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We oldies are always able to adjust to the "new faces" as they come through the C.G.'s office. On May 27th, it was Maj.Gen. PAUL E. BLACKWELL who assumed the Command. He's a tall one; wait'll you meet him. You'll look up to him in more ways than one. Welcome aboard, General Blackwell.

By way of gossip, the General is married to the former Janet G. Glenn of York SC (the General's home town.) They have one son, Paul E. Junior currently assigned to the 82nd at Bragg.

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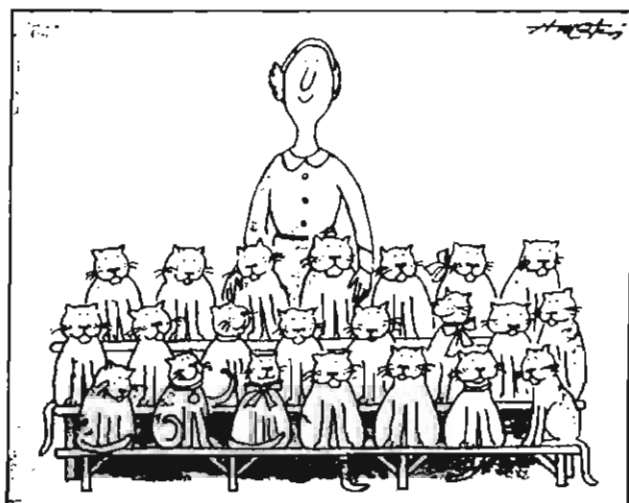
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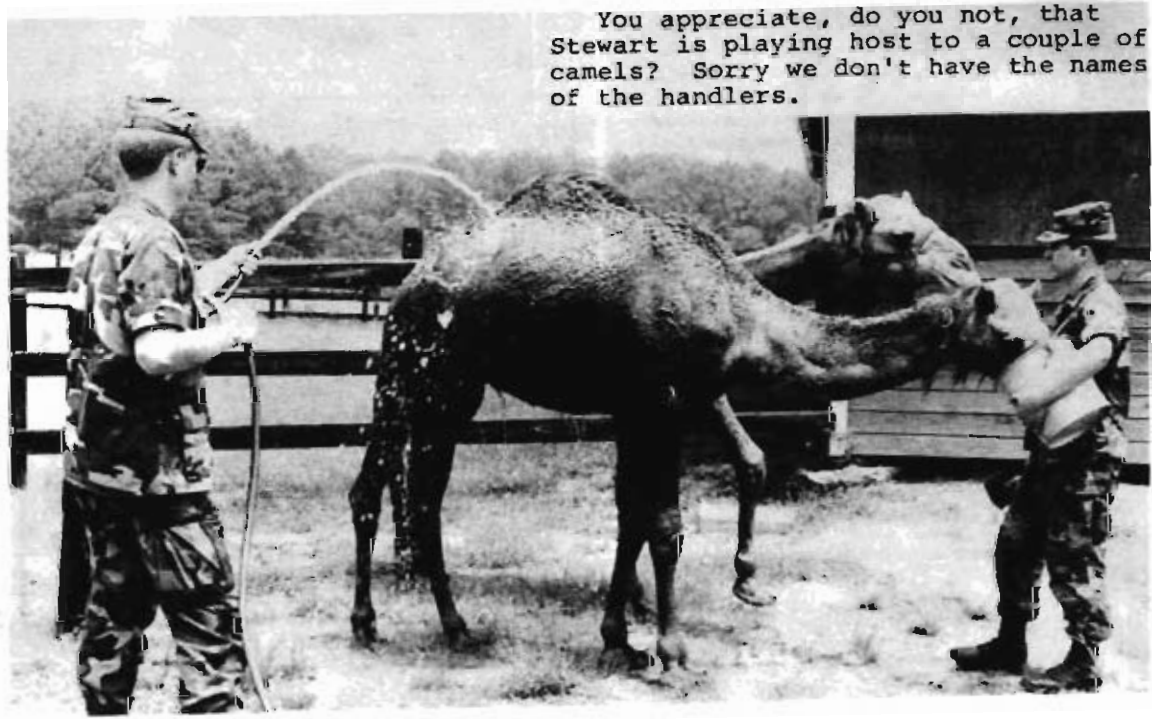


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A NOBLE Breed

New NATO chief takes over; seeks to 'secure the peace'

By Steve Vogel
Times staff writer

MONS, Belgium — Declaring NATO "must now secure the peace," Gen. John Shalikashvili took command of alliance forces from the retiring Gen. John Galvin during a ceremony here.

"This great alliance will be just as pivotal in securing the peace (as it was in winning the Cold War)," NATO's new military commander told the audience gathered June 24 for the change of command at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

NATO may be called upon to bring peace to bloody ethnic conflicts like the one in what used to be Yugoslavia, said Shalikashvili, who is former deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe and who directed Operation Provide Comfort, the Kurdish relief operation in northern Iraq and Turkey. Since August 1991, he has been assistant to Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Shalikashvili said disputes "rooted in the darker side of nationalism" represent the chief challenge to the alliance.

"The pictures from Sarajevo, (Bosnia), and Nagorno-Karabakh remind us daily that Europe is still not whole and free and safe for our children," he said during a news conference with Galvin before the change of command.

"This is our moment of great chance," Galvin told the audience. "We can stabilize this part of the world. Not only the alliance, but Central and Eastern Europe."

'Tremendous understatement'

During the ceremony, aircraft from 12 NATO nations flew by as Galvin reviewed the troops.

Galvin said when he accepted NATO's military command in 1987, he had said, "The days to come will be of historic importance." Looking back, "I see that I made a tremendous understatement. 'It's for later generations to recognize that this was among the great moments of history.'"

Shalikashvili described Galvin as "the man with the vision." NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner said the retiring Supreme Allied Commander Europe was a statesman who was able to anticipate, rather than just react to, changes.

The tall, white-haired Galvin, once regarded as the ultimate Cold Warrior, gained respect in the United States and Europe as a man of integrity who combined a military backbone with articulate diplomatic skills that have been key in making the transition to the post-Cold War world.

Shalikashvili also took command from Galvin of U.S. European Command at a June 23 ceremony at the command's Patch Barracks, Germany, headquarters.

At the European Command ceremony, Powell called Galvin a "soldier's soldier" who helped NATO develop a new strategy and force structure "not focused on World War III, but focused on securing the peace we now have grasped."



"HUT, II, III, IV. HUT, II, III, IV. HUT..."

'He knows Europe'

Galvin described Shalikashvili, who is Polish-born and speaks Polish and German, as "a wonderful choice" to lead NATO as ties are built with the former Warsaw Pact nations. "He knows Europe and he knows the problems," Galvin said.

During the news conference, Galvin said it was Shalikashvili's performance during Provide Comfort that led to his elevation to the NATO post. "He was then in the eyes of a lot of people, among them Colin Powell," Galvin said.

Galvin reflected on some of the dramatic events that took place during his tenure. "There were some pretty tight moments," he said, recalling the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. "I really didn't know what the reaction was going to be in East Berlin," he said.

Galvin noted that he enjoyed a good relationship with the media: "Nobody ever said, 'Why don't you shut up?'"

Galvin has accepted a teaching post at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He intends to write about his experiences of the past five years and the Cold War in general. But, he joked, "My five years in NATO [have] drained all my knowledge and common sense."





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192d Field Artillery Battalion, Conn.	1672

Here's a "looking For" which is a little different. A Richard May, of 615 Poinsettia Av., Corona de Mar CA 92625 - has written us. He says: "I am looking to find anyone who might have known this man who was wounded and then died on the 19th of July, Korea '50. He is on the VFW gravestone in his home town and no one person remembers him. I am doing an article about Korean Vets and I would like to find a person who could have known him. He was M/Sgt. Ward F. Mathewson of Springville NY Co. K 21st Regt. 24th Div. Died of wounds July 19, 1950."

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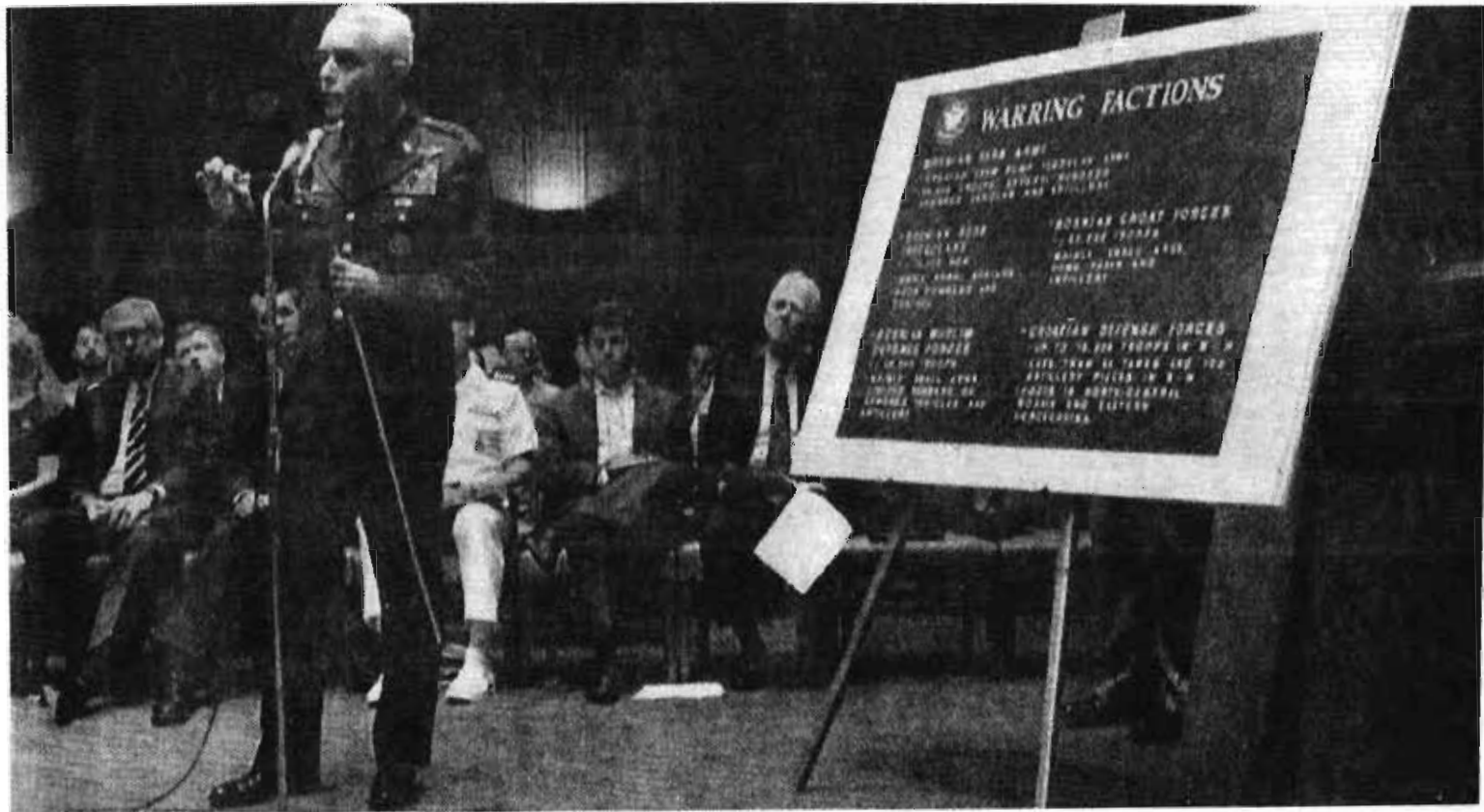
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This from the August 12th New York Times.

