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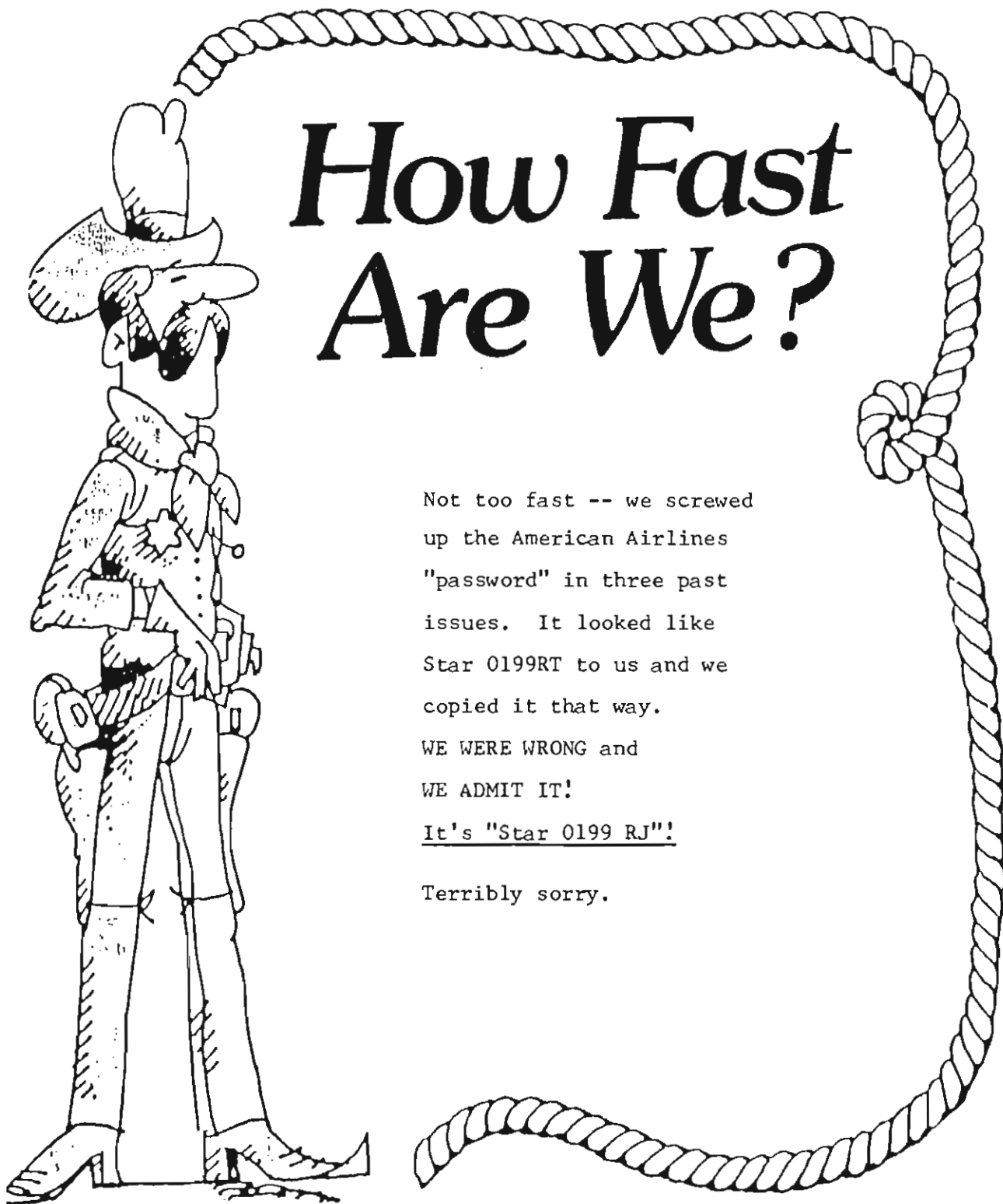


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Is there a teenager in America who returns the car with gas in the tank?

A 24th Signal man sends us his membership card expiring in August 1954 and says, "I'm somewhat in arrears". JOHN and Barbara WHITING live in Stephenville TX and are planning to join us in Ft.Worth. Don't stay away so long, ever again, Johnny.

Not that it matters - but we hate telephone-answering machines.



And we want you to meet our Convention Committee - you'll meet 'em in Ft.Worth but for the moment, get acquainted with our front row ladies, Louise FREDERICK, Donna Wickes, Lawanda HEABERLIN and Paula Lamb. And in the back row, they are JIM FREDERICK, GIL HEABERLIN, Lynn AUSTIN, and PAUL AUSTIN. And in case there's a worry wart in the crowd, Donna Wicks and Paula Lamb are the lovely daughters of the Heaberlins and the Austins respectively. This hard-working gang awaits you.

Bonus Quiz: How many captains are required to sail the Exxon Valdez?
Answer: One and a fifth.



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LOU SARDINA of 7 Green Lawn, Wellesley Hills MA 02181 dropped in to see us the other day. A most pleasant surprise, especially since he left a hefty fifty with us. Gratefully received, Lou. He asked a pregnant question: "Where is the Fifth Inf. now?" You had us, Lou. Anyone out there have a clue?

Forget what they did to Alaska; have you ever checked an Exxon restroom.

Another Texan coming to Ft.Worth - WERNER MOHR (A 34th) down there in Fredericksburg.

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THREE CHEERS

Fort Worth has a rich legacy of cowboys and culture.

Fort Worth is rich with history, but the city also takes great pride in its museums and other attractions.

A world of art is waiting. On the western edge of downtown is a complex of magnificent museums - the third largest cultural district in America.

The Amon Carter Museum houses a major portion of the works of Western artists Remington and Russell. At The Kimball Art Museum are priceless works by such masters as Cezanne and Rembrandt. The Fort Worth Art Museum contains an extensive collection of modern paintings, sculptures and old masters. The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is home for one of the world's largest Omni Theaters - showing spectacular motion pictures on a gigantic domed screen. In addition, the museum houses more than 100,000 fascinating artifacts.

Texas teahouse. Not far away is Fort Worth's exquisite Botanic Gardens, including the Japanese Gardens with its delicate teahouse and authentic pagoda. The new Conservatory includes one of the largest collections of tropical plants in the Southwest.

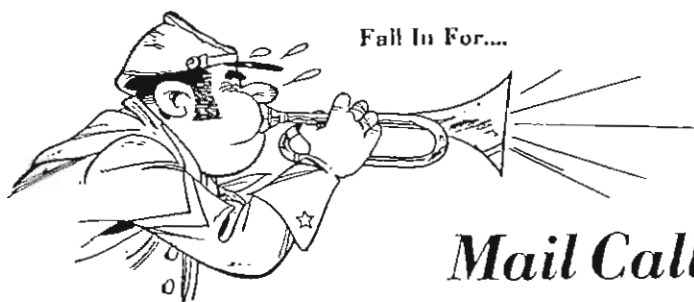
In the same general area is the famed Fort Worth Zoo, the oldest animal park in Texas. Just across the street is the Log Cabin Village - with actual pioneer cabins from the 1850s era in Texas. And, nearer downtown, is the Cattle Raiser's Museum which chronicles the history of Texas ranching.

Think about this. A man with one watch knows what time it is. The guy with two watches is never sure.

REWARD

FOR ANY FORMER MEMBER WHO RETURNS FROM THE MISSING.

Send us the name and current address including zip code of a Taro Leafer who is not already one of our members and we'll reward you with a membership to him for one year with your compliments. If the best you can do is an address that was valid back in 1946 or 1953 or whatever, forget it. We find ourselves wasting time and money with addresses that are less than current.



It was a town meeting; the town politician had been speaking for 20 minutes.

An elderly woman in front turned to the row behind her and said, "I can't quite hear him. What's he talkin' about?"

The group in back of her conferred for a few moments. Then one of them finally leaned forward and said, "He don't say."

AP had this item out of Fort Knox:

World War II hero, 70, receives his recognition 45 years after the fact

Associated Press

FORT KNOX — Thomas Moore was more interested in marrying his sweetheart and starting a family after World War II than he was in receiving the Silver and Bronze Stars for heroism in combat.

But 45 years after the fact, his family made sure he got them.

On Wednesday, the 70-year-old Moore stood at attention as an Army general pinned the long-overdue medals on his blue-gray business suit during ceremonies at Fort Knox.

"The courage that this man displayed in combat cannot be exaggerated," said Brig. Gen. Dennis Crumley, who presented Moore with the medals. "He is part of the heritage of the Army."

Moore, now a retired grocer from Columbia, had known about the commendation since his discharge in 1945, but had never bothered to receive the awards. Instead, the yellowed award document that had been sent to his father remained stored away along with his uniform and the Purple Heart he received earlier in the war after he was shot and sprayed with shrapnel.

According to Moore's award document, his platoon, part of the 34th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, was put into battle Oct. 21, 1944, in Paving, Leyte, Philippines. But when arriving in position, "the situation was not clear and our troops and the enemy were

intermingled." Troops were visible to the front, but the platoon could not tell whether they were friend or foe. Moore, then a private first class, volunteered to cross the "no man's land" to find out.

"I was scared," Moore said. "If the Army knew how bad I was scared, they wouldn't have given me a medal."

Making his way across the jungle, he discovered the troops were Japanese and they began firing on him. Adding to the danger were the American planes that were also firing at the enemy. But Moore made it back to his platoon, and the Allied forces won the battle.

"There wasn't a whole lot to it," Moore said. He said he attended the ceremony only for his children.

That's because his children had urged him for years to send in the award papers and receive his Silver Star, the most prestigious award for heroism in combat after the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Finally, in January, his son Darrell, an Elizabethtown school teacher, took the document to Fort Knox. "I thought he deserved it," the younger Moore said.

Army officials say it is rare, but not unprecedented, for soldiers to leave medals unclaimed.

Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How.

TIME TO REGISTER

24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

42nd Annual Reunion

Wed., Sept. 13 - Sun., Sept. 17, 1989.

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas.

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ADVANCE

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4141 - 6th Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas, 76115

Make checks to:
24th Infantry Division Association
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(Please print or type)

Address _____

(Zip) _____

Tel. (____) _____

Unit(s): _____ From _____ To _____

Occupation: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Children/Guests: _____

(*includes Gratuity and Tax)	* Per Person	Number Attending	Amount
Registration Fee (Wives & Guests Excluded) (Widows,			\$ 15.00
Friday Aloha Dinner:	\$ 22.50	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet:	\$ 25.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Continental Breakfast	Complimentary		
Total Paid: \$			_____

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY: Date Recd. Regis. # Fri. Table # Sat. Table #



Augsburg friends, listen to this. Our longtime members JESSE and Daisy FOSTER (E 19th, MP Co., Anti Tank Co. 8/40 - 3/43) of 6608 Powhatan St., Riverdale MD 20737, are prowling Beale St. in Memphis when whom do they meet but L.Z. SHORT of 1420 National, Memphis 38122. He was with the 24th Military Investigation Unit in Augsburg in '60-'62. Yup, he's a member now.

We'll bet 99% of the kitchens in America no longer have rolling pins in them.

ERRATUM: The American Airlines code, printed in the last 3 issues, should be 0199 RJ - not 0199 RT. Our apologies, please.

Three heart attacks for Life Member 293 PAT BLUNNIE (C 21st '50-'52 - T.F. Smith) of 3051 NW 129 St., Miami FL. Pat wants the boys to know he's "Okay now."

A Celebration of History. That's what our Fort Worth party will be.

It's about time! National Guard units are beginning anti-drug duties. And why not. This is war! As deadly as a war with bullets.

Present & accounted for

Terrific letter from DON BURR, of 1915 Grant, Baxter Springs KS. Can't give you all of it - Don writes pages - but here, read a few of his paragraphs right now:

"What a wonderful idea to have one central location - a sort of clearing house - for information concerning our old Division. I served as Regimental Personnel Officer for the 34th from late '44 until early '46, and I have many warm memories of my service there. I wish that you had a roster of all the officers and enlisted personnel who served during that time and before and later as there are several with whom I served that I would like to know about. However, I know that your organization does not encompass that much yet. I have not found any of the names of the officers nor enlisted men with whom I served with the exception of F. DURWOOD MOORE of Stoneville NC, yet, but I read the Taro Leaf from cover to cover.

"I have a further request, please. I served during WW II and was recalled to help during the Korean Police Action. I served at the 'Flag Pole' in Tokyo during the last tour. During that time, I heard only a little about the 34th Regiment, but what I did hear made me wonder if it is still with the Division.

"I was a school teacher before my war service, and I returned to my chosen profession after my war service was done. I am now seventy-five -- soon to be seventy-six and I am retired from my regular teaching; however, I still teach extension classes for our local junior college. I live in a retired persons village, and my association with the young people in my college classes is a very real and pleasant change from my everyday living."

Caught the National Spelling Bee the other day. Those kids were wonderful! Words like "shimmer", "carnivore" and "hopperdozer" were pieces of cake. "Nasturtium" and "macadam" proved a little difficult. One kid survived "empirical" and "ellipticity", but failed on "mignorette". One sweet little 11-year old sixth grader correctly spelled "scordatura".

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TROUBLE.**

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1989 Annual Reunion
September 14-17, 1989

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CHECK-OUT TIME: 12:00 P.M.

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Single (1 person)		\$60.00
Double (2 people)		\$60.00
Triple (3 people)		\$70.00
Quad (4 people)		\$70.00
1 Bdrm Suite		\$225.00 and up
2 Bdrm Suite		\$300.00 and up

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Sure it's a lousy print. We know it. We'll even have to explain that it's of US Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr. and USSR Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev walking in Washington last year. What we wanted you to see were the medals. Between the two of them we counted 85.

Lovely Lila - can't you just feel a song coming on? - gifted husband, BOB HARTLEY (B 19th '49-'51) of 36 Washington, Mystic CT with a Life Membership in "the club". Bob's now Lifer No. 790. You're precious, Lila!

Meet Life Member #900 - HARLON J. LETT of 70 Pine Tree, Jackson TN. Harlon was 19th from 5/42 to 2/46 - platoon commander, asst. adjutant, personnel officer, and regimental S-2. 900 - think of it!

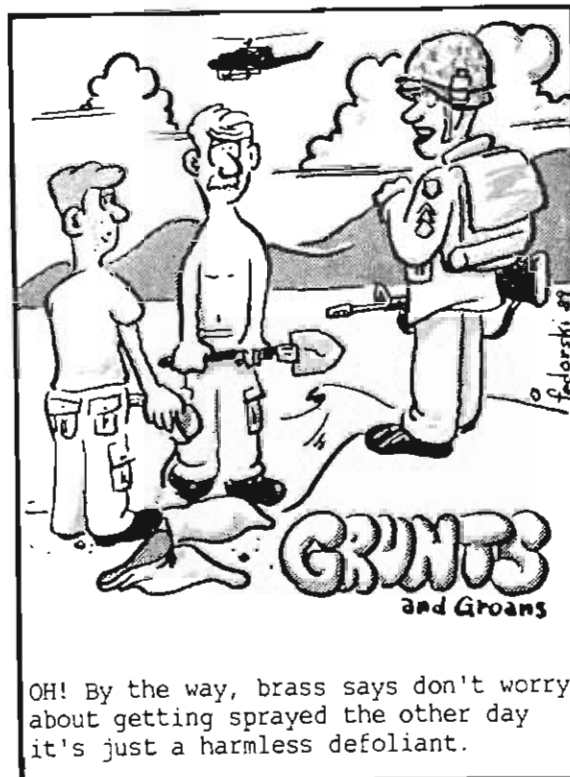
Troubles! Not really. WAYNE J. VOTER (5th RCT '50-'51) of 2957 Mary Ann, Columbus GA 31906 is looking for a 5th RCT decal. We never saw one. Is there such a thing? Anyone out there, sing out, please.

The salesman had spent a half an hour showing blankets to his customer. He took blanket after blanket down from the shelves, until there was only one left.

"Well," the woman said, "I really don't want to buy a blanket today. I'm just looking for a friend."

The salesman sighed. "If you think she's in the other one, madam," he said, "I'll gladly take it down for you."

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OH! By the way, brass says don't worry about getting sprayed the other day it's just a harmless defoliant.

The Americal boys have a cartoonist in their midst, one Lou Fedorski, who used to do cartoons for the 11th Brig. and sent their editor this one:

Complaint department. Someone called, wouldn't identify himself, sounded off, and hung up. So - no chance for a rebuttal. He was upset with what we wrote about MacArthur in the last issue. Here we go again. We didn't write it. We were merely reproducing what Blair Clark, the historian wrote in his review of Michael Schaller's book, "Douglas MacArthur". Give us a break, please. He's also angry about what we've been writing about the west coast fellows who were tied up during the war and now have been somewhat reimbursed for their trouble. This we know; that quite a few of our members are less than pleased and we've merely reported the fact.

Pulled from our "In Basket" - or was it the "Out Basket"? This good note from faithful JULIUS JOSZ of 7344 Rockdale, Detroit: "Over Memorial weekend I was to a couple of services, and ran into a couple of fellows from the 24th Infantry Division and they asked to be signed up so sign them up!"

Frank J. Sapko 31541 Hennepia Garden City MI 48135
 Bill Richmond 12772 Cunningham Southgate MI 48195

We did, Julius - and thank you very much.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation - as you grow older, it starts avoiding you.

HISTORY

Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849 and was named for General William Jenkins Worth, who distinguished himself in the Mexican War. The out-post became a stopping place for the storied Old Chisholm Trail and a shipping point for the great herds of longhorn cattle being sent to northern markets. Progressive city leadership brought the first of nine railroads to Fort Worth in 1876 and with the subsequent West Texas oil boom, guided the city into a metropolitan entity of more than 420,000 people. This most typically Texas of all Texas cities is a blending of cattle, oil, finance and manufacturing.

Back then Fort Worth was the wild, wild West at its best. Today, Fort Worth reflects the best of cowboys and culture.

