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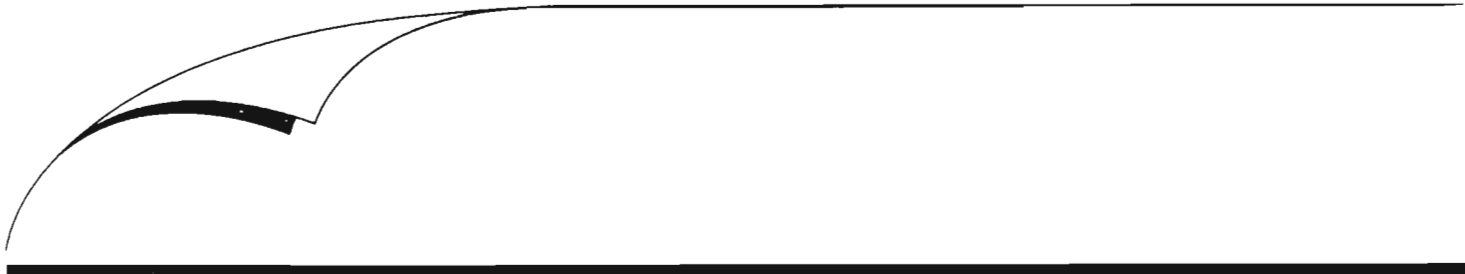
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# WELCOME HOME ISSUE



**To the men  
and women of  
Desert Storm:  
  
Mission  
Accomplished.  
  
Bravo!**



COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND  
OPERATION DESERT STORM, APO NY 09852

18 March 1991

Dear Ken,

Thank you very much for your letter of support and the kind comments. You would be very proud to know the 24th Mech covered themselves with glory while executing the most rapid mechanized attack in history. They led the way and once again were "First to Fight". Thanks also for enclosing the letter to the editor.

The heroes of Operation Desert Storm have now begun their return home. I will strive to send all the young men and women of the 24th Infantry Division home to Fort Stewart as rapidly as possible. Again, thank you for your outstanding support.

Sincerely,

H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF  
General, U.S. Army

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## Commander's message

Soldiers of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division:

On Feb. 24, the 26,000 soldiers, 1,800 armored vehicles, and 6,800 wheeled vehicles of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division Combat Team and the attached 212th Field Artillery Brigade and 36th Engineer Group attacked into Iraq. Our primary purpose was to destroy an aggressor army and to free the two million people of Kuwait. We have accomplished our mission.

In just 100 hours of battle, you attacked 370 kilometers deep into the enemy's flank and rear. We severed the Iraqi lines of communication through the Euphrates River Valley and systematically annihilated the 26th Commando Brigade, 47th and 49th Infantry Division, and four Republican Guards Divisions. You destroyed more than 363 tanks and armored personnel carriers, 314 artillery guns and mortars, 207 anti-aircraft guns, 1,278 trucks, 19 Frog missiles, 22 MRLs, 25 enemy high-performance fighter aircraft helicopters, and captured more than 5,000 prisoners. The Victory Division also detonated over 1,300 ammunition bunkers with more than one hundred-thousand tons of munitions. The offensive capability of the Iraqi Armed Forces has been wrecked. Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States are now safe.

The 24th Infantry Division's attack spearheaded the ground offensive for the Allied Coalition Force. Our advance moved farther and faster than any other mechanized force in military history. The speed, violence, and determination with which you fulfilled your mission completely destroyed the enemy's will to fight. Tactical victories such as Talil Air Base, Battle Position #102, Jalibah Air Base, Basrah Plain, and the Rumaylah Oil Field are now engraved in the history of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division.

Each of you will return to families and to an American public filled with a great sense of pride and respect for your personal courage and sacrifices. Your accomplishments, together with thousands of other soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who took part in this battle, have rekindled a new spirit of patriotism throughout our great country. You have revitalized America's confidence in our armed forces. America is more safe and prouder because of your strength, discipline, and valor.

We must not forget our fallen comrades. Eight Victory Division soldiers were killed and thirty-six were wounded in this campaign. We will remember them with both dignity and honor. Their legacy is two million free Kuwaiti citizens and an enduring message to both free and oppressed people throughout the world ... There is hope; Freedom is never without cost, and; Americans will fight and die for our principles.

First to Fight.



Barry R. McCaffrey  
Major General, United States Army  
Commanding General

What understanding! What show of respect! What display of love for the past! Before MG MCCAFFREY left the Gulf, he directed BG JAMES T. SCOTT, the ADC, who had headed the advance back to Georgia, to journey down to Sarasota for a particular special mission. The remainder of the story is told below. We are indebted to H.O. "Willy" WILSON who sent us this item from the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. What a thoughtful gesture. Thank you, James Scott! Thank you, Barry McCaffrey!!

SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE/THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1991



STAFF PHOTO/ROD MILLINGTON

Brig. Gen. James Scott, left, of the 24th Infantry Division, talks with retired Maj. Gen. Aubrey Newman, whose World War II bravery made him the division hero. Newman was briefed Wednesday on the 24th's role in the gulf.

## Wars Apart, Battle Cry Rings True

By PATTY A. ALLEN  
Staff Writer

It was Oct. 20, 1944, and American forces were launching the decisive World War II battle that would take the Philippines back from the Japanese.

But on a beach on the Philippine island of Leyte, the 24th Infantry Division was having a bad day. In the heaviest fighting they had encountered in the war, the invading troops were pinned down by heavy machine gun and rifle fire.

Col. Aubrey S. "Red" Newman decided to counter the desperate situation with a desperate move. He shouted to his men, "Get the hell off the beach. Follow me!" and led them forward

*The 24th Infantry was among the allied units that first invaded Iraq.*

ward against the withering fire.

The fighting on Leyte continued for 77 days and Aubrey's determined battle cry became the division's motto. The words "follow me" were immortalized on a recruiting poster that depicted the battle scene with an infantryman waving the troops forward.

Aubrey retired in 1960 as a major

general and now lives on Lido Key in Sarasota. But the division has carried on, and last month — more than 46 years after the Battle of the Leyte Gulf — it sounded Aubrey's battle cry again in the war in the Persian Gulf.

Well ahead of the units that rolled into Kuwait, the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division Combat Team, along with the attached 212th Field Artillery Brigade and the 36th Engineer Group, led the allied coalition's invasion of southern Iraq, cutting off the escape route for the Iraqi troops fleeing the emirate.

To show that the division hasn't forgotten about the man it calls its hero, Brig. Gen. James T. Scott traveled from the division's headquarters at Ft. *Continued on 11A*



**Girdle?**  
**What gir-**  
**dle?** From  
the Viet-  
nam era,  
Bob Fleis-  
chauer's  
cartoon  
was origi-  
nally pub-  
lished in  
*Leather-*  
*neck*  
*Magazine.*

"Fess up girls, who hid the gunny's girdle?"

# General Gets Briefing on War

*Continued from 1A*

Stewart in Georgia to Newman's home Wednesday to deliver a report, bound in a green leather case and bearing the Army seal, on the division's combat performance. The report was signed by Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, who commanded the division in Operation Desert Storm.

"He asked me to give you his best," Scott, himself recently returned from the Middle East, told the 88-year-old Newman. "He has a great deal of regard for you."

The report, which McCaffrey is sending to all the soldiers in the 24th Division, details how the troops annihilated four Republican Guard divisions, destroying 363 tanks, 314 artillery pieces and mortars, and 1,278 trucks while capturing more than 5,000 prisoners.

"Your accomplishments, together with thousands of other soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who took part in this battle, have rekindled a new spirit of patriotism throughout our great country," wrote McCaffrey, who had called Newman in August to let him know that the division was being sent to Iraq.

Newman — who received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism during the Leyte Gulf battle — said the visit gave him a much-wanted opportunity to satisfy his curiosity about the war, for like most Americans, the former warrior had had to depend on press reports for news about the action.

"I can't tell you how deeply honored I am to receive this visit and this letter," he said.

But Scott, his green uniform resplendent with campaign ribbons,

said the visit was just as important to the 24th.

"I'm just deeply honored you can make the time for us," he said. "It means a lot to the junior soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division to keep the link between our past in World War II and in the future. It is worthwhile for all of us to continue to do this."

Although Newman's years have slowed his walk and lowered his voice, they did not quell the eagerness with which, throughout the nearly two-hour visit, he questioned Scott about the division's march. He asked him, among other things, whether there had been roads for the troops to follow and how long the drive took.

Scott said the division traveled 100 miles west from Saudi Arabia into Iraq, crossing a trackless desert, and was in position a week to 10 days before the ground war began — a fact that surprised Newman.

"In reading the newspapers, it seemed like it had been 24 hours before the attack," he said. "I could not see how that could be done."

Scott said the division cut off communication lines between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his troops, eliminating their ability to see what the allies were doing.

"We moved 400 kilometers in three days and had hemmed up Al Basra so they couldn't get away," said Scott. "We fought a major battle when the Republican Guard tried to break out. We did the very best we could to uphold the division's name."

Scott told Newman the division is proudest of its few casualties in the campaign. Just 11 of the 26,000 troops were killed and 30

were wounded.

"That means a lot to us," he said. "If the air campaign had been less successful we would have faced larger casualties."

Newman called the movement of allied forces "wonderfully organized" and praised the technology, undreamed of when he was fighting on Leyte, that gave the allies their edge over the Iraqis.

"I still can't understand how the Patriot can intercept the Scud," he said.

Newman graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1925 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of the infantry. He held many assignments during his 34-year career with the Army and represented the United States as a pentathlete in the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam.

In addition to receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, he has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Legion of Merit for service as chief of staff, the Bronze Star for service, the Purple Heart, and the Doughboy Award for making an outstanding contribution to the morale and effectiveness of infantrymen throughout the years.

He also has written two books on leadership, "Follow Me" and "What Are Generals Made Of?"

Despite his success, Newman, a South Carolina native and graduate of Clemson College — now Clemson University — said he didn't set out to have a career in the military.

"I went to college and I took agriculture the first year, and I didn't like it," he said. "The next year I took architecture, and I didn't like it. I went to West Point and I liked it. I didn't want to be anything but a soldier."

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED?**



## Street Scenes: What were your expectations of homecoming?



Spec. Curtis Hutto, HHB, DIVARTY — I expected hugs, kisses and open arms; in other words to be treated decently. I'd like to go to a store and get something free.



Staff Sgt. Brent Williams, HHB, DIVARTY — I expected a lot of hospitality and respect and a lot of attention from family and friends; most of all warmth from Americans. We got it and are still collecting.



Spec. William E. Mote, HHB, DIVARTY — I expected America to be in a more patriotic atmosphere, and be proud of itself.



Spec. Anthony S. Chaney, HHB, DIVARTY — I expected a new baby, and I didn't know how to react to being a new father.



Pvt. Andre Kearny, Company C, 3rd Engr. — I expected a lot of people, large crowds, hugs, handshakes and media.



Pfc. Steve Swanson, Company C, 3rd Engr. — I expected a large crowd with lots of women and hugs.



Warm thought from JOHNNY SONLEY who wrote from 8028 S. New England, Burbank IL: "Here's ten to help preserve the memory of the deceased men of M Company of the 5th. May they rest in peace!"

Americal Division Assoc. (That's really the 23rd Division - remember?) has just raised \$12,941 for the Guadalcanal War Memorial. Just thought we'd mention it.

Longtime member WILFRED O'COIN (G 21st WW II) of 33 Valley, Spencer MA 01562, has been with us almost since the beginning. Wil and Annette will be celebrating their 50th next September first - two grandchildren too - Kim and Kevin.

HAROLD THRALLS (M 5th RCT '50-'51), of 9010 Rancich, El Paso TX 79904 is looking for JOHN A. MCCONNELL, who commanded 3rd Bn. 19th sometime in the '50-'51 period. Remember there were lots and lots of changes of command in these troublesome days. Hal, we don't have a thing on John - but we're getting the word out. Happy you'll join us at SF.

When's the last time you ate a tomato that didn't taste like a tennis ball.

## San Francisco

All those destroyed Iraqi tanks are a recycler's dream.

Gershow Recycling, which handles tons of metal on Long Island each year, says the charred remnants of some 4000 Iraqi tanks in Kuwait and Iraq may represent the largest repository of recyclable metal in the world -- more than 200,000 tons of steel.

Gershow Recycling says there are a number of ways the tanks could be put to good use, such as converting them to:

- 100 billion paper clips;
- 67 billion bottle caps;
- 16 million bicycles;
- 10 million filing cabinets;
- 8 million home appliances;
- or 250,000 cars.

The only problem is that it would take years to process the remains of the Iraqi armor, said Kevin Gershowitz, a Gershow vice president.

Gershowitz said the curator of the American Armored Foundation Tank and Ordnance War Memorial Museum in Mattituck reports that each Iraqi tank hulk represents about 60 tons of steel, copper, brass, iron and aluminum.

Rather than 250,000 cars or 100 billion paper clips, how about Saddam's throat?

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THE 24TH WAS AWESOME!!!



### ***Message to Desert Storm forces from commander, U.S. Central Command***

Since the beginning of Desert Shield last August you have traveled over great distances, through miles of desert, to places that we never knew existed, with names we can't even pronounce. Tomorrow some of you will begin the most important trip of all; you'll be going home. The rest of you will soon follow.

I did not want a single one of you to leave before I had the opportunity to tell you how immensely proud I am of each and every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, coastguardsman and civilian in this command. I asked you to be the thunder and lightning of Desert Storm. You were all of that and more. Through your courageous acts, your dedicated service, your determination and your love of country, you have written history in the desert sands that can never be blown away by the winds of time. You take back with you to the United States not only the respect of our countrymen, but the respect of millions upon millions of citizens of the Middle East. You have demonstrated the best qualities of Americans through your respect for other religions, other cultures, other races and other nationalities. While you served here, you learned rather than criticized and by learning you'll take back to your homes knowledge little known about cultures that are thousands of years old. More importantly, you have left among those thousand-year-old cultures knowledge of what it means to deal with Americans.

Your country is proud of you, the world is proud of you and I am proud of you. God bless you and God speed on your return to your homes and families. Thank you for the great honor and privilege you have given me by accepting me as your commander in chief of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
U.S. Central Command

# WASHINGTON SCENE

On March 5, a day before the president's historic speech to a joint session of Congress in which he declared the Persian Gulf War won, the House passed House Resolution 95 by a vote of 410 to 8 (11 members did not vote and 4 voted present). This resolution is a richly deserved congressional "Salute to the Troops" who served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Hat's off to those members of Congress who initially supported the president's actions to protect the gulf and liberate Kuwait and who, at war's end, saw fit to properly commend our troops.

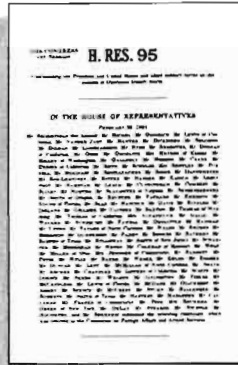
And let us not forget Congressman Gephardt who, at one point during Desert Shield, proposed cutting off funding of the Defense Department if we went to war.

"Two surgeries" for WILLARD "Bud" POE, (24th Sig. WW II), so writes his beloved Jo. They're in Bannock OH 43972 in case you write - Box 6. Phone is 968-4268. Recovering slowly - but nicely adds Jo. Wonderful couple.

Will you permit your Editor this teeny-weeny bit of editorializing?: We should have gone clean through to Bagdad



Quadruple by-pass for JOHNNY BORZILLERI of 131-A Kingsberry, Rochester NY 14626. He writes from Rochester General Hospital: "I've never been as proud as I am today as I think of what that gang did in the Gulf. I get a lump in my throat as big as a basketball.



## House Resolution 95

Commending the President and United States and allied military forces on the success of Operation Desert Storm.

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the United States—

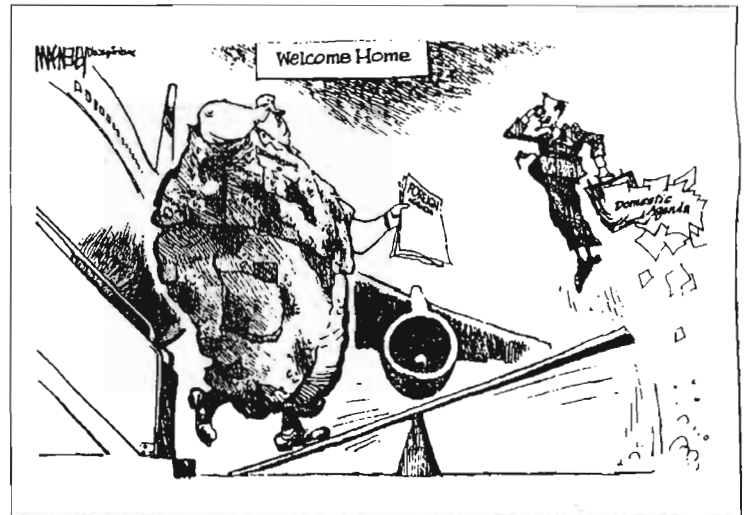
(1) acclaims the President for his decisive leadership, unerring judgment and sound decisions with respect to the crisis in the Persian Gulf;

(2) expresses its highest commendation and sincerest appreciation to the members of the United States Armed Forces and other members of the international coalition who have participated in Operation Desert Storm and have demonstrated exceptional bravery, dedication and professionalism;

(3) conveys its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of United States and coalition forces who have been injured or killed during this operation, and expresses its compassion for the families of non-combatants who have suffered hardship and personal losses during the Persian Gulf War; and

(4) supports continued efforts to promote peace and stability in the Persian Gulf.

Don't ignore the panhandler who asks for a dime for a cup of coffee. Give it to him - then follow him and find out where they still sell coffee for a dime.



First it's a \$100.00 check to become our Lifer #1151. Then it's a \$50.00 check for the "kitty". And then it's a third check for \$10.00 for the Korean Memorial. And these 3 came all in the same mail from BILL OSLIN (K 19th '44-'46) down there at 1013 N. Edmond, Muskogee OK. How's that for generosity? Bill spotted some names in a past issue - the twins SIMON and STANLEY MEYER of Cannon Co. 19th '44-'46 and immediately made contacts. That's what we're all about Bill and let us just say, "Thank you, Bill", once more - for all you've done.

# Red Cross president visits Victory Division in the desert



Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross, listens intently to a briefing given by Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.)

Story and photos by Sgt. D.R. Doss

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Elizabeth Dole, President of the American Red Cross, recently paid a visit to the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) where she met with the division's Red Cross station representatives and Armed Forces personnel in support of its mission in the Persian Gulf.

Dole came to the Gulf region on a four-day tour through Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to discuss her organization's role in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with her employees and volunteers, and U.S. commanders and soldiers.

While at the 24th, Dole was given an overview of the Victory Division's highly successful campaign in southern Iraq by Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, commander of the 24th, along with a mission briefing by the 24th's Red Cross Station Manager, Larry Grant.

As part of his briefing, McCaffrey showed and later presented Dole with a music video called "Freedom's Victory," a historical account of the 24th's seven-month-long deployment and combat involvement as part of Desert Storm.

McCaffrey emphasized that because of the long-standing and cooperative relationship between the

military and the American Red Cross, the 24th's mission readiness was greatly enhanced.

Grant, the 24th's ARC station manager since November, gave Dole a detailed account of the ARC's mission with the Victory Division dating back to August.

The Red Cross flag that was flown with the 24th throughout the deployment was presented to Dole by Grant and his staff. Grant said Dole's visit was gratifying because she wanted to see what her people were doing first hand.

As for 52-year-old Grant, a retired Army Lt. Col. who also served in Vietnam, the time spent in the desert was an experience. "I've really enjoyed it," he said. "I feel like I've done my part to fulfill an obligation the Red Cross has to the armed forces."

According to John Heubusch, ARC director of external communications, the Red Cross has been working with the armed forces since the Spanish-American War.

Addressing the ARC's accomplishments during the entire Gulf crisis, Heubusch said the organization received and passed on more than 125,000 messages to armed forces personnel throughout the region. "Wherever the military goes, we go," said Heubusch.

"As the most forward deployed Red Cross team, Grant and his team can relate to Heubusch's statement. Of the 125,000 messages received in the country, about 6,300 of those came to the 24th. In addition to the other messages, 1,100 birth notices were handed out. Although conditions sometimes slowed down the process, getting the messages through was first and foremost for the ARC team.

"We busted our humps to get all the messages out to the soldiers," said Grant. Fortunately, the division's G-1 and S-1 sections were a tremendous help to us. Without them, we couldn't have gotten them out."

Like everyone else who spent their time in the desert environment, Grant said he's glad it's over. Unlike some of the other civilians working in the austere environment, Grant didn't have many problems adjusting to the conditions. He attributes this to his many days spent at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

After retiring, he said he couldn't find a better way to be in contact with soldiers, and the Red Cross was the way to go. Before the Gulf crisis, Grant served as the assistant station manager at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. where he'll be returning to continue serving soldiers.

During his 2½ years with the Red Cross, Grant said he's heard talk of budget cuts to the program, but after speaking and listening to Dole, he was pleased to hear her say the decision was easy to



Elizabeth Dole waves goodbye to 24th Infantry Division soldiers.



Elizabeth Dole has a Meal-Ready-To-Eat meal with some soldiers of the Victory Division.

NOT AVAILABLE IN ANY SUPERMARKET -



PAY YOUR DUES, PLEASE!

**CHECK  
IT OUT!**

During the '30s, one of the battalion commanders in the Hawaiian Division had the unique distinction of being a graduate of the Naval Academy.

One particularly windy day during a retreat ceremony, the flag fouled halfway down the flagpole. The colonel, who had not forgotten any of his nautical terminology, called out, "Sweat the lee halyard!"

