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The intent in this issue was not to develop a history of the Somalia mission or Stewart/Hunter's part therein. Rather it was simply to acknowledge our awareness of and gratefulness for the part "our folks" played in it. That we even reprint the following in no way reflects upon the honor which "our folks" brought upon themselves. We do believe, however, that the reprint is worth the read.

## If only they'd called it like it was in Somalia

What went wrong with the U.S. mission in Somalia? Why did an effort that started out so well become so confused and hesitant that U.S. forces were reduced to playing it safe and marking time until they could get out?

One of the primary causes was the failure of both the Bush and Clinton administrations to perceive and portray the situation in Somalia for what it really was: insurgency against U.N. authority. Indeed, UNOSOM II, with its preponderance of Americans, started to run into difficulty over the summer months when it began to rely on military force to solve what was largely a political problem — one of the fundamental errors a counterinsurgent can make.

Properly conducted, counterinsurgency is a synergy of humanitarian and security operations in support of a broader political agenda. No one type of operation can succeed on its own. Humanitarian operations are needed to win the hearts and minds of the people; security operations to protect the civil population from guerrillas attempting to drive a wedge between the pacifying force and the population.

For a number of reasons, Americans feel distinctly uneasy about being counterinsurgents. Conventional wisdom tells us that we are not good at counterinsurgency. But



Raffi Gregorian

despite a nearly 20-year relegation to doctrinal and political backwaters, the Department of Defense and the services have moved with relative alacrity in meeting requirements associated with peace operations. Besides the assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, there are deputy assistant secretaries of defense for peacekeeping/peace enforcement and humanitarian and refugee affairs.

The services' initial efforts in this area are substantial. The Training and Doctrine Command is nearing completion on its new peacekeeping manual; joint training for peace operations has begun at Fort Polk, La.; the new United States Atlantic Command has been tasked to support peace operations; and new peacekeeping curricula are being introduced or expanded at joint and service schools.

Our defense establishment is on the right track, but military officials must explain to policy-makers how similar some peace operations are to counterinsurgency or other forms of low-intensity conflict. Using synonyms like "aggravated peacekeeping" or "peace enforcement" only confuse. Had we admitted the counterinsurgency aspects of the U.N. campaign that began in May 1993, appropriate guidance could have been drawn from existing doctrine.

For example, the counterinsurgency chapter of the low-intensity conflict manual FM 100-20 correctly stresses a subordinate role for the military as only one part of a political response. "The successful counterinsurgent must realize that the true nature of the threat . . . lies in the insurgent's political strength, not in his military power . . . concentration on the military aspect of the threat does not address the real danger. Any strategy that does not pay continuing, serious attention to the political claims and demands of the insurgents is severely handicapped."

Despite this prescription, it apparently was not the policy that the United Nations, its seconded American leaders, and the United States quick-reaction force followed with regard to Mohammed Farah Aided. Much of what helped to make the initial U.S. force sent to Somalia a success left with the majority of U.S. troops last spring: unity of effort,

an effective intelligence apparatus (essential in a counterinsurgency) and Ambassador Robert B. Oakley's political savvy in dealing with Somali warlords.

It took over four months of summer street battles to reach the point where we should have been last spring: negotiating with Somali and regional leaders. At the same time, our forces should have been conducting constant foot and vehicle patrols in support of civic action and humanitarian programs coordinated by the United Nations. Instead, because U.S. and U.N. leaders failed to provide a workable political framework for such activity, American soldiers were used to personalize the struggle with Aided.

The cost was national humiliation and nearly 100 U.S. casualties. The U.S. response in the wake of the Oct. 3-4, 1993, battle was just as inappropriate in that it emphasized the political element almost to the exclusion of the military. As a result, "technicals" once again roamed the streets of Mogadishu.

Given American eschewal of anything that even remotely smacks of Vietnam, I understand the political rationale for using the term "peace enforcement" to describe the mission in Somalia. But the American public's recoil from Somalia had less to do with a supposed high sensitivity to casualties and more with a shock of inverted expectations.

The country was initially led to believe its Armed Services were on a strictly humanitarian mission and was surprised when its troops started getting killed and wounded in relatively large numbers. Had the true ramifications of involvement been explained by President Bush in December 1992 or by President Clinton last spring, the public would have been prepared psychologically for casualties. And the executive and legislative branches of the government would have been forced to debate, before the fact, the merits of sending its troops to fight a counterinsurgency in the first place. Next time, tell it like it is.

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# TARO LEAF

We, of the Association,  
salute the men and women  
of the Division  
and of the Non Divisional Units  
of Fort Stewart and  
Hunter AFB  
for their missions  
in Somalia  
so successfully accomplished.



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## Restore Hope veterans eligible for Expeditionary Medal

U.S. troops who served in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia are eligible for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Army Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, decided to award the medal after discussions with the Joint Chiefs. Service must have been after Dec. 4, 1992.

The area designed includes the total land and airspace of Somalia. Also included are land and airspace in Kenya east of 38 degrees east longitude, the Gulf of Aden and the portion of the Indian Ocean north of 5 degrees south latitude, and west of 55 degrees east longitude.

In addition, said DOD officials, individuals who served under the commander, Unified Task Force, Somalia, in direct support of the operation are eligible for the medal. Each service will determine eligibility case by case.

Specific time spent in the area to qualify for the medal depends on the individual's participation in Restore Hope, said DOD officials. For example, assignment to a unit deployed 30 consecutive days in the area qualifies, as does 60 nonconsecutive days if the work includes entering the area.

A 1961 presidential executive order established the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, with an effective date of July 1, 1958. It's up to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with recommendations by the joint chiefs, to award the medal for a military operation.

For an operation to merit the medal, it must fall under one of three categories, said DOD officials. It must be a U.S. military operation, U.S. operation in direct support of the United Nations or U.S. operation assisting friendly foreign nations. Other aspects considered include the threat of imminent hostile action by foreign armed forces and the number of U.S. troops taking part.

The medal has been awarded for 14 U.S. military operations over the years. These include Lebanon in 1958; Berlin in 1961-1963; Cambodia and Vietnam in 1975; and Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989-1990.

In addition to Restore Hope, only one other U.S. operation in support of the United Nations was approved for award of the medal, the Congo in 1960-1962.

Six operations aiding friendly foreign nations are listed as approved for the medal, said DoD officials. Included are Vietnam, 1958-1965; Thailand and Cambodia, 1973; Lebanon, 1983-1987; and the Persian Gulf, 1987-1990.

MARTIN W. DUNNE (19th Anti-Tank Co. Clerk and later correspondence chief for 19th '45-'46) 2281 Pasadena -#54, Dubuque IA 52001, would like to hear from anyone who served in Beppu or Kochi, Japan at that time with the 19th.

# IT FIGURES

—PETRICK—

In a postcard almost impossible to read, CARL L. CONNER, 3rd Eng. WW II, writes from 1025 Center St.S.W., Mableton GA: "PHSA meets Marietta GA June 9 - 11. Please put in Taro Leaf." Which we just did.

# H'MMMM

—PETRICK—

Taro Leaf scores again - By separate mails we told BILL BROOME (21st WW II) and BILL SWANSON (24 Med.Korea) that since they were both in Thailand, they ought to meet. They did - in Bangkok - Swanson bringing Nang, his spouse, along with him. Swanson found Broome at the Nana Hotel pool, "refreshed after his morning laps, looking a bit like Ronald Reagan." They hit it off immediately. Wrote Swanson: "Accept my profound thanks for putting me in touch with Bill Broome -- in your own words, words with which I wholeheartedly concur, 'a wonderful guy'".

LAWRAN N. BENNETT (19th Medic '54-'55) with Margaret at 816 Park Villa Cir., Orlando FL 32824. Lawran, formerly a hair stylist for men is getting ready to retire from Disney World. Intends to travel a bit, do some landscaping, enjoy just common everyday living and see a lot of our beautiful country.

# The VICTORY DIVISION NEWS

Sixteen months after the first troops arrived in Somalia to a savior's welcome, US Troops, including some of ours, left quietly to avoid becoming targets of snipers.

That sorry fact underscores the mixed results of Operation Restore Hope. We ended the famine, we hope, but the country still has no central government. It remains dominated by warlords.

Yet if the Somalia effort was not a resounding victory, neither was it a humiliating defeat. It marked the first time the military was used in a humanitarian effort and provided many lessons in the problems of working with other United Nations troops in keeping the peace. Above all, it proved convincingly that, good intentions notwithstanding, there are limits to the role of military might in the new world order.

THE SHORTEST  
DISTANCE  
BETWEEN TWO  
POINTS  
IS ALWAYS UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION.



One of the reasons for going into Somalia in the first place. Couldn't you just hug her?



# DRF equipment sets sail for Somalia



A Bradley Fighting Vehicle from 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, is guided by Air Force crewmen into the belly of a C-5A aircraft. The Bradley was among the last of the division's Immediate Ready Company's vehicles to be flown to Somalia last week.

*"If someone gets in your way, you're better off saying something like 'Listen, I can't protect you if you are in front of me,' instead of: 'Listen dipstick, get the hell out of my way.'"*

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Tuesday. Hundreds of wheeled and tracked vehicles, and a wide assortment of support equipment belonging to the 24th Infantry Division which was ordered to Somalia by President Clinton on Thursday, began the journey by ship to the African nation late Tuesday.

"The 24th Infantry Division is in the business of crisis response — to respond to the directives of our National Command Authority in crisis situations. And that, in fact, is what has happened here," said Maj. Gen. Paul E. Blackwell, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Stewart, in explaining how soldiers moved the mountain of equipment to the port in less than 48 hours, and soldiers and others readied it for sail in another two days.

The equipment, which makes up the Division Ready Force or DRF, includes 26 Abrams M1A1 tanks, 28 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, six Cavalry Fighting Vehicles, eight M109 Howitzers, seven Armored Combat Earthmovers, two Armored Vehicle Launch Bridges, a number of other tracked and wheeled vehicles, including transport trucks, supply trucks, and "humvees" rounded out the DRF equipment.

The Denebola Sealift Ship state p

The Denebola had been ready to sail as early as Monday, but it was held at moor to allow non-divisional equipment from other stateside units and posts to be loaded, said officials. It is expected to arrive in Somalia in 12 to 14 days, where it will be met by the 850 24th Inf. Div. soldiers also ordered there on Thursday, they said.

Those soldiers, from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor; 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery; 3rd Engineer Battalion; 124th Military Intelligence Battalion; 24th Signal Battalion; and 224th and 724th Forward Support battalions will be flown to the country from Hu Army Airfield early next week.

They will join nearly other 24th troops in the country embattled capital city, inc' 183 who were ordered to the 24th's Immediate Company.

The IRC, including from C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry; a platoon Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor; and a number of service support personnel equipped with four tanks and 14 Bradley Vehicles. It was alerted at 4 a.m., and its last troops boarded C-5A

**Do not:**  
Enter a mosque unless invited.  
If invited, remove your shoes before entering.

Pass in front of a prayer rug while a Muslim is in prayer.

Take photographs of a Muslim while he is in prayer or stare at them while praying.

During the holy month of Ramadan eat, smoke, or drink in public from sunrise to sunset or offer food, beverages, or tobacco products to Muslims.

(Reprinted from U.S. Combined Arms Command Center for Army Lessons Learned "Somalia" booklet.)

Somalia, an east coast African country, is not quite as big as Texas. It straddles the equator with the Indian Ocean on the east, the Gulf of Aden to the north, Ethiopia and Djibouti to the west and Kenya on the southwest border. All borders are arbitrary and were drawn during colonial times. Most of these borders have been disputed by Somalia and its neighbors. The location of Somalia is strategically significant because of its coastline on the Horn of Africa in relation to shipping traffic through the Red Sea and Suez Canal.

The Somali terrain is mostly flat to undulating plateau rising to hills in the north. Natural resources include uranium and largely unexploited reserves of iron ore, tin, gypsum, bauxite, copper and salt. The average life expectancy is 56-years for males and 57-years for females (1992). The official religion is Sunni Muslim. The official language is Somali, with some Arabic, Italian and English also spoken. The 1990 estimated literacy rate is 36 percent males and 14 percent females.