TRANSPORTATION

- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport: 17.5 miles from the hotel and is the 4th busiest airport in the world.
- Amtrak, seven blocks from the hotel.
- Greyhound Bus Line, one block from the hotel.
- To/From the Airport:
The T, Super Shuttle or Taxi Cab

HIGHWAYS

- East/West: Interstate 30, U.S. Highway 80, 180, 377, State Highway 183, 121
- North/South: Interstate 35W, U.S. Highway 377, 287, 81

WEATHER

- Average temperatures: Spring 65 degrees
Summer 84 degrees
Fall 66 degrees
Winter 47 degrees

An average of 250 days a year of normal sunshine

SHOPPING

- Specialty Shopping: Sundance Square
- Five malls within a 10 mile radius

GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

- The Kimbell Art Museum
- The Amon Carter Museum
- Sid Richardson Collection of Western Art
- The Fort Worth Art Museum
- 150 Years of Fort Worth
- The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
- Log Cabin Village
- Pate Museum of Transportation, Cresson
- Southwest Aerospace Museum
- Texas Sports Hall of Fame
- Thistle Hill

THEATRE

- Fort Worth Theatre
- Caravan of Dreams Theatre
- Granbury Opera House, Granbury
- Casa Manana Musicals
- Circle Theatre
- Hip Pocket Theatre
- Shakespeare in the Park
- Stage West

MUSIC

- The Dorothy Shaw Bell Choir
- The Fort Worth Ballet
- The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
- Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth
- Texas Girls Choir

NIGHT LIFE

- West Side Stories — happy hour Monday - Friday including a complimentary buffet.
- Billy Miners — where all drinks are doubles and throwing peanut shells is a must.
- Stockyards — every type of entertainment is found in the historical stockyards. From country and western dancing to the latest sounds of rock, stroll down the wooden sidewalks of old Fort Worth.
- Caravan of Dreams — is jazz more your style? The nationally reknown Caravan of Dreams offers the finest in jazz entertainment and Fort Worth's only Cactus Garden, located on the roof of the club.

SPECTATOR SPORTS

- Football: The Dallas Cowboys play at home in Texas Stadium, Irving.
- Baseball: The Texas Rangers call home Arlington Stadium.
- Basketball: The Dallas Mavericks host opposition at Reunion Arena.
- Soccer: The Dallas Sidekicks, 1987 MISL Champions, also play at Reunion Arena.
- Collegiate: Texas Christian University, the Horned Frogs, play in Amos Carter Stadium and Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

PARTICIPANT SPORTS

- Swimming: Heated outdoor swimming pool on the sixth floor of the hotel.
- Fitness Center: The hotel also offers complimentary use of the fitness center located on the sixth floor.
- Golf: Hyatts Bear Creek Golf and Racquet Center and Fossil Creek Country Club, both within 25 minutes of the hotel.
- Miles of jogging paths along the Trinity River.

EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

- The prestigious Van Cliburn piano competition is held every four years in Fort Worth. Preliminaries held in Ed Landreth Auditorium on the campus of Texas Christian University and the finals held at the Tarrant County Convention Center.
- The Fort Worth Zoo
- The Water Gardens: A spectacular architectural display of water fountains located in downtown Fort Worth.
- The Botanical Gardens and Japanese Gardens
- The Omni Theater: The most advanced super 70mm and multi-image projection and sound system in the world.
- Six Flags Over Texas: Amusement park with more than 100 rides.
- Fort Worth's Annual Events include the Fort Worth Stock Show, Mayfest, Pioneer Days, Main Street Art Festival and many more.
- Wet-n-Wild: Water park filled with slides and pools.
- International Wildlife Park: The park offers a rare chance to drive among the wild and actually feed and pet anything from an antelope to a giraffe.
- The Colonial Golf Tournament is held every May at Colonial Country Club.



Front & Center

Stay in the heart of downtown Fort Worth. The Hyatt Regency is one block north of the Fort Worth Tarrant County Convention Center. Other major business and tourist destinations are only minutes away: The world famous museum complex, the historic stockyard area, and the unique water gardens.

A short freeway drive takes you to DFW Airport, Six Flags Over Texas, Dallas Cowboys football, or Texas Rangers baseball.

We read it someplace - so it must be true: to make sure people return your favorite pen, always lend it without the cap.

Worst new idea of the month: Milk Bone has come out with mint-flavored dog biscuits.

Didja catch that one on Harold and Candace Thorp, the Washington State couple who sued the Jim Beam Distillery Co. for not warning the public that a pregnant woman's heavy drinking could harm her child.

Candace Thorp, you'll recall, had drunk half a bottle of bourbon daily during her pregnancy. When little Michael was consequently born with fetal alcohol syndrome, retarded and deformed, Mom and Dad Thorp decided to blame Beam and went to court to claim \$4 million in damages.

A unanimous jury of six has now thrown out the Thorps' claim. In the ongoing battle between ordinary common sense and the attitude that somebody can always be blamed, and sued, for any misfortune, chalk one up for the good guys.

Our hearts go out to Michael Thorp, who doesn't deserve the misery that traps him. For his parents, though - and for their lawyer - we have only contempt.

Good idea. Marriott Hotels are putting a full-size iron and ironing board in every room.

Blame this one on CHARLEY NEWKIRK. He appropriated it from his Indianapolis Star - and we like it.

Our debt to the World War II generation

By REX REDIFER

It seems to me that if the present generation owes anything to anybody, it owes the generation that fought and won World War II.

As I sat and watched the news about Mikhail Gorbachev's recent visit here, it struck me how fortunate we are today not to be living in a world hopelessly controlled by totalitarian rulers.

Very likely we would be, had not a generation of people fought to the death against the madness of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Hideki Tojo, whose combined forces threatened to conquer the world.

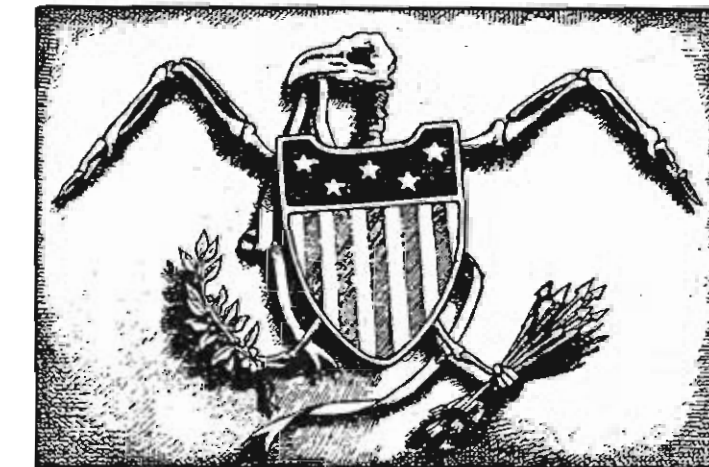
Let the present generation make no mistake that the possibility was very real back in 1941. The cut of the deck in our favor was a slim one. Only the weight of U.S. forces, joining late in the worldwide conflict, turned the tide.

America did not, as many suppose, win that war. It did, however, make the difference.

IT SEEMS odd to me that World War II is viewed so often by our younger people with the indifference of ancient history. They seem to have the idea that little occurred before 1960, and what did was rather insignificant.

In the anniversary week of John F. Kennedy's assassination, the networks saturated us with accounts and reviews of the event. But the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor passed almost without mention.

The grievance I have with that is simply in substance. The assassination of Kennedy was tragic; but on balance it had nowhere near the



North America Syndicate

critical significance of America's entry into World War II.

Dec. 7, 1941. I sincerely believe, may have been the single most significant date of the century, if not the last 500 years. Had the Axis forces prevailed, it would have been a far different world we live in. Civilization as we know it may well have reverted back to who knows what?

Because there was no possibility of diplomatic negotiations with Hitler's Germany. It was simply a matter of destroy or be destroyed. Japan sought control of all Southeast Asia, from Tokyo to Honolulu - and beyond.

The master plan was to encircle and conquer the world and divide the spoils. Such dictatorial regimes

would have ruled autonomously, crushing any opposition without mercy - ultimately including that of the United States. All of our visions of democracy, justice and freedom would have vanished.

PERHAPS IT is an over-simplification to speak in such broad terms. To an extent it is. All history is a complex web of circumstance; but if one could strip away all else and get to the bare bones of it, that was the alternative we faced in those bleak times.

It was a horror.

We read of the dreadful atrocities - the Holocaust, the rape of Nanking, the destruction of societies, of cultures, of peoples - and we shiver at the unreasoning barbarity. How was it possible?

Yet, it happened - not in the dark ages of the past - but within the memorable span of a lifetime.

Such unthinkable barbarism was acceptable only in the framework of unconscionable purpose. Humanity was reduced to the simple equation of kill or be killed.

"War," as Winston Churchill observed, "which was cruel and glorious, has become cruel and sordid."

The most cruel and sordid may have been the atomic bomb that ended it all. But such were the times.

Today, nearly half-a-century later, it is difficult to conceive of such desperation - especially for a generation which has not, and hopefully will never, face it.

WE LIVE today in a troubled, fearful world. Yet, despite all the terror, the upheaval and conflict, there is in place a thin veneer of civilization to maintain a certain balance. It is fragile, but it protects us from the chaos of a world gone mad.

I thought of that as I watched Gorbachev's visit to the United States the other day.

It is an imperfect world, but there remain options and possibilities and, at the very least, there remains hope.

And I thought of our fading generation - those people who fought so hard and gave so much - who somehow managed through those terrible years to salvage a doubtful world and preserve for us that hope.

We owe them a lot - perhaps everything.

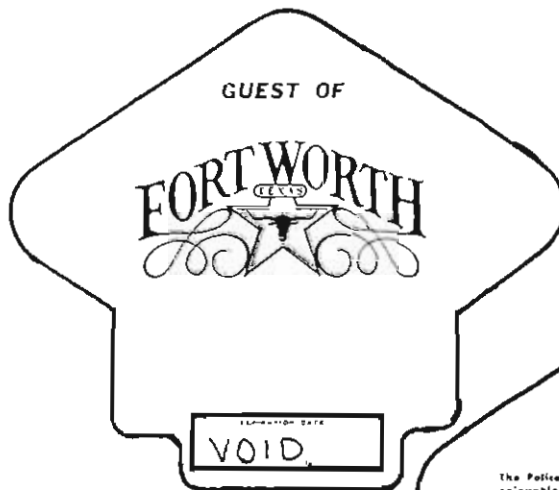
But I sometimes wonder if we know it. 12-24-91

Redifer is a reporter for The Star.

Holiday — Weekend



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Suddenly Suddenly

Most young people don't know what the Medal of Honor is, and many think it is given to entertainment or sports figures or has something to do with Sylvester Stallone, a survey says.

In the "Rambo" action films, Stallone plays John Rambo, a Vietnam Medal of Honor winner.

James Rockefeller, national chairman of the New York-based Loyal Legion of the Medal of Honor, said, "Nineteen out of 20 young Americans" are unfamiliar with the award.

He said that, in a survey of 1500 students between the ages of 11 and 18:

- Fifty percent "guessed" that it was presented for outstanding achievement in the television or motion picture industry.

- Thirty percent "guessed" that it is sports related.

- Fifteen percent associated it with Stallone.

Anyone who knows all the answers isn't asking the right questions.

VETERANS & WIVES FORTY SECOND ANNUAL REUNION 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

FORT WORTH, TEXAS SEPT. 13-17, 1989

WRITE

PAUL AUSTIN

4141 SIXTH AVE.

FORTH WORTH, TEXAS 76115

Copy of ad in Texas VFW News, inspired by, written by, paid for by our very own GIL HEABERLIN (1407 Northglen Ct., Longview TX 75605). Can't you hear him now: "We're Here Because We're Here, We're Here... ..". Gil's had a little eye surgery too -- recovering nicely.



If we ever get to Congress, we're going to make zippered flies against the law.

The "Traveler" - Col. RICHARD C. BIGGS, (19th '41-'45) - from Turkey to FL to VA to PA to VA. Last seen flying over 4622 N.7th, Arlington VA 22203.

A sign posted at the entrance to a park in Alberta, Canada, read: "Please do not disturb the birds and their nests. Sanctuary much."

You know you're getting old when all the phone numbers in your little black book are doctors!

Quotable quote: "The worst thing about having a mistress is those two dinners you have to eat!" -- Oscar Levant.



Look at this one, will you? Who is it? FRANKIE PESKO (3rd Bn. Hq. 34th '41-'45), of 3967 Katherine, Dearborn Heights MI. Frankie was in Florida visiting his brother.

Slight mixup concerning the AA "password".

The correct code in case you're ordering transportation to Dallas/Fort Worth via American is STAR 0199RJ. On their contract, their "RJ" looked like an "RT". and we copied it just the way we read it. Sorry. To repeat, the correct code is STAR 0199RJ.



24th
INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION



A WARM FORT WORTH, TEXAS GREETING!

TO ALL TARO LEAFERS:

Your Texas convention committee has but one main objective and that is to do all we can possibly do to make our convention in September a smashing success so when you depart you will always have fond memories of our Fort Worth reunion.

One of the most important functions of this committee is to pre-register at least 90% of our people who plan to attend, but to do this we ask for your cooperation in filling out the pre-registration form, enclosing your check to cover the charges, and sending it to me promptly.

With your assistance in this matter, your arrival at the hotel will go much smoother, with little or no waiting in line. Also, it will greatly assist us in our planning with the hotel staff. We will make table assignments for the dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings in order of receipt of your forms and checks. We will be happy to honor requests for group table reservations if one person in the group that wishes to be seated together will collect the forms and checks and send them to me in one envelope.

So, don't delay. As soon as you get the form in the Taro Leaf, send it to me for pre-registration.

We, the committee, are looking forward to September when, once again, the old Victory Division members, present and past, will assemble to renew fading memories, and to pay tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

In friendship,

Your Committee

Jim and Louise Fredrick
Gilbert and LaWanda Heaberlin
Ben and Darlene Greenfield
Arthur Travis
Donna Wickes
Paula Lamb
Lynn Austin
Paul Austin, Chairman

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Stationed at the naval base in South Carolina, was a man who had competed in quite a few rifle tournaments near his home town. So when the base needed someone to fill out their team for the National Rifle Tournament, he was tapped.

Unfortunately, he had never participated in any competitive shooting of this intensity before, and he became rattled and did rather poorly.

Embarrassed, he handed his score card to the captain of his team with the remark, "After looking at my score, I feel like going behind the bunker and shooting myself."

The captain studied the card a moment, then replied, "Better take an extra round."

We're not lazy. Hey, strike that! Maybe we are. We simply wanted you to see this one just as JOHN RAGLAND, of 6321 Gonzales, Groves TX wrote it. Here it is:

"The reunion in Savannah was my first. I thoroughly enjoyed it and intend to make future meetings. Lord willing, of course.

"Meeting new friends was very refreshing. Unfortunately, I did not see any of my outfit. Maybe, if you spread word in your next issue, it might help.

"My outfit was D 21st during early '44 to early '46. It was 3rd or 4th platoon. Does anybody know these fellows and their whereabouts?

Clarence Ralph (was from Illinois)
_____ Rinaldi (was from Chicago and I am not sure about first name)
_____ Pilch (was from Wyoming)
_____ Reardon (can't remember first name. Think he was from Kansas.
_____ Muncy (was from Oklahoma). Met him on Mindanao; he wound up as a cook and went to Japan.
_____ Box (think Willie was his first name and he was from St. Louis)

"I know this is an imposition, but would deeply appreciate any help."

Imposition? None whatsoever, Johnny. This is one of our reasons for being. Hope we can find a few for you.

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 13-17, 1989

CONVENTION PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. For members who drive in: Complimentary parking in the Hyatt Regency is available on a first come, first serve basis. If the parking garage is full, free meter parking is available. Ask at the registration desk for a card sign to display in your vehicle.

B. After registering, members will sign in on your unit register to be located near the registration desk. Also, you are requested to place a pin in your hometown on a map provided nearby.

C. A tour desk will be located in the same area to provide brochures courtesy of the Fort Worth Tourist Bureau on places to visit, dine, and shop.

TOUR INFORMATION

All tours will be on your own choice and at your convenience. Your committee recommends the following sites for your enjoyment. Consult the brochures for details.

1. The Kimbell Art Museum
2. Amon Carter Museum
3. Water Gardens
4. Omni Theater
5. Sundance Square
6. Famous Exchange Avenue (Stockyards, Billy Bob's, White Elephant Saloon, etc.)

Tours out of Fort Worth are available as follows:

1. Southfork Ranch in Dallas - Home of TV show "Dallas"
2. Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington (theme park)
3. Dealey Plaza, Texas Schoolbook Depository, and The Sixth Floor Museum where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot President Kennedy. If you are interested, call or write the reunion chairman well in advance for reservations.
4. Town of Granbury Tour (40 miles southwest of Fort Worth - requires a full day)

Other activities:

1. Golf - Rockwood Municipal Course - 3 miles from hotel. Starting times will be available on Friday and Saturday mornings.
2. Audio/Visual Room - Open Thursday and Friday only for showing of tapes and films of 24th Division actions from film library and for those of you who might bring a tape for viewing.
3. A bulletin board will be available in the hospitality room for members to post pictures, letters, or any other type of historical facts or information for members to inspect and discuss.



Watta letter! Watta guy!
BILL STEBENS writes from 920 Vine,
Davenport IA:

"Thanks for reinstating me to the
good ole 24th.

"I retired last August 1988 but have
a lot of work restoring my old cars.

"Someday I am going to make it to a
reunion.

"Here's my \$100.00 for Lifetime
Membership.

"Would like to know about some of
the fellows in C Co. 21st '44-'46 vintage."

Maybe this'll smoke a couple of 'em
out, Bill. Thanx for the Life Membership.

We pulled this back from the printer
in order to insert this one last item.
The Supreme Court has just ruled that no
laws can prohibit political protesters
from burning the American flag. We are
simply overwhelmed. God help the
United States of America; we need every
bit of help we can get.

You know the "password" now, don't
you? It's STAR 0199 RJ. That's R for
Roger, J for Jack.

If you are planning to fly to
Dallas-Fort Worth and return via AA,
identify yourself with your AA agent as
coming under the "code" - STAR 0199 RJ.

Here's what you might do. Go to your
travel gal or go direct to AA's Meeting
Services Desk by free toll - Tel. 1-800-
433-1790 - or have your travel agent do
it for you. Give the code: "STAR 0199 RJ"
- and pray a lot.

This issue contains more "fill-in"
coupons than the K-Mart insert in last
Sunday's paper. Couldn't be helped.

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BANQUET MENUS AND CHARGES

Aloha Dinner, Friday, September 15: Boneless Breast of
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Memorial Banquet, Saturday, September 16: Lone Star Mixed
Grill, Regency Salad, vegetables, chocolate roulade with vanilla
sauce.

Aloha Dinner \$22.50 per person
Memorial Banquet \$25.00 per person
(Price includes tax and gratuity)

Tickets to both dinners will indicate your table number. The
ticket must be shown at the entrance to the banquet hall for
admittance and name plates worn for identification purposes.

