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IN MEMORIAM

In this issue we have distributed the obituary notices throughout our pages -- and for a reason. We have had complaints that our paper was beginning to be "filled up with such.". By spreading out these sad notices in various pages, we just might appease our offended brethren.

But on to Theodore O'Hara's words:

"Nor shall your story be forgot,
While fame her record keeps,
Or Honor points the hallowed spot
Where Valor proudly sleeps."

Thanks to 13th Field folks, CHARLEY and Angeline HORNYAK and BOB and Eileen MANTOR, we have been alerted to the sad news of the passing, on April 27, 1988, of another good 13th Field man, HENRY C. "Hank" ZUCHOWSKI, of Port Richey FL. Hank and Marie moved from NJ to FL 11 years ago, he having retired as a furniture salesman. Back in WW II, Hank and Bob cadred to the ETO while Charley stayed on with the 24th. Survivors include Marie, son, Anthony and 3 grandchildren. Charley, Angeline, Bob and Eileen thoughtfully represented us at the funeral.

Passed away, last Oct. 6th, at his Elyria OH home (10915 Butternut Ridge) - JOHN F. KETCHUM (D 34th WW II). We omit the usual superlatives about love of country, love of Division, love of family - Johnny would want it that way.

Sadly, we report the death of Kenneth L. LIST, beloved son of our own LEE and Ceil LIST.

DON MONTGOMERY (19th '53-'54), of 6824 Oaklawn, Edina MN, said it so beautifully that we are left with the easy decision - to let Don's words say it for us. The stage is yours Don:

"With sadness I was informed of the passing of THOMAS R. "Rex" CAMPBELL of White Bear Lake, MN, a Taro Leafer. Tom was the one who told me about the 24th Division Assn. several years ago, prompting me to join. He died 12-28-87 of cancer at the age of 76, and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and three sons and their families. Tom was an active member of The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota, and Ducks Unlimited.

"Tom was a friendly, hospitable, and caring person, and a veteran who reflected well on the 24th Division. We were separated by two different wars, WW II for Tom; Korea for me. However, it was as though we served together. Year after year we'd meet at the Macalester College Scottish Country Fair in St. Paul, MN, first Saturday in May. Tom represented the national Campbell Clan organization, while I manned a booth for the Clan Montgomery Society. Tom had a ready smile for everyone, including sad sacks like me. I miss him very much, and I'm but one of many. I pass this on to you for the benefit of those in the 24th who served with Tom or may, like me, have had the good fortune to know him."

Life Member 763, Col. ARTHUR M. CLARKE (Hq. Btry. 52nd F '49-'51), of 1401 Lindenwood, Ft. Collins, CO, brings us the sad news of the passing, on Dec. 18, 1987, of Col. DAVID A. BISSETT, JR., who was at one time senior aide to Gen. BILL DEAN.

In Loving Memory

of

JOE PEYTON

ROLAND and Louise SMITH
Rt. 2 Box 48
Grifton NC 28530

TARO LEAF



A Thought....



HERE WILL COME A TIME, I KNOW, WHEN people will take delight in one another, when each will be a star to the other, and when each will listen to his fellow as music. The free men will walk upon the earth, men great in their freedom. They will walk with open hearts, and the heart of each will be pure of envy and greed, and therefore all mankind will be without malice, and there will be nothing to divorce the heart from reason. Then life will be one great service to man! His figure will be raised to lofty heights — for to free men all heights are attainable. Then we shall live in truth and freedom and in beauty, and those will be accounted the best who will the most widely embrace the world with their hearts, and whose love of it will be the profoundest; those will be the best who will be the freest, for in them is the greatest beauty. Then will life be great, and the people will be great who live that life.

—MAXIM GORKI

WE KNOW CONVENTIONS ARE SERIOUS BUSINESS

First printout (early April) from Jody McIntyre, Sales Director of the Sheraton Savannah shows the following early-bird registrants:

Anderson, Jack
Andrezak, Gloria
Avery, Warren
Booker, Wes
Boyce, Eansley
Boyden, William
Bradley, Charles L.
Bradley, William
Brandesky, Albert
Buck, Frederick
Burke, Ezra
Cameron, Donald
Camp, Howard W.
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Carter, Harold
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Collier, Roscoe
Creamer, Leo
Crosson, Hugh
Daberkow, Wilson A.
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Dailey, Homel
Davenport, L.
Dews, Robert
Donovan, Basil
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Ender, Robert
Engstrom, Giles L.
Faro, Anthony
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Foster, Jesse
Gates, James A.
Gazzara, Charles P.
Giorgi, Nelson
Gomez, Joaquin
Gore, Thomas
Gorgol, Henry
Gorski, Frank
Gottsehall, Donald
Grady, Thomas
Gross, Stanley F.
Hardin, Robert B.
Harper, Robert J.
Harris, Paul A.
Hartley, Paul
Hartley, Robert
Hartman, Jim
Hatmaker, Carl
Haywood, Major
Hen, Jack
Hicks, Ernest
Hicks, L.G.
Hinkle, Donald
Hofrichter, Joseph
Hogue, Charles
Hood, William
Horbal, Edward
Hosler, William C.
Hostetter, Philip
Huff, Neal A.
Jester, George
Johanson, Terry
Johnson, Robert
Kaefer, Charles
Keller, John
Kemp, Arthur
Keppler, Louis
Kilgo, Robert L.
Klump, Cindi
Klump, John
Klump, Kay

Knapton, Donald
Kresky, Raymond
Krueger, Elmer
Lew, Eugene
Lewis, Richard
Lightfoot, Gail
Lumsden, Howard R.
McAdoo, Albert
McCumbe, Henry C.
McKenney, John F.
McKeon, Joseph
Mann, D. David
Manson, R.
May, Sam
Moomey, Malcolm
Moore, Dan C.
Moser, Richard
Mullins, Rudolph
Mullins, William L.
Newkirk, Charles
Newkirk, Elsie
Nichols, John
O'Donnell, J. Spike
Orville, Elie
Parncutt, Robert
Patton, Joseph
Pennington, J. D.
Pesko, Frank
Pitney, Max L.
Price, Bruce W., Jr.
Reynolds, Joseph
Rice, Olan
Rice, William
Rickert, Dan
Risceck, Walter
Rives, David
Robinson, Edward
Rochan, Louis
Rock, Alvis
Rockwerk, Lewis
Ross, Kenwood
Ryals, George
St. German, Paul
Sanderson, William
Schaaf, Valentine
Schroder, Roy
See, Guy
Selmi, Louis
Seltsam, Albert
Shock, Harry
Smith, Boyd L.
Smith, Roland
Snyder, James J.
Stauff, Michael
Steele, T. K.
Stirewalt, H. B.
Swem, Leon
Szal, Michael
Taylor, John
Thompson, William R.
Toohey, John L.
Traver, William C.
Treboniak, Joseph
Truluck, James W.
Vella, Vincent
Visser, Harold R.
Von Mohr, J. A.
Waggoner, George
Wahle, Ben
Weber, F. R. Col.
Welch, John
Wickes, Donna
Wheat, Jack
Williams, Don C.
Wilson, Grant
Wilson, Howard
Winterstein, Richard
Wiscup, Paul
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Young, Phillip
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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any of its attached units. Dues are \$10.00 per annum, inclusive of a subscription to Taro Leaf.

"Did anybody drop a roll of bills with a big rubber band around it?" asked an old gentleman.

"Yes, I did," replied several voices in the bank lobby.

"Well," said the old gentleman sweetly, "I just found the rubber band."

Medical problems for CARL DUNBAR, JR. (5th RCT 5/52-5/53) of Box 158, Canvas WV 26662. Carl has had 5 heart by-passes - would welcome a little mail.

Want a phone in your car? - not a real live one connected to Ma Bell's circuitry - but a make-believe one. Faux Systems out in Los Altos, CA is selling them - calling it the "Cellular Phoney" - looks like the real McCoy. The company motto is: "It's not what you own; it's what people think you own."

What Easter is to Christians, what Passover is to Jews, October first is to Taro Leafers -- the High Holiday.

The "Why?" of our cover for this issue?

In our last issue, we reported a story -- a story about a book, a history of the Korean War, in which some unpleasant things were said about the 34th. It gave rise to three nasty, insulting letters, directed at us because we deigned to use such copy in our pages. Interestingly, the writers made identical challenges -- each to print his "letter in the next issue". Regretfully, the challenges will have to go unheeded. For almost 40 years, we've tried to "run a clean sheet". The letters of rebuke did not lend themselves to reprint.

We can only answer thusly. The words used were not ours. They were those of the author. We were merely reporting. As anyone with a modicum of sense knows, a reporter prints the news, be it good or be it bad. We have not spent almost 40 years with this job awaiting opportunities to "slug the 34th". As for saying anything more, we'll let the record speak for itself.

Now back to the cover. It is simply a plea for a little more gentility in our daily lives.



The JOCK CLIFFORD Theatre in Kokura.

Wife to Husband: What do you think would go well with these bright red slacks?

Husband to Wife: How about an ankle length coat?

GOSSIP: LAFAYETTE COCHRAN married Natalie Hill last January 30th. Living at RFD 2, Box 2304 Farmington ME, they are operating a dress shop in the town. Congratulations to our latest newlyweds.

Rather than trying to keep Iran out of the clutches of the USSR, why don't we give Iran to them? They deserve each other.

Past Prexy JOHN KLUMP will have returned from the Mayo Clinic as you read this. Hip replacement. Doing fine.

Membership Chairman BOB JOHNSON doing wonders. Can't imagine where he's finding all the men who wore the Leaf in the Germany days -- but believe us, they are most welcome additions to our club. Hope we'll have a good-sized Germany contingent in Savannah.

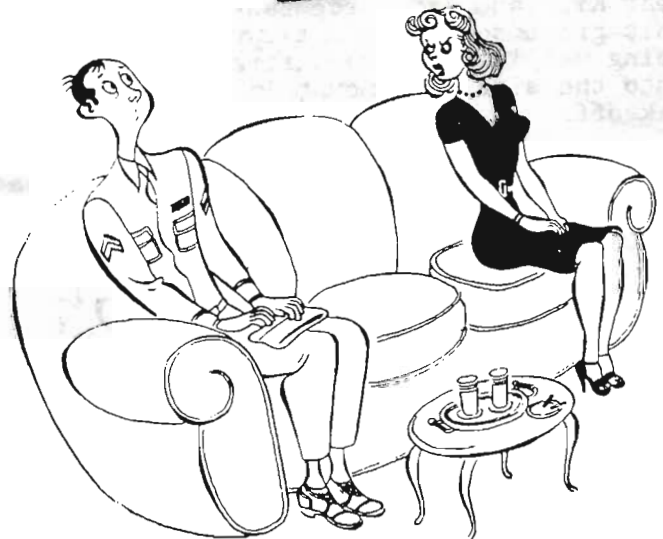
Jimmy Swaggart maintains the reason he was in that motel room was to see if it had a Gideon Bible.

Don't forget: ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny.

Writes Col. HARRY G. SUMMERS, JR. (Div. Hq. '48-'49; A 78th Tank '49-'50; L 21st '50-'51), of 4011 Wharton Turn, Bowie, MD: "Keeping busy in my old age. Still a contributing editor at US News & World Report, a syndicated columnist for the Los Angeles Times, and now editor of a new magazine, Vietnam.

"On page 21 of the current issue, I managed to get in a plug for the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. As a veteran of L Co. I never miss a chance to include them in my writings (even though the Army's abysmal regimental system has made it harder rather than easier to promote regimental loyalty (the precise opposite of their professed bureaucratic intentions.)

"Keep the faith."



"I PRESUME, CORPORAL, THE DECORATION YOU'RE WEARING IS THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL"

--Sgt. Irwin Caplan

Life Member BENNY MASHAY (D 19th '40-'43) out there at 32548 Knollwood, Warren MI is starting something. He sends in \$10.00 to be applied to what he hopes will be an Association decision in Sept. to make a donation to the Korean War Memorial -- and we mean the one to be in the Washington area -- not the one allegedly to be on the west coast.

Consider. 1 out of 5 adult Americans is unable to read this sentence.

IN MEMORIAM

Died STEPHEN D. COCHEU, on Jan. 4, 1987 in Valparaiso IN. As Lt. Col. Cocheu, Steve was Div. QM in Korea in 1950.

Died Sept. 14, 1977: Maj. JAMES EDWARD BRYAN, the son of Maj. Gen. BLACKSHEAR M. BRYAN. West Point '65, he reported to Division in '75 and was assigned to the 2d Bn., 21st Inf. and he served initially as the operations officer and then as the battalion executive officer. As with everything Jamie undertook, he quickly gained the respect and admiration of the men with whom he served in the Division. In June 1977, he was selected to serve as the battalion operations officer of the 1st Ranger Battalion at Fort Stewart. The demanding mission, arduous training, and hand-picked soldiers of this elite organization presented a very special challenge to which Jamie again responded magnificently. Rangers of all ranks learned swiftly what the rest of us already knew: here was a winner...here was a soldier!

On 14 September 1977, while he was coordinating his unit's operations aboard an Air Force command and control aircraft near Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, this great soldier and tremendous human being was lost as the aircraft crashed into the side of a mountain just after takeoff.

We are crushed by the news of the passing, on Feb. 12, 1988 - of Dorothy "Ditty" LEWIS. DICK LEWIS (11th Field '41-'45 & 555th Field '50-'51) gave us the news from his Charles Town WV 25414 home -- 110 Mallard Ct. In his own quiet way, Dick wrote: "With as little space as possible, could you report the passing of my wife? On 12 February 1988, 40 years, 2 months and almost to the hour after we exchanged wedding vows at Ft. Belvoir. Going through one of her purses I found a 'Taro Leaf' patch. She loved the 24th Infantry Division as much as I did. My 'Ditty' did so much enjoy S III and chow in the Div. Arty. mess hall, Rangers at Hunter, and the laser-target tank and infantry show."

She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. For all who knew and loved her, may she rest in peace.



Joseph I. Peyton

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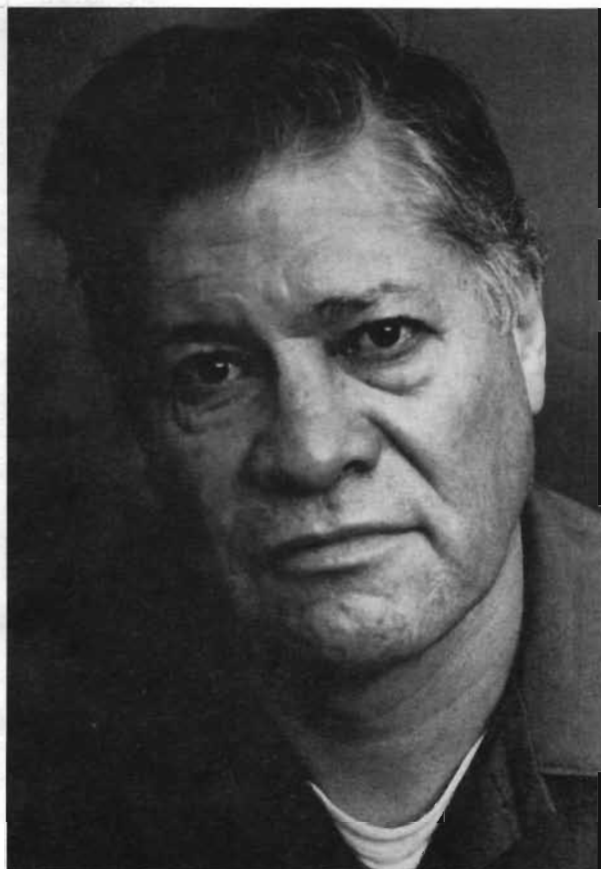
BOB and Ursula (Marie) NELSON

JOSEPH PEYTON

We will always remember and admire
such a loyal, caring person.
He lived as a leader; he will do so in Heaven.

Maj. Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN,
USA Ret.

ASK US



Ask us and we'll tell you about newly-joined DEL GURULE (C 19th 6/50-8/51) 1355 Osceola, Denver CO. A retired Sgt. Major, Del was evacuated to Tokyo Gen. Hospital when he took lead and was subsequently assigned to the 2nd Inf.Div. BOB ENDER sent us a news clipping on Del which read in part:

"One of the most highly decorated veterans of New Mexico was born and raised in Las Vegas, NM. Sergeant Del Gurule, C Co., 19th Reg., 24th Div., served in the Korean War and was decorated at Kimpo A: Air Field, Seoul, Korea, by General Van Fleet with the Distinguished Service Medal, 'For bravery and gallantry against the advancing Communists near Teague. Sergeant Gurule charged on Hill 1062 and killed twenty-six of the enemy after being wounded, refused medical attention (he waved corpsmen away), knocked over two bunkers and an automatic machine gun emplacement, rescued two comrades and collapsed from loss of blood." Gurule was seventeen at the time and before the 'police action' was over in Korea he had the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Star medals, five Purple Hearts, Korean Service Medal, Japanese Occupation Medal and United Nations Service Medal."

We are proud to welcome Del to the club.



The meal, ready to eat or MRE. It's what you eat when you're out on maneuvers, far from Mama's beef stew, the base dining hall or even the tray packs of the T Ration.

Here in the field you really brown-bag it. Open the brown plastic pouch of your MRE, and you'll find an assortment of items ranging from diced beef with gravy to a packet of minty gum.

If you've been in the field since 1981 when the MRE started being used heavily, you don't need anyone to tell you about them. You already know what they're like.

The last time our Roving Reporter roamed Stewart, he hit the 21st. That was BD - before the demise. He asked a few for comments about the combat cuisine. In his notebook, we found these excerpts:

"When you're out in the field with nothing else to met, MRE's are better than a sharp stick in the eye."

"Peanut butter with so much oil you could fry French fries in it."

"Cheese with so much salt your blood pressure will rise 20 points."

"A couple of fudge cookies you can't break from each other; they're held together with something stronger than Krazy Glue."

"No matter what they do to dehydrated food, they murder it."

"What fool ever thought of that orange-flavored cornflake bar?"

"Chicken a la king was tops. Diced turkey a close second. Pork patty? Forget it!"

Oh well, sorry we asked!

Spotlight

We're going to give it to you much as the press has reported it - with but one comment: "We've been down this road before."

As prisoners of the North Koreans more than 30 years ago, LLOYD PATE (K 19) and BOBBY CARUTH (D 19th) were forced to dig mass graves for fellow U.S. servicemen.

Pate and Caruth remember where those bodies are buried.

The two men are hoping to return to that spot with the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, to retrieve the remains of U.S. servicemen who never returned from the Korean War.

"I helped bury them," said Pate, 53, of Grovetown GA. As many as 2500 U.S. and British soldiers were buried on a hillside near the Yalu River, Pate said, some covered only with snow and rocks during a bitter North Korean winter.

Caruth 62, was captured 11/4/50, with Roger A. Dumas.

All three men were held in Camp 5, a North Korean prison camp on the banks of the Yalu, Caruth and Pate came home, Dumas did not.

His brother, Robert Dumas of Canterbury, has spent the past 30 years seeking information on his brother. His persistence caught Jackson's attention and led to a meeting between Jackson and North Korean officials in New York.

In a conversation with Jackson's aides, the North Korean government repeated its long-held claim that it is holding no live Americans, Chang Yong Chol, deputy minister of the North Korean observer mission to the United Nations said.

In his meeting with Chang and other North Korean officials, Jackson asked that any American POWs who are still alive be released in time for Christmas.

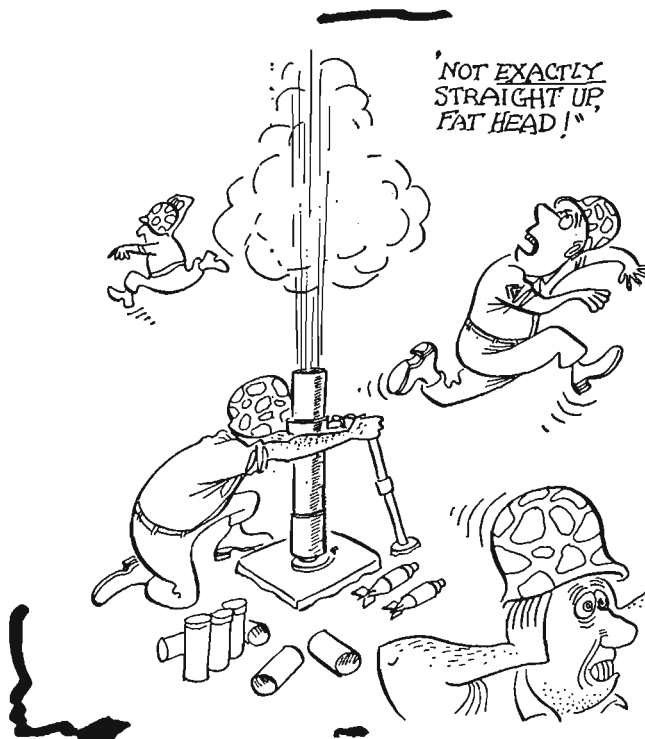
Jackson also said he would send a delegation to North Korea later this year to discuss the issue of war remains and, if possible, bring bodies home for burial. Chang said that government officials in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, have not formally invited Jackson but are still consulting on the issue.

Eddie Wong, a member of Jackson's campaign staff, said the North Koreans have insisted that any such delegation include a U.S. congressman, U.S. Reps. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., and Sam Gejdenson, D-2nd District Conn., have both said they are willing to meet with Chang to discuss the issue.

North Korea's denial that any American POWs are still alive will not change Jackson's plans to pursue the issue, said the Rev. Joseph Ahne, a Chicago Minister and a director of Jackson's Rainbow Coalition who Jackson appointed to coordinate

OFF THE AIR

Good friend RUSS ARNOLD, an MP from Okayama and Kokura days is trying to locate a fellow MP - CLETUS ROYAL who was last known to be living in the Sikeston MO area. Any clues out there? Russ is at 3999 Rt. 55, Urbana OH, Gen. Eichelberger's home town.



the trip to North Korea.

"Personally, I don't have any evidence if there's any (prisoners) alive or not," Ahne said. "But I don't believe everybody died."

Pate and Caruth, who have been invited to join the delegation, spent much of their time in Camp 5 burying their countrymen.

The burial crew carried bodies across a frozen inlet on the Yalu River, scraping away the snow and leaving bodies on the hillside, both men said. Dog tags that would identify the bodies were placed inside the mouths of dead soldiers, Caruth said.

In the springtime, after the ground had thawed, they dug mass graves.

Both men said they remember exactly where the gravesites are, but that returning to the site of the prison camp would be difficult.

"It's going to bring back a lot of memories," Pate said.

"I don't know if I'd be able to take it," Caruth said. "It's going to be an emotional thing, but I think it's in God's plan for me to do. The POW issue in Korea needs to be resolved."

IN MEMORIAM

We were asked to write the report of this passing, but his widow said it so well, though sorrowfully, that we decided to ask Dottie LIGMAN to say it in her own words, words which went:

"Dear Ken:

"It is with sorrow I inform you of the death of my husband, RICHARD T. LIGMAN. He passed away December 20, 1987 after a long, valiant struggle with cancer. Nothing can decrease my loss or the sadness, however, I know he is no longer in pain and rests with our Lord.

"Dick was so proud to have served his country in the Third Engineers and of being a past president and life member of the 24th Infantry Division Association. He carried his gold card #32 with him always. He, and I, too, always read the Taro Leaf with much interest. I am not an eloquent writer so will you please write something in the Taro Leaf for me. He would like that. I thank you.

"Warmest regards, Dottie LIGMAN."

We must include this friendly note from Mrs. Geraldine R. CARIUS of 622 Detroit, Morton IL: "EARL DOWNEY submitted my name to receive TARO LEAF. Even though there are but a few names I recognize, I read the publication from cover to cover! Your articles are interesting and I reminisce of the few short years my husband and I shared.