#### Rear Detachment Points of Contact for units deploying to Somalia

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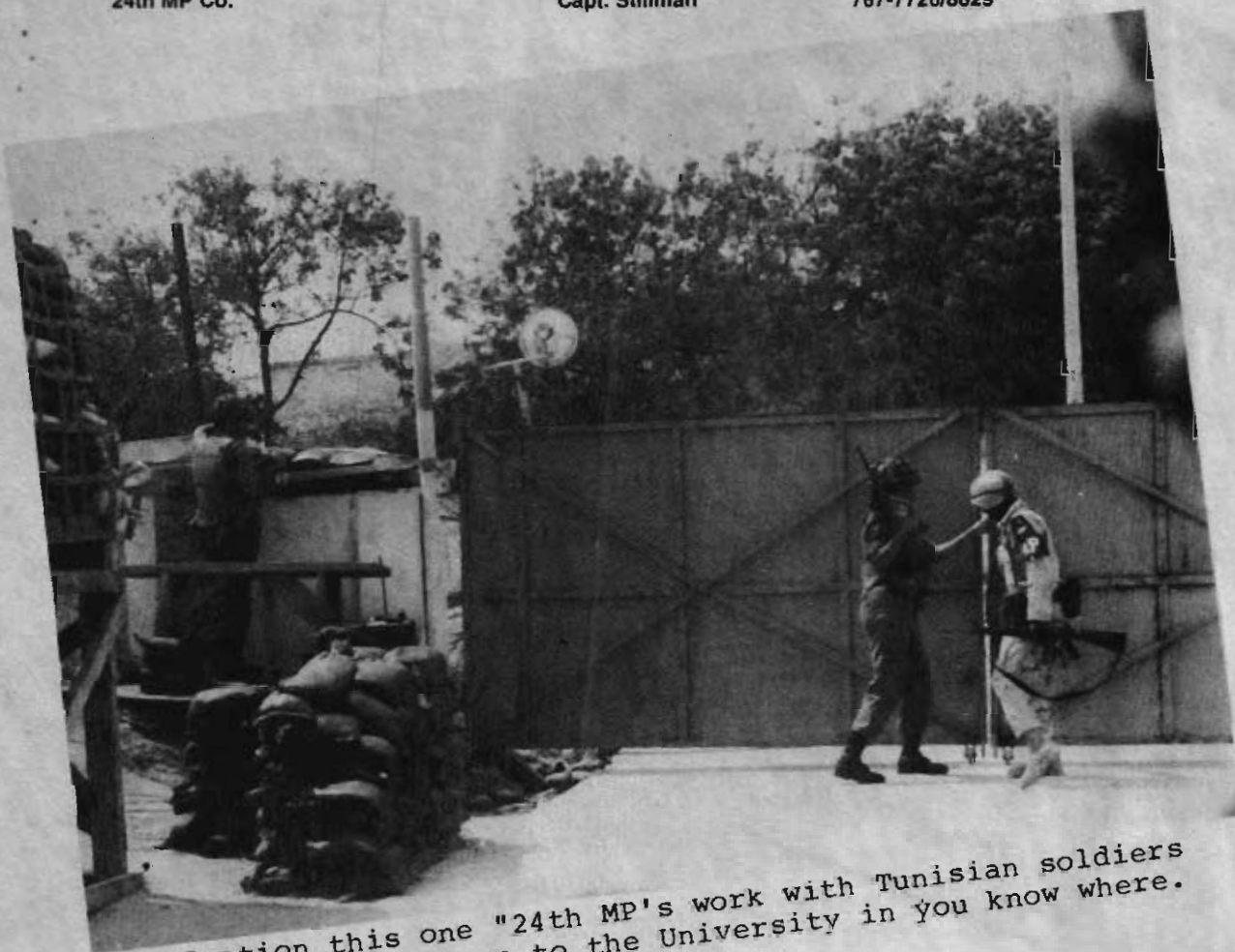
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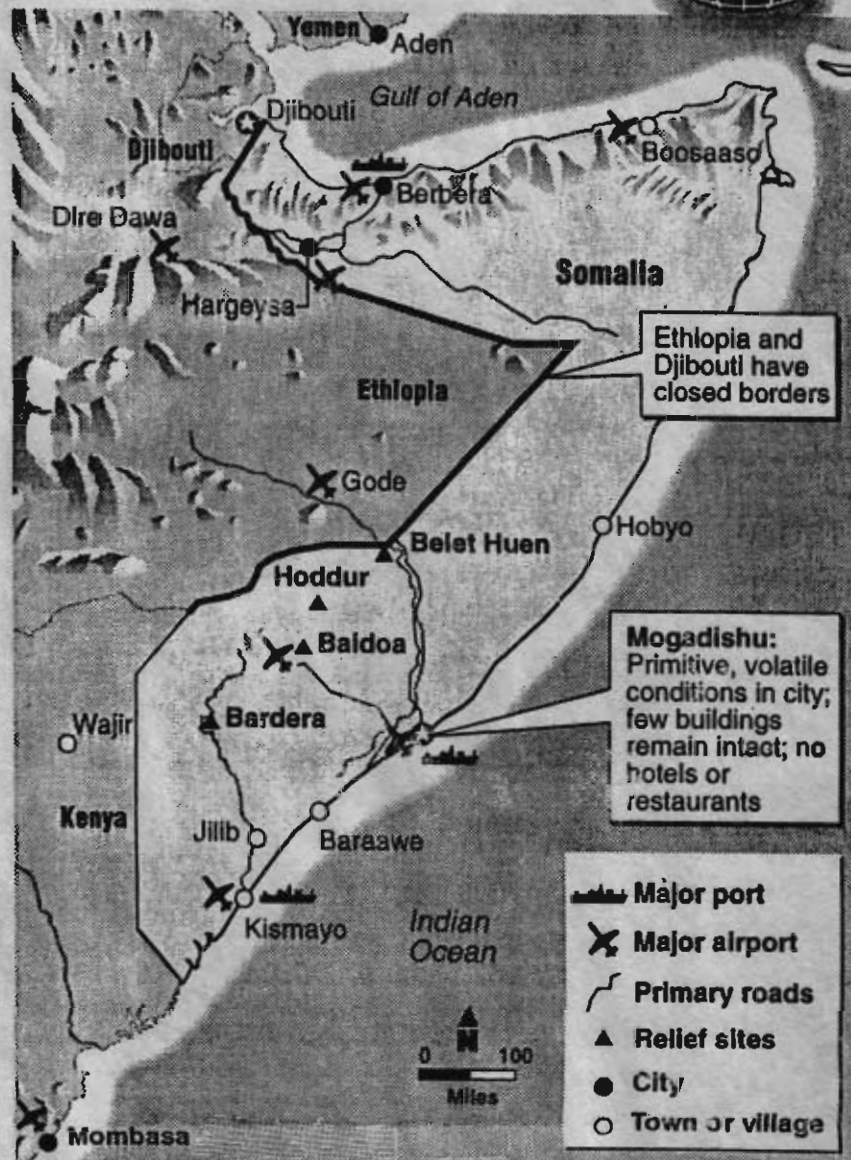
Caption this one "24th MP's work with Tunisian soldiers guarding the entrance to the University in you know where.



# prepare for deployment

## Somalia's desperate living conditions

Years of civil war have led to anarchy in Somalia, where living conditions are very grim:



SOURCE: NewsGuide International; Research by PAT CARR

"We do have some requirements to prepare for redeployment, and we're trying to do that while maintaining our daily missions."

-Lt. Col. Robert L. Clark IV  
Task Force 1-64 Armor  
commander

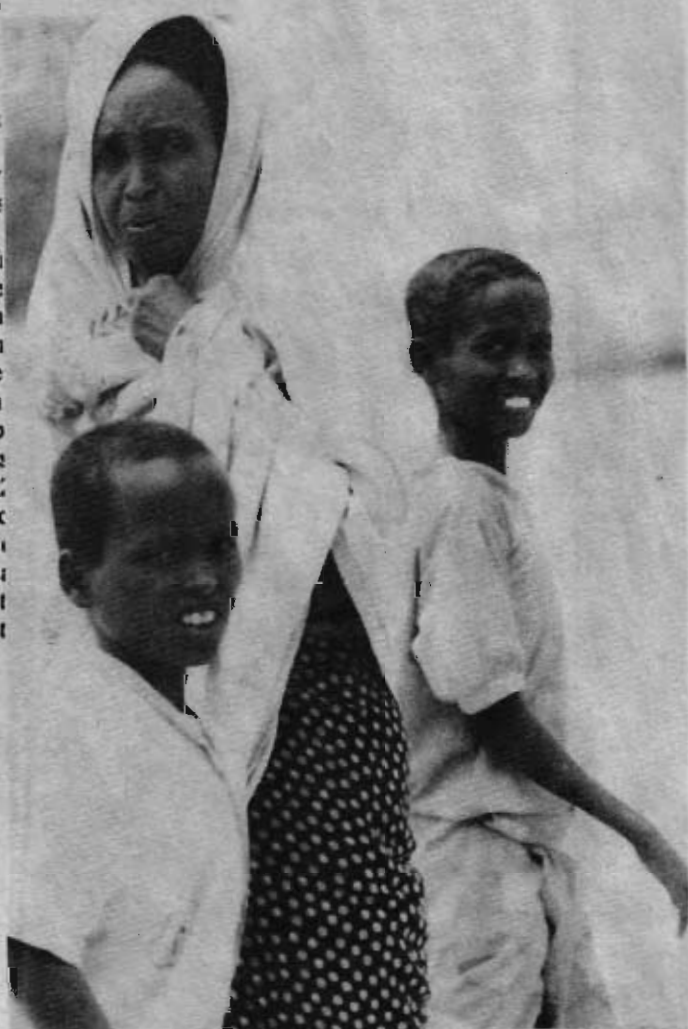
# 226th SSC serves needy in Somalia

By Matt J. Johnson  
HQ 583rd Area Support Group - PAO

MOGADISHU, Somalia—Deploying and providing direct support to a humanitarian relief effort and troops are nothing new to the soldiers of the 226th Supply and Service Company.

(office supplies, tools, and uniform items), Class IIIP (oils and lubricants), Class IIIs (bulk JP-5 and mogas), Class IV (building and construction supplies) and Class VII (major end items such as trucks and generators) supplies, Collins, a Lewiston, N.Y. native, added.

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Something that we notice about most of their pictures - their teeth - shining white. Mamasan wasn't going to let us see hers.

# Hunter soldiers part of force remaining in Somalia to support U.N. mission of hope

## K Company returns from Somalia mission

One of the units that has been in Somalia for four months is Hunter's 226th Supply

By Steve Hart  
MAAF Public Affairs Office

After four and one-half months in Somalia, 117 soldiers of K Company, 159th Aviation Regiment returned Aug. 9 to Hunter Army Airfield.

As they disembarked the charter aircraft, Old Glory stiched prominently to their right sleeves. They were greeted by joyous spouses, family members, and their rear detachment colleagues.

"Fort Stewart and the United States of America are damn proud of what you accomplished in Somalia. All of you are combat veterans; hell, each and every one of you," said Lt. Col. Dan Brostrom, 924th Aviation Support Battalion commander.

"What is really important is the dangerous mission you had over there ... and that each and every one of you came back safe. Very few units can come back from an exercise like this without any injuries or loss of life," added Brostrom during his welcoming address to the soldiers.

K Company deployed to Somalia on April 26 to support the United Nations Coalition Forces, "Operation Restore Hope." They performed aviation intermediate maintenance in Mogadishu while attached to the 10th Mountain Division. They often had to perform their duties while subjected to mortar and rocket fire.

soldiers.  
Celebrating his homecoming, said that he was ...

### 226th SSC finishes up mission of hope in Somalia

Special to the Patriot  
226th Supply and Service Company

While thousands of marines, sailors, airmen, and soldiers have been reunited with loved ones after spending months in Somalia, the 226th Supply and Service Company out of Fort Stewart is still in Somalia supporting Operation Restore Hope.

Over 100 soldiers, as part of the Joint Task Force Support Command, have been in theater for almost four months.

According to Capt. Bob Charles, commander of the unit ...

UN Coalition forces with support in the areas of food, water, sodas, and fuel. Over 1.7 million meals, almost 3 million bottles of water, and 947,000 cans of soda have been issued by the 226th to the troops who are in Somalia.

"I am extremely proud of every officer, NCO, and soldier as they have performed superbly under some of the toughest conditions," said Charles.

Although the main mission is to support the civilian population ...