THE NEW YORK TIMES **INTERNATIONAL** WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1992

Conflict in the Balkans: A Checkerboard of Threats and Guesses



Lieut. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, a representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress yesterday that 60,000 to 120,000 troops would be needed to insure the uninterrupted flow of supplies to Sarajevo. He said a field army of 400,000 troops would be needed to impose a cease-fire.

Joe R. Lopez/The New York Times

Conflict in the Balkans: A Checkerboard of Threats and Guesses

60,000 Needed for Bosnia, A U.S. General Estimates

By MICHAEL R. GORDON

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — A representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told Congress today that 60,000 to 120,000 troops would be needed to insure the uninterrupted flow by land and air of food and medical supplies to Sarajevo, the besieged capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

But the official, Lieut. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, acknowledged under questioning that there was no plan agreed to by the United States and European countries to deploy a sizable ground force. He suggested that as a result the United Nations may need to enlist the cooperation of the warring parties in the Balkans to get the supplies through.

The estimate by General McCaffrey, a senior aide to Gen. Colin L. Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and one of the top Army commanders of the Persian Gulf war, underscored the problem now facing the Bush Administration.

For days, the Administration has worked for a United Nations resolution authorizing the use of force to assure

convening a tribunal to investigate war crimes in the region and asked the United Nations to find a way to bring artillery and other heavy weapons under its supervision.

In testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee today, Pentagon officials argued against using force to quell the fighting in Bosnia.

"It will require a very large force that would have to use violence to stop violence, and that inevitably means the death of innocent civilians," Stephen J. Hadley, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, said. "We would have, in essence, an occupation force continually at risk."

General McCaffrey said a field army of 400,000 troops would be needed to impose a cease-fire and occupy territory in the disputed areas of the Balkans.

But virtually none of the Administration critics urging strong military action are advocating the deployment of an army to occupy and pacify what used to be Yugoslavia. Rather, some critics say the West should come to the aid of the Muslim minority in Bosnia by providing them arms and carrying out air strikes.

Risk Without Results?

Officials and others counter that air strikes and arms shipments to the Muslims would broaden the fighting without guaranteeing a resolution of the conflict.

Today, Maj. Gen. Lewis W. MacKenzie of Canada, who led the United Nations peace force in Sarajevo for five months, asserted that "there is no military solution" in Bosnia. Speaking to the Senate panel, General MacKenzie argued that it was a mistake to threaten force even if only to assure the delivery of aid, as it risked deeper military involvement and could make the Bosnian Muslims more determined to resist compromise.

"You get involved with the delivery of humanitarian aid, you'll have Americans killed, and you'll want to do something about it," he said. "And they'll up the ante, and you'll up the ante. You can't isolate it and make it nice and sanitary by just dealing with the camps and dealing with humanitarian aid."

General McCaffrey's estimate of the number of troops required to assure delivery of aid was in response to a question about the forces needed to protect the airport at Sarajevo and land deliveries of food and medicine. To do this, he said, it would be necessary to clear a 20-mile strip around the airport to prevent it from being hit by artillery and mortar fire and to deploy troops to guard the 200-mile land corridor from the Croatian port of Split to Sarajevo.

"I'd say a corps, if you want a seat-of-the-pants answer," General McCaffrey said. "It's 60,000 to 120,000 troops to provide absolute security around Sarajevo and the road into it."

Raising the ante is perilous, a U.N. commander says.

that aid can be delivered. But now that the United Nations Security Council is on the verge of adopting a resolution, it is unclear how United Nations members would apply force.

Washington and European nations remain reluctant to deploy ground troops, and as a result the relief effort may remain dependent on the willingness of the warring factions in Bosnia. Or as General McCaffrey put it in his Congressional testimony, "It may be that one of the prerequisites for that happening successfully is to build a permissive environment through political and diplomatic action."

Action by Senate

General McCaffrey spoke as the Senate adopted a resolution, 74 to 22, endorsing the use of force to assure that aid is delivered to the beleaguered Muslims in Bosnia, as the Bush Administration has proposed.

But the Senate measure also went beyond the Administration's position by saying explicitly that force should be used to guarantee access to detention camps and calling for the Security Council to reconsider whether the arms embargo should be lifted so that the Muslims in Bosnia could acquire the means to better defend themselves against the Serbs, who have a huge advantage in tanks, armored personnel carriers and artillery.

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BILL MAIURRO (19th Med. Det. '43-'45), now at 2102 London Company Way, Williamsburg, VA "originally from Brooklyn", says he'd enjoy hearing "from anyone". Now let's not all write him at once. Seriously he's looking for any Chick who made Sick Call when he was passing out the pills.

KENNETH O. WETMORE, SR. (K 34th 7/52-1/54) 8 Olson Rd., N. Branford CT 06471 looking for Sgt. JENE TRIMBLE, (K 34th Korea), last known address was 539 S. Queen St., Lancaster PA.

W. H. VAN KIRK (G 19th '49-'51, 3rd Eng. '48-'49), 12751 Clay Station Rd., Herald CA 95638, looking for TOM SWIFT (Hq. Co. 19th '49) last known to be from Coatsville PA.

ROBERT L. WITZIG (C 34th, 5th RCT and L 19th '48-'50) 1507 Eden Isle Blvd. NE #100, St. Petersburg FL 33704 looking for anyone that was with C Co., 1st Bn. 34th from Sasebo, Japan to Korea, during the first part of the war, '49-'50 when regiment was disbanded and C Co. 1st Bn. went to C Co. 19th.

MICHAEL RASIAK (A & I 19th 11/61 - 6/62) 2511 Bonnie Lane, Easton PA 18042 is looking for "John" and other guys that were in Korea and Japan with the 19th Regimental Hq. Special Service.

Anyone of '56-'57 vintage in 3rd Eng. Bn.? BOB STARNER over at Box 5, Rt. 1 in Richland MO would love to hear from you.



ROBERT H. FOUNTAIN (Hq. Co. 1st Bn.) 21st 3/49-6/51 of 1406 Maplewood, Macon GA is looking for DWIGHT C. HICKS (24th Recon, Japan & Korea). Hicks was from Greensboro NC '48. Who is in the photo? Bob, not Dwight, okay?

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Otto is looking for "anyone" of H 19th '41-'45.

ARTHUR V. ARMAYOR (H 34th 6/44-8/45) 2701 Valencia NE, Albuquerque NM 87110 is looking for his old side kick, OLIVER GANOUNG. Can anyone help?

Fella writes in - sez his uncle was in the 955 FA in Korea. Anyone ever hear of it? He may mean the 555th. We've written him to suggest that he may have a wrong number.

He's looking for anyone who knew Cpl. ARMANDO V. SOTO.

Message From The Association's President

Comrades,

The 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) has had a Change of Command, we welcome the New Commanding General, Major General Paul E. Blackwell and Mrs. Blackwell. We also wish Major General Barry Mc Caffery and Mrs. Mc Caffery the best at their new Station.

We all look forward to meeting the new Commanding Officer and Mrs. Blackwell at our Re-Union in Savannah.

Our change to a new printer for the TARO-LEAF has gone through without a ripple, with everyone's cooperation the change over, came about, without a hitch.

The response to our Quartermaster program has been most gratifying. Over 100 of you have placed orders and many of the items the Association had accumulated have been sold. Our supplies of many items have been exhausted, and we have had to advise some of you that we could not fill your orders, but we appreciate every order we received. We have greatly reduced our inventory from the San Francisco Re-Union which was our intention. Look to our new ad for deletions of items no longer available.

It is our intention to carry Insignia from the World War II and KOREA Era. Items not generally carried in the 24th Division Museum Shop. We have too many friends in that organization to do otherwise. Our Secretary/Treasurer/Editor, Kenwood Ross recently released to the Quartermaster a large Inventory of items, that he had accumulated over the years. Look to our ad in this issue and take note of the many new items. It has been a very satisfying effort to set up this Quarter-Master Shop, and as a result much needed funds will end up in our treasury.

A replacement has been found for the Quartermaster's job for which I am grateful. We hope the transition will occur without notice and smooth as silk.

Don't put off another day what can be done today. Those Advance Registration forms in our last issue of the TARO LEAF should be used as soon as possible. Hotel reservations too, are very important and should be sent in at once. Everybody on the Committee are doing their best to make your stay in Savannah as memorable as possible, make their job easier by reserving your requirements early.

See you-all in SAVANNAH, I am,



Albert J. McAdoo, President 24th IDA

READERS BITE BACK



Deep thanks go to JIM SHIRAH (C 34th '56-'57) of 616 47th, Columbus GA for these columns out of Army's May issue responding to the TF Smith article in their February issue, which we gave you a couple of issues ago. Are you still with us? Gets a little confusing, we know. Anyway, read these follow-up letters:

Task Force Smith

■ There are strong and compelling arguments for "no more Task Force Smiths," and certainly Eric C. Ludvigsen made them in his accurate account, "An 'Arrogant Display of Strength'" (February). That it was a failed bluff dismisses the hard fact that however ill-prepared, however ill-equipped and however outmanned, those 406 infantrymen did, indeed, delay the onslaught of the North Koreans sufficiently to allow the U.S. Eighth Army time to begin its buildup on what became known as the Pusan Perimeter.

A year later, *Real Magazine* described that engagement as "The Seven Bloody Hours that Saved Korea." While they may not have been fully aware that their stand at Osan forced the relentless North Korean tank column to stop and its supporting truck-mounted infantry to deploy, this achievement was not lost on Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who stated at the time, "The enemy have lost their opportunity for victory in Korea by deploying too soon."