DAILY EVENTS

September 11-12	Early arrivals - On your own
September 13	1:00 p.m. - Registration desk opens. Reunion officially begins. Hospitality room open 9:00 a.m. Meals on your own.
September 14	Audio/Visual Room open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tours and shopping. Meals at your pleasure.
September 15	Audio/Visual Room; Hospitality Room; Tours; Cocktail hour 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Aloha Dinner 7:00 p.m.
September 16	Business meeting 10:00 a.m.; Cocktail hour 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Memorial Banquet 7:00 p.m.
September 17	Continental Breakfast 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. (Complimentary)

ALOHA!! Until we meet again....

How do you take the lead?



Take the lead? These folks have already done just that. The hotel has just FAX'ed (doncha love the FAX?) us the names of those already registered in. Look these fox-trotters over:

Alvator, James E.
Ashton, Henry
Booker, Wes
Bradley, Charles
Burdock, Mrs. Grace
Canty, Maurice
Carlson, Herbert C.
Cissell, Robert
Clinton, Patrick
Colegate, Glen
Collier, Roscoe
Corris, Beverly
Creamer, L.
Dick, Dallas
Dolemba, Kay
Donovan, Basil
Ford, C. Rucker
Foster, Jesse L.
Franke, Wm.
Fredrick, James
Giorgi, Nelson

Glenn, Clark E.
Gomez, Joaquin
Gore, Thomas
Gosztyla, Henry J.
Grady, Thomas
Gross, Stanley
Hallgren, Lauren
Halso, Alton K.
Hardin, Robert A.
Harris, Paul A.
Hawk, Eugene
Haywood, Major
Heaberlin, Gilbert
Hellman, Jack
Hen, Jack
Hendrickson, Luther
Hofrichter, Joseph
Hogue, Charles
Hornsby, R.L.
Hornyak, Charles
Johnson, Lester
Johnson, Wm.
Kaefer, Charles E.
Kane, William
Katz, Marshall
Kepler, Louis
Klump, John
Knapton, Donald
Kuhner, Wallace
Lebrun, Allan
Lockwood, Francis
Lumsden, Howard R.
Martinez, Nicolas
McCumbe, Henry
Mcadoo, Albert
McClintick, Dwight
McElroy, James
McKinney, John
McLean, Donald
Moser, Richard
Neville, George
Newkirk, Charles
Newman, MG Aubrey S.
Nolan, Robert D.
O'Donnell, J. Spike
O'Sullivan, J.J.
Perry, Louis
Peters, Harold
Peters, Walter J.
Peterson, Elmer S.
Pitney, Max
Porter, John
Price, Bruce
Ragland, John
Risceck, W.P.
Roberts, Dwight
Robinson, Edward
Rock, Alvis
Rockwerk, Louis
Ross, Kenwood
Sanchez, Reynaldo
Schroeder, Roy
See, Guy
Seltsam, Albert
Shalz, Richard
Shay, Robert
Shipman, J.R.
Slataper, W.M.
Strahan, Prentice
Syverson, Douglas
Thomas, C.
Todd, Vann G.
Toohey, John
Treadway, Robert E.
Upton, Thomas
Visser, Harold
Voth, Theo
Waggoner, George
Wahle, Ben
Wallace, Dana
Watson, Richard C.
Welch, John
Wells, Richard H.
Wisecup, Paul

The common cold is positive as well as negative. Sometimes the eyes have it, and sometimes the nose.

In case you didn't know it, it's now the 24th Signal Battalion at Stewart; the Company has grown. They maintain six communication systems - radio teletype, panel patch, multi-channel, automatic switch, multi-channel tactical satellite and message communications center. One way or the other, the word is gonna get through. Remember how, on the morning of Dec. 7th, the Army C/S sent that warning message to Gen. Short on Wahoo? It went via Commercial Service. Why it wasn't telephoned has long escaped us. At any rate, the message arrived a bit late, as all the history books show.



The captain of a freighter was interviewing two applicants for jobs as deckhands on his boat. The first young man was a farmer's son, and he told the captain that he wanted the job because he wanted to get away from the farm. The captain told him that before he could be hired he would have to provide three character references.

The second young man told the captain that he had just graduated from college, where he had majored in marine biology. He wanted the job to earn enough money to be able to go back to school for a master's degree. The captain was so impressed that he hired him on the spot. This discriminatory treatment angered the farm boy, and he complained to the captain, but the captain still insisted on his getting references.

Eventually, the farm boy got the references and was also hired. One day, about a week after the ship sailed, the two new hands were swabbing the deck. The college lad threw a bucket tied to a rope over the side to get more water, but in the process he lost his balance and fell overboard. The farm boy immediately went to the captain's cabin.

"You remember that college boy you hired without any references?" he asked.

"Yes, I do," the captain said. "And I remember the fuss you made about it, too."

"Well," said the lad, "I just wanted you to know that he's gone off with your pail."

All those in favor say "Si."



Maj. Gen. CALVIN A.H. WALLER has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general and is to be named commanding general of I Corps and Fort Lewis. Waller, 51, has been commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division in Germany since July '87.

Waller was deputy commanding general of I Corps in 1986-87, assistant division commander with the 82d Airborne Division and chief of staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg NC, and chief of staff of the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart GA. He commanded a brigade in Germany and a battalion with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, CO. Waller also was senior military assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for manpower, reserve affairs and logistics in Washington.

The vote will be unanimous. The Hyatt Regency Fort Worth offers the ideal setting for our gathering.

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It's our Convention Chairperson, PAUL AUSTIN. Doncha just love "Chair-person"?

34TH INFANTRY - KOREA

Once and for all, let us put an end to that controversy concerning the 34th in '50. Only 184 officers and enlisted men survived from the 1981 who were committed to the action. The balance were casualties within the short period of some 50 days. The 34th Infantry received for its performance a Distinguished Unit Citation, a Presidential Unit Citation, and two Republic of Korea Citations.

This regiment never lost its colors as verified by D/A.

"South to the Naktong, North to the Yalu" by Lt.Col. Roy E. Appleman gives the U.S. Army version of the first five months. On page 180 reads "The soldiers of the 24th Division faced many handicaps in their early battles with the North Koreans. Often the unit commanders were new to the units and did not know their officers and men; there were few qualified officer replacements for those lost; communication was a most serious and continuing problem - There was a lack of telephone wire, and the batteries for radios were outdated and lasted only an hour or so in operation or they did not function at all; there was a shortage of ammunition, particularly for the 60 mm, 81 mm and 4.2 inch mortars; dysentery at times affected a fourth of the men; and always there were the rumors, generally absurd and groundless, which kept the men agitated and uneasy. The maps, based on the Japanese survey of 1918-32, were often unreliable, resulting in inaccurate artillery fire unless directed and adjusted by an observer. Road and convoy discipline was poor. Driver maintenance was poor."

On page 389 of Appleman's book reads: "The strength of the 24th Division on 25 August was approximately 10,600 men. It needed about 8000 replacements as well as quantities of arms, equipment, and vehicles to bring it up to war strength. General Walker (Eighth Army Commander), after discussing the matter with General Church (24th Division Commander) on 26 August (1950), ordered the 34th Infantry reduced to paper status and its personnel and remaining equipment transferred to the 19th and 21st regiments. (The 5th Regimental Combat Team which was at full strength and had recently arrived from Hawaii, was selected to become the Third Regiment of the 24th Division). At the same time, Eighth Army also reduced to paper status the 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, which had been in support of the 34th Infantry, and transferred its troops and equipment to the newly activated batteries of the 11th, 13th, and 52nd Field Artillery Battalions. Out of the nearly 2000 men who had originally entered Korea with the 34th Infantry on 2 July, there were 184 left in the regiment at the end of August - the rest either had been killed, wounded, or were missing in action".

Appleman details the fact that the 34th had four (4) different regimental commanders from 7 to 16 July - a period of only nine (9) days.

The officers of the Association consider this matter closed and no further mention of it will be made in our future issues.

It is fervently hoped that no former member of the 34th Infantry in 1950 will ever again be accosted at one of our reunions only to be twitted with such as "Your unit panicked and ran before its first fight," "Your unit lost its colors in Korea," etc. Such incidents have been reported as happening in recent years, the last time in Savannah in 1988. Enough is enough!!



ROBERT ENDER, President

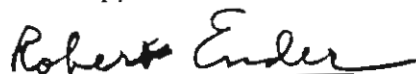
APOLOGY TO MEMBERS OF THE 34TH - KOREA

The Association officers regret the publication of the article which reflected negatively upon the tested and proven 34th. The record illustrates all too well that the 34th upheld the finest traditions of the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict.

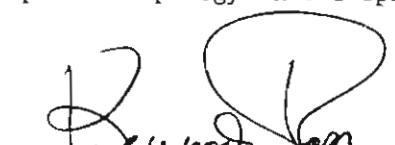
The article appearing in the Taro Leaf was not an editorial comment or a statement of an opinion of the editor. It was merely a report of a book by an author and it included a quotation from that book. The purpose of the item was simply to report what someone else had said about the 34th. There was not the slightest hint, express or implied, that the Editor was in agreement with the quotation.

It is time to mend fences, drink from the same cup, shake hands, smile, and once more be as close with our comrades in this Association as we were in the foxholes many years ago. We trust that our 34th members will accept this apology in the spirit in which it is given.

In friendship,



ROBERT ENDER, President



KENWOOD ROSS, Editor

STOP

Come to Texas for a visit with your past - or some of it anyway.

Your thoughts will doubtlessly do some hand springs from "I wonder who'll be there "to" "I wonder how I'll measure up". It's the curious yardstick that tries to use the accomplishments of others as a way to assess your own progress in life.

Perhaps seeking comfort from the unanswerable, your thoughts will sneak away from the present and take refuge on a busy day in 1944 - or 1950 - or 1964.

So it'll all come crystal clear at Fort Worth. You'll move into the hotel lobby and will spot the crowd. Faces will emerge and names will come more quickly than you think they might. Bob - Peter - Stu - Bill - you'll get them all on the second try, if not the first.

It is "them" again - people you knew and who knew you during the terrible experience of military service - people who knew you before you felt the pressure of taking a place in the adult world.

See you in Fort Worth!

Anyone looking for a geologist. We have one. BOB DAYSON, (5th RCT '51-'52) of 1306 Forest Hill Dr., Vincennes IN.

Our fiscal year begins on August the first and ends on July the 31st. So all annual dues are due as of August 1, including incremental payments by Life Members.

Leg surgery for Life Member, JOE PATTON (5th RCT '50-'51) of Star Route 2, Box 51, Brandenburg KY. We're trying to learn more on poor Joe, and will be back.

One LLOYD PITMAN, of 2071 Preble, Preble, NY - can't find Preble on the map - apparently just another Preble on the beach - has asked for help. Seems he was in the 1st Cav. - Div.Arty. - 99th FA Bn. - in Japan in '49. Went to Korea. They took a beating. Men lost. He thinks some of his men were assigned to the 24th. Asks for "any information". Guess the question is: "Did you know of any Cav. people being assigned to us?" We know it's a lousy question - but we did promise this man that we'd put out the feeler.

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REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

Ben Briscoe, the Jewish mayor of Dublin, loves to recite this poem:
"The snow was blowing out of doors
The drifts were piling high,
And I could see pedestrians
As they were passing by.
The faces of my Irish friends,
Came dimly through the glass,
As they trudged the icy streets
To worship at their Mass.
I envy them their strength of heart,
The faith that they would view.
On an ice cold, soggy morning,
It's good to be a Jew!"

How to know you're growing older:
After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.

A bright eye indicates curiosity;
a black eye, perhaps too much.

Scholars in Foxholes

The Story of the Army Specialized Training Program in World War II

Louis E. Keefer

[320]pp. LC 88-42518 Photos, bibliog., index
ISBN 0-89950-346-2 \$24.95 library binding 1988

World War II's Army Specialized Training Program sent 200,000 bright young men to college in engineering, languages, and other subjects to benefit the war effort. Always controversial, the program was all but abandoned in less than a year, and thousands of students found themselves in the infantry, ill-prepared for some of the war's bloodiest campaigns. To tell their story, former ASTP'er Keefer interviewed more than 200 fellow "soldier-students" and researched the ASTP in government records, some only lately declassified. The result is a complete, balanced account of the program in the voices of those who were there.

Louis A. Keefer is a retired transportation planning consultant living in Reston, Virginia.

Captured on Corregidor

Diary of an American P.O.W. in World War II

John M. Wright, Jr.

[192]pp. LC 88-42536 Maps, index
ISBN 0-89950-347-0 \$20.95 library binding 1988

Lieutenant Wright was assigned straight from West Point to Corregidor, Philippine Islands, in 1940. After his subsequent capture there, he spent three and a half gruesome and brutal years as a Japanese prisoner of war. This book is built around his diary, smuggled through countless Japanese inspections.



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We have been asked to give these two volumes a plug - and plug we do with a reproduction of the company's insert:

Phil Gramm, Republican Senator from Texas, thinks balancing the U.S. budget is like trying to get to heaven.

"Everybody wants to balance the budget," he notes, "but nobody wants to do what you have to do to balance the budget."

We need more people who can bring to their jobs the same enthusiasm for getting ahead as they display in traffic.

The urge within us has been so very strong - to include this story in an issue. Now at long last, we have sprung.

The subject? - to your starboard - on the next page - we're not going to start with that.

We're going to start by telling you that it's a reprint from a November 1946 issue of Life. The picture was given a full page save for the caption at the bottom which read in blue print:

"COSTS OF WAR - THE U.S. IS STILL PAYING THEM. And it went on:

"Much of the new strength of America which can be seen in the preceeding pages was a by-product of war, which spurred the whole nation to heights of accomplishment it had never dreamed of. Yet the cost, as always in war, was appalling. Life would never again be the same for the families of the servicemen who died in their youth on the battlefields. Nor would it ever be quite the same for boys like Jerome von Mohr.

"In material things the nation had also paid. The war had involved an enormous drain on its iron-ore reserves. It had left the U.S. scarred by worked-out copper and lead mines and by played-out oil wells. The well opposite is at Goose Creek, Texas.

Directly beneath the caption was this one line spread across the picture's width:

"At the Army's Walter Reed Hospital sits Pfc. Jerome Von Mohr, 22, who lost both legs when his Jeep hit a land mine in the Philippines."

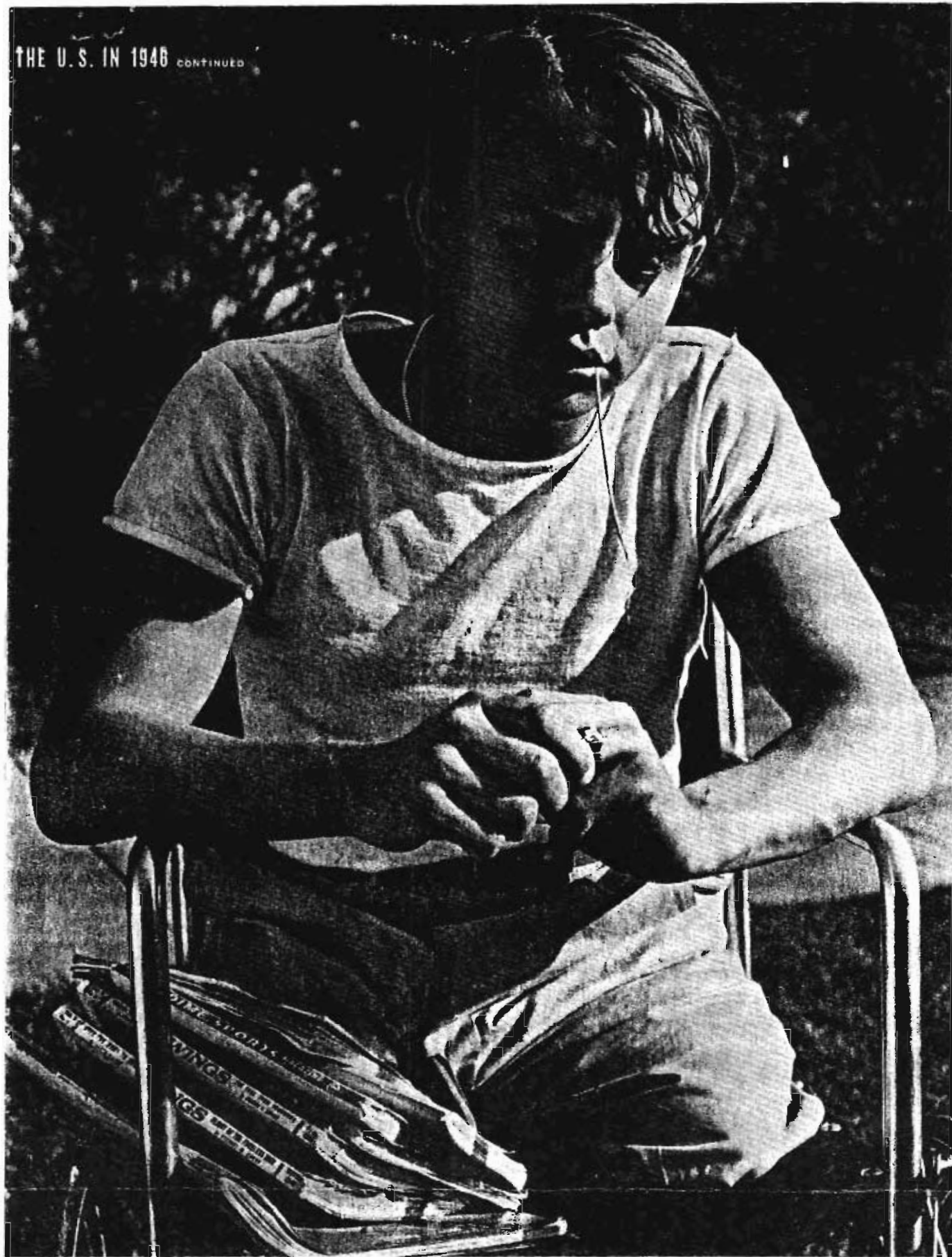
Now you know why we want you to see this.

God bless you, Jerry.

We're not certain that this wonderful Chick (Anti Tank) will join us in F.W. September means football -- and rooting for the home team is Jerry's wildest avocation.



THE U.S. IN 1946 CONTINUED



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重要訊息

FUTURE REUNIONS: 1990 KOREA - 40TH ANNIVERSARY
1991 HAWAII - 50TH ANNIVERSARY PEARL HARBOR

1991: Excerpts from last TARO LEAF to refreshen memories prior to filling out questionnaire on next page:

Original Plan: Join in 50th anniversary of celebration of Pearl Harbor (not a reunion) on December 7, 1991, sponsored by PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION. Considerations: Tremendous crowds (hotels, planes, outer islands), possible rains, mainly a Navy Show.