During one incident, while on a recent convoy between Mogadishu and Kismayo in support of the Quick Reaction Force, Pfc. Juan Betancourt instructed Pvt. 2 Roscoe Moore, his assistant driver, to put on his goggles for more eye protection as they were approaching a village known for its truck throwing.

Less than a minute later, a large rock struck Moore on the corner of his goggles and bounced safely away.

Company commander ended Betancourt for his heroism.

ing in a United Nations mission has also provided many unique opportunities to learn from different cultures. Soldiers are able to serve in a variety of capacities, many 226th soldiers enhanced their military skills in the area of promotion and company officials. The

March and April promoting headquarters in Mogadishu, received a new promotion specialist. Additionally, two soldiers earned the promotion of taking treatment roles.

"The soldiers of the 226th have wisely put the experience they learned from two previous deployments to work for them. We are working smarter and safer," Charles said. "It is a testament to the soldiers discipline and common sense approach to accomplishing the mission that has allowed the 226th to perform month after month without any serious accidents or any serious injuries."

Company soldiers are now just looking forward to redeployment for friends and family reunion, good food and some well-deserved time off, said Charles.

The unit was initially comprised of 43 reservists from all over the United States. Although many of those soldiers have redeployed, 16 still remain to receive, sort and mail.

of those soldiers, Sgt. 1st Ronald B. Gay, is in the main post office in the embassy grounds. He also served in Saudi



A soldier weeps during the memorial service for the four Americans killed when the HHMMWV they were riding in was destroyed by an explosive device.



Cracked windshields remind soldiers of the dangers that are present around every corner.



A collection of news releases as they appeared in Stewart's "Patriot":

# CG visits 24th Inf. Div. soldiers in Somalia

By Spec. Bernadette J. Paris  
Joint Information Bureau Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Maj. Gen. Paul E. Blackwell, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), did not have a holiday greeting for soldiers of Task Force 1-64 deployed here. "I didn't come over here to wish you a Merry Christmas," he told them during a recent visit to Victory Base. "I came over here during the Christmas season to tell you how very proud I am."

For the past 18 months, elements of the division have been part of a rapid deployment force, capable of deploying anywhere in the world within eighteen hours. From deployments to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., to "Victory Focus" to Egypt's "Bright Star," the division has had several chances to practice its rapid deployment know-how.

Since this transition has occurred, Blackwell said he has been impressed with the results. "I'm very, very proud of the professional standards of excellence they (24th ID soldiers) have," he said. "If they were selling stock in the 24th Infantry Division, I'd buy stock because they've demonstrated what rapid deployment is all about."

Although...

"You can be very proud of the difference you've made by demonstrating to the world what power projection is all about."

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Blackwell,  
Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division

ideal place to be during the holiday season, he asked his soldiers to keep their chin up. "This isn't a...

doing. You ought to be proud of yourselves." They also should be proud, he said, of their efforts in demonstrating a show of force here. "You can be very proud of the difference you've made by demonstrating to the world what power projection is all about. You've done good," he said. Blackwell also addressed several concerns brought up by the soldiers, from promotions to completed enlistments to worn out boots. The "Victory division" commander also told the group their families are being taken care of and support centers are working well. Last, but not least, he mentioned the March 31 deadline for U.S. troops to be home, and encouraged them to look towards that end.

## Division soldiers provide vital communication link in Africa

By Spec. Bernadette J. Paris  
Joint Information Bureau Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Soldiers in Somalia may not get many chances to "let their fingers to the walking," but they would not be able to communicate at all if it wasn't for the signal corps.

Company D, 24th Signal Battalion, Fort Stewart is one of the units that make local and long distance correspondence possible.

The 20 soldiers from Co. D are responsible for all communications at Victory Base, but they have also established communications at the University compound and the Mogadishu International Airport. When they arrived Oct. 23, the unit installed phones for morale purposes for each unit at Victory Base, and relayed emergency messages to the Red Cross and Army chaplains until telephone services were set up.

"The morale value we've set up to help the...

The required switchboard operation place in small extension node "V2 locations at Victory Base. Before the MSE system was an analog system was prone to interference pr Rodriguez said, and was not as rel the MSE system. "This system is also a lot clear faster than the old system," Yzeia s can communicate objectives such as...

Thursday, January 27, 1994 PATRIOT -5A

## Medics provide aid for Task Force 1-64, Somalis

By Sgt. Peter Rimar  
24th ID (M) and Fort Stewart PAO Forward

Medics from the 224th Support Battalion were called upon to provide emergency medical assistance recently to five Somalis injured in an explosion near Victory Base, Mogadishu, Somalia. Four Somalis were killed and more than 20 injured when an unexploded mine was accidentally detonated at a nearby trash pit.

"One child had a complete amputation and another child [had] various shrapnel wounds, to include one in the right leg which fractured the bone," said Spec. Beth Lares, a 224th medic whose primary mission is to provide medical care to the soldiers assigned to Fort Stewart's Task Force 1-64.

"For me it was a learning experience. Here, I've actually had a chance to treat some patients, and aside from Somali casualties and the ugly part of it, I've learned a lot out here," added Pvt. 2 Harriet Greene, another 224th medic. The Somalis were digging in the area just north of Victory Base when the explosion occurred, according to reports.

According to a civil affairs officer who visited the scene, there was a considerable amount of unexploded ordnance still buried in the immediate area. The Somalis drove the injured to the Victory Base front gate seeking treatment. Due to the life threatening nature of the injuries, the Somalis were given immediate medical attention and evacuated to a nearby army hospital.

## TF 1-64 continues to provide security in Somalia

By Sgt. Peter Rimar  
Staff Writer

U.S. military supply routes, Task force soldiers have been able to accomplish a tough mission. "What stands out in my mind and I'm sure will stand out... the from

# Division soldiers to depart for Somalia

The 900 24th Infantry Division soldiers who will provide "additional capabilities to support and defend" U.S. and United Nations forces in Somalia will depart for the country in the next few days, according to division officials.

The soldiers, from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor; 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery; 3rd Engineer Battalion; 124th Military Intelligence Battalion; 24th Signal Battalion; and the 224th and 724th Support battalions, should arrive in the East African nation just ahead of the hundreds of wheeled and tracked vehicles, and wide assortment of support equipment they will use during their up-to-six-month tours there.

That equipment, including 26 Abrams M1A1 tanks, 28 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, six Cavalry Fighting Vehicles, eight M109 Howitzers, seven Armored Combat Earthmovers, and two Vehicle Launch Bridges, began the 10- to 14-day voyage by ship to Somalia early last week, the officials said.

The troops will also join nearly 250 other 24th soldiers who were ordered to the African nation Oct. 4, including soldiers

from C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry; a platoon from B Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor; and a number of combat service support personnel. The earlier group flew with equipment, including Abrams tanks and Fighting Vehicle aircraft.

President Clinton said troops based in October will be sent to roads and security. The troops will keep cutting out our

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## Division soldiers arrive in Somalia

company from the 1st Battalion 41st Field Artillery and various



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You all gonna fit in that little plane?  
The scene - Hunter AFB. Destination - Somalia.  
(Ed.note: They did - easily.)

# Soldiers' letters reflect lighter side of Somalia deployment

On the offensive strikes by U.N. forces against Somali bandits:

"The fireworks began at 1 p.m. the AC-130 gunship pounded (Gen. Mohammed Farrah) Aided's compound for over an hour. This was only a mile away, so it was quite a show."  
 "Halfway through the bombardment I watched CNN. They are showing a telephone interview with a report at the journalists' hotel (on the K-A traffic circle here). It reminded me of the first night (the U.S.) bombed Baghdad. It was startling to see the actual bombing in person and on TV at the same time."

Thursday, September 2, 1993 PATRIOT -11A

MOGADISHU, Somalia — When pencil and the creative minds of soldiers meet, there's sure to be some interesting things written about the servicemembers' travels, troubles and triumphs. Summog the simple scenery of sandy Somalia into the package, and the letters get, well, a tad bit more interesting.

Many poke fun at the food and living conditions here, perhaps the two most-adored items in their lives. Others pen their observations — some endearing, some not so endearing — of the country and its people. Almost all inject some hint of humor into their prose.

Following are some excerpts of letters written home by the desert BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) — clad soldiers now serving here:

On soldiers' faux pas:  
 Spec. (name withheld) was slightly injured while in the service of his country when the door of a five-ton truck attacked and threw him from the vehicle's step. Onlookers gave him a '10' for originality, but only a '4.3' for style."

On working with military personnel from many different nations:  
 "In the mess hall I saw the advance party of the Romanian hospital. Troops from the United States, Romania, France, Germany and Korea (just to name a few) sitting together in the same mess hall would have been inconceivable several years ago. How the world has changed."

## On first arriving in Somalia:

"...We arrived, got our briefings on playing cards, watching videos, how to get the perfect 'birthday suit' tan, and the Mombasa (Kenya) vacation plan. Sounds too good to be true? It was."

"Within 48 hours ... a strange thing happened. The rainy season (known as the "long rain" by the locals) hit, the Mombasa trips get cancelled, equipment starts to break or fail, and the phone doesn't work."

"So, how are we doing? Find, we have adapted and overcome."

"Send money, guns and lawyers."

## On showering:

"Normally, you hop out of bed, walk a few steps to the bathroom, and turn on a hot shower, right? Well, not in Somalia you don't. Here a little more is required."  
 "First, you must get dressed to go to the shower because it's located about a block and a half away. Then you enter a shower that has no temperature controls. Whatever the outside temperature happens to be is what drives the water temperature."

"But you must enter the shower at the correct time."  
 "If you are female, use the B shower: from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and if you are male, use the A shower from 6:30 to 8 a.m. If you have had your hair cut or if you are going to the field you must use the A shower before 6:30 a.m. if you're female, and the B shower before 6:30 a.m. if you're male, except on Saturday ... or if you're on the night shift ... or if you've had your hair cut, but ..."

## On a mid-tour move from the town of Baledogle to the capital city:

"The packers showed up early in the morning. As they furiously packed up all of the household goods (military stuff) a soldier went out to the donut shop (mess tent) and got them some mantelpiece (MREs, or Meals Ready to Eat). Late afternoon the moving van (14-ton trailer) arrived. The movers struggled with the heavy boxes of china (blank forms) and the expensive boxes of furniture (field desk and table) from our penitentiary room in the tower to the moving truck (HMMWV). As the moving truck drive away we began filling out the claims forms, anticipating about 30-percent loss."

## On that same move, a few days later:

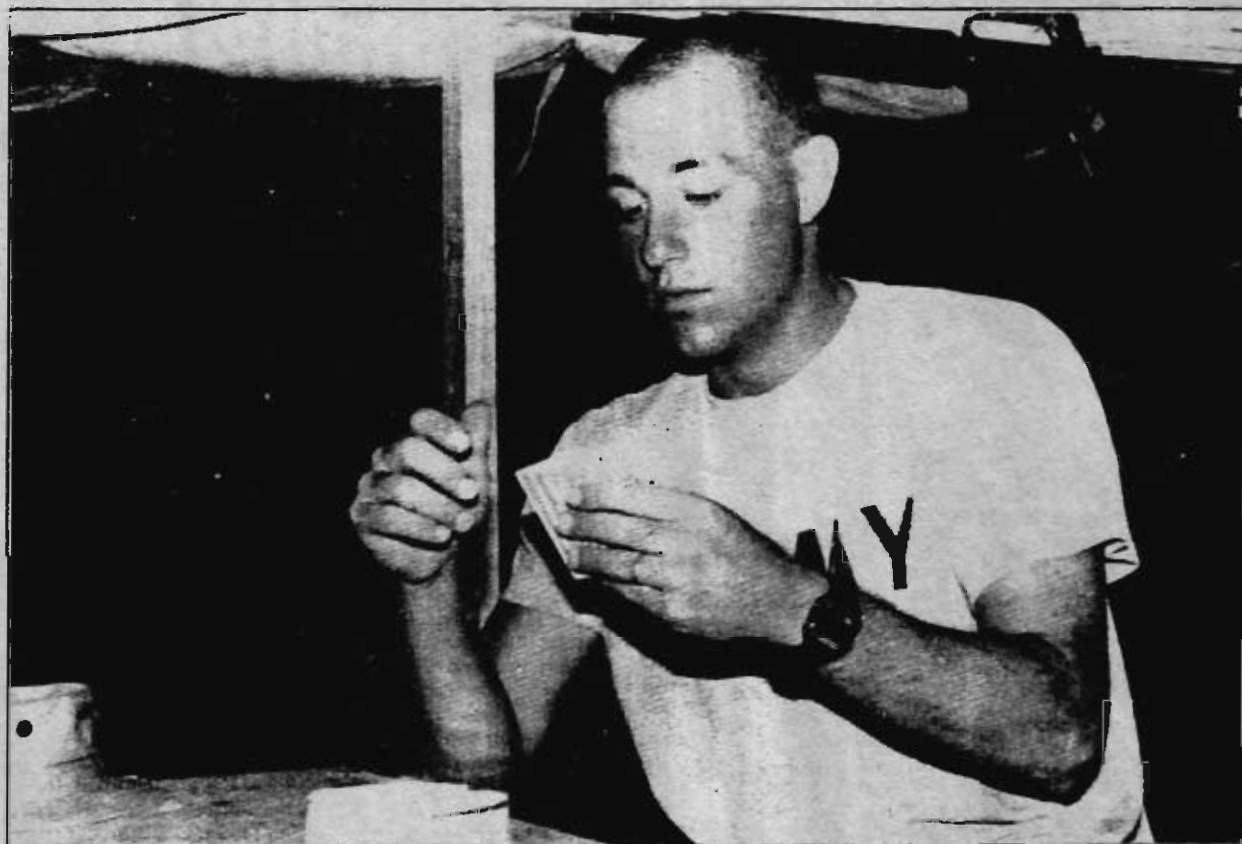
"...Hi, I'm the S-2 (intelligence officer) Larry and this is my NCOIC Darvil and my other soldier Darvil. All the waterbeds are being filled and the air conditioners hooked up. We have been promised that the swimming pool will be full by Saturday, and that the bowling alley should be finished by the end of next week."