From my personal interviews at the time with Col. Charles B. (Brad) Smith and others, I wrote the *Real Magazine* account. It was later adapted to the television account "Delaying Action," a one-hour presentation starring John Hodiak. The adaptation to television was done by an eyewitness, then-Maj. Forrest K. Kleinman, 24th Infantry Division. I marveled then at what Col. Smith and his tiny band had achieved against extreme odds, but I recognized then, as does Mr. Ludvigsen, that benign neglect of U.S. forces, Far East Command, was a blueprint for battlefield disaster.

LT. COL. WALTER A. PENNING
AUS retired

Vienna, Va.

■ While I cannot find any real fault with the article about Task Force Smith, I do fault the Army for almost totally ignoring the 34th Infantry Regiment's desperate attempts—unsuccessful as they were—to overcome its serious deficiencies in men, equipment and training to try to carry out an impossible mission in the face of conflicting higher level decisions. To be brief, if the Army wants to use an example of total unit unpreparedness to fight a ground war, then it should use the 34th Infantry Regiment, a supposed TOE (tables of organization and equipment) unit, and not the ragtag, make-shift task force hastily thrown together by its parent division using whatever bodies it could scrape up—including "volunteers" from among the recently evacuated Korean Military Advisory Group teams.

Here was an infantry regiment that had been allowed to deteriorate (Mr. Ludvigsen touches on its condition, but only briefly) by the Army hierarchy in Japan almost to the point of total ineffectiveness. That same hierarchy then ordered it into battle with little advance notice and with one of its two battalion commanders—Col. Harold (Red) Ayres—new to the regiment. In fact, Col. Ayres married up with his new command in Taejon and had had only a few brief conversations with the regimental commander, Col. Jay B. Lovless.

I had the privilege of serving with Col. Lovless after he had been relieved of his command by Maj. Gen. William F. Dean and returned to the States. While I may not be completely objective, I still believe he was unfairly relieved, sacrificed, if you will, to save a senior officer's reputation—not Gen. Dean's. It was easy for Gen. Dean to relieve Col. Lovless because he never wanted Col. Lovless to have the regiment.

Ever since the end of the Korean War, a few surviving individuals from that regiment have been trying to salvage what they can from the debacle. After all, their regiment was eventually withdrawn from Korea and never again saw action during the Korean War. For all practical purposes, it disappeared from the Army's rolls.

By the way, I have never been a member of either the 34th Infantry Regiment or the 24th Infantry Division.

If anyone is interested, I will gladly put him in touch with the regiment's survivors.

Col. Smith certainly should not be a scapegoat for what happened; he and his men did the best they could with what they had. The same should be said for Col. Lovless and his 34th Infantry Regiment—they did the best they could with what they had.

LT. COL. ALBERT N. GARLAND
U.S. Army retired

Columbus, Ga.

Division 'First Lady' says good-bye

By Margot Hall

Staff Writer

It is a sight familiar to all military families enroute to their next assignment; piles of pictures, souvenirs and other memorabilia from previous assignments are boxed up as a family prepares for the moving van to arrive.

Soon, the memorabilia from Jill McCaffrey's boxes will grace the walls of yet another home, as the McCaffreys say goodbye to Fort Stewart and move to their next assignment.

"These have been the best two years of my life," McCaffrey, wife of division commander Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, said. "It's been an incredible, intense period of great emotion that ended in such joy.

"I had the opportunity to be around such wonderful people here, not only Army families, but also the people from the surrounding communities."

When asked what her most memorable moment of the past two years was, there was no hesitation.

"The first Cottrell Field homecoming (from Operation Desert Storm) was absolutely fantastic," said Jill. "Almost as soon as we arrived at Fort Stewart, we were faced with Desert Shield. We were involved in it for so long, and we were so worried and afraid. The homecoming was the happiest of times for me."

Returning to the Fort Stewart area is not totally out of the question for the McCaffreys according to Jill, whose trademark during the war was wearing red, white and blue.



Fort Stewart's "First Lady," Jill McCaffrey, (center) welcomes Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, Army chief of staff, to Fort Stewart. As Fort Stewart's chief of "goodwill" McCaffrey was responsible for representing the post at its best.

"I'd like to retire in this part of the country," explained Jill. "I love the people, Savannah and the little towns. I especially love the patriotism of the area.

"Leaving is not going to be easy, but the incoming commander, Maj. Gen. Blackwell and his wife, are friends of ours. We'll be sad to go, but it's special to have people you really like coming to the post."

Those family members and soldiers who knew Jill McCaffrey will remember her willingness to listen, her long hours of community service and her courage when times got tough.

Summing up her time at Fort Stewart, Jill stressed how special this tour has been for her, "I really have loved being here — it's been a privilege."

McCaffrey says farewell

Q. What will you remember most about your stay here with the 24th Infantry Division?

A. I've been privileged to have served in the division for two years now during which time there has been an enormous amount of training activity. We deployed 8,000 miles away to quite a war, (which was) probably the most effective execution of a military operation ever seen in the American Army.

So I leave with a tremendous sense of gratitude for the professionalism of the men and women of the 24th Infantry Division. A tremendous experience.

Q. What made the difference in the Victory Division's rout of the Iraqi forces during Operation Desert Storm?

A. The division had the most modern equipment of any army in the world, we were able to rehearse and train for our attack for several months, and the soldiers had a tremendous spirit and sense of valor going north to do their jobs. So, a combination of violence, speed and training, and the talent of our young men and women just overwhelmed the Iraqi army, and that's what happened.

Q. What does the victory in the Gulf mean for the Army and for the 24th Infantry Division?

A. There's a lot of lessons that were learned over there. We are trying to apply them throughout the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. We are better ready to deploy and fight today than we were two years ago. Our shipping, our aircraft fleets, our ammunition is now all stockpiled at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. We have all new tanks, Bradleys, 5-ton trucks, HMMWVs — so we are better ready to fight today than we were a couple of years ago.

Q. If you could pick one characteristic that makes the difference in a Victory Division soldier, what would it be?

A. I've been in uniform since I was 17 years old, and the biggest thing that has happened in the Army since I've been in it is the caliber of the young men and women right now has never been better. So the talent, the dedication, the professionalism of the American soldier today, and particularly in the Victory Division, is just what makes the difference.

Q. What advice will you give to Maj. Gen. Blackwell as he takes the reins of the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Stewart?

A. One bit of advice I told him is that he's fortunate to be coming to coastal Georgia; it's a wonderful place to live. The training environment is absolutely superb, and the people here are fun to work with, so he's a very fortunate man. His job, like mine, is to allow these soldiers to stay ready to fight, if they are called upon to do it.

Q. How do you see the future of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield?

A. We are going to have a problem on money in the Armed Forces. The resources available for national defense are going down. Fort Stewart and the 24th Infantry Division will have the resources required to stay ready to fight. So, we will be part of a general drawdown of the Army, but our posts — Hunter, Stewart, and Benning, and our division, will get the resources required. It's a pretty optimistic view I have of the future.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

A. I'm going to follow orders, when the Army decides exactly what they want me to do. The change of command is 27 May — right after that I'll go where the Army tells me to go.

Q. How have your views of the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Stewart changed since you arrived here two years ago?

A. I came here knowing how good the 24th Division was — it has a world-wide reputation for professionalism and excellence, and I'll leave knowing that the reputation is still intact. On that basis, it's been an honor to serve with all of you.

Q. How does it feel to say good-bye?

A. It's tough leaving. Very tough leaving. It's been a tremendous experience for my wife and I, and we wish every Victory soldier the best in the future. And, wherever you see me, you need to walk up to me and say, "You served with me in the 24th Infantry Division." Victory, First To Fight!



Major General Barry R. McCaffrey

REMEMBER BACK THEN ?



Leaves from a Taro Notebook: Once before, the delightful "Ohio" drawing made our cover - our January, 1953 issue, to be specific. We take the liberty of printing it anew in the belief that it may warm the cockles of the heart of every Taro Leafer privileged to have served in Nippon. We print it with the certainty that, at very least, it will brighten the day of one Taro Leafer in particular - "Mr. 24th Division" himself - the man who is to this Association what Howard Johnson is to multiflavored ice cream - a man who, incidentally, requests, and now gets, anonymity. Over the years, he has found dozens of occasions to remind us of our earlier use of this humorous bit. And if it draws a blank - if it finds you completely non-responsive - if it leaves you without understanding of its happy point - then you did miss something in your military life.

For the Good of Mind, Body, and Spirit!

Want an update on the planning and coordination for the Reunion in Savannah, 24-27 September. All aspects of the planning have been addressed and that "all systems are go."

Key Reunion highlights are as follows:

* Thursday, 24 Sept. - 24th ID(M) soldiers will be available to assist members upon arrival at the Hyatt Regency.

* Friday, 25 Sept. - Association members will visit Fort Stewart (shuttle buses to and from Fort Stewart, static equipment displays, equipment rides, Division Museum tour, lunch, live fire demonstration). That night an Aloha Dinner at the Hyatt Regency with entertainment provided by the Voices of Victory.

* Saturday, 26 Sept. - All activities are at the Hyatt Regency. Division Association business meeting will include an update briefing on the Victory Division Museum Foundation (Col. Al Cocks, USA Ret., Executive Director). Formal dinner (Honor Guard, CG and Soldiers of the Year attend, Maj.Gen. Blackwell will be banquet speaker).

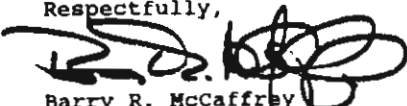
* Sunday, 27 Sept. - 24th ID(M) soldiers will be available to assist members with departure.

Key members of Division's team working on the Reunion are Mrs. Margot Hall - PAO/912-767-3442 or 3440, Maj.Greg Stone-G3/912-5487 or 5486, Maj.Wanda Rogers-SGS/912-767-7911 or 7912. Please feel free to contact any of them to assist you as your joint planning for this event continues.

A cryptic message concerning the planning looked like this:

Confident that we have a good plan for the Reunion and the right people in place to bring it off in an outstanding manner. Look forward to seeing each of you in Savannah this Fall, 24-27 September.

Respectfully,


Barry R. McCaffrey
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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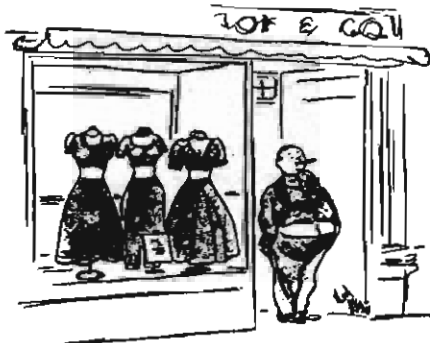


"Sometimes I wish he hadn't been sent to Australia."