Supplemental Plan: The 25th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION and the Commanding General of that division, stationed at Schofield Barracks, have invited our association to hold a joint reunion with them in Hawaii on or about October 1, 1991, which is Organization Day for both divisions, date not as yet finalized. Hotel accommodations would be in one of the better Waiikiki hotels, and the management of this joint effort would be in the hands of the Schofield Barracks chapter of the 25th. In the past the army supplied busses to transport members to and from Schofield (two trips), but this would be subject to "possible budgetary restrictions". Considerations: Oahu would be less crowded, weather conditions probably more favorable, we would be among our own Combat Infantrymen, and in our own "back yard".

Possibilities: If the poll favors the December 7th date, plan our regular reunion for the latter part of September, then the members going to Honolulu could sign up with the PISA tour, and proceed on their own.

If the October 1st date at Schofield is preferred, we would have to plan for two reunions, one on the mainland and one in Hawaii, in which case we could:

- a. Move the date of our mainland reunion back to Aug. 15th, V-J Day, and let the committee select the city, probably in the East or Mid-West.
- b. Have our regular reunion in San Francisco (we have one very good possibility at a very fine hotel, at very nominal rates) one week prior to the Hawaii affair, after which those continuing on to Aloha-Land would proceed on to the second reunion, probably in a group.

1991 HAWAIIAN REUNION - 50TH ANNIVERSARY PEARL HARBOR

Excerpts from previous TARO LEAF to refreshen memories prior to filling out questionnaire below:

Original Plan: Join in this celebration (not a reunion) on December 7, 1991, sponsored by PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION. Considerations: Tremendous crowds (hotels, planes, outer islands), possible rains, mainly a Navy show.

Supplemental Plan: The 25th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION and the Commanding General of that division, stationed at Schofield Barracks, have invited our association to hold a joint reunion with them in Hawaii on or about October 1, 1991, which is Organization Day for both divisions, date not as yet finalized. Hotel accommodations would be in one of the better Waikiki hotels, and the management of this joint effort would be in the hands of the Schofield Barracks chapter of the 25th. In the past the army has supplied busses to transport members to and from Schofield (two trips), but this would now be subject to "possible budgetary restrictions". Oahu would be less crowded, weather conditions probably more favorable, we would be among our own Combat Infantrymen, and in our own "back yard".

Possibilities: If the poll favors the December 7th date, plan our regular reunion for the latter part of September, then the members going to Honolulu could sign up with the PHSA tour, and proceed on their own.

If the October 1st date at Schofield is preferred, we would have to plan for two reunions (since only a small minority would make the Hawaiian trip), one on the mainland and one in Hawaii, in which case we could:

- A. Move the date of our mainland reunion back to Aug. 15th, V-J Day, and select a city, probably in the East or Mid-West.
- B. Have our regular reunion in San Francisco one week prior to the Hawaii affair, after which those continuing on to Aloha-land would proceed on to the second reunion, probably in a group.

QUESTIONNAIRE: 1991 REUNION(s)

Mail (within 1 week) to: Robert Ender
1864 El Paso Lane
Fullerton, Ca., 92633 (Member Name - Please Print)

- A. ☐ I prefer to attend on Dec. 7, 1991, as an individual member of the tour sponsored by PHSA. I understand this is not a reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

If Dec. 7th date is selected, I - Will/Will Not - (cross out one) attend a mainland reunion in a designated city (not the West Coast).

- B. ☐ I prefer October 1st date for joint reunion with 25th Division at Schofield Barracks.

If a mainland reunion is held in San Francisco immediately preceeding the reunion in Hawaii, I - Will/Will Not - (cross out one) attend.

Note: This questionnaire is for estimating purposes only and is not binding.

In which we try to keep you abreast of what our very own, Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN, is saying. Will we be forgiven if we are to be so bold as to make a prediction? There's your next Chief of Staff of the Army.

NATO chief endorses arms cuts, but wants new short-range missiles

By GEORGE C. WILSON
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Gen. John R. Galvin, commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, said in an interview here that he endorses the conventional-arms reductions recently proposed by President Bush but will remain uneasy about defending Europe until he has new short-range nuclear missiles to replace the Lance.

Bush, bowing to pressure from West Germany and other allies, agreed to postpone modernization of the Lance missile until he has tried to negotiate reductions in troops, aircraft, tanks and other armor, and artillery based in Europe. But the president stressed that he has no intention of abandoning short-range nuclear missiles like the Lance.

Galvin, asked why he insisted on keeping some short-range missiles rather than abandoning them altogether, said they are vital to deterring the start of war and, should deterrence fail, to stop an invading force.

"In the past," the four-star general said, "conventional forces, even when they were equal, didn't deter war. In fact, almost half the time the smaller force attacked the bigger force."

"However," he continued, "since we've had nuclear weapons they have set up a situation in which

Battlefield Nuclear Weapons in Europe

Tactical nuclear weapon delivery systems deployed in or near Europe's central front

Short-range nuclear missiles:

	TYPE	RANGE	TOTAL
Warsaw Pact	Frog	39 mi.	228
	SS-21	67 mi.	
	Scud	167 mi.	
NATO	Lance	61 mi.	93 ²
France ³	Pluton	67 mi.	32

Nuclear-capable artillery:

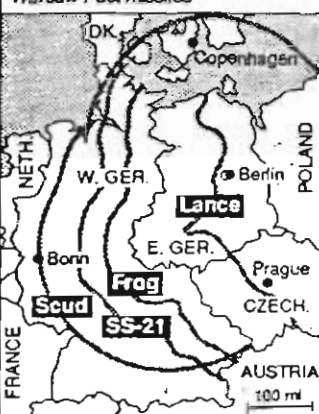
	TYPE	RANGE	TOTAL
Warsaw Pact	Various	Up to	1,268
	calibers	15 mi.	
NATO	Various	Up to	1,937
	calibers	17 mi.	

Systems deployed in NATO Guidelines area (Bel., Neth., Lux., W. Ger., E. Ger., Czech., Pol.) except as noted. 1—Includes SS-23s. 2—Includes Italy. 3—Outside NATO command structure.

Source: JASS

Where they can strike

Maximum range of main NATO and Warsaw Pact missiles



NUCLEAR WEAPONS — Chart shows weapons deployed by NATO and Warsaw Pact countries in Europe.

you cannot predict you can gain more than you might lose." He said this is the deterrent value of a battlefield nuclear weapon like the Lance.

"We don't necessarily have to have a whole lot more" than the Soviets based in Europe, "or even as much as they do," Galvin said.

But he said there must be some kind of reasonable balance, declaring that today the United States had 88 Lance launchers de-

ployed in Western Europe while the Soviets had 1,400 short-range nuclear weapons based in Eastern Europe.

"If they've got 14 times as much as we do, how can you call that defense? So why don't they just say, 'Ok. if you've got 88 and you're not going to get any bigger, then we will come down?'"

Asked why he would not substitute a missile submarine for short-range nuclear missiles in Europe,

Galvin replied that this had been tried in the 1960s but was judged not to be credible because the United States and the Soviet Union were not likely to blow each other up with nuclear weapons in order to stop an invader attacking another country.

If NATO countries in Europe lose the Lance and get no replacement for it, they would only have airplanes and artillery tubes to fire at a superior invading force and such major targets to the rear as assembling areas. Artillery, Galvin contended, has too short a reach, only 12 miles, and aircraft trying to hit targets close to the frontlines would face deadly fire.

Soviet air defenses in Europe have become so lethal, Galvin said, that "the only way to go through it is to fly under it at 100 feet while going 500 knots. So we've got to take the pressure off our aircraft. We can't reach anything except the local battlefield with (nuclear) artillery. So you have got to have a backup," by fielding a Lance replacement.

Galvin said he wants a short-range missile with a range of 240 to 270 miles that would be mounted on a tracked vehicle so it could move from one battlefield to another.

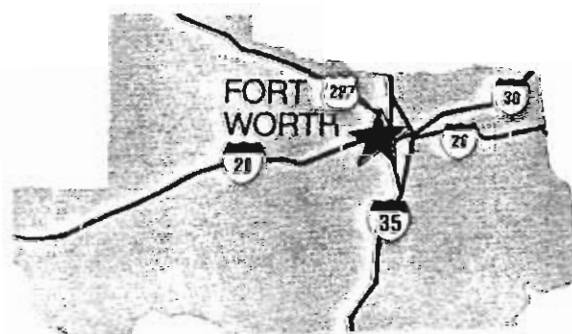
Under current arms agreement, short-range missiles cannot have a range of more than 300 miles.

The salesman was expecting a very important customer to call him at home on Saturday, so when he had to leave the house for a short time he gave his little son careful instructions on how to answer the telephone and take a message.

When the phone rang, the boy answered it. Feeling very grown up, he told the caller that his father was not in at the moment and asked whether he would like to leave a message.

"Yes," the caller said. "Tell him Mr. Jones called - J-O-N-E-S."

There was a moment's pause. Then Mr. Jones heard a small voice ask, "How do you make a J?"



President's Message

Please feel at ease about our September shindig in Fort Worth. Everything is in place for a gala celebration. It should be another super extravaganza! Each upcoming reunion seems to generate more excitement and enthusiasm than the last one. From the letters and calls we can feel the troops chafing at the bit, sort of a sense of urgency. It used to take most of the year to generate momentum; now it begins almost immediately after the last reunion.

24th Division participation: Early in the game the acceptance of our invitation was "subject to budgetary restrictions", but, as of this writing, it appears that Gen. Taylor will be able to favor us with that very impressive color guard, the all time favorite musical combo, the usual PX with a very unusual assortment of Taro Leaf merchandise and, of course, Mrs. Taylor, General "Pete", and a few members of his staff. Be sure to welcome them all, as only 24th-ers can do!

Members will undoubtedly be interested in knowing the geographical areas in which our 2900 - 3000 members reside. Breakdown follows:

700 East & Northeast	800 Midwest
725 South	500 (11 West. States + HI. & Ak.)
250 S.W.(Tx., Ok., Ark.)	

States with membership over 100 are as follows:

245 Calif.	146 Texas
207 Florida	135 Illinois
195 Pa.	126 Mass.
149 N. Y.	112 Georgia
148 Ohio	102 Michigan

Above data compiled by our hard working (daily updates) Directory Chairman and computer whiz (!), Joe McKeon. Thank you, Joe!

Reverting to Fort Worth/September. Chairman Paul Austin, and his very able assistants, have all details lined up with the hotel, the airlines, the airport transportation, local activities and, above all, our very warm and hospitable hospitality room which always exudes comraderie found nowhere else on this planet. Anyone question that statement?? The only thing left is for our members to make their hotel reservations direct with the hotel, and reunion registration direct to Paul Austin. Forms will be printed in each issue of the TARO LEAF.

My "staff" (ahem!) and I look forward to greeting all our wonderful members and their very alluring wives at our annual "party", especially those members from the great state of Texas who may have never attended one of our reunions previously.

24th-fully yours,



Robert Ender

Nice note from BILL JOHNSON (A 21st '40-'44), over in 5976 S.Cheryl, Morrow GA:
"Enclosed is \$20.00 for 1989 dues and a few dollars to help out on other expenses -- Savannah was my first reunion -- really had a great time. Found four of my old buddies -- last time I saw them was Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea - 1944. See you in Ft.Worth!"
Thank you, Bill.

Two heartfelt comments were scrawled on a ladies-room wall. The first, crossed out but still legible, read: "Mary loves Jim 7/8/87." Underneath was written: "Mary really loves Bill 8/14/87."
-Contributed by Eileen H. Davis

George Burns loves to play house. He saw this 20-year-old doll at a party and asked, "Where have you been all my life?" She said, "Teething."

Don Knox wrote an "Oral History of the Korean War." It covered the opening 6 months. Don was working on the second and final volume when he suddenly died. His work was concluded by Alfred Coppel, the well known specialist in military history. The second volume is now out, title: "The Korean War, Uncertain Victory". Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York 1988.

Appearing in it with fragmentary, but terrific, interviews are our own LACY BARNETT, WARREN AVERY, LEONARD KORGIE, DONALD CHASE, ROBERT HARPER, WILLIAM CALDWELL III and CARL BERNARD. To each we say, "Well done; we're right proud." The book? Purchase price \$29.95. Ring our bell; we'll loan you ours.

We see they have a new drug to make older people mentally alert, spry and active. Now if we could just remember where we read that and the name of it.

1990 - Korea??? 40th Revisit

It's gonna seem as though this issue is full of coupons to be filled out. And you'll be right.

Our very energetic public relations member, GOLDY NORTON, has been diligently at work developing a package tour. Here are some of the details:

This would be a ten day (eight night) trip covering such places as Seoul, Osan, Suwon, Chochiwon, Taejon, the Kum River, the Naktong, etc. There are options for tag-ons to Hong Kong, Hong Kong and China, Tokyo, Thailand, and Hawaii.

The basic package would cost between \$1600 and 2000.00 per person, based on double occupancy. This figure includes air fare from the West Coast, all hotels and ground travel, and some meals. Of course, the air fare from the east and mid-west would have to be added to this cost.

The questionnaire is self explanatory. If you plan on taking advantage of this package, please let Goldy know. Time is an important factor. The main thing he has to ascertain is whether or not there is sufficient interest among our members so that he can proceed in working out the details.

THE COUPON

Goldy Norton
6200 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 903
Los Angeles CA 90048

Dear Goldy:

Yes, I am interested in being part of a 40th Anniversary revisit to Korea by 24th Infantry Division members to take place in July, 1990.

I will/will not be accompanied by my spouse.

There will be _____ other family members in my party.

I am interested in a tag-on trip as indicated:

_____ Hong Kong	_____ Thailand
_____ Hong Kong/China	_____ Hawaii
_____ Tokyo	

Are there any special areas in KOREA you wish to visit? If so, please indicate:

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Tel. (_____) _____ - _____

Unit in Korea: _____

Dates of Korea Service: _____

REMARKS: (Please attach)



"Hear that? It's the can opener! Go see if it's for you or for me."

Word from Alice BRIDWELL on EARL (H 19th '38-'42), down at 5611 Bar "S" St., Tucson AZ 85713, is that Earl is confined to a wheelchair. Had serious cervical surgery from which he recovered after a 2 months hospital stay. Medics didn't expect him to make it but he did. Both Alice and Earl ask that their good wishes and love be extended to all who remember them. "Remember"? Who could forget this wonderful pair?

If this is your first reunion with us, please don't sit back waiting for people to introduce themselves to you. You be the shaker and the mover - please - you step forward to him - or them - extend your glad hand - and sound off as if you had a pair - you'll be happy that you did. Ours is a terrific bunch of happy acquaintances and warm friends. Average running time from stranger to acquaintance to friend - five minutes! All especially so 'cuz this year we're meetin' in Texas, pardner. We'll be in the land where the broncos kick up their heels and the cowboys do their unlevel best to hang on. Theirs is the romance of the rodeo; our bonanza is in simple friendships.

Guess our campaign against tinted glass in vehicles hit a dead end. Oh well, RALPH BALESTRIERI was on our side, even if no one else was. Can't understand why Congress, with the stroke of a pen, doesn't outlaw the business. Where are the police on this one? Or at least the police unions?

The MEETING Place

Lawyer Norman S. Ostrow of New York City tells the tale of the farmer, with his horse and wagon going for a load of grain, who was struck head-on.

The farmer suffered severe and permanent injuries. When the case was tried to a jury, the insurance company lawyer asked him, "Isn't it true that immediately after this accident a person came over to you and asked you how you felt."

"Yes, I remember that," the farmer said.

"And didn't you tell him that you never felt better in your life?"

"I guess I did."

The defense lawyer said, "No further questions."

On redirect, the farmer was asked, "Will you tell the jury the circumstances in which you made that response?"

"Yes," the farmer said. "Immediately after the accident, my horse had two broken legs and was neighing and kicking. The man who came along was a deputy sheriff. He put his revolver to the horse's ear and shot him dead. Then he went over to the dog, which had a broken back and was crying. He put his gun to the dog's ear and shot him dead. Then he came to me and asked me, 'How do you feel?'"

"I said I never felt better in my life!"

How to dress for Ft.Worth? Casually. Comfortably. Coolly - is that a word? We've had much fun with Hawaiian gear in years past - colorful shirts for the men, muu-muus for the ladies - for most of our waking hours, including the Friday night dinner. It's colorful, comfortable, cozy. But - come Saturday night, for our combination Memorial Service/Banquet, we strongly suggest business suits complete with shirts, neckties, and shoes for the men - and for the ladies, evening dress wear, cocktail dresses or whatever you look dressed up in. We don't go formal as they used to call it, but we certainly want to improve on Times Square at high noon.

The recent death of I.F. "Izzy" Stone, the famous journalist, called to mind his book, "Korea, The Hidden War" in which appears the carefully veiled innuendo that the Korean War was all started by a cooked-up deal between the U.S. and South Korea.

Exciting and sensible new plans in the works, all in a bona fide effort to avoid that vexatious annual stampede into our Saturday night banquet hall.



"Could I borrow a ton of sugar?"



Emily and GRANTON "Willie" WILSON make regular calls on SHY LUM in his Honolulu Rest Home. They report that he's "doing well, looks good, has his TV and the daily paper - misses most, people to talk to." They take him out when they can. Adds Emily, "Should anyone come to Wahoo, let us know and we'll gladly take him up to visit Shy."

As you can see Shy is using the blanket that EDDIE ROBINSON won and gave to Willie. Since Shy had to give up everything else connected with the 24th, Willie thought he might like to use the blanket (he uses it at night when it goes down to 72°). He is very proud of it and puts it away every morning.

It's Shy (left) and Willie (right) - hope it comes out - looks dark to us as we edit - we'll pray a lot.

You can card Shy at
Tim Young "Shy" Lum
Palolo Chinese Home
2459 Tenth Av., Honolulu HI 96816.

While the Pentagon has been claiming success in integrating women into the armed forces, families in the ranks have been confronting a crisis in child care.

The Department of Defense concedes that it needs 81,000 more day care slots for military dependents. Of the 129,000 children who do receive care on military installations worldwide, the Pentagon estimates that 21,000 are in centers that are antiquated, overcrowded or hazardous.

Much of the pressure for more family and child-related support has come with the influx of women, single parents and young married recruits who have enlisted in the post-Vietnam era, said Maj. David Super of the Army, a Pentagon spokesman.

As an example, in 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, 38,400 women were on active duty worldwide out of a total 3,546,000 United States troops, Major Super said. Now there are 221,700 women on active duty worldwide, about 11 percent of the force.