On life in a tent city at Mogadishu airport:  
 "...Accommodations include showers for 18, open-air dining and a sea breeze that ensures your room will always have a beach inside."





Somalia bound. They weigh in.  
Sorry we don't have a name or two on  
this one.



*Photo by Spec. Bernadette Paris*

Sgt. Todd Ives, 3rd Section, C Btry., 1st Bn., 41st FA, plays cards to beat the boredom that many combat arms soldiers encounter in Somalia.

## Commentary

# If only they'd called it like it was in Somalia

What went wrong with the U.S. mission in Somalia? Why did an effort that started out so well become so confused and hesitant that U.S. forces were reduced to playing it safe and marking time until they could get out?

One of the primary causes was the failure of both the Bush and Clinton administrations to perceive and portray the situation in Somalia for what it really was: insurgency against U.N. authority. Indeed, UNOSOM II, with its preponderance of Americans, started to run into difficulty over the summer months when it began to rely on military force to solve what was largely a political problem — one of the fundamental errors a counterinsurgent can make.

Properly conducted, counterinsurgency is a synergy of humanitarian and security operations in support of a broader political agenda. No one type of operation can succeed on its own. Humanitarian operations are needed to win the hearts and minds of the people; security operations to protect the civil population from guerrillas attempting to drive a wedge between the pacifying force and the population.

For a number of reasons, Americans feel distinctly uneasy about being counterinsurgents. Conventional wisdom tells us that we are not good at counterinsurgency. But

despite a nearly 20-year relegation to doctrinal and political backwaters, the Department of Defense and the services have moved with relative alacrity in meeting requirements associated with peace operations. Besides the assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, there are deputy assistant secretaries of defense for peacekeeping/peace enforcement and humanitarian and refugee affairs.

The services' initial efforts in this area are substantial. The Training and Doctrine Command is nearing completion on its new peacekeeping manual; joint training for peace operations has begun at Fort Polk, La.; the new United States Atlantic Command has been tasked to support peace operations; and new peacekeeping curricula are being introduced or expanded at joint and service schools.

Our defense establishment is on the right track, but military officials must explain to policy-makers how similar some peace operations are to counterinsurgency or other forms of low-intensity conflict. Using synonyms like "aggravated peacekeeping" or "peace enforcement" only confuse. Had we admitted the counterinsurgency aspects of the U.N. campaign that began in May 1993, appropriate guidance could have been drawn from existing doctrine.

For example, the counterinsurgency chapter of the low-intensity conflict manual FM 100-20 correctly stresses a subordinate role for the military as only one part of a political response. "The successful counterinsurgent must realize that the true nature of the threat ... lies in the insurgent's political strength, not in his military power ... concentration on the military aspect of the threat does not address the real danger. Any strategy that does not pay continuing, serious attention to the political claims and demands of the insurgents is severely handicapped."

Despite this prescription, it apparently was not the policy that the United Nations, its seconded American leaders, and the United States quick-reaction force followed with regard to Mohammed Farah Aideed. Much of what helped to make the initial U.S. force sent to Somalia a success left with the majority of U.S. troops last spring: unity of effort,

an effective intelligence apparatus (essential in a counterinsurgency) and Ambassador Robert B. Oakley's political savvy in dealing with Somali warlords.

It took over four months of summer street battles to reach the point where we should have been last spring: negotiating with Somali and regional leaders. At the same time, our forces should have been conducting constant foot and vehicle patrols in support of civic action and humanitarian programs coordinated by the United Nations. Instead, because U.S. and U.N. leaders failed to provide a workable political framework for such activity, American soldiers were used to personalize the struggle with Aideed.

The cost was national humiliation and nearly 100 U.S. casualties. The U.S. response in the wake of the Oct. 3-4, 1993, battle was just as inappropriate in that it emphasized the political element almost to the exclusion of the military. As a result, "technical" once again roamed the streets of Mogadishu.

Given American eschewal of anything that even remotely smacks of Vietnam, I understand the political rationale for using the term "peace enforcement" to describe the mission in Somalia. But the American public's recoil from Somalia had less to do with a supposed high sensitivity to casualties and more with a shock of inverted expectations.

The country was initially led to believe its Armed Services were on a strictly humanitarian mission and was surprised when its troops started getting killed and wounded in relatively large numbers. Had the true ramifications of involvement been explained by President Bush in December 1992 or by President Clinton last spring, the public would have been prepared psychologically for casualties. And the executive and legislative branches of the government would have been forced to debate, before the fact, the merits of sending its troops to fight a counterinsurgency in the first place. Next time, tell it like it is.

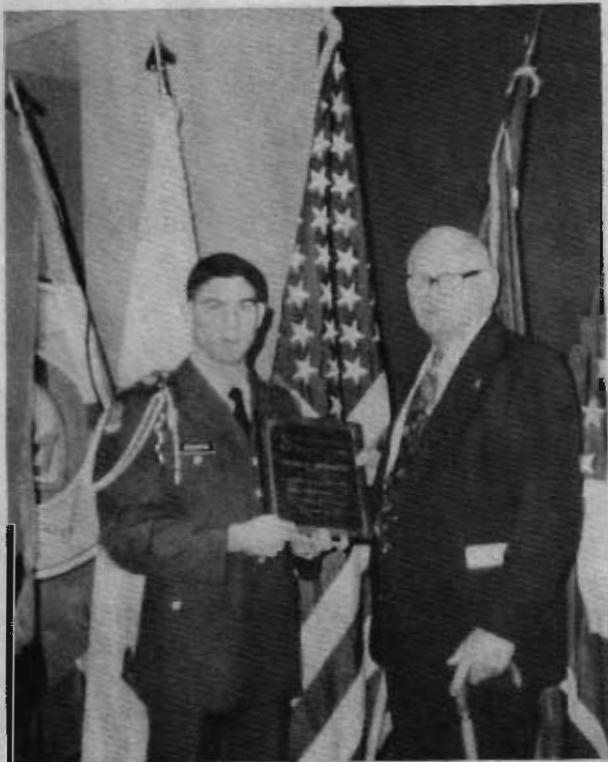
*Raffi Gregorian is a project manager of security studies for Science Applications International Corp., McLean, Va.*



Raffi  
Gregorian

# Know what's UP.

A year or so ago, BRUCE PRICE came up with the idea of our participating in the annual awards ceremony at Clemson University. Better still, he theorized, let's make our award in the name of Maj.Gen. PAUL BLACKWELL, our C.G. and a Clemson graduate. Last year, Bruce personally made the presentation of a certificate to one of their honor graduates. This year Bruce was back again to present a plaque this year to Cadet Brian P. Desantis - and here they are. We're proud of you, Brian, and we're proud, too, of Bruce for having babied his idea to actuality. Thanks.





## In the cross-fire

WILLIAM B. NELSON, JR.  
"Wild Bill" and also "Bob"  
(Serv. 19th '49-'51) 214 W.  
Mockingbird Ln., Harker Heights  
TX 76543, says that he has heart  
(balloon) surgery on March 9th.  
Says he's doing good. Sends  
along a friend's name so that  
we can entice him into our  
Association, CURTIS L. HILLEY  
(Serv. Co. 19th '49-'51)  
3800 Ann Arbor Pl., Oklahoma City  
OK 73123. Says Curtis has  
received a kidney transplant  
from his brother. Says Curtis  
is a wonderful guy who just  
visited him for awhile.

## Time To Celebrate.



By which we introduce Margie,  
the new bride of Life Member  
ED WILSON (M and MP 21st '48-  
'50). The happy couple is at  
1223 Mondale, Rockford IL 61108.  
Ed and Margie just back from  
Vegas, are planning to be at  
the dedication of the Memorial  
next year in Washington, along  
with the Pendarvis's, the Burkes  
and the Selmi's. It'll be a  
big turnout.

## TAKE FIVE

Reunion Chairperson  
JOHNNY ROUSSEL cautions that,  
in N.O., if you're out for  
personal shopping, sightseeing  
or whatever, travel not alone  
but in a group. You can say  
that as to any U.S. city - or  
town - or village - or neighbor-  
hood. Ain't it sad? Ain't it  
sadder that our governments  
are acting only slowly, if at all,  
to cure the problem - afraid of  
offending someone. You might  
ask - what were we fighting for  
when we fought? Was it worth it,  
if this is what home has become?



"You added too much water!"

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for you. Tel. 813-495-1586.

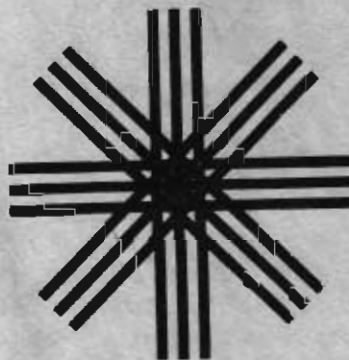
# WE INTERRUPT THIS NEWSPAPER TO GIVE YOU THE FACTS!

Since our last report, more good friends have seen fit to direct a little our way in the form of "Contributions". Some call it "For the pot". Whatever these monies are called, we are grateful - exceedingly grateful.

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By which we thank JERRY VON MOHR for sending us this one. It's the recent speech of acceptance of The National Football Foundation's Gold Medal by, who else? You got it!

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOLD MEDAL... GENERAL H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF



General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

I'm delighted to be here tonight. I'm very proud of having been a football player. I'm sorry I didn't reach my full potential, and we'll get to that in a few minutes. But I will confess to you that I'm very proud of the fact that I went to a university that had written squarely on the wall of the gymnasium that I saw every day when I went to football practice, a quote by a man by the name of MacArthur who said "Upon the fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days will bear the fruits of victory."

That certainly has not been more true than in my case, and I'm very, very proud of that. I would tell you that I never really had an opportunity to reach my full potential because of a thing called the Army-Navy game. I don't know if you all know about the Army-Navy game, but it was played

last Saturday, and modesty prevents me from announcing the results at this time. But as Joe Steffy will tell you, we had a coach during my years, Colonel Earl 'Red' Blaik. A lot of people called him 'Red Blaik,' but we called him 'Colonel.' I can assure you of that.

Red Blaik, in preparation for the Navy game, did something that was not entirely unique, but it was certainly unique to me at the time, and that is he would take the entire freshman football team and put us all in Navy jerseys. And then we would go out, and for two solid weeks, we would go into Michie stadium, the only time we were allowed to go into the stadium other than games, and we would run nothing but Navy plays for two solid weeks.