"My husband, MARVIN W. CARIUS, D.D.S. served with the 24th at Kokura in 1948 and later at Kumamota with the 21st '49-'50. He was killed December 9, 1950 at Singye, North Korea, while serving as 24th Division Dental Surgeon. He is buried at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield IL.

"It might be of interest to those who knew him that the CARIUS DENTAL CLINIC was dedicated at Eighth US Army Hdq. in Seoul in 1959. This was special to his sons, Michael and Jeffrey. Michael is Asst. Director of Emergency Medicine at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown CT. Jeffrey is a Labor Attorney for Emerson Electric in St. Louis. I remain in Morton, busy with library and volunteer work."

Thank you, Geraldine, for being a part of us. You are, you know.

Mrs. Penelope Burkard of S. Pasadena CA has informed us of the death of her father, JAMES STAVRAKES (C 19th 7/50-9/53).

The very sad news that KEN KUNES had passed on came to us from BOB FOUNTAIN down in Macon GA.

KENNETH P. KUNES, SR., (Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 21st 3/48-6/51) of 1406 Maplewood, Macon GA, passed to his reward on Oct. 4, 1987. Poor Ken is survived by his beloved Patricia, sons, Kenneth B.Jr., and Patrick B., and daughters, Suzanne Smith, Lorrie A. Bartlett, and Karen M. Kunes.

Ken was a Task Force Smith man.

Another lovely lady has gone to her reward. Leota "Lee" PENCE, wife of BILL PENCE, (24th Med. '52-'54) just "passed away in her sleep". Writes Bill, from 9727 Elm Way, Tampa FL 33635, "It was not the cancer; just a tired heart. We had made the West Indies in January and February but she was having a little trouble then. Why not drop Bill a card; he's feeling mighty low.

Died Oct. 3, 1985 in Washington DC - Maj.Gen. WARD S. RYAN. West Point '38, was in Korea at the time of Koje-Do and its nagging and escalating problems. Col. Ryan was dispatched to the scene and took command of the camps, bringing order out of chaos. Then went on to command the 21st. Ward Ryan was the kind of person who is so rare that the rest of us are lucky if we know only one or two like him in a lifetime.

In memory of BORIS GERGOFF, a handsome monetary contribution to our Association was received from John and Christel Sanecki of 1849 N. York, Dearborn MI. What a warm friendly way in which to remember one who has passed on. We took the liberty of thanking the Sanecki's in your behalf.

Deceased: CHARLES H. GORMAN (M 5th RCT '51-'52), of Box 94693, Lincoln NB. We have no details, only that cold word "Deceased" on a Taro Leaf cover marked "Return to Sender". Charley has joined that growing list of Taro Leafers who now are at Peace.

Another envelope returned with that sorry stamping "Deceased - returned to sender". This one: M/Sgt. RICHARD D. ALLEN, USA Ret. (M 19th, D 34th '46-'52) last address: 908 E. 4th, Williamson WV.

Deja phoo

Issues ago, we reported, with heartfelt sorrow and no little bitterness, the demise of our infantry regiments as integral parts of the Stewart machine. This dearly beloved field artillery had already been cannibalized and sent to limbo. At any rate, the news item brought forth all manner of questions, the most of which we simply could not answer. Then came the Army Times and their attempt to explain the whole thing -- and which we reproduce on this and the next following nine pages. Here, you take a crack at it; we're going out for a cold beer.

U.S. ARMY REGIMENTAL SYSTEM

600,000 Soldiers Affiliated With Regiments

By LARRY CARNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — More than 600,000 active-duty soldiers have affiliated with a regiment under the Army Regimental System. The service hopes to expand the concept to all soldiers — with a few exceptions — by Oct. 1, 1992.

Lt. Col. James T. Dowdy, regimental system chief for the Total Army Personnel Agency, said the system is "popular with soldiers because it gives them a regiment or corps to identify with through their entire Army careers."

Dowdy and Sgt. Maj. Manuel A. Gonzalez have been shepherding the system.

"The Army is developing assignment procedures which will permit soldiers to serve repeated assignments with their regiments," Dowdy said.

"While this may not always be possible because of Army or soldier needs, we're going to make every effort to do it."

He said the 600,000 soldiers who have signed up for the program are affiliated with 197 regiments and corps, some of which have yet to be activated. Most combat arms soldiers affiliate with a regiment while combat service and combat support soldiers affiliate with their branch corps.

The Corps of Engineers is the only combat-arms branch to reorganize under the "whole branch" or corps concept.

Regiments are non-tactical groupings of units with combat arms specialties. Corps are groupings of combat service and combat support soldiers with similar branch specialties. All regiments and corps have

This table shows all active Army component regiments for the combat arms; corps for the combat support, combat service support, special branches and Corps of Engineers; and regiments for the training base.

Air Defense Regiments								
Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 1st AD		Fl. Bliss* Fl. Hood	2-1 3-1		32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM	1-1 4-1	IR	Spangdahlem Neubrucke
2. 2d AD	New Bn 7-7 New Bn 5-62	Fl. Hood Fl. Ord Fl. Stewart Fl. Bliss*	2-2 3-2 6-2 1-2 (890116)	New Bn New Bn	V Corps VII Corps	4-2 (A/91) 5-2 (A/92)	FY 90	Germany Carlsruhe
3. 3d AD	4-61 2-67 1-55	4th Inf Div* 1st Inf Div 5th Inf Div	1-3 (D) 2-3 (D) 3-3 (D)	3-67 1-59 2-59	1st Ar Div 3d Inf Div 8th Inf Div	4-3 (D) 5-3 6-3 (D)	890716	Kitzingen Wackernheim Schwabach
4. 4th AD		82d Abn Div*	3-4	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
5. 5th AD	5-52 2-5 1-68	24th Inf Div* 2d Ar Div 1st Cav Div	1-5 2-5 4-5	2-61 3-61	2d Inf Div 3d Ar Div	5-5 3-5	881116	Camp Pelham Buedingen
6. 6th AD		Fl. Bliss*	1-6 2-6 3-6 4-6	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
7. 7th AD	2-7	Fl. Hood*	2-7	6-3 New Bn 2-3	32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM	1-7 5-7 (A881216) 4-7	881216	Kaiserslautern Biburg Dexheim
8. 43d AD	1-43 3-3	Fl. Bliss* Fl. Bliss	1-43 3-43	2-43 4-3 6-43 8-43	32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM	2-43 4-43 6-43 8-43	890316	Hansau Glessen Ansbach Giebelstadt
9. 44th AD	1-67 1-3	9th Inf Div* 101st Div (Abn)	1-44 2-44	2-60 6-56	32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM	3-44 5-44	880316	Ramstein Spangdahlem
10. 52d AD	1-4 3-68	Fl. Lewis* Fl. Bragg	1-52 2-52	3-52 6-52	32 AADCOM 32 AADCOM	3-52 6-52	880416	Wildflecken Wurzburg
11. 56th AD		Fort Bliss*	1-56 2-56 3-56 4-56	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
12. 62d AD	New Bn	7th Inf Div 10th Mtn Div 3-62 (A/881201)	2-62		25th Inf Div*	1-62	IR	Hawaii

Armor Regiments								
Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 13th Ar		Fl. Knox*	2-13 4-13	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
2. 32d Ar		1st Cav Div* 1st Cav Div	1-32 3-32		3d Ar Div 3d Ar Div	2-32 4-32	IR	Kirchgoens Kirchgoens
3. 33d Ar		I Corps*	1-33	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
4. 34th Ar		1st Inf Div* 1st Inf Div	1-34 2-34		1st Inf Div (F) 8th Inf Div	3-34 4-34	IR	Boeblingen Gonsenheim
5. 35th Ar	4-40 3-77	4th Inf Div* 5th Inf Div	2-35 4-35	1-35 3-35	1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div	1-35 3-35	881116	Erlangen Bamberg



Today's Gem-in-the-Mail: (Nearly every day we receive a gem). This one was from ALLEN J. JOHNSON, (34th '42-'43) of 10827 Previtali, Jackson CA. He asked for 2 decals - "one for my car - and one for my horse." He got 'em.

"See you there" says JERRY VON MOHR. Of course he means Savannah.

JESSE L. FOSTER (E 19th WW II) starts his note with "Daisy & I will be at S" and ends with a few warm thoughts on JOE PEYTON: "Joe kept up my spirits when sick, with his words, song and wit. Oh what a hole he has left." Right on Jess.

Population of Savannah - 227,000.

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connection with the Army's past.

For instance, the Adjutant General's Corps traces its lineage to 1775, when Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates was appointed as the Army's first adjutant general under George Washington. Gates later commanded Continental Army forces at the Battle of Saratoga in New York.

Dowdy said the Army wants all active-duty soldiers to be affiliated with the Army Regimental System by Oct. 1, 1992.

"There's a possibility that the regimental implementation plan may be accelerated," Dowdy said. "However, right now we're looking at a 1992 completion date."

Soldiers can affiliate with



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any regiment or corps they wish as long as they possess the proper military occupational specialties and skill identifiers. Soldiers affiliating with an airborne unit must be airborne-qualified.

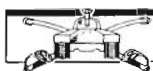
"There is no limit on how many soldiers can affiliate with a given regiment," Dowdy said.

Soldiers can change their regimental affiliations any time they desire, he said.

After affiliating with a regiment or corps, soldiers are required to wear their regimental crests on their Class A and dress uniforms, he said. Guidelines for crest wear are in Army Regulation 670-1.

The crests were designed by the Institute of Heraldry. The institute, which has designed thousands of insignia and badges for the Army, worked closely with the branch proponents.

"We allowed each branch to study its own history and to come up with suggested designs which were meaningful to the branch," said Col. Gerald T. Luchion, institute director. "Most of the proponents have been very, very happy."



Armor Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
6. 37th Ar		1st Inf Div* 1st Inf Div	3-37 4-37	1-13	1st Ar Div 2-37 (A/880416) 1st Ar Div	1-37	IR	Vilseck Vilseck
7. 40th Ar	No	ConUS	Unit		USAB*	F-40	IR	Berlin
8. 63d Ar		NTC*	1-63	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
9. 64th Ar		24th Inf Div* 24th Inf Div	1-64 4-64		3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div	2-64 3-64	IR	Schweinfurt Schweinfurt
10. 66th Ar		2d Ar Div*	1-66		2d Ar Div (F) 2d Ar Div (F) 3-66 (PCS8805) 3d Inf Div	2-66 4-66	IR	Garlstadt Germany Aschaffenburg
11. 67th Ar		2d Ar Div* 2d Ar Div	1-67 3-67		3d Ar Div 3d Ar Div	2-67 4-67	IR	Friedberg Friedberg
12. 68th Ar		4th Inf Div* 4th Inf Div	3-68 4-68		8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div	1-66 2-68	IR	Wildflecken Baumholder
13. 69th Ar	2-69 3-69	197th Bde* 24th Inf Div	2-69 3-69	1-69 3-63	3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div	1-69 4-69	890816	Kitzingen Kitzingen
14. 70th Ar	1-70 3-70	5th Inf Div* 5th Inf Div	1-70 3-70	2-70 2-81	1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div	2-70 4-70	FY 91	Erlangen Erlangen
15. 72d Ar	No	ConUS	Unit		2d Inf Div* 2d Inf Div	1-72 2-72	IR	Camp Casey, Korea Camp Casey, Korea
16. 73d Ar		82d Abn Div*	3-73	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
17. 77th Ar	1-77 2-77	4th Inf Div* 4th Inf Div	1-77 2-77	5-68 5-77	8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div	3-77 (D) 5-77	890216	Mannheim Mannheim
18. 81st Ar		Ft. Knox*	1-81 3-81	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	



Aviation Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 1st Avn		1st Inf Div*	1-1 D/1 E/1 F/1		1st Arm Div	G/1 H/1 I/1 2-1 3-1	IR	Katterbach Katterbach Katterbach Katterbach Katterbach
2. 2d Avn	No	ConUS	Unit	230 Atk Hel Bn 166 Atk Hel Bn New Co	2d Inf Div*	1-2 2-2 C/2	8809	Camp Casey, Korea Camp Casey, Korea Camp Casey, Korea
3. 3d Avn		2nd Ar Div*	1-3 D/3 E/3 F/3		3d Inf Div	G/3 H/3 I/3 2-3 3-3	IR	Giebelstadt Giebelstadt Giebelstadt Giebelstadt Giebelstadt
4. 4th Avn		4th Inf Div*	1-4 D/4 E/4 F/4		8th Inf Div	G/4 H/4 I/4 2-4 3-4	IR	Bad Kreuznach Mainz Mainz Mainz Mainz
5. 5th Avn		5th Inf Div*	1-5 D/5 E/5 F/5	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
6. 9th Avn		9th Inf Div*	1-9 2-9 3-9	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	

Hot news out of San Antonio: Maj.Gen. CHESTER A. DAHLEN (21st & 34th WW II) will be with us at S IV - that stands for "our 4th party at Savannah". Will be great to have you with us, Chet.

Airborne people are petitioning for a postage stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the parachuting American soldier.

ALLEN COFFMAN (M 21st '44-'45) down Cherokee, OK - 414 E 7th to be precise - was visited by a 1st Cav. friend from MN. That friend has a friend - in MN - HAROLD PETERS (1st Sgt. and CSM, 1st Bn. 21st - Korea) of 14030 Xanthuus, Rogers MN - and the rest is history. Harold's anxious to make Savannah. Allen and Genevieve assure us that they'll be there.

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Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
7. 10th Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-10	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
8. 11th Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-11	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
9. 13th Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-13	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
10. 14th Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-14	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
11. 24th Avn		24th InfDiv*	1-24 D/24 E/24 F/24	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
12. 25th Avn	61 Aslt Hel Co 121 Aslt Hel Co 247 AVIM 110 Atk Hel Bn	10th Mtn Div	C/25 D/25 E/25 2-25	17 Aslt Hel Co 184 Aslt Hel Co 56 AVIM 25 Atk Hel Bn	25th Inv Div*	1-25 F/25 G/25 H/25	8805	Schofield Barracks Schofield Barracks Schofield Barracks Schofield Barracks
13. 58th Avn		XVIII Abn Corps* III Corps	1-58 2-58		VII Corps 17th Group NATO Theater	3-58 4-58 E/58	IR	Schwaebisch Hall Seoul Sandhoffen
14. 82d Avn		82d Abn Div*	1-82 B/82 C/82 D/82	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
15. 101st Avn		101 Abn Div*	1-101 2-101 3-101 4-101 5-101 6-101 7-101 8-101	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
16. 123d Avn		7th Inf Div*	1-123 C/123 D/123 E/123		6th Inf Div	F/123 G/123 H/123	IR	Fort Wainwright Fort Richardson Fort Wainwright
17. 145th Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-145	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
18. 158th Avn		III Corps*	2-158 A/2-158 B/2-158 I/158 K-158		V Corps	5-158 B/6-158 8-158 A/8-158 B/8-158	IR	Frankfort Mannheim Hanau Mannheim Mannheim
19. 159th Avn		XVIII Abn Corps*	1-159 2-159 A/2-159 B/2-159 C/2-159 3-159 H-159 I-159 K-159		VII Corps	4-159 A/5-159 7-159 A/7-159 B/7-159	IR	Echterden Schwabach Hall Nellingen Nellingen Nellingen
20. 160th Avn		Ft. Campbell*	A/160 B/160 C/160 D/160 E/160 F/160 A-3-160	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
21. 212th Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-212	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
22. 214th Avn		I Corps	C-214		WestCom*	B-214 E-214	IR	Barbers Point, HI Schofield Barracks
23. 222d Avn		Ft. Eustis*	1-222	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
24. 223d Avn		Ft. Rucker*	1-223	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
25. 227th Avn		1st Cav Div*	1-227 D/227 E/227 F/227		3d Arm Div	G/227 H/227 I/227 2-227 3-227	IR	Hanau Hanau Hanau Hanau Hanau

Each regiment and corps has a designated home base where their colors and memorabilia will be maintained. They also have their own regimental or corps distinctive unit insignia which must be worn by every member of a regiment or corps.

"We want to make soldiers proud of their regiment," Dowdy said. "The system will give us the opportunity to perpetuate regimental history, customs and traditions. This system provides a common tread linking our illustrious past with the present and giving certainty to our future. It imposes upon today's soldiers an obligation to those soldiers who have preceded them in service within the regiment or corps, and who have often died to give today's soldier a heritage and the opportunity to serve."

The colonel said each regiment and corps will appoint distinguished retirees to serve as honorary colonel, honorary sergeant major and as distinguished members of the regiment.

"These officers and NCOs



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will have the responsibility of perpetuating the history, customs and traditions of the regiment," he said.

Dowdy said the Total Army Personnel Agency has an active-duty regimental adjutant for most regiments to assist soldiers with personnel actions.

The corps will have their own regimental adjutants. So will the 2d and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiments in Germany; the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the 75th Rangers at Fort Benning, Ga.

Though most combat arms soldiers already have affiliated with a regiment, not everyone must do so.

"Katie and I will try to make S IV come h--- or high water" - JIM OWENS, (34th '46-'47) of Box 19, Lake City, IA.

Signed up for Savannah as of early April - a total of 310 people - 159 members and 151 guests. That's our best record ever, 25 weeks before the fact.

"Last year missed LAX; went to Europe to see son and family. Ada and I hope to make S IV" -- NOLAN and Ada LISK (B 21st '40-'46) of 311 Terrace Hills, Yakima WA.

Bad heart condition for the last two years is the report - from good wife, Margaret, on BILL FOSTER (5th RCT-Korea) of 205 Hickory, Oak Hill WV.

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The exceptions are combat arms first-term enlisted soldiers, who do not have to affiliate with a regiment until reenlistment, and lieutenants who don't have to sign until attendance at the Officer Advanced Course.

"Every effort will be made to give soldiers repeated assignments in their regiments," Dowdy said. "The Centralized Assignment Procedure III System has been modified to identify regimental affiliation as the first priority in the assignment nomination process for enlisted soldiers."

However, because of Army requirements and soldiers' professional needs it may not be always possible to keep soldiers in their regiment and corps assignments.

Soldiers need to get away from unit duties to attend professional schooling, serve as drill sergeants, and pull duty with the Reserve Officer Training Corps, National Guard and Army Reserve, he said.

The assignment plan being developed by the Total Army Personnel Agency calls for field-grade officers to spend most of their time in their regiment.

"Affiliation will be the primary assignment consideration for officers once they reach field-grade rank," Dowdy said.

The assignment pattern for company grade officers will be much more varied, Dowdy said. They can be assigned to light or heavy forces in the infantry, or to assignments in more than one caliber of cannon or in more than one system in the artillery, he said.

Most Asked Questions On Regiments

As an update to the Army's Regimental System, here are the most-asked questions and answers from the Total Army Personnel Agency (TAPA).

Q What is the purpose of the Regimental System?

A The purpose of the U.S. Army Regimental System is to enhance combat effectiveness through a framework that provides the opportunity for affiliation, develops loyalty and commitment, fosters an extended sense of belonging and improves unit esprit. The Regimental System gives soldiers the opportunity for long-term identification; the potential for recurring assignments,



Aviation Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
26. 228th Avn	No	ConUS	Unit		Panama*	1-228 A/1-228 B/1-228 C/1-228 C/228	IR	Panama Panama Panama Panama Fort Walnwright
27. 229th Avn	New Atk Bn XVIII Abn Corps* New Atk Bn New Atk Bn		1-229 2-229 3-229	315 Atk Hel Bn New Atk Bn New Atk Bn	V Corps	4-229 5-229 6-229	9012	Wiesbaden Wiesbaden Wiesbaden
28. 501st Avn	No	ConUS	Unit	52 Thr Avn Bn 55 Thr Avn Bn 201 Aslt Hel Co 128 Aslt Hel Co 237 Thr Aslt Co 19th MHB 213 MHC 271 MHC 45 AVIM 239 AVIM 309 Atk Hel Bn 238 Atk Hel Bn	17 NEA*	1-501 A/1-501 B/1-501 C/1-501 D/1-501 2-501 A/2-501 B/2-501 A/3-501 B/3-501 4-501 5-501	881016	Yongsan Seoul Camp Humphreys Camp Page Korea Camp Humphreys Camp Humphreys Camp Humphreys Camp Humphreys Camp Long Camp Page Camp Humphreys
29. 502d Avn	No	ConUS	Unit	Thr Avn Bn Thr Avn Co Thr Avn Co Thr Avn Co Thr Avn Co 70 AVIM Bn 193 Cmd Avn Co 205 MHC 394 MHC	NATO (EAC)*	1-502 A/1-502 B/1-502 C/1-502 D/1-502 2-502 C/502 D/502 E/502	9009	TBA TBA TBA TBA TBA Sandhofen Goepfingen Finthen Schwablsch



Cavalry Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 1st Cav	4-12 2-1 4-1	5th Inf Div 2d Ar Div* USMA	3-1 2-1 4-1	1-1 D, 2-1	1st Ar Div 2d Ar Div (F)	1-1 D, 2-1	FY 90	Garlistedt Garlistedt
2. 2d ACR	No	Conus	Unit		2d ACR* 2d ACR 2d ACR 2d ACR	1-2 2-2 3-2 4-2	IR	Blindlach Bamberg Nuremberg Amberg
3. 3d ACR		3d ACR* 3d ACR 3d ACR 3d ACR	1-3 2-3 3-3 4-3	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
4. 4th Cav	1-4 2-4 A, 1-5	1st Inf Div* 24th Inf Div 197th Bde	1-4 2-4 D-4	4-4 A, 1-4	3d Inf Div 1st Inf Div (F)	3-4 A, 1-4	FY 90	Schweinfurt Boblingen
5. 5th Cav	2-5 1-5	1st Cav Div 1st Cav Div*	2-5 1-5	2-36 3-36	3d Ar Div 3d Ar Div	3-5 5-5	881016	Kirchgoens Kirchgoens
6. 6th Cav		III Corps*	1-6 3-6 4-6		VII Corps 5-6 (PCS 8807)	2-6 6-6	IR	Illesheim Illesheim Illesheim
7. 7th Cav	1-7 2-7	1st Cav Div* 4th Inf Div	1-7 2-7	3-12 3-7	3d Ar Div 8th Inf Div	4-7 3-7	FY 92	Buedingen Sandhofen
8. 8th Cav		1st Cav Div* 1st Cav Div	1-8 2-8		3d Ar Div 3d Ar Div	3-8 4-8	IR	Gelnhausen Gelnhausen
9. 9th Cav		7th Inf Div 9th Inf Div*	2-9 1-9		25th Inf Div 6th Inf Div	5-9 4-9	IR	Hawaii Fort Walnwright
10. 10th Cav		194th Bde* 194th Bde 194th Bde	1-10 2-10 D-10	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	

When a President takes office, he has to place his hands on a Bible and swear to God to uphold our government. All our money says, "In God we trust." If you have to go to court, you must swear on a Bible to tell the truth. But they took prayer away from our school children. How do you explain that to children growing up?

VINNIE VELLA's great line: "If we knew that having grandchildren would be so much fun, we would've had them FIRST."

Over in Dallas PA, JOHN HUDUK (52nd F '50-'51) writes: "I am looking for members of the Hq. Btry 52 FA. I only remember names such as Gall from Iowa and B/G Perry. I was radio operator with FO."

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and the opportunity to perpetuate regimental history, customs and traditions. This system provides a common thread linking our illustrious past with the present and giving certainty to our future. It imposes upon today's soldiers an obligation to those soldiers who have preceded them in service within the regiment or corps, and who often have died to give today's soldier a heritage and the opportunity to serve.



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Q Who is required to affiliate with a regiment or corps?

