds of dead bodies," says Rubin. "Most of them didn't have a mark on them. They were just bobbing up and down, up and down. Some were black with oil, some were black groups burnt together. It was something out of hell."

Many of the GIs drowned because they were wearing inadequate lifebelts instead of life jackets. Burdened by heavily loaded packs, they toppled helplessly into the sea. It was a costly lesson for military leaders. Six weeks later the use of life jackets saved untold lives when GIs hit the French beaches.

When the histories were written, however, the men of Tiger got very short shrift indeed. Ike and his generals never had much to say about the bungled operation. In fact, it's not clear that Ike ever knew exactly what had occurred. According to Captain Butcher's memoir, *My Three Years With Eisenhower*, the general was aboard a ship observing the rehearsal from a distance. He was disturbed by delays in the maneuvers, yet left for his headquarters unaware of the tragedy. The scale of world war, after all, dwarfed even the losses at Slapton Sands.

A fitting tribute was therefore left to a more peaceful time, and in Ken Small's view even 43 years later was not too late. "I have done it all for those young men—scared, ignorant, untrained—who lost their lives," he says. "More so, I have done it for their friends and relatives back home in America." It was clear, as the final notes of Taps died away in Torcross village, that the men of Exercise Tiger had finally received their due—and Ken Small had done his duty.

—Written by Montgomery Brower, reported by Laura Sanderson Healy and Jonathan Cooper



Small wept during a moment of silent prayer beside the plaque dedicated to the GIs who died during the Tiger landings.

A solitary cross decorated with a poppy, symbol of remembrance, testifies to the tragedy at Slapton Sands 43 years ago.



Our very own, Col. HARRY G. SUMMERS, JR., contributing editor to U.S. News & World Report, had this to say, in a recent issue of Army Times, concerning outgoing Sec./Def. Casper Weinberger.

COMMENTARY

Col. HARRY G. SUMMERS Jr.

Weinberger Adhered to Founding Fathers' Prescription

One of Casper Weinberger's last public appearances as secretary of defense was before the Federalist Society in Washington, D.C. It was a most appropriate forum. More than any other secretary of defense in the 40 years since that post was created, he has followed the prescriptions for providing for the common defense laid out two centuries ago by the founders of the Constitution.

You wouldn't know that from listening to his critics. For instance, he has been roundly attacked for his insistence that monies for defense, unlike other areas of the federal budget, are not determined by domestic priorities but instead by the nature of the threat from abroad. But is that really the case?

"The answer indeed seems to be so obvious and conclusive as scarcely to justify a discussion in any place," wrote James Madison in 1787. "With what color of propriety could the force necessary for defense be limited by those who cannot limit the force of offense? ... How could a readiness for war in time of peace be safely prohibited unless we could prohibit, in like manner, the preparations and establishments of every hostile nation? The means of security can only be regulated by the means and dangers of attack. They will, in fact, be ever determined by those rules and by no others."

One may legitimately disagree with Weinberger's assessment of the "means and dangers of attack," but common sense should tell us that the rules Madison laid down in the days of sailing ships are even more applicable in the days of nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles.

In November 1984, Weinberger again drew on the wisdom of the founders of the Constitution when he laid out the so-called "Weinberger doctrine" on the commitment of U.S. forces to combat abroad. Among those six preconditions — they should be committed only to areas vital to U.S. security, the United States should have a clear intention of winning, they should have clearly defined political and military objectives, the relationship between the objectives and the forces committed must be kept in balance, there must be some reasonable assurance they will have congressional and public support, and finally, they should be committed only as a last resort — the most controversial proved to be the requirement for public and congressional support. Critics screamed he was advocating "war by public opin-



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WEINBERGER: On solid ground, historically as well as morally and practically.

ion polls" and was tying the hands of the president in the conduct of military operations. But Weinberger knew what they had forgotten. He had read the Declaration of Independence and knew that, with the deprivations of the British Redcoats in mind, the American military was deliberately not made an instrument of the president alone. As Alexander Hamilton wrote 200 years ago, "The power of the president would be inferior to that of the monarch. ... That of the British king extends to the declaring of war and to the raising and regulating of fleets and armies; all of which by the Constitution would appertain to the legislature" — the members of which Hamilton termed "the representatives of the people, periodically elected."

Not only was Weinberger on solid historical grounds, he was on solid moral and practical grounds as well. As far as public support goes, on purely moral grounds those whose sons and daughters (which, significantly, rarely includes those of the foreign and military policy pontificators) who risk their lives on the battlefield ought to have a say in the matter. And on purely practical grounds, if you don't have congressional support, who then will pay for the war?

Weinberger has been accused of acting like America's "general-in-chief" and of giving too much weight to the opinions of the uniformed heads of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. But that's exactly what the law requires. The secretary of defense is not only the equivalent of the old secretaries of war and Navy whose job it was to manage the defense budget. He is also the operational commander of the armed forces. Weinberger is the first secretary of defense since George Marshall who has understood exactly what that job entails.

For the first time in years sound military advice was getting to the White House — about the dangers of keeping the Marines in Beirut, for example, and about the folly of selling arms to Iran. The tragedy was that like Cassandra, Caspar Weinberger was fated to know the truth, but also fated to find out that no one would listen. And that's too bad. He and the nation deserve better.