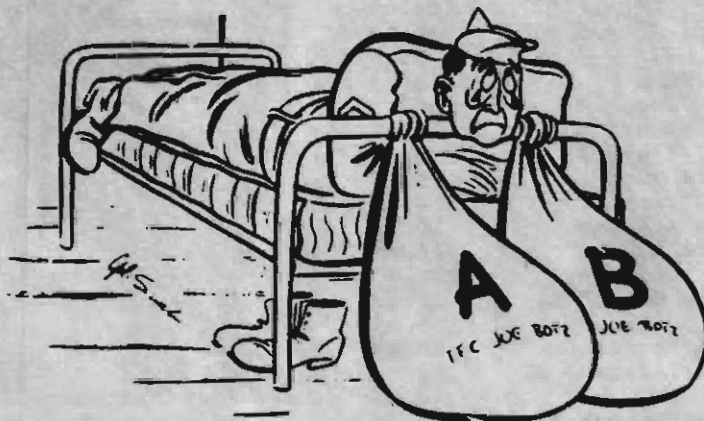
I can remember the day that I was issued my Navy jersey. I think the number was #66, and when they issued it to me they said "Oh, you've got #66." And I said "Yeah, I've got #66," and I wasn't really sure what that meant, but a lot of people were shaking their heads when they gave me the jersey.

We went up to Michie stadium, and the first thing that Colonel Blaik did was he went down the line and talked about every player on the Navy team. He lined up in our positions. I was a defensive specialist and I played noseguard, and he walked down and started with the defensive ends. "This is Joe Smith, he's 6'3" and he weighs



The National Football Foundation's Gold Medal.

200 pounds, and his girlfriend's name is Mary and..." I mean, he knew everything about every one of these players and as he was reading it off, the entire members of the Army varsity were looking at these people. He got to me and he put his hand on my shoulder. Now I've got to tell you that to have Colonel Blaik put his hand on your shoulder was second only to being touched by the Almighty, and I'll tell you, it was like being touched by the Almighty for me, but he put his hand on my shoulder and he said "This is Eisenhower." Now, you might think that it's great to be called Eisenhower when you're a plebe at West Point, but that's not who he was calling me. Navy had an All-America nose guard whose name was Steve Eisenhower.





## H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF...Continued

and Blaik's only comment was "This is Eisenhower, he's the man I want you to get." And I looked up and the entire team was staring at me with blood in their eyes.

For the next two weeks, I was mauled, mashed, mutilated, beat up, I mean you have no idea. On the last day of practice I was blown right off the field with both knees taken out. I watched the Army-Navy game on crutches. I had stitches in my mouth, I had brush burns all over my face, and I've got to tell you, I'd gotten a tremendous feeling of accomplishment when at the end of the game in the fourth quarter, Steve Eisenhower finally went down. I had paid my price for Army football. I want you know that.

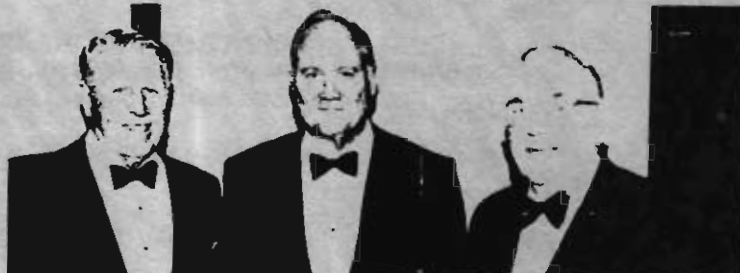
People say that this country is "going to hell in a handbag" because our youth is going to hell in a handbag. The youth of America is isn't worth a damn, they can't provide the leadership that we should have for this great nation. I hope that all of you tonight listened very, very carefully when these magnificent young men were introduced to you. This is what the youth of America is all about, and America is in

great shape for a very, very long time.

I am under no illusions as to why I was invited here tonight. It's because I was lucky enough to be the quarterback of a great team. So in closing I want to tell you about my team. 541,000 magnificent men and women who were ripped on short notice from

other reason than because their country asked them to.

The magnificent men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, 541,000 of them. That was my team, and like any quarterback worth his salt, I'm very proud to say that we won that great



(Left to right): Foundation Chairman, Bill Pearce; 1993 Gold Medalist, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and 1992 Gold Medalist, Don Keough.

the arms of their families, and were sent half way around the world to a cruel and unforgiving environment, where they suffered heat of 140-150 degrees during the daytime. And they lived in holes in the ground where they were covered by insects, facing the possibility of death. And indeed, some of them in fact gave their lives for no

victory against our enemy because of the team. So I want to say to the National Football Foundation, how very, very proud I am to accept this award, how very, very proud I am to be here tonight. But I want you to understand, that I am accepting this award, and thanking you on behalf of my team. Thank you very much.



"Permission to enter the no-fly zone?"



—PETRICK—

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND FORT STEWART  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

March 24, 1994

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers,

I'm happy to be able to report that only about 100 of our Victory Division soldiers remain in Somalia at the time of this writing. They will have returned by the time you read this. In light of this, and the fact that Ken Ross told me that this issue of the "Taro Leaf" would have Somalia as its theme, I'd like to do a quick retrospective for you.

You'll recall that although we sent Task Force 1-64 over to Mogadishu in early October 1993 upon order of the President, smaller contingents of 24th Infantry Division soldiers had been involved in supporting UNOSOM work in Somalia from the first. At that time the operation was dubbed "Restore Hope." As time went on, and efforts to get food, medical supplies, and other humanitarian relief items to Somali civilians succeeded, that name was changed to "Continue Hope." Victory Division soldiers contributed directly to that success as well. Ultimately, after the attack against the Rangers on 3 October we were called upon to send in armored vehicles and over 1100 additional soldiers to provide "armored force protection" to UNOSOM forces in Somalia.

That effort proved to be extremely successful, ensuring that all UNOSOM military personnel could conduct operations under significantly more secure conditions. Task Force 1-64 soldiers performed a wide variety of missions, none of which I could ever truly do justice to here. Our infantrymen and tankers escorted convoys carrying humanitarian relief supplies; without the protection afforded by our armored vehicles and highly-trained soldiers, those supplies simply would not have gotten to their intended destinations. Our engineers constructed living areas, fortified existing bases, and performed minesweeping operations. Our medical personnel provided essential medical assistance to Somali civilians as well as to UNOSOM personnel. Our logistics soldiers ensured that the task force had all the ammunition, maintenance, supply, and transportation support the task force needed. And all our soldiers, regardless of MOS, performed superbly well despite prolonged separation from family and friends and extremely harsh living conditions.

Meanwhile, back here at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, our family support group system went into high gear. The people and resources to provide much-needed assistance to family members of soldiers deployed to Somalia came together to staff our Family Support Group Resource Center. Innovations such as family member access to electronic mail to soldiers in Somalia helped to alleviate family member concerns.

Likewise, the local community support system couldn't have been better. Our civilian neighbors displayed an outpouring of concern by sending our soldiers "care packages" through Operation Dear Abby. Local businesses worked with us to ensure that single soldiers who deployed didn't have their telephones and cable service disconnected.

In short, our soldiers, family members and civilian neighbors worked extremely well together and succeeded just as we needed them to do. I couldn't be more proud. Additionally, your thoughts and prayers contributed to the safe and speedy return of our soldiers. I sincerely appreciate your care and concern over the past several months.

Although we've had welcome-home ceremonies as our soldiers arrived, on April 8 we'll have one big ceremony with everyone on hand. For those of you who will be in the area, please feel free to join us in celebrating the safe return of all the great Americans in Task Force 1-64 at 9:00 a.m. that day on Cottrell Field, Ft. Stewart.

VICTORY!



Paul E. Blackwell  
Major General, USA  
Commanding





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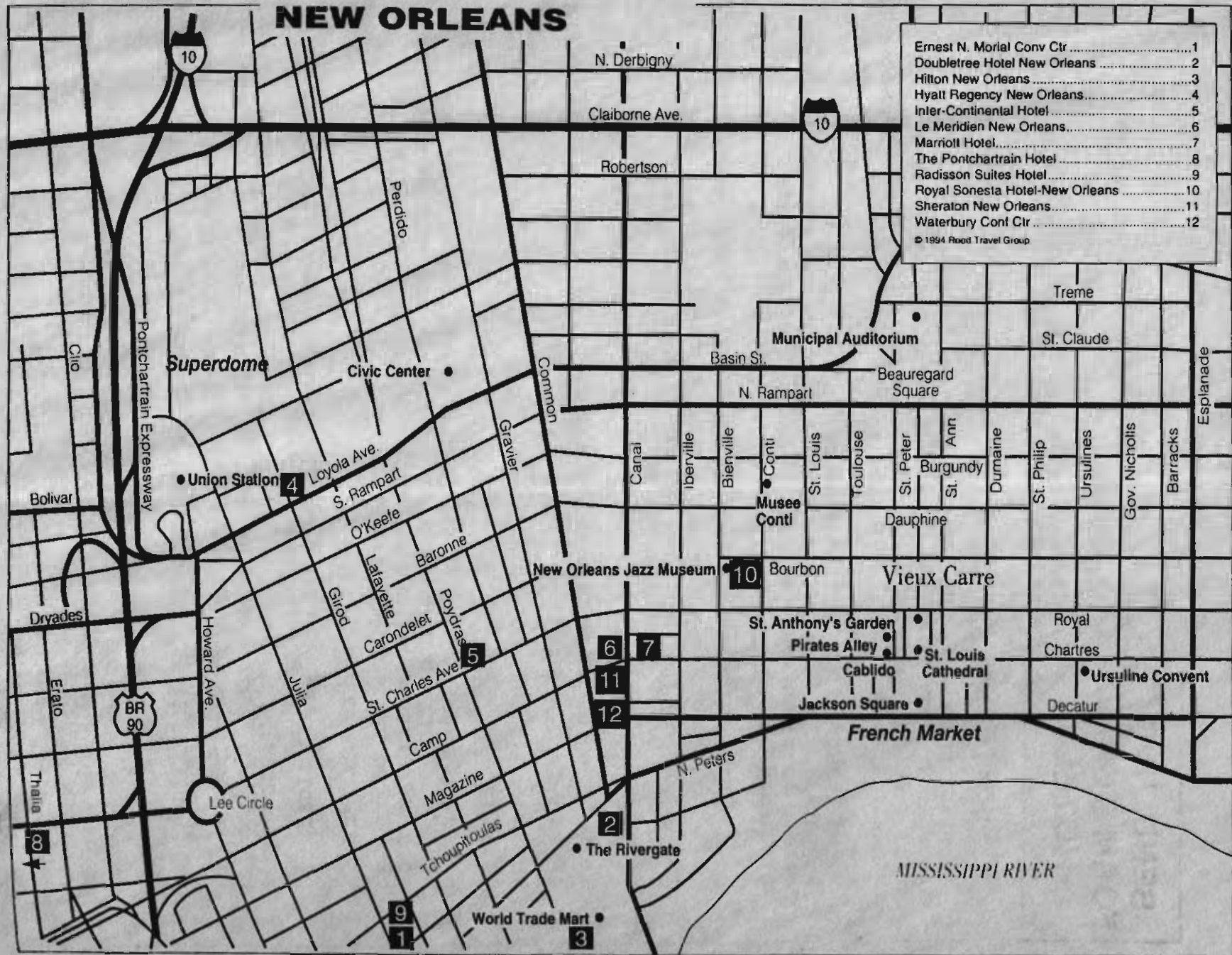
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REUNION NOTES  
by John Roussel

The 1994 Annual Reunion will be in New Orleans, LA, at the Marriott Hotel, 555 Canal Street.

Special Events scheduled are listed in the outline of activities to be published in the "Taro Leaf."

Tours selected are ones that will give an insight into the history of New Orleans and South Louisiana. Make reservations early. The tour company will require periodical updates on the number of participants. Tours will require a minimum of 40 participants. If a tour is cancelled, a refund will be made to the participant.

Hotel reservations must be received by the hotel by August 14, 1994, to be assured of a room at the special rate. Late reservations will be confirmed on a space available basis.

Reservation request must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. If made by phone, specify that you are attending the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion to obtain special rate.

Reunion Registration desk will be open:

Wednesday	1 p.m. to 8 p.m. (if needed)
Thursday	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A special evening tour of the French Quarter is planned for those who wish to go in a group. Reservations will be made at the Registration Desk during the meeting. This desk will be handled by Jerrico personnel.