The officer of the day, unsure of the colonel's order, decided to relay it to the sergeant of the guard exactly as received: "Sweat the lee halyard!"

Likewise unsure of the order, the sergeant relayed it just as received: "Sweat the lee halyard!"

But the corporal of the flag detail, having now heard a foreign order three times, in a voice heard all over the parade field, commanded, "Pull the damn rope!"

The flag came down.

Korea Bound, come August first: HOWIE and Phyllis CAMP, LOU and Marion SELMI, and BILL COE. We know that urge - to follow up that road, to look up at that mountain (maybe climb it once more), to cross that river. Safe trip, gang.

*Published in the interest of the Personnel of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.*

## Commander returns to Fort Stewart

By Sgt. Dave Melancon

The Victory Division's homecoming redeployment reached a symbolic milestone Saturday as the division's commander, Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, returned home.

After stepping off an Air Force C-141 shortly after 2 p.m., the general received "welcome home" hugs from his family and a salute from Brig. Gen. James T. Scott, deputy commanding general for maneuver. McCaffrey, accompanied by members of his staff, walked down a 50-foot red carpet and greeted several of the 200 spectators.

With the division's colors and his staff assembled behind him, McCaffrey assumed command of the division from Scott who served as the division's forward commander since his return March 8.

According to estimates, more than 9,000 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers have returned from Operation Desert Storm as of Saturday. More flights are expected at Hunter this week while the first of several ships containing division equipment and vehicles is now underway and should sail into the Georgia Ports Authority terminal in Savannah Monday morning.

McCaffrey praised the division's soldiers for their professionalism and bravery during the war with Iraq.

"I should underline that the valor, energy and training of the American soldiers won this great victory that freed Kuwait," McCaffrey said. We will never forget the sacrifices of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who were killed and wounded while serving in this enormous triumph of the American Army.

McCaffrey publicly acknowledged the efforts and support given by the American people as well as science and technology for the weapons and equipment used in Operation Desert Storm.

Then he praised the President for his wisdom and integrity.

McCaffrey closed his welcoming address with the pledge that members of the 24th Infantry Division will continue to stand guard. "We will do our duty for America," he said.

The homecoming turned into a celebration following McCaffrey's address. A reception for the general and his staff was held just behind the flight line.

Later that day, two commercial aircraft, bearing an additional 700 members of the division flew into Hunter to warm receptions from family and friends. Like earlier flights, the soldiers stepped off the aircraft to cheers from the crowd. The division band provided the musical background for the events.

Soldiers from the 3220th U.S. Army Garrison Departure/Arrival Aircraft Control Group, assisted by soldiers from the 1st and 2nd Provisional Battalions and Victory Brigade, quickly unloaded the returning soldiers' gear and helped them secure their weapons.

See RETURN on page 6A



*Photos by Linda Barnes Polk*

Major Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.), accepts the command of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield from Brig. Gen. Terry Scott, assistant division commander for maneuvers.



# Victory Division commander comes home to Fort Stewart, receives hero's welcome

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In addition to soldiers welcoming soldiers, members of the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross were on hand to pass out hugs, soft drinks and "thank yous" from the local community.

The majority of soldiers boarded buses for Fort Stewart, while Hunter-based soldiers either linked up with their families or were shuttled off to the

barracks.

Shortly after 2:30 a.m. Sunday, an Air Force C-141 carrying about 100 soldiers from the 138th Administrative Support Company, 81st Army Reserve Command, the first Army Reserve unit to return to Fort Stewart, landed at Hunter.

Brigadier General John Roth, commander of the 81st Army Reserve Command, several

officers from the 3220th U.S. Army Garrison, and about 50 family members and friends from Orlando, Fla., the unit's hometown, were on hand to welcome the soldiers.

After checking their weapons, the soldiers boarded buses for Fort Stewart where they were met by their families. The unit will remain at the fort until it is deactivated later this month.



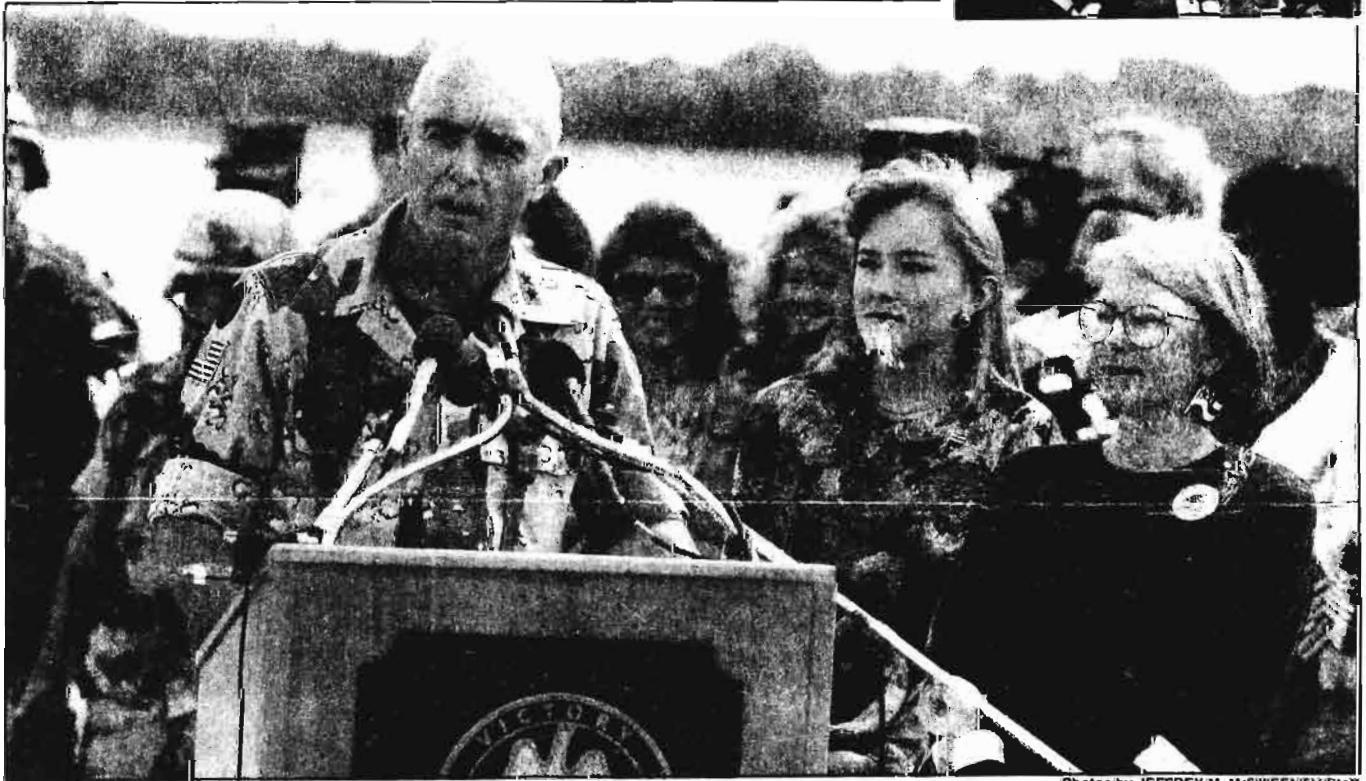
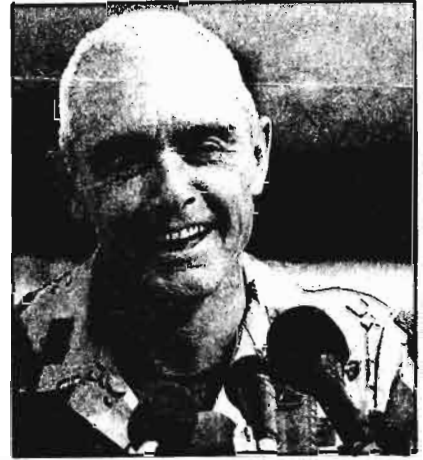
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Major Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey makes a speech before going home with his wife Jill.

'We are enormously proud and relieved at the way it came out. It was an enormous victory. It went quickly and decisively.'

— Maj. Gen. McCaffrey

# Gen. McCaffrey Returns a Hero



Photos by JEFFREY M. McSWEENEY/Staff

**HOMEcoming:** Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey talks to crowd at Hunter Army Airfield with daughter, Amy, and wife, Jill, at his side

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*Photo by Linda Barnes Polk*

Major Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, Command Sgt. Maj. James Randolph, the division colorguard and the commander's staff receive an official welcome home.







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**Jill and Amy McCaffrey** watch with excitement and anticipation as the plane touches down at Hunter Army Airfield.



# 'Mother of all parties' promised for 24th

By Jingle Davis  
Staff writer

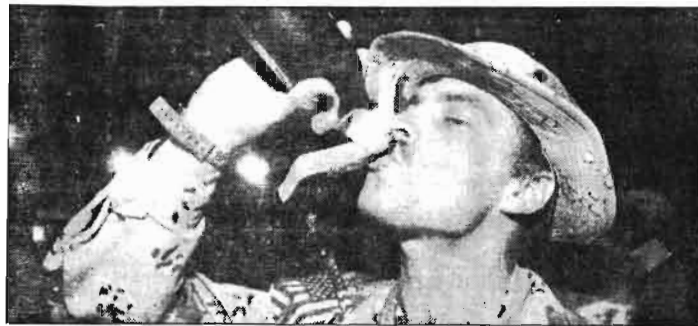
HINESVILLE, Ga. — Families scrambled on short notice to get to Fort Stewart in time to welcome the first soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

About 300 grandparents, parents, wives and children began assembling in the bleachers at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field hours before the C-141 Starlifter touched down at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah about 12:30 a.m. today.

The soldiers arrived at the Army post shortly after 2 a.m. to thunderous cheers, flags, banners, balloons and relatives not sure whether to laugh or cry.

Some did both.

Raymond and Kathleen Fitzpatrick drove to Hinesville from Charlotte to meet their grandson, Lt. Michael Manion, whose wife, Kelly; 17-month-old son, Brennan; and mother, Mary Manion,



W.A. Bridges Jr./Staff

**Going for the gusto:** Pfc. Scott Hamilton of Del Barton, W.Va., enjoys a beer for the first time in months after arriving at Fort Stewart early today.

joined the welcoming party.

"We've got four generations here," said Mary Manion. "I couldn't believe it when Michael called from Dhahran and said, 'I'll be home in 72 hours.'"

When her son left for Saudi Arabia in August, Brennan wasn't walking, Mary Manion said.

"Mike missed his first birthday and his first Christmas," the soldier's mother said. "But I think they'll bond real quickly."

Bob and Doris Peterson of Pittsburgh had just arrived at Sanibel Island, Fla., for a vacation when they learned their son, Lt. Bryan Peterson, would be among the first soldiers home.

The Petersons and their daughter, Julie, packed up and drove to Hinesville.

"In a few days after all the turmoil dies down, we'll resume our vacation," Mr. Peterson said.

Karen Worthy, wife of Sgt. Michael Worthy, said her husband called twice Thursday, once from Germany and once from New Jersey, where the military transport made brief stops before continuing to Georgia.

"He asked if I'd put the beer on ice," Mrs. Worthy said. "I've got the cooler in the car."

M.L. Cofer, chairman of the Liberty County Commission, came out to welcome the first troops home.

The county and Hinesville, as well as Savannah, are planning major celebrations when all the soldiers in the division return, probably in six to eight weeks.

"It will be the mother of all parties," Mr. Cofer promised.

## Flag-waving, emotional reunion for 24th



An unidentified soldier from the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) hugs his family after arriving early today at Fort Stewart. He was one of 104 soldiers coming home from the gulf.

We appreciate your sending us this one, DANNY MOORE, down there in Oxford GA:

# 'U.S.A.! U.S.A.!'

## Patriotic chant, hugs and tears greet the 24th



*'I'm glad to see this green grass'*

By Jack Warner  
and Jingle Davis  
Staff writers

HINESVILLE, Ga. — The first planetload of the nation's newest heroes flew home early today to the blare of a brass band, the handshakes of politicians, and the arms of their loved ones.

As the C-141 carrying soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) home from Iraq taxied to a halt at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, base personnel began waving flags and chanting, "U.S.A.! U.S.A.!"

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Behind the C-141, totally ignored, was a chartered jetliner unloading hundreds of troops from the 48th Brigade of the Georgia National Guard, which spent the Persian Gulf war training in California.

"I'm glad to be home," said a soldier of the 24th, hugging his wife close to his desert fatigues. "And I'm glad to see this green grass, too."

The 104 soldiers of the 24th, whose hell-for-leather drive to the Euphrates River slammed the door on Iraq's Republican Guard and sealed the allied victory in the Persian Gulf, were the first of the desert warriors to return to the United States.

Two more flights were scheduled to land at Hunter about noon today, bringing a total of about 900 soldiers of the 24th home to Fort Stewart.

It will be six to eight weeks before all of the 14,000 troops Fort Stewart sent to the gulf are home.

The first group, almost all of them combat troops, began filing off a camouflage-green Air Force C-141 at 12:42 a.m. A gaggle of reporters and camera crews, a flag-waving crowd of service personnel, a high school band, and politicians welcomed them at Hunter.

Four buses took them on the 40-minute ride to Fort Stewart. Small groups of women and children waited along the route, waving flags and screaming with joy.

"Let's speed this thing up," cried a soldier on bus No. 4. "I got a date waiting at Cottrell Field."



W.A. Bridges Jr./Staff

**Mega-hug:** Wayne Culpepper of Columbus embraces his son, Cpl. Jerry Culpepper, today upon his return to Fort Stewart, Ga.

### 'The waiting was hell,' tank commander recalls

#### But 'our training showed' when battle began

By Jack Warner  
Staff writer

against the seat in front of him and remembered his war.

The massive, low-slung tanks burst through the fence and onto the desert airfield, their turrets swinging in search of a target.

There was none. Only shattered Iraqi tanks and fighting vehicles and a few dozen dazed soldiers, apparently happy to fire a few rounds from their Kalashnikovs and surrender.

"Our artillery worked it over before we attacked," said Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Bunch, 32. "I've seen plenty of live artillery exercises, but I never really knew what artillery could do until we hit that airfield."

On the darkened bus bringing him on the last leg of a 24-hour journey home early today, Sergeant Bunch rested his forehead

After eight months of agonized waiting and 100 hours of surging adrenalin, Sergeant Bunch was looking forward to sleeping in a bed. He lived in his tank since the day he kissed his wife and three daughters goodbye and shipped out to Saudi Arabia with the 24th Infantry Division.

"The waiting was really hell," he said, his soft voice barely audible in the din of celebrating soldiers. "We knew we were going up against the Republican Guard. We kept hearing about how they'd never been whipped, about how well-equipped they were."

Surrounded by love: Maj. Mark A. Milia holds one daughter, India, 7, in one arm while Jessica, 4, rides

on his shoulders and son Sebastian, 10, grasps him by the hand today upon his return at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The Associated Press

# 24th's Commander Salutes Division

By MICHAEL HOMANS  
Staff Writer

Like a proud father, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) commander Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey returned triumphantly to Savannah Saturday, praising his soldiers for their victory in Operation Desert Storm.

"What a day of tremendous joy for the entire division and for their families," McCaffrey said after stepping off an Air Force C-141 at Hunter Army Airfield shortly after 2 p.m.

"We are so proud to have returned to the state of Georgia and to have brought back our colors. . . . Our seven-month deployment is done. We did it with honor."

McCaffrey, who has been widely praised for his leadership of the mechanized division in the war against Iraq, said the soldiers were the key to the U.S. victory and the division's successful attack on the flank of the Iraqi army.

"The valor, energy and training of the American soldier won this great victory that freed Kuwait," he said.

A crowd of more than 200 people – including 1st District Congressman Lindsay Thomas, local officials and dozens of reporters – had gathered at Hunter to welcome McCaffrey and

## Inside:

■ Saddam Hussein's army, trying to crush a Kurdish rebellion, shelled the northern Iraq city of Dohuk Saturday, sending thousands of civilians fleeing. **Page 10A.**

■ Pentagon officials say U.S. troops will begin pulling out of Iraq within "a matter of days" after the United Nations approves a formal cease-fire. **Page 10A**

about 30 soldiers accompanying him.

The general's arrival at Hunter, about two hours behind schedule, symbolized the return of the 24th to the local post and Fort Stewart in Hinesville, though about 4,000 of the division's 13,000 soldiers remain in southern Iraq. Those troops are expected back in Georgia within a month.

Two flights carrying about 720 troops of the 24th arrived at Hunter later Saturday. A flight carrying about 360 soldiers landed at Hunter at 6:15 p.m. and another flight with approximately the same number of troops arrived about 8

p.m.

A third flight carrying approximately 90 members of the 138th Aviation Company of the National Guard in Ocala, Fla., was scheduled to land at 2:45 a.m. today, according to the Fort Stewart public affairs office.

Wearing a desert-camouflaged uniform and an Army helmet decorated with two stars and big black "V" for the Victory Division, McCaffrey described highlights of the 24th's "explosive," widely praised ground assault across southern Iraq.

"After the first day of fighting, we knew we had it (won) and that was a tremendous feeling," he said. "They (the Iraqis) really went to their knees at the first attack and never could recover."

McCaffrey was surprised at how ill-prepared and easily defeated the Iraqi army was. In contrast, the soldiers of the 24th, advancing at nearly full speed for 3½ days, proved how capable, confident and prepared they were, he said.

"We are enormously proud and relieved at the way it came out. It was an enormous victory."

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## Return

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ry," McCaffrey said. "It went quickly and decisively."

He added that the division's soldiers – whose average age is 22 – matured in the process. Instead of tough talk and bravado before the attack, they proved their valor on the field of battle, he said.

"I think everyone grew up a lot," he said. "I think they're very satisfied with the way they conducted themselves. (They have) a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride."

McCaffrey thanked the American people, Army families, President Bush and American high-tech industries for their support of the military effort.

"Your prayers, your love and your support made us strong," he said. The sight of Savannahians lin-

ing the streets late last summer to wave goodbye to departing troops kept the soldiers upbeat and confident throughout the ordeal, he said.

"It was the most remarkable feeling of support and love imaginable," he said.

Wounded twice in the Vietnam War, McCaffrey said he hopes the warm homecoming that troops are receiving now can help heal emotional wounds left by Vietnam.

"I personally am very proud of the soldiers I served with in Vietnam. . . . In my judgment, this homecoming is for them, too," he said.

Now that most of the division is back in Georgia, McCaffrey said it will regroup and prepare again to defend American interests around the world.

"In World War II, in Korea and in Saudi Arabia, the soldiers of the Victory Division have never failed our country," McCaffrey said. "We will continue to stand guard. We will do our duty for America."

## General McCaffrey: 'I Want To Go Home and See My Dog'

Like thousands of lesser-ranked soldiers returning before him, Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey was greeted by a family that could scarcely contain its emotions at the reunion at Hunter Army Airfield Saturday.

His wife, Jill, who had looked calm and reserved during the two-hour delay before his arrival, yelled an exuberant "Wooooo! Woaaa!" as he hopped down the steps of an Air Force jet.

Mrs. McCaffrey and daughter, Amy, rushed into McCaffrey's arms, hugging him tightly and laying their heads on his shoulders.

"I'm very glad to have him back," Amy said.

"It feels wonderful. I missed him," added Mrs. McCaffrey. Amer-

**'It feels wonderful. I missed him.'**

– Jill McCaffrey, Commander's Wife

ican-flag earrings dangling at her cheeks.

McCaffrey held his wife's hand, looking tired but happy, as he walked across the tarmac.

In comments to the press, McCaffrey spoke mostly of his troops, not himself or his family.

But when asked what he most wanted to do now that he is back in the United States, McCaffrey thought for a half-second and responded, "I want to go home and see my dog."

– Michael Homans

We normally don't get too "Yippity Hurrah" about conscientious objectors. But this one, whose letter appeared in Army Times, gets our vote.

## Objection, conscientiously

I am a conscientious objector. I conscientiously object to individuals who swear/affirm to honor an agreement and then cry foul at the first sign of danger.

I conscientiously object to individuals who call themselves patriotic and refuse to stand behind decisions of their country and their elected leaders. I am curious how many of these people are the same apathetic masses who will not take the time to vote, yet are the quickest to scorn and contest laws and statutes that do not specifically act in their best interests.

I conscientiously object to people protesting my involvement in the Persian Gulf war. If they are service members themselves, I oppose their lack of honor and commitment to a contract they have entered of [their own] free will. I joined the military for travel, education and because I believe in my profession: my country. I never anticipated receiving a "free lunch" nor envisioned being engrossed in a war, yet

I knew the possibility existed.

It never stated in the oath I took that I would accept only the commands that coincided with my moral beliefs. If I had envisioned a potential moral conflict, I would not have enlisted. I could not have signed my name to a document without the intent to honor it. I still will not disgrace my name in such a manner.

I am not a warmonger. I do not relish any concept of conflict among individuals, organizations or countries. I conscientiously protest against people stating that service members like me are warmongers. I have never even been involved in a brawl with my peers.

I am here as directed. I am a soldier because this is my chosen profession. I will do my best to make God, my country and my family proud of me. I have made a commitment and will honor it. I can't help but conscientiously object to those who won't.

Name withheld

HERBERT C. CARLSON

## EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR



The days are filled with brightness and good cheer.

The gang is back from the Gulf - and we are thankful - and proud.

Stormin' Norman has come home - and we are thankful - and proud once more.

And our eyes are forward toward San Francisco and Hawaii for the celebration of 50 busy, eventful years - and we are thankful and proud - still once more.

Happy birthday one and all!

We try never to turn down one of these requests for publicity. And why not; we know how tough it is to get publicity for rinky-dink outfits like ours!



"Ohio? What part?"