The author is a contributing editor to U.S. News & World Report and a retired colonel of infantry who served in Korea and Vietnam.
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We love to find odd names in telephone directories, newspapers, magazines, wherever. Look at a few of these we've found:

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Roslyn NY

Richard J. Moser, Sr., not a Taro Leafer, wrote us this: "I am enclosing a \$100.00 check for a Life Membership for my brother, Melvin J. Moser. He was a member of C Battery, 555 FA Bn. He was with them in Hawaii when the Korean War began and went with them to Korea. He remained with them until August '51. His present address is: 3931 Washakie, Casper SY 82609.

"I also give you some current addresses of former 24th Division members. HENRY R. PFEIFER, 203 Sherwood Rd., Norfolk NE 68701, ROBERT LINTNER, Route 2, Madison NE 68748, ROBERT BALS, 404 S. Lincoln, Madison NE 68748, JAMES P. ENGEL, PO Box 144, Humphrey NE 68642 and ERVIN C. GOEDTKE, Rt. 1, Box 38, Fulda, MN 56131."

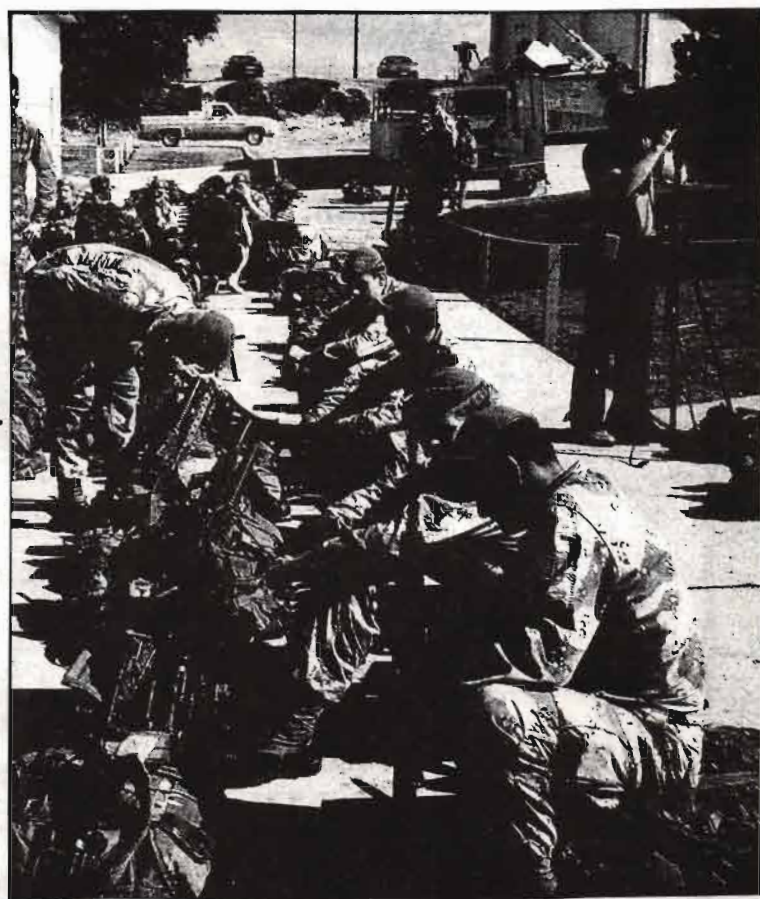
What a wonderful thing to do. Thank you, Mel Moser for having such a terrific brother.

LET IT SNOW. LET IT SNOW. LET IT SNOW.

GEORGIA *on my mind*

Love Company 21st Reunion will be held May 12 - 14, 1988 at the Holiday Inn, 6515 International Dr., Orlando FL 32809. Tel. 305-351-3500. They, too, have reservation problems.

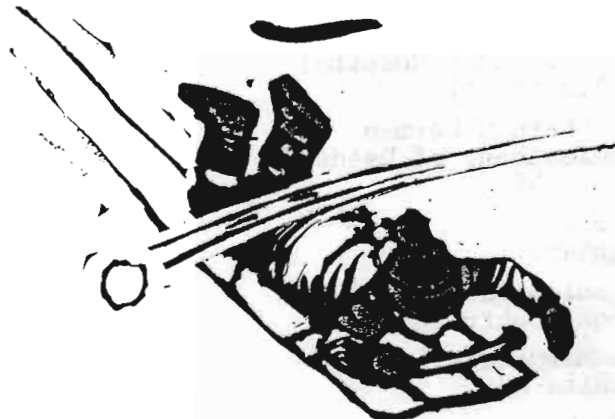
Reservations must be firm by 28 Apr. 1988. Any reservation received after that date will be based on availability. Special group rates apply five days prior to and five days after the agreed upon group arrival and departure dates, based upon availability. The Room Rate will be \$48.00 plus tax per day, for Singles and Doubles. Suites are available at additional cost.



You're confused. This one was in Army Times and the caption read: "Members of Company A, 5th Battalion, 21st Infantry, 7th Infantry Division, have just returned to Ft. Ord, CA from peacekeeping duties in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. Reminds us of the fellow who said, 'I just don't understand Descartes. I keep trying to put Descartes before the horse.'"



Meet our very own CHRISTOPHER QUEEN of Hq. Btry. 13th Field (2/43-11/15). Chris, better known as "Corporal Queen" is blind. Here he is with good wife, Minnie, and son, Randy. They use Box 94, North Wilkesboro NC as their address.



"You must be very pleased that you and your son can carry on the business together," said BOB JONES (13th Field) to HARRY SMITH (24th QM).

"It works out nicely," agreed Smith. "I run the business, and he does the carrying on."