In addition, there are now 51,800 single parents, and about half the 2.1 million active duty personnel are married, a considerable change from the days when the services were filled with young, single males.

As FDR loved to ask, "What kind of shenanigans are these?"

Here's a direct quote from an amazing letter which came in, enclosing a \$50.00 check: "Don't know how in the world I could have gone 35 years without knowing about the Association! I am enclosing my dues and a small (something extra) -

Sincerely, RICHARD FARMER, 10 New St., Florida NY 10921.

Dick's check read, "Dick's Fine Guns" so we've now got an armorer in the gang. Don't know his unit nor his vintage; he's too new.

Know the Editor of your local paper? Whether you know him or not, it will help - immeasurably - if you'll give this a shot. Just ask the chap at the news desk if he'll give us a couple of inches of space in one of his next editions. Tip -- he'll be more likely to be interested if you can add a modest paragraph about yourself. They love local color - for obvious reasons. Thanx a bunch!



DATE: June 15, 1989.

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ORGANIZATION:

24th Infantry Division Association
United States Army

CONTACT:

Paul Austin (817) 924-1014

Fort Worth; Texas The 24th Infantry Division Association of the United States Army will hold its 42nd annual reunion honoring veterans of World War II and the Korean War on September 13 through 17, 1989. The reunion will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102. For further information please contact: 24th Infantry Division Reunion, 4141 Sixth Ave., Fort worth, Tx., 76115; (817) 924-1014. Or, 1864 El Paso Lane, Fullerton, Ca., 92633; (714) 526-6860.

Front & Centre

The Hyatt Regency where "the elite meet to eat" - shades of Duffy's Tavern, remember?

Enjoy a casual breakfast, lunch, or dinner next to the reflecting pools and waterfall at the Cafe Centennial.

Venture upward to the Skylight Court Cocktail Lounge. Sip your drink in a natural setting surrounded by works of art and all the action of the atrium.

Be tempted for luncheon or dinner by Continental Cuisine, local specialties, and fine wines at the Crystal Cactus, where live entertainment is part of your evening's excitement.

Now and then, as you read a printed page, you come upon two cryptic words, the meanings of which may escape you. The two words are SHRDLU ETAOIN, and they are not Gaelic, Greek or even English. They are Linotype, pure and simple. We will now tell you what they mean, and put an end to those sleepless nights you've had wondering about SHRDLU ETAOIN.

If you were to sit down at the typesetting machine, such as the Linotype or the Intertype, you would find that the keys on the second row from the left are in the order S-H-R-D-L-U. The keys on the first row from the left are E-T-A-O-I-N.

When a typesetter finishes a paragraph, he is usually left with a widow line. This picturesque term refers to the last line of a paragraph when, as is often the case, the line does not extend completely across the column. Since this last line is thus left dangling by its lonesome self, an imaginative printer dubbed it widow line, and the name has stuck.

Many typesetters fill in the balance of widow lines temporarily with the easily set words SHRDLU ETAOIN for certain mechanical reasons which need not be detailed here. Later the unnecessary words are removed. But sometimes there is a slip-up, and they forget to delete the letters at the end of a widow line before going to press. Such errors, it goes without saying, are never found in so carefully prepared a publication as Taro Leaf. SHRDLU ETAOIN SHRDLU ETAOIN SHRDLU ETAOIN SHRDLU ETAOIN SHRDLU ETAOIN SHRDLU ETAOIN S

FORT WORTH

BILL SHOWEN (21st & 24th Recon '41-'44) 1911 Francis St., Waukesha WI 53188, says: "Am still hiking most every other day in our state forests near here. Tried a measured nine miler the other day which I have covered in 3½ hours each of the last four years, but had to stop after just 2½ hours. The soles of my feet feel like they are callused and today I hiked another area for 3 hours. This area has no extremely steep or high hills or bluffs, just kettles and moraines left over from the last ice age 20,000 years ago. I remember hiking the Koolaus and Waianae Mountains on Oahu and camping on the streams also the outback in Australia, that Colonel Lawson authorized Al Fournier and I to reconnoiter for two to four days. Always followed by a report and more overlays. Many times other men were involved and often General Cramer needed a guide or company and asked one of us to go along. How good it was to be in my 20's and hike all day with pack and rifle. But I did get sore feet then too."

Before you decide about your aim in life, check your ammunition.



"Still holding that grudge, eh Robdog!"

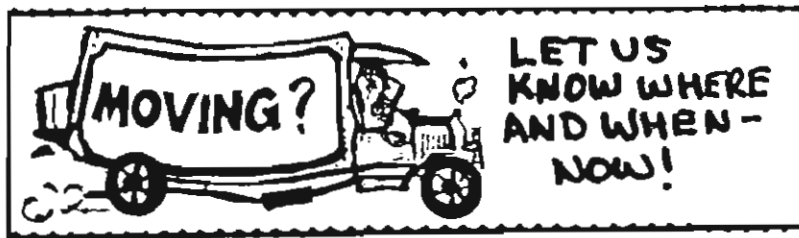
American Airlines

Something special in the air

Another book has appeared on the shelves and we have a copy. "We Shall Return! MacArthur's Commanders", edited by William M. Leary. The University Press of Kentucky, 1988. \$25 per copy. Warning: it's directed to the big boys of WW II - Krueger, Kennedy, Kinkaid, Blamey, Eichelberger, Whitehead and Barby. Don't buy it. If it really whets your appetite, borrow our copy.

Gall bladder surgery for CALVIN GARRETT (Hq.Co. '44-'45) of 806 Linden Av., Hanover PA 17331. Recovering nicely.

An item on a restaurant menu was headed: "The Chef's Special." Below it someone had added: "perhaps he is, but his food is awful."
- "Observer" in Financial Times, London



JIM HYATT (D 6th Tk.Bn. 7/50-7/51) is our Life Member #800. Jim's at RFD 4, Box 426, in Ahoskie NC. Sure hope you can make Ft.Worth, Jim.

Cold-blooded killer, Charles Manson, speaking from his cell, says he has become an advocate for a better environment. One way to improve the environment could be to keep him behind bars.

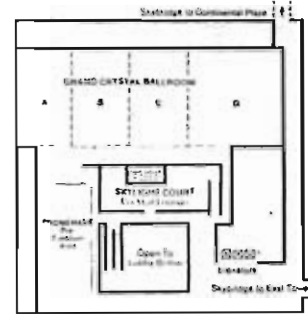
Be in the heart of downtown Fort Worth. The Hyatt Regency is one block north of one of the country's premier exhibit facilities, the Tarrant County Convention Center. Between them is a beautifully landscaped plaza with ample parking underground. You're only minutes from other major business and tourist destinations. And a short freeway drive takes you to DFW Airport, Six Flags over Texas, Dallas Cowboys football, or Texas Rangers baseball.

GOOD FRIENDS ARE FOR KEEPS

=KEEP IN TOUCH !!!



Third Floor



Second Floor



Pavilion Exhibit Hall
(1st Level Parking Garage)

Remember those infamous map reading courses the training people used to love to jam into the weekly training schedules? Try this one on your piano. We'll not identify it. See if you can figure it out:



"My dad speaks two languages — English and Army . . . That's Army!"

Pro golfer Roger Maltbie, when asked what he had to shoot to win the 1988 Shearson Lehman Brothers Andy Williams Open, replied, "The rest of the field."
"Sports Illustrated

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"Words and Symbols"

Answers: 1. Different strokes.
2. Mixed Company. 3. Law of diminishing returns. 4. Round of applause.
Piece of cake, wasn't it?

We get so many newsclips, etc., that we sometimes manage to forget to make notes as to who sent us what. F'r instance someone sent us this one on the occasion of Hitler's 100th birthday anniversary (4/20/89). A member of the 76th I.D. told how the Division observed the paperhanger's 56th birthday in Germany in '45. It went: "The 76th's four artillery battalions (302nd, 355th, 364th and 901st Field Artillery Battalions) were encamped around Limbach, Germany, just sitting and waiting for the linkup with the Russians at the Elbe. There was little to do, for the 76th had been detached from George Patton's 3rd Army when it cut south into Czechoslovakia. So, in observance of Hitler's 56th birthday, we lobbed 56 rounds, a round a minute, into Chemnitz, Germany. Burn in hell, Schickelgruber!"

You know you're getting old, when they tell you to pick on somebody your own age and there isn't any.

Swim in the pool. Exercise at the health club. Or relax in the seclusion of your room with the special touches of Hyatt.

GUY SEE writes from Heath OH: "Just a note with an application for RICHARD CLAYTON, Guys Mills PA. He and I took basic at the same time at Knox. Went different directions but landed with the same outfit in Korea - same Co., same Platoon! 3rd Platoon of G, 5th RCT! We haven't seen each other since the war, but talk occasionally by phone...I'm signing him as a member and maybe after he has read the Taro Leaf a few times and sees what a great bunch of guys we are he'll want to continue and maybe join us at a reunion."

"On a recent visit to FL, my friend, Bob Lemley, and I stopped at Wewahitchka (that's a mouthful) for a visit with BOYD SMITH, A Co. 21st. While we were there, Boyd called another A Co. 21st'er, WILLIAM J. DOUGHERTY, and we had a good 'phone visit'. Doc's at Sumer Point NJ. A great visit!"

What do we have on Capitol Hill? 100 Senators and 435 Congressmen. Yes. But ALSO, 14,000 staff members. And as insiders know, it isn't always the elected official who calls the shot in a major matter of policy or that minor thing called "a favor".

Think of it - 14,000 of the UNELECTED who are in on the decision making, on the way you and we live.



24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

September 15-17, 1989

Fort Worth, Texas

Welcome, You All!

Your reunion committee and officers are pleased you can come to Ole Cowtown for our annual bash!

Relax, kick off your shoes, put on your cowboy boots; and let's all have a lot of fun!

If you enjoy sightseeing, select a tour and go at your convenience. If you enjoy history, don't miss seeing the old Stockyards District. If you prefer to shop, nearby stores are waiting for you. Delicious Mexican food is only two short blocks from the hotel.

Again, we are pleased you are coming and if you need any assistance about anything, please contact any member of the committee or any officer.

Paul Austin, Chairman
Reunion Committee

Call in from VERNON LARSON (555th Bn.) of Rt. 2, Glyndon, MN, telling us that he'll be making Ft. Worth and wonders how many other "triple nickle" folks will be there. There'll only be as many as we can get the word out to, Vern, and believe us, we're working frantically to get the word out.

Mets outfielder Mookie Wilson on why he was wed in a ballpark: "My wife wanted a big diamond."

Sports Illustrated.

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SMILE

Overheard in the Savannah Sheraton lobby last September - by CHARLIE and Betty NEWKIRK - it involved the two TOM's- BRODERICK and UPTON. The scenario is this: Upton had just been elected Veep -- otherwise "Crown Prince" - of our little club - the inseparable Tom's have been separated - Upton is missing - Broderick is looking lost when WARREN AVERY approaches Broderick with: "Where's Upton?" Answers Broderick with his typical dry humor: "He's upstairs putting on his ceremonial robes".

Thanks, Charley Newkirk - great story.



This year we're getting two for the price of one - two convention chairmen - PAUL AUSTIN on the port side and GIL HEABERLIN on the starboard side - as you are looking at them, of course.

VonMohr, J.A.	25.00
Pearson, David W.	5.00
Valerio, Sandy	5.00
Strahan, Prentice S.	5.00
Selmi, Louis	1.00
Wyatt, Roy H.	2.50
Clark, Howard	5.00
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Beard, Richard G.	10.00

(to 6/19/89)

It all started with an inquiry - from BILL YOUNG, of 790 E.Lake, Ravenna OH. He'd seen our item in the DAV magazine. So we joined Bill up. Then followed a note from Rebecca McPeak, his daughter. She'd read our paper and wanted to surprise him. Here's a part of her note; it's refreshing:

"I would like to surprise him with a 24th lapel pin and a regiment crest pin. I have no idea what regiment he was in, but I do know he was stationed in Kumamoto Japan in 1947. (21st Inf., Rebecca.)

"I am enclosing \$3.50 for a lapel pin and \$4.00 for a crest pin.

"I am sure you would find out which regiment he was in in Kumamoto so you would know which crest I want.

"My father fired on the 24th Division rifle team. They beat every team in the far east command except the Marine Corp. team.

"The tournament was held at Camp Palmer in Tsudanuma Japan.

"He told me he got to Japan in Feb. of '47. He was sent to a place called Zama and was sent from there to a Kumamoto. He said he had to go under the ocean on a train to get there. (The tunnel between Honsha and Kyusha, Rebecca.)

"I heard him talk about a 1st lieutenant named Martinez who was his commanding officer.

"He told me about some guys in his platoon. Their names were Belcher, Cowden, Freeman, and Lutchkow.

"When he was on the 24th Division rifle team, their team captain was Major Ritz, and one of the other guys on the team was named Killaran."

Rebecca, you're an absolute doll.

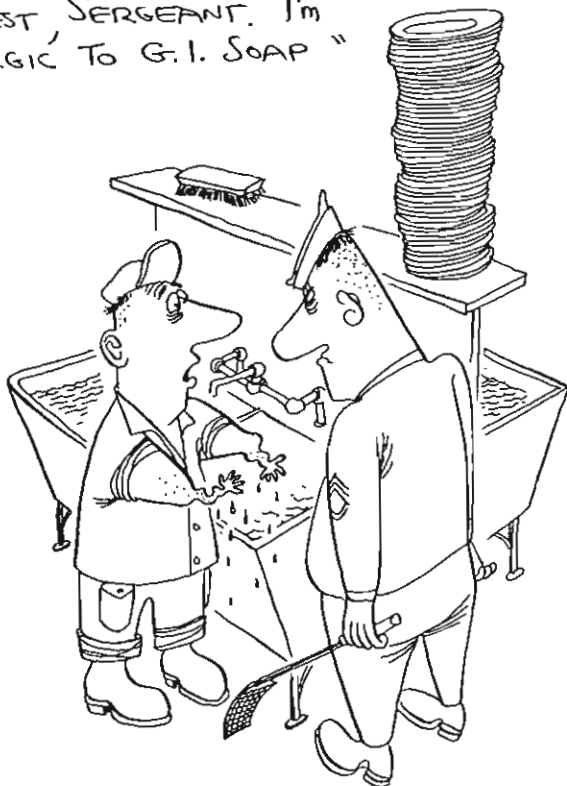
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The words and symbols which appear above have been arranged so that each puzzle represents a familiar phrase or saying. See how many you can solve. The answers are elsewhere in this issue.

Johnny Weissmuller, well-known for his portrayal of Tarzan, was speaking to a group of aspiring actors. When someone asked what was the best advice he could give them, Weissmuller replied, "Don't let go of the vine."

Joe Garagiola, It's Anybody's Ballgame (Contemporary Books)

"HONEST, SERGEANT. I'm
ALLERGIC TO G.I. SOAP"



Here's an interesting one from **GORGE MATISICK**, a retired Sgt. Maj. now at 1100 Colony Ridge, Odenton MD. He writes:

"I am writing in order to obtain some information regarding the reunion in Ft. Worth.

"I retired from the Army in '66. I was one of the original members of Battery "B" of the 555th FA Bn. I was stationed at Schofield when the Korean War began and we embarked for Korea and landed at Pusan and immediately engaged in combat in the defense of Masan.

"Our Battery supported the 2nd Bn., 5th RCT, under the command of Lt. Col. John Throckmorton ("Rocky John"). He later commanded the 5th RCT, was the youngest full colonel in command of an infantry regiment. The 555th FA Bn was commanded by Lt. Col. John Daly.

"I am interested to know any information regarding the persons that are active in the reunion get together. Perhaps you could enlighten me and pass on some information if available."

Triple Nickle people, here's another one!



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Gimlets all, G Company men to be specific, circa sometime in 1951. **MELVIN G. COLBERT** is in the back row, far left. For more on this one, please see the opposite page.



Where Else Can You Enjoy All This:

This nice little story started thus:

Along about last December, we received an inquiry from a Christina Colbert about an organization called Veterans Finders of America. The story is developed in her letter, used below. The letter is a Father's Day letter, being addressed to her good Dad, MELVIN C. COLBERT, who just happens to be a Gimlet. The rest is now a part of our folk lore - and we love Christina for bringing herself and her sweet Dad into our fold. Melvin today spends most of his time in a wheelchair. Over on the opposite page, we give you the picture Chris mentions in her lovely letter which we reproduce below. What a precious word, that word "family". See how it applies to the Colbert family. You know how it applies to our family of the 24th.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, DADDY -

My Dad, Melvin G. Colbert, is a proud member of the 24th Infantry, 21st Division, and I am writing this letter to share with you how I feel about him - a Dad who is wonderful and extraordinary.

For many years, my Dad had a small picture of himself and eight service buddies that he cherished. He commented how often that he thought of that picture and those men and how he wished he knew where they were. Two years ago, as a Father's Day present, I had the picture enlarged and framed. This really made him happy and triggered an idea of his to form an organization to help Veterans, such as himself, find old buddies. We talked many times about this idea and how to bring it to life.

Because I was in college at the time, I did not really commit myself to something that my Dad thought was really important. We continued to discuss his ideas and thoughts and then found out that my father was diagnosed as having A.L.S. or "Lou Gehrig's Disease". This did not stop him from making a dream come true. He realized the situation and showed incredible strength and will power to continue, even though it became difficult to do every day activities, such as talking on the phone or writing a note. It was during this time that Dad and I resolved to make his idea real.

Our organization, Veteran Finders of America, is built upon my Dad's dream to help others find old friends. As my mom, Dolores, a close friend, Michael and myself take the steps to manage Veteran Finders, Dad continues to pour forth brilliant ideas on how to make Veteran Finders a rewarding success.

So on this Father's Day, I want my Dad to know how very much I love him and that I hope through Veteran Finders, we will be able to reunite him with his buddies in the photograph.

It started with a picture, some strong memories, an idea and unshakeable faith. I know next Father's Day I will be able to give my Dad the best gift of all - the knowledge that so many members of our organization that he founded have been "reunited"!

I LOVE YOU, CHRISTINA



THE PENTAGONIA

5TH INFANTRY RCT

This is the third installment of "A brief History of the Fifth R.C.T. in Korea. The time has come to try to explain the terms 5th RCT and 5th Infantry. All Regimental Combat teams have an Infantry Regiment, but not all Infantry Regiments were RCT's.

The Fifth RCT was made up from the Fifth Infantry Regiment first Activated by the U.S. Army in 1808 was one of the oldest Infantry Regiments of the U.S. Army. The 555th Field Artillery Battalion, the 5th Tank, Medical Collecting and Chemical Motar Companies, and the 72nd Combat Engineer Company.