Founded in 1973 to foster Ranger ideals and activities, the United States Army Ranger Association is the only national Ranger organization that offers full membership to all who are Ranger qualified, and those who served or are serving in LRSU/LRP/LRRP units. We offer a full range of activities and programs from local to national level. USARA is an association of Rangers from all units, eras, and conflicts working together toward common goals and purposes, for the benefit of all.

We will be holding our Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Columbus, Georgia from 11-13 October, 1991. All Rangers are invited to participate.

The year 1992 marks the 50th Anniversary of the modern military Ranger. There will be a celebration in the Columbus/Ft. Benning, Georgia area to mark this historic occasion. Every Ranger needs to know of this event and have the opportunity to participate.

The USARA is making a concerted effort to expand its membership and bring these two events to the attention of all. Because Ranger qualified personnel are scattered throughout organizations such as yours, the Armed Forces, the United States, and the world, we are appealing to all branches of service and to all organizations. Please help us in this effort by printing the enclosed card in your official publication, and by spreading the word among your members.

Upon receipt of inquiries, information packets will be mailed from our National Headquarters, located at 1000 Victory Drive in Columbus, Georgia. Our mailing address is: U.S. Army Ranger Association, Inc., P.O. Box 669, Columbus, GA 31902-0669.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

*Richard O. Stewart, Jr.*

Richard O. Stewart, Jr.  
National Adjutant



# A Monument to Memory

"What's the matter, Bill?" asked a friend as he left the office. "You look terrible!"

"If you only knew!" moaned Bill. "The IRS called today. By the time I called them back, their office was closed. I just know I'm going to be audited again. Then the boss left a message for me to see him first thing Monday morning. There have been staff cuts in my department and I know I'm the next to go. Then my wife calls and says she's leaving me for a chimpanzee. My whole life is in ruins!"

Bill's friend worried about him all weekend, and decided to stop by his office after work on the following Monday. He found Bill smiling and chatting with his fellow employees. "I'm really sorry about last Friday," Bill said privately. "I was upset for nothing. I saw the boss today and he gave me a raise. And the IRS found an error in my tax return and I'm going to get a fat refund this year!"

"That's great, Bill, but what about your wife?"

"That's my own fault too. I never should have married a chimpanzee."

Rickey Henderson upon stealing his 939th base: "Brock is the symbol of great base stealing, but I'm the greatest of all time. What chutzpah!"



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The Georgia unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade, was supposed to join the Division for the allied ground offensive against Iraq.

But when the 24th shipped out to Saudi Arabia last summer, it was augmented not by the 48th Infantry, but by the 197th Infantry Brigade, an active-duty unit from Georgia.

Similarly, when the First Cavalry Division went to Saudi Arabia, its manpower was expanded by attaching to it a brigade from the active-duty Second Armored Division, instead of sending the 155th Infantry Brigade, a Mississippi National Guard unit. The Mississippi troops were put into training but not deployed.

The Georgia 48th Brigade's training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin CA was extended twice, to a total of 54 days, and in the end its commander, Brig. Gen. William A. Holland, was replaced. The episode led to wide-spread questioning about whether any National Guard unit would ever be ready to go quickly into combat with regular troops.

In a typical and frustrating experience, the brigade of 4500 soldiers was mobilized in December and put through rigorous training in Georgia and in California. But the training was extended, and by mid-February it was clear that the unit would not be deployed in Saudi Arabia in time for the ground war, which began on Feb. 24 and lasted just 100 hours.

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Heart attack. Lt.Col. AUGUST G. SEIBERT (I 34th 7/15/50-8/6/50) of 2087 Landon, Clarksville TN 37043. Gus doesn't say how he's doing - so we're inquiring. Would love to hear from "any of the gang". Tel. is 615-648-4816.

Telecon with JOHN HERNDON (B 11th FA '41-'45) of 1724 Washington, Springfield MO 65803 brings us the news that the 11th Fielders are meeting at the Howard Johnson Motel in Springfield MO on Sept. 11th to 15th. Ma Bell will connect you with Johnny if you let your fingers punch out 417-866-7138.

# To help you keep in touch.

## Senator Nunn praises 48th Brigade at the Senate

*(During a recent visit to Georgia, Senator Sam Nunn made the following remarks to the U.S. Senate about the 48th Brigade.)*

The entire nation is proud of the magnificent performance of all of the military services and of all of our men and women in uniform who served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. We should give each and every one of them a hero's welcome when they return home in the coming weeks, and I'm sure that our nation will.

I want to pay special tribute to another Georgia unit that fits in that category of those who have served extremely well. This unit was not deployed to Saudi Arabia, but their dedicated efforts over the past five months certainly deserve our recognition and our praise. I am referring to the 48th Brigade of the Georgia National Guard.

The 48th Brigade is affiliated with the 24th Division. It is what the Army calls a "round-out" brigade. The 24th Division has only two active brigades and relies on the 48th Brigade

to provide the third brigade to bring the 24th Division up to full strength. This was a concept the Army developed in the mid-1970s to create three new active divisions within their existing manpower levels. The concept called for the round-out brigade to have the same manning, and equipment, and to train with the active-duty counterparts as much as possible.

The 48th Brigade was not called up at the same time the Army deployed the 24th Division. Instead, the Army sent the 24th Division to Saudi Arabia last August, and assigned the 197th active-duty Brigade from Fort Benning, to it to ensure the 24th Division had three maneuver brigades. This was due to the fact that the 48th Brigade's deployment time always envisioned additional training after mobilization but prior to deployment.

In November, the Secretary of Defense did mobilize the 48th Brigade for full-time training to become ready to be deployed to Saudi Arabia if that became necessary. The 48th Brigade was sent to the Army's National Training Center in the desert of California for two months of the toughest, most demanding training the Army can dish out. The conditions at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., are every bit as difficult and demanding as the conditions in Saudi Arabia. While there, the members of the 48th Brigade underwent round-the-clock training at all levels.

During the last two weeks of February, the 48th Brigade undertook the biggest challenge of all. It undertook a "training rotation" at the National Training Center. This is sophisticated simulated combat against the best "opposing force" in the world.

The National Training Center has a dedicated group of Army soldiers that train and operate as a Soviet brigade. The Army is proud to say this so-called "opposing force" is one of the best, if not the best brigade in the world. They train

and work together in actual field exercises over 200 days a year. No unit in the Army gets that kind of training and experience, and the 48th Brigade had to fight the opposition force in what constitutes the ultimate final exam for an Army brigade.

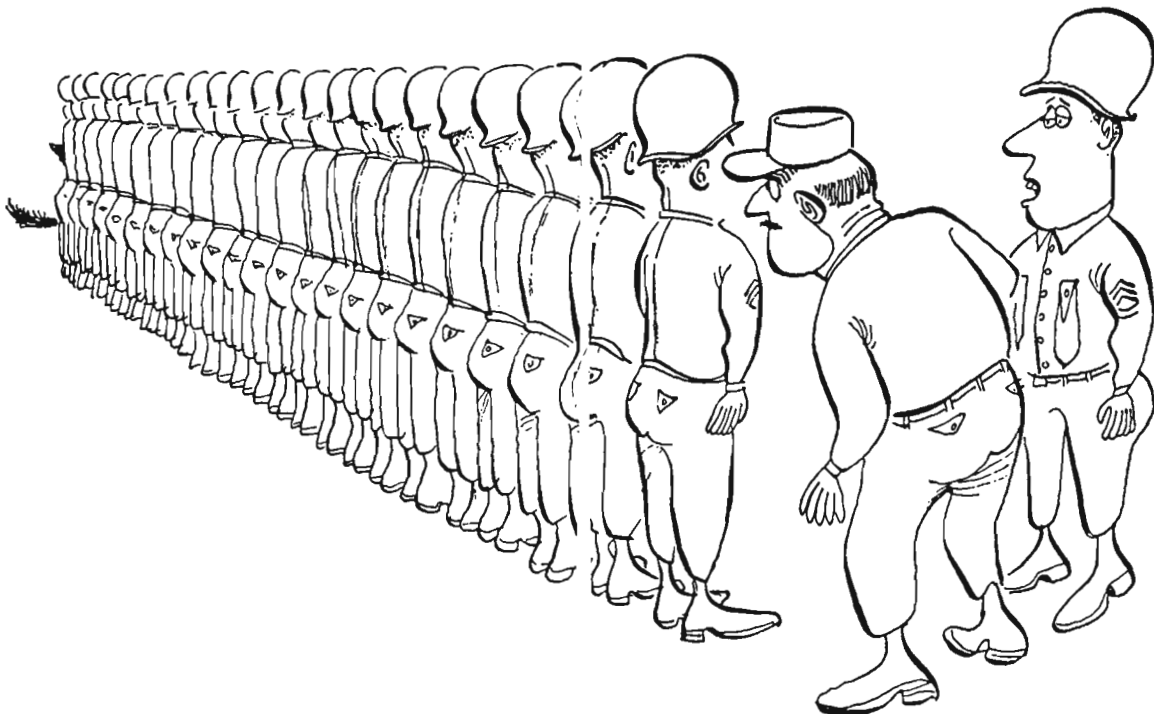
Mr. President, the 48th Brigade passed that final exam with flying colors. General Edwin Burba, commander of U.S. Forces Command — the commander responsible for providing trained U.S. forces to General Schwarzkopf — testified before the Armed Services Committee last week that the 48th Brigade was ready to go to war if needed. He said he would have no hesitation in recommending that the 48th Brigade join the other active brigades in Saudi Arabia for combat.

There has been a good deal of controversy concerning the 48th Brigade and the other round-out brigades in the National Guard. There have been a good many articles written in the news media. Some people argue that these round-out brigades were not up to the rigors of modern combat and the Army could not count on them.

I believe that is totally wrong. There is no question that the 48th Brigade needed additional training when it was mobilized. But that was always part of their mobilization plan. That was not a revelation to the Army or to me.

So, as Americans cheer the return of soldiers from Saudi Arabia, the members of the 48th Brigade and the other round-out brigades deserve our cheers as well. They too served their country. The welcoming home celebrations across America are part of a larger celebration to thank all our men and women who shoulder the burden of military service. The 48th Brigade faced a tough challenge. They proved they were up to the task and they deserve our sincere thanks.

"THE GUY AT THE END,  
SIR? HE'S OUR MASCOT."



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Comes this from George T. Frohmader of W9945 30th St.W., Camp Douglas, WI 54618:

"I was in Korea last week for the first time since the war. I ran into a 52 year old Korean who says he was a 14 year old orphan adopted by the 24th Division and given the name of Bobby Lee during the war. He served as a house boy, shoe shine boy, etc.

"Perhaps some of your people will remember him.

"Bobby Lee is currently employed by the American Church in the Osan, Sontan and Pyongtaek area.

"He said he would like to have contact with former members of the 24th Division.

"I took his picture and can provide it to you if there is a request.

"Bobby Lee feels he owes his life to the 24th Division and would very much like to hear from someone who remembers him."

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YOU'RE RIGHT, MELVIN.  
IT IS OUTRAGEOUS!"

From 9619 Village Green, Albuquerque NM 87111, comes this from Col. LUCIAN K. TRUSCOTT III: 21st 12/45-3/48: "There's something about that first regiment that stays with you forever." We recall it well. LKT arrived at Division right out of West Point; the Gimlets were his "first regiment".

Another "opinion" - "Stormin' Norman said he was old fashioned, was going to do things the old fashioned way. I guess his Dad, and maybe grandpa, had some talks with him way back. I had hopes when he said that and it turned out better than my hopes, equal to my prayers. Looks like a bit of pre-WWII may be coming back if he sticks around for a few years more. Of course the language is changing. Like we always said when we got new equipment in the Signal School: 'If you can't improve on things invent a new name for it!'"

This choice quote from RALPH BALESTRIERI (C 13th FA, FO & Sv. Btry. 13th, 19th FO 11/50-6/51) of 41 Rose, Eatontown NJ 07724.

Another "Looking for" situation: DICK PARSONS is a court reporter in Hays KS. He's A 6th Tk.Bn., 2/51-5/52 and now hangs out at 204 Castillian Gardens Hays KS 67601. Dick would like to hear from anyone of old Able Company, especially his Company Commander, STEVE CAMERON.



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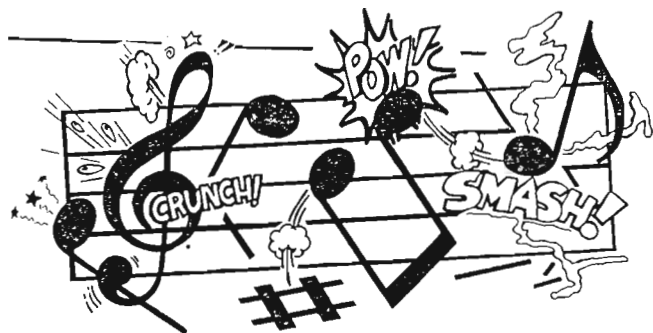
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There's gonna be music when we meet in San Francisco because we're gonna make music. What's the program you may ask.

And we have to tell you, without seeming facetious, that we pretty much make our own programs as we go along - each in his or her own way.

First, we meet - old friend meets old friend - or stranger meets and makes new friend. That's one of the beauties of our routine. You stare at a face, in a vain effort to recognize or identify - but you don't - then you shake hands anyway because of the common bond - the Taro Leaf - and within seconds, or at worst, within minutes, you find yourself talking to a newly found friend - and you're swapping stories about life in "the old division".

Translated this means that everyone talks to everyone. And this is of special significance to our ladies, some of whom may wonder how they're gonna get along for 24 or 48 hours trying to make conversation with an old buddy of Howard's or Albert's. Have no fear, ladies, it's a piece of cake. Just talk to their wives.

We fill the lobbies and the halls of our caravansary with our own people - we're everywhere - and best of all we find our greatest pleasures in our Hospitality Room where we congregate around tables for the three days of our stay - Thursday (if we're an early bird), Friday and Saturday. By Sunday we usually break camp and get on our way - although this year many of us will be going on to "the islands" (more about that elsewhere in this issue).

As for mealtimes, we're on our own running off hither and yon with friends, old and/or new. But come Friday night, we gather collectively for a sit-down dinner. Dress? The loudest, wildest Hawaiian garb you can find - be it shirt or mumu.

Saturday morning we'll settle down for an hour or two at the Association's annual business meeting.

Saturday night is our BIGGIE - and we dress up for this one - shirts, ties, coats, and shoes for the boys - usual evening wear for the ladies. Nothing formal in the formal sense of the word - but nothing too informal either. Just enough to make us look like the decent average American citizens we are proud to be.

Our Saturday night dinner - we call it our banquet - is preceded by our much treasured revered Memorial Service wherein we do honor to our departed brethren.

Oh, one more word - dress during most of the weekend - as informal as you desire - calling to mind our only two exceptions - 1) the Friday night dinner - wild Hawaiian dress - and 2) the Saturday night Banquet - let's call it business attire.

# EXTRA

All right class, the lesson for today is Hawaii.

Seems that ages ago we presented in these pages the JOE HOFRICHTER plan wherein those who wanted to prolong their San Francisco party could go on to Wahoo for a joinder with the 25th gang whose "home port" is, as you must know, Schofield.

The thinking - the hope - was that we could go as a group - out of San Francisco - and either to Honolulu - or to a preliminary stopover at one of the other islands before settling down on the "---- Rock".

And now for the bad news - those plans have gone awry - and for a couple of reasons - first, a sufficiency of interest was not forthcoming within our own group - and second, a sufficiency of interest was not flowing eastward out of Schofield on the part of the 25th. The impression seems to be that the 25th couldn't care less about what the 24th does. Oh we'll get letters on that snidery.

So as of press time, it's an "Everyone is on his own" proposition.

You know only too well that you can go to Hawaii if you want to - seems stupid even to be saying it - but if you go you'll be making your own private arrangements.

And if you want to know what the 25th is doing, you might contact

25 Infantry Division Association  
PO Box 3927

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and Good Luck!

The 25th is putting out plans which read like this:

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| Oct. 1, Tues.  | Early registration - Sheraton Princess Kaiolani                             |
| Oct. 2, Wed.   | Registration and hospitality<br>Tour to the Arizona                         |
| Oct. 3, Thurs. | Registration<br>Tour to Outer Islands<br>Evening luau - Pacific Beach Hotel |
| Oct. 4, Fri.   | Trip to Schofield   |
| Oct. 5, Sat.   | Reception/Dinner/Dance  |
| Oct. 6, Sun.   | Memorial Service and home   |

Sorry to let you down - but we've been let down.

As is, we'll celebrate our 50th at San Francisco. See ya!

# Victory Homecoming complete

It's over - at long last.

Victory Homecoming came to a close when the Division's assistant division commander for support flew into Hunter on Sunday, April 14th.

Brigadier General Joe N. Frazar III led 400 of the last members of the Division down the gangway of a commercial Boeing 747 to warm welcomes from fellow soldiers, families and friends.

Major General Barry T. McCaffrey, CG, and Brig.Gen. James T. Scott, ACG for maneuver, were among the first to greet Frazar.

Frazar and the soldiers under his command supervised the loading of the division's vehicles and equipment and ensured that the Division's departure from Iraq and Saudi Arabia went without a hitch.

"Let me first thank everybody for coming out and welcoming us," Frazar said. "This is the last plane of the 24th Division. Fifty-five aircraft, carrying 17,900 soldiers came home and this is the last of it."

Frazar said only one division soldier remained behind. However, he is on his way home via medical evacuation aircraft.

The general pledged to call the soldier's family as soon as he returned to Fort Stewart.

"He's doing fine. I visited him the last afternoon right before we got on the airplane. He wanted to come with us, but understood that he had to come back through the medical channels."

Also, 13 ships carrying 100 soldiers and more than 10,000 pieces of equipment were currently steaming toward Savannah, he said.

Thank fortune, it's over!

78784 Army National Guard positions are on the Pentagon's proposed chopping block. There's a message between the lines. Follow it closely. And watch these politicians squirm. Between cutting back on bases and cutting down on personnel, our boys on Capitol Hill are in for a busy summer.

Anyone got any bright idea for our venue in September of 1992? Let's see if we can't inject a little common sense in the way we select convention sites. How about coming to S.F. with some good sensible suggestions, factually reinforced.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you can get rid of him on weekends.



Photo by Sgt. Dave Melancon

Brigadier General Joe N. Frazar III, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) assistant division commander for support, thanks the coastal Georgia community for its support of Desert Storm soldiers during Victory Homecoming ceremonies Sunday at Hunter Army Airfield.

We have ANDY and Beth SIMPSON, of 173 Crown Point, Carson City NV 89706 to thank for this newsy bit on a Pearl Harbor Medal.

Veterans who were in Hawaii during the attack and some civilians, are eligible for a new congressional medal marking the 50th anniversary of the event.

The bronze, 1½ inch Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal, minted by the U.S. Mint, will be presented to qualified recipients by Members of Congress.

A toll-free number, 1-800-545-4052, has been established to take requests for application forms and provide information about the medal. Each applicant should ensure that the form is complete and attach necessary proof of the relationship in the case of deceased military or civilian personnel.

Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, ATTN: DARP-PAS-EAW-PH, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis MO 63132-5200.

Medals, monuments et al are driving us nutz!

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We liked Karen Wright's story in the Patriot so much that we decided to snatch it. Thanks, Karen. Nice work, Ed.

## NCO's actions earn him bronze star

By Spec. Karen Wright

On a clear, cool March night in Saudi Arabia, the scouts of Task Force 4th Battalion, 64th Armor were at their platoon staging area, getting ready to bed down for the night.

Staff Sgt. Edward Figueroa, the senior scout went off, by himself in the desert to pray. Earlier that night, a young private's plea to help him get through the war safely reminded Figueroa of something he already knew.

"When you're an NCO, the lives of your subordinates rest on your shoulders," he said. "That's the biggest responsibility you can have."

So that night he prayed for "the strength, knowledge and valor" so that he could "get these kids back home."

On another evening, several days later and deep into Iraq, Figueroa's skills as an NCO were put to test.

The scouts, 27 enlisted soldiers and one officer, were spread out in a screen formation about a kilometer in front of the task force. Their mission was to find the enemy so that the task force could engage them.

At about 5 p.m., they found dismounted troops of Republican Guard commandos dug into foxholes.

"They were coming out and we saw them," said

Figueroa. "They saw us and went back in."

The Iraqis were armed with AK47s and anti-tank weapons. They started firing at the U.S. soldiers immediately.

The scouts weren't scared of what they had found. Finding the enemy is what they do.

"You always think about getting hit but, the adrenaline doesn't let you think about it too much," said Figueroa.

Meanwhile, the scouts reported what they had seen to the battalion commander and then cleared out of the way to let the task force handle the Iraqis.

"I moved to my left flank to pull security," said Figueroa.

The TOC was already set up there and a Medevac pick up area had been established. There was one soldier — a scout — wounded and still on the ground.

"Everything started happening at once," said Figueroa.

Right in front of the area they were supposed to secure, was a sand berm. Seeing that this would be a perfect cover from which the enemy could attempt to overrun their position, Figueroa jumped out of his HMMWV and threw a grenade over the

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berm.

"I just reacted to the situation," said Figueroa. "You don't think you're going to get hit. You don't think about saving another guy. It just comes automatically."

His actions cleared the area from immediate danger. But not for long. He had time to set his section, which consists of two HMMWV with four-man crews, in a defensive position. Then he saw dismounted infantry coming toward his position.

"They probably wanted to overrun our position which was the TOC and the Meddevac area," he said.

But Figueroa couldn't let that happen, not only to save the wounded soldier's life but, to save the TOC, one of the most sensitive areas which is run by the S-2, "the brains of the battalion."

"You could see the flashes of the Ak-47s," he said.

"I informed the S-2 and requested permission to engage back. Once I got permission, I told the whole section to engage the enemy."