RV Parking

Two KOA: 1) New Orleans East - Thirty minutes to Downtown New Orleans; 2) New Orleans West - River Ridge. Area transportation by Jerrico, our tour agents. Several private campgrounds located on Chef Menteur Highway (US 90). Listed in AAA Campbook of Southeastern States.

The Marriott Hotel cannot accommodate RV's in their indoor parking area.

Dinners - Individuals who wish to be seated together should request such arrangements at time of reservation. Later requests may be difficult to honor. Group reservations would be desirable.





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One day he was telling a friend about this wonderful doctor.

Friend said, "What's his name? I notice my memory is slipping."

Old man says, "Just a minute. I've got to use the system the Doctor taught me. What's the name of a city in northern Italy famous for its art works?"

Friend replied, "Florence".

Old man says: "That's it."

Turning to his wife, he says, "Oh Florence, what's the name of that Doctor?"



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***Tour #1: Whirl Around the Crescent City***

Your whirlwind tour of the Crescent City begins in the French Quarter and takes you completely around the city, showing all of the colorful and historical areas, including a hands-on visit to one of our unusual cemeteries. Tour includes tour guide; transportation; Complete City Tour, taxes and gratuities. Wednesday, September 14, 1994; 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; \$15 per person.

***Tour #2: Country Life and City Life***

Today you'll be transported to one of the most notable estates in the United States - Longue Vue House and Gardens. This estate, which encompasses eight acres right in the heart of the city, has fabulous gardens which are designed for year-around appeal, as well as a beautiful home that was fashioned after the great country homes in England. Before departing for the country, a garden luncheon will be served. Next, the motorcoach departs for the country to visit San Francisco Plantation. The home has been completely and painstakingly restored and authentically furnished, and is a brilliant example of the life-style that ended with the Civil War. Tour includes motorcoach transportation, licensed tour guide, admission to Longue Vue House and Gardens and San Francisco Plantation, all taxes and gratuities, and lunch. Thursday, September 15, 1994; 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; \$35 per person.

***Tour #3: Whirl Around the Crescent City and Mardi Gras World***

Your whirlwind tour of the Crescent City begins in the French Quarter and takes you completely around the city, showing all of the colorful and historical areas, including a hands-on visit to one of our unusual cemeteries. End your journey with a tour of the factory that creates the world-famous Mardi Gras floats. Tour includes tour guide; transportation; Complete City Tour, admission to Mardi Gras World including a video presentation. King Cake and refreshments; taxes and gratuities. Thursday, September 15, 1994; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; \$22 per person.

***Tour #4: Historic French Quarter Houses***

Walking around New Orleans' historic French Quarter is a visual delight. The architecture is a blend of French and Spanish and the muted pastels which color the narrow facades of the houses bring to mind a Mediterranean setting. Today you'll gain entrance into a private world of three of these houses, all historic, all reflecting the life styles from three different periods of New Orleans' history. Light refreshments will be served at one of the homes. Tour includes admission to three historic homes, a guided walking tour of the French Quarter, tour guides, refreshments, taxes, and gratuities. Thursday, September 15, 1994; 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; \$20 per person.

***Tour #5: Marshes and Mansions***

A comprehensive tour of one of the most photographed and famous ante-bellum homes, Oak Alley, and an exciting venture into an authentic Louisiana swamp has been planned today. A plantation luncheon will be served as this is an all day adventure. Tour includes transportation, tour guide, admission to Oak Alley and a Swamp Tour, lunch, taxes and gratuities. Friday, September 16, 1994; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; \$50 per person.

***Tour #6: The Aquarium of the Americas and The Port of New Orleans***

The Aquarium of the Americas is one of New Orleans' newest and most popular attractions. It is a state-of-the-art facility, featuring five major exhibits: The Caribbean Reef; the Amazon Rain Forest; Living in Water; the Mississippi River; and the Gulf of Mexico. After this fascinating tour of the Aquarium, you will board an authentic steam-powered paddlewheeler for a two-hour excursion of the second largest port in the United States. While on board, passengers can enjoy a delicious New Orleans style buffet on their own. Tour includes admission to the Aquarium of the Americas and Natchez Steamboat, tour guide, taxes and gratuities. Thursday, Friday, September 16, 1994; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; \$25 per person.



OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES  
(Preliminary)

Wednesday  
September 14, 1994

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
For early arrivals  
Whirl Around the Crescent City  
Lunch and Dinner on your own

Thursday  
September 15, 1994

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Registration Desk Open  
Hospitality Room Open

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tour #2  
Country Life & City Life

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour #3  
Whirl Around the Crescent City  
& Mardi Gras World

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tour #4  
Historic French Quarter Houses

Lunch and Dinner on your own

Friday  
September 16, 1994

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Registration Desk Open  
Hospitality Room Open  
Combat Films

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tour #5  
Marshes and Mansions

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tour #6  
The Aquarium of the Americas  
and the Port of New Orleans

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Friday's Gala Dinner

Saturday  
September 17, 1994

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Registration Desk Open  
Hospitality Room Open  
Combat Films

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Ladies Coffee and Program

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Business Meeting

Lunch on your own

Saturday  
September 17, 1994 (con't)

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
On your own

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Memorial Service

7:30 p.m. Banquet

Sunday  
September 18, 1994

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
Aloha

# ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

		NUMBER OF TICKETS	AMOUNT
Wednesday Sept. 14th	Tour #1 \$15.00 p/p 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Whirl Around the Crescent City (For Early Arrivals)	_____	_____
Thursday Sept. 15th	Tour #2 \$35.00 p/p 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Country Life & City Life	_____	_____
	Tour #3 \$22.00 p/p 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Whirl Around the Crescent City and Mardi Gras World	_____	_____
	Tour #4 \$20.00 p/p 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Historic French Quarter Houses	_____	_____
Friday Sept. 16th	Tour #5 \$50.00 p/p 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Marshes and Mansions	_____	_____
	Tour #6 \$25.00 p/p 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Aquarium of the Americas and the Port of New Orleans	_____	_____
Saturday Sept. 17th	Ladies Coffee & Program \$6.00 p/p 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. History of New Orleans	_____	_____
	TOTAL AMOUNT	_____	_____

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ALL TOURS WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 40 PERSONS. IF THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS NOT MET, THE TOUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE TOUR.

PLEASE RESERVE EARLY. THE TOUR MANAGEMENT WILL REQUIRE A PARTICIPANT REPORT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENTS.



# RSVP



## BOURBON AND NIGHTLIFE

Jerrieco will greet your guests at the hotel where they will board their private motorcoach and learn about the history of Jazz in New Orleans while on the way to your first stop high atop the World Trade Center at the City's only revolving lounge. You'll view the twinkling lights for miles in every direction and watch the ships on the mighty Mississippi as you sip your favorite beverage.

Then it's on the world famous **Pat O'Briens'** and a "Hurricane" ! The music is great and the good times roll - you may take home your glass as a memento of your night on the town.

The late show at Maxwell's Jazz Club will have all of your toes tappin' - again a beverage is included in your evening.

You'll end your evening at the Cafe du Monde as generations have done for over a century - sipping Cafe au Lait and enjoying hot beignets! Your motorcoach will deliver you safely back to your hotel..... with memories of a great night in N'awlins.

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Thursday, September 15, 1994

Time: 8 p.m. - 12 p.m.

Minimum : 35 pax.

Cost: \$40. per person

Includes : Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation  
Licensed Professional Tour Guide  
Admission and reserved seating at all Night Clubs  
Beverages at each nightclub  
Coffee/Tea/Milk and Beignets





# Together Time

EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE!!!!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

THE REUNION COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A DRAWING ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 15TH FROM THE NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR ADVANCE REGISTRATION TO THE CHAIRMAN BY THAT DATE. THE PRIZE WILL BE:

THREE COMPLIMENTARY ROOM NIGHTS AT THE NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT

THERE WILL BE TWO SUCH PRIZES, BUT, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE, YOUR CHECK MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF CHAIRMAN JOHN ROUSSEL BY MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH!!!!

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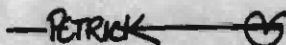
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# Raining the town...

JOE LAPALM (C 19th '50-'51) of 135 Country Villas, Safety Harbor FL. He and Nina claim the Division record for size of family - 11 children. Anyone beat it? Joe's a retired detective on the City of Lincoln Park, MI police department.



GOT THIS FOR YOU.



Fourteen years in the Army. Then thirty years with IBM. That's WARD MILLER (Commanding 24th Sig. 55-57) of 27 Miller Hill, Lagrangeville NY. Writes he: "Now I teach school, part time, and fly my own airplane." There's a lifetime, for you.

Writes CHARLEY LANG (AT 19th '41-'44) from 316 E.238th, Carson CA: "McAllister and I saw the first bomb drop 12-7-41 on Wheeler Field, Pearl Harbor, seconds later. Guard duty that morning 6 to 8 a.m. Getting relieved that a.m. We don't remember sargeant of the guard."



"That's not the way we learned it at the NCO Academy . . ."

"A liberal is someone who believes in busing but is repelled by school prayer. A conservative is someone who is repelled by busing and believes in school prayer. And a moderate would like to compromise between these two extremes and perhaps have prayer on the bus."

Mort Sahl





# PHILIPPINES

In the last 12 months, we've had but one inquiry concerning any planned "return" to the P.I. for the "50th". The truth was that the Association was planning nothing. As we go to press, comes this letter:

## Philippine Battlefield Tours 1994



\* 50th Anniversary of General Douglas Mac Arthur's Return to the Philippines \*

Centerline Tours will be conducting 7, 10, & 12 day visits to places you have not seen for 50 years. The Filipinos who eagerly awaited your return will be your host for this special \* once in a lifetime \* visit.

Return to Leyte where General Mac Arthur landed. Visit Cebu with its magnificent beaches, go to Bataan, Corregidor, the Intramuros and the U.S. Military Cemetery in Manila where you will have an opportunity to visit and decorate the gravesites of your buddies.

A trip to Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines, will be included. There will be optional trips to Banawe where you can visit the fabulous 'rice terraces'. Then a short ride to where it all ended at the small schoolhouse where General Yamashita surrendered to the American troops. Other side trips are possible. We can customize an itinerary for you.

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April 19, 1994

24th Infantry Division Association  
120 Maple Street, Room 207  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103-2278  
Attention : Mr. Kenwood Ross

Dear Mr. Ross:

Centerline Travel, in coordination with the Philippine Department of Tourism and the Philippine Department of Defense, will be conducting a 9, 12 and 15 day visits to different World War II Battlefields in the Philippines. The tours are to coincide with the commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of General Douglas Mc Arthur's Return to the Philippines.

Preparations are underway and the grateful people of the Philippines will be your gracious host in this "once in a lifetime" visit. Enclosed, please find a copy of the Presidential Proclamation making the landing a national celebration. The highlight of the tour will be the visit to Leyte where it all happened in October 20, 1944. The Philippine Liberation Medal will be awarded to American Veterans in attendance during this gathering.

Arrangements will be made to decorate individual Division monuments enroute to various locations. Participants will have a choice of several plans for stays at either deluxe or superior hotels with airconditioning, pools, sauna, restaurants, lounges and other amenities. You may stay at or visit the Manila Hotel where Gen. Mc Arthur maintained his residence prior to the War. His former quarters have been restored to its old grandeur. The city tour will also include a visit to the Malacanang Palace, the residence of President Fidel Ramos. Other highlights of the basic package will include :

1. Trip by hover craft or boat to Corregidor Island.
2. Visit to the walled city of Intramuros.
3. Memorial Service at the American Cemetery.
4. Trip to Bataan and the Subic Naval Base.
5. Trip to Baguio City.
6. Watch the splendor of the flaming red sun as it sets in the Manila Bay.

We would like to request that should there be interested parties in your organization to please forward their inquiries to our office. We will also appreciate it if you can make mention of this trip on your Newsletter or magazine.

Your unit contributed greatly to the Liberation of the Philippines. The grateful nation awaits your return once more.

Thank you for your kind attention.