The fifth RCT remained in Korea upon the withdrawal of the 24th Inf. Division, the RCT was temporarily broken up for several missions. Bn. 1 & 2 were loaded onto the USNS Marine Phoenix for an Overnight Cruise to KOJE-DO an Island off PUSAN. The 3rd Bn, the 555 FA Bn., Tank Co and others went some place else. Some one else will have to fill us in. Our mail address for our stay on KOJE was the Fifth U.S. Infantry. Where were you during this period if you did not enjoy KOJE-DO, because this was good duty. (Feb 15 to May 1, 1952 more or less).

Located on KOJE-DO was a UN POW camp, We relieved elements of the 27th Wolf Hounds providing guards to several large Prison Compounds. One Rifle Squad per compound, four guard shifts of six hours each, seven days a week. Guard Mounts, inspections, the whole nine yards. A G.I.'s dread and a second Lt. delight. All in all this was the most pleasant duty anyone could have in the Infantry in KOREA.

The most detested detail had to be the honey pot brigade, and the most boring was the Rock Quarry and breakwater detail. I wonder if anybody knows what became of that breakwater?

A highlight of our tour at KOJE-DO has to be the night of the attempted breakout. It happened on the 4th shift 18 to 24:00. I remember machine gun tracers overhead and all of us heading for our respective company compounds. The Next day we had to go into the compounds to sort out the good guys from the bad. We saw several dismembered bodies in a trash heap not very nice

Around April 15th we loaded on an LST and shipped out to the East coast side of KOREA, off loading upon the beach ending up at the burned out town of INJE, right on the 38th. Here the Fifth RCT was reorganized all of our far flung units returning and the 5th RCT was back in business. Intensive training exercises in areas cleared of civilians gave us a chance to get some good training. Some things come to mind. I remember getting folding cots with rubber air mats for sleeping. We used the Air Mattresses for white water rafting on the river near by. In early May the Fifth was attached to the 25th Inf. Div. On June 18th the fifth got marching orders to proceed north to the PUNCH BOWL area and in line relieving the 14th Infantry on the Main Line of Resistance (MLR). The first Bn. on the West or left the second in the middle and the third on the right or east. Co. "E" my outfit was to the right of "B" on the MLR. more next time...



This one appeared on a page titled "About Men" in the Sunday New York Times Magazine Section. It was written by a retired newspaper and television reporter, John Walters. Our thought was that our men of the 24th just might like it. We did. It just might conjure up a thought or two. Admittedly it has nothing to do with the military, save for the fact that our hero of the page did put in some time — like the rest of us. Try it; we think you'll like it.

A LOVE AFFAIR

I REMEMBER THE WAY THE LIGHT touched her hair. She turned her head, and I saw her face. She turned still more, and our eyes met and held. We saw each other, a momentary awareness in that raucous fifth-grade schoolroom to which I'd just been assigned. I felt as though I'd been struck a blow under the heart. Thus began my first love affair, a surge of adrenaline, a rush of blood, a thing of innocence and pain that has lasted all my life.

Her name was Rachel. I suppose our story, rooted in a romance now out of favor, is one of absurdity today, and — who knows? — the innocence may really have been ignorance, in view of all that has happened since. Whatever it was, I moaned my way through grade and high school, stricken at the mere sight of her, tongue-tied in her presence. Does anyone, any more, linger in the shadows of evening, drawn by the pale light of a window — her window — like some hapless summer insect? That delirious swooning sickness, asexual but urgent and obsessive, that made me awkward and my voice crack, is like some impossible dream now. I know I was so afflicted, but I cannot actually believe what memory insists I did. Which was to suffer. Exquisitely.

I would catch sight of her, walking down an aisle of trees to or from school, and I'd become paralyzed. She always seemed so poised, self-possessed, slightly amused. At home, in bed, I'd relive each encounter, writhing at the thought of my inadequacies, feeling less than worthless. Even so, as time passed and we entered our teens, I sensed her affectionate tolerance for me.

"Going steady" implied a maturity we still lacked. Her orthodox Jewish upbringing and my own Catholic scruples imposed a kind of idealism, a celibate grace that made even kissing a distant prospect, however fervently desired. As for the rest of it, we were babes in arms. I managed to hold her, at a dance, and at a party — chaperoned, of course — we experienced a furtive embrace that made her giggle, a sound so childish and trusting that I hated myself for what I'd been thinking.

At any rate, my love for Rachel remained unrequited. We graduated from high school, she went on to college, and I joined the Army. World War II was about to engulf us, and when it did I left for overseas in the first task force after Pearl Harbor. For a time we corresponded, and to receive one of her letters at mail call was the highlight of those grinding, endless months that became years. Once she sent me a snapshot of herself, a guileless pose in a bathing suit, which drove me to the wildest of fantasies. I mentioned the possibility of marriage in my next letter to her, and almost immediately her replies became less frequent and personal.

I returned to the States for reassignment during the final throes of the war. The first thing I did on reaching home was to call on Rachel, whose recent mail had failed to keep up with me on

my travels. Her mother answered the door. Rachel no longer lived there. She had married a medical student she'd met in college. "I thought she wrote you," her mother said.

Her "Dear John" letter finally caught up with me while I was awaiting discharge. She gently, compassionately explained the impossibility of a marriage between us, even had she not found someone else. Looking back on it, I think I must have recovered rather quickly, although for the first few months of having learned of her marriage, I think I didn't want to live very much. Like Rachel, I found someone else, whom I learned to love with a deep and permanent commitment that has lasted to this day.

Then, fairly recently, I heard from Rachel again — after an interval of more than 40 years. Her husband had died. She would be passing through the city on her way to live with a daughter in California, and had learned of my whereabouts through a mutual friend. We made a date to meet during her brief layover.

I felt both curious and excited at the prospect. In recent years, I hadn't thought about her, and her sudden call, one morning, had taken me aback. The actual sight of her can only be described as a shock. Was this white-haired matron the Rachel of my dreams and desires, the supple mermaid of that snapshot I'd subsequently lost?

Yet time had given us a common reference and respect. We met and talked as old friends, and quickly discovered we were both grandparents.

"Do you remember this?" she said. We were sitting in a restaurant, and she reached into her purse and took out an envelope from which she extracted a slip of worn paper. It was a poem I'd written her while still in school. I examined the crude meter and pallid rhymes: "Will" and "thrill," and "strove" and "love." Watching my face, she snatched the poem from me and returned it to her purse, as though fearful I was going to destroy it.

I told her about the fate of the snapshot, how I'd carried it all through the war.

"It wouldn't have worked out, you know," she said.

"How can you be sure?" I countered. "Ah, college, it might have been grand indeed — my Irish conscience and your Jewish guilt!"

Our laughter startled people at a nearby table. During the time left to us, our glances were furtive, oblique. I think that what we saw in each other repudiated what we'd once been to ourselves, we immortals.

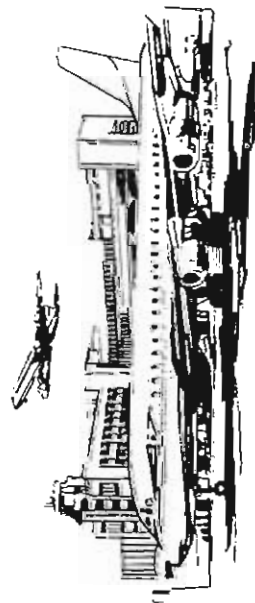
Before I put her into a taxi, she turned to me and, with a resolute expression, said: "I just wanted to see you once more. To tell you something." Her eyes pleaded with me. "I wanted to thank you for having loved me as you did." We kissed, and she got into the taxi and drove off.

My reflection stared back at me from a store window on Fifth Avenue, an aging man with gray hair stirred by an evening breeze. I decided to walk home, and entered Central Park. Her withered kiss still burned on my lips. Something strange was happening. I was feeling lighter with each step. All around me the grass and trees were shining in the surreal glow of sunset. Then I felt faint, and sat on a bench. Something was being lifted out of me. I was becoming someone else. Something had been completed, was ended, and the scene before me was so beautiful that I wanted to shout and dance and sing for joy — like Blake, like Whitman.

But that soon passed, as everything must, and presently I was able to stand and start for home. ■

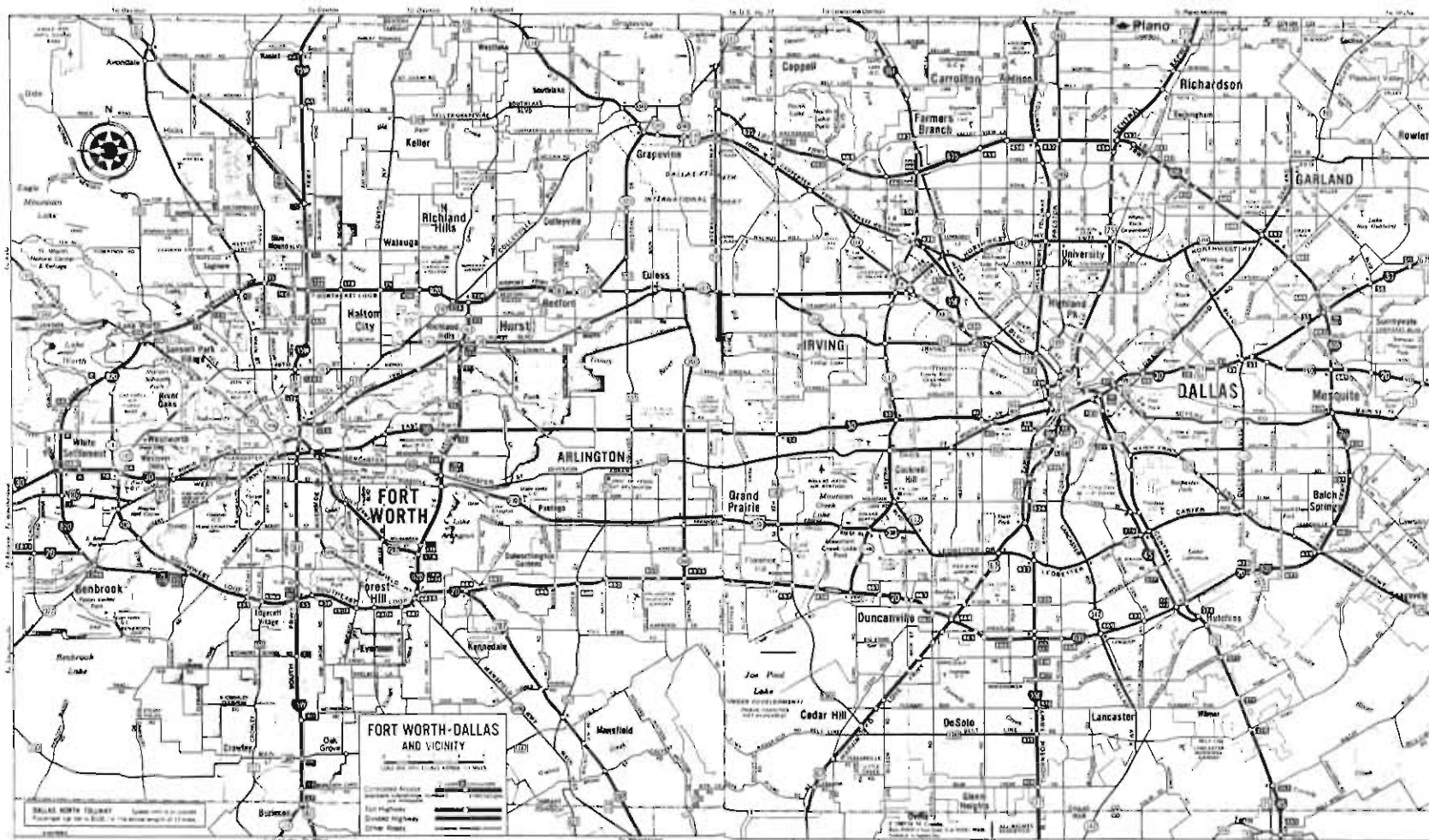
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Our very own, Maj.Gen. HENRY MOHR
(A Btry. 11th F '41 - '42) of 20 Grand
Cir., St. Ann. MO, has written a column
which has appeared in a plurality of
papers around the country. Here it is:



MAJ. GEN. HENRY MOHR

KOREA --- WHY MAKE A BAD SITUATION WORSE?

Increasingly heavy pressures from Washington on South Korea to move toward a more democratic government sound like motherhood and apple pie. It comes as no surprise that South Korea's leaders are surrendering to the demands of their political opposition. The U. S. has given Korea little choice.

It may not be quite as bad, due to progress already made in creating a democratic government. But the situation in South Korea smells a lot like what happened when the United States allowed the Shah of Iran to fall and Khomeini to seize power in Iran. There was also Nicaragua, where the U. S. thought revolution was the way to bring our style of democracy to the country.

Were we ever wrong? The U. S. State Department had completely misjudged the situations on every count.

As things turned out, the new governments of Iran and Nicaragua and the leaders who seized absolute power are bitter enemies of the United States. Perhaps we meant well, but that doesn't matter now. Because of our refusal to support regimes that were once allies of the United States, we can only suffer the unpleasant consequences.

The previous governments of Iran and Nicaragua --- which admittedly left a lot to be desired --- were replaced by dictatorships which are far worse.

Unfortunately, the U. S. didn't learn a thing. We are encouraging actions in South Korea which may lead to very similar results if the present leadership of that country is drastically changed. In addition to being a reliable ally, President Chun Doo-hwan deserves some credit for the standard of living enjoyed by the people of South Korea, which is at least five times better than in Communist North Korea --- a fact the political opposition would like us to forget.

Ruthless men in South Korea are leading the political opposition using riots and the threat of revolution to seize power --- claiming, as all politicians do before election, that they intend to improve things for the people.

Insofar as the U. S. is concerned, allowing the Republic of Korea to deal firmly with opposition leaders Kim Young-sam and Kim Dea Jung is out of the question. However, if the two Kims succeed in seizing more power and influence in Seoul --- and they probably will --- the whole nature of U. S. relationships with Korea and our strategic position in the Far East could worsen dramatically.

In 1985, I met and talked with Kim Dea Jung, one of the principal opposition leaders, at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul. Despite being under "house arrest", Kim came to the hotel for a meeting with a group of nine journalists from the United States.

The session had gone on for only a few minutes when I began to realize that this is no ordinary person. He is probably the most dangerous man I have ever met. Kim Dea Jung wants personal power. I could detect no genuine interest on his part in the welfare of the people of the country he wants to rule.

Kim Dea Jung was tried for murder and sentenced to death in 1980, as a result of his role in inciting bloody riots. But his sentence was later reduced to 20 years in prison, of which Kim served only 14 months. He is less than an idol of the people and fear of him seems to be widespread.

On several occasions, I heard people call Kim Dea Jung the "Khomeini of Korea."

Kim Young-sam, who shares the ambitions of Kim Dea Jung --- but not necessarily his views --- is another leader of the current unrest. This seems to be a marriage of political convenience rather than a lasting alliance.

Steps the United States has taken recently will go a long way toward giving the two Kims a legitimacy and stature they lack and desperately need.

The Republic of (South) Korea is facing a bad situation. There should be ways to bring about constructive changes without making matters worse with actions which destabilize and weaken South Korea's present government.

Unfortunately, the fat is already in the fire.

WHO, WHERE & WHEN



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in Fort Worth)

The first three are only about 3 miles
west of the Hyatt Regency in downtown
Fort Worth.

There are NO facilities for campers at
our hotel.

"HONEST, SERGEANT, I'm
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Betsy GERGOFF, widow of her beloved
BORIS, greeted us on St. Patrick's Day
with one of Boris' Irish toasts. It
was new to us; thought it might be like-
wise to you:

"Here's to good Saint Patrick,
Who through strategy and stealth,
Drove all the snakes from Ireland,
Here's a bumper to his health!"

"But - now not too many bumpers,
Lest we forget ourselves, and then
Drink so many bumpers
That we see the snakes again."

Newly joined - KEN WEBER (F 34th '43-
'45) of 5643 Hwy. 410 SW, Olympia WA
98502. There's your name in print, Ken!

CHARLIE NEWKIRK writes us: "Even
though you were a city lad - I'm sure
you have heard of road apples and cow
pasture muffins. I came from a town so
small, I knew a girl that thought a
football coach had 4 wheels."

Hope they give us a drag on this one before they throw it away.

The Army, returning to an age-old strategy used extensively by the Soviet military, is increasing its use of decoys and fake targets in hopes of outsmarting an enemy's modern weapons.

Decoys including canvas tanks and plastic soldiers could make the Army in battle seem twice as big as it really is. And if that news seems to give away the secret, the Army points out that the enemy still does not know which half is real.

"We will always be outnumbered conventionally. These (decoys) are a force multiplier," said TVI Corp., which developed decoys such as fake M-1 tanks and trucks.

The canvas, two- and three-dimensional tanks made at TVI's 50-worker plant outside Washington look real both to the naked eye and to heat-seeking thermal targeting systems used at night.

An unassembled front-view M-1 weighs about 25 pounds and collapses into a 4-foot-by-2-foot duffle bag. In less than three minutes, one man can assemble it and plug in a generator to warm up its thermal "signature." With a tape recorder and speakers, a pair of soldiers can sound like an entire tank battalion.

A fake M-1 costs about \$3,500, compared with about \$3 million for a new M-1.

Who remembers 1940-42 when we were doing the same thing - only all we had were the decoys; the real McCoys were still on the drawing boards.

The Army has about 4000 real M-1 tanks and plans to outfit each with at least one fake M-1, at a cost of about \$7.5 million, Maj. Andrew Fallon, of the Army's budget office, said.

Deception has been a key element in military strategy since the Trojan Horse. German Gen. Erwin Rommel fooled Allied forces in North Africa during WW II, the British fooled the Germans, and the Israeli Army today regularly uses deceptive false radio chatter.

But the Soviets are thought to be the most adept, having everything from pseudo ballistic missiles to entire fake armies under a branch of the military called the Principal Directorate of Strategic Deception.



A full-size canvas replica of an M-1 tank is on display in Beltsville, Md. The Army plans to use fake weapons to outsmart the enemy. The decoys may make an army seem larger than it is.

"We know they make decoys of the highest order of equipment, even as much as making fake missile silos," said TVI Corp.

Fallon said the Navy is working on decoy ships and the Air Force has ground decoys of F-16 fighter jets that can turn a bare airstrip into a fake airbase.