Spotted in Army Times:

ANYONE who served with 2d Battalion (Mechanized), 34th Infantry "Leyte Dragons" or 3d Battalion (Mechanized), 7th Infantry "Cottonbalers" at Fort Stewart, Ga. Contact Capt. Pedersen or Lt. Heland, Headquarters, 2d Battalion (Mechanized), 34th Infantry, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, phone (912) 767-7785/7786 or AUTOVON 870-7785.

FORESIGHT

Remember those VD films? Why not repeat this proven remedy for today's youth - with similar films on AIDS?

The early bird catches the worm.

Membership Chairman BOB JOHNSON makes a pregnant comment. If you are helping in any way in getting publicity for us with your local papers, Bob says, "Try one time in the name of the 24th Division - next time in the name of the 5th or 19th or 21st or 34th regiments - then after that use the names 11th, 13th, 52nd, 63rd Artillery Battalions, etc., etc. Great idea! That way you might sneak 4 or 5 plugs in your paper instead of just one. Appreciate the suggestion, Bob.

ANSWER: The "F"s in that sentence. There were 9 (nine). Betcha forgot to count the "F" in the 4 (four) "OF"s.

CARMEN PEELER (5th RCT) of 944 Angelo, National City CA heard about us - and made Schaumburg because of it. The trip was a surprise gift from his lovely wife, Deloris, and their wonderful son. Watta family.

Out of the woodwork - after 45 years. That's something of a record. MICHAEL R. STAUFF (B 11th Field WW II - and 52nd F in '49) now lives at 1684 Stevens Place, Los Altos CA. He spotted BOB JOHNSON's ad in Army Times - and presto, Mike is "IN". We say, "We're happy to have you with us, Mike.



"You'll have to find some other way for drying your laundry, Lt. Chopper!!"

Remains found recently near Ft. Erie, Ontario, Canada, have been identified as American soldiers who served in - are you ready - the War of 1812. Ft. Erie is across the river from Buffalo and was the staging area for the Battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane. That was all of 175 years ago.

Nationwide, 10% of teen-age girls become pregnant each year and 1/3 of them drop out of school between grades 7 and 12. The little gals are doing just great, won't you agree? Think we ought to give each one a plaque?

And Bn., 70th Armor is no more. In early November, it was redesignated 3rd Bn., 69th Armor.

Colors of 2/70th have gone to 1st AD in Germany.

Getting dizzy trying to keep up with all this?

The 69th Armor was constituted in the regular Army and activated in the 1st Armored Division, July 1940, at Fort Knox, KY, and since its activation in WW II they have received nine campaign participation credits; from the Korean War, 10, and from Vietnam, four.

The 69th Armor has also received three Presidential Unit Citations (Navy) and a Navy Unit Commendation.

FOR THE RECORD

This will be known forever more as the "BOB FOUNTAIN Page" - or better still, make that plural. Why all the hubba hubba? - because all of the pictures were contributed by Bob, (Hq.Co. 21st 3/49-6/51; Task Force Smith), of 1406 Maplewood, Macon GA. With the pictures came this note: "Here's some ammo for your editorial cannon." Please pass the word along, Bob. It's this: "You send'em; we'll fire'em."



Notice the way those shoulder patches shine, doncha?

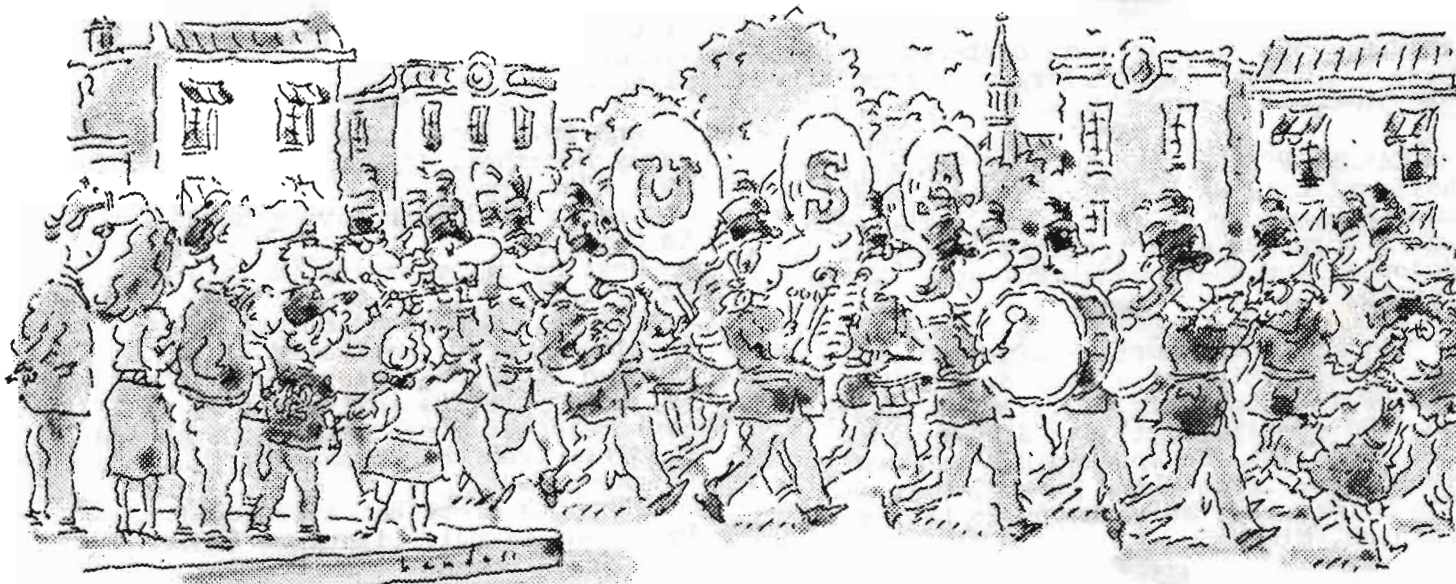
It's the donor, BOB FOUNTAIN on the left, JOHN E. MATTISON of Aurora CO in the center, and on the right, ERSEL E. BONDS of Lovington NM taken 37 years ago - on 2-18-50 at Kumamoto. All Commo Platoon, Hq.Co., 1st Bn. 21st.