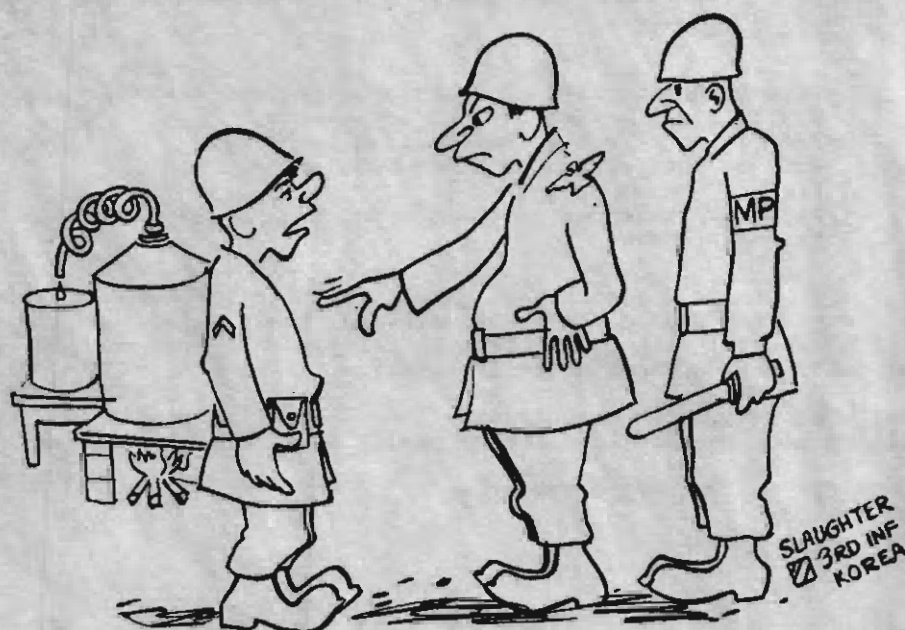
Very truly yours,

Art Carolino  
Manager, Centerline Travel



## the way it was

On your left, BG Rinaldo Van Brunt, I Corps C/S, Col. FRANK WATSON, Div. ADC, and Lt.Col. CHARLES S. O'MALLEY, Div.C/S. Time: Our "guess" is Oct/Nov. '51. Anyone disagree?



*"Sure, colonel, I sell it—but you gotta bring your own jug."*



# The President's Column

My Dear Fellow Members:

I hope all is going well for you and your families. Rose and I are doing great.

Our prayers go to Dorothy Newman and family for the loss of Aubrey S. "Red" Newman. I did not know "Red" Newman, but know he served with the Division during WW II and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

We also acknowledge and send our deepest sympathy to all other members who have lost their loved ones.

By now you know that we are going to that famous City of "New Orleans" in September. John Roussel is our Convention Chairman. Please assist him in two ways - send your Pre-Registration Forms as soon as possible - and if you live in Louisiana, phone John and volunteer to be on his committee.

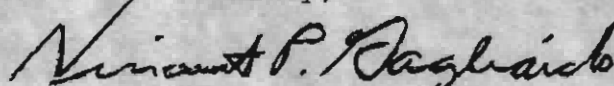
In my last "Message", I wrote about asking members who are skilled in various professions and are willing to assist the Association. We could call it a "Talent Bank". As an example, we are always seeking to locate a Convention Chairman and Committee members. Please send your information to:

Edward G. Abraham  
3736 Ortega St.,  
San Francisco CA 94122  
Tel. (415) 731-3106.

As a reminder, if you move and/or have a change in mailing address, please let our Secretary, Ken Ross, know. The post office people will not forward our "permit" mail.

Until the next time, may God Bless you and your families.

Cordially,



VINCENT P. GAGLIARDO  
President

# Remembering a forgotten hero

## Quest revives WWII exploits of W. Va. colonel

By Sandy Wells

SUNDAY GAZETTE-MAIL

His body rested beside the open grave, wrapped in an Army blanket. Soldiers stood silently, faces pinched with sorrow.

In a soft, sad voice, the chaplain prayed. Feet crawled over the olive drab blanket.



Clifford

On Mindanao, in the Philippines, in the midst of war, there was no such thing as a coffin. One month after his 34th birthday, less than two months before the war ended, the gritty young West Virginia colonel was killed by a Japanese mortar shell.

Days before, Col. Jock Clifford had captured Davao City, leading his troops across the southern tip of Mindanao, through jungles, marshland and enemy fire in a grueling, sustained drive that covered 120 miles in 10 days.

Clifford's advance to Davao was "one of the most brilliant and audaciously executed coups by any regiment in the Pacific area," Col. Aubrey S. Newman wrote later.

Ironically, a die-hard Japanese soldier blasted Clifford with a mortar shell in the wake of his greatest victory.

"It just could not be that Jock had left us," said Newman, who later became a general. "He had always seemed so indestructible. In my mind, I could see him standing as he always had, so superbly erect and soldierly, with an aura of limitless strength, yet relaxed and unaware of his own magnificent presence."

"The regiment commander conducted the service," said Kenwood Ross, ordnance officer in the 24th Infantry Division. "We had a gun salute. A man from the division band played 'Taps.' It was dusk when we lowered him into the grave."

"I was heartbroken," Ross said. "We all loved him."

Two months later, when the war was over, the Philippine townspeople of Davao honored the young colonel. A gigantic, draped photograph of Jock Clifford dominated the speaker's stand. Wreaths lined the stage. They piled the wreaths on his grave and placed the photo at his feet. They named the town square after him. They named a theater for him.

"He was their liberator, their hero," said Ross. "He liberated the city of Davao."

A name to remember

The charismatic West Virginia colonel had the distinction of commanding all three regiments of the 24th Infantry Division during World War II. Books and journals of the era feature colorful, detailed accounts of Clifford's battlefield exploits, written by men who served with him.

In 1960, in Roncoveerte, Clifford's hometown, the National Guard Armory was renamed in his honor. In the foyer, a large

plaque lists his medals — the Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf clusters, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. A bronze bust sculpted by the town mortician dominates the awards case.

Now, nearly 50 years after he died, people are still naming things for Jock Clifford.

On May 8, at Fort Stewart, Ga., home of the 24th Infantry Division, post officials will christen a revamped firing range in Clifford's memory. His sister and daughter will attend the dedication of "Small Arms Clifford."

Last month, Gazette editors received a press release from Fort Stewart. Officials were searching for relatives of Col. Thomas Edgar "Jock" Clifford Jr., a World War II hero from Roncoveerte.

No one in the newsroom had ever heard of him. Even in Roncoveerte, except for an elderly sister, few people remember him. If he were alive today, he would be 82. More than five decades have passed since Jock Clifford walked the streets of Roncoveerte. Who is left to remember?

Who was this West Virginia war hero? What did Jock Clifford do that made him so special?

"He was another John Wayne," said Ross, a lawyer in Massachusetts and secretary-treasurer of the 24th Infantry Division Association. "He even kinda looked like John Wayne. Big. Burly. Strong as hell. He was a tremendous man, absolutely fearless. Some men are that way. They aren't afraid of bullets; they're defiant. He'd get out there with his big chest and say, 'Shoot me if you dare!'"

In a story about Clifford published in the West Virginia Review the month he died, war correspondent Boyd Stutler said the Roncoveerte commander "has led elements of each regiment of the 24th into and out of so many scrapes that he is fast becoming a legendary character."

The fledgling legend earned a new nickname. "Hell Roaring Jock the men call this tall, rangy, barrel-chested West Virginian," Stutler wrote. "He is not called hell roaring because of his bellow, but because he has a way of roaring right through to his objective..."

Stutler described a grim and determined leader who pushed his men to the end of their endurance, just as he pushed himself:



On furlough in Carado in September of 1944, Clifford shares a hug with his daughter, Kris.

"In battle, he has the dash and audacity of an armored knight, the tough endurance of seasoned hickory and just enough whimsy in his makeup to relieve the military stiffness and make him a very human sort of person."

All Jock Clifford ever wanted to be was a soldier, said his sister, Margaret Clifford Huffman. "He was always crazy about soldiers. As a child, during World War I, he had a soldier's suit."

Her brother's eight medals hang on her bedroom wall, framed and encased in glass. She still has his photos, his letters, a scrapbook her mother kept that traces the life of a beloved only son, starting with his years in grade school, ending with notices of his death.

Turning the pages of the scrapbook, Margaret Huffman points to her brother's boyhood artwork, the Boy Scout awards, a fourth-grade honor roll certificate, ribbons for basketball, a postcard to his mother from camp.

The scrapbook chronicles his prowess in football from junior high through the Greenbrier Military Academy, and finally, as an All-American center at West Point. "They told him at Greenbrier Military School if he would come and play ball for two years, they would give him an honor appointment to West Point."

Graduating from Greenbrier with honors in 1931, he won the academy's only appointment to West Point that year. "I had no connections, political or otherwise, and I would never have been able to make West Point had it not been for Greenbrier," Clifford told Boyd Stutler when they served together in the Philippines.

Dutifully, his mother filled the scrapbook with stories on the Army-Navy game from The New York Times: "The man wearing No. 18 on his back in the game for the corps of cadets has a feeling of confidence and assured safety that no other number can evoke," one reporter said. "Jock is stalwart in his defense of his line and certain in his passes from center."

The day after he graduated from West Point, Clifford married longtime sweetheart Brownie Peters. They were together at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked. Brownie and their daughter Kris waited out the rest of the war with her parents in Ceredo.

The battles begin

In 1944, Clifford got his first taste of battle as a battalion commander during the Hollandia campaign in New Guinea. Directing a daring landing and an incredibly rapid drive through a mountainous jungle, he took an exceptionally large number of Japanese prisoners and was awarded the Silver Star.

He won his first Distinguished Service Cross, and the rest of his medals, during the push through the Leyte Valley in the Philippines. Articles about him applaud his tenacity and endurance in battle. Against overpowering odds, he led his men over mountains, waded with them through crocodile-infested rivers in scorching tropical heat, fought beside them in seas of mud, battling hunger, exposure and disease.

Describing Clifford's contributions in a letter to the colonel's widow, Maj. Gen. R.B. Woodruff said "dash, audacity and brilliance characterized everything he did."

His determination in holding Kilay Ridge during the Battle of the Ormac Corridor won him a promotion to colonel. In "Children of Yesterday," a book about the 24th Infantry Division, author Jan Valtin recalled the division commander's order to hold Kilay Ridge "at all costs." Pointing to the mist-shrouded ridge, roaring about the crucial importance of denying it to the Japanese, the commander turned to Clifford and said, "You do it."

"Tall, stalwart, adventurous Lt. Col. Thomas E. Clifford nodded. It was a job to his liking. Through the West Virginian's rugged, easy joviality, his eyes shone steel-hard. He alerted his battalion ...

At Kilay Ridge, Clifford's battalion "wrote a story in its own blood and suffering of courage, fortitude and tenacity seldom equaled in American military annals," Boyd Stutler reported in his memoir of Clifford. "It stood for 19 days of dogged defense, of tooth and claw fighting ... in an epic battle against a stubborn and resourceful enemy."

Attacks came from three sides, often in the blackness of torrential night rains. Mud-coated weapons wouldn't work, forcing the defenders into hand-to-hand combat. "The ridge became a slippery, slimy sea of mud ... Clothing and shoes rotted; fever, foot ulcers and dysentery were epidemic. But they did not fall back ..."

When fresh troops relieved them, 825 Japanese bodies were counted in front of their lines.

Clifford accepted the military awards with almost boyish modesty. In a letter to his mother, he said, "I was given the Distinguished Service Cross a couple of days ago. Heavens, I was surprised. I was so thrilled I could hardly talk. Then I was told I was to be promoted so I guess I'll get my full colonel in a week or so, but it sure is another surprise. I hardly know what to do or think ..."

#### The last hurrah

After the spectacular showing at Kilay Ridge, Clifford received a message from headquarters: "You and your men have not been forgotten. You are the talk of the island. Army beat Notre Dame, 59-0, worst defeat on record."

"Clifford grinned like a happy boy," Valtin wrote. "But he never saw another football game. Just before V-J Day, we buried his shell-torn body in the muck of Mindanao Island."

On June 24, 1945, near Tamogan, just days after the area was pronounced secure, Clifford was blasted to death by hiding Japanese survivors. One shell wounded him.

Four years later, Jock Clifford came home. Two servicemen brought his body back on the train. On March 2, 1949, hundreds of friends and relatives crowded around the family plot at River-view Cemetery, staring solemnly at the flag-draped steel coffin.

Jock Clifford could have been buried at Arlington National Cemetery. That isn't what he wanted. "Before he went overseas," his sister said, "he told mamma, 'If anything happens to me, I want to be buried right here in Roncerverte.'"