—Sgt. Jack Cross, Australia

Wanna gladden the heart of an 83 year old man? Drop a card to CHARLEY M. CLARK at RR 1, Box 34, Searsboro IA 50242. He's Life Member 601 and he writes: "I sure enjoy getting the Taro Leaf. I went into the old Hawaiian Dept. in 1930. Was in Co.D 3rd Engr. when it was split up, "The Hawaiian Dept." and was in the 24th Division the rest of my time. Retired in '57. Made it Pacific during WW II. Was in Japan in the 3rd Engrs. when Korea started so went with the 24th to that war."

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IT'S A PRETTY GOOD PICTURE OF WHERE WE'RE HEADED.

The Army in Transition

Force Structure: Active Army

Illustrated are the 18 divisions in the active Army force structure at the beginning of 1990, noting changes that have occurred and plans through 1995.

<p>1st Armored Div</p> <p>V Corps, Germany</p> <p>Redesignated the inactivated 8th Inf Div (Mech) January 1992; headquarters moved to Bad Kreuznach</p>	<p>3rd Inf Div (Mech)</p> <p>V Corps, Germany</p>	<p>9th Inf Div (Mtzd)</p> <p>Inactivated 1990-91 and remnant redesignated 199th Infantry Brigade (Mtzd) (Sep); moves from Ft. Lewis, Wash., to Ft. Polk, La.; will be redesignated as 2nd Armored Cavalry Regt (Light)</p>
<p>1st Cavalry Div</p> <p>XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S.</p> <p>Receives a third active brigade from inactivated 2nd Armored Div; 155th Armored Brigade (Miss. ANG) still assigned, now as 'roundup'</p>	<p>4th Inf Div (Mech)</p> <p>III Corps, U.S.</p> <p>116th Armored Brigade (Id.-Mont. NG) still assigned as roundup</p>	<p>10th Mountain Div (Lt Inf)</p> <p>Plans incomplete; Odd division out in announced active structure; 27th Inf Brigade (Light) (N.Y. ANG) now assigned as roundup</p>
<p>1st Inf Div (Mech)</p> <p>III Corps, U.S.</p> <p>Forward brigade in Europe inactivated 1991; 218th Inf Brigade (Mech) (S.C. ANG) assigned as roundup</p>	<p>5th Inf Div (Mech)</p> <p>III Corps, U.S.</p> <p>Moves from Ft. Polk, La., to Ft. Hood, Tex.; 256th Inf Brigade (La. ANG) still assigned as roundup; may be redesignated as 3rd Armored Div</p>	<p>24th Inf Div (Mech)</p> <p>XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S.</p> <p>197th Inf Brigade (Mech) assigned as third active brigade, 1991; 48th Inf Brigade (Mech) (Ga. ANG) still assigned, now as 'roundup'</p>
<p>2nd Armored Div</p> <p>Inactivated 1990-92</p>	<p>6th Inf Div (Light)</p> <p>U.S. Army, Pacific (Alaska)</p> <p>Plans incomplete, but likely to be reduced and assigned as an additional brigade of the 25th Inf Div (Light), remaining in Alaska; Affiliation of roundup 205th Inf Brigade (Light) (U.S. Army Reserve) unclear</p>	<p>25th Inf Div (Light)</p> <p>U.S. Army, Pacific (Hawaii)</p>
<p>2nd Infantry Div</p> <p>Combined Field Army (ROK/US), S. Korea</p> <p>81st Inf Brigade (Mech) (Wash. ANG) assigned as roundup</p>	<p>7th Inf Div (Light)</p> <p>XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S.</p> <p>Moves from Ft. Ord, Calif. to Ft. Lewis, Wash.</p>	<p>82nd Airborne Div</p> <p>XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S.</p>
<p>3rd Armored Div</p> <p>Inactivated January 1992; May eventually be activated to redesignate 5th Inf Div (Mech)</p>	<p>8th Inf Div (Mech)</p> <p>Inactivated January 1992</p>	<p>101st Airborne Div (Air Assault)</p> <p>XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S.</p>

Of the separate active Army combined arms brigades and armored cavalry regiments not mentioned in the planned divisional structure, the 11th ACR remains with V Corps in Germany; the Berlin Brigade remains in place at reduced strength; 3rd ACR remains with XVIII Airborne Corps; the 193rd Inf Brigade remains in Panama; the 177th Armored Brigade remains at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, Calif.; and the 194th Armored Brigade remains at the Armor Center, Ft. Knox, Ky., at the strength of a reinforced battalion with reserve components roundup units assigned. 2nd ACR inactivated January 1992, but lineage will be used to redesignate the 199th Inf Brigade (Mtzd).

THAT'S IT, FOLKS!

We've long wanted to reduce a commander's "biography" to a simple column of facts as we're going to do right now in the case of the new Division Commander, Maj.Gen. PAUL E. BLACKWELL. We doubt that we'll be court martialed; besides it makes for easier reading. Here goes:

Born: Aug. 10, 1941 - York SC.
Clemson Univ. '63; commissioned ROTC
Clemson Univ., MS '65
Entered AD June 7, 1965
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S2/S3 Student Bn., Benning
Jungle Warfare School, Canal Zone
Airfield Security Platoon, Vietnam
Area Security Officer, Vietnam
Commander, Company, Jackson
Company Commander, 9th I.D., Vietnam
Battalion Adjutant, 9th I.D., Vietnam
Asst. to C/S, 9th I.D., Vietnam
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Marine Corps Command & Staff College,
Quantico
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Alexandria, VA
Brigade S3 - 3rd I.D., Kitzingen,
F.R. Germany
CO, 1st Bn., 3rd Brigade, 3rd I.D.
F.R. Germany
Army War College, Carlisle Barracks
G3, then C/S, then CO 1st Brigade,
9th I.D., Lewis
Dep. Dir. Operations,
Nat. Mil. Command Ctr.
Asst. Div. Commander, 3rd Armd. Div.
Germany
Command, 2nd Armd. Div.,
Germany & Desert Storm
Command, 24th I.D. (Mech), Stewart

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"Thirty days hath September, April, June and —"
—1. Sgt. Frank Barth, Indiantown Gap, Pa.



"And remember, men, you can't be too careful with
these damned things." —Pfc. Bork Yeatts, Keesler Field, Miss.



All in the family

The Commanding General invited Ken Ross, Wally Kuhner and Bob Ender to Fort Stewart to attend the Memorial Day services at the Desert Storm Monument, to meet with the CG and his staff to review plans for our September reunion, and to attend his farewell dinner, as well as the Change of Command ceremonies.

On Monday, May 25th, the Memorial Day ceremony at the Desert Storm Monument was very impressive from the opening prayers to the final remarks. A great deal of pent up emotion was evident.

The CG, in his remarks, heaped praise upon the Division's past record and referred to our Association with a sense of pride and comradeship. Wally Kuhner gave a brief, but eloquent, expression of the pride of our Association in the performance of the active Division. The Apache helicopters flew the "missing man" fly-by, the artillery fired the twenty-one gun salute, and the bugler blew taps. All in all, no Memorial Day ceremony could have been conducted in a more appropriate manner.

At the Commander's farewell dinner, the night of Memorial Day, many tributes as well as token gifts of appreciation, were tendered to General McCaffrey and his wife, Jill. The present and past mayors of Hinesville both made note of the great community relations which have been developed with the active Division, mainly as a result of the CG's constant effort towards this goal. This dinner was attended mainly by senior grade officers and invited guests. It was evident that he was very much loved and will be missed. As is the case with the veterans of our Association, the combat experience was a niche in the life of each individual officer and soldier which will have a lifetime impact on their spirit of comradeship.

We had a very productive meeting with the CG and staff on Monday afternoon. Then on Tuesday, along with our reunion chairman, John Hummer, a retired Command Sergeant Major and currently owner of a successful Trophy Shop in Hinesville, we met with the people at the Hyatt Regency, to review the program for our September



"NOW LOOK AT THAT—THREE YEARS OVERSEAS AND NOT A GRAY HAIR IN HIS HEAD. AND MY POOR JOHNNY TURNING WHITE AS SNOW DOWN IN WASHINGTON. JUST SHOWS YOU WHAT IT IS TO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES."

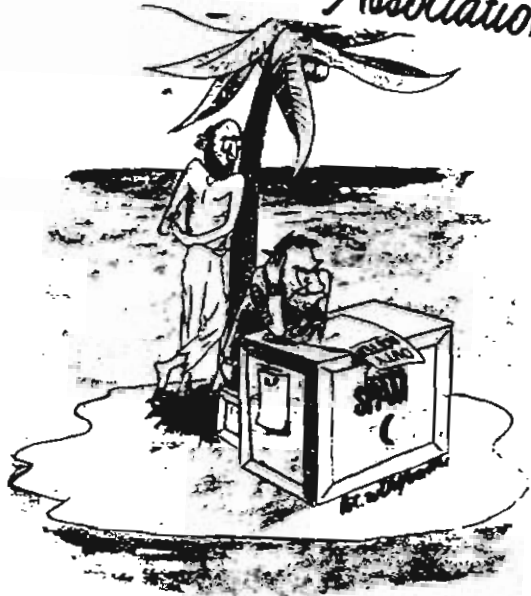
gathering. John will be assisted by Command Sergeant Major Gene Soucy, presently on active duty with the Division, but retiring shortly. Looks like we have a winning team and should have an enjoyable stay in Savannah.

Would that all 3500 of our members could have attended the Change of Command ceremony at Donovan Field on Wednesday, May 27th! 8000 soldiers were massed to pass in review, though it seemed like 18,000. Quite a show! Outgoing General McCaffrey handing the Division colors over to incoming General Gene Blackwell was, of course, the highlight. Top brass attended in mass. Corps Commander Lt.Gen. Gary Luck referred to the 24th as the "best trained, best equipped, best fighting division in the entire world!". Quite a tribute, but not an understatement! Division officers ended speeches with "First to Fight! Victory!". Troops sounding off enroute to the parade group was something to behold. The morale of the 24th Infantry Division was never higher.



"I'm taking reservations for New Year's Eve!!"

24th Infantry Division Association



"I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOT ME ON DETAIL AGAIN TODAY."

—Pvt. Frederick W. H. H. H.



"IT'S FROM THE OLD MAN. HE SAYS WE'RE DUE FOR TYPHOID BOOSTER SHOTS."

—Col. Fred Schwab

We are sick of desert island cartoons, too.
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"THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW—IS THE TIDE IN OR OUT?"

—Pvt. Hal W. W. W.