A All combat arms officers and enlisted soldiers must be affiliated, with the exception of the following: (1) First-term soldiers may voluntarily affiliate, but are not required to be affiliated until the time of their reenlistments, and (2) lieutenants may voluntarily affiliate, but are not required to be affiliated until attendance at the Officer Advanced Course. Combat support/combat service support/special branches/Corps of Engineer soldiers will be affili-

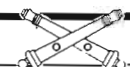


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Cavalry Regiments

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11. 11th ACR	No	ConUS	Unit		11th ACR*	1-11 2-11 3-11 4-11	IR	Fulda Bad Kissingen Bad Hersfeld Fulda
12. 12th Cav		Ft. Knox*	1-12 2-12 5-12 6-12	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
13. 15th Cav		Ft. Knox*	5-15	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
14. 16th Cav		Ft. Knox*	6-16	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
15. 17th Cav		82d Abn Div* 101 Abn Div XVIII Abn Corps 10th Mtn Div	1-17 2-17 4-17 (A/9101) 3-17 (A/8806)		2d Inf Div	5-17	IR	Korea



Field Artillery Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 1st FA		USMA 5th Inf Div* 5th Inf Div	1-1 4-1 5-1		1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div	2-1 3-1 6-1	IR	Zimdgorg Bamberg Zimdgorg
2. 2d FA		Ft. Sill*	2-2	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
3. 3d FA		2d Ar Div* 2d Ar Div	1-3 3-3		2d Ar Div (F) 3d Ar Div V Corps	4-3 2-3 5-3	IR	Garistadt Kirchgoens Glessen
4. 4th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		2nd Inf Div*	1-4	IR	Korea
5. 5th FA		1st Inf Div* 1st Inf Div	1-5 4-5		1st Inf Div (F) VII Corps	2-5 3-5	IR	Neu Ulm Nuremberg
6. 6th FA		1st Inf Div*	B-6	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
7. 7th FA	1-7 2-7 New Btry	10th Mtn Div* 10th Mtn Div 10th Mtn Div	1-7 2-7 E-7 (A/8809)	3-7 2-92 F-7	25th Inf Div V Corps 25th Inf Div	3-7 4-7 F-7	880416	Hawaii Babenhansen Hawaii
8. 8th FA		7th Inf Div Ft. Bragg Ft. Bragg Ft. Ord	2-8 3-8 5-8 6-8		WestCom* 25th Inf Div 2d Inf Div	1-8 7-8 8-8	IR	Hawaii Hawaii Camp Stanley, Korea
9. 9th FA		Ft. Sill*	3-9		56th FA Bde 56th FA Bde 56th FA Bde	1-9 2-9 4-9	IR	Neu Ulm Neckarsulm Schwaebisch-Gmund
10. 10th FA		4th Inf Div*	C-10	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
11. 11th FA		9th Inf Div* 9th Inf Div 9th Inf Div	1-11 3-11 6-11		25th Inf Div 6th Inf Div 6th Inf Div	2-11 4-11 5-11	IR	Hawaii Ft. Richardson Ft. Walnwright
12. 12th FA		Ft. Sill*	1-12		VII Corps VII Corps VII Corps	2-12 3-12 4-12	IR	Herzo Barracks Aachenburg Crailsheim
13. 13th FA		24th Inf Div*	A-13	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
14. 14th FA	1-14	Ft. Stewart*	1-14	1-75 6-10	VII Corps VII Corps	2-14 4-14	880516	Bamberg Bamberg
15. 15th FA	7-15 5-15 2-31 B-15	7th Inf Div Ft. Ord* Ft. Campbell 7th Inf Div	7-15 5-15 6-15 Inact 8903 B-15	1-15	2d Inf Div	1-15	880616	Camp Stanley

Spotted in a local paper, an ad for a downtown shoe store. It featured, at the top, two photos - one of Jimmy Swaggert - and one of Tammy and Rev. Jim Bakker. Therebeneath, in bold type, was their new slogan:

These days, it seems we're the only ones you can trust with your soles.

Newly arrived: PHILIP D. PLACE (Hq. 1st Bn. 5th RCT '49-'51) of 14 Caswell, Derby Line VT. An industrial arts teacher, he and Patricia have 7 - Wow!! - Jerry, Liz, Peter, Mike, Sue, Missy and Mary. Did we get 'em all? Lessee. Yep! Phil says he'd like to make Savannah. Hope you and Pat can make it. Has had open heart surgery. Would like to hear from anyone in the 5th.

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ated based on their branch or military occupational specialties (MOS), with their respective branches. This will occur upon completion of the Officers' Basic Course, the Warrant Officers' Candidate Course or Advanced Individual Training. Combat support-/combat service support/special branches/Corps of Engineers soldiers cannot affiliate with combat arms regiments. However, lieutenant colonels (promotable) and above and master sergeants/first sergeants (promotable) and above who previously served in combat arms regiments, while in combat arms branches or while holding combat arms MOSs, may affiliate with the combat arms regiments in which they served.



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Q As a combat arms soldier, may I affiliate with a regiment of my choice?

A Yes. A combat arms soldier may elect to affiliate with any regiment, even if the regiment is scheduled for implementation at a later date, for which qualified, based on MOSs and special qualification identifier/special skill identifier. Each soldier must affiliate with a regiment of choice, and there are no ceilings on how many soldiers can be affiliated with a particular regiment.

Q How do I affiliate or change my affiliation?

A Combat arms soldiers may affiliate or change their affiliations by submitting DA Form 4187 (Request for Personnel Action). An installation SIDPERS transaction will then post the soldier's affiliation to the Enlisted Master File (EMF) or Officer Master

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Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
16. 16th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		8th Inf Div*	C-16	IR	Baumholder
17. 17th FA	1-17 2-37	Ft. Sill* Ft. Sill	1-17 2-17	2-28 3-37	VII Corps VII Corps	3-17 5-17	880716	Ansbach Herzo Barracks
18. 18th FA	2-18 4-4 3-18	Ft. Sill* Ft. Sill Ft. Sill	2-18 5-18 3-18 Inact 8903	2-83 1-16	V Corps VII Corps	4-18 1-18	880716	Glessen Augsburg
19. 19th FA		Ft. Sill*	1-19	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
20. 20th FA	1-20	Ft. Hood*	1-20	2-20 2-75	V Corps V Corps	2-20 3-20	890316	Hanau Hanau
21. 21st FA		1st Cav Div* 5th Inf Div	A-21 C-21	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
22. 22d FA		Ft. Sill*	3-22	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
23. 23th FA		1st Inf Div* 5th Inf Div	D-25(-) H-25		3d Inf Div 1st Ar Div	A-25 B-25	IR	Wertheim Grafenwoehr
24. 24th FA	G-29(-) H-29	2d Ar Div 4th Inf Div*	C-26(-) A-26	E-25	2d Inf Div	F-26	880616	Korea
25. 27th FA		Ft. Bragg* Ft. Sill	3-27 6-27		V Corps VII Corps	1-27 4-27	IR	Babenhausen Wertheim
26. 29th FA		4th Inf Div* 4th Inf Div 4th Inf Div	1-29 3-29 5-29		8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div	2-29 4-29 6-29	IR	Baumholder Baumholder Idar-Oberstein
27. 30th FA		Ft. Sill* 1-30 (4QFY88)		No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
28. 31st FA		Ft. Sill*	1-31	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
29. 32d FA		Ft. Sill*	6-32		V Corps V Corps V Corps 2d Inf Div	1-32 2-32 3-32 B/6-32	IR	Hanau Glessen Wiesbaden Korea
30. 33d FA		Ft. Sill	1-33	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
31. 34th FA		Ft. Sill	2-34	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
32. 35th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		VII Corps*	3-35	IR	Wertheim
33. 36th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		VII Corps*	1-36	IR	Ausberg
34. 37th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		2d Inf Div*	6-37	IR	Korea
35. 39th FA		Ft. Bragg*	1-39	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
36. 40th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		3rd Ar Div*	A-40	IR	Hanau
37. 41st FA	1-35 2-35 2-10	24th Inf Div* 24th Inf Div 197th Bde	1-41 3-41 4-41	2-41 1-10 2-39	3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div	2-41 5-41 6-41	880816	Bad Kissingen Schweinfurt Kitzingen
38. 76th FA	No	ConUS	Unit		3d Inf Div*	A-76	IR	Schweinfurt
39. 77th FA		194th Bde*	1-77	1-30	V Corps VII Corps	4-77 2-77 (880516)	IR	Babenhausen Augsburg
40. 78th FA		Ft. Sill*	1-78	No	Conus	Unit	IR	
41. 79th FA	No	ConUS	Unit	New Bn	2d Inf Div*	1-79 (A/8910)	FY 91	Korea
42. 80th FA		Ft. Sill*	2-80	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
43. 82nd FA	1-82 3-82	1st Cav Div* 1st Cav Div	1-82 3-82	2-27 2-6	3d Ar Div 3d Ar Div	2-82 4-82	880616	Friedberg Hanau
44. 84th FA		9th Inf Div*	1-84	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
45. 92d FA		2d Ar Div*	A-92	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
46. 94th FA	No	ConUS	Unit	New Bn	1st Ar Div* 2d Inf Div	C-94 2-94 (FY90)	IR	Furth Korea

MALCOLM and Bette MOOMEY (B 19th '43-'45), of 1846 Shore Drive South, So. Pasadena FL, spotted our request that those going to Savannah let us know to the end that we can tell everyone else. For once, it's fun being a blabbermouth. Malcolm and Bette will be there. See ya. Thanx folks.

News releases on that memorial for 'Nam women keep repeating the canard that "for the first time in our nation's history, women were assigned to active combat zones."

Hold on there, buddy. Women nurses and other gals in WW II and Korea were very much active in combat zones. Let's get the record straight.

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File (OMF). Total Army Personnel Agency is affiliating combat support/combat service support/special branches/Corps of Engineers soldiers. It requires no action on the part of either the soldier or the installation, except for lieutenant colonels (promotable) and above and master sergeants/first sergeants (promotable) and above, who must submit a DA Form 4187 to TAPA.

Q How do I know that I have been regimentally affiliated?

A Once entered on the OMF and EMF, regimental affiliation will appear on all TAPA-produced enlisted DA Forms 2A (Personnel Qualification Records) and Officer Record Briefs.

Q Once I affiliate with a combat arms regiment, can I expect assignments within my regiment?

A Regimental affiliation for enlisted soldiers will become a primary assignment consideration once a soldier is



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affiliated and the regiment is implemented. While TAPA will make every effort to provide soldiers with recurring assignments within their regiments, no assignment guarantees can be made. Soldiers will serve within their regiments, in other regiments and in other table of organization and equipment and table of distribution and allowances assignments to meet Army requirements and to achieve professional development needs. Affiliated officers can expect to experience professionally developing as-



Field Artillery Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
47. 319th FA		82d Abn Div* 82d Abn Div 82d Abn Div	1-319 2-319 3-319		SETAF	D-319	IR	Vicenza, Italy
48. 320th FA		101st Abn Div* 101st Abn Div 101st Abn Div	1-320 2-320 3-320		193d Bde USAB	D-320 E-320	IR	Panama Berlin
49. 321st FA		Ft. Sill	3-321	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
50. 333d FA		1st Cav Div* 9th Inf Div 24th Inf Div	A-333 E-333 G-333		8th Inf Div 3d Ar Div	C-333 F-333	IR	Idar-Oberstedt Hanau



Infantry Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 1st Inf		USMA 9th Inf Div* 9th Inf Div	1-1 2-1 3-1	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
2. 2d Inf		9th Inf Div*	2-2	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
3. 3d Inf		MDW*	1-3	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
4. 4th Inf	No	ConUS	Unit		56th FA Cmd*	2-4	IR	Neu Ulm
5. 5th Inf	No	ConUS	Unit		2d Inf Div*	1-5	IR	Camp Howze, Korea
6. 6th Inf	3-6 4-6 1-61	5th Inf Div* 5th Inf Div 5th Inf Div	3-6 4-6 5-6	1-6 2-6 1-54 7-6	1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div 1st Ar Div	1-6 2-6 6-6 7-6	FY 90	Illesheim Erlangen Bamberg Bamberg
7. 7th Inf		24th Inf Div* 24th Inf Div	2-7 3-7		3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div	1-7 4-7	IR	Aschaffenburg Aschaffenburg
8. 8th Inf		4th Inf Div* 4th Inf Div	1-8 2-8		8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div	3-8 4-8 5-8	IR	Mainz Sandhofen Mainz
9. 9th Inf		7th Inf Div* 7th Inf Div 7th Inf Div	1-9 2-9 3-9	New Bn	6th Inf Div 6th Inf Div 6th Inf Div	4-9 5-9 6-9 (A/8905)	IR	Ft. Weinwright Ft. Weinwright Ft. Weinwright
10. 10th Inf		Ft. Leonard Wood	2-10 3-10 4-10 5-10 6-10	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
11. 11th Inf		Ft. Benning	1-11 2-11 3-11	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
12. 12th Inf	1-12 1-10	4th Inf Div* 4th Inf Div	1-12 2-12	1-13 1-39	8th Inf Div 8th Inf Div	3-12 4-12	FY 92	Baumholder Baumholder
13. 13th Inf		Ft. Jackson	2-13 3-13 4-13	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
14. 14th Inf		10th Min Div 10th Min Div	2-14 3-14		25th Inf Div* 25th Inf Div	1-14 5-14	IR	Hawaii Hawaii
15. 15th Inf	3-19 4-54	24th Inf Div* 194th Bde	3-15 4-15	1-15 1-30 2-30	3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div 3d Inf Div	1-15 2-15 5-15	FY 90	Kitzingen Schweinfurt Schweinfurt
16. 16th Inf		1st Inf Div* 1st Inf Div	2-16 5-16		1st Inf Div (F) 1st Inf Div (F)	1-16 4-16	IR	Boesblingen Goepplingen

Gems from a recent meeting of the heads of private secondary schools in the north-west - By the year 2000, one of three American teens will be black, Hispanic, or Asian; two out of three of all teens will be living in a single-parent home.

TIM YOUNG LUM, formerly Richard "Shy" Lum, now residing at Palolo Chinese Home, 2459 Tenth Ave., Honolulu HI 96816, sends an appreciative note with the lines: "Hope there will be a big turnout for Savannah, perhaps thousand plus members. Count me in spirit. I loved the 24th Infantry Division Association. "I'm getting more mail than anyone else in the home." So keep those letters and cards going, please folks. They mean much to Shy who worked in the 19th restaurant "beginning in June 1924". That's 64 years ago. Need we say more?

Membership Chairman BOB JOHNSON writes: "Would you publish the following in Sheriff Bob's column.

"The 3 largest veteran's organizations will have their national conventions in the following locations on dates indicated:

DAV

Dallas TX - 23 - 28 July
Convention HQ - Loews Anatole Hotel
2201 Stemmons Freeway

VFW

Chicago IL - 19 - 26 Aug.
Convention HQ - Chicago Hilton

AMERICAN LEGION


Louisville KY - 2 - 8 Sept.
Convention HQ -

They will use 20 hotels and motels."



11th A/B Div. Assoc. raised \$100,000 in 6 years and got themselves a monument. They wanted to locate it in Arlington Cemetery but governmental red-tape and rules shot that down. It now stands at Benning - in front of the Infantry Museum. Nice going, paratroopers!

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 Infantry Regiments								
Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
17. 17th Inf		7th Inf Div 7th Inf Div	3-17 4-17		6th Inf Div* 6th Inf Div	1-17 2-17	IR	Ft. Richardson Ft. Richardson
18. 18th Inf	1-58 2-18	197th Bde* 197th Bde	1-18 2-18	1-48 1-36	3d Ar Div 3d Ar Div	4-18 5-18	FY 91	Glenhausen Friedburg
19. 19th Inf		Ft. Benning*	1-19 2-19	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
20. 20th Inf	No	Conus	Unit		2d Inf Div*	5-20	IR	Camp Casey, Korea
21. 21st Inf		7th Inf Div 7th Inf Div	4-21 5-21		25th Inf Div* 25th Inf Div	1-21 3-21	IR	Hawaii Hawaii
22. 22d Inf		10th Mtn Div* 10th Mtn Div	1-22 2-22		25th Inf Div 25th Inf Div	3-22 4-22	IR	Hawaii Hawaii
23. 23d Inf		9th Inf Div* 9th Inf Div	2-23 4-23	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
24. 26th Inf		Ft. Dix*	1-26 2-26 3-26 4-26 5-26	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
25. 27th Inf		7th Inf Div 7th Inf Div	2-27 3-27		25th Inf Div* 25th Inf Div	1-27 4-27	IR	Hawaii Hawaii

signments either within their regiments or in other regiments during their company-grade years. This may lead to assignments in the light or heavy forces in the infantry, or to assignments in more than one caliber of cannon or in more than one system in the artillery. Affiliation will be a primary consideration for officers once they reach the field grade level.

Q How many regiments will there be in the Regimental System?

A There will be more than 190 combat arms regiments and Combat Support/Combat Service Support/Special Branches/Corps of Engineers corps. More than 150 regiments/corps were implemented through fiscal 1987; the remaining regiments are scheduled for implementation by the end of fiscal 1992, bringing the total to 197.

Q How does TAPA know that regimentally affiliated soldiers are needed for a particular reg-

A mother takes twenty years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool of him in twenty minutes. ROBERT FROST

Asks FREDERICK LEDERER (K and Med. 3rd Bn. 34th 1/43-7/45): "Does anyone remember me?" We get this plaintive question over and over. Fred's at 2503 Olive, St. Joseph MO.

CHARLES "Bill" MENNINGER, of 5009 N. LaMadera, El Monte CA, received a bunch of letters resultant from an item we had on him in a recent issue - and has asked us to express thanks for him. He just can't answer them all. Our problem too, Bill, wish we could but the day only has 24 and we have to get a little snooze in there somewhere.

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ment at a given installation or MACOM?

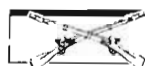
A AR 614-200 requires that enlisted requisitions be submitted to TAPA by Parent Unit Designator. The procedures in AR 614-200 ensure that the requisition is properly coded for the CAP III System to nominate available soldiers for assignment within their regiment. Officer requisitions for battalion level and below regimental requirements must be Z-type requisitions with the regimental unit number included in the trailer date, as specified in AR 614-185.

Q What will be the organization of the regimental staff?

A There will be no regimental commander and staff. There will, however, be an honorary colonel of the regiment and an honorary sergeant major of the regiment. Appointed by the installation where the regiment is based, these positions will be filled by distinguished retirees whose principal duty will be to provide the link with history, past and present. There will be a regimental adjutant, an active-duty officer assigned to TAPA, who will serve as the adjutant as an additional duty. It should be noted that the tactical regiments (2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR), 3d ACR, 11th ACR, and the 75th Ranger Regiment) will not have adjutants at TAPA inasmuch as they have their own regimental adjutants. Each Combat Support/Combat Service Support/Special Branch/Corps of Engineers corps will likewise appoint distinguished retirees to serve as the honorary colonel of the corps and the honorary sergeant major of the corps. Each corps will appoint a regimental adjutant who will be located at the home of the corps/proponent.

Q What is the function of the regimental adjutant?

A Regimental adjutant duties are additional duties assigned to a captain or major who is assigned to TAPA. He serves as a liaison between the regiment and the Department of the Army and provides such services to the regiment as assisting in the regiment's activation, identifying candidates for appointment to the honorary regimental positions, assuring that soldiers within the regiment are regimentally affiliated, assisting regimental soldiers with personnel actions,



Infantry Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
26. 28th Inf		Ft. Jackson	1-28 2-28 3-28	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
27. 29th Inf		Ft. Benning*	1-29 2-29	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
28. 30th Inf		Ft. Benning*	4-30	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
29. 31st Inf		Ft. Sill*	4-31	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
30. 32d Inf		Ft. Benning*	3-32	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
31. 34th Inf		Ft. Jackson*	1-34 3-34	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
32. 36th Inf		Ft. Benning*	4-36	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
33. 38th Inf		Ft. Benning*	1-38	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
34. 39th Inf		Ft. Dix*	2-39 3-39 4-39	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
35. 41st Inf		2d Ar Div* 2d Ar Div 2d Ar Div 4-41 (PCS8805)	2-41 3-41		2d Ar Div (F)	1-41	IR	Garistedt
36. 46th Inf		Ft. Knox*	1-46 2-46 3-46 4-46	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
37. 47th Inf		9th Inf Div* 9th Inf Div	2-47 3-47	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
38. 48th Inf		Ft. McClellan*	3-48	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
39. 50th Inf		Ft. Benning*	1-50	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
40. 51st Inf	No	ConUS	Unit		V Corps VII Corps	E-51 F-51	IR	Wiesbaden Ludwigsberg
41. 52d Inf		NTC*	1-52	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
42. 54th Inf		Ft. Benning*	2-54	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
43. 58th Inf		Ft. Benning*	2-58	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
44. 60th Inf		9th Inf Div* 9th Inf Div	2-60 3-60	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
45. 61st Inf		Ft. Jackson*	2-61 3-61	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
46. 75th Rgr		Hunter AAF Ft. Lewis Ft. Benning*	1-75 2-75 3-75	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
47. 87th Inf	1-87 4-14	10th Mtn Div* 10th Mtn Div	1-87 2-87	4-87 5-87	25th Inf Div 193d Bde	4-87 5-87	880502	Hawaii Panama
48. 187th Inf		101st Abn Div 101st Abn Div 101st Abn Div*	2-187 3-187 1-187	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
49. 325th Inf		82d Abn Div* 82d Abn Div 82d Abn Div	1-325 2-325 4-325		SETAF	3-325	IR	Vicenza, Italy
50. 327th Inf		101st Abn Div* 101st Abn Div 101st Abn Div	1-327 2-327 3-327	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
51. 501st Inf	No	ConUS	Unit	New Bn	6th Inf Div*	1-501	881016	Ft. Richardson
52. 502d Inf		101st Abn Div* 101st Abn Div 101st Abn Div	1-502 2-502 3-502		USAB USAB USAB	4-502 5-502 6-502	IR	Berlin Berlin Berlin

The observance of St.Valentine's Day brings to mind this charming poem written years ago by a 16-year-old girl:

I climbed the door and shut the stairs
I said my shoes and took off my prayers
I brushed my makeup and took off my teeth
I pulled down my alarm and set my sheets
I shut off the bed
and climbed into the light
And all because he kissed me good night.

Savannah IV will give you a chance to recall the hard-drinking skirt-chasing antics of soldiers and, what's more, the absurdity of war.

At Savannah with your pals, you'll review how you went from an invincible, naive 19-year old, desperate to be tested in war, in sex and in life to a 22-year old with memories of combat and the death of friends and the hardtack of responsibility to chew on.

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serving as a liaison between units of the regiment and conducting annual visits to each unit of the regiment.

Q Who is authorized to wear the Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia/Corps Distinctive Insignia?

A Once a soldier becomes affiliated with either a regiment or corps, he or she is authorized to wear the Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia or Corps Distinctive Insignia as a visible sign of affiliation and commitment. The authority for wearing the insignia is contained in both AR 600-82 and AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia. The insignia is worn on the Army green, blue and white uniforms, as well as mess uniforms, in accordance with (IAW) AR 670-1.



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Q Is regimental collar insignia authorized for wear?

A Regimental collar insignia will be worn in lieu of branch collar insignia by officer and enlisted personnel affiliated with a regiment to indicate unit of affiliation. AR 670-1 authorizes the wear of regimental collar insignia and provides the details for its wear.

Q Are the Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia/Corps Distinctive Insignia and the regimental collar insignia authorized for wear for official photographs?

A Regimental collar insignia and regimental/corps affiliation distinctive insignia will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1 for official photographs.