Figueroa and the seven other members of his section engaged the enemy with M60 machine guns, MK19 grenade launchers, M16A2s and M203s.

"I can't tell you how many of the enemy there were at the time," he said. "I have confidence in my people."

After more engagements and the coming of the new day, the scouts finally had a chance to reflect on what they had accomplished in that one battle: 20 enemy soldiers killed-in-action, one ammunition dump destroyed, as well as a few vehicles.

"From the excitement, your stomach cramps and you start shaking from inside out," said Figueroa.

"We realized, by doing what we had done, we prevented the enemy from overrunning the

TOC and we allowed the Medevac to move the wounded from that area."

For his actions, Figueroa was awarded the Bronze Star with a V device.

He was also selected to represent the Army to throw out the pitch on opening day at Shea Stadium.

With all the excitement of his first trip to New York and accolades for his accomplishments, one thing has remained the high-point of his 14-year career in the Army: "We all came back," said Figueroa. "That was my biggest reward, that we all came out unharmed."

It's BILL JONES - and wife of 47 years, Margaret, (Sv.34th '40-'44), now of 99 Andrews, Yorktown IN. They're anxious to hear from 34thers to tell them about their 1 dgtr., 2 grandsons, and 3 great grandchildren. Holy Toledo!

"Lifer" #913, TED DIANDRIOLA (K 19 '44-'46), of 198 Barber, Old Forge PA said it beautifully with only 8 words: "Just a little donation for a great Association." The check was for a sweet \$25. Ted, your generosity knows no bounds.

Our apologies go out to those thoughtful members whose newsclips we simply haven't been able to make use of. We have been simply overwhelmed.

Down in Frederick MD, DICK LEWIS (B 11th F '44-'45) writes: If the postal people could deliver mail like the Desert Storm GI's can fight, it wouldn't have taken 33 days for my grandson's letter to travel 10 miles to me."

You know you're getting old when your pacemaker opens your garage door.  
Contributed by Lt.Gen.DONALD ROSENBLUM.

# International cooperation, high-quality force contributed to allies' Desert Storm victory

By F. Peter Wigginton

International cooperation, superior technology and a high-quality fighting force are among Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's factors that contributed to the allies' Desert Storm victory.

In a recent speech to the American Legion in Washington, D.C., the secretary acknowledged the role of allied forces. It is clear, he said, that a good part of the success was due to the efforts of Arab allies, as well as those from other parts of the world. The coalition included nearly 30 nations that committed forces to the gulf.

Although Iraqi forces in many cases had current Soviet technology, Cheney said superior U.S. technology — precision-guided munitions, Patriot missiles, M-1 Abrams tanks and the like — won the day. "It's clear that over the last several years the Department of Defense spent money on something besides \$600 toilet seats," he quipped.

Cheney emphasized that more important than technology was the enormous dedication, patriotism and outstanding quality of the men and women who serve in the U.S. military. He said the all-volunteer force was the highest-quality force the nation has ever fielded.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force reminds me repeatedly that it's not just the sophisticated systems that we provide the force, it's also the fact that they are of a caliber, training and experience to be able to operate that equipment that makes the whole thing go," Cheney said. A person cannot help but be enormously proud of the force in the gulf region that represented the United States, he stressed.

But, Cheney went on, he and Army Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, only tried to use the fighting force wisely, and credit for that force's creations goes to others who came before.

"General Powell and I," he said, "thank our lucky stars on a continuous basis for the efforts and dedication of our predecessors and for men who have served as secretaries of defense and as chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for previous presidents who have done such an outstanding job of creating the force that we deployed in the last seven months."

Finally, explained Cheney, U.S. leadership drew the bottom line of success, and the man who provided that leadership was President George Bush.

*(American Forces Information Service)*

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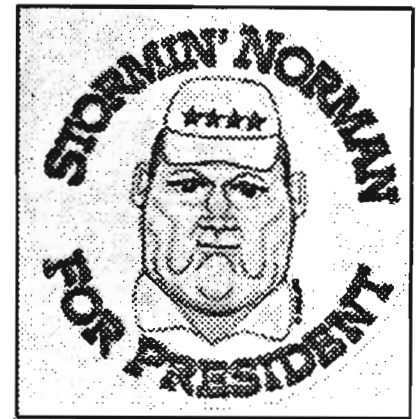
Here's a fella desirous of making contacts - with other 555 men, that is. BILL CODY, over at 616 Rexmont in Lebanon PA 17042, would like to hear from any Triple Nickel folks. He was Hq. Btry. from '51 to '53.

This one's for LARRY JOHNSON, of 312 S.Main, Lesueur MN 56058 (Tel. 612-665-2131) who wants us to sing about the G 21st reunion next Aug. 2 and 3 at New Ulm MN. If you're G 21st of WW II, give Larry a ring.

Mail coming back on Lifer ED PATTERSON (B 555 '51-'52). Last known address: 19 N.Wabash Av., Evansville IN 47712). Any clues?

DICK BEARD (B 6th Tk.Bn. 7/50-7/51) of 3947 Peachtree, Dallas TX 75227 has the floor: "I am exceedingly proud of all of our men and ladies in Desert Storm; they were wonderful." Our sentiments exactly, Dick.

News items! If yours doesn't appear in this issue, please bear with us. We've been flooded. We need more news items like Dolly Parton needs a padded bra.



Presidential prognosticators! Want to know what potential candidates are already running well in the '92 derby? Ask campaign button maker Mort Berkowitz, who is busy preparing for New York's June 10 parade welcoming the Persian Gulf troops. He's getting swamped with orders for buttons pushing Gens. Colin Powell and H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF for President - at \$2 a pop. They're big sellers all over the country.

Mort, the king of the button hawkers at political conventions, has some bad news for potential Democratic candidates. He's having trouble pushing presidential buttons for Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder. And among his worst sellers are buttons for Bill Bradley and Mario Cuomo.

And this one's for JUSTIN FLEMING, (I 34 & E 21 12/49-4/51), down there in Houston - 5025 Verdome Ln., 77092, if you write - 713-688-1405 if you call. Seems 2nd Bn. 34th is having a Mini-Reunion in Nashville TN come May 17-22. Just call Just for the poop.



# HOW IT CAME TO PASS

Copies of SCHWARZKOPF cartoons came to us from all corners - proving that they delighted our members just as they excited us and made us proud. We give you herewith a smattering of some, we having done some judicious trimming in a few cases in order to fit more of the fun in the allotted space.



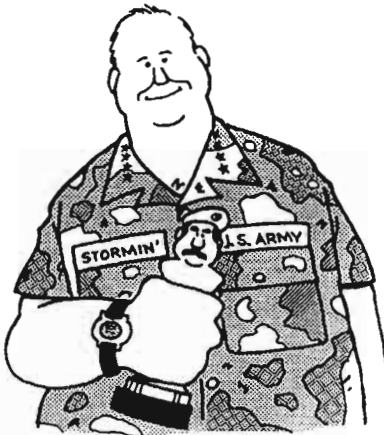
"Does ANY ONE here know where the finish line is?"



## San Francisco



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DOROTHY AHLE ILLUSTRATION

DAILY NEWS

Sunday, March 31, 1991



'All I know is there was total agreement in terms of when this war should end, right Norm?'

# WHAT AN OPENING

THE 24TH WAS AWESOME!!!

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## U.S. Rep. salutes military on House floor

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Lindsay Thomas requested time on the House floor March 20 to formally salute the country's military men and women for their courageous defeat of the Iraqi forces, especially the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). The following is the text of the Congressman's remarks:

Mr. Speaker, I requested this time to give Members the opportunity to honor the men and women of our armed forces for their service to our country and for service in Operation Desert Storm.

I will be the first to admit that our words, no matter how eloquent, cannot measure up to the performance of our troops.

But there are some events in the life of our nation that demand a special record. And that is our purpose today.

Mr. Speaker, there were thousands of accomplishments in Desert Storm — some were widely noted in the media and some were lost in the cascade of events.

I am very proud of the fact that one of the units that won universal accolades is the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), from my Congressional District.

This is the nation's heavy infantry Rapid Deployment Force. It is especially trained for the unique dangers of heavy combat in the desert. On only a few days notice, more than 16,000 soldiers of the division and their equipment poured out of Ft. Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. They were deployed by air and through the deep water Port of Savannah.

More than 200 longshoremen worked around the clock to load some 130,000 tons of Division cargo. Ship loadings that ordinarily take two to three days were accomplished in one day. The ships passed under a new bridge which we built to accommodate just such a contingency.

The calm force in the eye of this storm was Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the Division Commander. I had the honor of visiting with him just before his troops were to deploy. He is a man in the mold of General Norman Schwarzkopf, who is himself a former commander of the 24th.

Like General Schwarzkopf, Maj. Gen. McCaffrey is no lover of war. He has been wounded in combat three times. He has been leaving the United States with the full expectation that the Division could be in combat shortly after they arrived in Saudi Arabia.

Even with that expectation, General McCaffrey was a picture of calm determination. Like the men and women of his division, he had a job to do, he knew how to do it, and he was determined to fight and win.

On its arrival, the Division was quickly moved to the Kuwait border and made ready to fight. Theirs was to be a long ordeal of training and waiting and more training.

They were the first heavy infantry division to arrive in the area. For many weeks they were the only real ground defense of heavy infantry that stood between the Kuwait border and Saudi Arabia. Until the U.S. buildup reached its peak, the troops of the 24th literally lived under the gun. If an attack came, they would be the target.

We saw very little of the Division on television in those days because they were deployed so far forward. But when the time for combat came, it was the Victory Division that was thrust into the heart of the battle.

In just four days, the 24th Division conducted what U.S. News and World Report recorded as "the greatest cavalry charge in history."

Their arsenal included 270 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, 290 Abrams tanks, 72 155-mm howitzers, nine multiple-launch rocket systems, 18 Apache attack helicopters, and 6,000 wheeled vehicles.

But the most dangerous weapons in that Division arsenal were the more than 16,000 soldiers who make up its heart and soul.

The 24th is known as the "Victory Division," and its motto is "First to Fight." The truth of those words were to be burned again into the proud history of the 24th by their actions in Iraq.

Their mission was to race some 250 miles across Iraq in darkness, rain, and sand storms, and then destroy the strongest units in the Iraqi military.

As U.S. News reported, before they were finished, the 24th Division had destroyed two airfields, 200 first-line T-72 tanks, a brigade of

Special Forces, the second-echelon 45th Infantry Division, and at least two divisions of Republican Guards. They even trapped on the ground and destroyed ten enemy jet fighters and a dozen helicopters.

Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of stories of heroism that will come to light about the exploits of the Division. We will learn of those events as our withdrawal from the Persian Gulf is completed.

But for now, it is enough to say that the young men and women of the 24th did everything that was asked of them, and more.

As I said earlier, eloquent words cannot match the courage of the 24th.

But in my District, we have tried hard to match their fighting spirit with our spirit of welcome in their homecoming.

There has been an explosion of human joy in the First District as the Division begins its journey home. And the party is just beginning.

Mr. Speaker, we ask God's blessings and mercy for the soldiers who were killed and wounded, and for their families. We thank God that our prayers of a short conflict were answered.

And we thank God that when duty demands it, this country can turn for help to the 24th Infantry

# Patches part of proud tradition for Victory combat veterans

By Spec. Martin Haywood

When 24th Infantry Division soldiers, redeploying from Saudi Arabia, stepped off the plane at Hunter Army Airfield, they sported newly sewn Taro Leaf patches on their right shoulders.

Wearing the Victory Divisions patch on the right shoulder distinguishes the returning hero's as combat veterans.

Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Carl E. Vuono, recently authorized the

wear of the combat patch for personnel in Southwest Asia participating in Operation Desert Storm.

To wear a combat patch, units must have actively participated in or supported ground combat operations against hostile forces in which they were exposed to the threat of enemy action or enemy fire, either directly or indirectly.

Soldiers must have been assigned to a unit and served in the combat zone on or after January 16.

The wearing of patches to distinguish friend from foe on the battlefield was introduced in the Middle Ages.

According to The Army Lineage Series: Armies, Corps, Divisions and Separate Brigades by John B. Wilson, "designs during the Middle Ages included mythological beasts, symbols commemorative of incidents of valor, and other identifying marks to which specific symbolism was ascribed."

The currently authorized embroidered shoulder sleeve insignia had their origin during World War I.

They serve the same purpose as the Corps symbols (badges) used in the Civil War and in the War with Spain.

"The first shoulder sleeve insignia was believed to have been worn

by the men of the 81st Division during WWI. On their voyage to France, they adopted as their insignia the figure of a wildcat that was in use as a distinctive marker for the divisions equipment," Wilson wrote.

According to Bill Stacy, a historian with Forces Command, the 81st was authorized to wear the wildcat insignia on October 19, 1918 by a telegram from General Pershing, the Adjutant General, American Expeditionary Forces, to the division's commanding general.

Insignia for other organizations were later authorized and designs were officially approved.

Since WW I, the authorization of shoulder sleeve insignia has expanded. All soldiers in the military, with the exception of basic trainees wear shoulder sleeve insignia.

The insignia designs were based on symbols reflecting the organizations lineage, battle honors, traditions and missions.

All personnel wear the patch of the unit in which they currently serve on the left upper sleeve. Individuals who have earned merit in combat operations are entitled to wear the patch of the unit they belonged to at the time on the right upper sleeve.

Since the Victory Division was formed from elements of the old Hawaiian Division on October 1, 1941, at Schofield Barracks, its soldiers who saw combat during WWII and Korea have been authorized to wear the Taro Leaf on their right shoulder.

And now the returning Victory Division soldiers, who fought in the Persian Gulf War, can display their combat patches as part of the proud heritage of the "First to Fight" 24th Infantry Division.

**San Francisco**

Just received - another bid for \$ for another Memorial.

We've sent them a few \$ in your name. Here's the invite:

**ALL WELCOME  
PLEASE JOIN US IN NEW YORK CITY  
Parade - Memorial Unveiling - Reception  
Tuesday, June 25, 1991**



**Korean War Veterans Memorial**

On Tuesday, June 25th, the New York Korean Veterans War Memorial is to be unveiled in Battery Park. We hope that all veterans will join us that day to honor all those who were killed in the Korean War. In addition to the Dedication Ceremony, there will be numerous bands (both military and civilian) throughout the park. Activities in the park will start at 10:30 AM. This event will be both a solemn and festive occasion. The War may have been forgotten, but the Veterans of Korea will not be, if we make our voices heard and our presence seen.

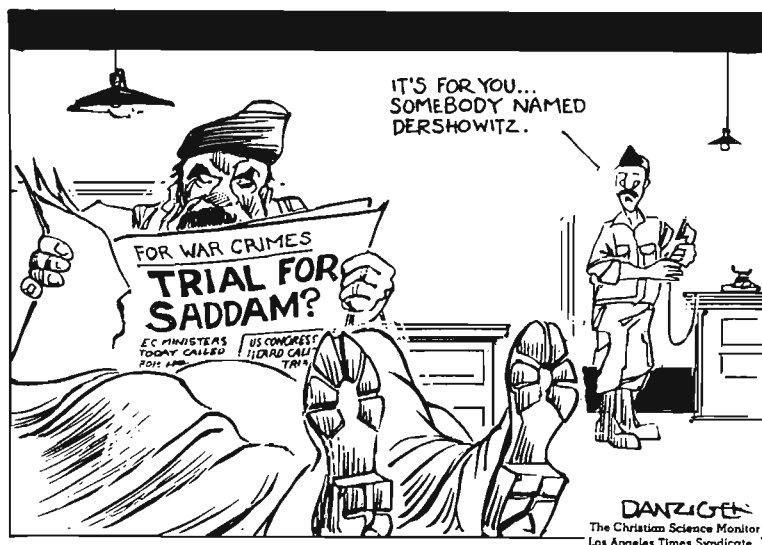
Prior to the Unveiling Ceremony, veterans will form up outside the park for a parade and march into the park to the Memorial Site led by The United States Military Academy Band and Color Guard.

Following the activities in Battery Park, a reception is planned where veterans and their families can get together for beverages and food and swap war stories. Arrangements have been made with a number of various hotels to provide reduced rates for you and your families. In order to facilitate preparations for this event, please fill in the Questionnaire below and return it with a legal size stamped-addressed envelope as soon as possible.

Mail to:  
New York Korean War Veterans Memorial Committee  
346 Broadway - Room 517  
New York, NY 10013

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Eve \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I will attend the Ceremony and Parade in Battery Park on June 25th.  
☐ I would attend the Outdoor Reception.  
☐ Please send information about reduced hotel room rates.

Mail addressed to ALLYN R. MILLER (A 21st & C 19th WW II) Life Member #46, of 107 Pike St., New Carlisle OH 45344, has been returned as "Not at this address." Can anyone help find him?



MARSHALL F. GILBERT, (24th Recn. 6/51-3/53) of 9547 Rocky Fork Rd. NE, Rt. 1, St. Louisville Ohio 43071 looking for anyone. Tried it with KWVA and raised not a whisper. Can we do better? We ran this one once. Called it Oregon and not Ohio. Thank the P.O. for those two letter abbreviations for the states.

JIM HOUTZ (C-6th Tank Bn. '49-'51) has a new address and a new bride. For the address, it's 25 Butternut, Pearl River NY 10965. For the new bride, gosh Jim, you didn't tell us.

Out of Elgin, IL - 14N 206 W. Highland - comes OTIS SOLO signing up as one of our new Life Members. Otis was I & R PH, H & H 21st 5/50-8/51. Sez he: "The 21st is the only organization I ever belonged to - and I'm proud of it."

MARVIN C. TAYLOR (D-26th AAA AW Bn. '55-'57) of 66 Villa Dr., Clearfield UT 84015 anxious to hear from anyone of the 26th.

# PLEASE TELL ME MORE.

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Dear Ken:

My guess is you are inundated with articles about the 24th Inf Div (Mech)?? Belatedly, here are a couple more which may be informative if not repetitive...

NRE - (No reply expected).

Best regards,

Dick Stuben

R. A. Stuben  
3560 Jackson St. #3  
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SUNDAY WORLD-HERALD March 13, 1991

## The Gulf War

# 'Damnedest Thing the U.S. Armed Forces Has Ever Done'

By Ron Martz  
Cox News Service

With the 24th Infantry Division in Iraq — "This has been an absolute miracle," said Major Gen. Barry McCaffrey, a highly decorated and thrice-wounded veteran of Vietnam as he visited the 2nd Brigade headquarters just hours after the allied attack across Iraq was halted.

"I don't think we'll ever be able to do again what we have done here in a hundred years," he said. "It's the damnedest thing the U.S. armed forces has ever done."

Successfully implementing the attack plan called for a month's work by allied pilots to soften up Iraqi defenses and tanks, a month's work of deception by McCaffrey's 24th Infantry Division and nearly six months of logistical planning to ensure that the division's 1,800 armored vehicles and 6,800 wheeled vehicles would have enough fuel and ammunition for the quick strike north.

The division, which had been beefed up to 26,000 soldiers in preparation for the ground war, amassed 16,000 tons of ammunition and 1.48 million gallons of fuel in anticipation of at least five days of hard driving and tough combat in Iraq.

### X-Ray and Yankee

Engineers gouged out two main supply roads, called X-Ray and Yankee, through the desert from the east-west Tapline Road in northern Saudi Arabia to the Iraqi border. It was on those dirt roads that the key supply trains would move north just behind the division's combat power.

Late on Jan. 22, led by elements of the 197th Brigade from Fort Benning, Ga., the 24th Infantry Division began a 340-mile road march under extremely tight security. It traveled from its training bases in north-central Saudi Arabia to its jump-off point near the Saudi Arabia-Iraq border about 120 kilometers east of the town of Rafha.

Farther east, the Iraqis had constructed an elaborate defensive system of bunker complexes, tank ditches, fire pits and mine fields.

But the full extent of Iraqi defenses deployed just north of where the 24th was hunkered down could not be determined by satellite photos or long-range ground reconnaissance patrols. So on Feb. 18, five AH-64 Apache helicopters from the division's aviation brigade were sent on a mission deep into Iraq along the expected line of march.

### Sand and Rocks

Using the gun cameras on their attack helicopters, the Apache crews photographed most of the ground up to the division's first-day objectives.

What they saw surprised them all. Instead of Iraqi tanks and trucks they saw sand.

Instead of air defense artillery sites they saw rocks.

Instead of bunkers and berms and troops they saw a few flocks of birds.

"Not only is there nothing there, there is absolutely nothing there," said 1st Lt. Tom Mathers, 24, of Virginia Beach, Va., a copilot gunner on an Apache.

On Feb. 23, the division got the word that "G-Day" for the ground war was set for 4 a.m. local time, Sunday, Feb. 24 (7 p.m. CST Saturday, Feb. 23).

### Earth Movers Begin

Sunday morning, earth movers began gouging wide lanes through the double sand berms that separate Saudi Arabia from Iraq.

Troops hoisted American flags on their armored vehicles as they pushed north, greeted by signs that read: "The 24th Division Welcomes You to Iraq."

Despite a sandstorm and winds from the south that gusted to 30 knots, the 24th Infantry Division sped north in a line.

The first of what would be thousands of Iraqi soldiers began appearing in the desert late the first day, waving white flags and apparently happy to surrender to the Americans.

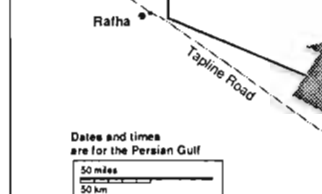
That night it began raining, and the

### Multiple Launch Rocket System

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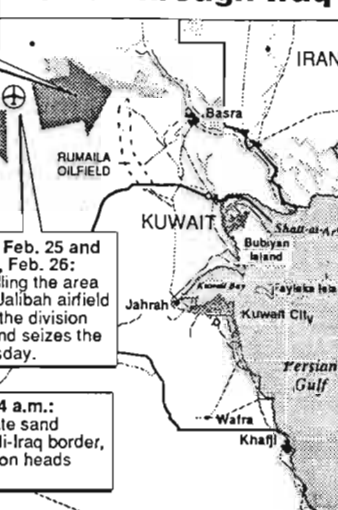
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Wednesday, Feb. 27:  
The division engages in running battles with dug-in Republican Guard troops.

Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26:  
After shelling the area near the Jalibah airfield Monday, the division attacks and seizes the field Tuesday.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 4 a.m.:  
Bulldozers penetrate sand berms on the Saudi-Iraq border, and the 24th Division heads north into Iraq.

### The 24th Infantry's Drive Through Iraq



Dave Croy/World-Herald

"An absolute miracle," said the commander of the 24th Division, which moved faster than its leaders thought possible.

winds picked up to around 40 knots as the soldiers caught an hour or two of sleep before moving on again.

### 'Logistical Nightmare'

The next morning was Monday, Feb. 25. The commander of the 2nd Brigade, Col. Paul Kern, moved his brigade Tactical Operations Center (TOC) into a rocky gully and called his battalion commanders in for a meeting.

Their main concern was the large number of prisoners they had to process.

"It's a logistical nightmare," said Lt. Col. Ray Barrett, 40, a native of Fort

Benning, Ga., now commander of the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized).

Kern mapped out the battle plan for the attack on Jalibah airfield, where Iraqi high-performance jets were based in the heart of Republican Guard territory.

Promptly at 5 a.m., the Americans opened fire with repeated salvos of 155mm howitzers with high-explosive and laser-guided Copperhead shells, plus cluster bomb-filled rockets from Multiple Launch Rocket Systems batteries.

The horizon glowed with fires and the low clouds lit up with constant flashes from impacting artillery rounds and exploding bombs and rockets fired from Air Force jets.

Before dawn on the 26th, the three battalions moved forward again, and by dawn their lead elements were in sight of Jalibah airfield.

By 6 a.m., M1A1 Abrams tanks were on line, moving quickly across a broad, flat plain to the southeastern edge of the airfield. At 6:36 a.m. the tanks began firing their 120mm main guns.

For the next 50 minutes the booms of

tank guns and the rapid chatter of machine-gun fire filled the air as the crews of the armored vehicles fired and reloaded with a calm precision.

"This is almost like a firing range," said 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Command Sgt. Major Ben Palacios.

By 7:20 a.m., what little opposition there had been from defenders dissipated and the 2nd Brigade was in control of the field.

"For our baptism of fire, it was well," said Stranger, a native of Atlanta. "The best of it was, we didn't lose anybody."

### Little Rest

By 11 a.m. the brigade was on the move again, pushing east quickly.

Shortly before dark on Feb. 27, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored entered an area where the Iraqis had built up a number of sand berms, and for the next several hours the soldiers fought running battles with Republican Guard troops who were dug into the desert in one- and two-man fighting holes.

Many of the Iraqis quickly fled abandoning large stockpiles of weapons, ammunition and communication gear, while others meekly surrendered to the overwhelming firepower of the division.

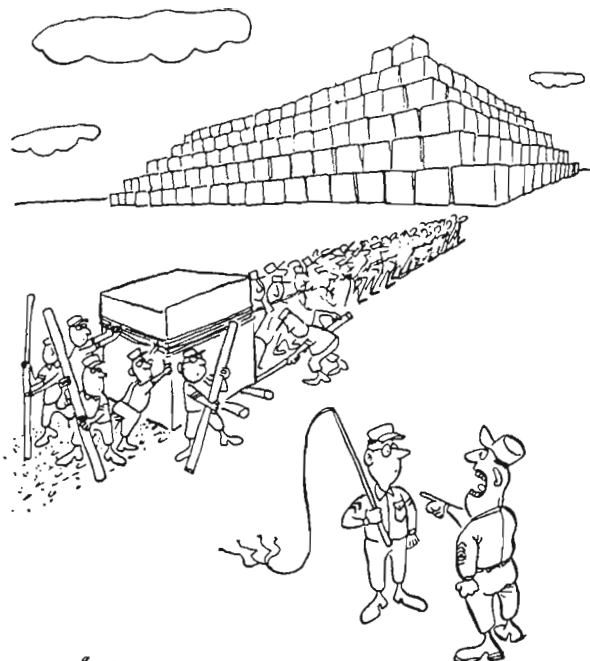
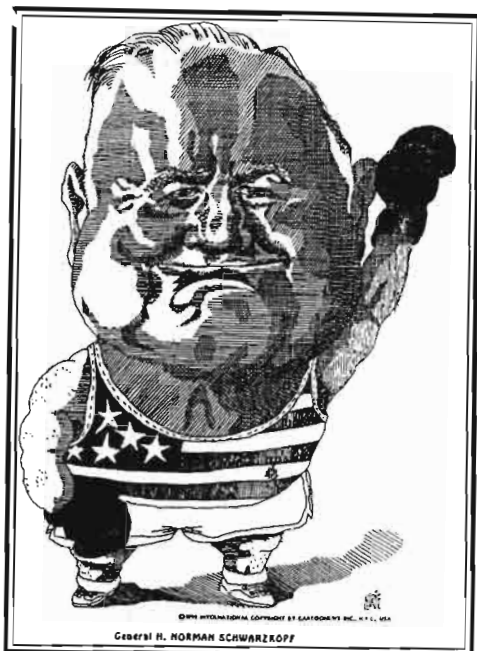
By dark, the 2nd Brigade's battalions were within 30 miles of Basra and began preparing for what was expected to be a major tank battle the next morning against 300 tanks of the Republican Guard.

But soon, the soldiers began hearing that a settlement was in the works. Iraq had had enough. Its Republican Guard forces were decimated or dissipated, its combat power in a shambles.

By dawn, it was obvious there would be no tank battles this day. Iraq was in the process of capitulating.

American flags were raised, razors were pulled out of duffel bags and the troops began brewing their first cups of hot coffee in four days.

Almost to a man they echoed the same thought: "We're going home."



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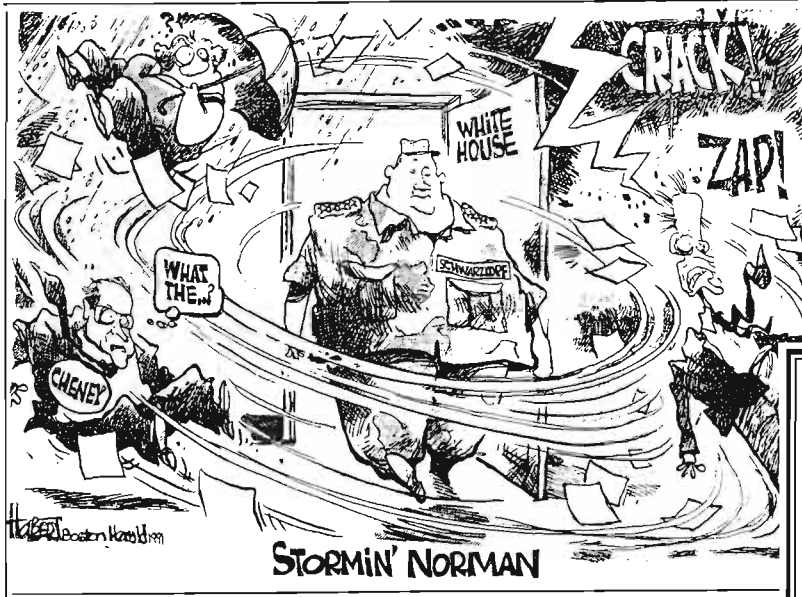
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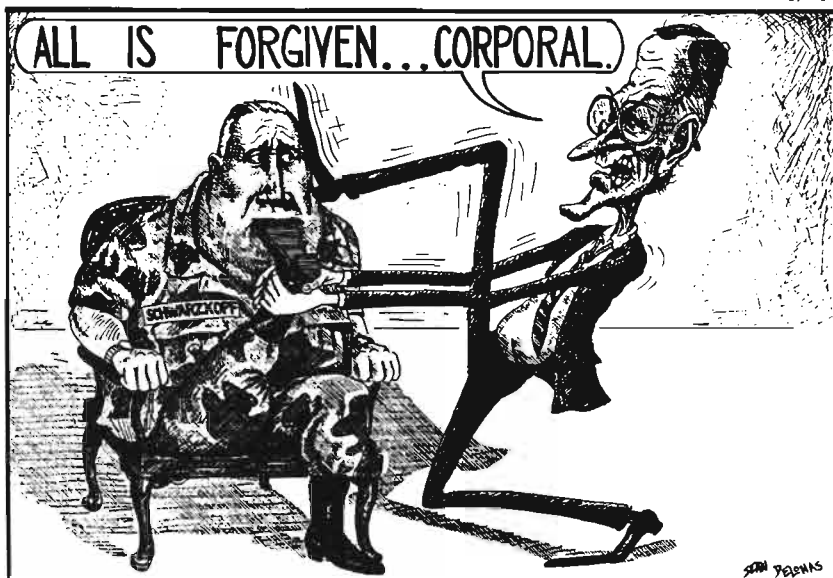
In a Letter to the Editor of Time Magazine, Merrie Ann Nall, of DeKalb, IL wrote: "The strategy Schwarzkopf employed that so thoroughly fooled the Iraqis should be immortalized in the annals of military history as the 'Schwarzkopf Sneak.'"

Right on, Merrie Ann.





**ONE IN A  
MILLION...**



Our mail, as might be expected, is running heavily in favor of the pride which is ours concerning you-know-what. But we also detect a certain fascination with the Patriot vs. Scud story. Ergo this report stolen from the May 13th issue of Army Times.

# DEADLY 'GLITCH'

## Patriot battery failed to detect killer Scud

By Sean D. Naylor  
Times staff writer

WASHINGTON — The Scud missile that killed 28 soldiers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 25 was not detected by the Patriot missile battery guarding the area because of a "once-in-a-million" technical "glitch," according to the Army's recently retired Patriot program manager.

"The fact is no Patriots were launched. The incoming missile was not detected by [the] Patriot battery," said Col. Bruce Garnett on April 30, his last day in the Army.

The barracks was located in an area protected by two Patriot batteries, he said. One of the batteries was not operational when the Scud hit, due to a radar problem, Garnett said, but he stressed the two units had overlapping coverage.

It is unclear whether the Scud would have been detected by the second battery had it been operational, he said. Other Patriot units farther north detected the incoming Scud, he said, but crew members there assumed the Scud would be engaged by Patriot units in the area where it would fall.

Usually, the Patriot's radar system picks up an incoming missile "well over 100 miles out," Garnett said. However, while the soldiers manning the one operational battery protecting the barracks and surrounding area were "up and alert," a freak combination of variables, including the Scud's altitude, speed and angle of approach, and other, classified, factors, caused the incoming missile not to show up on the unit's screens, Garnett said.

"There were six variables, and every one was on the margin [of what would be expected normally]," he said.

The successful attack, by far the most deadly Iraqi missile strike of the war, resulted from what was "fundamentally a once-in-a-million fault in the system," he said.

Contrary to earlier reports, which suggested the Scud broke into several pieces as it descended through the atmosphere, Garnett said the Scud that struck the barracks was the only Iraqi Scud fired at Israel or Saudi Arabia during the war that did not break up before hitting the ground.

Because the Scud remained intact, it fell to Earth at an extremely high velocity, according to Garnett, who said that was a contributing factor in the Patriot's failure to engage, but not the primary one.

The fact that the system had been up and operating for several days without being shut down also contributed to the failure, he said.

"We took the tapes from this engagement back to the labs [and found] something no one would ever have predicted in terms of [the Scud's] altitude and speed," he said. He described the problem as "a glitch in the internal workings of the [Patriot] system."

The fault was contained in an extremely complex problem-solving portion of the system's software, Garnett said. The offending portion was "a specific calculation with regard to detection of the target... one particular calculation among thousands," he said.

The incoming Scud "was picked up internally" by the battery's computers, but was "never filtered through the computational process," and therefore never showed up on the screen, he said.

"Thousands of hours of testing had never uncovered this," he said.

Garnett said once the fault was traced, "It was a very simple fix."

Twenty-eight U.S. troops died and 97 were injured when the Scud's warhead detonated as it crashed into the converted metal warehouse used for transient billets.

It was the only Scud throughout the war to be targeted on an area defended by a Patriot battery and yet not be engaged by an interceptor, Garnett said.

The Patriot works by locking its radar onto the incoming missile while its computer tracks the projectile's course. When the enemy missile comes into range, the Patriot's computer calculates the moment to engage, and fires one or more missiles armed with conventional warheads. The system combines high-speed digital processing with various computer software, allowing the engagement of high-performance aircraft or tactical ballistic missiles.

The results of an Army investigation into the incident, conducted under U.S. Central Command guidance, have not yet been released, an Army official said. "It has been thoroughly investigated, and the results are being reviewed by the Army leadership," he said.

Military experts said the sort of technological problem that caused the incident could be expected.

Anthony Cordesman, national security aide to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the attack on the barracks demonstrated "two facts of life."

First, "probably no system is leak-proof," and second, any system whose development and modifications are accelerated when it is rushed into combat, as occurred with the Patriot, "is not going to be perfect."

"The truth is, if you launch missiles against a system like the Patriot, some are likely to get through," he said.

"My own feeling about weapons is that's the kind of thing that happens," said Seth Carus, a military analyst at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

The computer problem "gets to the heart of the strengths and weaknesses of a lot of modern weaponry — the software," he said. Software is designed so when problems are detected, they can be fixed with relative ease, he said. "No weapon is ever a completed product."

On the other hand, Carus said, if there are many other similar "one-in-a-million" problems hidden in the Patriot's software, they could add up to a "one-in-a-hundred" chance of things going wrong.

Thirteen of the soldiers killed in the attack, and 37 injured, belonged to the 14th Quartermaster Detachment, a Pennsylvania National Guard unit from Greensburg, Pa.

That the Patriot was not fired "is news to me, because I'd heard different stories about what happened," said 1st Lt. Mary Hughes, the unit's commanding officer, who did not deploy to Saudi Arabia.

# REUNION

Writes Lt.Col. JEWELL W. JEFFREY (I-5ADA) from the War College where he's a student: "I gave up command of the Air Defense Bn. on 13 June. Six weeks later they deployed." You missed a lot of sand, Jewell.

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# Desert Rogues finish leveling airfield in Iraq

By Spec. John C. Peavy

In the middle of a blinding sandstorm, the crew of B-13 stormed across the Iraqi border on their way to face the enemy.

During the next 100 hours, they would help fight one of the biggest battles in military history, alongside hundreds of thousands of other coalition soldiers.

For the crew of the M1A1 Abrams tank, the attack north was the culmination of seven months of spartan living and intense training in the sands of the Saudi Arabian desert.

"For me, there was a mix of relief and apprehension," said Spec. Scott Arnold, gunner on the tank, when his unit finally crossed the border.

"I felt I was getting closer to going home, one way or another," he explained. "At the same time, there was that apprehension about what it was going to be like: what was going to be shooting at me; what was going to happen to me."

"Finally we were moving, we weren't sitting still waiting like we had been doing for months," said Staff Sgt. Richard Kozlowski, the tank commander.

"We were going forward to make contact with

*"During the attack, our main concern was keeping everybody on line. Everybody was anxious. We had been here for seven months and the time was finally here."*

—Sgt. Richard Kozlowski

(enemy) units. We were either going to go up and meet somebody or we were going to go up ... and stop and it would be over. Either way, we were going, and we had to do our job, no matter what our feelings," said Kozlowski.

The crew of B-13, Kozlowski, Arnold, Pfc. Michael May, driver, and Pfc. Michael Shook, loader, are members of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, Two platoons of Co. B were attached to the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Task Force during the drive north into Iraq. Made up of mechanized infantry, engineers and other supporting elements, the tanks provided the heavy firepower to the task force.

"Our two tank platoons were more or less their heavy security force," said Kozlowski, 30, of Balli-

more, Maryland. "The engineers and scouts were out front. If they got hit, it was our job to swing around and hit the enemy in the flank and destroy him."

During the march north, the task force initially saw little of the enemy. That changed, however, as they attacked their first objective, Jublah Airfield. "We knew we were going to hit the airfield," said Kozlowski. "It was one of our objectives. We had the attack all planned out, how we would move, what we would do when we got there."

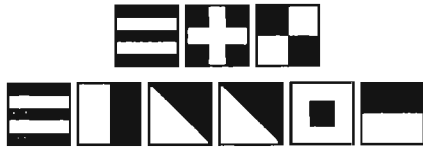
"There was a lot of excitement, a lot of adrenaline pumping as we started to hit the airfield," said Arnold, 30, of Akron, Ohio. "There were plenty of targets."

"When we approached the airbase, we could see

where the MLRS and the artillery had hit it just before we went in that morning," said Kozlowski. "During the attack, our main concern was keeping everybody on line. Everybody was anxious. We had been here for seven months and the time was finally here."

"We went on line and swept through the airfield, running through the airfield fences and the big pictures of Saddam. We turned right, onto the airfield, and swept right down it, blowing apart everything that wasn't destroyed by the artillery."

"We shot a helicopter, among other things, on the ground at the airfield. We used a sabot round on it, and of course a sabot doesn't explode, it goes right in and comes out the other side of something like a helicopter. Apparently, we hit something inside and the metal flashed and got the fuel tanks on fire, because when we went by, it had almost melted to the ground."



You might like to read some of the comments coming in from those making contributions toward the Korean War Memorials:

From CLARENCE A. COLLETTE, "After reading your wish for more money for WARREN AVERY, to present to General Stillwell, for the Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund, how could I not send some."

From KENNETH W. FENTNER, "Count me in. I gave to a couple of Korean War Memorial funds already, but as long as WARREN AVERY is heading this mission to Washington, I'll kick in \$10.00 for the Kitty. Hope he goes over the top."

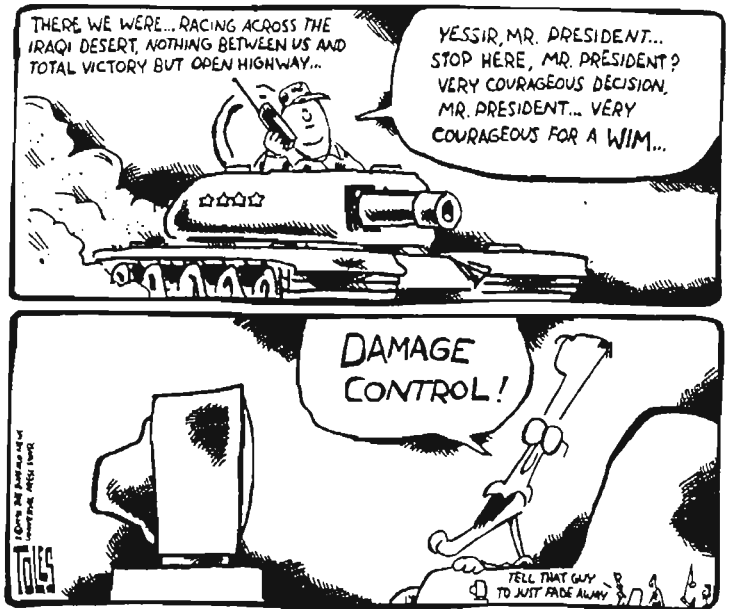
From WILLIAM W. GARRY, "Here's \$25 for the Korean War Memorial Fund - \$1.00 for me and \$24 for the 24 members who didn't send in their bucks."

From RALPH R. BALESTRIERI, "Enclosing \$5.00 for Korean Memorial in D.C. I have been donating through Korean Awareness Project, but must help 24th show a bigger figure. Takes care of the buck from me and 4 others who are unable to send. Some I know have to use money orders. A buck is a silly amount for a money order these days. Also, a whole heck of a lot of guys are worse off than I."

From JOHN W. SONLEY: "After reading about the need for additional funds for the Korean War Memorial, I decided to send more than a buck. Enclosed is \$10.00 to help preserve the memory of the men of M Company, 5th RCT who I served with in 1951. May they rest in peace."

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# Soldier receives medals for bravery



U.S. Army Photo  
Sergeant Major John Johnson pins an award on Pfc. Delman Orme during a recent ceremony.

## 4/64th Armor Scout gets wounded in action

By Sgt. Tony Craft

Recently at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Pfc Delman Orme, a scout for the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor was awarded a bronze star and a purple heart for outstanding efforts and sacrifices during Operation Desert Storm.

The prestigious medals were awarded by Lt. Col. John Craddock, battalion commander of 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, and Sgt. Maj. John Johnson, battalion sergeant major.

Orme was wounded in action during the first confrontation with Iraqi forces. Orme was out on a reconnaissance mission with three other soldiers when he was hit by enemy fire.

The round entered the base of the skull and went through his head. Orme lived through the injury which many say is a miracle and doctors say with therapy, he will return to normal.

"Orme's sacrifice ensured that other soldiers were kept out of harms way," said

Johnson. "One thing that is significant in the entire deal is the fact that he stated he was glad it happened to him rather than one of the other soldiers.

"That kind of put things into perspective and let us know that he was there for the mission and not there for himself," Johnson said.

Craddock says Orme acted splendidly as a scout for the Task Force Operation up until the point he was wounded.

"Orme possesses initiative, drive and dedication to duty," Craddock said. "In the eyes of his fellow scouts, all the Tuskers, and in the eyes of his superiors, especially me, he is a real hero and a great scout.

Tears flowed from the eyes of Orme as the Scout/Recon flag was presented to him by Craddock and Johnson.

"We hope and pray for his speedy recovery, but most of all we want to see him back in uniform with the Tuskers," said Craddock.