Says Bob, "3 Gimlets, still in close touch."

Watta story. Watta great looking bunch of boys - er, men!!!



It's JACK "Lucky" RUFFNER. Radio operator, commo plat., Hq.Co. 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Writes Bob: "Osan 7/5/50 -- see 'South to the Nakdong; North to the Yalu.' Sure would like to locate Lucky!! Help - anyone - help!!"





Recognize this place?

It's Camp Wood, Kumamoto, Japan circa 1949. Bob copied it from his 1949 Xmas card to his Mother.

Adds Bob, "Hope you use it."

We did, Bob, we did. Thrilled to oblige. Great shot!



BOB FOUNTAIN's "T" shirt -- and he writes cryptically, "I've had it since '51. Would you believe? Never worn. No wonder it has lasted 36 years." This is the very first time Taro Leaf has ever reproduced a piece of underwear. Well, there had to be a first time.



No, not UCLA. Not Notre Dame. They are the '49 Gimlets. The Division Champs that year. Spotted #22, JOHN HOEFING; #18 RALPH LIENBY; #20 HENRY RHODES; #38 KEN KUNES. 31 to go -- more identifications, anyone?

TIME Out!



And this Lion went to Taipei for their International Convention. It's Life Member MEL BUTRICA (B 52nd Field '41-'45) of 33 E. Foch, Milltown NJ. Mel is a District Governor. Note the emblem on that jacket. Sez Mel: "Wanted to stop in the PI on the way back,

but Roslyn put her foot down. The memory of that fire was too much for Ros." Don't blame ya, Ros.

Spotted in the Locator column of Army Times:

HALLIHAN, Col. James J., served in 1960-63 with 24th Infantry Division, Augsburg, Germany, then in 1966-67 at Nha Trang, South Vietnam, and in 1985-86 with 89th Military Police Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, and Col Richard A. **Lacquement**, served in 1960-63 with 24th Signal Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, Augsburg, Germany; or anyone knowing their whereabouts. Contact Richard Redden, 1703 Ventura Place, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464, phone (803) 884-6497.

And you think you've got troubles. Consider Lego who market the famous connecting building block sets.

A Chinese company, exporting toy blocks to the U.S., calls itself 0937. Looked at upside down, the numbers seem to read "Lego".

Now that's a knockoff!



'Have you cleaned under your bunk lately?'

Last Armistice Day, at Ft. Devens, MA - where POW's were held during WW II, a military band played taps, an honor guard fired 3 volleys, and wreaths were placed on 22 gravestones belonging to 22 POWs who died while in captivity there. The West German and Italian Counsel Generals from Boston were in attendance. And no cries went up. But let RR go to Bitburg - and...

Are you very busy? Mind if we interrupt? We'd like to ask of you a favor -- count the "r"s in this sentence:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE
RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIF-
IC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE
EXPERIENCE OF MANY YEARS
OF UNUSUAL EFFORT.

How many dja find? Nope, you're wrong. Don't get mad; we're only funnin'.

Elsewhere in this issue, we'll give you the answer.

CHECK THIS OUT:

- ✓ Here it is, fellows, just as FORREST K. KLEINMAN of 1849 Hubbard, Salt Lake City UT wrote it - his very own words - and he leads off with a swell pat on this little ole back which we beg your leave to include. Take it away Forrest - and thanks a bunch: "Though I am not a 'joiner' I've found your Taro Leaf so scintillating and so full of humorous comradery that I'm enclosing a check.
- ✓ "Your erstwhile Bronze Star contretemps is easily explained. In Jan. '51, at our CP just south of Seoul, Gen. John H. Church issued an oral directive to his staff (I was there as his PIO): 'After all the casualties and action that even our rear echelons have had since the war started, every soldier from DANGER FORWARD on who has served continuously since 4 July 50 deserves the Bronze Star. See that he gets it!'"
- ✓ Ah - so that's it, is it??

World Priorities, a non-profit research group, says that the world spends \$1.7 million per minute on military forces and equipment. We and Russia account for 60% of the world's military expenditures.

RUFUS T. MATHEWS, (D 21st '39-'45) was at 2819 Atlanta St., Symrna GA. His mail has been returned as NOT AT. Sadly, Rufus is Life Member #675. Does anyone know where we can find him?



"Of course you can keep your hair. You can keep it in your footlocker."

Every once in awhile one of these little boxes appears in Stewart's newspaper, Patriot:



THAT NO MEMBER OF THE 21st INFANTRY WAS CAPTURED OR MISSING IN ACTION DURING WWII? ALL DEAD WERE RECOVERED AND BURIED WITH THEIR OWN.