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EDSON A. CARPENTER (Anti Tank 19th, I 19th and A 767th Tk.Bn. 7/41-6/45) 7133 Sunset Av., Jenison MI 49428, looking for: Sgt. Helpert, Sgt. Rexroitt, Cpl. Mays, Sgt. Wallace, Sgt. Mendoza, Cpl. Tedford, Cpl. Eberle. Hope we've spelled these names correctly.

BRONKO ATKINSON over in Las Vegas, NV sends a hefty "contribution" and adds \$2 for "a drink for the Editor." Lissen, Bronko, you can't buy your way in with that stuff. We'll share a drink when we meet in Savannah.

RICHARD E. MAHAN (M 19th 1/43-12/45) 2812 Countrywood Lane, Edmond OK 73034 looking for his old C.O. Capt. VIRGL COX. Thinks he was from Washington or Oregon.

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Nice note from JAMES E. WHEELLESS (H 21st mid-39 - end 41), 733 Danish Dr., Grand Prairie TX 75050. "I have been asked why I belong to this organization when most of my service was in the Air Force. (I am an old Gimlet of the pre-WW II days - H Co. Ended up in the Air Corps, as a pilot and finished my 20 there). My answer, 'These are my roots.' I loved every minute of my service there. Had I not become a pilot, I would have wanted to be in the Infantry. The Infantry and Fighter Pilots are the only people who know where the war is being fought."

This could be your last Taro Leaf if you're not paid up for the year 8/1/91 to 7/31/92. Threatening? You better believe it. We're operating a slowly sinking ship here because of you freeloaders who accept our issues without so much as offering up a farthing. If you're one of those, this is it, buster.

EDWARD G. SCOBlick (24th Sig.Bn. Augsburg '67-'68 (COMM CENTER Plat.) 814 E. Locust St., 2 Fl., Scranton PA 18505 - Tel. 717-341-3510 would like to hear from anyone in his platoon.

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Sergeant Major of the Army Richard Kidd visited Stewart not long ago. He was gifted with a frame of photos from the battle in the Rumayla Oil Field. "Happy fella" says Sgt. RUSTY DOSS, the Patriot's editor, who sent us the pic.

RALPH J. KAUFMAN (Clearing Co. 24th Med. '48-'51) 313 Franklin St., Brownville NY. Wife, Gladys, has been his bride for 52 years! Ralph retired from the service in '57 after 24 years. Ralph sends in his \$150.00 to become Life Member #1287. He agrees with JOE MCKEON and sends in his \$50.00 add-on in advance. Also, he represents the National Order of Battlefield Commissions. Welcome to the club, Ralph.

As a totally irrelevant aside, a group of Russian officials is visiting around the corner from our office. They've over here studying how our Registry of Motor Vehicles works. Now that's something to ponder. We thought that we had stolen the plans originally from them.

Sharpen your pencils!

Seeking information of Pvt. Edward W. "Sonny" Rhoads Jr., RA39871449, assigned to the 19th Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Division. A chapter of KWVA which has been named for him desires to complete his biography. Sonny was captured during the Kum River battle, 16 July 1950. Also looking for a Frank Rowe who was a POW with Sonny or any who have information. Contact Dick Wainwright, 9001 E. Rosewood St., Tucson, AZ 85710; 602/298-1581.

MOVING??? Make sure the Taro Leaf moves with you. With 3484 copies of our last issue mailed out, 122 came back as "Undeliverable". That's a lousy way to run a railroad.



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"Frieze!"



One of our favorite army stories is the one told by Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN on himself. In his own words, it went like this: "As a lieutenant in the 31st Infantry in Manila, I made a personal report, by request, to the commanding general of the Philippine Department, Major General Douglas MacArthur, on the 1930 Far Eastern Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan (which I had attended as a track coach of the Philippine team).

"Then I received telegraphic orders for return to the United States. Before catching the boat, I visited the Manila Hotel one evening and progressed to the bar. Next step was the dine and dance pavilion in the hotel, where the wood dance floor sloped down an inch at a 45° angle to the cement surface where the dining tables were.

"With a fine Carona-Carona cigar going good, and feeling no pain, I circled the dance floor, evaluating the situation. Then I slipped on that sloping floor edge, falling with my hands flat down on top of the nearest ring-side table...looking over my cigar at a range of two feet at Maj.Gen. MacArthur.

"We were both in nice white civilian suits, but there was no question about identities. He stared blankly at me as though I were not there - which gave me the idea it would be better if I were not. So, with quiet dignity, I struggled to my feet and 'made it so.'

"Two months later I was taking a course at the Cavalry School (Ft. Riley) when General MacArthur stopped there on his way to Washington to become the youngest Chief of Staff in the Army's history.

"Since I had served under him so recently, post headquarters assigned me as MacArthur's aide while he was at Riley. So I reported my recent unscheduled confrontation over the end of my cigar - and was relieved of my duties as aide.

"However, when the general arrived, his regular aide, Captain T.J. Davis, sought me out and said: 'You got out of Manila in good time. General MacArthur told me to contact you, and straighten you out before you got in trouble.'

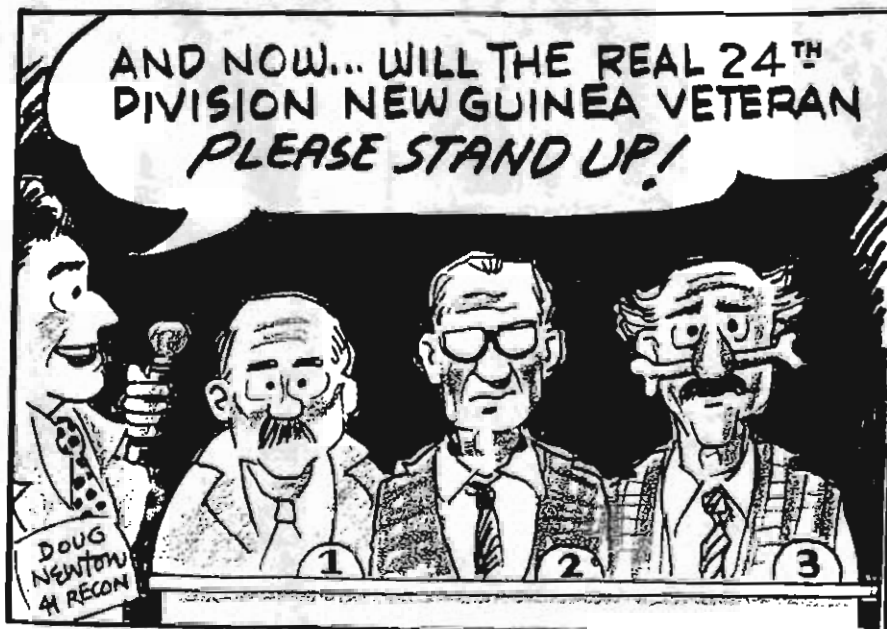
"Thirteen years later, General MacArthur arrived to inspect the 24th Infantry Division, newly arrived in Australia. As division chief of staff, I stood in front of our general staff - with hand raised in salute preparatory to reporting...when he beat me to the punch.

"Holding out his hand he said, 'Glad to see you again, Newman. I remember when we fought the Amsterdam war together' - thus politely failing to mention our last meeting and confrontation over the end of my cigar. So I did not mention it either."

It's now Lieut.Gen. BARRY R. MCCAFFREY, assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff. Hearty congratulations, Barry, from each of us. Home address: Qtrs. 6, 2nd St., Ft. McNair, Washington DC 20024.

Story is that Big Bear has signed a 3-year deal with CBS to be the host of news documentaries and specials.

We stole this from the 41st. Their 41 Recon. man,
Doug Newton, drew it. Isn't it wonderful?



About that Filipino "male" nurse who is (was) 6 months pregnant and was subsequently proven to be a phoney hermaphrodite. Didja notice where he/she/it came from? Malaybalay! All we remember about that town is that it was the approximate halfway point in that dash across the belly of Mindanao. This buster wasn't yet born; he/she/it is only 32.

JOHNNY BORZILLERI, of 2125 Bella Vista, Paris, Tex., swears he overheard this conversation between two young women in a restaurant in Paris:

First gal: "Soup du jour? What kind of soup is that?"

Second gal: "I don't know - but they have it every day."

Brig.Gen. John Van Alstyne, Div. chief of staff, is now assistant division commander, 1st Armored Division, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Hanau, Germany.

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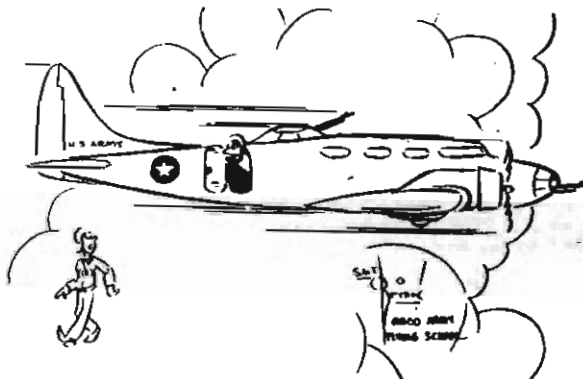
JUST ONE MORE

We've a problem.

One Richard T. Othmer, Jr. writes for his Dad, Richard Senior. Senior was 21st coming to Division in Feb. of '44. He made Hollandi and was in on the taking of Panoan just prior to Leyte. He doesn't remember much other than that he climbed down the rope netting into his landing craft. The medic told him he had been pulled out of the water unconscious. Any Gimlet in on that landing in Panoan? Could you write Dick Jr. and tell him what you recall. He's at R.D.10 North Horsepound Rd., Kent NY 10512.



An aged couple being interviewed:
 Interviewer: It is wonderful for you to be celebrating your 60th wedding anniversary. How old is your wife?
 Husband: My wife is 87 and may she live to be 120.
 I: And may I ask how old you are, sir?
 H: I, too, am 87 and if God grants I would like to live to 121.
 I: Why would you want your wife to live to 120 and you to 121?
 H: To tell the truth, one year I would like to live in peace.



"HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU THIS ISN'T THE DOOR TO THE CAN?"

A Family AFFAIR



VICTORY DIVISION
March 4, 1992

Personal

AL-
Dear Mr. McAdoo,

Attached is a request to assist us in promoting the Victory Museum Foundation with your members. Our purpose is to build a new museum here at Fort Stewart by September 1995.

We know we have an ambitious program - believe it is possible. Your support and endorsement of this project will enable us to meet this goal. Our civilian community is solidly behind this project to include General (Ret) Schwarzkopf and Senator Nunn.