# Soldiers share war stories, homecoming

By Pfc. Tiffany McAchran

Unlike conflicts such as Vietnam, the battle to liberate Kuwait did not hold many of the horrors common to war. According to Spec. Alan Cox, 1st Lt. Mike Vanputte, 1st Lt. Chris Papaionnou, and Sgt. Humphrey Palmer, soldiers of the 3rd Engineer Battalion, there was a little apprehension before the ground war started and they weren't sure what to expect, especially after hearing rumors via the media, that the war could last six months with more than 12,000 casualties. All agree now though that the war between the coalition forces and the Iraqis was a one-sided battle, with little or no resistance from the Iraqis.

"The first group of Iraqi soldiers that we encountered were not fighting," commented Cox.

"We captured a squad of ten Iraqi soldiers," said Vanputte. "Out of the ten, only four had weapons; and for those weapons there were only ten bullets each. Two soldiers had been walking the desert for weeks with no shoes, and they had not eaten for one-and-a-half days.

"They were terrified. They were terrified of the Iraqis and terrified of us; they had nowhere to go. They were told (by their leaders) that if they planned on surrendering that they and their families would be killed. After they surrendered they were sure that their families would be shot."

"The Iraqi soldiers were very friendly," said Papaionnou. "They were very surprised that we were giving them food and water. They were definitely not taken care of; they were unattended, unshaven and taking any MRE (Meal Ready To Eat) that they could get their hands on."

"We captured a lieutenant and a captain

who spoke English," said Vanputte. "They told us they were overwhelmed by the equipment, and they didn't want to fight the Americans.

"The soldiers we saw were old men and young boys. They were definitely not commandos by our standards. They were his "elite forces" and they were in pitiful shape."

According to the Vanputte, once the ground war started there was excitement in the air. But the soldiers felt ready for anything they might encounter.

"We were scared but excited," said Vanputte. "Scared because everything was burning and blowing up around us, but at the same time excited.

"After what we encountered in the first couple of days, we knew it was going to be over real fast."

After training countless times in the Mojave Desert at the National Training Center, and with the intensive training that they received in the six months before the fighting started, Vanputte, Cox, Papaionnou and Palmer credit the success and the confidence they felt going in, to the equipment and to the "worst case scenario" training they focused on.

"When we actually started our mission, it was all of the training that helped out," Vanputte said. "We had trained and were ready for the worst. Fortunately, we didn't encounter it.

"Most of all it was a great "hands on" training experience. We had the opportunity to get out and train on the things we couldn't back here in the states. People who went and who came home are definitely experts on what they do now. If they weren't beforehand, they definitely got the hands-on experience they needed and are now."

San Francisco

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DICK DEWEERD (Hq.Co., Div., '42-'45) of Pella IA writes: "It will be a war long remembered as one that was well planned, quick and clean. Who would have guessed that in 100 hours it would be history. Wonderful!"

3rd Eng. AL SOUSA writes that he'll fly in from Honolulu to be with us at S.F. He adds: "Delighted to read that BG HARVEY R. FRASER has joined our club. He was my company commander at Schofield. The gang referred to him - affectionately - as 'Hurry Up Harvey'. We loved him."



STEWART SIZEMORE (34th '48-'52) of Box 30-35, Lake Geneva WI, sends us this photo of his truck. His kids gave him the bug guard on Father's Day. Notice the license plate - '34 INF'. Stew says he is retiring. Good wishes, Stew.

The old Professor of Chemistry Emeritus, WOODSON TUCKER, down San Antonio way, writes in for a Division lapel pin - yes, we have them @\$3.50. Woody writes: "I'm proud of the 24th - and want to show it."

ROY KARVO, down in Hazelton MD - he was M 21st '45-'46 - asks, "What has become of the 21st?" Ft. Benning, Roy, Ft. Benning.

JOHN FONTENOT (E & I 21st '44-'46) of 2424 Topolo, Lake Charles LA, has just received his Bronze Star Medal - 45 years after the fact. Adds Johnny: "On Schwartzkopf's great maneuver, we did something like it on Mindanao - on a smaller scale."

BEN GREENFIELD (19th '44-'46 and 11th F '51-'52), left his home in Ft. Scott KS for a vacation in Pittsburgh PA. Visited old pals, Lt. DICK ERDLACE and PAUL TURNER. It's what it's all about, Ben.

Responding to our plea for a buck from each member for the Korean Monument, BRONKO ATKINSON out in Las Vegas sent 5 saying, "One for me and 4 for 4 who are too cheap or forget too fast - and you can print that and sign my name to it." Bronko, we wouldn't dare. Sorry.

ED HALL, over in Brockton MA (24 Sig. '45 and '47-'48) tells us that the Division Commander, MG BARRY MCCAFFREY was born in Taunton MA, the birthplace of our WW II Commander, MG FREDERICK IRVING. Small world, isn't it?

Women in Desert Storm. They showed up good, didn't they. We have long said that if they soldiered the way they drive, we could win this thing. Put 'em behind the wheels today and the gals are absolutely fearless.

What ever happened to that little goody-goody law:  
Never pass a car on his right?

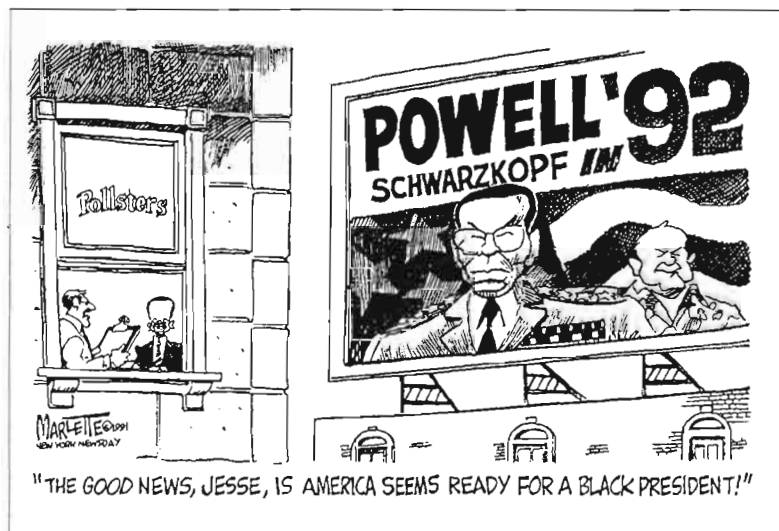
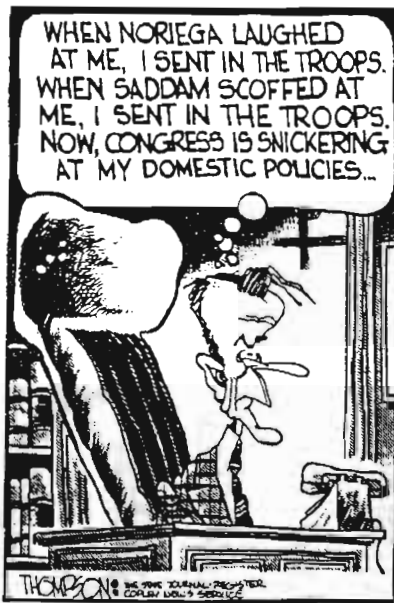
It is not quite the five-star tribute some lawmakers wanted, but Congress has approved legislation to award Congressional Gold Medals to Gens. Colin Powell and H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF for their leadership in the Persian Gulf war.

The medals are the highest honor Congress can bestow. Each medal will be about 1½" in diameter and contain up to 2 oz. of gold. The generals will have a say in the design.

The bills authorizing the awards, passed Apr. 11 by the House and Mar. 21 by the Senate, allow spending up to \$30,000 each on the individually made medals. The cost is expected to be paid for by the sale of replicas.

Some members of Congress had proposed promoting the generals to 5-star General of the Army rank, but Pentagon officials privately opposed the idea and members of the Senate Armed Services and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs committees decided a gold medal was more fitting.

# Split Personality.







MIKE BARSZCZ (B 19th '48-'12/50) of 802 Rustic, Robinson IL 62454 is "recovering nicely" from a June 1990 heart attack, so reports his beloved Annette. We'll all be pulling for you, Mike, once this word gets out.

Letters overflowing with the pride of our membership arrived by the hundreds. We can't possibly quote from each. With joy, we give you a few. JIM CONWAY, (Div. G2 WW II) of 125 Versailles Cir., Towson MD 21204: "Anyone who has been connected in any way with the 24th can be mighty proud of its showing in 'Desert Storm.'"

JOHN MORGAN (F 19th 4/51-10/51) of Rt. 4, Box 124, Colcord OK 74338 heard of us and, at once, enrolled as a Life Member. He writes, "Wounded 10/23/51, transferred to states, lost all contact with the 24th until now." Welcome "home", Johnny.

More on Desert Storm - this one from JERRY MEGEE (3rd Eng. '43-'45) of 309 W.145th, Riverdale IL 60627 - along with a hefty \$50 contribution "for whatever": "What a victory - whee!!!"

Little Jim Baker says he's anxious to get out of jail so he can continue his life's work. Strange. Wasn't it his life's work that got him into the pokey in the first place?

HURDIS EARL WISE (F 34 WW II) 724 Saline Cir., Benton AR 72015 is writing a book. He wants to locate F 34th men of WW II era.

We're holding open our suggestion that each member send in a buck for the Korean Memorials - East Coast or West Coast, as you prefer. Please specify.

Here's one reply - from CHARLEY CLARK (3rd Eng. '41 and '50-'51) of RR 1, Box 34, Searsboro IA 50242. Here's Charley at age 82, and here's his letter. "I think it is a wonderful idea so I am enclosing a check for 5 Bucks one \$ for me and 4 in memory of those Korean Vets from the 24th who did not come back. I went to Korea with the 3rd Eng. Bn. 24th Div. in July '50. Was firing



on the 24th Div. pistol matches in Beppu the day it started.

"Come on fellows and kick through a buck for yourself and 4 more for those who didn't make it back."

Thanx, Chuck, and may you live to 110.

## How to get your medals

Any veteran who hasn't received his medals may obtain them by writing:

General Services Administration  
National Personnel Records  
9700 Page Blvd.,  
St. Louis, MO 63132

There is no charge. Simply give your Army Serial Number, full name, and list your unit. Send a photocopy of your discharge, if possible. And, if you have the Combat Infantry Badge you'll also receive a Bronze Star Medal.

**Get your medals**  
***You earned them!***

What's a fellow to do when he's asked for the license plate of the truck that hit him when, if he'd seen it in the first place, he wouldn't have been hit. We weren't hit by a truck but we did get this encouraging word from STAN VICTOROVICH down on 803 Nowicki, in that delightful little town of Gaastra MI: "Sure enjoy the Taro Leaf. Was in B Co. 21st 3/41, and Service Co. later; then got transferred to 24th QM until Mar. 1945.



## SCRUPLES

Deventer, the owner of a large manufacturing concern, had the misfortune of being the uncle of a worthless young man, a good-for-nothing loafer with grand ideas and little talent. One day the nephew came in and asked for a job.

"What kind of job do you want?" asked Deventer. "Can you drive a truck?"

"Oh, come now, Uncle," protested the boy loftily. "That's beneath my education and ability."

"Then how about office work? Can you type or keep books?"

"Of course not!"

"Can you handle a territory in our sales department?"

"Absolutely not!"

"Then what on earth can you do?"

"I'm glad you asked that, Uncle," replied the nephew. "You see, I'm the executive type. I don't want to sound conceited but I think you should engage me to be your business advisor."

"A wonderful idea!" exclaimed Deventer. "You're hired! Now give me your first bit of advice. How do I get rid of you and also keep your mother from being sore at me?"



We had to fly to Paris not too long ago. Air France is fully automated, you have our word. You push a button and out comes your seat belt. You push a button on the seat belt and out comes your pillow. You push a button on your pillow and out comes the hostess. You push a button on the hostess and out come your teeth.

There are 650,000 lawyers in the U.S. - one for each 365 people - and the number is increasing at a rate seven times faster than the population. If the rate continues, by the year 2074, everyone in the U.S. will be a lawyer.

One of our 5th RCT men - L Co. - is carving glass. DON TREADWELL had just heard from a buddy, writing us: "It just about brought tears to my eyes - to think that friendship far outlasts time." Beautiful words, Don. He's at 400 Ocean Court, St. Augustine FL 32084. Here's the front of his brochure.

## DON TREADWELL of Treadwell Enterprises

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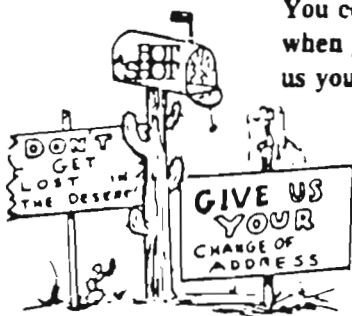
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Retired in April: GILBERT J. PODNORNY (H 34th '45-'46) of 5509-157th, Redmond WA - from Boeing. Gil was at their plant in Chola Vista CA - then back to the Seattle area for more Boeing work - then retirement. Best wishes, Gil.



The class of noisy boys in a German primary school was being punished by their teacher. They were assigned the problem of adding together all the numbers from 1 to 100.

The boys settled down, scribbling busily on their slates -- all but one. This boy looked off into space for a few moments, then wrote something on his slate and turned it in. His was the only right answer.

When the amazed teacher asked how he did it, the boy replied, "I thought there might be some shortcut, and I found one: 100 plus 1 is 101; 99 plus 2 is 101; 98 plus 3 is 101, and, if I continued the series all the way to 51 plus 50, I have 101 50 times, which is 5,050."

After this episode, the young scholar received special tutoring from his teacher. The boy grew up to be Karl Friedrich Gauss, the great mathematician of the 19th century.

Atty. JIM POSTMA (21st of 3/43-1/45) of the firm of Riling, Burkhead, Fairchild & Nitcher, Lawrence, Kansas, tips us that the Eisenhower Library, in Abilene, is looking for WW II memorabilia. As we were on the other side of the globe, we'll likely have little to offer - but thought we'd mention it. Dan Holt is the curator in case you are able to send anything. There, we did it, Jim Postma, just as we promised.

## Army chief of staff welcomes home troops

To the men and women of Desert Storm:

On behalf of the entire Army and a grateful nation, welcome home. For each of you. This day marks the end of an operation of historic significance — an operation that will help define the very soul of the community of nations for decades to come.

Under some of the most demanding conditions ever faced by America's Army, you have won a monumental victory — a victory that will be honored for as long as Americans remember their past. You have restored freedom to a nation brutalized by a ruthless dictator; you have brought peace to a region that is vital to the health of the entire world; and you have rekindled a deep sense of national pride that wells in the hearts of the American people.

This pride is evident in all the flags and yellow ribbons that cover our landscape from coast to coast. And it shines in the eyes of your sons and daughters, your husbands and wives, and your friends and neighbors who now welcome you back with open arms.

Equally important, you have shown to a watching world what the priority trained and ready Army of the United States can accomplish. Your magnificent victory in the desert will give a powerful lesson to the renegade regimes of the world that might be foolish enough to contemplate aggression.

Above all, you have shown the character and the mettle of the American people: courageous in war, compassionate in peace, and committed to the service of the nation.

Even as we celebrate your triumphant homecoming, let us never forget those soldiers who will never return, the valiant men and women who have given their lives in the name of freedom. They now join the sacred roll call of brave Americans who have fallen in battle in the defense of this nation and our way of life over the past two centuries. Their sacrifice and yours has not been in vain. For in a land thousands of miles away. The children of Kuwait are now awakening to a new day. A day free from repression and fear, a day bright with renewed hope for the future.

Your mission is now over; your task is complete. As you now rejoin you friends and families, you should each carry with you great pride in the contributions you have made to a peaceful world. Wherever you go in the years ahead, and whatever course your life may take, you will forever be known as a soldier of Desert Storm. Welcome home.

Carl E. Vuono  
General  
United States Army  
Chief of Staff

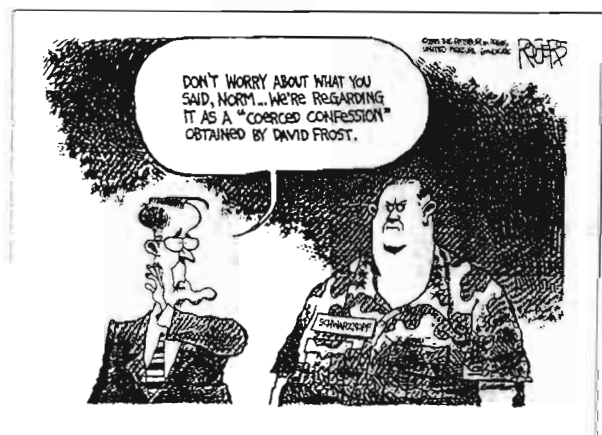
Lifer GENE DAUGHERTY (6th Med. Tank '50-'51) of Box 1186, Pinebluff NC, has brought JACK LYNN into the fold. Jack was C 724th Bn. in Germany in the '63-'66 daze. He's now at 734 Burgoyne, Fayetteville NC. Wanna bet these two chaps met on a golf course?



We are trying to keep our reproductions of newsprint, especially photos, to a minimum. The results, in our last two issues, have been downright embarrassing. Nonetheless, we have received so much "good stuff", directly out of newspapers, which we've wanted you to see, that we've kinda gone overboard. Forgive us our trespasses, please - but we are violating our own rule only where we have something we think you've gotta see.

Another "Ham" operator - K8JKB - DICK SISLEY (Hq. Co. 19th '45-'46) who CQ's out of 1218 Northside Av., E. Liverpool OH.

## San Francisco



Another 6th Tanker joins - this one from Able Co. Welcome, please, MARVIN VAN ESS of 907 Walsh SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507. Do they still make furniture there, Marv?

# Turn on the water and turn over a new leaf.



From time-to-time we'll be in receipt of a blast - to the effect that we aren't giving the Korean War increment its due share of column inches in this little rag. It apparently doesn't suffice to say "Poppycock!" At the moment we've got an ongoing effort going on - an effort to raise some money for the Korean War Memorials - with emphasis on the plural. No partiality here.

We asked each member to send us a buck. That would mean at least \$3300.00.

We give you the list of contributors to date.

And you want an interesting bit of trivia? Not one of the complainers - we have letters from 8 of them - has contributed a single penny, let alone a buck.

Onward Christian soldiers.

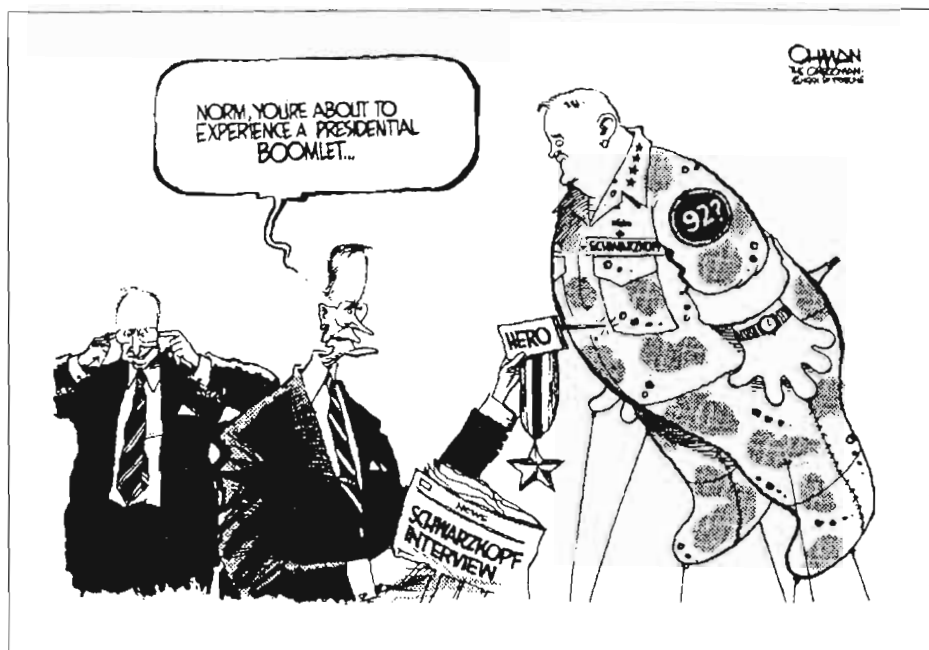
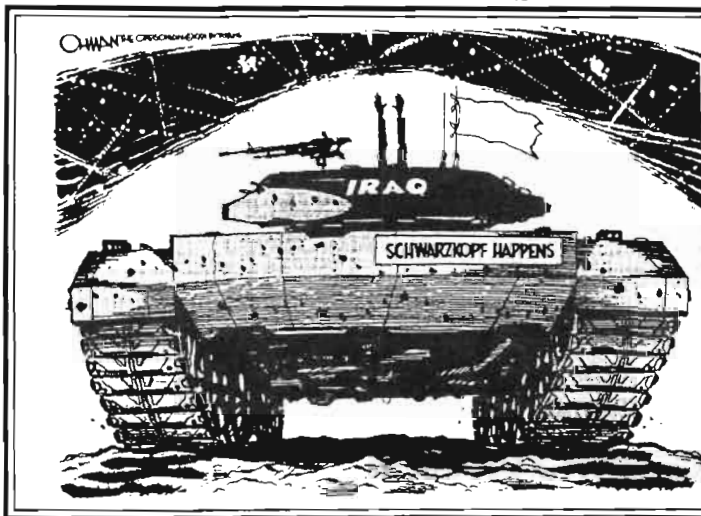
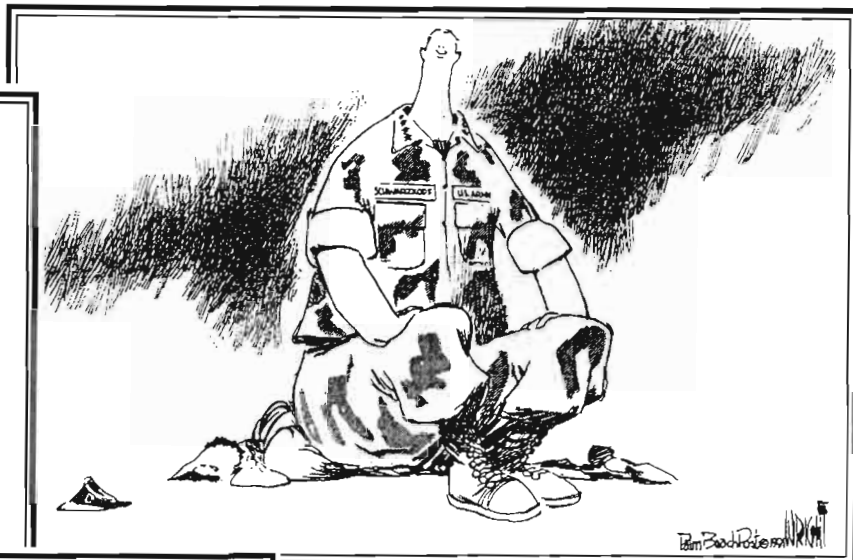
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# Defense Department authorizes awarding of National Defense Service Medal

For only the third time in 40 years, the Defense Department is authorizing awards of the National Defense Service Medal.