Fumbles are to a publisher's errors as blown engines are to Indy cars - the price of life in the fast lane. In our last issue - page 5 if you're checking on us - we identified these folks as BOB and Jeanette HARPER. Rather it's of their daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Bill Travers. Our apologies, Sue and Bill, Bob and Jeanette, everyone. Bob would like to hear from anyone thinking of Korea in '88. He's at 1293 Ruby Ann, Saginaw MI. Tel. 517-777-3684.

RR called the stock market collapse a "long-overdue correction". Funny, no one around the White House mentioned that a correction was overdue before it happened.

The family of a young mother crushed to death by an escalator in a Brooklyn building is suing for \$111 million against 5 companies for failing to maintain it properly. How ridiculous can these suits get?

FAST & FABULOUS!

Renew acquaintance with BILL TREADWELL who writes from 120 Georgetown, Toms River NJ: "I served in the 5th RCT in Korea. Joined Co. L at the Punch Bowl and remained there until I rotated in July of '54. I was a 2nd Lt. Rifle Platoon Leader, later XO, then CO. Charlie Venable was First Sergeant at the time. He will killed in Nam. Lt.Col. Vernon Mengler was Bn. CO. He retired and passed away a few months ago. I retired in '75 as an SFC E-7. I was advanced on the retired list to Captain two years ago."

Bill ends up with the question, "How can I help you? You already have done your bit, Bill -- you've joined our little club. Thank you."



"It's a rat, sir. He froze to death in my bunker last night!"

RALPH BALESTRIERI reminds us that contributions to the National Korean War Memorial Trust Fund can be made and forwarded to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Pulaski Bldg., 20 Mass.Ave.NW, Washington DC 20314. The Commission is authorized to accept donation towards the Memorial's Construction. The Association, as a unit, ought to be giving consideration to what it can contribute. Thoughts on the subject are welcomed and we'll try to print as many as we can.

GEORGIA
on my mind

NEAL MAPLE (D 5th RCT '51-'52) over there in Beaver Dam KY - 900 Hefling Trail to be exact - couldn't make S., we're sorry to say. He spotted us in the DAV Magazine. We picked up quite a few with that one. Will try it again.

FRANCIS HOWARD (L & K 34th G 21st '48-'51), of 801 S.Babcock St., Melbourne FL 32901 (Tel. 305-725-1653) wants us to run his ad again. Consider it done, Frankie. Interesting business! Do you have a catalog? Some of your wares ought to be of special interest to some of our clowns. Hold onto your hats, folks -- here's Frankie's ad:

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Theatrical make-up, wigs, costumes,
hats, masks, beards and mustaches.

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801 S. Babcock St. (Zayre Plaza)
Melbourne, 723-9581
Florida 32901



"GOOD MORNING, UNITED STATES ARMY!"

T A P S

EVERT "Moose" HOFFMAN asked us for an address on BERRY BURKE (34th, 11th F and 19th '47-'51) and we thought we obliged him. Moose telephoned, only to have Berry's widow, Imogene, advise that Berry died seven years ago. What we wouldn't give not to involve anyone in a blunder like that.

Mail returned marked "Deceased 7-22-87" in the case of JOHN R. RUSSELL, SR., 901 East Ave., Belton TX. And that is all we know. Cold, cold world, isn't it?

From ALBERT and Betty DELAY comes this sad message: "Well another of our army buddies has passed on.

"NORMAN K. SMITH died Sunday, 9/20 in his home at Sparta IL in his 66th year.

"Norm was born 4-5-21 at Newbury MO, a son of Benjamin Carl Smith and Nancy Elizabeth Borden Smith. He married Tommie King at Rolla MO on 8-27-46.

"Survivors are his wife, Tommie, of Sparta IL, his mother, Nancy E. Stephans of Rolla MO., two sons, Thomas Smith of St. James, MO and Carl L. Smith of Redbud, IL., two daughters, Nancy Kay Reese of Sparta IL and Tina Louise Aubuchon of Prairie Du Rochen, IL., and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.

"Norm was a member of Newburg Baptist Church of Newburg MO. The St. James Masonic Lodge #230 AF & AM of St. James MO Operating Engineers Local 520 of Mitchell IL and the VFW of Collinsville IL. He was a veteran of the army serving in WW II in the 21st Inf. 3rd Bn.

"He will be missed by all who knew him."

Our sympathies go out to BOB BRION, (K 21st '40-'44), of 210 Damascus, Enterprise, AL, who lost his beloved wife, Gertrude, and then his Dad.

With great sadness, we report the death of CLYDE E. CROWELL, (H 21st '39-'41) of Commerce TX. Clyde - he preferred "Buddy" passed on Oct. 14, 1987, leaving his beloved wife, Janie, two lovely daughters, Sharon and Barbara, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. MURRELL H. CARR and JIM WHEELLESS, both H Company Gimlets, attended the funeral. Wrote Murrell: "The preacher told of the 24th. Clyde and I were friends for 48 years. He was one of my very closest friends."

With sadness, we report the passing of Ramona, the beloved 34-year old daughter of VICTOR PACELLINI (E 19th) of 128-B Commercial, Provincetown MA.

Died: Lt.Col. ROBERT J. LONGFELLOW (52nd F & Hqs.Div.Arty. 12/52-2/54) of 12731 Poplar, Garden Grove CA. Bob died on 3/6/87. His last message to us was in the nature of a request - that we print all of the inscription on the bronze tablet on the Statue of Liberty. Bob knew we all knew about "the huddled masses yearning to breathe free..." It comes from "The New Colossus" by the American poetess, Emma Lazarus.