Believe strongly that this is a worthwhile project. Would appreciate your support. Colonel (Ret) Cocks, the Foundation's Executive Director, will be in touch to explain our program. Best wishes from the Victory Division.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Barry R. McCaffrey
Major General, United States Army
Commanding

VICTORY MUSEUM FOUNDATION

POST OFFICE BOX 2424 • HINESVILLE, GEORGIA 31313
March 4, 1992



We invite your support for the Victory Museum Foundation. The Foundation's purpose is to support the Fort Stewart and 24th Infantry Division Museum with the principal objective of building a new museum at Fort Stewart by September 1995. The current museum is located in an old World War II building. We have just constructed an addition to this building to house Desert Storm artifacts. However, even with this modest addition, the museum will continue to be short of space. Since the conclusion of Desert Storm, museum visitors have increased seven-fold to over 6500 a month.

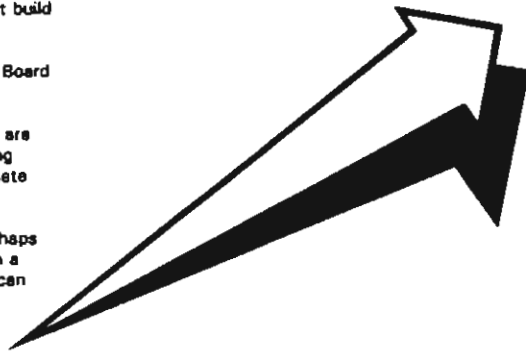
After careful examination of pertinent regulations and study of other successful museum projects, such as the Patton Museum at Fort Knox, we believe that we must build this new museum without taxpayer support - funded by private and corporate contributions. Many leaders such as Senator Sam Nunn, General (Ret) Norman Schwarzkopf, and General Galvin fully endorsed this project and are members of our Board of Advisors.

Our goal is to build a new 20,000 square foot museum by September 1995. We are enclosing a brochure on the new building. We have established ambitious fund raising goals. The initial milestone is to raise \$750,000 by June 1992. We intend to complete the design by June 1992 and start construction by June 1993.

We need your active support for this project. I am enclosing a pledge sheet. Perhaps you could include in your next "Taro Leaf." It might be helpful if you could establish a membership goal for the Association. I stand ready to answer your questions. You can reach me at (912) 767-8914 (Office) or (912) 927-0571 (Home).

[Signature]

Al Cocks
Executive Director
Victory Museum Foundation



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YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PAGE.



May we give you one more quote? - because we like what Rev. Msgr. CAJETAN S. TROY (Asst. Div. Chaplain 9/51-1/53), of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Yonkers NY, says: "Enclosed a check for Taro Leaf - and something extra

for any special needs. My memories of the 24th are many and pleasant both in Korea and Japan."

Thank you, Msgr., thank you.

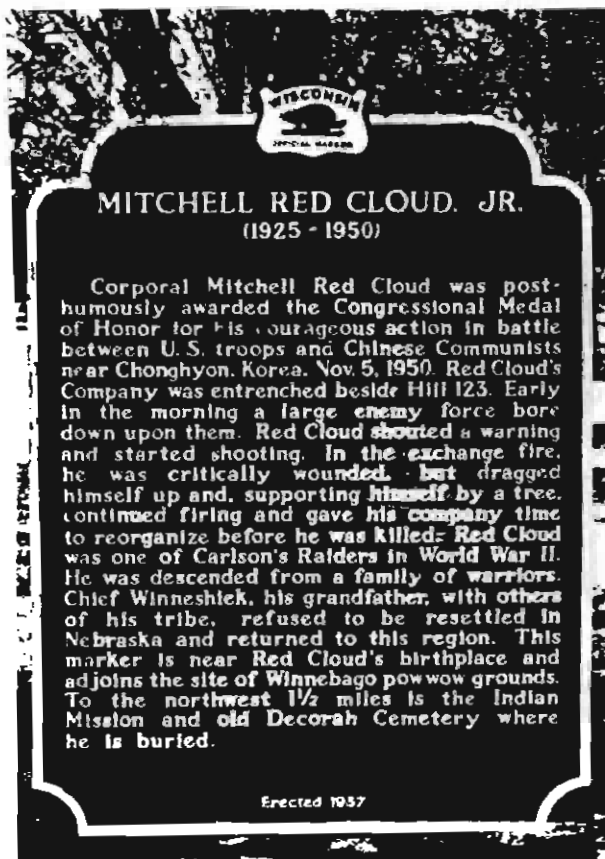
Good 'ole WALLY KUHNER has been trying for 40 plus years to get a recognition that he was once in the 24th Recon. The latest reply to him read in part:

"ABCMR Memorandum of AC91-08132 Consideration (cont)

The Army Reserve Personnel Center (ARPERCEN) searched the morning reports of the 24th Cavalry Reconnaissance unit, but could not substantiate the applicant's assignment to that company."

Adds Wally, in a note to us, with his usual wonderful sense of humor: "Let's see now, was I in the Polish army? Russian army? South African army? or maybe the Afrika Korps with Rommel. Hah! I been reincarnated and nobody told me yet?"

"Will I be drummed out of the Association as an imposter? Stay tuned for the next chapter."



LLOYD E. OLER (F 19th 7/50-1/51), of Box 556, Rt. 5, Richland Center WI, thoughtfully sends us this photo of the MITCHELL RED CLOUD, JR., MOH, memorial which the State of Wisconsin erected off Hy. 54, a little east of Black River Falls. We're going to hope - and pray - that the picture will come out with clarity. And if it doesn't - and we've pulled a boo boo, we'll give you the reading in the next issue. The sun was reflected on the plaque in a couple of places, ergo one of our worries.

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behind a person's back
is to pat it."*



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We have a miserable feeling that everyone is going to be less than happy when this one appears on our pages. Why? The figures are just too darned small. But at least you might detect the Division camels - one at each edge of your screen. HUGH BROWN, you let us down with this one, pal! It's the Love 21st '50-'51 folks at their annual soiree, held, this time around, at where else, Ft. Stewart!



KILROY WAS HERE

Necrology

STANLEY J. DOLAT
died June 3, 1992
was B 21st 9/45-10/46
He leaves a wife, Therese,
50 Raymond Av., Holyoke MA 01040
and other survivors.

RALPH M. LIGHTCAP
died December 31, 1991
was A 6th Tank
Reported by his wife, Agnes,
949 Kennesaw Dr., Fayetteville
NC 28314

GEORGE C. ARMENTROUT
died November 28, 1990
was 34th
His wife, Lillian, resides at
32 Inglewood Dr., Hampton VA 23666
Reported by Wallace Kuhner

Mrs. Virginia TRECHTER
(wife of OLIVER E. TRECHTER, SR.)
(Oliver was CBI, WW II)
died January 1992
Reported by her son, Oliver E. Jr.
14809 Legrande, Dallas TX 75244

CHARLES "Chic" HALL
died June 9, 1992
was Field Radio Repairman, Korea
Reported by JAMES F. HILL

JOHNNIE A. FAULKNER
died August 25, 1991
was 72nd Eng. Co. 5th RCT 7/50-5/51
Reported by his wife, Annette,
410 John Page, San Antonio TX 78228

ALBIN J. ZABOROWSKI
died April 15, 1992
was 52nd FA '41-'43
Reported by his wife, Frieda,
308 23rd St., Niceville FL 32578

WALTER WIDEN
died August 5, 1986
was 21st Schofield
Reported by his wife, Margaret
5720 Colonial Dr., New Port Richey
FL 34653

TOBIE K. STEELE
died October 3, 1991
was H 21st '43-'45
Reported by his wife, Virginia.
3420 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte NC
28215

DAVID CHUNG
died May 20, 1992
was Hq. & Hq. Co. 5th RCT '49-'51
His wife, Judith, at 2448 Palmridge
Dr, Sun City Summerlin,
Las Vegas NV 89134.
Reported by Albert McAdoo

FRANCIS W. MENNEMEYER
died June 10, 1992
was G 21st 2/45-12/45
Reported by HOWARD LUMSDEN

ROBERT L. PARNCUTT, JR.
died June 17, 1992
was F 34 '44-'45
Reported by HARRY & Frances WITTMAN

HORACE E. MCCLURE
died June 1, 1991
was C Co. 3rd Eng., '55-'56
Reported by his wife, Momoko,
2270 Lohrer Rd., RD 2,
Fairview PA 16415

EDWIN STENSEL
died March 19, 1992
was 21st WW II
Reported by his wife, Alice,
7367 Bray Rd., Apt. 3,
Mt. Morris MI 48458

CURTIS J. WARRIX
died January 21, 1992
was H 34th '40-'42
Reported by MARTIN HALBERT

ODD I. JOHANSEN
died May 15, 1992
was C 21st 9/40 - 4/45
Reported by JACK M. ANDERSON
Odd's wife, Terry,
is at 61 Burnside Av.,
Staten Island NY 10302

Ralph Wise Zwicker

NO 8167 CLASS OF 1927

Died 9 August 1991 In Fort Belvoir, Virginia,
aged 88 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Ralph Wise Zwicker

MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED) RALPH W. ZWICKER, during his 33-year Army career, served in command assignments from platoon to corps in the United States, Europe, Japan and Korea. Staff duties ranged from battalion to Headquarters, Department of the Army. He attended as a student and was assigned as an instructor at the United States Military Academy, US Army Infantry School and the National War College.

General Zwicker was born in Stoughton, Wisconsin on 17 April 1903. Spending his boyhood in Wisconsin, he graduated from high school in Madison and was a student in the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin prior to entering the United States Military Academy in July 1923. Upon graduation on 14 June 1927, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry. Exactly one month later he married Dorothy Harriet Stewart of Madison. Together they reported to his first duty station, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and assignment to the 3rd Infantry regiment—"The Old Guard."

His first overseas assignment in July 1930 was at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii with the 35th Infantry regiment and the 11th Tank company. After graduation from the company officer's course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia in 1933, he again was assigned to the 3rd Infantry regiment at Fort Snelling. Following promotion to first lieutenant in July, he was designated company commander of one of the original Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) companies.

His next assignment took him back to the U.S. Military Academy, where in August 1934 he became an instructor in the Department of Drawing. In August 1939 he was transferred to Fort Douglas, Utah and assigned to the famous 38th Infantry, which he was to command in combat five years later. The regiment participated actively as part of the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Bullis and Fort Sam Houston, Texas in training and testing the then-new triangular concept of organization.

April 1941 found Major Zwicker back at Fort Benning, as an instructor in the Tactics Section of the Infantry School; he also com-

pleted the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

The war years brought him many varied and rewarding assignments. Duty as G-3 of the 94th Infantry Division from the time of its organization in September 1942 through its first large-scale maneuver test in November 1943 was followed by assignment to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces in Washington, as assistant to the G-3 for training. Early May 1944 found Zwicker in England as an observer for the commanding general, Army Ground Forces. After participating in the assault landings on Omaha Beach on D-Day, fortunate circumstances found him assigned in mid-June as commanding officer of the 38th Infantry regiment. He participated with the 2nd Infantry Division as regimental commander and, subsequent to mid-October, as chief of staff in all of its campaigns. During this period, he was decorated by our own government and the governments of Great Britain, France, Czechoslovakia and Russia.