"The outstanding performance of our armed forces during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm merits special recognition," Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said in announcing the award. All service members serving on active duty after Aug. 2, 1990, are eligible. As of early

March, DoD officials had not set a closing date.

Army Col. Ken Deutsch, who works in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel), said the decoration was established in 1953 by presidential order and is awarded at the discretion of the secretary of defense. The National Defense Service Medal indicates honorable participation in particular national emergency, campaign,

war or expedition.

The decoration is the second-ranked of six defense service medals falling under the direction of DoD. The other five are the Antarctica Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and the first-ranked Prisoner of War Medal. Other service medals fall under the military services' purview.

Previous awards were author-

ized for service from June 27, 1950, to July 27, 1954, (for the Korean Conflict) and from Jan. 1, 1961, to Aug. 14, 1974, (for the war in Vietnam) said Deutsch. The bronze service star device indicates second and third awards of the medal.

The precedence of the award depends on the individual's branch of service, Deutsch said.

(American Forces Information Service)



## Reflections

*Reflections*

And this from BOB GARDNER down in Kenneth City FL: "I wonder how many were aware that the Division Band was the ONLY military band to greet Gen. SCHWARZKOPF and his staff upon their return home.

"Our local TV newscaster, here in the Tampa Bay area, called to the viewer's attention, that this band was brought in special from Ft. Stewart for this most important occasion.

"Not only was this a great honor for all Taro Leaf men to be so represented, but more amazing was the fact that the Central Command is located right where the planes touched down, and not any of their own Army or Air Force bands were invited!

Thanks Bob - that is great news!

Pete Rose got one positive thing from his stay in prison - a decent haircut.

People will believe anything if you whisper it to them. Louis Nizer

Cards, please, for DANNY and Noellene MOORE (H 21st and M 19th '42-'46) of 306 Stone, Box 42, Oxford GA 30267. Danny suffered a stroke last late October. Noellene tells that Danny is "doing well". Gotta see you folks in S.F., Dan and Noellene. Please.

### REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Korean War Veterans and Era Reunion by Arizona Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Assoc.

October 24-27, 1991 - Phoenix AZ  
Contact: Jim Bork, 3301 W. Encanto,  
Phoenix AZ 85009  
Tel. 602-272-2418

One-by-one, the Germany era lads are joining up. For instance, BILL PELLEGRINI (H & H 19th & D 24th Med. Augsburg '62-'63) is now our Life Member #1152. Bill and Shirley hang out at 63 Newfield, Plymouth MA 02360 - within a stone's throw of the Rock.

Nothing keeps a plane on time as well as arriving two minutes late at the airport.

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## The "Inverted 'a' Contest".

It brought forth 237 replies - each on target.

One of the happiest replies was from Dr. PHIL HOSTETTER who wrote: "I'm not complaining, but the trouble on pg. 3 is that the entire page is upside-down except for one little 'a'." Un coup de maitre, Philippe!!

CHARLEY MORGAN caught the a bit but added, "The 3 little suns at the bottom of the page are not straight, and not centered." Intentionally so, Charles; all our life we've gone for the slightly off balance. It bothers us to see things with precision accuracy. Maybe that's why we always had trouble in an army parade. You are correct, we admit, but look us over. Note how much of our copy is off center. Maybe we'd best shape up.

LINDSEY HENDERSON couldn't wait; called in from Savannah - a prize winner.

BILL WILLMOT, an old faithful, took time out from his teaching at Brevard Community College (Cocoa, FL) to play the game - another prize winner.

JACK JORGENSEN, as usual, arrived with a witty letter. Here it is:

"Boy! Are you asking for it! I saw a line requesting readers to write in and complain and the first ten would receive a prize. A prize for complaining? Anyhow, the 'a' in leaf is upside down. I am back in business. Retired a couple of years ago; had a colon cancer operation and decided to unretire and go back into business again. Enclosed is my card. Let me know if you want a house built."

And a wonderful note from TED SHIELDS read: "Glad to have an excuse to write you! Glaring error, of course, is the upside down 'a' in taro leaf. With only ten 'firsts' replying, it may be hard for a distant California to beat the rush, but this is a try."

Truth is, Ted was one of the first ten - so this little Californian wins a prize, proving that even Californians have a chance in this rinky-dink outfit.

RUDY LENZ, regretfully was #19 to arrive, but he wrote with his usual humor: "I know we're getting older, but I think your 'a' is upside down."

GEORGE SEIFERTH, in answering, said "I'll bet you'll get a zillion letters for that goof, Ken." Not quite, Georgie - 237 - sorry, no prize.

Mary had to find it for CARL SCHAAD. At least you were man enough to admit it, Carl - and not only that, but you were among the first ten. Think you're gonna get a prize? Not on your life - but Mary will get one.

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Wrote BOB HELEBRANDT: "The 'a' is upside down, but with my penmanship, who's complaining?" You're a winner, Bob.

DALLAS DINGER is a "dingy". He went to particular pains to cut out the name Taro Leaf and paste it on a postal card. And where our "a" was inverted, he neatly cut it out and set it aright. And you were timely, too, Dallas. A prize for you.

ED HENRY tops the list - #1 - "ichi ban" as we used to say. Immediately he received his copy, he read it - and reached for the phone. Telephone communications did count. Strange, not a FAX in the bunch.

Several - well 4 - others found other errors on other pages - such as where we screwed up on a date, for instance. Called it Wed., Sept. 26 instead of 25. Hey we didn't ask you to criticise the whole paper; just the cover. So lay off, will ya?

Another Californian is among the top ten - WAYNE DOUGHERTY - whether this proves that our mail gets to California as fast as it gets to poor little Rhode Island, we dare not say.

Two missed the "a" business altogether - we'll not name them - but chided us for calling it the "24th Infantry Division" and not the "24th Infantry Division Mechanized". Like calling San Francisco "Frisco". Ars longa, vita brevis.

JOHNNY KLUMP vacationing down in the Clearwater area called us. Sorry, John, too late.

One replier caught the "a" okay but also caught what he called an improper number of stars on our flags on that page. Well we've studied those flags as best we were able. Frankly each - there were two - is so furled that we wonder how anyone could tell just how many stars were missing. At any rate, we have been in touch with the artists and frankly - he is now GONZO.

ORVILLE WHITE comes out a winner - not because he wrote, "You really messed it up, Ken" - but because his letter was third to arrive.

And the tenth winner is - the envelope please - FRANK RUSZEL - who wrote: "The 'a' in Taro Leaf is upside down - and now for another oversight.." Hey fella, you're limited to just one, do you understand? - just one.

'Twas fun. Thanks, you 237 who took the time to respond.



"IT'S CALLED THE HAIL MARY PLAY."



# YOUR OPINION IS INVITED

TARO LEAF and its readers are interested in your opinion and thoughts regarding any item appearing in this issue. All responses must be signed and include a telephone number for verification of authenticity. Please keep the threatening letters to an absolute minimum. We appreciate your viewpoint.

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Lifer #1141, DAN BEGLEY, (H 21st '51-'52) Box 124, Oklawaha FL 32179, looking for Sgt. Raymond D. Reynolds and Lt. Campbell.

Memories: Saddam Hussein and that olive drab great coat which he seemed to wear indoors and out. One columnist wrote: "Beneath that coat there beats the heart of a Napoleon Bonaparte."

Cam this from RUDY J. LENZ, (M 5th RCT '50-'51) of 3045 N. McKnight Maplewood MN 55109: "I am thinking of making a run for V.P. of the Association. Hope to be in S.F." It's the name of the game, Rudy - it's what it's all about. Strongly suggest you make a presence in S.F.

New Indianapolis address for DAVID MONTGOMERY (E 21st 8/50-10/53 - POW 4/51-8/53). David, our Lifer #1033 has left 2307 N. Hogan. Now at 7340 Derbyshire, 46229. On the other side of town, Dave?

SID MATHES (34th '46-'48) of 1405 Hawthorn, Waukesha WI 53186 on Desert Storm: "Our Division has to be mighty proud for the big part they played in pushing Hussein out of Kuwait. Also, General NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF who led the brave troops to victory. I have to be proud to say I met him personally when he led the Division a few years back."

DAVE DERRY (G 19th '51-'52), over there at 1713 Florence, Streator IL 61364 spotted our ad in the American Legion mag. and joined our ranks. Dave is now retired. Ma Bell will put you in touch if you'll try 815-672-8679.

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# Aftermath of the Gulf War



This one needs no comment except to repeat what the fellow on the right had to say after the luncheon was over: "You should've seen the guy eat."

Under the knife was Past Prexy WARREN AVERY - a shoulder reconstruction. Six weeks of recovery. A card would be appreciated. Home is 836 Middletown Av., North Haven CT 06473.

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Welcome to the Club - DELWYN and Lorraine DUNKIN (F & Sv. 19th '45-'46) out there in Barstow CA - a skip and a holler from S.F. - And greetings, too, to Col. JOHN H. CHITTY, JR. (19th '49-'51) down there at 1648 Sea Oats, Atlantic Beach FL. Had never heard of Atlantic Beach, FL so got out the big book. Found it - due east of Jacksonville about 12 miles. Right on?



The USNS Bellatrix, accompanied by a Coast Guard escort boat, steams up the Savannah River to the Georgia Ports Authority terminals Sunday. The high-speed, "roll-on, roll-off" cargo ship is the first to return with Victory Division equipment and vehicles. See more photos on 8A.

## Well-wishers welcome troops back

Story and photo by Sgt. Dave Melancon

The city of Savannah once again took the opportunity to participate in the homecoming of Victory Division soldiers Sunday as the first ship load of vehicles and equipment steamed up the Savannah River.

Savannahians took time out from their annual Seafood Festival to welcome home the USNS Bellatrix and the eight soldiers accompanying the gear. Spectators, some with flags and banners, lined River Street while small craft filled with well wishers, many with cameras and home video equipment, served as unofficial escorts for the 846-foot ship.

Tug boats and a 28-foot Coast Guard escort boat announced the Bellatrix's arrival with sprays of water from their water cannon and festival-goers started singing "God Bless America" as the ship passed the festival's center.

The Bellatrix, the first of 14 ships carrying 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) equipment and

vehicles to return, entered the Savannah River shortly after 1:30 p.m. for the four-hour upriver journey to the Georgia Ports Authority Terminals in Garden City. The roll-on, roll-off, high-speed cargo ship was also one of the first ships to set sail for Saudi Arabia and made five trips from the U.S. to the Persian Gulf when the division deployed.

Along the way, boaters sailed to within 200 yards of the Bellatrix while Coast Guard escort vessels provided security and kept the well-wishers safely away from the Bellatrix.

A small contingent of leaders, including Brig. Gen. James T. Scott, assistant division commander for maneuver, family members and friends gathered dockside to welcome the Bellatrix and the soldiers.

Later that evening, soldiers of the 1176th Transportation Terminal Unit, Army Military Traffic Management Command joined with 1st Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery to

begin the 48-hour job of off-loading 349 wheeled vehicles, 130 trailers and 274 tracked vehicles stored aboard the ship. Military police from Hunter Army Airfield provided escorts and security along the convoy routes.

The 1176th managed the dockside operations while the ADA ran convoys of Fort Stewart-bound vehicles, provided dining and first aid facilities, helped with security and operated rail heads at the port and fort.

Soldiers from 2nd Brigade, primary owners of the majority of the equipment aboard the Bellatrix, were shuttled to the port from Fort

Stewart to drive the unit's vehicles back.

Operations at the port are running around-the-clock with soldiers working 12-hour shifts. Most of the tanks, self-propelled howitzers, High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles and trucks were driven off the ship while massive cranes lifted fuel trucks and "deuce-and-a-halves" from the ship's deck.



## San Francisco

Just a bunch of 2nd Bn., 34thers. Reading from the usual left to the usual right (Do southpaws do it backwards?), we see JIM FREDERICK - E. Co.; CHESTER JORDON - Bn. Med.; Dr. DONALD B. CAMERON - Bn. Surgeon; JACK BROWN - E & F Cos.; RALPH DYER - F Co.; the late JACK WHEAT - F Co., and PAUL AUSTIN - F Co. It was Paul who thoughtfully gave us the picture. Thanks, Paul.

# Important News: Please Read!

There is talk going around that something like 300 of the names on the 'Nam Memorial are of people who are living. A terrible embarrassment.

Much like our own embarrassment over an item in a recent issue announcing the decease of Lt.Col. FLOYD S. GIBSON (I 21st 7/50-1/51). We printed it because it was given to us as fact by one of our own. Then comes DICK BOHLS (I 21st 8/50-10/51) of 1801 Kingsborough, Arlington TX to set us straight - that Floyd - most happily - is very much alive.



Dick and Floyd were together last November. That's Dick on the left - and the much alive Floyd on the right. It was their first togetherness since Korea. Floyd, by the way, is at 5207 Cerre Vista, San Antonio TX.

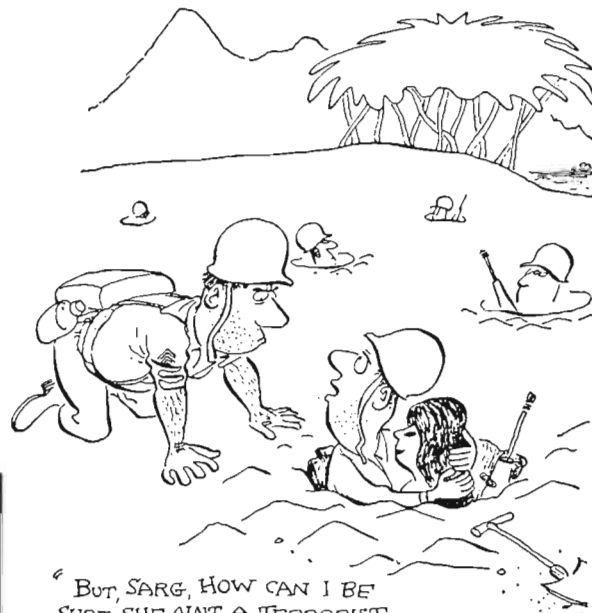
We extend to Floyd Gibson, our most humble apologies. Our face is a deep deep red.

And our thanks go to Dick Bohls for setting us straight.

And for the lad who gave us the wrong-ful report, we ask that he please keep his rumors to himself.

Cryptic note from EARL COOPER (Hq. 1st Bn. 21st '41-'45) of 1544 Jermain, Toledo OH 43606: "I am enclosing my 90-91 dues. Sorry I am late and also I can't come to the Reunion. I am under medication and can't travel. I enjoy the Taro Leaf."

We'll bet a card or a note would lift some spirits in Toledo. Give it a go, please.



"BUT, SARG, HOW CAN I BE SURE SHE AINT A TERRORIST UNLESS I INTERROGATE HER AT LENGTH?"

## Celebrate 50 Years of History in Hawaii in 1991

Sick with "old man's disease" writes Lifer GERALD HEATH (A 63rd F '42-'45) of 444 Hillcrest, Girard PA 16417. We get so many different reports from our "old men" that we're over our heads on Jerry's case. Anyway he adds a P.S. - "Feeling better now" - and with that he sends us a big fat check for a paid-in-full Life Membership and a hefty "contribution" besides. Thank you, Gerry, thank you.

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# A victory only the United States could do

The full dimensions of the Persian Gulf epic are yet to be fathomed. The big ticket weapons are only half of the story. The truth is that in the past seven months the United States has emerged as the sole surviving superpower on the globe.

No other country could get the UN Security Council to agree to a common economic and military effort on this scale. No one else could have cobbled together such a heterogeneous group as the coalition in the Gulf, and coordinated its participation in a war. No other country could have deployed a host of armored, mechanized, airborne and marine divisions, together with huge air and sea armadas, to the other side of the world the way we did, and plunged into battle in such a short period of time. No one else could sustain a force of over a half million souls in the desert, with everything from full anti-chemical gear to tooth brushes and drinking water — and still deliver the mail and make arrangements for the troops to call home. No one else. Only the United States — with our first class Armed Forces.

Desert Shield/Desert Storm was a set of operations which no other

country could possibly replicate. Soviet military leaders may have had some doubts before, but it is certainly clear to them now: The USSR simply is not in the same class. Whatever prestige they may have won in the 1960s with their strategic missiles — ratified by the SALT accords — has now been overtaken by a whole new array of military capabilities which their bankrupt nation cannot afford and which they probably could not build even if they had the money. While the Voroshilov Academy has been retraining Russian officers to fight defensive engagements, young American officers have been out in the desert executing AirLand Battle concepts against a Soviet-equipped and Soviet-trained army, and "cleaning the enemy clocks," as the troops like to say.

This is not a time for jingoistic chest beating, but neither is it a time to shy from the facts in the case. America is a great nation. The greatest of all. And the U.S. Army has played an important part in proving it. We don't have to argue about it any more. Everybody knows it. (Reprinted from the Association of the U.S. Army's Defense Report)

At an assault hearing in Detroit's District Court, shooting victim Kenneth Donaldson was asked to pick out his alleged assailant, Cedrik Griffin, who was sitting in the last row of spectators.

Donaldson strolled the courtroom, peering into faces, until he paused near the back row. "He said, 'That's him,' and just reached over two rows and whopped my client right in the fact," said defense lawyer Wright Blake.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Callahan said, "I ask that the record reflect that the complainant has identified the defendant."

From BOB HARDIN (I 5th RCT '48-'52) of 27000 S.W. 142nd, Naranja FL comes this one:

"One a.m. as was his habit, Saddam Hussein looked into his magic mirror, and asked, 'Mirror mirror on the wall, who is the meanest SOB of all?' First a little pause, and then the reply: 'Saddam Hussein, who in the h--- is NORMAN SCHWARTZKOPF?'"

## San Francisco

### At a Glance

#### 24th Infantry Captures First Iraqi Flag

**WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (AP)** — Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division captured what is believed to be the first Iraqi flag taken by allied ground troops.

The flag was taken early Monday from an unoccupied guard post nearly 900 yards north of the Saudi Arabian border during a reconnaissance mission by two platoons from Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion of the 7th Mechanized Infantry Regiment.

It is believed to be the first such cross-border mission by mechanized infantry troops since the Persian Gulf War started Jan. 17. Special operations groups reportedly have made regular incursions into Iraq and Kuwait.

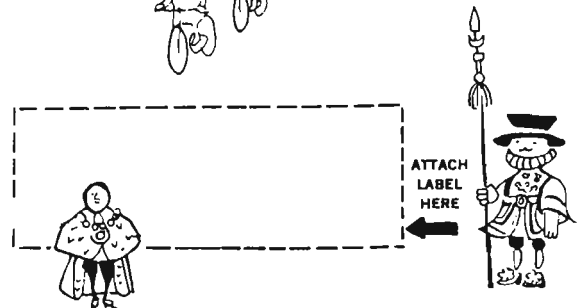
The patrol's exact location cannot be reported because of operational restrictions.

No shots were fired during the four-hour mission and the only injury was to a soldier who fell and injured an ankle.

"It was a good mission," said Capt. Todd Sherrill, the Bravo Company commander who led the patrol. "It was good to get across the border and do something."