Infantry Regiments

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
53. 503d Inf	No	ConUS	Unit		2d Inf Div* 2d Inf Div	1-503 2-503	IR	Camp Hovey, Korea Camp Hovey, Korea
54. 504th Inf		82d Abn Div* 82d Abn Div 82d Abn Div	1-504 2-504 3-504	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
55. 505th Inf		82d Abn Div* 82d Abn Div 82d Abn Div	1-505 2-505 3-505	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
56. 506th Inf	No	ConUS	Unit		2d Inf Div*	1-506	IR	Camp Greaves, Korea
57. 507th Inf		Ft. Benning*	1-507	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	
58. 508th Inf	No	ConUS	Unit		193d Bde*	1-508	IR	Panama
59. 509th Inf		JRTC*	1-509 C-509	No	Overseas	Unit	IR	



Special Forces Regiment

Regiment	Current ConUS Unit	Location Or Command	New Designation	Current OConUS Unit	Command	New Designation	E-Date	OConUS Location
1. 1st SF	2-1-1 3-1-1 1-5-1 2-5-1 3-5-1 1-7-1 2-7-1 2-10-1 3-10-1	Ft. Lewis Ft. Lewis Ft. Campbell Ft. Bragg* Ft. Bragg Ft. Bragg Ft. Bragg Ft. Devens Ft. Devens	2-1-1 3-1-1 1-5-1 2-5-1 3-5-1 1-7-1 2-7-1 2-10-1 3-10-1	1-1-1 3-7-1 1-10-1	1st Group 7th Group 10th Group	1-1-1 3-7-1 1-10-1	880416	Japan Panama Bad Tolz

NOTES:

* = Regimental homebase
IR = Implemented regiment
IC = Implemented corps
A/Date = Activating unit
D = Domino unit
PCS = Permanent Change of Station



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Anitra "Neech" Upton

This tragedy, we decided, will be reported in this way. It started one recent morning when this letter crossed our desk:

THOMAS F. UPTON

April 18, 1988.

Dear Ken:

Way back in the summer of 1944 the Armed Forces Radio in New Guinea put out a flash announcement that the FOXHOLE BALLET was coming to entertain the troops of the Southwest Pacific. Among the ballerinas was one named Anitra Upton.

I happened to be a patient in the 4th General Hospital in Finschaven, New Guinea, at the time awaiting shipment back to the States. So, obviously, I was not going to be on the reception committee.

I got the word somehow to my old tentmate, Harry Lee Jones. He promised that he and perhaps Walter Cunningham would greet Anitra in my absence. But, alas, it was not to be. The USO, in its wisdom, issued the girls tropical uniforms and shipped them to wintry wartime Italy.

Neech always insisted that the troupe was organized specifically for dispatch to the Pacific, because all the people had close relatives in our area. She had her husband in the 24th and a brother in the 38th, and the others were similarly attached.

Anitra died suddenly on April 4th.

I found the attached picture of Anitra in one of the FOXHOLE BALLET costumes. I thought the fellows might want to know what the Pacific Theatre people missed during 1944 and 1945.

Sincerely,

TOM UPTON.

P.S. June 6th would have been our 57th Wedding Anniversary.

T.

Immediately the call was made to 4 Dartmouth, Forest Hills, Queens NY. Tom was on the other end.

We stuttered the usual palliatives and perhapses - perhaps this - and perhaps that - and what if - and so on. You've each been through that kind of awful moment.

But then, Tom, with his usual good grace, took us off the hook with his explanation of how Anitra went over to nearby Ft. Hamilton for her periodic shot - breathing problems had plagued this poor lady for years - Tom was to wait for Neech in the car with her usual, "I'll only be a minute." When the one went to fifteen, Tom decided to go in himself - only to find that Neech had been stricken. IC - and then the finality of it all.

Tom was distraught - naturally - as was Julie, the Nun, with the Sisters of Mercy and a Professor of Theology at St. Johns University and whose caring came through beautifully in the planning for the funeral, and Heidi, too, who is well on to her Doctorate at the Manhattan School of Music. Tom was, and is, justly proud of them both.

And then Tom, in his inimitable manner, made reference to T.S. Eliot, and his famous line, "April is the cruellest month" - and so it was for Tom, Julie and Heidi.

Poor Tom - so slight of build, almost wiry, with a thick shock of white hair and alert eyes, marked by a simplicity of manner that belies his considerable intellectual sophistication.

As he endures these first days of agony and anguish, we mourn with him.

We feel privileged to reproduce on the page next following that precious photo of the Neech of a day now long past, the beloved and adored wife and mother, the ballerina.



OFFICER'S CALL

Chatty item from brand new member, IRVING S. FLEISCHER (Spec. Serv. Off. Div.Hq. Kokura & Korea), now of 1406 Henry, Berkeley CA: "Saw a suitcase with a Taro Leaf patch - first I had seen in many, many years. Introduced myself to DWIGHT ROBERTS, the suitcase carrier, and now I'm a member, thanks to Dwight and you. Would like to hear from anyone who may remember the Division SSO during '50-'51. While a patient at Camp Kue Hospital. Okinawa, a young captain and a grizzled OLD MSgt. passed my door -- a few minutes later they turned and entered my room. The Sgt. said he knew me from somewhere. This was in '73. I had never seen him before. As we were reviewing where we might have met - he suddenly shouts, "You're the whiskey man " I was dumbfounded. In '50 - in that bitterly cold winter, I delivered a few cases of whiskey to the 19th - the M/Sarg was a PFC. 23 years later - he recognized me. He was Special Forces on Okinawa - loaded with ribbons. I still can't get over being recognized - as 'the whiskey man'. I know the booze was appreciated - especially after a night in a foxhole. What a memory - for him - and for me."

Great story, Irv. And welcome aboard. This outfit is full of stories. Come to one of our fiestas - and find out for yourself.



LLOYD and Neoma (E 19th '44) of 222 Balsom, Spooner WI will be at S IV. Whoopee! Lloyd had some nice words about the late JOE PEYTON. What's more, as we study this shot of this lovely couple, we are constrained to observe that Lloyd, you look a little like Joe used to look. Maybe it's the hair - or lack of it - that gives you the lookalike. See ya in S.



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The 10 most popular boys' names in '87 - Michael, Christopher, Jonathan, Daniel, David, Anthony, Joseph, Matthew, John and Andrew.

The 10 most popular girls' names in '87 - Jessica, Jennifer, Stephanie, Melissa, Christina, Nicole, Amanda, Ashley, Tiffany and Samantha.

Source: New York City Health Dept.

The book "Counterattack on the Naktong, 1950", the Leavenworth study of that fateful month of August was offered as a freebie a couple of issues ago. We had four copies and we gave them to the first four writing in. Sad to relate, the demand was overwhelming. Then we went to Leavenworth, with our hands out. Any more freebies? No! So we went to the Government Printing Office. They obliged us at \$7.00 per copy. We have a few from that bunch still waiting for owners. A copy can be yours for \$8.25 - (\$7.00 plus the d----- \$1.25 postage).



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LEE ROY TEAGUE out there in Rt.1, Box 143, Teague TX 75860 - is that right Lee Teague from Teague TX? - is trying to round up a bunch of 11th Field Men for the Savannah fiesta. He asked us to insert this message - which happily we do:

"Btry B. 11th FA Bn. If you were a member of this outfit during WW II, we are trying to locate you.

Twenty-eight of us are corresponding each month by a news letter and if you wish to receive news from your old buddies each month, drop me a line or telephone me.

Lee Roy Teague

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Tel. 1-817-739-2925"



Remember Gabriel Heatter with his "Ah, there's big news tonight?"

We've got some big news.

The American fighting man has become, simply, the fighting American.

The change, made in an executive order signed by President Reagan, eliminates references to men in the U.S. military code of conduct, which serves as a guideline for members of the armed forces engaged in combat or held as prisoners of war.

When written in 1955, the code said, for example, "I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life."

Revised, the code states, "I am an American, fighting in the forces which..." etc., etc. ad nauseum. Wait'll they try to rewrite the wording in West Point's famous "The Corps". You remember how it went: "We sons of today salute you, you sons of an earlier day."

We wouldn't want that detail.

FALL: how does it look from here?

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Bloomfield man says he saw U.S. POWs in North Korea

By SHERI VENEMA
Courant Staff Writer

Serban Oprica has no doubt that the 50 men he saw working in a North Korean field on a Sunday afternoon in 1979 were American prisoners of war.

"I was there, and this is true," said Oprica, a Bloomfield resident who emigrated to the United States from Romania in 1985. "It was a shock."

The men, dressed in gray pajama-like suits commonly worn in North

Korea, were in their 50s and appeared to be in good health, he said. The Romanian government had sent Oprica, an engineer, to North Korea to help build the country's first television factory.

Both North Korean and U.S. government officials said Monday they were unaware of Oprica's statements and said that no Americans are being held there.

"It sounds interesting, but I'm profoundly skeptical," Alexander Almasov, a U.S. State Department

spokesman, said.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. Keith Schneider, said that, unless such reports can be independently verified, the defense department is not convinced that any American soldiers who fought in the Korean War are still prisoners of the North Koreans.

Chang Yong Chol, a minister counselor in the North Korea observer mission to the United Nations in New York, on Monday repeated North Korea's long-held assertion that all

American prisoners were returned when the armistice was signed in 1953.

• Asked about Oprica's report to have seen Americans in 1979, Chang said, "I don't know what happened." He then ended the conversation, saying he had an appointment to keep.

More than 8,000 American soldiers have never been accounted for by the North Koreans. Of those, 389 were known to have been POWs at

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Please stay with us on this one. It's fascinating. What's JOHN MILLS, (24th MP '41-'42), of Azle, TX, doing these days? Glad you asked. He has "crossed paths" (better'n "crossed swords") with AL THOMAS many many times. They met at Carswell Hospital, Ft. Worth. Writes Johnny: "And since I joined the Association much in the same way, I thought it only fitting to show him the same respect. So -- sign him up! I'm sure we will all see the same in Al that I did." Johnny enclosed a tenger to cover Al's admission into our pantheon. Al's now in. He was Hq. & Hq.Co. 19th '50-'51. He now lives at 12363 Abrams, Dallas TX. Welcome aboard, Al.

DONALD M. BAYLES and his lady (34th) were flying KLM from Holland to J.F. Kennedy -- they live at Box 396, Southold, NY -- when they chanced to meet one CHARLIE INMAN, a retired army man who slugged it out with the 8th Div. in Italy. Charlie's hobby, he says, is "getting veterans out to their reunions." He gave us Don's name -- and you know the rest. Don is now one of our members.

Fast foods: Where haste makes waist.

A father received this letter from his son at college:

"Dear Dad, I mi\$\$ you. Gues\$ what I need mo\$t? Plea\$e \$end it \$oon. Love, your \$on, Curtis\$."

The father got the message and quickly sent this reply:

"Dear Curtis. We kNOW you love college. We were talking about you at NOon. Write aNOther letter soon. Goodbye NOW. Love, your Dad."

Bloomfield man says he saw POWs

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some time during the war.

Oprica, 44, a civil engineer who now works for Savage Engineering in Bloomfield, said he decided to tell his story after reading stories in The Courant about attempts by another Connecticut man, Robert Dumas of Canterbury, to obtain information about Dumas's brother, Roger Dumas, a soldier who was captured in fighting in North Korea in 1950, has never been seen again.

Oprica and his wife, Constanta, were sent to North Korea in September 1979 while Oprica helped design and oversee construction of the new factory.

Oprica said he worked with about 25 other Romanians six days a week for a year; on Sundays, the Romanians were taken by minibus on forced visits to various war memorials and museums around the country.

It was on one such trip, Oprica said, that the driver apparently made a wrong turn on the way to a museum displaying gifts given to North Korean President Kim Il Sung from leaders of other communist countries.

Driving along a winding rural road about four hours north of the capital of Pyongyang, the bus suddenly came upon a field, and Oprica noticed that the workers were not Korean. The men stood up in the field and stared at the bus; the Romanians twisted in the seats to stare back.

Oprica said he got a good look at one man who was close to the road. "The other Romanians were sure these were Americans," he said.

Two North Koreans who were serving as tour guides would not answer questions, Oprica said.

"When we talked in the bus about what we saw, they interrupted and



SERBAN OPRICA
Bloomfield resident

changed the subject," Oprica said. The Romanians never again saw that bus driver, he said.

Schneider said Oprica should bring his information to the attention of government officials. "Until U.S. government representatives can receive it, there's no way that you can make any judgments on it all," he said.

The only other report he has heard of a sighting of live Americans in North Korea could not be substantiated, Schneider said.

The person who made that report, retired Air Force intelligence officer O'Wighton D. Simpson, said Monday he believes his report was shuffled from one government office to another with little attempt to verify his information.

Simpson, 76, of North Palm Beach, Fla., was an air attache based in Hong Kong between 1953 and 1955. In 1955, he said, a man emigrating from China to Australia told him he had seen 700 soldiers on a train bound for Siberia.

The men, many of whom were black, were speaking a language foreign to the man, Simpson said. From a description of the soldiers' uniforms, Simpson said he believed they were U.S. Air Force and Army personnel.

Simpson sent his report to the Air Force, which sent it to the State Department, he said.

Sanctuaries In the Sea Off Georgia

Summer's best days are in September

By HENRY LEIFERMANN

The Sapelo Queen, a trawler converted to passenger ferry use, winds through tidal creeks and moves into Doboy Sound on its way to an island in the middle of 100 miles of solitude. A score of riders, some scientists and naturalists, others vacationing couples and families, line the boat's railings.

Miles of saltwater marsh, sparkling in the subtle shifts of coastal sunlight, spread north and south beyond the horizon. In the distance, a long-legged, great blue heron prances through the cord grass in search of the pugnacious and tasty blue crab.

The Queen moves east down the wide sound, Atlantic bottlenose dolphins frolicking at the boat's bow wave, and, 30 minutes later, glides next to the Duplin River dock in the interior of Sapelo Island.

Sapelo is one of 11 major barrier islands fronting the entire Georgia coast from Savannah to the Florida border 100 miles south. Most of the islands, variously known as the Sea Islands, the Golden Isles, or Guale, an old Indian name, are undeveloped and reached only by ferry or private boat.

They are virtually unknown to, and untouched by, the hundreds of thousands of tourists speeding by each year 30 miles inland on the Interstate 95 route to Florida. Even most Georgia residents vacation elsewhere, according to the state's Department of Industry and Trade.

Yet, with some extra effort, planning and a little curiosity about the wild beauty of an unspoiled, Atlantic Ocean barrier island, visitors can picnic and walk on miles of empty beach, encountering nothing, often not even another footprint, other than driftwood, sea oats, sand dunes, gulls, herons and the occasional wood ibis, clapper rail or 300-pound sea turtle struggling ashore to lay her eggs.

The best part of a Sea Island summer doesn't begin until mid-September, and it lasts through October. Fred Miller, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Savannah, points out that average high temperatures drop from 91 degrees Fahrenheit to 82 degrees between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15. Nightly low temperatures average in the 60's. During October the averages are in the mid-70's and low 50's. Humidity, the bane of the calendar summer in the South, drops to drier levels, and rainfall, which averages 6.5 inches in August, drops to 2.2 inches in October.

Three of these unspoiled islands, Sapelo, Little St. Simons and Cumberland, have regular ferry service from the mainland for day trips and guided or do-it-yourself tours

through a coastal environment unlike any other in the nation. The ferries carry passengers only; visitors are not allowed to take motor vehicles.

Little St. Simons and Cumberland also offer overnight accommodations in island cottages or old mansions where meals feature delicacies from the seafood and game of the Sea Islands. Sapelo, a national estuarine sanctuary, and Cumberland, a national seashore and wilderness area, also have overnight campsites on their wild beaches or interior maritime forest and marsh.

Condominiums, motels, shops and restaurants sprawl along the Atlantic barrier islands north and south of the Georgia coast in densely developed resorts such as Hilton Head Island, S.C., and Amelia Island, Fla. Most of Georgia's coastal islands escaped development, and remain limited in accessibility, because most were bought during the 1880's and 1930's by wealthy industrialists who used them as private retreats.

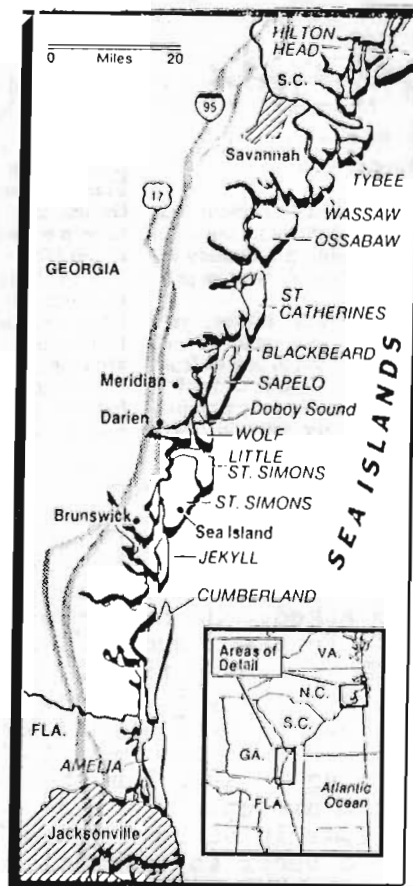
During the 1960's and 1970's their descendants sold or donated these islands to various state, Federal or private conservation, naturalist and scientific organizations. In each case, the owners stipulated that their islands could never be developed, not even reached by a bridge from the mainland.

As one of them, the late Clifford West, who was chairman of the Georgia Marshlands and Islands Association, once said: "The Sea Islands are not just a Southern thing. They are a national asset, as great, beautiful and primeval as the Grand Canyon."

Of the 11 major islands, three are reached by bridges and are developed resorts: Tybee Island at Savannah, St. Simons Island (including its exclusive section, Sea Island) and Jekyll Island, near Brunswick. They are useful, pleasant base camps, with hotels, motels, shops and restaurants, where arrangements can be made to visit the other islands.

Five other Sea Islands are reached only by private or charter boats, the latter available at mainland marinas throughout the coast. Three of those islands, Wassaw, Blackbeard and Wolf, offer nature trails, shelters and picnic sites for day visitors only. The other two, Ossabaw and St. Catherine's, are not open to the general public, although the beach on all Georgia coastal islands is public property and open to the high tide line.

The ferry to Sapelo transports visitors not only to a rare, natural beauty but also to a rare cultural heritage that began 10,000 years ago with Paleo-Indians. They and their descendants used the Sea Islands as hunting and fishing grounds, and among their oyster shell middens is a shell ring 15 feet high and 200 feet in diameter on Sapelo.



A remarkable distillation of human history of all the Sea Islands exists on two islands north of Sapelo on St. Catherine's. The island is closed to the public in order to permit archeologists, anthropologists and biologists from the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the New York Zoological Society to conduct research. They have found 10,000-year-old ceramic pottery left by Indians; remnants of the later Guale Indian culture that used St. Catherine's as their capital long before Europeans reached North America, and of the Guale successors, the Yamacraw Indians; and, in 1982, they discovered the 16th-century Spanish mission, Santa Catalina de Guale.

The mission is being investigated today with proton magnetometers and computer analysis similar to those used to find new passages in the Great Pyramid in Egypt. St. Catherine's is also home to colonies of rare or endangered species such as Madagascar turtles and lemurs kept by the zoological society.

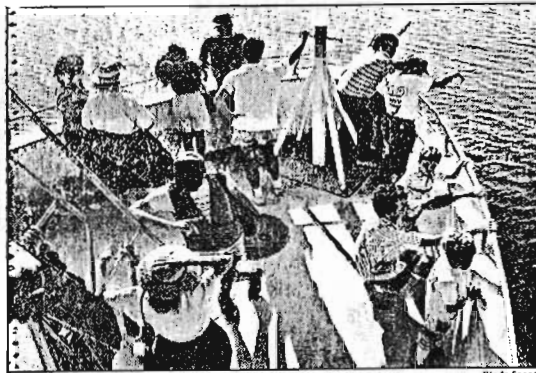
All the coastal barrier islands from Charleston, S.C., south to what now is Jacksonville, Fla., were an independent state for freed slaves, a state created shortly after the Civil War by the Union general W. T. Sherman. Until Congress repealed Sherman's orders, the capital of that state was also St. Catherine's. The island's last individual owner, Edward John Noble, the Life Saver and chewing gum magnate, gave St. Catherine's in trust for research to the private St. Catherine's Island Foundation.

A similar benevolent fate occurred to Sapelo. The island was developed as a plantation by Thomas Spalding, who owned most of it from 1802 to 1851.

Almost all of the Sea Islands during Spalding's era had rice, indigo or cotton plantations.

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Georgia



Passengers under way on the Sapelo Queen.

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ions on them. Eli Whitney invented his cotton gin, a machine to separate cotton fibers and seeds, in 1793 on a plantation near Savannah. About that same time, English planters from the Caribbean brought to the islands the soft, long-fiber cotton that became famous as Sea Island cotton.

The Civil War ended the Sea Islands' plantation era, and, until 1886, most of the islands lay fallow in ruin and memory. However, one of them, Jekyll, was bought that year by a group of the nation's wealthiest families, including the Rockefellers, Morgans and Pulliters, for use as a hunting, golfing and fishing preserve during winter months.

The Jekyll Island Club, which existed until 1947 when the club sold Jekyll to the state of Georgia, represented a trend among wealthy Americans to buy the Sea Islands for private use. In 1912 Sapelo was bought by Howard Coffin, the Hudson Motors automobile pioneer, who owned it until 1933, when it was bought by R. J. Reynolds of the Reynolds Tobacco Company.

After Reynolds died, in 1965, most of Sapelo came under the protection of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as a wildlife refuge. Before he died, however, Reynolds invited the University of Georgia to establish, in 1953, a marine research institute on Sapelo in the old plantation buildings that Spalding erected.

The institute is today one of the world's foremost for research in salt marsh ecology. Its location on Sapelo puts the institute — and the traveler to Sapelo — in the middle of 450,000 acres of salt marsh, nearly one third all the salt marshes on the Atlantic coast. The marsh, as well as the "boneyard" beaches of driftwood and the maritime forests, is as much a part of the Sea Islands as island history.

Nowhere else on earth, say the Sapelo researchers, do so many different kinds of salt, brackish and fresh water come together in one place as they do in the marshes and waters of the Georgia coast. One acre of the Georgia marsh produces about 17 tons of new grass each year, most of that the smooth cord grass. That is about three times the plant fiber produced each year on an acre of Iowa cornfield. The marshes are accessible all along the Georgia coast simply by rolling up one's pants and hiking into them, taking care not to become trapped when high tide returns (consult local newspapers for tide tables).

Visitors can camp overnight in groups of five or more or take half- or full-day bus and walking tours on Sapelo, which include the island's wildlife refuge, National Estuarine Sanctuary, the deserted beach, the marine institute and the extraordinary food chain that begins with plankton feeding on the decomposing

cord grass of the marsh. Ribbed mussels growing in clumps on the muddy marshland, hard clams buried in marsh mud flats, and oysters clumped in reefs exposed at low tide along marsh creeks all feed on the plankton.

The marshes are breeding grounds for a huge commercial shrimp fishery, as well as fishing grounds for sea otters. They are also home to a handful of small marsh towns, one of which, Hog Hammock, is on Sapelo. Nearly all the Hog Hammock residents are descendants of slaves from the old Spalding plantation. Today about 25 of their children commute to

school by boat to the mainland at Darien. The Hog Hammocks, and many other Sea Island black residents, continue to speak with a lilting cadence in a dialect accented by Elizabethan English and African languages and known locally as Gullah or Geechee.

Farther south along the Georgia coast from Sapelo is the last family-owned island on the coast, Little St. Simons, an idyllic overnight or day-trip retreat reached by ferry from St. Simons. The accommodations, activities and natural beauty of Little St. Simons make it perhaps the jewel of the Sea Islands today, and the island's history accounts for much of that charm.

Little St. Simons' most famous owner was the antebellum planter Pierce Butler, whose wife, the English actress Fanny Kemble, wrote "Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation, 1838-39." Her accounts of slavery created a furor in England and later in the northern United States.

The Butlers never lived on the island, although they visited their rice plantations often from a mainland home. The old rice fields today are prime nesting and feeding grounds for native birds as well as spring and fall migratory species. Audubon Society members often number among the guests; among the birds are Wilson's plovers, little terns, black-necked stilts and the chachalaca, imported during the 1920's by the island's owner, Philip Berolzheimer.