During the post-war years, Colonel Zwicker furthered his professional education by attending the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island from July to December 1945 and the National War College from August 1946 to June 1947, where he returned in 1952 as an instructor. Staff assignments included a tour as assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations at Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C. from December 1945 to August 1946; assignment to the Operation and Training Division of the Army General Staff from June 1947 to April 1949; and appointment as deputy to the Chief of Staff for Civilian Component Affairs from April 1949 to July 1949, at which time he was transferred to the European Command Headquarters and assigned as deputy director of the Operations and Training Division. Following a year in this assignment, he spent two years in command of the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

Back in the United States, Colonel Zwicker was assigned as an instructor at the National War College. In February 1953 he went to Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania as assistant division commander of the 5th Infantry Division and, in March 1953, was promoted to brigadier general. After a year as commanding general of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, he was sent to the Far East, where in October 1954 he became commanding general of the Southwestern Command, Armed Forces Far East, Japan.

In 1956 he was named G-1 of AFCE/Eighth Army and served in this position until being promoted to major general in May 1957 and assigned as commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division in Korea. It was during his tenure that the vital tasks of reorganizing the division under the new Pentomic concept and redesignating of the 24th Division as the 1st Cavalry Division were accomplished.

In May 1958 he took command of the XX United States Army Corps (Reserve), with headquarters at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. There he was responsible for command, training and support of the USAR and ROTC programs in the states of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. General Zwicker retired on 1 May 1960. He was employed by the Research Analysis Corporation of McLean, Virginia for approximately ten years.

HENRY SLIWOSKI

died May 15, 1992

was 3rd Eng. '44

Reported by Don Nesbitt

Henry's wife, Eleanor, is at

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THOMAS W. "Pat" BRESNAHAN

died April 30, 1992

was 21st 7/50-5/51

Reported by his wife, Mary,

PO Box 756, Portage WI 53901

LEE ROY TEAGUE

died June 22, 1992

was Btry B 11th FA 9/41-4/45

Reported by RICHARD LEWIS

Lee Roy's wife, Mille, is at

Box 143A, Rt. 1, Teague TX

Samuel Demetrius Avery, Jr.

EX-CADET OF THE CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 12 August 1945 in Mindanao, Philippine Islands, aged 25 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Samuel Demetrius Avery, Jr.

SAMUEL DEMETRIUS AVERY, JR. was born at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on 16 July 1920. He was killed in action in Mindanao, the Philippine Islands on 12 August 1945 while serving with the 24th Infantry Division, US Army in World War II.

His parents were Captain Samuel D. and Rita Johansen Avery, Medical Corps, US Army. Sam grew up at several Army posts in the US and overseas, graduating from Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C. and attending Sullivan Preparatory School for a short time.

Sam entered West Point in July 1940 and after plebe summer was assigned to Company M. He participated in athletics and was a member of the Truck Squad. Sam always recalled his classmates and this period of his life with fondness. He was found deficient in academics in 1941 and entered Georgetown University after his departure from West Point. He enlisted in the US Army and continued his schooling at Georgetown in the Army Specialized Training Program, completing the course in mechanical engineering on 26 March 1944. He graduated from the Officer Candidate School and on 29 October 1944 married Miss Roberta Kingston of Baltimore, Maryland. Sam completed the required infantry officer courses, and he and Bobbie were assigned to posts in the Southeastern US before Sam headed to the Pacific for duty as a platoon leader with the 24th Division.

The Division chaplain wrote to Bobbie after Sam's death, "He had his platoon on vehicles and was moving up a road to a place where they would dismount and proceed on foot on their patrolling mission. They were near their point of dismounting where the road made a turn and started up an incline. They were met by heavy enemy machine-gun fire. As best I can find out, he was riding in the front seat, and he never moved except to slump over. He died instantly and did not suffer. He was well-liked and respected. His men had confidence in him, as he justly deserved. We join you in your grief."

Sam's radioman wrote to Bobbie what we think is a beautiful tribute to Sam: "I wish to

add my deepest sympathy for you. Lieutenant Avery and I were friends, although we knew each other only a short time. He and I worked together quite a bit. At the time of his accident I was with him as his 'radioman.' He picked me to go with him that certain day [because] I was an experienced man with a radio. I was always glad to go with him, for I've never met anyone who was more friendly to me than he was. He taught me many things that I will never forget. He was one of the finest men I ever had the pleasure of serving under."

Typical of the many comments that Bobbie received after Sam's death was one from his battalion commander: "Lieutenant Avery's death has been a great loss to his fellow officers, and especially to the men of his command. His courageous leadership in battle and his concern for the well-being of the troops he led have earned for him the undying respect of the officers and men who knew him. His high devotion to duty is a credit to his country, his uniform and his family."

Sam was buried initially in the USAF Cemetery Talema #2, near Talema in the Davao sector of Mindanao. In 1949 Sam's body was returned to the United States, and he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Two months after Sam's death, his daughter Sheryl Lynn was born on 7 October 1945. Sam is survived by Bobbie; Sheryl (now Sheryl Avery-Meints) of East Lansing, Michigan; grandchildren Sam and Nicholas; and by his brother Charles, USMA Class of 1945.



Ernest Victor Holmes

Ernest Victor Holmes

NO. 7691 CLASS OF 1925

Died 29 October 1990 in Kula, Hawaii, aged 87 years.

Cremated: ashes strewn in the ocean along the coast of Maui, Hawaii.

BRIGADIER GENERAL Ernest V. Holmes was born in Defiance, Iowa on 7 July 1903. He graduated from West Point in 1925 and was assigned as a second lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After a tour in the Philippines he was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1931. He then served with the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1933-35 in Texas. After this service he returned to Fort Sill and commanded Battery B, 1st Field Artillery until 1936. He was an ROTC

instructor at Purdue University until 1940 and then joined the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was present for the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 with the 24th Division Artillery. He was assigned to Hawaiian Artillery command as Field Artillery representative and, upon promotion to colonel, became chief of staff. He became G-3 (operations planning). US Armed Forces Pacific Ocean Areas until reassignment to the mainland in January 1946. During the war he participated with the 7th Division in the attack on Kwajalein. He also attended and graduated from the Command and General Staff School during this period. His first mainland assignment after the war was as senior Field Artillery instructor with the California National Guard from 1946-49. In 1946 he married Lani Bowman Wood from Hawaii. In 1949 he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan as chief of staff and traveled to Korea after the declaration of hostilities in July 1950. He was injured on Christmas Day 1950 and evacuated to Tripler Hospital. After he recovered from his wounds he was assigned to the G-3 section in the Pentagon, where he remained until 1954 when he was promoted to brigadier general and commanded the 4th Armored Division Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas. He retired from the Army on 31 July 1955.

In Fond Remembrance -
Henry C. McCumbie
by his beloved - Elsa

4417 Poplar Av.,
Baltimore MD 21227

In Memory -
Max G. Tappero
his wife,
Mary

401 S. G St.,
Oxnard CA 93030

In Loving Memory -
wife, Hilly,
James Luciano (L34th 41-645),
Thomas E. Mellinger
(L34th 41-45),
and Les Bacil.

C.J. "Clink" STUBBS
(L 34th 3/43-12/45)
15481 Ridgeview Rd.,
Sun City AZ 85351

DONALD LLOYD RADAR
died June 3, 1992
Reported by SHEFFIELD CLARK
Lloyd's wife, Mona, at Franklin Estates,
Carters Creek Pike, Franklin TN 37064

Col. JAMES F. PEARSALL
died March 26, 1992
was 34th & Div.Hq. '41-'46
Reported by his daughter,
Barbara Muir, Prospect Hill,
Fredericksburg VA 22408

MICHAEL POPADIUK "Mad Russian"
died April 12, 1992
was C 34th 1/44-12/45
Reported by WALTER S. SYAND, JR.

Kathy Lee GRADY Lavoie,
died suddenly June 20, 1992
only daughter of THOMAS E. GRADY
182 Barker St., Hartford CT 06114
Tom was H 21st 12/42-5/45
Kathy leaves her husband, Richard,
and two sons, Keith 15 and Craig, 13

CARROLL W. FARMER (A Btry. 11th FA
1/51 - 8/51) of 12 Zimmie, Lyman SC 293
makes a magnificent gesture with:

In memory
of my good friend -
Mike Saraco,
K.I.A. 1951

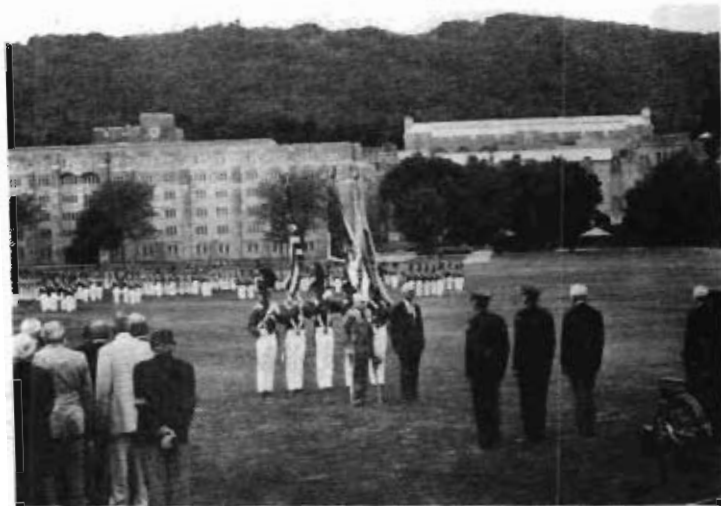
In Memory of

PAUL "Swede" NELSON

G 21st 6/42 - 5/45

Fondly -

Lela "Lee" Nelson



"Supe" Lt.Gen. Howard D. Graves and our own FRED IRVING take the review. 26 May. WPMA. Photo courtesy of our own HARRY BUDNIAK.



At West Point's Graduation Week, an annual ceremony involves the placement of a wreath at the Thayer Monument. Long called the "Father of the Military Academy". This year Fred did the honors of laying the wreath.

FRED and the "Supe" lead the "Long Grey Line" to the Thayer Monument.

CHARLES W. SHOE (A 34th & HQ Co. 19th 7/50-8/51) 3924 Harrisburg Dr., Harrisburg NC 28075 is looking for anyone that served in the 19th Hq. Co. Comm. Platoon 3rd Bn. 19th Regt. Especially looking for JACK PRESTON, WENSLOW CURRY, Sgt. DE HAAN, JACK DAULTON, GUY T. MURPHY, and WALLACE PRENCE.