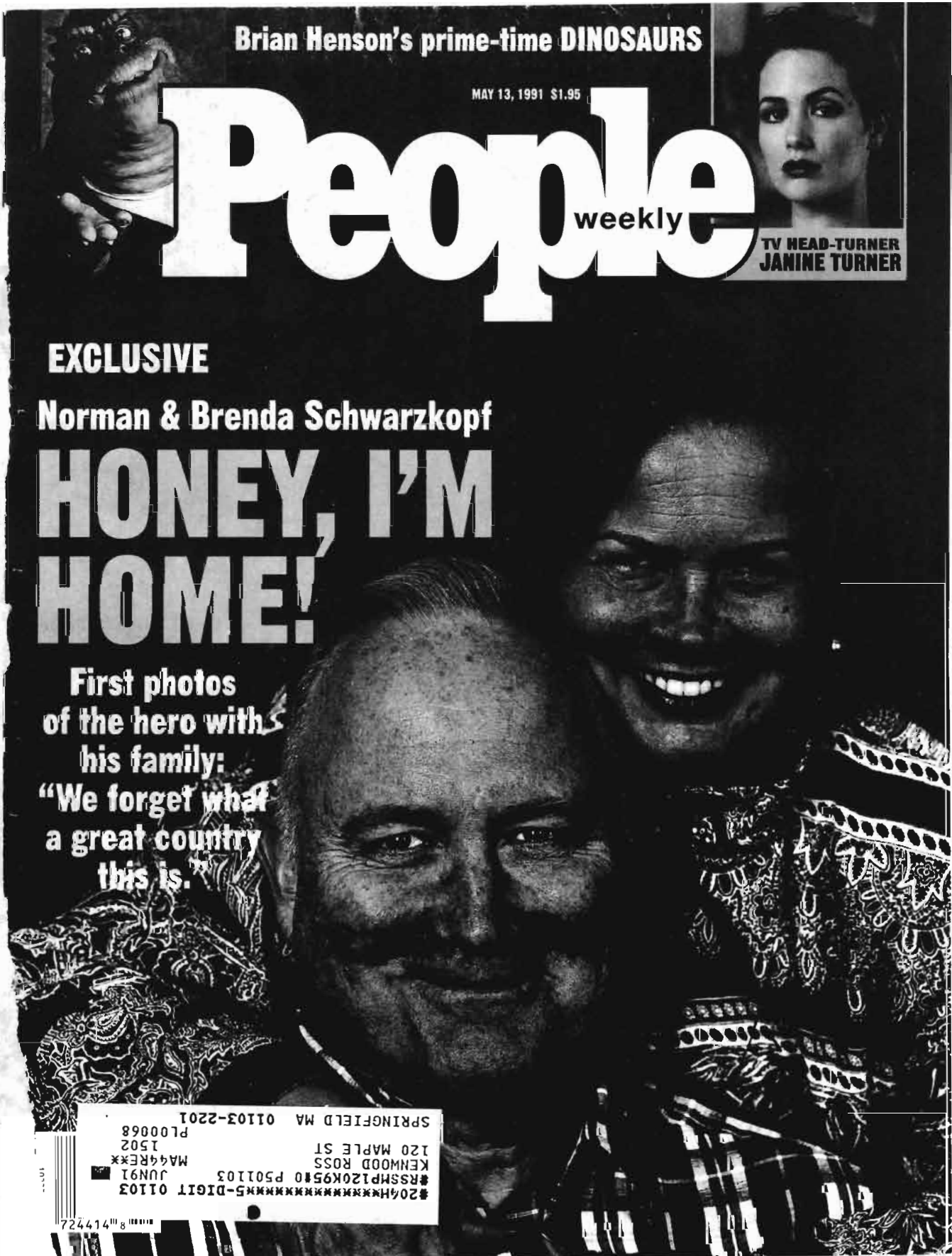
Scouts from several units had been watching the border post for several weeks and had noticed activity there as recently as late last week, according to Lt. Col. Chuck Ware, commander of the 2nd Battalion.

### MOVING?



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Something a little incongruous seeing "The Bear" on that Tampa "Welcome Home" platform with Mickey Mouse - and George Steinbrenner.



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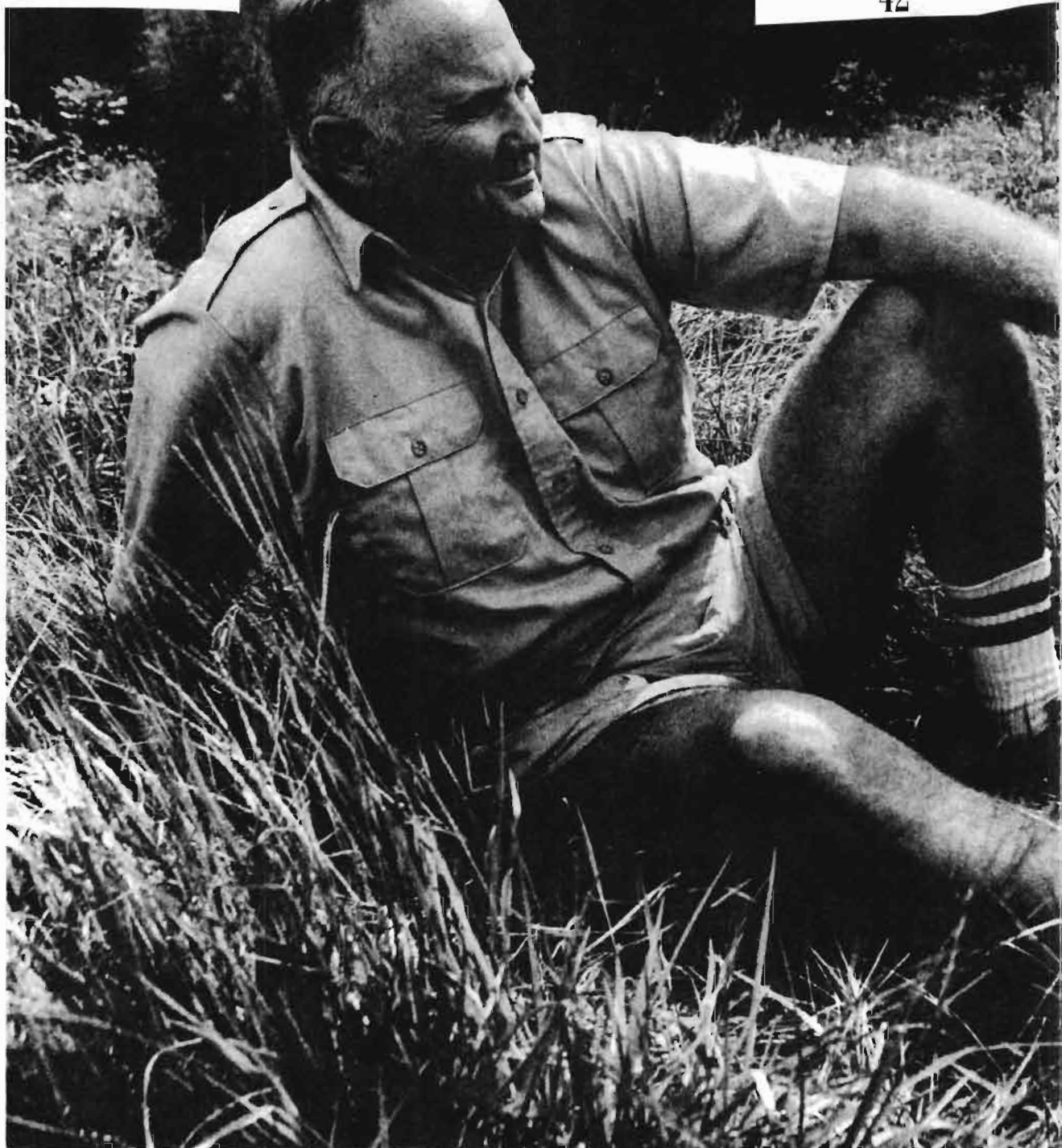


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## RETURN TO NORM-ALCY

► "Believe it or not,  
when I go to bed, I  
wear pajamas."

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# HOME IS THE HERO

Norman Schwarzkopf has Bear—and all of America—at his feet

**H**AVING WON HIS VICTORY IN THE desert, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf is a man at peace. Newly arrived back home at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Schwarzkopf exhibits a kind of fatherly calm as he pads around the two-story, white-stucco house, joshing with his wife, Brenda. Gone are the desert cammies—he's clad in blue-plaid sport shirt and navy slacks. And he wears only one watch, not the two he sported during his eight months in the gulf. "I'm back on one time," he says, chuckling. "I don't need to know what time it is in Riyadh anymore." And rather than castigate Saddam Hussein, the sternest words he can muster these days are "You dumb dog," murmured fondly when his ebullient black Labrador, Bear, gets too rambunctious.

Yet, given the country's longing for heroes, there was never a real chance that Schwarzkopf could slip back into olive-drab obscurity. Arriving at MacDill after 239 days overseas, he found himself greeted by wildly cheering fans. In anticipation of his long-planned retirement from the Army this August after 35 years of active service, he is touted on editorial pages and talk shows as a future tycoon, Senator or President. In the eyes of the faithful, no task seems beyond his ability. The owner of the Philadelphia Eagles even expressed regret that he hadn't hired Schwarzkopf as the head coach for his team. (Norm knows football.) Reflecting on all the hoopla, Schwarzkopf can only shake his head in wonder. "I'm still the same person," he says. "Yes [the war] changed my life, but I hope it has not changed me."

◀ "I'll find action," says Schwarzkopf of life after the Army. "There's always plenty if you're willing to step into the fray."

Photographs by Harry Benson

**UP FRONT**

While he plainly relishes the attention, Schwarzkopf, 56, says his main goal right now is to get his life back to some semblance of normality. "I'm looking forward to a little time off, doing relaxing things with my family, getting my act together," says the man known as the Bear. His first night at home, he shunned formal festivities in favor of a quiet family dinner with his favorite foods: steak, steamed spiced shrimp, salad, pasta and mint chocolate-chip ice cream, all topped off with champagne. Mindful of her 6'3" husband's weight (roughly 240 lbs.), Brenda, 50, won't

be whipping up such meals very often. "The ice cream was for the first night only," she says.

The next day the general delighted in puttering around his garage, unpacking his gear from Saudi Arabia, including the Nordictack exercise machine that he kept in his Riyadh headquarters. He also had the chance to open Christmas presents from his family, which had been carefully stowed under some twigs strung with lights in the Florida room. Among them were a cloisonné figurine in the image of his dog. He also got a shooting vest and a new car for his model

➤ "Brenda and I feel so close to our kids, so we don't run off much by ourselves," says Schwarzkopf (flanked by his wife and Christian, with Cindy, left, and Jessica at rear).



DAVID VALDEZ/THE WHITE HOUSE

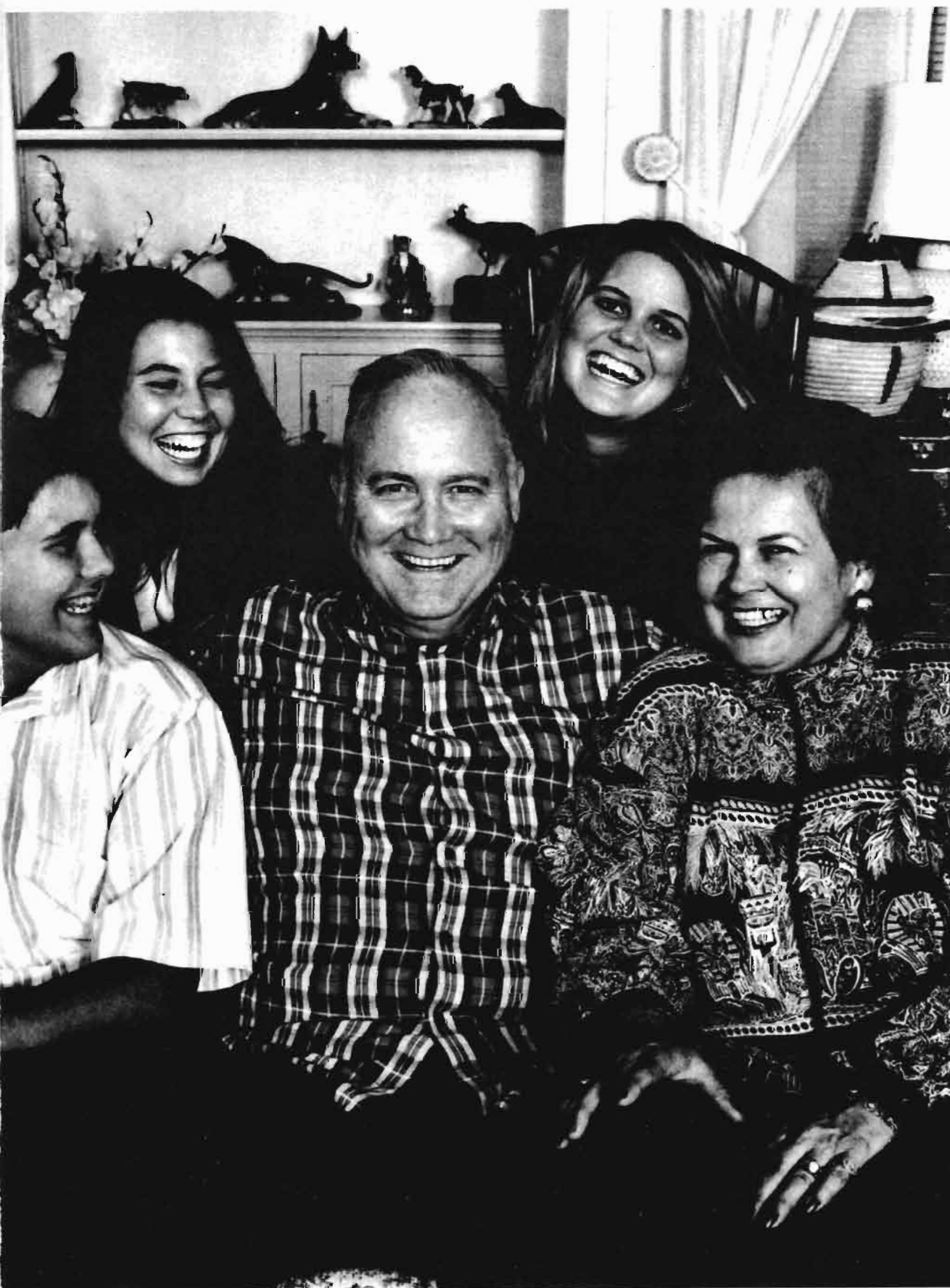
◀ At the White House, Schwarzkopf was praised by President Bush: "What he and his troops did for the morale of the United States of America is unbelievable."



ALAN RUBENSTEIN/REUTERS/RETNA

◀ "I have no sense at all of being famous," says Schwarzkopf (at a White House press corps dinner). "You've got to remember, I've only been home a week."








**A** For General Schwarzkopf, the sporting clay range is like "a shotgunner's golf course. It's a ball."

**>** The Bear (with Bear) plans to catch up on movies he missed, including *Ghost* and *Dances with Wolves*.

train set, which he sets up once a year around the Christmas tree.

The Schwarzkopfs and their three children radiate a kind of deep-dish closeness that the eight-month separation did nothing to diminish. Between the constant round of briefings and planning sessions in Riyadh, the general managed to stay in close touch, often phoning several times a week to check in with Brenda, daughters Cindy, 20, a college junior major-





was Christian's appearance. "I left home when he was a little boy, and I came back and found a young man," says the admiring papa. "He's grown at least two inches, and his voice is an octave lower. And I missed it."

Schwarzkopf also confesses to missing his beloved pastimes of shooting and fly-fishing. Three days after he arrived home, he set off with his executive officer, Col. B.B. Bell, to blast away at some sporting clays. Armed with his 12-gauge over-and-under shotgun, Schwarzkopf showed some rust from his extended layoff. Out of 50 clays, he hit 37, a perfectly respectable performance but below his usual score of more than 40. The practice should come in handy this summer, when he hopes to take Christian on a hunting-and-fishing trip to Alaska.

But the general would have to travel farther afield to find refuge from the glare of his newfound fame. His house is already crammed with gifts from well-wishers. The offerings range from an Oregon evergreen to the most popular item—stuffed bears of every size and shape. His third night back home, he and Brenda and his sister Sally, 59, who had flown from her home in Maryland to see him, attended a fund-raising dinner for the Florida Conservation Association. As he got up to leave, he was besieged by hordes of autograph seekers. "You would have thought he was Frank Sinatra," says Sally.

With considerable graciousness, Schwarzkopf posed for snapshots with all comers, signed every piece of paper proffered and shook every hand held out. "I was relieved when I saw he hadn't changed," says Sally. "I was concerned that he'd be tired or tense or gruff. But he seems relaxed and happy to be home." Later this month, Schwarzkopf will get a chance to work his charms on Queen Elizabeth when he is presented to her during her tour of the U.S.

The general's enormous popularity and mediagenic appeal has not gone unnoticed by the political establishment. Shortly after the end of the gulf war, Republicans in Florida approached Schwarzkopf through an intermediary about the possibility of a run next year for the U.S. Senate seat held by Bob Graham, the popular Democratic incumbent. (For the rec-

ord, Schwarzkopf describes himself as an independent.)

The lack of a response so far has not dulled their ardor. All the hoping and speculation, however, may well come to nothing. Schwarzkopf steadfastly maintains that any political aspirations he might have in the future would be modest. "The type of politics I have in mind is being Mayor of a small town," he says. But in the next breath he can sound passionate on big issues. "The things I feel very strongly about are education, the war on drugs, the environment and conservation and wildlife," he says.

At this point his likeliest path is business. Corporate types are swooning over Schwarzkopf in the fervent belief that anyone who can mastermind a crushing military victory is worth having on their side. In a high-profile job, Schwarzkopf would stand to make more than \$1 million—though a more attractive possibility may be simply to sign on to the boards of directors of several blue-chip companies. "He's worth his weight in gold, and his weight is considerable," says Harold Johnson, the managing vice president of the New York City headquarters of Korn/Ferry International, an executive-search firm.

Whatever happens, Schwarzkopf seems assured of making a tidy sum. Hollywood mega-agent Irving "Swift" Lazar predicts that the general's memoirs could fetch a \$4 million advance, and his speaking fees are likely to be as high as \$60,000 an appearance, at least in the beginning. "His representative will have the project of the century," says Carlton Sedgeley, president of the Royce Carlton management agency. "Even presidents and kings and queens have not had the kind of press this man has had."

His mission accomplished in splendid fashion, Schwarzkopf professes no deep regrets about taking off his uniform for the last time this August. "People have the wrong idea about generals," he says. "They think we have our stars tattooed on us. But believe it or not, when I go to bed, I wear pajamas. I wear civilian clothes a lot, and I think I'll be very comfortable."

■ BILL HEWITT

■ LINDA KRAMER in Tampa

■ MARY HUZINEC in New York City

ing in marketing, Jessica, 19, a freshman, and son Christian, 13, an eighth grader at a local private school. "The children all dealt with the separation beautifully but in different ways," says Brenda. "Cindy and Jessica would occasionally say, 'Gee, I wish Dad would come home.' But Christian kept everything in. They all missed talking with Norm. They really like asking his advice."

Reunited with his brood, Schwarzkopf quickly falls again into the role of jovial father. When Cindy appears in a stylish new navy suit, he declares in mock consternation, "And how much did that cost me?" before cracking a grin. As Schwarzkopf tells it, his greatest surprise on returning



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## Gen. Schwarzkopf storms Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf celebrated the valor, sacrifice and kinship of America's military in a heartfelt speech yesterday to lawmakers who only four months ago were agonizing over whether to authorize the war he won.

"We were the thunder and lightning of Desert Storm. We were the United States military and we're damn proud of it," declared the four-star general, his expansive face beaming as senators and representatives rose again and again from the House floor to accord him a roof-shaking ovation.

House Speaker Tom Foley introduced Schwarzkopf as "a man who has made every American proud of our country... one of the great heroes of Operation Desert Storm." A military band played a fanfare as Senate and House leaders escorted the commander to the House podium for his address, witnessed by his wife, Brenda, and a phalanx of gulf war heroes from every military branch.

Schwarzkopf, the decorations on his Class A office uniform gleaming, rose several times to return a five-minute welcoming ovation with a broad smile and a thumbs-up.

The general repeatedly stressed the dedication and diversity of his

troops. "I will never ever in my entire life receive a greater reward than the inspiration that I received every single day as I watched your dedicated performance, your dedicated sacrifice, your dedicated service to your country," he said.

He noted the U.S. force of 541,000 people was made up of Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Moslems and Buddhists "and many other religions fighting for a common and just cause, because that's what your military is."

"And we were black and white and yellow and brown and red, and we noticed that, when our blood was shed in the desert, it didn't separate by race; it flowed together," he said.

The lawmakers, staff aides and guests packing the chamber, among them the Kuwaiti ambassador, again burst into applause when Schwarzkopf talked about the kinship between Desert Storm and Vietnam veterans.

The new veterans "feel a particular pride in joining ranks with that special group who served their country in the mountains, jungles and deltas of Vietnam. They served just as proudly in Vietnam as we did in the Middle East," said Schwarzkopf, 59.

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himself a veteran of that anguished conflict.

In another reference to Vietnam, this one unspoken, Schwarzkopf thanked President Bush for having wisdom, courage and enough confidence in his military leaders to let them conduct the Persian Gulf War as they saw fit. "That is the right way to fight a war," he said.

That praise for Bush drew an ovation that started on the Republican side but was quickly joined by Democratic members, many of whom had opposed giving Bush authority to go to war.

Congress and "previous administrations" won thanks from Schwarzkopf for "giving us the finest tanks, aircraft, ships and military equipment in the whole world. Without question, that is what gave us the confidence to attack into the teeth of our enemy."

He also paid special homage to military families. "It's you who endure the hardships and the separations, simply because you choose to love a soldier, a sailor, an airman, a marine or a coast guardsman."

Schwarzkopf reserved high praise, too, for the public at large — and offered it with some sting for the lawmakers who opposed the war, seemingly lumping them with anti-war demonstrators.

"The prophets of doom, the naysayers, the protesters and the flag-burners all said that you would never stick with us. But we knew better. We knew you would never let us down. By golly, you didn't," Schwarzkopf said.

The general said that knowledge enabled the troops "to get the job done, kick the Iraqis out of Kuwait and get back home."

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle lined up after the speech to greet Schwarzkopf at a reception, get his autograph and have their pictures taken with him. A Marine played "Put On a Happy Face" on an electric piano and members snacked on fruit and cheese.

Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., who initially opposed going to war, told Schwarzkopf he had "made a wonderful speech." Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., a supporter of the Bush policy, went even further. He called it "one of the best speeches ever given in this chamber."

Schwarzkopf said when he was invited to speak that he wanted to "thank Congress for supporting us," according to Montgomery, who chairs the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Schwarzkopf told Foley he didn't know what to say, "so I just said what was in my heart."



**TAKING THE HOUSE BY STORM** — A beaming Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf addresses Congress during a ceremony in his honor yesterday. Democratic House Speaker Thomas Foley of Washington leads the applause.