The decoys are made from blown-up photographs of the real things. They look remarkably real at a glance, which in battle is all an enemy would get before deciding whether to fire.

Who knows, maybe for the next one we can send the decoys to the front and leave the real live boys to home.

CLAUDE CRIST of Box 985, Hebron OH (he's Hv.Mtr. 21st '48-through TFS) - sends us the names of a few buddies:

WILBUR J. WINCHEL (19th '49-'52)
624 Lexington, Thornville OH 43076

WILLIAM GRIFFITH (21st '49-'51)
437 Aullwood Rd., Dayton OH 45414

GERALD D. TURNER (21st '48-'51)
78 Woodland, Downingtown PA 19335

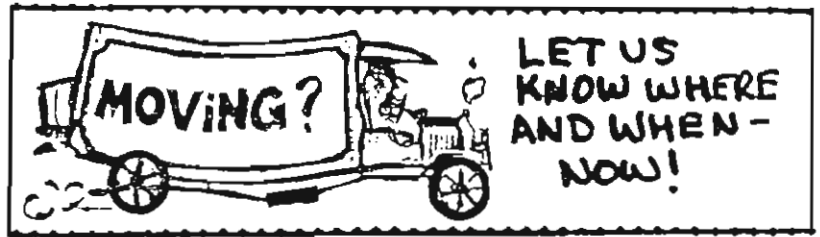
BRUCE MCGUIRE (34th & 19th '48-'51)
16241 Laurel Hill, Glenford OH 43739

ROBERT LAWRENCE (3rd Eng. '57-'58)
114 Buckeye, Hebron OH 43025

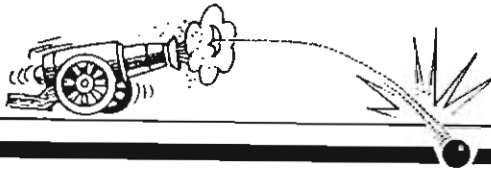
Thank you, Claude.

Why is it that the wettest dogs are the friendliest dogs?

The only thing that's more painful than learning from experience is not learning from experience.



War Stories



WALLY CUNNINGHAM has asked us to share with you the contents of a bit of mail he recently received from the good Pastor, Rev. Elton S. Smith, of the Church of the Open Door in Wilmington Iowa. The letter follows:



CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR MISSION
532 Main Street
Wilmington, Iowa 56983

Rev. Elton S. Smith, Pastor

Dear Brother,

Perhaps you have heard of me and my nationwide campaign in the cause of temperance. Each year for the past fourteen, I have made a tour of Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa, delivering a series of lectures on the evils of drinking. On this tour I have been accompanied by my young friend and assistant, Clyde Limpton. Clyde, a young man of good family and excellent background, is a pathetic example of life ruined by an excessive indulgence in whiskey and women. Clyde would appear with me at lectures and sit on the platform drunk, wheezing, staring at the audience through heavy, bleary, blood-shot eyes, sweating profusely, picking his nose, belching, and making obscene gestures while I would point him out as an example of what over-indulgence can do for a person.

This winter, unfortunately, Clyde passed away. A mutual friend has given me your name and I wonder if you would be available to take Clyde's place on this year's tour.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Elton S. Smith, Pastor
Church of the Open Door Mission

THE PENTAGONIAN

5TH RCT



This is the fifth installment of "A Brief History of the Fifth RCT in Korea". Continuing with my Combat phase of these recollections our Patrol activities continues throughout the summer with both Ambush and an occasional Contact patrol that often led to Fire-fights, and we had several. One consisted of the entire Company. I remember a radiomans conference held near the line of departure where I saw elements of most of the participants together with the supporting units within the line of March. There was just about everybody from Company E except the cooks and bottle washers. Motarmen and heavy machine-gunners with terror in there eyes. Not used to patrols, and apparent fear of the unknown. We were more nonchalant because this was one of several patrols we had participated in and some of these guys were on their first patrol. With all the noise and fuss we made the NKPA avoided us. We banged around most of the night and returned without contact. Later patrols the NKPA made up for it, and in one of these I got hit with about 15 others in a perfectly executed ambush. We were caught flatfooted. They hit us hard and ran away. We spent the remainder of the night withdrawing, and returning to our lines. I can't recall whether anybody was killed that night but 1st platoon did take six KIA's during our tour on the line, and we had more men wounded than entered the line on June 18th.

Almost every night we had to contend with Ground fog, and while the Artificial moonlight helped us

to see it also helped the other side. As the summer drew to a close the Fifth RCT was transferred from the 25th Division to the 40th Division, and shortly after that we were relieved by the 223d Infantry on the night of October 31, 1952.

Some time prior to being relieved we had a patrol that caused yours truly a lot of grief. Our mission was to set up blocking positions near the low dip in the ridgeline near I believe George Company. We went out one way and were to return by another route. While set up the night temperatures dropped suddenly to below freezing. We were sweaty with no jackets and must have caused noise because we were under sever artillery fire (possibly 122mm) nasty stuff. We had to be very still and remain quite and in place for several hours. My feet became numb. I could hardly walk without assistance. I got a touch of Frostbite and a brief stay in the 5th Inf Medical Company where I apparently fully recovered. Such resilience we had when we were twenty.

Finally off the line I entered into an eleven day period where I was transferred out of the first platoon into the fourth and became a gunner in a 57mm Recoilless rifle squad. Just as soon as I got used to carrying the thing, I had orders in hand for the ZI (Zone of Interior) or rotation back to the States. I had R & R in Japan for five days like everybody else, but those combat stories will stay out of print. More next time from the Official Record as my stay in the 5th RCT ceased to exist, more next time....

We have a letter from THE OTHER Korean War Memorial people. This one has plans for a monument on the west coast. Yes, it's confusin'.

FORT WORTH

Mr. J. Nathan M. Lamm
Commander, U.S. Marine Corps
Mr. Arthur K. Nelson, National President
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— INTERNATIONAL KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL —

Remember the Forgotten.

That's the theme of the campaign for an International Korean War Veterans Memorial to be located in San Pedro, California, on a high cliff overlooking the Pacific.

And you are invited to be "a part of" this campaign -- you personally, and the organization you represent.

The drive to raise \$3.8 million for the memorial (described in accompanying materials) is well underway. The site has been donated by the City of Los Angeles, through the noble efforts and able guidance of Mayor Tom Bradley.

The next scheduled event will be the official ground breaking -- Sunday, June 25, 1989, at Angels Park, San Pedro -- at which time all of the co-sponsoring and endorsing organizations will be represented. Tentative final dedication of the memorial is slated for November 11, 1990.

As you can tell, we are indeed serious about this. It will come to pass!

American casualties in the Korean War (1950-1953) were extensive -- i.e., 54,246 killed, 103,284 wounded, et al -- but they and the men and women from 22 Allied Nations who fought there have never been adequately or properly honored. The International Korean War Veterans Memorial will help rectify that.

Your participation, endorsement and support, and your organization's, are herewith solicited by the International Korean War Veterans Memorial Committee. We will gladly answer any questions, supply any materials, go to any reasonable length to enhance the chances of receiving a favorable response to this letter.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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California Chairman
For Military Associations
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Your Buddies
Are Waiting
To Hear
About You!

Chatty and jolly notes from a "former 2d Lt. FA" - BILL MOTLEY of Rt. 2, Box 458, Warren TX. It goes:

"I was with the Triple Nickle in HI -- had the Ammo Train the first ten days in Korea and then Forward Observer until hit on 2 Sept. 50. I had the short, economy tour.

"I now have two Aggies in the service (Classes of '76 and '83) and they have asked me to write up my experiences in Korea.

"I'm hoping this reunion, my first, will help shed some light and tickle some memory cells so I can complete my masterpiece, 'My Cameo Role In Korea, The Almost Forgotten War.'

"I'm looking forward to receiving more info about the reunion. Do you anticipate distributing lists of expected attendees with addresses?"

Bill, we'll list those coming if we learn early enough. We'll do our d---est.

WALTER E. O'NEIL (6th MTB), of 826 Palomar, El Cajon CA, 92020, tells us the one about the manager, at a boring meeting, who asked, "Can you hear me at the back?" and the boy at the back who said, "No," and the fellow in the front who said, "Let's swap places."

Thanks, Wally, we needed that.

The race is on. Is there anyone in the house who beats this?"

"Two cataracts and lens implants; surgery - rotor cuff, left shoulder; high blood pressure, sugar diabetes and gout."

The envelope please!

And the name - not "the winner" -- just the name - is - C.H. "Bronko" ATKINSON, (MP Platoon and Hq. 63rd Field '41-'45) of 3800 S. Decatur, Las Vegas NV.

No, we're not making fun, Bronko - far from it - we're just overwhelmed by the sorry fact that the people of our age group are, generally speaking, so suffering from catastrophic problems.

a shift in perspective

A friend, J.T. Chapin, tells this fun story: "When I joined the Coast Guard, the only discernable difference between our dress blues and Navy enlisted uniforms was a small silver shield we wore on the right sleeve, just above the wrist.

"On a training cruise, we visited in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the local folks tossed a wonderful party for us. The young ladies, attracted by our skin-tight, tailor-made uniforms, were all curious about the silver shield.

"That, we told them straight-faced, was a "Public Health Service VD inoculation badge."

"As we left Halifax, a U.S. Navy destroyer was headed into port. I've often wondered how the noninnoculated Navy boys made out!"

American Airlines

Something special in the air

If all the cars on I-84 were placed bumper to bumper, some idiot would try to pass them!

JOHN RAGLAND writes from 6321 Gonzales, Groves TX 77619: "Savannah was my first and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I intend to make future meetings, Lord willing.

"Meeting new friends was very refreshing, but unfortunately did not see any of my outfit. Maybe, if you spread word in next T.L. issue, it might help.

"The outfit was Co. D 21st during early 44 - early 46. Does anybody know these fellows and their whereabouts?:

Clarence Ralph (was from Ill)

? Rinaldi (was from Chicago)

? Pilch (was from Wyoming, I think)

? Reardon (from Kansas, I think)

? Muncy (was from Oklahoma) I met him on Mindanao and he wound up as cook and went to Japan.

? Box (think Willie was first name and he was from St. Louis)

"I know this is an imposition, but would deeply appreciate any help."

No imposition at all, Johnny.

The press was rolling when we pulled it to insert this item. The a.m. mail has brought us an inquiry as to who we are - from Lt. Col. Norman W. Cooper (F & 2nd Bn. Hqs. 5th RCT '49-'51) of Box 4261, Chattanooga TN 37405. Always had trouble with spelling that town.



Here's a letter from STAN LEMM (G 21st and 2nd Bn. S-4 21st '43-'45). He's at 237 Fairmont, San Carlos CA. He ends his letter with: "I hope you don't consider this letter in poor taste." Here, you read it just as Stan wrote it:

"Since joining the Association, I've been impatiently waiting the arrival of each Taro Leaf. I've been waiting for the name and address of a member from Houma LA. The reason being that my closest service friend was from Houma LA. His name, ARDELL G. MACLEAN, 1st Lt. G 21st AT Co. 2nd Bn. 21st '43-'44.

"Mac won his Silver Star on Break Neck Ridge. He was wounded. Never returned to our outfit. The only thing I knew about Mac was that he came from Houma LA. His folks owned Houma Feed and Seed. I wrote several letters and Xmas cards to him in c/o Houma Feed and Seed, as I had no other address. Never received an answer.

"Well anyway last year after coming aboard BOB ENDERS asked me if I had Mac's address, as he had been wanting to contact Mac also, as we three had been very close friends. I had lost track of Bob. The only thing I knew was that his home was in New Jersey. No one had home addresses of his buddies in those days.

"Anyway, to get on with the story, I wrote to GEORGE ROGERS to enlist his help. You had mentioned George in your paper. George called me two days later. He located Mrs. A.G. MacLean, 1712 West Main, Houma LA. The bad news, Mac died 12 years ago.

"Through the years, I constantly thought of my lost friend. Thanks to your column and George Rogers help, I can finally put it to rest.

"The thing I want to put across is that you should never get dismayed. Someone like myself is always looking for something or someone in your writings. KEEP IT UP!"

How could anyone consider this letter "in poor taste"? This is what we're here for Stan. Perish the thought.

Meet our "Baby Lifer" - Col. MIKE BARSZCZ of 802 Rustic, Robinson IL. Mike was OIC of the NCO School in Kokura, then went to B 19th, also at Kokura. Then a few months at Div. Hq. took G 19th into Korea on 7/4/50 and stayed with them until Dec. '50. Then Hqs. Eighth Army.

If you think you haven't much to be thankful for, be thankful for what you don't have.

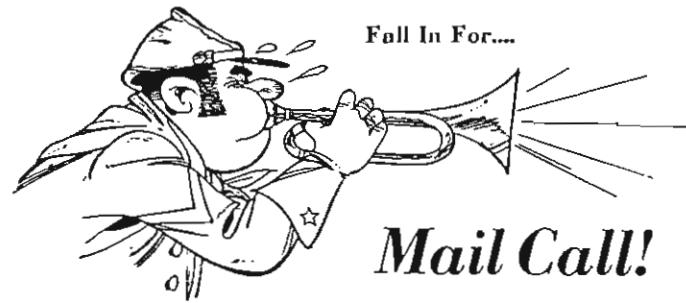
WHO, WHERE & WHEN



Lt.Gen. Robert Eickelberger, 8th Army CG, Maj.Gen. Franklin Sibert, X Corps CG, and Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF, Div. CG, at 19th Hqs. in Davao, Mindanao, sometime in June '45. If the picture is a little gray, blame it upon its age. Thank you for trying, FRED GRAY over there in Watertown NY. Fred was 19th S-4 when this was taken.



"Congrats, Duckdong—we all stuck our necks out and went to bat for you and got you the 'Purple Heart!'"



Maybe our yelling about it has paid off.

The next memorial to rise in Washington will honor the women who have served, and will serve, in the nation's military. A design competition is underway.

The work will be placed at the Memorial Gate that serves as the main entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Despite its location and its designation as a memorial, the work will honor the living as well as those who died while serving the nation, according to Carla Corbin, an architect who is adviser for the project.

Artists, architects and landscape architects will be invited to register for the competition by Feb. 15. They will have until May 15 to submit their entries. Any American citizen at least 18 years old is eligible. Three winners, each of whom will receive \$10,000, will be announced on June 16, along with as many as 15 contestants winning honorable mentions, who will receive \$1,000 each.

The three top contestants will be given an additional \$10,000 each to develop their entries by Oct. 2 and a final winner will be chosen Nov. 10.

Congress has approved legislation calling for the memorial.

It's about time!

From our in-house philosopher, FRANK WILCZAK (24th QM - Germany '58-'59), now of 224 Shanley, Cheektowaga NY: "One good thing about an egotist - he hardly ever talks about other people."

VANN G. TODD (Hq. 13th Field; Sv. & B 63rd Field 11/40-3/45), signals from 550 E. Mill, Republic MO: "The holiday parades are keeping me busy." Seems Vann uses his white '65 Mustang convertible as one of the Shriners' cars which keep appearing in parades all over the country. These chaps always seem to take such delight in their clowning around. The clowning is justified when you consider the tremendous good they do for the crippled children. Their generosity knows no bounds.

College is a fountain of knowledge where some come to drink and others come just to gargle.

SPIRITED

It's always a spirited letter when it's from L.M. JACK A. BROWN, Box 15, Hesperia CA. They're looking for property in AZ. Haven't space for all that Jack wrote -- he regretted missing S IV - and then went on to say: "I was at a local tavern one afternoon, 'bout a month ago having a Lite wearing my Ass'n cap and this fellow picked up on me. Seems he was in Korea with 24th Trans. So I gave him my usual PR talk and he's interested in the Ass'n. If you wanta carry the ball from there, this is he: MANUEL LOPEZ, 31725 Kingsley HCR 2260, Lucerne Valley CA 92356.

"You'll probably read this upon returning from GA so I hope that you and all attending had one heckuva fine gathering."

Isn't it fascinating the ways our word gets around?



'Relax, I've got it narrowed down to just three possibilities: a common cold, hay fever or the bubonic plague.'

The G of the 21st gang is holding its own little fiesta come August 6 and 7. It meets at New Ulm, Minnesota. That's all we know - New Ulm, Minn. next Aug. 6 and 7. We get the darndest news items. This one simply reads New Ulm, Minn. Aug. 6 and 7. Tell ya what to do. On the morning of Aug. 6, go to the town green in New Ulm and yell, "Yea, Gimlets!" Better still, call LARRY JOHNSON at 612-665-2131. He's at 312 S. Main, Leseur, MN, 56058.

ELEGANT EFFERVESCENCE

CHARLES "Chuck" STARRING (A 78th Tk. Bn., Tk.Co., 21st Inf. Tk.Co. 5th RCT '50-'52) of Box 54, Fennville MI 49408 is all excited because Dear Abby is boosting the Memorial Fund drive - and we are too Chuck. We haven't "downgraded" the poor gal; we love her. Chuck by the way is trying to locate men from his units. He adds, "Give me a plug, please, Ken." Chuck, "You get it!" And now back to Dear Abby. She wrote:

"Thirty-eight years ago, the North Koreans invaded South Korea.

"When a truce was finally called that ended in a stalemate on July 27, 1953, 5.5 million men and women had fought directly or indirectly in this "conflict." Of these 5.5 million, 103,000 were wounded. 54,263 were killed and 8,177 were classified as missing in action or prisoners of war.

"There has been much publicity about the Vietnam Memorial, but the military personnel who fought to secure the freedom of South Korea have only the TV series "M*A*S*H" to remind people that we were there.

"Who will remember:

"1. That when they returned, there were no welcoming parades -- only apathy?

"2. That in 1953 they had to live with their own silent hell of wartime memories, as 'post-traumatic stress disorder' was unknown then?

"3. That their feats were chronicled in only a few paragraphs in history books, and they have all but been ignored by the media?

"At long last, Congress has finally approved a long-overdue memorial for the Korean War vets.