EUREKA! Word in from CARL DODD, MOH, (E 5th RCT '48-'51), is that he hopes to be with us in Savannah. And we shall be proud!



HARRY BUDNIAK, you've stumped me on this one. It's Lt.Gen. GARRISON H. DAVIDSON (CG 24th '51) in the center. Gen. Garrison was WP '27, BILL VERBECK's class.

We think it's Col. JOHN O. FRAZIER, WP '37 on his left, and Lt.Gen. THOMAS J. TRAPNELL, WP '27 on his right. Gen. Trapnell was a POW '42-'45. Made the Death March. Survived two POW ship sinkings. Came back and fought in Korea where he commanded the 187 Abn.RCT, then was CG 4th AD, CG 82 Abr. D., CG I Corps, CG 18th Abn. Corps, and CG 3 Army, in succession.



HARRY BUDNIAK, "You did good" in catching Fred greeting Lt.Gen.Thomas M. Rienzi, WP '42.

Writes new Life Member WAYNE C. JACKSON, (F 19th '50-'51) of 1633 Chapel Wyoming MI, this interesting squib on Cpl. MITCHELL RED CLOUD JR. MOH: "Mitch and I shipped over together and were assigned to Division (through Camp Drake in Japan) and had hoped to be assigned together. However, he went to Co. E, and I to Co. F. On many occasions, we did get a chance to talk. The last time I saw him, his feet had been frost-bitten and he was hardly able to walk. Why he was not evacuated, I don't know. He should have been. I believe the main reason that we of the 2nd Bn. were able to withdraw to a more fortified position was solely due to his holding action. In fact there is little doubt of it."

And we quote again:
"Looking forward to seeing all in Savannah. Hope all is well. Tell them.

BOB and Mary Lou SIMPSON
D 5th RCT 7/50-10/50"

FRANCISCO A. CAMACHO (21st 5/44-8/46)
2933 W.Hellman Av., Alhambra CA 91803,
LOOKING FOR or any information on
FRANK HAMER, (formerly a policeman of
San Francisco CA) and JOE BENABENTE
(formerly an employee of Abbotts
Laboratory in New York, New York)

WARFIELD E. SHIPLET (24th QM 4/50-
4/52) Calvert Manor Nursing Home,
Newark Rd., Rising Sun MD 21911,
has recently had surgery on his eye
and then a week later surgery on
his bladder.

You can card Warfield Shiplet
at the above address. We're sure
they would be most welcome.

PAUL NARSON (D Co. 21st 3/60-9/62
Warner Kasserne, Munich, Germany)
48-62 187 St., Flushing NY 11365,
looking to hear from anyone who was in
the 1/21st at the same time, or anyone
who hung out at the Cracker Box Beer Hall.





Office of the Commander
24th Infantry Division (Mech)

"FIRST TO FIGHT"

July 9, 1992

MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION:

Appreciated Kenwood Ross' offer to provide the Division Association membership with an update concerning ongoing activities in the Victory Division.

Although newly arrived to the Division, let me first provide a quick review of the year that followed Operation Desert Storm. Once redeployment and recovery were completed, the 24th ID(M) never stopped to catch its breath. The Division has conducted several major deployments: four brigade level field training exercises (over 4,500 soldiers on each), three Division command post exercises, a Joint deployment to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and two rotations to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

The fast pace has continued from the May 27th Division change of command. Our 3d Brigade, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, will move out for a training rotation at the National Training Center in August. Our round up brigade, the 48th Bde (Ga ARNG) will train here with about 2,200 soldiers in August. 1st Brigade will return to the NTC in January '93. Gunnery, Expert Infantryman Badge and Expert Field Medical Badge training, and a deployment to Fort Polk, Louisiana by 30 C-5 aircraft are just a few events that will fill in the blanks and keep us on our toes.

Fort Stewart is a great place to be. I am pleased and excited about the caliber of soldiers, discipline, and quality of training. The first 43 days of command have been great - thanks to the soldiers!

Janet and I look forward to meeting and speaking with each of you at the reunion this September in Savannah and to hosting the Association membership during a visit to Fort Stewart. Best wishes from the home of the Victory Division.

First To Fight!

Paul E. Blackwell
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Some 18 months ago, Gen. MCCAFFREY issued this General order for the attack. We want to preserve it, in our pages, for posterity:



VICTORY DIVISION
15 February 1991

24th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
GENERAL ORDER TO ATTACK

Soldiers of the Victory Division-- we now begin a great battle to destroy an aggressor Army and free two million Kuwaiti people. We will fight under the American flag and with the authority of the United Nations. By force-of-arms we will make the Iraqi war machine surrender the country they hold prisoner.

The 26,000 soldiers of the reinforced 24th Infantry Division will be the First to Fight. Our mission is to attack 300 kilometers deep into Iraq to block the Euphrates River Valley. Our objective is to close the escape route for 500,000 enemy soldiers in Kuwait.

On D-Day, 24th ID(M) will be the point of the spear for a general offensive by 700,000 Coalition Allied soldiers. The Victory Division attack has the central purpose to smash into the enemy rear and destroy their will to fight. The shock action and violence of the 24th Infantry Division assault will save thousands of American lives from the bloody work of fighting through the fire trenches of Kuwait.

There will be no turning back when we attack into battle. One hundred thousand American and French soldiers of XVIII Airborne Corps will fight on our flanks. We have the weapons and the military training equal to the task. We pray that our courage and our skill will bring this war to a speedy close.

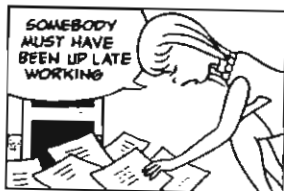
In WW II, in Korea, in Saudi Arabia...the soldiers of the Victory Division have never failed America. We shall do our duty.



BARRY R. MCCAFFREY
Commander - Victory Division
OPERATION DESERT STORM

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HEADQUARTERS
24TH ID(M)
SAUDI ARABIA

BEETLE BAILEY
BY MORT WALKER



WALKER

Our favorite cartoonist, Mort Walker, lives in Stamford CT. He and his son, Neal, another cartoonist, will unveil a bronze statue in October depicting Beetle Bailey, the Army's laziest privat. Too bad they won't make one depicting Miss Buxley.

JIM SHIRAH's definition of happiness: "Happiness is opening the refrigerator and seeing your boss' picture on a milk carton."

ROBBIE N. WARREN writes, from 2130 Tulane, Lufkin TX: "From 12/46 to 1/48 I served as a cook with M 19th in Beppu. During this period, I served with 'Whitey' Tullough or Tullock from Virginia. Never in my subsequent life have I had a better friend. I would dearly love to find him. Do you know how I should begin my search?" Consider it begun, Robbie.

BILL MACINTIRE writes from 2474 Lafayette, Roslyn PA: "I suppose you might say that I was born into the 24th Division. After being inducted on 24 Oct. '42, and arriving on Oagh 16 Nov. '42 to be trained by a cadre of 'C' Company 34th at Schofield's 'North Range' and after training being assigned to C-34th virtually all of my three years one month and seventeen days, were in the service of the 24th, excluding the 26 days coming and going. Are there any others out there who took their basic on Oahu at the same time?"

If we don't reply immediately - or at all - to your good notes, please understand that we are deluged with mail - by actual count, 1122 pieces came in between July 1st and July 31st. Now you gotta admit, thas'sa bunch of mail! Some we try to respond to via Taro Leaf items - others we get to one-by-one. Please understand.

On the move - from York PA to Anderson SC - that's HAROLD HEFFNER (13th & 52nd F '40-'44). Writes Hal: "See you in Savannah. I'm a proud Taro Leafer!" See you there, Harold.

Hot gossip!

Lifer BENEDICT GROSS #1259, (19th '52-'54) is retiring from the gov't. in Dec. He and Chris are in Decatur GA. Say, how about making Savannah, folks?

PAUL and Florence CAIN, (I 34th '44-'45) of 3109B Chatham, Urbana IL will be with us in S. Writes Paul with his omnipresent sense of humor: "Replaced knee joint, then stomach surgery. Have reached that time in life when it's PATCH, PATCH, PATCH!"

Recovering nicely from heart attack - NOEL MJONESS (M 21st '51) of Rt. 4, Box 38A, Canby MN 56220.

PEOPLE PAGE

Regularly, we get stories like this one from DON PLOOF who resides at 872½ 14th Av.N., in St.Petersburg FL 33701:

By luck I happened to mention that I was in Korea during the war, in a restaurant.

A diner called out, "What division were you in?!"

"24th!"

"What regiment?" he asked standing up.

"19th!"

"I was in L Company!" he told me coming over.

"I was in Love, too."

"Mortar section!" he said sitting nearby.

"57 recoilless!"

"Small world!" he said.

ROBERT WITZIG is the first veteran of Korea I have met since 1954. A 38 year hiatus.

He was stationed at Sasebo in the 34th when the war began.

He survived the July fighting.

His last battle was my first, Feb. 4, 1951.

He was wounded and returned to the states. I stayed until Nov. '51.

I am frustrated that he won't talk about the war. He is angry that Love Company deserted the 4th platoon mortar section on Feb. 4th.

I want to discuss that battle with him but he refuses.

Two of my closest friends were among those who remained behind. Both were hit by a mortar blast and knocked unconscious. During the night one of them, REAGAN, escaped. The three of us had another buddy who was also captured. He escaped also. Several others I knew were killed or missing.

Yet, refuses to discuss that day.

February 4th, 1951 was the greatest day of my life.

When people marry their batchelor life ends and a whole new life style begins.

That is what effect February 4th had on me. It was the end of the old me and the beginning of who I am now.



"How do you spell farm?"
"E-i-e-i-o."

A major basketball school was having trouble passing two of its star players. They were given simplified exams to help them along. During a Friday quiz, one player read this question: "#10. Old McDonald had a ____." He whispered to his teammate, "Do you know the answer?"
"I think it's farm?"

Fella goes into a cosmetic store, asks the girl if she has Elizabeth Taylor's PASSION. She replies, "If I had Elizabeth Taylor's passion, do you think I'd be working here?"

Lifer BEN BEZDIECKI (B 52 F '51-'52) writes from 6000 Garden Grove, Westminster CO: "While watching an old movie on cable ("A Soldier in the Rain", Jackie Gleason) the shoulder patches he wore were 6th Army and a Taro Leaf. Loved it. All my best to all Taro Leafers. Thanks for the great publication."

That shoulder patch - news to us, Ben.



ALL ANNUAL DUES EXPIRE AUGUST 31 EACH YEAR