Berolzheimer, a New York politician and Eagle Pencil Company tycoon, bought Little St. Simons in 1903 to harvest its cedars for pencils. The trees proved unsuited for use, and Berolzheimer made the island his private hunting preserve. Besides the chachalaca, he also imported — from

the Bronx Zoo — 12 graceful, white and spotted European fallow deer whose descendants still roam the island and are hunted to control the herd size during November, December and January. The island of Little St. Simons is open only to deer-hunting groups during that time.

In 1964 Berolzheimer's descendants opened his 1917 hunting lodge to small groups of hunters.

The appeal of the Sea Islands, and the limited accessibility to any of the undeveloped ones, is reflected in the reservations policy of the third island reached by public ferry, Cumberland.

The 16-mile long barrier island is half national seashore and half national wilderness area, both managed by the National Park Service. There are campsites, nature trails, day trips and, for no more than 18 people at a time, overnight accommodations at the privately owned Greyfield Inn. Simons. The National Park Service accepts reservations only by phone, only four hours a day, only for 300 day-trippers at a time and only for 120 overnight campers at a time, none of whom can stay longer than seven days.

The park service will book visitors as long as 11 months in advance for Cumberland Island's campsites or the ferry, and similar advance planning is recommended for the Greyfield Inn.

Cumberland and all the Sea Islands were hotly contested territory for the native Indians, the 16th-century Spanish and the English who defeated both. In 1526, almost four decades before the Spanish established their fort at St. Augustine, Fla., they set up outposts and missions along the Georgia and South Carolina barrier islands. The poet Sidney Lanier wrote his "Bloody Marshes of Glynn" about Scottish mercenary soldiers who defeated, for the English throne, the last major attempt by the Spanish to hold the Georgia Islands in a battle launched from Cumberland and fought just north, in 1742, in the marshes near St. Simons Island.

Forty years later, after the Revolutionary War, Gen. Nathaniel Greene began construction in 1783 of a plantation on Cumberland. The island passed through several private owners until, in 1881, Thomas Carnegie, brother of the Industrialist Andrew, bought Cumberland and built the mansion that is now the Greyfield Inn.

Greyfield's studied relaxation is as unique as the wild beauty of the island. There are no tennis courts, swimming pools or air-conditioning, but the inn has nine bedrooms furnished with the Carnegies' Victorian period pieces, a long porch with rocking chairs and two huge swings, an extensive library where guests often gather in the evening, and an informal bar operated on the honor system.

Greyfield's nightly rate of \$85 to \$95 a person includes three of the best meals to be found on the Sea Islands, served family-style at a long dining room table. Greyfield operates its own ferry from Fernandina Beach, the next island south, in Florida, and guests also may arrive by the park service ferry from St. Marys in Georgia.

Keeping Georgia's undeveloped or lightly-developed Sea Islands out of the hands of developers, and sometimes saving them from their state and Federal Government protectors, is a constant political battle.

During the late 1960's conservationists defeated an attempt by Charles Fraser, who led the development of Hilton Head Island and Amelia Island, to develop 3,000 acres on Cumberland, including plans for an aerial tramway with gondola service from the mainland. The same groups later defeated plans by the park service to increase Cumberland's day-tripper limit from 300 to 10,000 people.

More recently, a New York consulting firm, Davidson-Peterson Associates, recommended that Sapelo Island be developed as a resort because, the firm said in a report, "The Georgia coast does not contain a 'world class' attraction to focus attention on the region."

A guide to day trips and hotels

Sapelo

Reservations are required for the ferry, half-day bus and walking tours offered Wednesday and Saturday from September through May, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from June through August, and full-day trips the last Wednesday of each month year-round. Primitive campsites on the beach, with running water but no other supplies or facilities, are available year-round for groups of five or more. All tours and overnight camping costs \$5 a person, including the ferry. Phone the Darien Welcome Center at 912-437-6684. The center is reached by taking Exit 10 off Interstate 95, driving east to Darien and south on U.S. 17 to the Darien bridge. The Sapelo ferry is eight miles north-east of Darien on State Route 99 at Meridian.

Little St. Simons

Privately owned, closed November and December, overnight accommodations for 24 people in three lodges and one cottage; day trips limited to 12 people. Day trips are \$40 a person, including lunch from the resort and naturalists on staff for guidance. Resort rates are \$250 a couple, \$150 single, including three meals, children aged 4 and under half price. There is a two-night minimum stay. Reservations are required for overnight or day trips. Phone 912-638-4404, or write, Little St. Simons Island, Post Office Box 1078, St. Simons Island, Ga. 31522. The island is reached by ferry from St. Simons Island, and to reach St. Simons driving south on I-95 take Exit 8, drive east four miles to U.S. 17, then south one and a half miles to the Torres Causeway to St. Simons.

Cumberland

Reservations are required for all visitors. The privately owned Greyfield Inn (\$85 to \$95 a person a night, including meals) requires minimum stays of two nights on spring and fall weekends, three nights during holidays. Reservations by phone only (904-261-6408) from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. The National Park Service accepts ferry or

camping reservations by phone only (912-882-4335), only from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Monday through Friday. Reservations are accepted as far as 11 months in advance. The ferry, which does not operate Tuesdays and Wednesdays from September through May, costs \$7.88 for adults, \$6.56 for senior citizens, \$4.05 for children under 12, and there is an entrance fee of \$2 a person for day trips or overnight camping.

Other Places

Since overnight accommodations on Sapelo, Little St. Simons and Cumberland are limited, visitors may wish to stay nearby and make day trips to them.

In the Brunswick, Ga., area, Jekyll and St. Simons offer many hotels and motels, among them: the King and Prince Hotel, St. Simons Island (800-342-0212); nine motels and 300 rental cottages on Jekyll (800-342-1042 for specific motel and realtor phone numbers).

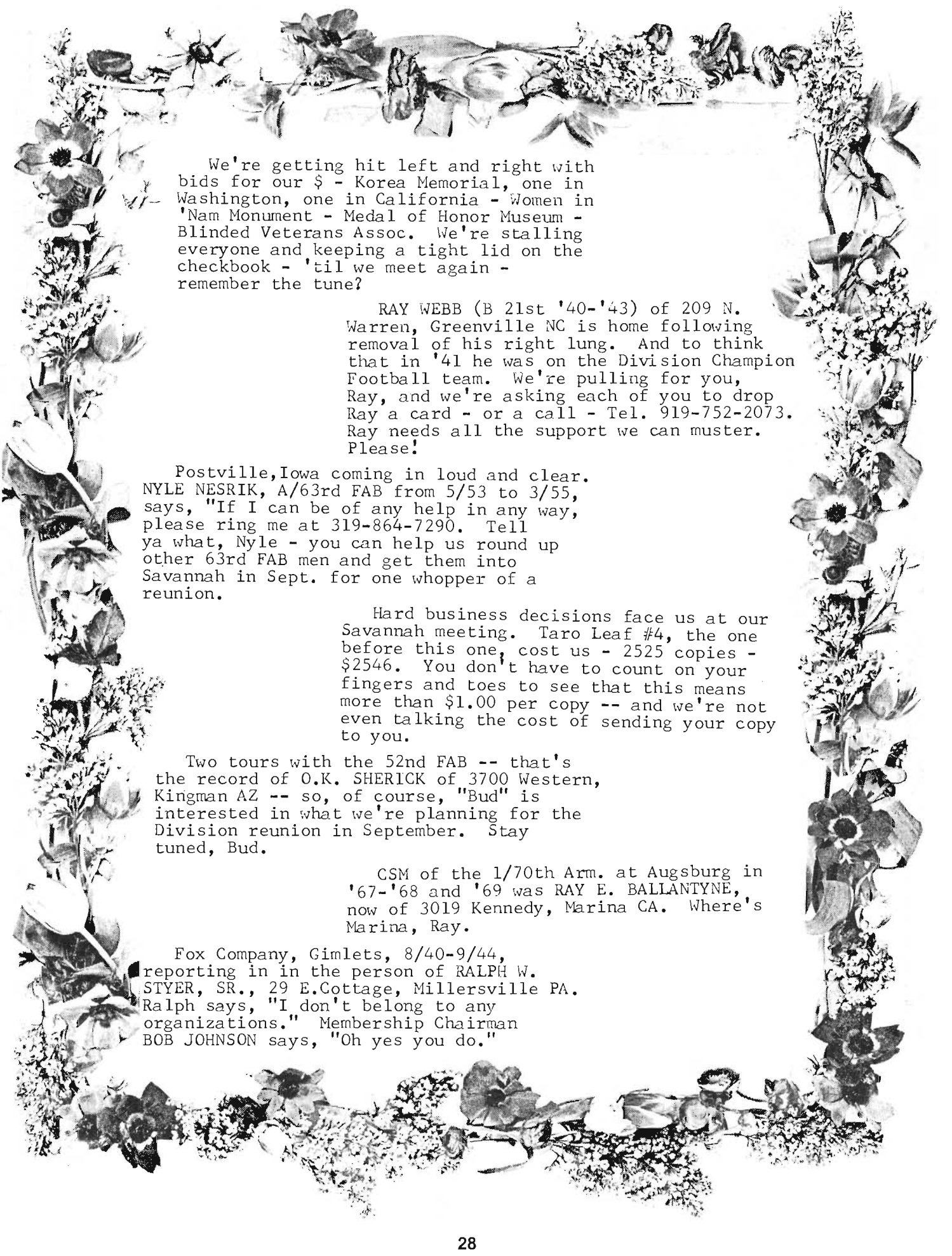
Also near Brunswick, on the state-owned Jekyll Island, the old "millionaires' club" built in 1887 for the wealthy northerners who bought the island, was refurbished and restored, and opened this year as the Jekyll Island Club. The club's attractions include its restored Victorian architecture, a grand dining room, white wicker chairs on a long front porch for watching the sun set over the marshes, and 136 rooms ranging from \$88 to \$150 for a double during fall and winter. For reservations phone 912-635-2600.

Good Reading

"A Guide to the Georgia Coast" is a useful and colorfully researched, 200-page soft-cover book detailing the Sea Islands and nearby mainland, including a guide to driving tours, accommodations, charter boat and marina rentals.

Copies are sold in most coastal book stores or may be bought by mail for \$11.70 each, including postage and handling, from the Georgia Conservancy, 717 Sandtown Road, Savannah, Ga. 31410, or by phone with credit cards at 912-897-6462. H. L.





We're getting hit left and right with bids for our \$ - Korea Memorial, one in Washington, one in California - Women in 'Nam Monument - Medal of Honor Museum - Blinded Veterans Assoc. We're stalling everyone and keeping a tight lid on the checkbook - 'til we meet again - remember the tune?

RAY WEBB (B 21st '40-'43) of 209 N. Warren, Greenville NC is home following removal of his right lung. And to think that in '41 he was on the Division Champion Football team. We're pulling for you, Ray, and we're asking each of you to drop Ray a card - or a call - Tel. 919-752-2073. Ray needs all the support we can muster. Please!

Postville, Iowa coming in loud and clear. NYLE NESRIK, A/63rd FAB from 5/53 to 3/55, says, "If I can be of any help in any way, please ring me at 319-864-7290. Tell ya what, Nyle - you can help us round up other 63rd FAB men and get them into Savannah in Sept. for one whopper of a reunion.

Hard business decisions face us at our Savannah meeting. Taro Leaf #4, the one before this one, cost us - 2525 copies - \$2546. You don't have to count on your fingers and toes to see that this means more than \$1.00 per copy -- and we're not even talking the cost of sending your copy to you.

Two tours with the 52nd FAB -- that's the record of O.K. SHERICK of 3700 Western, Kingman AZ -- so, of course, "Bud" is interested in what we're planning for the Division reunion in September. Stay tuned, Bud.

CSM of the 1/70th Arm. at Augsburg in '67-'68 and '69 was RAY E. BALLANTYNE, now of 3019 Kennedy, Marina CA. Where's Marina, Ray.

Fox Company, Gimlets, 8/40-9/44, reporting in in the person of RALPH W. STYER, SR., 29 E. Cottage, Millersville PA. Ralph says, "I don't belong to any organizations." Membership Chairman BOB JOHNSON says, "Oh yes you do."



With a name like Smuckers,

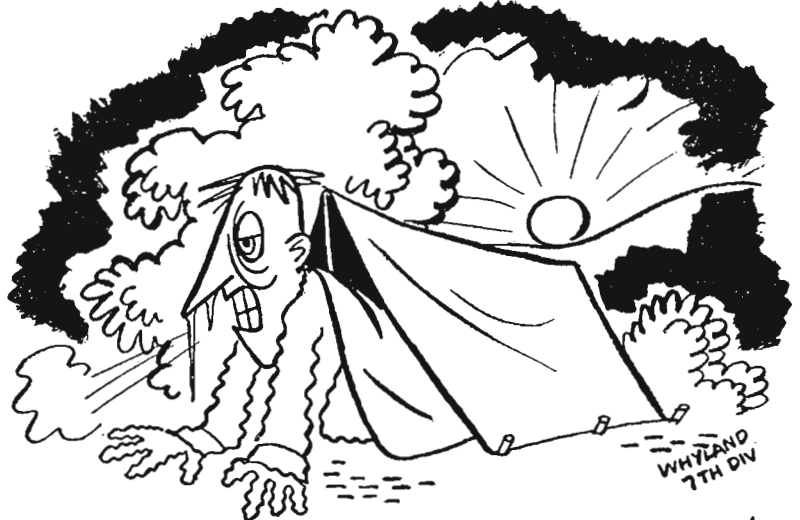
Well the name isn't Smuckers, it's STRANG, ROBERT M., of Wheeler Hill, Wappinger Falls NY. Bob has a suggestion. It goes "I never can seem to find my card when I need it...Anyway a suggestion regarding dues, perhaps the address label could show when you are paid up to, something like on magazine subscriptions. Just a thought. Maybe more work than it is worth..." Holy Toledo. Any idea how much effort would have to go into setting this up. We're thinking of going onto the computer. Then we might be able to do something. We're gonna try, Bob.



Wanna go back 48 years? You will when you look at JOHN E. BROWN (D 21st). He also sent this of the Blow Hole. Betcha some of you don't know where the Blow Hole is.

Here are a couple of 6th Tankers who want to hear from any others from the 6th Tk.Bn. BOB and Jean LAWHON (6th Tk.Bn. '51-'53) are at Rt.2, Box 711, Proctorville OH. So Tankers, sound off.

JOHN ZIMMERMAN, out of 4014 Lawrence, Kensington MD - Johnny never did tell us his unit designation - just sent in a cool 100 -- and now he's LM #780. Who ever thought we'd reach that number in our Life Membership Roll? Thank you, Johnny.




KOREA- LAND OF THE MORNING CALM!

KENNY FENTNER and VINNIE VELLA are working hard laying the groundwork for a possible '89 convention at Niagara Falls.

RAY KIRBY made a provocative statement in a recent letter to us: "About 70% of the Americans living today weren't alive during WW II." Think about it. And there's a clue on why they want to honor the Vietnam women with a bit of statuary. Probably 70% of Americans today don't know that we had women in WW II - or care.

DON WEBSTER signs as "Combat Photographer, 24th Signal '51 & '52. Don's at 2559 E. Elmwood, Mesa AZ - sends in 100, and presto, becomes LM #776. Betcha have some great pictures, Don! Do you?

11th Field men are coming out of the woodwork. Meet NIILLO HYYTINEN of 13290 Hodge, Reno NV 89511. Niilo was in Hq. Battery from Mindanao to Japan. Wants info on Savannah. We're trying to get it all in Taro Leaf, Miilo. Incidentally, did we tell you that the entire Sheraton Savannah will be ours for our September weekend? Jody McIntyre is our contact there - Tel. 912-897-1612. She is being most helpful - and enthusiastic. Give her a call.



Boris I. Gergoff

While we mourn the passing of

BORIS GERGOFF

Now he challenges us one last time --

to face his passing with the same

grace he brought to it.

It must be recorded here that
it was Betsy's wish that any contri-
butions be made to our Association.
And the flow was simply overwhelming.
Let us document our gratitude by
penning these words --

Boris had the real friendships he deserved in this world

and will surely receive in the next.

Walking tour along Savannah riverfront

QUICK STOP

SAVANNAH, Ga., a city of languid public squares (24 of them) and gracious streets canopied by moss-hung live oaks, is a place of firsts.

It was the first European settlement in Georgia (1733), the future state's first capital, the first and only colonial site established by "the indigent but worthy poor" of England, and the namesake and departure port of the first steamship to cross the Atlantic. The Savannah took 25 days to sail to Liverpool in 1819.

Throughout its history, Savannah has been a riverfront town with close ties to the sea. Its founder and first governor, James Edward Oglethorpe, planned it that way. Meticulously, he laid out the original town-site, square-by-square, atop a plateau scarcely 16 feet above the meandering, marshy Savannah River, the town's gateway to the nearby Atlantic Ocean.

What Oglethorpe could not have envisaged, but which makes today's Old Savannah a nostalgic Quick Stop off Interstates 16 and 95, is the recent and miraculous rescue of much of its historic riverfront from the "modernizers" and their bulldozers.

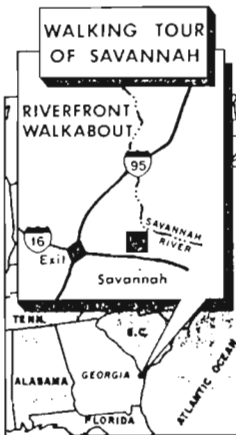
The bulldozers were already at work in 1957 when the Historic Savannah Foundation and its president, investment broker Leopold Adler II, took inventory. More than 1,000 Victorian-era homes and buildings, some dating almost to Savannah's founding, were scheduled for demolition — some merely for their valuable centuries-old brick. Begging, borrowing and co-signing bank loans, the foundation and its members raised funds enough to buy the hundreds of near-riverfront homes and buildings now open to visitors.

Old Savannah was saved. You can take a leisurely self-guided walking tour of Savannah's riverfront (lined with massive old cotton warehouses able to store 1 million bales) and the nearby National Historic Landmark District, the restored heart of Old Savannah. Rental bicycles are also available for touring.

Factor's Walk, on Bay Street, once the bargaining place of cotton merchants, is a quaint row of narrow buildings on the river's bluff. Many are connected by iron and concrete bridgeways. The walk's cobblestone streets are paved with ship's ballast.

The Waving Girl statue, on River Street, commemorates Florence Martus, said to have waved greeting to every ship entering Savannah from 1887 to 1931. Many of the nearly 2,000 ships coming upriver each year to the city still sound their salute to the girl who, legend says, was ever hopeful of finding her long-departed sailor boyfriend.

Along the route you can see the girlhood home of Juliette Gordon Low, who founded America's first Girl Scout troop here in 1912; the Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, a memorial to John Wesley, one of Savannah's pioneer ministers, who co-founded the Methodist Church; and Mickve Israel Temple, established a few months after the city's settlement. It is both the oldest reform synagogue in



America and the only one of Gothic design.

A visitor center and a tour departure place orient the visitor to Savannah.

The Savannah Visitors Center (301 W. Broad St., near the end of I-16) can help you plan your walking or driving tour of Savannah, and presents a 15-minute slide show. Tour tape cassettes are also available. The center is open seven days a week: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

The non-profit Historic Savannah Foundation offers five conducted tours (2 to 3½ hours; adults, \$6-\$15; children, \$4-\$10). For reservations, phone (912) 233-3597.

The foundation's two-hour Historic District Tour (conducted daily; adults, \$10; children, \$4), which begins at the visitor center, explores the two-square-mile Historic District and its 250-year history. The tour includes visits to several of the district's most historic homes. Among them: the Owens Thomas House, built in 1816 and considered the finest example of Regency architecture in America; the Green-Meldrim House on Madison Square, the original home of a wealthy cotton merchant and Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's headquarters after his capture of Savannah in 1864; and the Isaiah Davenport House, built around 1815, an often-photographed example of Federal architecture.

Another of the foundation's tours takes you through the Victorian District, a mostly restored post-Civil War area of elaborate "gingerbread" homes. The two-hour tours are conducted Monday through Saturday: adults, \$8; children, \$4.

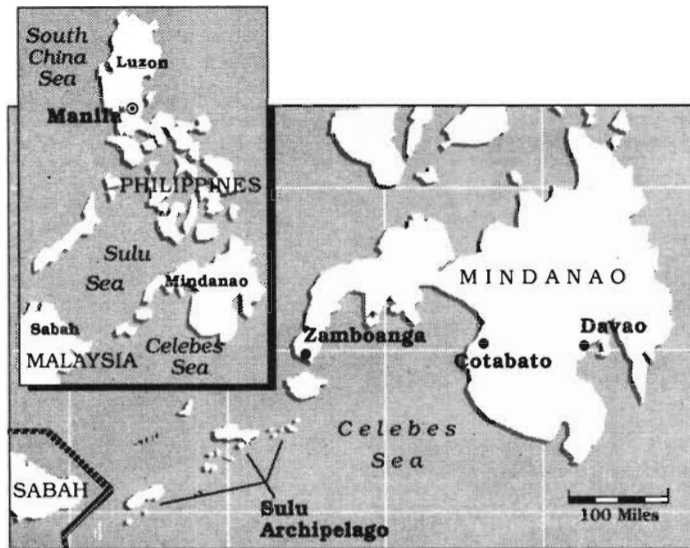
You can trace Savannah's black history on a conducted or self-guided Negro Heritage Trail that begins at the city's riverfront and includes the King-Tisdell Cottage. For tour information, phone (912) 234-8000.

Savannah, often called "The Walking City," rewards the walker with a memorable walk through history.

If you go...

GETTING THERE: From I-16 driving east: I-16, dead end in downtown Savannah. Exit I-16 at Montgomery Street. Drive north on Montgomery approximately 12 blocks to Bay Street. A block beyond is Factor's Walk (a street) and Savannah's riverfront.
From I-95 driving north or south: Follow the transition from I-95 onto I-16 East. Driving east on I-16, follow the directions above to Savannah's riverfront.
FOR MORE: Ask ORMASTON. For brochures, visit the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 222 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, Ga. 31409, or phone (912) 344-0456.

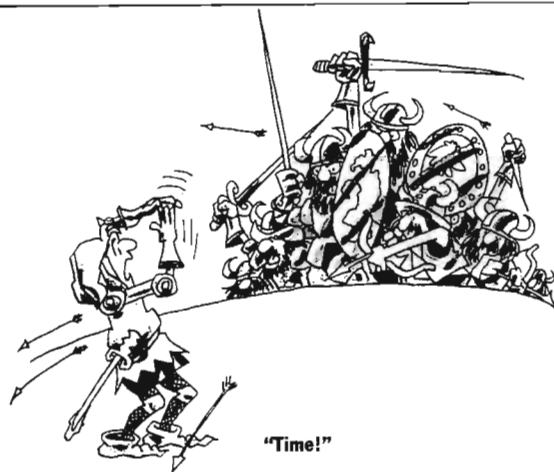
PLAN NOW TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Moros - The Filipino Moslems with a centuries-old tradition of resistance to Christian-dominated central authority continue to give Corazon Aquino bad dreams. They're preaching secession on Mindanao.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference, meeting in Jordan, has decided to give full member status to the Moro National Liberation Front, the same rebel force that fought Marcos to a stalemate in the '70's, leaving 60,000 dead.

Thus the way is paved for new demands on Manila, and likely, for new violence.



Brazil getting a \$1.8 billion loan so it can pay interest on its \$114 billion foreign debt. Can you figure it out?

It's Lt.Col.
HERVEY "Lee"
LEBOEUF, (21st
'48-'49 - Munich
'58-'61), of 124
Willow Lane, Naples
FL. He and Therese
are enjoying retire-
ment in Florida --
call it "Life in the
Sun."



Pentagon con-
sidering a new
generation of all-
service unmanned
planes. Good --
then we can all
stay home and
watch TV.

Our one-time C/S, the popular
Maj.Gen. DANIEL R. SCHROEDER, presently
C/S, XVIII Airborne Corps, Bragg, has been
named commandant, Army Engineer School,
Leonard Wood (MO, in case you've
forgotten.)