In Bob's memory, we give you herewith the full wording:

"Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
'Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!' cries she
With silent lips. Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Thoughtful SAM R. MAY (13F '42-'45) of 118 Clinton, China Grove NC, gives us the news of the passing of Col. WILLIAM D. GNAU of 13th Field and Hq.Div.Arty. (3/43-8/45). Bill suffered in his last years from multiple sclerosis.

Deceased: Genevieve E. SMOLA, beloved wife of VICTOR (C 3rd Eng. '42-'45). Gene passed away last March 29th in Chippewa Falls WI. May God's all-encompassing mercy and grace keep her at peace forever more.

IN MEMORIAM

BRIG. GEN. LEGRANDE A. DILLER, USA

Soldier, Historic Figure, Friend

Brig.Gen. LEGRANDE A. DILLER had made his last change of station -- to rejoin his great World War II commander, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

Many of our Taro Leafers may not realize it, but Brig. Gen. Diller made the Leyte landing with our Division in the 34th Infantry area. He personally supervised setting up the equipment for Gen. MacArthur to make his famous broadcast, "I have returned!..." on the beach we had just liberated.

History will remember Legrande Diller as the personable, efficient and effective Chief of Public Information on General MacArthur's staff in the Philippines prior to World War II -- followed by the war, and Corregidor, then as one of that small legendary group who broke through the Japanese lines at sea in small power boats, and by plane from Mindanao to Australia.

Next came the fighting road back, the great saga that ended in Tokyo -- with "Pic" Diller still on his testing and complicated job. Only a remarkable soldier could have filled that special requirement so long and so well.

All of us who went to the 29th Reunion in Clearwater FL will remember his wonderful talk as the guest speaker there -- focusing on interesting footnotes to history, revealing the human qualities of General MacArthur.

"Pic" Diller and I were lieutenants in the same company in 1928, and friends through the years since.

I knew his wife at Benning, before they were married -- and some years ago Dorothy and I went to their 50th wedding anniversary party.

In 1949, he gave me a helping hand when I was Director of Instruction at The Armed Forces Information School (Carlisle Bks, PA).

I wanted to go Airborne, but I had needed more surgery for my war wound so the medics held me up for awhile, until I got a medical board's okay. Then my CG and some general in the Pentagon began playing games about a replacement for me...CG was turning them all down.

"Pic" Diller (then reduced back to a colonel) was Chief of the Infantry Branch in The Pentagon. So I went to see him about the two generals playing their cute game with me...

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So Pic said, "Well, Red, I used to be a general myself -- so go home and don't worry about it"...which I did, and he promptly got things cleared for me to join the jumpers.

C'est La Guerre,

Red Newman

Lt.Col. BRYAN ARNOLD, USA Ret., died Nov. 19th at a California hospital. He had been ill for 2½ years with Alzheimer's disease.

Lt.Col. Arnold was born Oct. 1, 1913, in Gatesville TX. He attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville TX for two years before he won a congressman's appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. He graduated from West Point in 1937 and began a 23-year Army career.

He was 21st Inf. (E and F companies) from Sept. 14, 1939 through Dec. 31, 1941.

He was a 1944 graduate of the Commanding General Staff School in Washington DC.

Except for a brief transfer to the Army Air Forces, when he was stationed at Hamilton Field in Marin County, he served infantry headquarters command assignments at several U.S. posts before successive transfers to Paris, Bordeaux and Blye, France.

Lt.Col. Arnold served 16 months in Korea and Japan.

He wound down his military career at Fort Hood, TX, and was discharged there in 1958.

Lt.Col. Arnold then moved to Oakland, where he was a real estate broker for three years. He moved to Mountain View in 1964 and worked as an associate in the city Planning Department. Then he accepted a position with the California Water Resources Department in Los Angeles, which he held until 1979.

Lt.Col. Arnold is survived by his wife, Eugenia, by his daughter, Victoria Arnold of Los Angeles; his brother, Dr. Jasper Arnold of Houston; and his sister, Vivian McCreary of Temple TX.

Fortunately for us, we were represented at the funeral by ED FARMER. We are grateful to you, Ed.

We are advised of the passing of ROLLIN DUGGER on Feb. 15, 1987.



Died LESLIE L. OLDS (of Sv.19th '44-'46) on last Nov. 5th. Les was Life Member 578. He and Carmel were living at 2659 Fletcher NE, Canton OH. Les and Carmel were especially devoted to JOE and Margaret PEYTON. Les, loved by us all, will be sorely missed.

Died: GEORGE R. MONROE (H & H 34th '43-'45). George died Nov. 18, 1987 at his home in Ganges, British Columbia Canada. His dear friend, Barbara Armstrong, with whom he spent his last years, sent us a letter so tender that we just had to include it here, just as Barbara wrote it. It went: "George died (in a coma) on November 18th, in the first hour of that day -- he was not alone -- I spent the last three days, around the clock - holding his hand and speaking to him frequently - I believe he knew I was there as once in awhile he would return the pressure of my handclasp and early the next to the last day he roused, opened his eyes and smiled, 'You must be bushed,' he said, 'I'm so sorry, darling.'

"You'll recall this was a typical 'George Monroe'-ism - to be worried about those near to you, when you're fighting the last battle!

"His last battle, lost to lung cancer, began in late spring, 1984, with surgery - he fought a dogged rear guard action until radiation therapy in spring of this year finally sapped what little strength he had left -- he never really recovered from the effects of that.