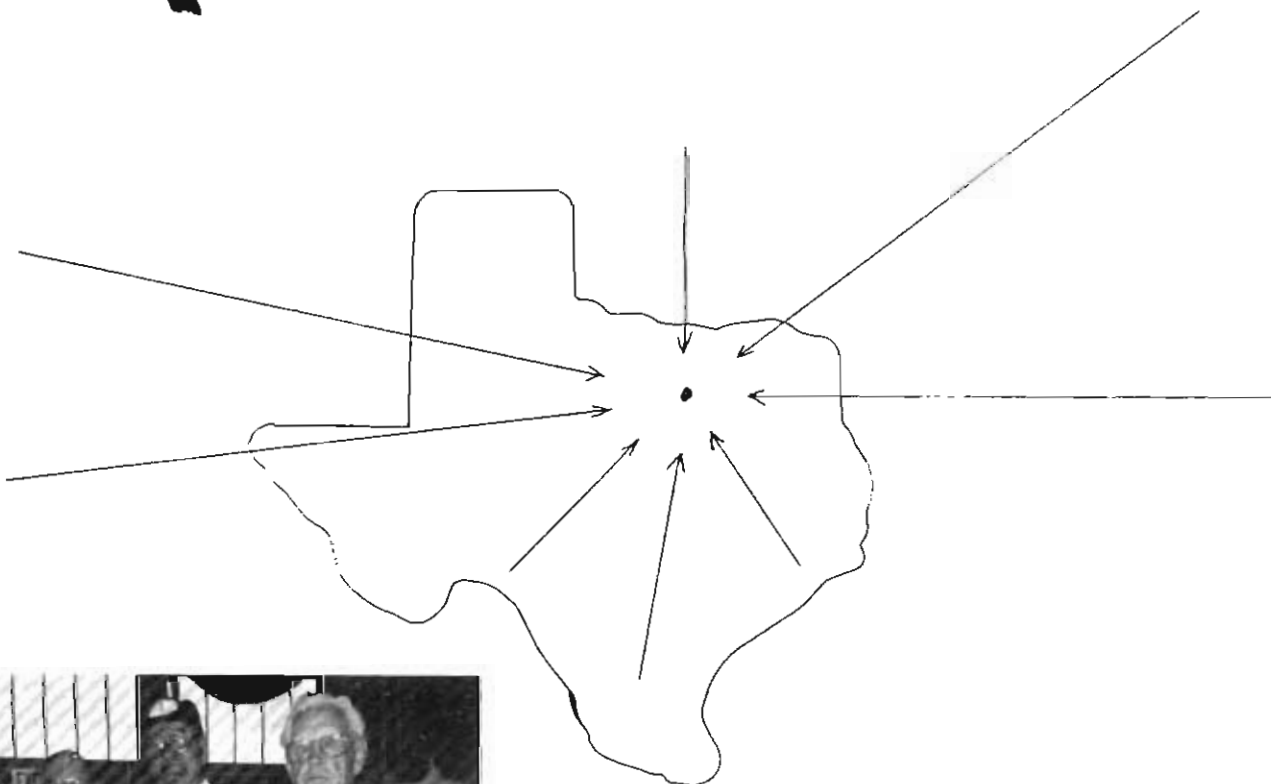
"Six million dollars are needed. Hyundai Motor Corp. in South Korea has contributed \$1.2 million in gratitude.

"If any readers would like to make a small tax-free donation, it would be gratefully appreciated. Please make your checks payable to: The Korean War Memorial Fund and mail them directly to:

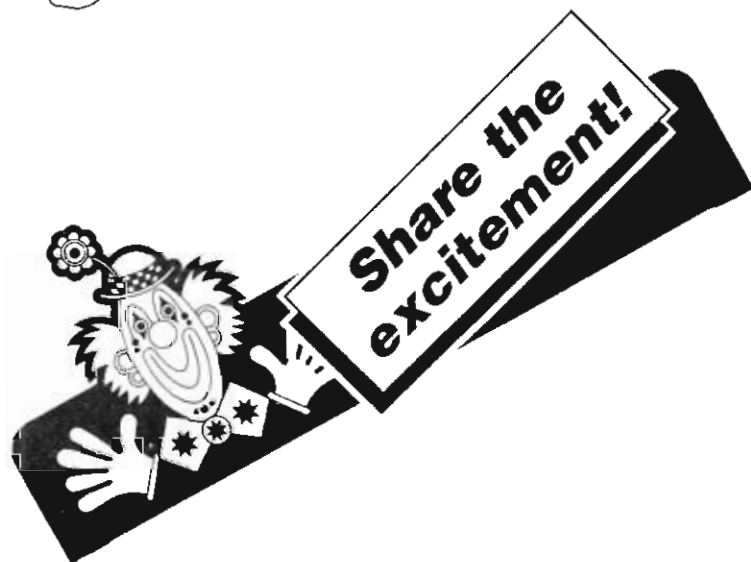
The Korean War Memorial Fund,
PO Box 2372,
Washington, D.C. 20013-1372."

We are in receipt of a friendly call from Maj. Keith Dickson of 311 E. Gordon, Sterling VA 22170. Seems his good Dad, Sgt. DONALD DICKSON was H & S Co., 6th Med. Tk. Bn. from 6/51 to 3/52. Poor Don Dickson died some 16 years ago - in '73 - but his son Keith is anxious to hear from and/or meet anyone of our clan who might have known his father. He asked if we might run this item and our answer, of course, was positive. We're also including Keith on our "complimentary" roster; he's part of the family.

THE GRAND Festival



Our convention committee at play:
JIM FREDERICKS, PAUL AUSTIN and
GIL HEABERLIN.



"TAPS"

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

Here's a "warm and gentle" story which simply must be told.

Life Member 415, DAVID LOPERA, (A 21st '39-'45), over in Anaheim, CA, called us immediately he had the word from HECTOR COMO's daughter, Linda, that poor Hector had passed away.

We asked Dave to take care of the amenities for us, inasmuch as he was so close to the family. It was no surprise that he jumped at the chance to help to represent you.

After Hector was laid to rest, Dave wrote us this warm note:

"As Hector's platoon sergeant for three years in A 21st, I will miss him dearly. As will other members of A Co.: WILLIAM Y. JOHNSON of Morrow GA, EDWARD HORBAL of Citrus Springs FL, EDWARD THOMPSON of Frostproof FL, GEORGE JESTER of Bella Vista AR and WILLIAM KELLER of Reading PA. And amny many other wonderful members of the 24th Division. He was a good soldier and a dear friend of all who knew him as a proud Gimlet. And he was proud that he was a member of the 24th Division.

"Hector is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, one son and two daughters at 16524 Terra Bella, Mount Clemens, MI 48044.

"Ken, I ordered the division flowers as you suggested, and the florist receipt is enclosed (but disregard this receipt).

"I know the Association is always in need for a dollar here and there for postage and whatnot. And when flowers are sent to a member that passes away the money comes out of the Association funds.

"So, in behalf of the Association, and, if it's alright with you, and the Association, I would like to contribute this amount for the flowers. No one need reimburse me.) The flowers read from all the guys in the 24th Division.

"Ken, with such a short notice, I was unable to attend his funeral. He was a very dear friend and a very proud member of the Division.

"The sad news shook me up so I hope I worded this all right."

From BOB PARASKA (24th Sig. WW II), of 717 Devon, Lady Lake FL, comes this sad note: "I don't know if MICKEY RUTTLE of Lecanto FL ever contacted the Association. He had been very ill and when I mentioned it to him a few months ago, he said he would write to the Association when he felt better. Mickey died in May, 1989. He was originally from IL. We served in the 24th Signal Co. during WW II."

We add this comment on Bob's memo: "No, Mickey never did contact us."

Deceased: MELFORD R. FITSCHIER
(G 19th '42-'45) on Mar. 29, 1986.

Passed away: March 25, 1989:
JOSEPH HAMEL (21st and 24th Med. '41-'44)
of Mechanic Falls ME.

Died: THEODORE F. MCLELLEN (F 34th '45-'47) on May 5, 1989. His widow, Clara, advised us from her home in Brookston IN.

We give you this one just as our respected Chaplain, JOE HOFRICHTER, wrote it to us:

"Have been informed by GIL HEABERLIN that DONALD E. ARCHER was killed near his home in Tacoma WA by a drunken driver on May 28th. Such a great guy; such a waste! When will they ever do something meaningful to keep drunks from getting behind a wheel?

"Don served in the Wire Section Reg.Hqs. of the 34th as well as Co. A.

"Don loved the 24th and traveled with us to the Philippines in '79, the South Pacific in '86 and Alaska in '87. He and NEAL HUFF (B Co. 19th Inf.) always shared a room together and were to leave on an extended trip to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore in a few weeks.

"God rest Don's soul. They don't come any finer than Don."

Beautifully said, Chaplain Joe.
Thank you.

Brigadier General Jack B. Matthews

Officer, Gentleman, Soldier, Friend, and Combat Infantryman

1919 - 1989

The phone call came from Ken Ross -- that Brig.Gen. JACK B. MATTHEWS had passed away on June 1, 1989, in Beaufort SC where he had lived in retirement. This left me not just deeply saddened by losing a long time friend -- but numbed by the loss of a much respected Combat Infantryman with whom I had shared World War II service in Hqrs. 24th Infantry Division, and in the 34th Infantry Regiment.

1st Lt. Jack B. Matthews was Aide de Camp to Maj.Gen. Frederick A. Irving, our Division Commander, when I was the chief of staff -- and I well remember my first meeting him.

Jack stood solidly and erect on both feet, shoulders squared but without tension or effort. His head was up and he looked directly at me, his eyes meeting mine -- confident but not challenging. And his voice was the same way -- clear, vibrant, confident but controlled.

The overall effect was of mental and physical well being -- a man in control of himself. And I had the feeling that here was an officer and soldier you could count on. That impression became reality as time passed -- including my contact with Jack as the company commander of Co. A 34th Infantry in combat on Leyte ...when I was his regimental commander.

He had what it takes. A concise and clear record of his combat service is revealed in the extract of the recommendation for the award to him of a Silver Star for gallantry in action on 5 Nov. '44 (when I was no longer his regimental commander). It read:

...On 5 Nov. '44, near Capooan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, Company "A" 34th Infantry was attacking a superior Japanese force that was blocking I Corps advance toward Pinamapoan. The enemy held positions in a defile along both banks of a stream bed, and Major (then captain) Jack B. Matthews had committed his entire company in an attempt to overwhelm the enemy strongpoint -- when a force of 12 Japanese launched a surprise attack from the rear against the company observation post. Immediately, leading available manpower of two runners, a radio operator, the weapons platoon leader and an orderly, Major Matthews repulsed the initial attack. The Japs quickly regrouped and launched a furious Banzai charge, which was met squarely and all 12 of the attackers were killed, after advancing close enough to inflict a bayonet wound on one of our defenders. Resuming personal command of the company, Major Matthews -- aware of the immediate necessity to destroy the enemy strongpoint -- ordered and personally led a savage bayonet charge that destroyed the enemy position. The inspiring leadership and extreme personal bravery of Major Matthews unquestionably saved American lives, and contributed materially to the accomplishment of the division and I Corps.

To my great regret I never served with Jack again after World War II. But a summary of his truly outstanding record appears in the Savannah Morning News, 5 June 1989, which is reproduced here and I believe might well be quoted here as it reveals an exceptionally well rounded and distinguished career.

The Madison native was a 1941 graduate of the University of Georgia, where he was an ROTC regimental colonel. While at UGA, he played varsity football; was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the SPHINX Society. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry. He fought in World War II in the South Pacific as a member of the 24th Infantry Division, in which he was a battalion commander. He was also served as commander of the 15th "Can Do" Infantry Battle Group; commander of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division; chief of staff, Allied Land Forces; deputy commander, Fort Lewis, Wash.; the principal staff officer on the Army General Staff for Negotiations that ended the Korean War; and director of organization and training during the Vietnam War. He attended the Command and General Staff College and British Imperial Defense College in London and earned master's degree in public affairs at Princeton University. His military decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Clusters, Silver Star and Bronze Star with Clusters. He was a member of St. Helena's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Matthews of Beaufort; a son, Jack B. Matthews of Atlanta; and two daughters, Ms. Elizabeth M. Wilnot of Tifton and Ms. Kimberley A. Matthews of Washington.

Now, as with so many others, I can no longer look forward to more personal meetings with Jack at our Victory Division Reunions -- but I will always cherish my memories of the officer, the gentleman and the "friend like no other."

Aubrey S. "Red" Newman

19th Inf. - Div.Hqrs. - 34th Inf.

A letter from a friend reads as follows and concerns JAMES N. WRIGHT, (21st '43-'45), of Riverside Trailer Court, Coshocton OH: "Sorry to inform you of the death of JAMES N. WRIGHT on Apr. 30, 1988. Jim lived by himself after suffering a stroke about twenty-five years ago, and going through a divorce shortly thereafter. I was appointed his Power of Attorney about a year before his death. His death was very tragic when a fire destroyed his mobile home. Jim was mobile up to the last with only a partial paralyzing left side, was able to live alone with assistance for his meals and a cleaning lady to run errands.

"Jim was buried on the family plot in South Lawn Cemetery in Coshocton with full military rites.

"I, too, am a veteran of the Korean Conflict with the Air Force spending one year state-side and three years in France.

"B.H.Dreher, Home Loan & Savings Co.
Coshocton OH"

Came this sad note the other day:

"It is with great sorry I report the death of my husband, Lt.Col. GEORGE E. ROGERSON on March 19, 1989. He had just had his 70th birthday on March 10. He had been ill for 10 years with severe emphysema and this last year was indeed a very painful and tiring one, culminating into lung cancer. He is sadly missed by me, son, Michael, daughter, Sandra, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, all of whom he was very proud.

"He was with the 34th Infantry Regiment in Sasebo and served in the Korean conflict. The tour in Sasebo was great and we made many good friends. I was very sad to learn in this last issue of Taro Leaf of the death of FREDDIE ABT and LACY BARNETT just wrote of the recent death of DANNY FRENCH. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest sympathy to their families.

"George and I both enjoyed every issue of Taro Leaf. Very truly yours,
RUBY M. ROGERSON
350 So.Willow, Sp.115
Rialto CA 92376."

Deceased: Dec.12,1988.
CECIL L. MOYER, (H 21st '42-'45).

From JACK A. MILLER (H & H, 5th RCT '51) of 745 St.Clair, East Liverpool OH comes word of the death of CAPT. STEVEN SINCLAIRE some 5 or 6 years ago. Steve was with the Division as a medical man. He returned to East Liverpool after Korea and practiced medicine there. Jack and Steve were good friends.

Deceased: JAMES HUNT (C 19th Korea and POW). We are grateful to KEN FENTNER for passing this information along to us.

WILLIAM T. FARVER (3rd Eng. '40) of 4711 N.Caseville, Caseville MI, passed to his reward on May 16, 1989, in his 62nd year.

Mr. Farver went into the Army following high school to serve his country during WW II. On his return he took a job at Fair Haven Wood Products, Bay Port where he worked several years. In 1958 he started Farver Excavating operating it until 1966. He recently retired from Even Heat Kiln Company in February of this year after 21 years with the firm. He had also sold real estate through the Power Real Estate One Agency for 28 years.

Surviving are his wife, Georgina; three sons, Michael of Sebawaing, Patrick of Caseville and William at home; five grandchildren, Tonya, Tim, Cara, Tenielle and Amy; two brothers, Lyle Farver of Monroe and Richard Farver of Caseville, also his sister, Mrs. Wallace (Alice) Hart of Caseville. A brother, Wallace, preceded him in death.

Farewell, Kemosabe.

This tender note received from the widow of EDWARD M. GOLLADAY:

"Gentlemen of the 24th Infantry Div.Assn.:

"Thank you for the flowers at my husband's funeral.

"The moment I saw the attendant bring them in I knew they were from the 24th - no one could mistake the infantry blue flowers and ribbon.

"Ed was in the 24th same time as good friend ED FARMER. My husband was in the 21st Infantry.

"I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the 24th.

"Sincerely, Mrs. Edward M.Golladay."

TIM CASEY of Box 447, 28 Main, Pepperell, MA, saw our ad in Army Times and responded. He's working on ex-POW lists and is sending some of his info along to us. Lt.Col. JOHN ALLIASON was trying to locate BILL WHITESIDE, of the 555, subsequently a POW. Tim came through with the sad report that Bill interned in Camp 2, was repatriated as a 1st Lt. on Sept.2,1953, back to Ft.Lewis where he died.

Convention Chairman PAUL AUSTIN received this sad note from Jeanie and Jerry Archer:

"It is with our deepest regret that we inform you of the death of our father, DONALD E. ARCHER. Don was killed in a car accident May 27, 1989."

Don, living at 802 Violet Meadow South in Tacoma WA, was Hq. & Hq. Co., 34th, from '42 to '45. When the Man shows up at the door to return the pictures, you've got to go.

Word from AL and Betty DELAY tells us that CYRUS HOUSER's widow, Mildred, passed away last Nov. 21st. Cy was Hq. 21st '45-'46. He died in 1985. Six weeks later Mildred was felled with a stroke and never recovered.

WILLIAM NICHOLS (G 21st 7/52-9/54), a member of Congress from Alabama, died in December of last year. We were represented at the funeral by appropriate flowers but, more importantly, by good Life Member JIM SHIRAH (D 34th '56-'57) of 616 47th, Columbus GA 31904. Jim asks if anyone remembers that Bill stepped on a mine or booby and suffered the loss of a leg. Jim is writing some local history and needs whatever information one or more of us can supply. Call Jim if you will at 404-323-8483.

Sad telephone call from DAVE LOPERA (A 21st '39-'45) of 1830 Catalpa, Anaheim, CA, signalling the death of his old buddy, HECTOR COMO, also of A 21st. Hector passed away on May 6th, leaving his beloved, Mary, and his young people, Vivian, Linda and David. Hector and Mary were living at 16524 Terra Bella, Mt. Clemens, MI. They made Schaumburg in '87, LAX in '86, Louisville in '85, Cincinnati in '84, and Savannah in '83. They made a terrific team.

Lt.Col. WILLIAM E. DRESSLER and Cpl. EDWARD L. MCCALL, 63rd FA Bn, both MIA July 1950, remains recovered 2½ years later. Bill Dressler was CO of the 63rd at the time. The two bodies were discovered in what had been a foxhole.

"THE CLOCK OF LIFE"

The clock of life is wound but once and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop at a late or early hour. Now is the only time you own, to live, love, work with a will; place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock may then be still.

Author Unknown

Sad inquiry received from Mrs. WILLIAM E. (Peggy) DRESSLER, SR., of 3017 Hemlock Lane, Roanoke VA. What makes it especially sad is that it is written almost 39 years later. If only it could have been written long, long ago. Anyway, here's what Peggy Dressler wrote:

"My husband, Lt.Col. WILLIAM E. DRESSLER SR. was in command of the 63rd Field Artillery Battery when the 63rd was overrun on July 14, 1950. His remains were found more than 2½ years later in a foxhole with those of Cpl. EDWARD L. MCCALL. From literature it seems most of the men were lost.

"I would certainly like to contact anyone who survived this disaster. Can you help me?"