Nice words in
from HARRY and
Reah HEILAND
(C 19th '43-'45)
of 1685A Devers,
York PA. DALLAS
DICK was Harry's
C.O. Say, Harry,
why don't you
give Dallas and
Peggie a visit.
They're at
1701 Bridge, New
Cumberland PA.

Anyway Sgt. Harry, '43 vintage is pictured
here -- as is one of the Take Atabrine
signs. He asks if any of us still
remember them.

HAROLD and Helen CARTER (H 21st '40-
'44), of 31 Volkmar, Worcester MA signal:
"Planning on seeing you in Savannah."
Tell us of your intentions and we'll print
them too, time permitting.

Meet BILL
ANDERSON, (C 21st
'50-'51) of 4407
S.E. Roethe,
Milwaukie OR.
Thank you, Bill,
for the photo.
In case the rest
of you have for-
gotten, we asked
each of you to
send in a good
"passport size"
black and white
of your good self
so we can use it
when we have an
item on you.

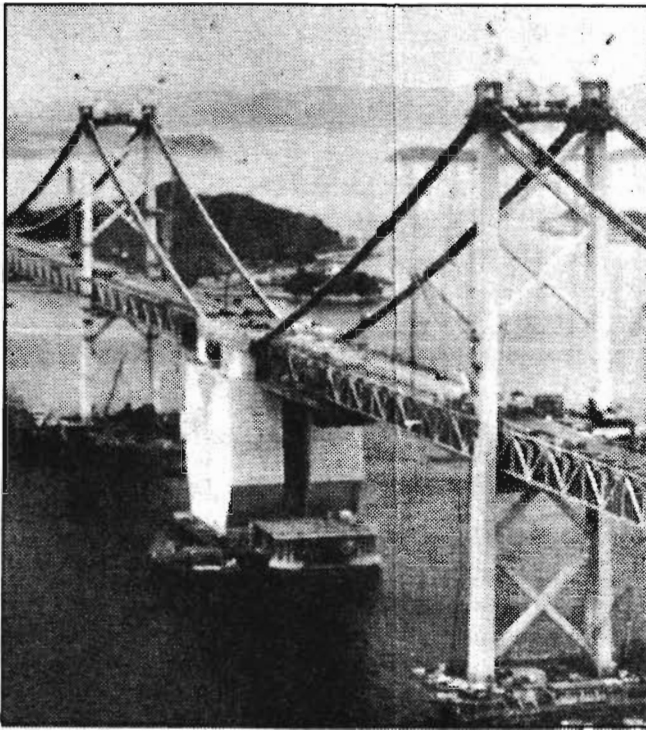


2600 officers could be forced out of
the Army through reduction-in-force
actions if Congress doesn't rescind the
manpower cuts it ordered for '89 and '90.

Then on the other hand, at the other
end of the rainbow, you read about the
lean years in recruiting, especially with
the incidence of drug abuse, AWOL and
desertion.

You figure it out.

VANBUREN SANDGREN (C 3rd Eng. '40-'45)
and Elizabeth, now at 774 Tracey Drive,
Lady Lake FL ask that we work this one in.
They're flying to "The Rock" next Dec. 6th-
first time back since 1943. Want buddies
to know they'll be at the Hawaiian Regent
the 6th through the 9th. By the way, from
May to November (sounds like a tune,
doesn't it?), Van and Betty will be at
73 Hemlock, Wales MA. That's only a spit
and a holler from us, Van.



Can you imagine a bridge across the lovely Inland Sea? Yep, they've got one now from Shikoku to Honshu. Remember that Inland Sea - the Aegean of the East. On calm days, it was an emerald mirror, embossed with hundreds of thickly-wooded islands across its

300 mile length. But back to basics.

Heretofore the 4.2 million folks on Shikoku had to go by ferry or air to get off their island. But now this bridge, the Seto Ohashi Bridge, connects Sakaide with Kojima. Ten years in the building, it took 11 lives, millions of man-hours, and 8.8 billion bucks to construct.

It's double-tiered - is actually 6 bridges hopscotching nearly 6 miles across tiny islands. Cars travel above; trains below. Nothing "skoshi" about this bridge.

\$100 makes TOM VAUGHAN of Mallard IA our Lifer #777. Now there's a number to play. But how can you "box" it? Tom says "History always repeats itself - and that's what's wrong with history." Right on, Tom.

If the right side of the body is controlled by the left side of the brain... and the left side of the body is controlled by the right side of the brain... then left-handed people are the only ones in their right minds!!

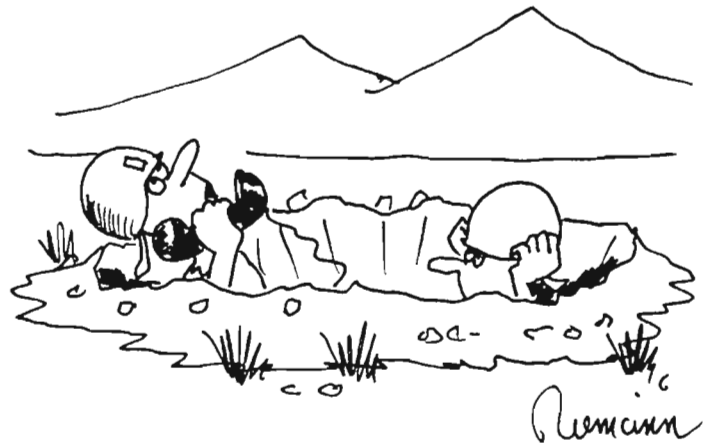
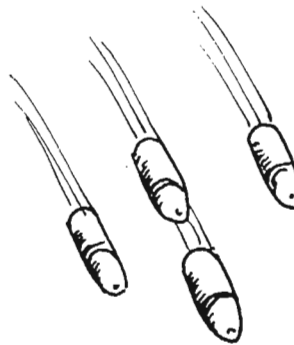
BILL HAURILAK (Med. 2nd Bn. 34th '41-'45), of 125 Southworth, Milford CT, has asked us to print this - which we do:

"I just heard recently from DALLAS JOHNSON, Med. Det., 2nd Bn., 34th. John is exploring the Del Ray Beach area before traveling to other parts. While at Del Ray, he visited another buddy medic -- BOB ERTEL of 601 Lafayette St., Port Orange FL 32011. Bob has had a very serious operation and is now recuperating at home and doing fine. Bob was one of those hard fighting medics so how about you other pill-rollers dropping him a few words or cards. Thanks."

There it is, Bill, just as you wrote it.

DICK WINTERSTEIN of 7923 Babikow, Baltimore MD rings in faithfully every year with his dues. He was Hv.Mortor Plat. 19th from 7/50 to 9/51. And Dick, in case you're asking, "Why all the ads in this issue?" Easy, Dick, that's easy. We get 3 or 4 times each week questions like "When can I buy wall plaques, or license plates?" Or they'll ask "What about my medals; when can I get 'em?" We're just trying to help the boys, Dick - and maybe save a few letters: our arm is getting weary.

I was married by a judge; I should have asked for a jury.
Sly Stallone



'Oh, hi there, FDC, I suppose it's too late to add 200 to that last salvo.

FROM THE CROWS NEST



JOHN HAIST (D 21st '49-'51), over at Rt. 1, Box 11, Miltonvale KS, tells us he's anxious to locate RICHARD GRAVELY, ROBERT STEWART, KEDIVA BAKER, JOE SOUSA, P.J. DENIER, HORACE AUTZEN and DELBERT GATES. So would we, Johnny. Now the word is out.

New address for JIM SNYDER (C 11th Field '41-'45). Try Jim and Rochelle at 369 Golden Vine, Simi Valley CA. And let us inject a thought about our plans for Savannah. We try to persuade each of our gang to bring a Hawaiian shirt -- the wilder the better. When we all wear them, it's a riot of color. And, of course, the gals come forth in their muu muus. It's a beautiful show.

According to one estimate, Americans purchase 50% of the world's illegal drugs. Lawmen say the handle probably exceeds \$150 billion per year. No comment.

Division from 1/5/53 to 1/7/55 was CLIFFORD KOAN, of 12203 W.Beecher, Flushing MI. But, Cliff, what unit?

The "Germany era" men might soon outnumber us. Just heard from retired Sfc. KENNETH WAY, now of 13934 Hurstland, Huntsville AL. Ken was A 724 Ord Bn. at Augsburg from July '58 to July '59.

GEORGE ARENS of 10162 Stone Arch, Grass Valley, CA tells us about a recent Hq.Co. 21st gathering. They meet once a year - this year they're going to go to Port Townsend WA. At their last get-together were DALE ACKERMAN, JOE GOE, BILL HELMHOLZ, JOHN HIGGINS, BOB KELLY, PHIL KLOSINSKI, BEN KOZOROWSKI, FLOYD MAYHEW, NEIL RINGROSE, NORVEL SORENSEN, GILBERT VOGEL, and, of course, George himself. Terrific, George.

The powerful words of a chaplain of the 5th Marine Division in dedicating a cemetery on bloody Iwo Jima:

"Somewhere in this plot of ground, there may lie that man who could have discovered a cure for cancer. Under one of these Christian crosses, or beneath a Jewish Star of David, there may rest now a man who was destined to be a great prophet. Now they lie here silently in this sacred soil, and we gather to consecrate this earth in their memory...

"Here lie officers and men, black and white, rich and poor...Here are Protestants, Catholics and Jews... Here no man prefers another because of his faith, or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy.

"Any man among us, the living, who... lifts his hand in hate against a brother, or thinks himself superior to those who happen to be in minority, makes of this ceremony and of the bloody sacrifice it commemorates, an empty, hollow mockery."



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BOOKSHELF

If the question of the role of women in the Army interests you, read on. If it bores you, just skip it and go to the cartoons.

New book out - "Sound Off", by a couple of teachers - man and wife, Dorothy and Carl Schneider - who taught in different Asian bases under the U of Maryland program.

The role of women in the armed forces is unresolved. The armed forces, reflecting the society whence they come, have not yet reached a consensus on where women fit in. Even more than American society at large, the place of women in a still uniquely male subculture is undecided.

Among the main issues are sexual harassment, fraternization between men and women, duty assignments leading to promotion, medical care for women and the difficulties of handling a military career and a family at the same time.

At bottom, the main unanswered question is: What is the role of women in combat? Law and regulations preclude women from direct combat but definitions have been revised over the years to permit women to go more and more into harm's way. The issue's resolution awaits a consensus among the American people and Congress, and that appears to be some years away.

Unlike many books by academics that are heavy on theory, analysis and turgid language, "Sound Off!" is an easy read and is filled with trenchant observations and with real people, mostly women, telling about their military experience in their own words.

On the critical issue of the military's policy on women and combat, the authors rightly assert: "A jumble of a few laws, multiple interpretations, and thousands of administrative decisions, it invites disagreement and frequent changes of practice."

They contend, again rightly, that the fault lies everywhere: "The lack of a national policy endangers servicewomen and the national security. While the services report their conformity to the combat-exclusion policy, the Department of Defense waffles, the Congress averts its eyes, and the nation ignores the central problem of the dangers that servicewomen will confront."

While criticizing the failure of the nation and the services to resolve this issue, however, the authors do not propose a solution of their own.

"Ike The Soldier As They Knew Him" by Merle Miller (G.P. Putnam's Sons. \$24.95).

Don't waste your \$ on this turkey. This is largely a smattering of the recollections of relatives and friends. None of Ike's warmth comes through. It is, in fact, a cold book.

Oh you have 14 pages of the Kay Summersby story. Most of it is gossip and hearsay. The sort of thing you could hear in the messhall - or the latrine.

If you want real biography, try grandson David's work on his grandpop. Didn't think the young man had it in him. It's masterful.

"The Straw Giant. America's Armed Forces: Triumphs and Failures," by Arthur T. Hadley. (Avon, \$10.95.) Since World War II, Arthur T. Hadley has observed the military - both as an Army captain and with the detached eye of a journalist. "Few writers have as profound a knowledge of the armed services, their virtues and faults," Drew Middleton said. "At a critical moment in the history of the American military he has written a clear, incisive account of its strengths and many weaknesses." Read it - and weep!



... and this one was for cleaning my plate at mealtime.

People are **TALKING** about...

Vietnamese Government has begun a survey to locate all Amerasian children in Vietnam. Two Congressmen (Mrazek D-NY and Ridge R-Pa) said the survey will identify all Amerasian children and relatives who want to resettle in the U.S.

They estimate there are 8000 - 10,000 Amerasian children and their relatives - usually mothers and siblings are still in SE Asia.

About 9000 kids and family members have already come over.

Funny, the Vietnamese Government can do this kind of hunting, but when it comes to the other problem, they're helpless.

It's a --- ----- shame, that's what it is.

Spotted Army Times Items:

GALLAGHER, Sgt.(Sp5) Lori A., served as finance specialist with 24th Finance Section, 24th Inf.Div.(Mech.), Ft.Stewart GA, may be in Germany; or anyone knowing her whereabouts. Contact SSgt.Joe Hammell, 559 14th St., Apt.B, Ogden UT 84404.

CANO, Maj. Raul W., and GIANNELLI, Cpl. Rudolph, both served in 1948-53 with Headquarters Company and I Company, 21st Inf.Reg., 24th Div.; or anyone knowing their whereabouts. Contact SSgt.(Ret.) James K. Wolford, 2047 Kentmore Lane, Chesterfield MO 63017, Tel.314-391-0781.

In the Middle East, an estate was to be divided with the instructions that one-half of the possessions were to be given to the widow, one-fourth to the first-born son, and one-fifth to the second-born son. This was easy until it came to the disposition of the 19 camels.

The family finally consulted a wise man, who said, "Why, that's no problem. I will give you my camel and then you will have twenty. Then one-half of them can go to the widow, that will be ten; one-fourth, or five, can go to the first-born son; and one-fifth belongs to the second son; that is four. That makes a total of 19. Now when that is settled I will take my camel and go home."

Looking for a picture of your favorite ship - the one that brought you "to" - or "from"? Choose from their file of 35,000 photos. Write Photo Service, US Naval Institute, Annapolis MD.

You know you're getting old when a son (SSG PETER M. MARKOW, 34th '83-'85), writes in with dues for his father (SGM WALTER MARKOW 34th '57). Pete is still on AD - at Fayetteville with the 325th Abn.Inf.Regt., 82nd Abn.Div. His Pop is retired living not too far from us here, at 64 St.Clair, New Britain, CT. Walter, you've got a great son. If we ever run a Father and Son Night, these two will be at the head table.

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the cops to
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Reunion time in Savannah will be here before we know it! Seems like only a few months since Schaumburg! All the nostalgia lingers from one happy reunion to the next.

The general manager and the staff at the Sheraton Savannah have the red carpet awaiting our arrival. Never have they had as many advance early registrations as are pouring in from our membership.

In that same vein, General Michael Spigelmire and the staff at Stewart are anxiously anticipating this event, and are in the process of laying out plans to coordinate our festivities together with the Division's celebration of Organization Day that same weekend.

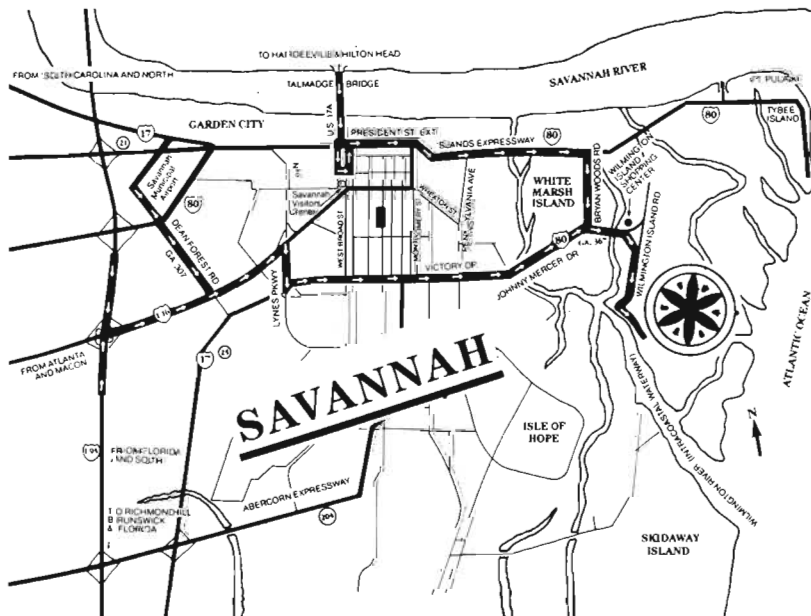
Of course, bring your golf clubs, tennis rackets, swim suits, fishin' gear, wives, and other leisure time equipment! Prices are quite nominal for such fine facilities. Members can make arrangements with the hotel after arrival for these activities. Interesting tours will also be available.

Hospitality Room! Oh boy! As I've said so many times, there is nothing to compare with the comraderie found at these gatherings. We have something here which few, if any, other veterans organizations have to offer. This comraderie alone is worth many times the price of the entire trip. Once you attend, we've got you hooked!

We suggest that members plan to arrive by noon Thursday, September 29th, or earlier, since a dinner function has been scheduled for the Officer's Club at Hunter on Thursday night.

Get out the pen and pencil and/or the telephone to contact your buddies so plans can be made for this happy and momentous gathering. We expect this to be the "reunion of all reunions"! Safe traveling!

HEX MARKS THE SPOT.

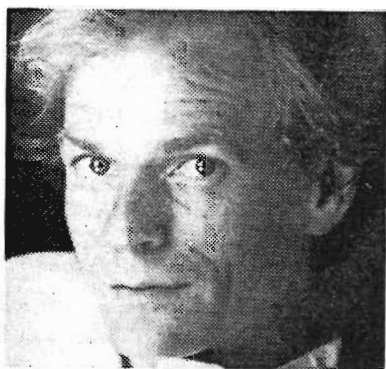


Driving Instructions

From Talmadge Bridge: After crossing bridge, bear left onto West Oglethorpe. Follow Oglethorpe a short distance and turn left onto West Broad St. Follow West Broad to Bay St. and turn right. Stay in left lane and follow Bay St. to stop sign. Turn left onto President St. Extension. Follow for approximately 5 miles to stop sign; turn left onto Hwy. 80. Continue to flashing yellow light. At flashing light, turn right onto Bryan Woods Rd. Follow to end. Turn left onto Johnny Mercer Dr. Follow Johnny Mercer onto Wilmington Island and make first right onto Wilmington Island Rd. Follow road to hotel.

From I-95 North and South: Take I-16 East to Lynes Parkway. Exit right onto Lynes Pkwy. to Hwy. 80 East exit. Turn left on Hwy. 80 East and follow for approximately 10 miles. Bear right on Hwy. 367 (Johnny Mercer Dr.). Follow Johnny Mercer Dr. onto Wilmington Island and make first right onto Wilmington Island Rd. Follow road to hotel.

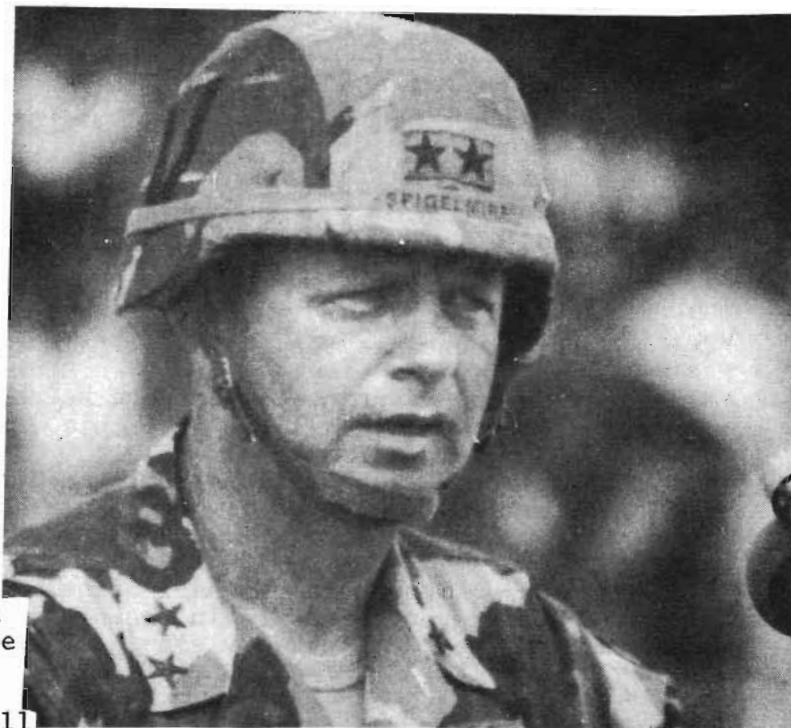
From Savannah Airport: Turn right onto Hwy. 307. Follow 307 South to I-16 East. Exit left onto I-16 East. Follow I-16 East to Lynes Pkwy. Exit right onto Lynes Pkwy. to Hwy. 80 East exit. Turn left on Hwy. 80 East. Follow Hwy. 80 East approximately 10 miles. Bear right on Hwy. 367 (Johnny Mercer Dr.). Follow Johnny Mercer Dr. onto Wilmington Island and make first right onto Wilmington Island Rd. Follow road to hotel.



TAYLOR-READY: Livingston Taylor plays at the Fitzgerald Theater, Cambridge, tomorrow.

Spotted this one of Livingston Taylor as he appeared in a play in Boston. Wonder if he's related to our LIVINGSTON TAYLOR.

Try to recollect the young soldier you once were, at Savannah. For your audience - and you'll have one - you can paint a moving portrait of a whole generation of teenagers, fresh from high school but still socially awkward and wet behind the ears, who were given guns and told to shoot.



Good shot of the Division Commander, Maj. Gen. MICHAEL F. SPIGELMIRE, our host come September.

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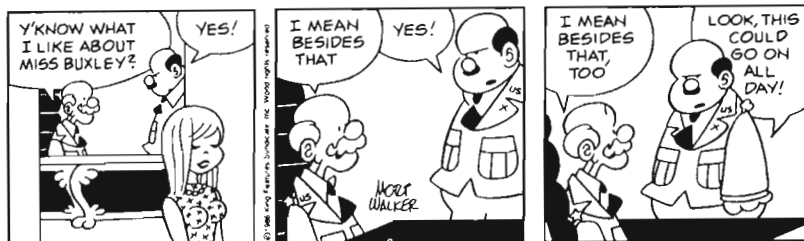
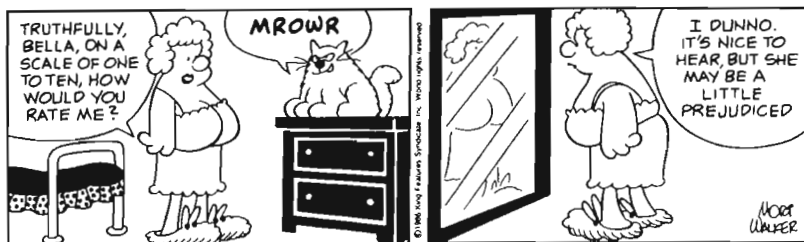
About 142,200 individuals or their families will be eligible for the awards, which Congress authorized two years ago. The medals can be awarded posthumously to legal next-of-kin.

Gosh, JACK HELLMAN (Div. QM Office '42-'45) over there in Topeka KS, sure hope this doesn't come out all dark. You know

the trouble we have with Kodachromes. We'll try, Jack, we'll try. Love the button nose, the eyes like big black olives, and a smile as wide as the Pecos River.



Ever get the feeling that Mort Walker sometimes is asking for it?