"I don't really know who all to notify - but I do know that his closest friends, of an entire lifetime, were his 'war buddies' and I'll notify the only one I know (by telephone call he made when he learned George had moved to Canada to live with me in 1982) who is DICK FISHER in Parkersburg WV. George might have missed someone in the past year or so as writing had become increasingly difficult for him. You'll know what to put in space you have in Taro Leaf, I'm sure, so 'the guys' will know the Sarge has been transferred to another theater of operations.

"I feel like the poet who wrote of Lincoln's death, something to effect -- 'a great tree fell and left a lonesome place against the sky --'"

Isn't that a beautiful letter?

In an aside, Barbara told of how George's adopted son, Alonzo, a 'Nam veteran in the Marines, has been missing for over three years. Lon had deserted his wife and George's grandson in El Paso, TX - just disappeared. Anyone intercepting one Alonzo R. Monroe is asked to contact Barbara at Box 64, Ganges, B.C. Canada VOS IEO.

From thoughtful BOB HARDIN comes word of the passing of Col. JOHN V. "Jack" FRATUS, JR. of the 555th FA between 8/51 and 6/52. Retired and living his last days in Niantic CT, Jack is survived by Doris and two young people, Karen and John III. He and Doris made Louisville in '85, the first time they had gathered with us - and the last. A month later, they spotted cancer in the liver -- and he lived for just two years therefollowing.

JOHN WOODROW THORNBURG
May 11, 1917 - November 20, 1987



First came these words from Pauline or "Polly" from 351 Edmore Road, Fairlawn, Ohio:

"It is with deep sorrow and a broken heart that I write this letter to inform you of the death of John, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry.

"John was very proud of his membership in the 24th Association and looked forward to attending the reunions as often as possible. We had to cancel our reservations for the '87 reunion because of his failing health - and was glad we did when we learned of the clouds opening up in Chicago.

"Attached is a eulogy I wrote for our minister. It was used along with Psalm 45; John 14: 1 - 6; and John 11:20 - 27.

"Vern Schenkel was one of John's favorite army buddies - they had great love and respect for each other. Vern wrote several letters this past year encouraging John. Vern also wrote me a very inspiring note after John's death.

"Our family has suffered a great loss - it's very difficult to give up your lifelong companion. There are no words to describe the empty feeling - one has to experience it to know.

POLLY."

We ourselves had a particular fondness for John, and were endeared to him for many reasons, not the least of which was the way he would sign off his letters to us - thus



Polly's beautiful eulogy follows; we can do no less than give it to you just as this sweet gal wrote it:

John Woodrow Thornburg
May 11, 1917 - November 20, 1987

Born in Akron, Ohio - he was the son of Eva Tate Thornburg and John Walter Thornburg.

John was the brother of Frances Vasbinder and Frieda Peters.

A life-long resident of the Akron area, John graduated from East High School, June 1935. He entered the United States Army - March 20, 1944, served in the Orient, and was granted an Honorable Discharge February 11, 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

His marriage to Pauline Jameson Thornburg resulted in their having son's John William, and Robert Bruce. Their marriages blessed John and Pauline with GRANDSON'S: John Wayne and Steven Scott; GRANDDAUGHTER'S: Tina Nichole and Traci Michelle - and two beloved daughters-in-law - Shirley and Carole.

John worked for Firestone Tire & Rubber Company 43 years, retiring as Chief of the Akron Plants - June 1, 1979.

It is due to the love, respect and impact that John had upon each of us that we are here today. Mere words can not adequately describe John Thornburg. As we reflect on our memories, however, many words or phrases rush forward:

DEVOTION, LOYALTY, DIGNITY, KINDNESS, COMPASSION, RESPECT, GENTLENESS, PRIDE, AND MANY MORE.

DEVOTION AND LOYALTY were not reserved only for his family - he gave it freely to all.

His parents, sisters, nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, whether related by blood or by marriage.

To his wife, Pauline, a devotion and loyalty returned by Pauline until his final minutes.

To his son's - daughters-in-law and grandchildren he was a "one and only"

To his friends - too numerous and too wide-spread to even begin to mention John was always there.

To his social and fraternal organizations and his country he gave his best.

To his church and to God he gave his all in his own way.

KINDNESS AND COMPASSION:

To those in need - family, friends, or even a complete stranger, John was always there.

Their need might be for material things - or a "helping hand" or someone just to listen - or an encouraging word - or freely given and full-hearted support John was always there.

PRIDE, DIGNITY, RESPECT

John was proud of his family, relatives and friends, and his efforts, but he did not brag about his personal accomplishments - rather what others had done.

John was dignity - but more important to him was the dignity of others.

John was respect, but again his respect for others was more important than their respect for him.

Again, these words can never describe JOHN THORNBURG. John was a very gentle person, a loving and devoted husband, father and relative. John was someone who could be counted upon regardless of the situation or occasion.

We will miss him - more than that his family has suffered a great loss. But we must accept God's will and be thankful that he was permitted to depart this earth with peace, pride, and dignity.

For each of us, our time on earth is temporary. Some for a short period, some for a long period. But if we truly believe in God's word - we can only give thanks to God that John is entering the promised land and life eternal. May God Bless Him and keep him in His care.

Written by his wife, Pauline, as a tribute of her love.

The Comrades of

Robert Ender

Our Vice President,

mourn the passing

on December 16, 1987

of his beloved

Roberta

We shall miss her

extraordinary

kindness, gentleness, charm

but rejoice in the privilege

of having known her

and learned from her.

Sadly have we come to that awful moment when we report the decease of Roberta ENDER, the beloved wife of our own ROBERT.