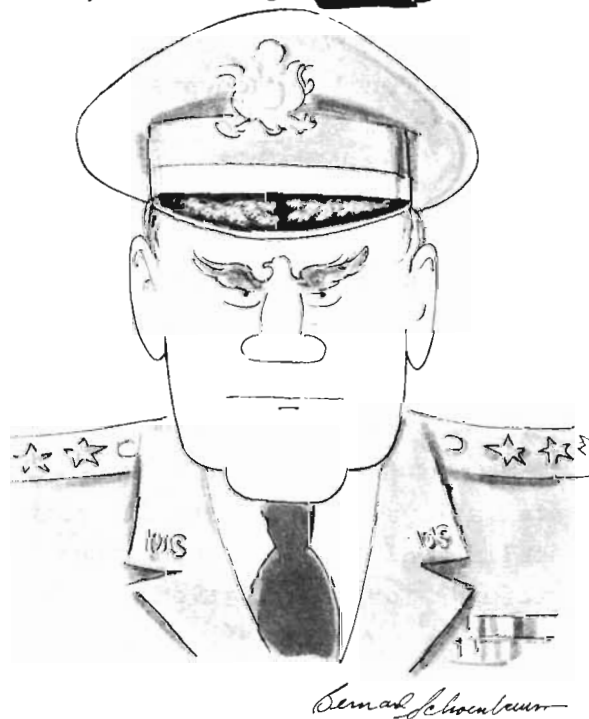
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Our very own, Col. HARRY SUMMERS, in his May 2nd Army Times column asked if Afghanistan was the Soviet Union's Vietnam.

Answering his own question, Harry argued:

"For the Soviets, Afghanistan is not another Vietnam. It is something far, far worse. Their 'Vietnam' is not half a world away, but is on their southern border. Their 'Vietnam' is not populated by another ethnic people but by those who share religious and ethnic ties with a large segment of the Soviet population. Their 'Vietnam' represents a humiliating defeat for a major tenet of Soviet foreign policy -- the so-called Brezhnev Doctrine, that holds that once communism is established in a nation, it is irreversible."

We like Harry's writings - cogent, persuasive, convincing.



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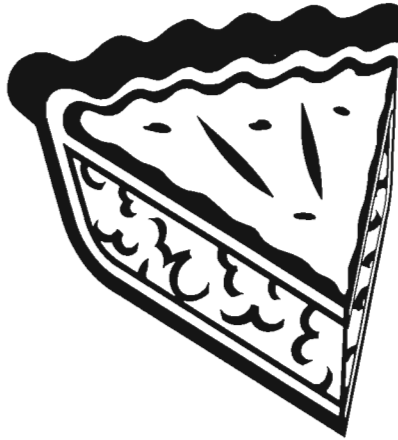
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As American as...



Joe Garagiola of somewhat questionable fame as a Pittsburgh Pirate loves to tell this delightful story on himself:

"Cincinnati was beating us 3-1 and I led off the bottom of the eighth with a walk. The next hitter banged a hard single to right field. Feeling the wind at my back, I rounded second and kept going, sliding safely into third base.

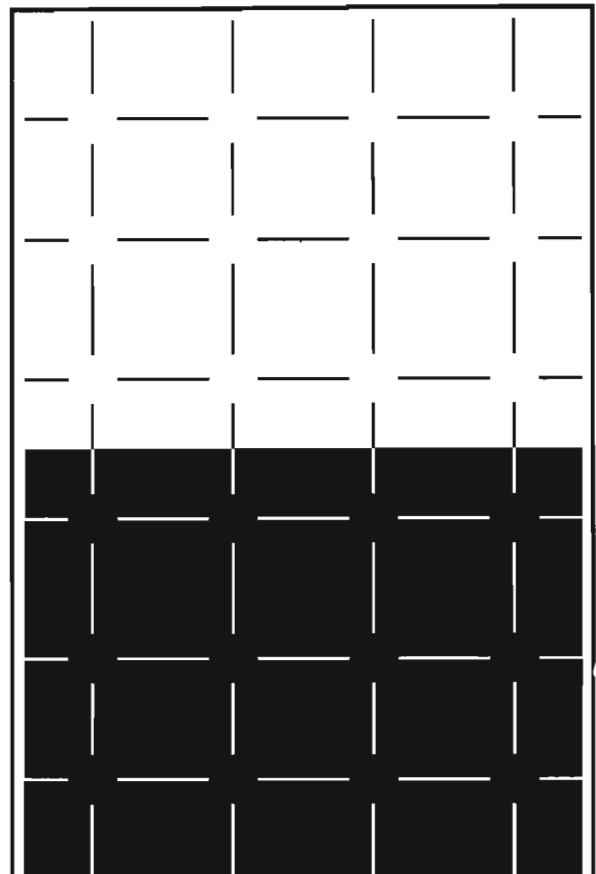
"With runners at first and third, and home-run hitter Ralph Kiner at bat, our manager put in the fast Brandy Davis to run for the player at first. Even with Kiner hitting and a chance to win the game with a home run, Brandy took off for second and made it. Now we had runners at second and third.

"I'm standing at third, knowing that I'm not going anywhere, and see Brandy start to take a lead. All of a sudden, here he comes. He makes a great slide into third, and I scream, 'Brandy, where are you going?' He looks up, and shouts, 'Back to second if I can make it.'"



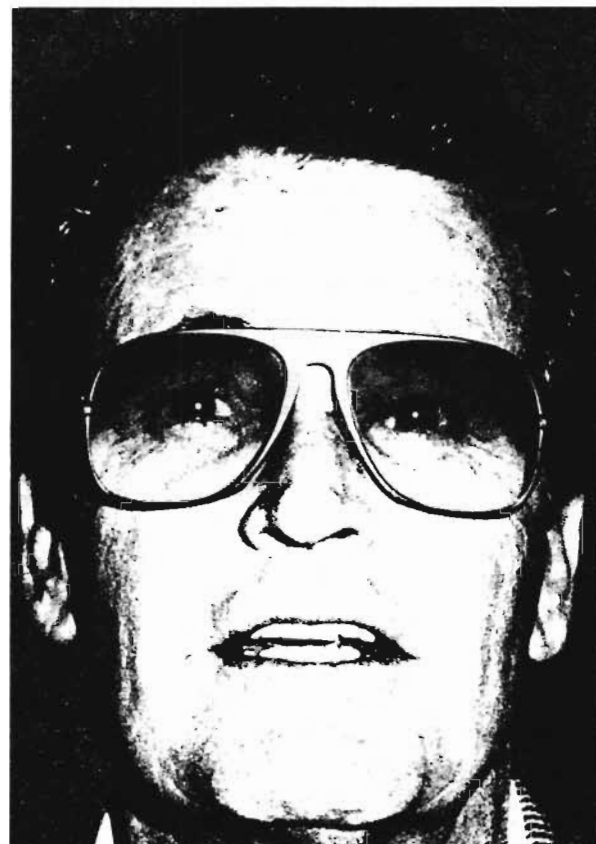
No question where JOHN EADIE's coming from. Look at his plate.

Johnny and Toyoko are at 1116 Namdac, Bay Shore NY. He was a chick from '40-'45 and from '48-'51. Right on, Johnny.



Seeing ISN'T Believing

When you look at this grid of incomplete lines, you see what appears to be a circle at the points where the lines would intersect if joined. What causes them? Scientists aren't sure, but a possible explanation is that your mind produces the circles through a subconscious desire to close up the incomplete pattern.



Surgery for JAMES GARNER, formerly JAMES BAUMGARNER - to correct an aneurysm. Recovering nicely.

We've had 'em all - generals - privates - bankers - lawyers - authors - used car salesmen - et al - but never, never - until now, a cartoonist -- especially this one, BOB GARDNER (Hq.Co. 21st WW II), of 4061 55th Way, North, Kenneth City FL - who draws this one, just for us.

Didja read about the couple in Colorado who took 180 Holiday Inns to the cleaners for more than \$6000?

Seems they wrote the manager of each hotel that coffee had been spilled on the wife's suede skirt in the hotel's restaurant. With each letter they enclosed a cleaning bill for \$30.16 saying that was what the staff had told them to do. Checks totaling more than \$6000 came in before the federal prosecutors got a grand jury indictment.

From BRONKO ATKINSON comes word of a new monument in Davao. Writes Bronko, "Members of Davao City DAV Chapter 23 recently completed a Veterans Memorial Monument in a public park named for a U.S. Army commander killed during World War II.

"The Commander, of course, was our very own Col. THOMAS "Jock" CLIFFORD who was leading the 19th north of Davao when he was KIA on June 24, 1945."

Wish we had a picture, folks.

Sweet words written long ago by one of our most loyal members. We bring them out every so often just to savor them. He titled it "Savor the Sunset":

To be retired but not tired of living
is a wonderful thing.
I have had my fling of giving youth
its swing
And do not repent how I spent the
sunrise and bright skies.
In the fading embers of sunset my
heart remembers
And is content.

Savannah IV. A chance to relive some of those touching, bawdy, funny memoirs. "Every generation is a secret society" wrote a "fly-boy" recently. "The secret that my generation shared was simply the war itself. We grew up on active duty." How true!



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Our VIEW

Computer games have now been developed for replaying the Civil War. Simulations of First Bull Run, Shiloh, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville are available (Electronic Arts, San Mateo CA) for Apple II and Commodore 64. You pick your side; the computer plays the other. The size, strength and disposition of the forces of the actual battle are accurately reflected in the simulation, as is the terrain. Wouldn't it be great to replay the Hollandia, Biak, Leyte story - or the defense of the Pusan Perimeter, or the Yo Yo trip to the Yalu and back?

From the pen of LAURENCE A. DAVIS out in Sacramento CA - 2839 Marconi Av., to be precise - comes this note:

"In reading the VFW Magazine, I discovered there must be a few surviving members of my old unit still kicking besides me.

"I was a member of the 11th Field from '49 to '51 and of the originals of A Btry. from the Korean War I was one of only 38 survivors when I returned to the States in '51.

"I would dearly like to make contact with any of the old group or any former member of Division Artillery. I would especially like to contact PFC Lawrence Burke who was in the 63rd FA but he was a close friend I lost track of over the years."

No dope on Burke here -- but we're throwing out a baited line; he may bite.

PAUL "Swede" NELSON (G 21 WW II), of RR 4, Box 12, Forsyth MO, says he sends us items for the Taro Leaf which we "never print; they don't get past your waste basket." Well, here's one that delights us - and we will use it. It's out of the "News-header." Is that a Forsyth paper, Swede? Anyway, this clipping delights us. We think it will make you smile. Thanx Swede.

Grand scheme up in smoke

My friend Rigsby, the entrepreneur, currently is hatching another of his get-rich-quick schemes.

He sounded excited when he told me about his idea over lunch.

"You heard smoking is now banned on all commercial flights in California, didn't you?" he asked.

I said I had. There was a near riot aboard a TWA jet when smokers rebelled against the new anti-smoking law.

"And things are just going to get worse," Rigsby went on. "After April, smokers will not be allowed to light up on any flight anywhere in the country of two hours or less. There are going to be a lot of uncomfortable smokers flying around up there."

I agreed, but I wanted to know where all this fits in with Rigsby's new idea.

"An all-smokers airline," he beamed.

"I don't understand," I said.

"It's simple," Rigsby explained. "I'm going to lease some airplanes and start a new airline for smokers only."

"You can smoke all you want on my airline. In fact, I will encourage smoking. Flight attendants will carry cigarettes up and down the aisle like the girls in Vegas. I'll charge five

LEWIS
GRIZZARD



bucks a pack. A smoker who runs out of cigarettes on an airplane is a desperate individual who will pay anything for another pack."

I admitted the idea had some promise.

"What are you going to call your airline?" I asked Rigsby.

"I've got my marketing staff on that now," he said. "Black Lung Airlines" was one thought.

"Keep trying."

"OK," said Rigsby, "but let me tell you what else I'm going to offer on my all-smokers airline."

"We're going to make certain no non-smokers come aboard and make life miserable for our customers. We will check each passenger's teeth and fingers. If they aren't yellow

from smoking, they don't get a boarding pass.

"We're not going to fly high enough to need cabin pressurization so our passengers won't have to worry about ever having to use those oxygen masks and not being able to smoke."

"Our flight crew will all be smokers, as well as our flight attendants, mechanics, reservationists and boarding agents."

"But," I asked, "won't all that smoking make it uncomfortable on the plane?"

"Of course not," said Rigsby. "Smokers love smoke," Rigsby said, "and we're going to issue a miner's hat with the little light on the front so passengers can find the lavatories regardless of how thick the smoke is in the cabin."

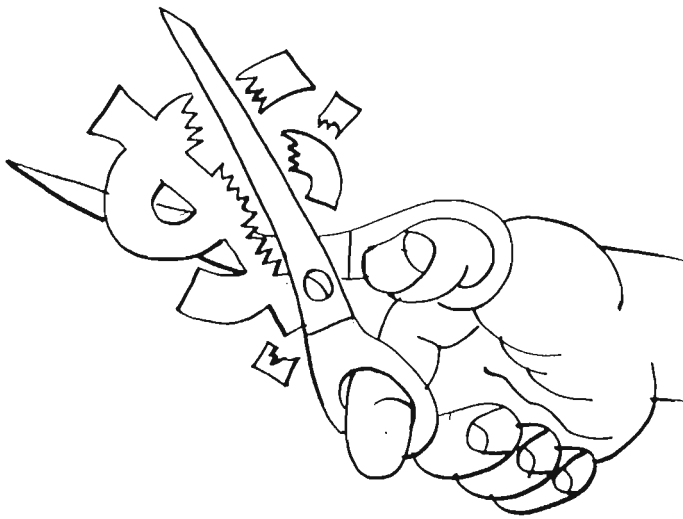
"When will your ad campaign begin?" I asked my friend.

"Shortly," he said.

"What's your hook?"

"It's a great one — 'An all-smokers airline, here to serve you just in the nick of teen.'"

Who am I to scoff? They laughed at Wilbur and Orville, too.



One sweet thing about S IV - our room rates have just about been cut in half. \$60 per night. Where can you beat that?

GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START

Veep BOB ENDER has written a terrific item for this issue. Here it is:

"At our annual clambake, we come forth with the most enthusiastic bunch of ex-GI's ever assembled under one roof, and the resulting ingenuity is such that it staggers one's imagination! "We ought to do this", "why don't we do that?", "How about this?", etc., etc., is commonplace.

"Most of these ideas are well thought out and have a great deal of validity. However, it would simplify matters for all concerned if these suggestions were put in writing and handed in at the reunion. Thus, we are hereby asking you to follow through on this recommendation.

"If the writings are timely - handed to us before the business meeting - you can be assured that they will be given their due consideration.

"If the membership will cooperate in this matter, it will result in a much more efficient follow-through by the officers and chairmen involved.

"Your cooperation in this request will be appreciated by all concerned."

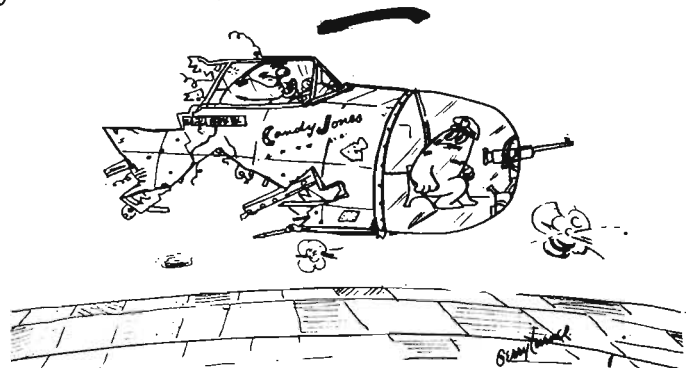
Nice chatty letter from BRUCE and Ruth PRICE (B & C 19th '42-'45) of 214 Bedford Forrest, Anderson SC: "Sad to hear of Joe's death, he was a prince of a fellow.

"Was glad to know what had happened to Shy Lum. Hadn't heard from him lately.

"Ruth and I plan to be in Savannah (Clemson has an open football date that weekend) with a request for a room as close to the ground as possible.

"I remember the stockade at Rockhampton, not as an inmate, thank goodness, but second hand information from those who had been sentenced there. I remember them telling about a huge metal cooking pot that you had to get down into and scrub in the 110% heat. And a former Texas Ranger who could speak Spanish. No one I ever heard of wanted to make a repeat performance there."

We face the start of each issue with trepidation. The gifted author, Gore Vidal, said that writing is easy. His method? Simply get a sheet of white paper, then stare at it until the blood comes out of your forehead.



"LET'S FORGET ABOUT THAT OAK LEAF CLUSTER, FISHBEIN, AND HEAD BACK FOR THE BASE."

Like Alligators in the sewers, we always thought the tale of the fellow who advertises "Last chance to mail your dollar to P.O.Box 1234" - and makes a fortune when the dollars come rolling in - was just one more tall tale of life in the big city.

Turns out we were wrong. Recently, a Dallas disc jockey told his listeners to "send in \$20" -- that's all, just "send in \$20." He promised absolutely nothing in return.

Within 10 days, \$234,000 showed up. "We're absolutely stunned," DJ Ron Chapman said. "We're flabbergasted."

The moral of this little story? Well, we're not sure. "You can get nothing for something," doesn't sound quite right, although - as 11,700 Texans now know -- it's certainly true enough. "A fool and his money are soon parted" sounds a little harsh.

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CAN YOU TOP THIS?

Ya Can't Win 'Em All Department

The little man in grey recently dropped this one in our lap: "I was shocked to see that the 24th Division is going to put up a monument! In my estimation, that money would do more good to help -

1. Soldiers without homes
2. Children without homes
3. Children's Hospitals
4. Food train from one end of the country to the other, a half day in every town as the railroad goes instead of troop train, '24th Division Food Train'

"Thanks for listening."

Wowee!!

In the first place, we never reported that we were going to put up a monument. The real truth is that we've just about been monumented to death. Everyone and his brother seems to want a monument for something.

In the second place, that "food train"! Spending a half a day in every town we went through from coast to coast, we don't think we'll live long enough. And we doubt that our little old bank book could stand it.

Boy, we get 'em, don't we?



he note read simply:
"Here's 10. It's for
GEORGE BINGHAM of
Amherst Rd., Waynesfield,
OH. He was company clerk
of the MP Company in

Kummomoto and a POW. Believe me, he's one of the boys. Signed ED WILSON, Gimlet, 1827 S. 5th, St. Charles IL." That's all it said; needed nothing more. George Bingham is now a member of our elite group.

Best story to come out of the presidential primaries, Pierre duPont, the former Delaware governor tells on himself. He had stopped at a coffee shop in New Hampshire. Let him describe the scene: "I sat down on a stool next to a woman and held out my hand. I said, 'I'm Pete duPont and I'm running for President.' She looked at me just dumbfounded. I thought she hadn't heard me, so I said, 'I'm Pete duPont and I'm running for President.' She looked at me square in the eye and said, 'What for, we've already got one.'"

Short & Sweet: "See you in S. HAROLD CARTER, (H 21st '40-'44) of 31 Volkmar, Worcester MA." But oh so nice!!



It's C. RUCKER FORD, (E & F 21st '43-'45), of 2344 Sunderland, Maitland FL, who writes: "Jane has been pestering me for the past year to send you a photograph for the Taro Leaf. I finally succumbed to Jane's paroxysms and, after fortifying myself with two fingers of poi and six ounces of medicinal alcohol, went out and did the dastardly deed. The lovely lady

photographer asked me what proofs I wanted and I replied 'I prefer 100 proof but will accept 86 proof if that's all you have'... I don't think she appreciated my humor since I wasn't invited back to see her dark room."

With you all the way, Rucker, except for Jane's paroxysms. Is she unwell? Rucker and Jane at Savannah? You better believe it.

Adm. Thomas Moorer, USN Ret., the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs was joined in a petition signed by over 2000 retired admirals and generals who are opposed to the ABM Treaty and any arms control agreement which would lock the US into military inferiority. In addition, over 1000 of them oppose the INF Treaty.

Last year, at Schaumburg, someone asked JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, what a Division reunion meant to him. Answered Spike, acting like John Houseman as he spoke: "In one sense, it's a weaving of time as we think the mind deals with time - like a shuttle passing back and forth across the loom - through the years - yes the decades - return year after year to enlarge the pattern that holds our military experience coherently in place." Spoken like the poet that you are, Spike.



"I think it's a trap."

Shawn
40th Div. - 11-2-

EXCITEMENT!

This news item appeared in FRANKIE WALAS' hometown paper in Bradenton FL. We use it because it tells a nice story about one of our own. Better still, we also give you a copy of the letter which the item inspired. It then came to pass that Frankie recruited DON MCGUIGAN of 16814 Greydale, Detroit MI 48219. It's a small, small world, ain't it?

Pirate City desk man fills significant spot

MARTY FLESH
Herald Correspondent

Although Frank Walas, 76, has been the 4:30-11 p.m. desk clerk at the Pirate City complex only since 1986, he already is well-known in the baseball community for his sincere interest in all players and his ability to make new rookies feel at home.

Pirate City is the commonly known name for the training camp operated by the National League's franchise, the Pittsburgh Pirates. The facility at 1701 27th St. E. includes four practice fields; a motel complex with its own dining area and kitchen; and a clubhouse, containing lecture, exercise and recreation rooms as well as medical facilities. Walas is the night clerk at the complex, and has an opportunity to meet and talk with all who stay there.

"I try to be a father to them. I treat them as persons, try to help keep them happy and content," says Walas between answering the telephone, paging players, receiving packages from the express services, signing in new guests and answering questions. "They're a great bunch of young fellows, these rookies. Many are away from home for the first time, and they all miss being with family and friends." Walas does

his best to ease their minds, relieve their tensions and relax them with jokes and stories.

Born in Taunton, Mass., Walas moved to Connecticut, where he attended school and worked for a wholesale produce company for 12 years as a driver, deliveryman and salesman.

"Feeling the draft breathing down my neck," Walas joined the Army Field Artillery in 1940. He survived the Japanese strike at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii and remembers "seeing the grin on that pilot's face as he flew low over the quadrangle, machine guns blazing."

After a tour on the mainland training draftees, Walas was sent to Europe where he fought with Gen. George Patton's Third Army and was discharged as a staff sergeant. He spent two more years with the produce company, and then re-enlisted. "I loved my three tours in Germany. The people were very friendly and the country is beautiful," he recalls.

Walas, then a master sergeant with 20 years service, retired Dec. 31, 1962.

Six years in Connecticut in the janitorial and security fields found him ready to leave. Sophia, his wife of 45 years, "was told by her doctor



GRANT JEFFERIES/Bradenton Herald

Frank Walas, right, tells a joke that is just too much for Pirate pitcher Hipolito Pena.

to live in a warm climate," so after visiting a friend in Osprey, they moved to Hawaiian Village Mobile Home Park on 63rd Avenue in Bradenton in 1969 and have lived there since. Walas worked at Kress, Tropicana, City Fuel Oil Co. and with The Wackenhut Corp. before becoming a "rookie" at Pirate City.

About 50 Pittsburgh Pirate players and staff arrive in Pirate City in mid-February and stay until the beginning of April and play 17 games at home in Bradenton and 16 away. Another 150 or so members of the franchise's six minor league teams arrive in March and stay until April 1.

Extended spring training. April 10 to June 10, brings another hundred players from the Pirates, the Montreal Expos and the Atlanta Braves; June through August brings the players of the Gulf Coast League plus new draftees.

Mid-September to November brings another hundred or so from league teams needing rehabilitation from injuries or additional instruction. Also arriving are the players and staff of a Japanese team, the Hiroshima Carp.

"Walas gets a break and vacation November through January while heavy maintenance is carried on throughout Pirate City," says Pirate City manager Bob Carter.

"Frank bends over backwards to help the players, the rookies and the staff. I don't know one kid that doesn't like him. He's so good-hearted. They like to play jokes on him."

Before the microphone button was removed, rookies delighted in taping it down and goading Walas into telling a risqué story, which was broadcast throughout the building. Walas laughed it off, enjoying being the butt of the joke as much as the jokers enjoyed their play.

"I speak German, a smattering of Spanish and Japanese. It helps with the kids we get here from Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Japan," Walas says. "I really enjoy telling them about my life and my Army experiences, and they seem to like to listen."

The rookies like to go to De Soto Square on weekends to girl-watch. "That Pirate baseball cap they always wear seems to be their letter of introduction," Walas says. "When the girls phone here asking for just plain Tom, Dick or Harry, I have to figure out who's who."

Walas has traveled twice to Pittsburgh during regular season play as part of the Pirates Booster Club from Bradenton. Last year, he received the honor of throwing out the first ball of a game.



DONALD G. MCGUIGAN
16814 GREYDALE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
48219

Mr Frank Walas,
Dear Sir:

I received a letter from my Brother in Bradenton, Florida. Enclosed was a paper clipping, about you and your life at Pirate City as I read the article about your life going back 48 years, it really got my Attention!! I had joined the army in 1940, went to Oahu on the U.S.S Rep became a member of "C" Battery 13th Field Artillery, Capt Duff Sudduth - command. At 7:55 AM Dec 7th I stood out and watched Jap planes raid the quadrangle as they flew in over the parade field. Now that I have got your attention here a few other things that startled me. I too returned to the States to Camp Beal California and on to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin where we formed C Battery 277th Field Artillery David Brisham was Captain. I was 1st Sgt. of C Battery. Now comes the big question? I recall a Sgt. Wates who is awful close to Walas don't you think? No where could I find the first name of the fellow. Looking at our battery picture, and the one of you in the paper clipping, adding 48 years or so, you could be the one and the same, who knows. You're 76 and I'm 74 that's a lot of water under the bridge in 48 years. Our lives ran pretty much the same path according to the clipping. We went to England, landed at Utah Beach after crossing the English Channel by LST. Being a 240 Howitzer outfit we fired on the Forts at Metz till they fell, then thru Belgium, across the Rhine at Boppard to Bamberg Germany, on to Frankfurt. We were now taking care of POW as the war ended. I left the outfit at Pauke Germany and returned home July 1st 1945.

It would be a real kick hearing from you, if you could get off a letter in spite of your busy season.

My Brother Leonard McGuigan who sent the clipping
lives at 2700 17th Street Court West
Bradenton, Fl. 34205
Tel # 1-813-748-0824

I am
Donald G. McGuigan



extraordinary people...

Our very own, Maj.Gen. EDWARD L. ROWNY, Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State on Arms Control Matters puts it on the line and we are proud. He is one of the Extraordinary People:

Soviet hypocrisy over Star Wars

EDWARD L. ROWNY
Russians making hostage of arms reduction pact

THE United States wants to achieve reductions in strategic offensive arms and progress in strategic defense as well. Accordingly, President Reagan five years ago launched the Strategic Defense Initiative. Meanwhile, in addition to the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) aimed at cutting the U.S. and Soviet long-range nuclear arsenals in half, our Geneva negotiators have proposed a separate agreement with the Soviet Union for a managed, stabilizing transition to a balance more reliant upon defenses which threaten no one.

The Soviets for their part have waged a campaign of disinformation against our efforts for a peaceful transition. They accuse SDI of being a U.S. attempt to gain strategic superiority, to generate a new round in "the arms race," to "militarize space," and to undermine the basis for offensive arms reductions.

However, in Geneva, the Soviets have shown themselves unwilling to engage in any meaningful discussion of key issues, such as the nature of strategic stability, the possible contributions of defenses to stability, measures for ensuring predictability in the strategic relationship, and the offense-defense relationship. They have held a START agreement ultimately hostage to their insistence that we agree — tacitly or explicitly — to cripple SDI.

The Soviets don't seek to cripple SDI because they object to strategic defense in principle. They have a robust strategic ballistic missile defense program of their own. For years they categorically denied its existence, though now they are unable to do so since General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev's admission to Tom Brokaw in December. The Soviet strategic defense program is estimated to cost the equivalent of \$20 billion annually.

The Soviet strategic defense effort is comprehensive and longstanding. It involves the world's only deployed defenses against ballistic missiles. It consists of the permitted 100-interceptor system deployed around Moscow, which the Soviets now are upgrading. The Soviet strategic defense program also includes a comprehensive passive defense program for the protection of the Soviet leadership and key industry, the world's most massive strategic air defenses, and the world's most extensive civil defense system.

Moreover, as Gorbachev has admitted, the Soviets are investigating many of the strategic defense technologies under examination in SDI.

The Soviets' "Red Shield" advanced technology program is not a "response" to SDI. Its various elements have been in place since the 1960s, and it represents as a whole a much greater investment of plant space, capital and manpower than does SDI. The Soviets are investigating technologies for kinetic energy, particle beam, radio-frequency and laser weapons.

It stretches one's credulity to reconcile the aggressive Soviet strategic defense program with the Soviet rhetoric on SDI. No state is so strong a proponent of strategic defense in practice as the Soviet Union, yet none is more opposed to SDI in public.

Standing their rhetoric side-by-side with their strategic defense efforts, one is led to conclude that the Soviets are far more interested in crippling the U.S. defense effort than in engaging in a reasonable and constructive dialogue on the future of the strategic relationship, and the role of strategic defenses in it.

We will continue to be patient and persistent at the negotiating table, in hope that the Soviets will engage in a constructive dialogue on strategic defenses. But in the meantime we must not hold the SDI program back. Congress already has set the program back by one to two years by cutting the president's budget requests.

There's an irony in this. A few years ago the argument over SDI was about whether it would work. The rewarding research that now has been done is taking away the basis the skeptics once had for raising that argument. With each new experiment we've gained increased confidence about our ability to perform technological feats in strategic defense that some scientists doubted were achievable so quickly, if ever.

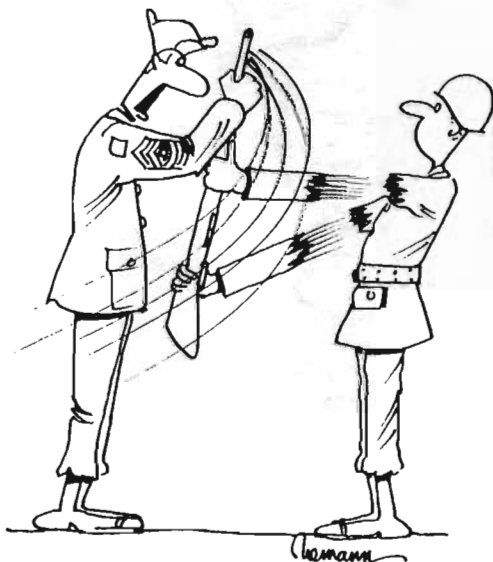
The informed debate about SDI now is far more sophisticated than when the program first began. In my view, the question is no longer whether we will have SDI, but when.

The Soviets, however, still are trying to force us to choose between START and SDI, between offensive arms reductions and our own defense. In the diplomatic arena, we are seeing a Soviet move away from frontal attacks on SDI. They now seem to want to get us to agree to a vague formulation which would permit them to maintain their interpretation of the ABM Treaty.

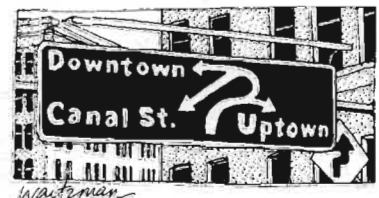
Secretary of State George Shultz has made it plain that this Soviet approach cannot and will not succeed. At the close of the ministerial meeting in late March he said that there are ambiguities in the December Summit joint statement concerning a possible transition to strategic defenses. Our aim is not to perpetuate any vague formulations, but to resolve the ambiguities, as we continue our efforts to build a safer, long-term strategic balance.

President Reagan is absolutely clear about strategic defense. "We will continue to research SDI," he said in a speech last month. "We will continue to develop and test it. And as it becomes ready — we will deploy it."

It is in our interest, our allies' interest — and, yes, the Soviets' interest — to move toward a more stable offense-defense balance. Whether or not arms control diplomacy is to play a role in managing this transition is entirely up to the Soviets.



'Relax those arms, soldier!'



WHO'S GOT MORE OF WHAT'S NEW?



We did so poorly in our last issue with the picture of Gen. SAM S. WALKER (19th '50-'51) that in an attempted apology, we give this gentleman to you anew. As if you didn't know, meet the Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute. That's in Lexington VA in case you didn't know.



"DID YOU WANT THE
LOWERS FILED TOO, SERGEANT?"



FRANK and Betty PALERMO, of Rochester NY hosted a few of the L 34th gang at a September rendezvous in Niagara Falls. We had a set of 12 pictures of the event but they were so hopelessly dark that we could not use 'em save for the one above.

Those attending were:

FRANK and Betty PALERMO
98 Matilola St., Rochester NY 14606
JOHN and Hilda KLUMP
Rt. 1, Box 256, Guilford IN 47022
PAUL and Dottie WISECUP
1265 Kasa Masa Ln., Ft. Meyers FL 33901
LEMAR and Jane BINKLEY
24 Front St., Mohnton PA 19540
STUART and Marjorie STILLWELL
RD R4, 966 Glasier Rd., Williamston MI 48895
FRANK and Betty REIMEL
59 High St., Montrose PA 18801
NICK and Alice MARASCO
22 Paper Mill St., Honeoye Falls NY 14472
JOSEPH and Betty POLIZZI
Address unknown
THOM and Moira MELLINGEN
5564 Sunview Dr., Elbridge NY 13060
JIM and Fran LUCIANO
43 Ash Wood Av., Summit NJ 07901
L.G. and Polly HICKS, Jr.
RFD 1, Crawford GA 30630
DON and Janice HINKLE
221 N. Walnut St., Philippi WV 26416
Guests were:
VINNIE and Fran VELLA
107 Homer St., Buffalo NY 14216
KEN and Doris FENTNER
1251 Smith Rd., E. Amherst NY 14051

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APPLE SAUCE



Recent newspaper shot of Ferdinand Marcos. The rascal's getting fat. That view of Diamond Head must agree with him. Turned 70 last fall. No shot of Imelda. The day our photographer visited, she was downtown buying a pair of shoes.

A few words from SHY LUM: "Received many get well cards and letters from my association friends. Would appreciate if you would thank them for me in the Taro Leaf. Reunions foster friendships that no ocean can separate. I'm doing fine in the home. Get around pretty good but weak. Wish I could put on about 10 or 15 lbs. I'm on low salt diet - food has no taste - so that's impossible. The Wilsons, Earl and Emily are leaving in mid-August for New Jersey and will return after the reunion. The Association is always in my heart. Thank you. Aloha."

We did it Shy - just as you wrote it. In case you missed his address, try Tim Young Lum, Palolo Chinese Home, 2459 Tenth Ave., Honolulu HI 96816.

Co. L 21st and Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 21st meeting in Des Moines the last weekend in July. If interested, contact DALE ECKHART 407 2nd S.E., State Center IA 50247 or call 515-483-2458 or RAY MONTGOMERY, R8 Northview Dr., Shepherdsville KY 40165.



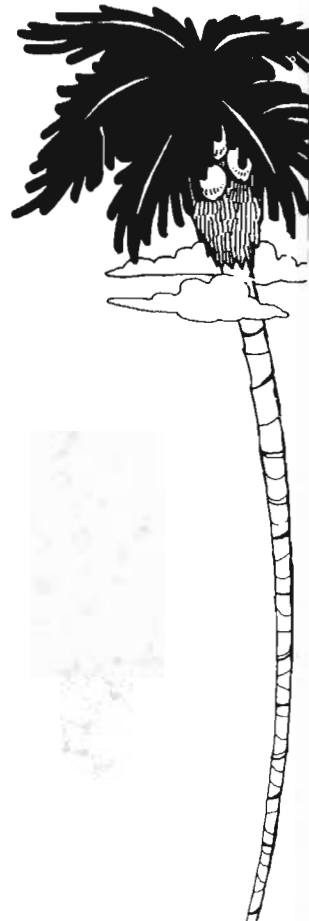
On to S IV - GILES and Barbara ENGSTROM (5th '50-'52), from 55 Maple, White Pine, MI. "The golf clubs are in the car". And with this news comes this shot "of me and two pals, names forgotten" says Giles: "That's me on the right. Note the 555 on the truck." To which we add, first identifying the other two gets a free one year membership in the club. No phony names please. We're on to some of you guys.

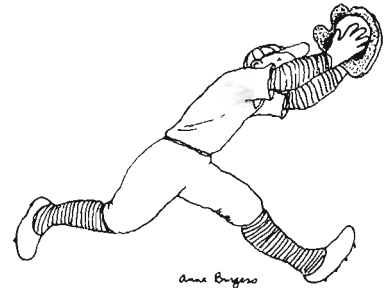
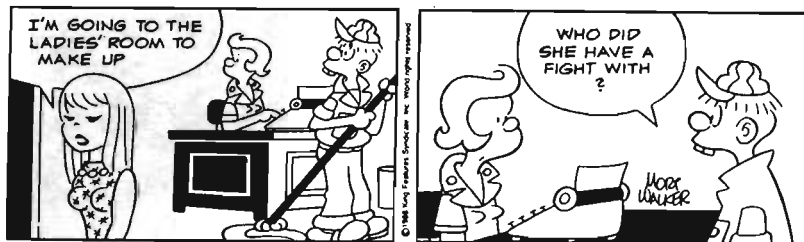
Jody McIntyre is our contact at the Sheraton Savannah - Tel. 912-897-1612. She is being most helpful - and enthusiastic. Give her a call.

It's easier to get into the conversation if you're not there.

While in Buffalo/Niagara Falls over a recent weekend, we took note of the airlines servicing the A/P. We spotted United, American, Northwest, Piedmont and US Air. Not bad.

Making S IV - BILL and Kate FRANKE (24 Sig. '42-'45) of 1307 Bridge, Charleston WV.





THUMBS UP!

Various nations, Japan, for example, keep knocking us for our huge budget deficits. Maybe if they'd pay up on their delinquent debts, we could do something about our red ink.

Super-rich Japan is far behind in its loan payments. Yet they're buying up Hawaii left and right. They owe us over \$248 million for loans from '59 to '85.

And U.K. isn't doing any better. Queen Betty II and her people owe us \$2 billion for loans from '45 to '80.

Spain? \$1.4 billion for '55 to '86 loans.

France? \$22 million.

West Germany? \$14 million.

A total of 165 countries owe we patsies a stupendous \$71.9 billion in overdue loan payments - and not all of them are our friends. The Soviet Union is being \$849 million in payments.

But for real deadbeats, consider

Israel	\$10.2 billion
Egypt	10.1 "
Turkey	4.1 "
Pakistan	3.7 "
South Korea	3.6 "

But don't lose heart. A few countries are staying up-to-date with their payments. Are you ready? Botswana, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, Malta, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

And how was your day.

It's kitchy-koo for LAFAYETTE "We Are Here" COCHRAN (24th QM '41-'45). On Jan. 30th Lafe took unto himself a bride, one Natalie Hill. Lafe and Natalie are now - are you ready for this? - operating a dress shop in Farmington Me. New address for the lovebirds - RFD 2, Box 2304, in Farmington ME 04938. Our best wishes go to Natalie and Lafe.

Sherry LLEWELLYN (BILL's widow) has come full circle. She and Bill were married in LaGrange IL and started their together-life there. Then Milwaukee, then Western Springs, now back to LaGrange where, at 111 East Cossitt, Sherry now hangs her hat - excuse please - her bonnet.

EDDIE "Steady Eddie" ROBINSON took sick in Texas, returned home to 605 Truman, Hyde Park MA and failed to mail a single card at Christmas. Now he wants us to pull his chestnuts out of the fire and beg for your forgiveness. But we've got a little chestnut problem of our own first. For the hundreds of warm greetings, gratefully received and not responded to in kind, our own apologies - please. You were thoughtfully considerate - and we appreciate the wishes of each of you who wished in our direction. Gee, it was great! And now, as to Steady Eddie, he has asked us to tell you that he simply was too weak to address a single card and he's sorry 'bout that. He is slowly normalizing and says he'll see you in Savannah. Okay Eddie - we did it. Hopefully, we're both off the hook.



This is the 227th Taro Leaf; it is the 188th issue which we have edited. Without fear of provoking a fit of linguistic apoplexy, is it time for a change?

BILL BROOME (I 21st WW II) postcards us from Thailand with a picture of a bridge over the River Kwai. Writes cryptically, "Lovely people. Oh to be 50 years younger."

IN FOCUS

From OLLIE SIMMERS (G 21st Tank 21st, '53-'54) of RD 1, Snyder Av., Phoenixville PA 19460 come 3 new names - each gratefully received:

DONALD WALT -(Tank Co. 21st)

144 Moncacy Creek Rd., Birdsboro PA.

ARLAN C. STEZLER (G 21st)

RD #2, Douglassville PA 19518

ANDREW VISCUSO (5th RCT)

6 Marian Rd., Phoenixville PA 19460

Andy was with the 5th RCT for 2 weeks - was captured - spent the war as a POW. Had little time to get to know anyone.

Last time we tried to inject a little fun into one of these inquiries, our house came tumbling down.

This time we play it straight.

We have been asked to print this "in the next Taro Leaf" - which we do, just as Elmer wrote it:

"ELMER G. HUEHN, Box 18112
Denver CO 80218.

Anyone who is still around, and who was in 52nd Field Arty., C Battery, from 6-45 to 10-45. When I took sick and went to Hospital in Kure Japan, 2nd Field Hospital. Thank you. PFC Elmer G.Huehn."



Life Member DAVID and Isabel LOPERA, (A 21st '39-'45), out there in Disneyland-Anaheim CA - 1830 Catalpa to be exact - sent in this picture with the doubting words: "Don't know if this is the right size." We'll take 'em any size, Dave - and Isabel - just so long as we fill our files with at least one of every member and his bride. Dave adds: "Enclosing \$25 for postage or whatever." Thank you Isabel and David. Twisted that one around, didn't we?



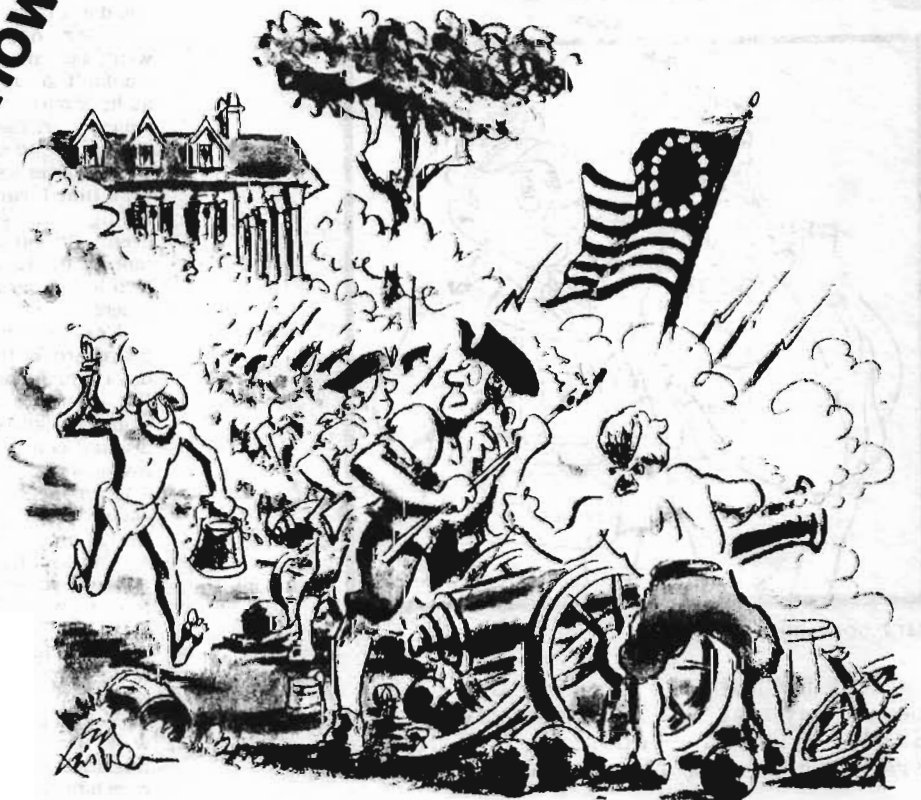
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"Where's Molly Pitcher? And who in tarnation is this Gunga Din?"

First Rule of Grammar: A double negative is a No-No.

Why should we resort to meeting at just any facility when we can meet at a resort? And not just any resort.

You and your gang can meet and play their course and enjoy not just great golf but killer golf.

Bring your clubs. JOE MCKEON is trying to set up some friendly rounds on Thursday -- and more on Saturday. Friday, of course? - Stewart.

There are 24 hours in the day. Only one of them is called "The Happy Hour."

Request in for 2 decals (of the Div. patch), "One for me, and one for my horse", so wrote ALLEN J. JOHNSON (34th '42-'44), of 10827 Previtali, Jackson CA. We get some strange mail.

"More than 1 million American men and women have died in battle since 1861. The Civil War Era took 498,000; the Spanish-American War, 11,000; World War I, 116,000; World War II, 406,000; Korea, 55,000; and Vietnam, 58,000."

Those courageous Americans fought and died for the strongest of all possible human motivations -- the right to live free. One wonders where this nation would be today, if our gallant comrades had not been willing to suffer the supreme sacrifice. They did not die in vain; no American will ever have died in vain as long as our nation remains free.



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

BOB HUNKELE is looking for M 5th RCT men. Says he'll "see you there" meaning S IV. Eureka! Bob's at 1055 Mosefan, Franklin Square NY. Tel. 516-328-2097.

Remember when the greatest hazard of smoking was getting caught?

At a woman's symposium in Tokyo, one elderly lady from Okinawa gave her views of picking a husband. She said she was glad her parents had chosen him. I asked "Why." She said, "I would hate to think I picked him out myself!"

We have long been an Erma Bombeck enthusiast. Some weeks ago we caught one of her outputs; in our humble opinion one of her very best. We hope you won't mind if we ask you to share it with us - especially in the unhappy event that you missed it the first time around. It's an absolutely delightful piece. And don't peek; save the punch line for the very last:

ERMA BOMBECK

Husband won't fix it unless he's selling it

When I was first married, my husband brought to the union a car that immediately began to deteriorate on the passenger side.



lamps we were discarding. He said he couldn't sleep nights if he thought someone was going to get hurt using them.

First, it was the windshield wiper. It went back and forth, but on my side it didn't touch the glass. My husband said, "It's not important. You're not driving, so you don't have to see anyway."

Later, not only my heater went, but my window stuck and wouldn't go up or down. It came as little surprise that another car smashed in the door on my side, forcing me to slide over and exit on the driver's side or get a welder each time I wanted in or out. The spring in the glove compartment eventually sprung and the least motion would bring the lid down into my lap, sending maps everywhere.

I existed in this automotive graveyard for five years. Then one day I climbed in the car and it was like a miracle. My side was born again! It had been restored to its original condition. When I asked my husband why, he said he had a buyer for the car and before he showed it, he wanted to get everything fixed.

And so it has always been.

We lived for years with a lawn mower with blades so dull it stalled when you got it off the sidewalk and hit a blade of grass. We had it sharpened just before we sold it.

You could always tell when we were having a garage sale. My husband would be out in the garage half the night rewiring all the

We have never sold a house in our entire lives that he did not spend months bringing it up to code. Paint cans appear and fumes permeate the house. For the first time in years we no longer have to take the back off the commode and lift the plunger until it fills up. He calls a plumber. Bulbs in the porch light reappear while the "doorbell out of order" sign disappears. Screens with holes in them go away and new ones take their place. The muddy path that leads from the driveway to the garbage cans is taped off and sprouting new grass.

We insulate the attic, put a fresh coat of black top on the driveway and plant geraniums in the window boxes. He weatherstrips the doors and dispenses washers to leaky faucets like free candy.

The bitter irony is that we could have enjoyed all these improvements while we were putting them off.

A couple of weeks ago he turned to me in a moment of generosity and said, "Weren't you going to have some cosmetic dental work done?"

"Yeah, but it's not crucial."

"Go ahead," he said, "and treat yourself to a new hairstyle. You're always saying how bored you are with this one."

I sat there stunned as he continued. "And while you're at it, you might as well get yourself some new clothes. Maybe a couple of those new miniskirts."

He's got a buyer for me. I know it!