Death came to Roberta on December 16th following three successive strokes, first in her Fullerton home and then in a Fullerton hospital.

Missed will be the ready smile and the sparkle in those beautiful eyes.

Roberta was glad to be alive and it always showed. Beyond her own integrity and optimistic nature, she loved to give and what she gave was love, laughter, patience and wisdom.

That Roberta had given so much sustaining love to her family and to their friends was best proven by the unusual display of love and affection at her funeral; an integral part of which involved Bob, Patrice, Mary, Tom and Tim, each of whom, in turn, walked to the center of the church and then spoke to the congregated relatives and friends -- spoke, with unbelievable calm and in the warmest of tones of their love for "Mom", of the happiness of their years together, of the enduring love of the parents that brought so much warmth into their own lives -- an impressive tribute to a precious lady.

And then in further tribute to Roberta we joined hands with Bob, who is so much a part of our lives, and with their young people, who are writing fresh and worthy chapters in a great tradition and who represent in part our immortality.

And then we were sad because we will miss her.

But we cannot grieve so fine a life, so nobly lived.

And then there was joy in our hearts because she was here and she was a wife and a mother and a friend.

We are proud to have known her, to have been even a small part of her gifted world.

There was a Roberta style, and it came from her faith in the sacredness of life, of things, of persons. It came from her knowledge of life, that we only live once, and that the best is yet to come. What looks like death is only the threshold to a greater life. Here is the Christian promise. After walking those few feet of life, then start the miles of eternity, the fulfillment of every promise, a new bright world of living. All folks walk toward sunset when one hushed hour holds all the beauty of the day. Roberta saw that sunset touch life's morning, and there her dreams and prayers came true. All her life, like the rest of us, she lived on the lanai, the porch, of her home. Now she has gone into the house. Now this precious lady is home.

Let us recall to mind these warm words:

"There is an old belief
That on a distant shore,
Far from despair and grief
Friends will meet once more."

Let us whisper together. Fare you well, Roberta, until we meet again.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE brings us the news of the passing of Lt.Col. ROBERT J. LONGFELLOW (52nd F & Div.Arty. 12/52-2/54). Bob died last March 6th at Garden Grove CA following a long, difficult illness. In his last letter to us, he wrote: "I joined the Division at Camp Younghans, Japan, one damned cold snowy night in January '53. Was assigned as Adjutant of the 52nd Field under command of Lt.Col. Floyd Williams and, later, Lt.Col. Theodore DeFranco. Div.Arty.Hq. and 2 other battalions, the 11th and 13th were there. Good garrison duty, typical for a Field Artillery Battalion, including several weeks of firing on the Fuji-McNair Range on the side of Mount Fuji. Later, a sudden alert and we were enroute to Korea for the build up just prior to the armistice. The battalion went by LST down through the Inland Sea and around to Sasebo with other elements of the Division. Thence by small troop carrier. We ended up in Taegu where we were when the armistice took effect. Subsequently, to Pusan, where the whole Battalion, together with some English troops, was used to guard and control Chinese and North Korean POW's. Next movement was to Camp Walker, in Taegu. Shortly afterwards, I was assigned as Division Artillery Adjutant (Brig. Gen.Hutton, CG. The Division later moved northward and replaced the 45th Infantry Division, when they rotated home. In February '54, I took an intra-theater transfer back to Japan and took my leave of Division. During the period of my assignment I was a young 1st Lt., healthy and full of energy, and loving every minute of it. Damned good commanders, my peers were as good a group as I have ever served with, hard working and hard playing. The noncoms were well qualified and excellent in all ways, with very few exceptions. As I look back over the years before my retirement in '70, it was a real high spot." God rest a gallant soul.

Mary E. Conway, the beloved mother of our own JIM CONWAY (24th CIC '44), of 125 Versailles, Towson MD, passed away on Nov. 2nd. She was in her 94th year.

Janie CROWELL, in Commerce TX, wrote

us the sad note which went: My husband, CLYDE E. CROWELL passed away Oct. 14 with a massive heart attack.

He looked forward to receiving the Taro Leaf each month, and I hope I can continue to be a part of the Assn. I am sending a picture of him when he was stationed at Co. H, 21st Inf.,



Schofield Barracks, HI 1939-1940.

ALBERT and Betty DELAY have written this one:

"Well, another of our army buddies has passed on. NORMAN KENITH SMITH, 66 years of age, died Sunday, Sept. 20 in his home at Sparta IL.

"He was buried in Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights IL.

"Norman was 3rd Bn. 21st WW II.

"He was born April 5, 1921 at Newburg MO, a son of Benjamin Carl Smith and Nancy Elizabeth Borden Smith. He married Tommie King at Rolla MO on Aug. 27, 1946.

"Survivors are his wife, Tommie, of Sparta IL, his mother Nancy E. Stephens of Rolla MO, two sons, Thomas Charles Smith of St.James MO and Carl Lee Smith of Redbud, IL. Two daughters, Nancy Kay Reese of Sparta IL and Tina Louise Aubuchon of Prairie Du Rochen IL and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.

"Norman was a member of Newburg Baptist Church of Newburg MO. The St. James Masonic Lodge #230 AF & AM of St.Jam James MO Operating Engineers Local 520 of Mitchell IL and the VFW of Collinsville IL. He was a Veteran of the United States Army serving in WW II, 24th Division, 21st Inf., 3rd Bn.

"He will be missed by all who knew him." Thank you, Albert and Betty DeLay.

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