## Medals reflect war hero's battle drive

Excerpts from citations awarded to Col. Thomas Edgar Clifford Jr., reflect the battle drive that characterized the Roncerverte war hero:

From the Silver Star at Hollandia: "Often under enemy fire, Lt. Col. Clifford ... distinguished himself by gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty by showing complete disregard for his personal safety ... in order to accomplish his mission."

From the Bronze Star on Leyte: "Lt. Col. Clifford was directed to send out a small motorized patrol in a Jeep to locate the enemy position to insure the interrupted advance of the infantry. Knowing the danger of the mission, he chose to personally lead the patrol rather than delegate the task to another. The patrol came under extremely heavy fire ... Col. Clifford skillfully withdrew ... with such detailed information that enemy positions were destroyed that night ... This bold and skillful action, undertaken himself because of its very danger, was witnessed with great admiration by his officers and men ..."

From the Distinguished Serv-

ice Cross on Leyte: "Always in contact with the enemy and frequently attacked by much larger forces, his battalion made determined and sustained harassing attacks on enemy supply lines ... and thus disrupted a major enemy counter-offensive ... By his aggressive leadership and courageous personal conduct in close contact with the enemy, he imbued his men with an indomitable fighting spirit, the direct result of which was a costly and serious defeat of the enemy ..."

From the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Cross, in Mindanao: "Constantly advancing his forward elements through mountainous jungle terrain ... heavily mined roads and bitter enemy resistance, Col. Clifford led his unit in a grueling, sustained drive to the south bank of the broad, unfordable Davao River. After a rapid reconnaissance, Col. Clifford personally led the advance elements of his assault company across a small, hastily repaired foot bridge, and under small arms and artillery fire, fearlessly directed the establishment of the initial beachhead ..."

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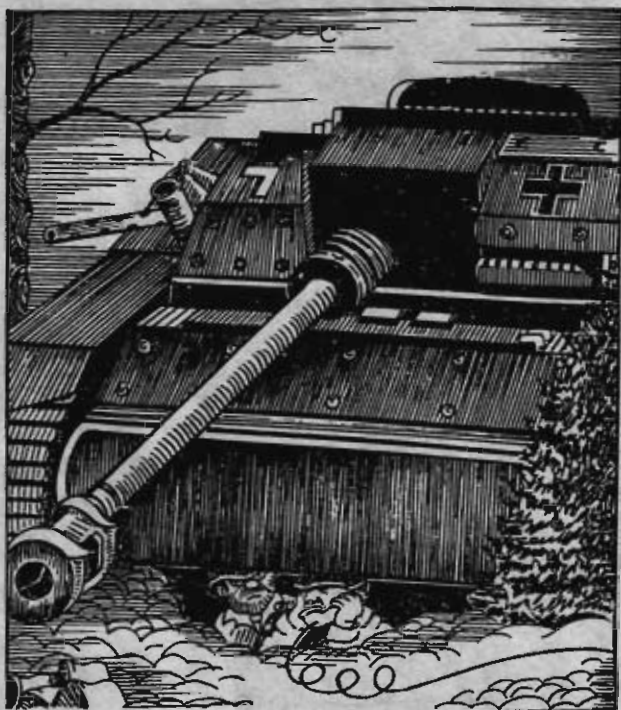


Photo by CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE

Visiting the grave of her brother, Thomas E. "Jock" Clifford, in Ronceverte, Margaret Huffman remembers the boy who grew up to become a highly decorated hero in World War II. "He was always crazy about soldiers," she says.

# Psst... want to know an intimate secret?

MIKE PETRICK, our 87th Div. artist "on loan to the 24th" - and whose work has been appearing in our last two issues - participated in a simulation or reenactment of the "Bulge" problem last January over in Indiantown Gap PA. About 700 of the 87th men participated. In the course of it, Mike met a man wearing a 24th pin. Mike quickly made the connection. He was MICHAEL T. HURST who was with the 299th Engineers in Division support in Desert Storm. So off went a plaque and letter by Mike Petrick to Mike Hurst, our new member. Great world, ain't it?



"THIS IS MIKE ONE. I GOT A TARGET, BUT YA —  
GOTTA BE PATIENT".....

DEDICATED IN HONOR TO:

MICHAEL T. HURST

299TH COMBAT ENGINEERS  
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
"TARA LEAF DIV."

"DESERT STORM"

OBSERVER —

BATTLE OF THE BULGE - RE-ENACTMENT

INDIANTOWN GAP, PA.

JAN. 28, 29, 30, 1994

— PETRICK —

DEAR MIKE

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND A SKETCH —  
TAKEN FROM THE WIFE MASTER, FULL  
MADONIA, EXACTNESS WAS NOT IN  
MIND, BUT PERSONALIZED AND  
DEDICATED IN RECOGNITION WAS IN  
MIND!

THIS TO YOU, WHOM ALL TALKED HIGHLY  
OF, AND HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE  
FOR A LOOK-SEE AT A RE-ENACTMENT  
IN WHAT US "OLD GUNS" PARTICIPATED IN  
"FOR REAL", IN THE BULGE OF 1944-45!

*Mike*

# Look Who's Talking



All well and good to go before a congressional committee to give it the benefit of your thinking - but what we see first when we spot a picture of the event is that Taro Leaf on Barry's right shoulder.

Latin America is marked by "the growing prevalence of peace," said Gen. BARRY MCCAFFREY, commander of the Southern Command.

Despite violence in Colombia and Peru fueled by the narcotics trade, Latin America overall has entered "a benign period," McCaffrey said.

Decades of bloody civil wars punctuated by atrocities have subsided, and democracy has begun to flourish. With the exceptions of Cuba and Haiti, virtually all the nations in Latin America are now democracies.

For the U.S. military, that means "the Southern Command is a command of peacetime engagement, not a command of flotillas and divisions," McCaffrey said.

Of the 60,000 troops operating in the region, 22,000 are National Guard and reserve forces that rotate in for brief periods to

build roads, erect schools and clinics and offer health care. The command has "a nontraditional focus on operations other than war," he said.

The chief threat to the United States from the Southern region is illegal narcotics. Countries in the Southern Command produce more than 1000 tons of cocaine a year, McCaffrey said. About 300 tons a year are smuggled into the United States, where the drugs



"Wouldn't you like to know?"



result in 10,000 deaths a year and billions of dollars in costs.

As much as 80 percent of the crime in the United States may be related to illegal drug use, McCaffrey said. The damage drugs wreak on families and children "is abysmal," he said.

The military is beginning to shift its focus from spotting smugglers and interdicting drugs in the Caribbean to increasing efforts to disrupt cocaine production in the countries where it originates.

After several years of trying, some of the military's anti-drug efforts in the Caribbean "were not very effective," McCaffrey said. But he cautioned: "How we go about operating in the source countries should be the subject of some skeptical scrutiny."

We're right proud, Barry!

## MADE TO ORDER.

DAVID E. CHARLESTON (26th AAA '48-'51) of PO Box 12845, Wichita KS 67277-2845 is a mover and a shaker. He has had reprinted that infamous book "24th Forward" which so many of you paid for and never received. Dave had it reprinted and what a handsome job it is. You can obtain a copy from him by sending him your \$35.00 check. This includes his handling and mailing fee. It's a heavy book and the postage on it is "awful". If you were in Korea, you'll sorely want this one on your shelf. It's a real buy. Dave's Ma Bell is 316-942-9347.



"I think we've finally come up with distinguishable epaulets for the NCOs."

# BULLETIN BULLETIN BULLETIN

Unusual bits of mail regularly cross our desk.

For example, here's one from one Scott Lichty of 19330 Winesap Rd., Bothell WA 98012-7046:

"I am doing research on locating a G.I. who's dogtag I was given last December on Corregidor Island in the Philippines.

"I mailed the information on the tag to the center of military history and this is what came back. I also wrote to St. Louis personnel records and, of course, you have to be a family member to get information. This is fascinating research and I hope you can help me. I wrote to the Fort Stewart museum and they gave me your address. I've always enjoyed WW II history and its always been an interesting hobby for me. Please see if you can help me, I'd be most appreciative.

"Sincerely yours,  
Scott W. Lichty."



**City of  
Norfolk**

Department of Civic Facilities

February 2, 1994

Scott W. Lichty  
19330 Winesap Road, SP.67  
Bothell, Washington 98012-7046

Dear Mr. Lichty:

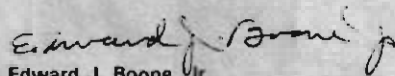
On receipt of your letter of January 10 we checked General MacArthur's papers for Ralph Bangs, Jr. We could not locate his name. We assume you know what the dog tag reads:

Ralph Bangs, Jr.: name  
18016840: serial number  
T41: tetanus shot in 1941  
O: blood type  
P: Protestant  
Ralph Bangs: next of kin

By copy of this letter we are forwarding your letter to the Center of Military History in Washington, D. C. Dr. Edward Drea of the Research & Analysis Division said he might be able to find out more about Ralph Bangs, Jr.

We regret we have not been able to provide you further information.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Boone, Jr.

Archivist

cc: Dr. Edward J. Drea, Center of Military History

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
THE CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY  
WASHINGTON, DC 20306-3402

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

February 9, 1994

Research and Analysis Division

Mr. Scott W. Lichty  
19330 Winesap Road, SP. 67  
Bothell, Washington 98012-7046

Dear Mr. Lichty:

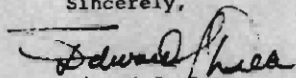
This is in response to your February 2 letter addressed to Mr. Boone at the MacArthur Memorial. Mr. Boone forwarded your letter to our office for reply. From the dog tag information you provided, we determined that the tag was issued sometime from 1943 onwards. This is because before 1943 the dog tag included the address of the serviceman's next of kin. This information was dropped with the introduction of the new dog tag in 1943. This means that Mr. Bangs was not among the defenders of Corregidor in 1942.

With that in mind, Mr. Bangs may have participated in the liberation of Corregidor in 1945. The main U.S. Army unit involved in the retaking of Corregidor was the 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment. A unit roster of members of that outfit is listed in Harold Templeman, The Return to Corregidor (New York: Strand Press, n.d. circa. 1946). Templeman also has a list of members of the 503d killed in action during the fighting for the island. The name Ralph Bangs, Jr., however, does not appear on either list. He could, of course, have been assigned to the 3d Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, which made an amphibious assault on the island. Unfortunately we do not have any rosters for that organization.

Individual personnel records are held at the National Personnel and Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. These records, however, at subject to Privacy Act restrictions and are available only to relatives or next of kin.

We regret that we could not be of greater assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Drea  
Chief, Research and  
Analysis Division

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SEVEN  
AGES  
OF  
MAN



SLEEPY



HAPPY



DOPEY



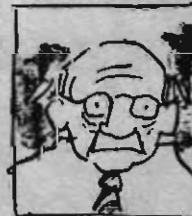
BASHFUL



DOC



SNEEZY



GRUMPY

CALL OR MAIL IN YOUR ROOM RESERVATION-NOW.

—PETER—



## Do You Know???



This letter arrived from  
K. IDEMITSU of 5-10-7 Hiyoshidai,  
Takatsuki, Osaka, 569 Japan:

"Thanks for Mr. Judith  
Johnston, Chief, Media Operation  
Branch, Dept. of the Army, Office  
of The Secretary of the Army,  
The Pentagon, who introduced you  
to me.

"When US Army, 24th Infantry  
Division stationed in Kokura,  
Kyushu, Japan, as Occupation  
Forces during later half of '40  
and first half of '50, I was a  
university student in Kokura and  
worked as part-timer at Camp  
Kokura where the HQ were located,  
3rd Eng.Co. at Camp Kitagata and  
24th Med.Bn. at Camp Jono.

"Now, I retired from business  
and am trying to write biography  
of myself and family, not for  
sale.

"I found the idea to introduce  
some short history of The 24th  
Infantry Division in the biogra-  
phy more attractive and do  
appreciate if you kindly air-mail  
me some short history of the  
Division during a period from  
the Pacific War to Korean War."

We responded with help, and  
asking for a photo - and it  
arrived shortly thereafter.

Does he ring anyone's bell?

DONALD WAYNE SHOEMAKER, JR.  
(Reg. HQ 5th RCT 1/51-12/51)  
138 W.Orleans St., Paxton IL  
60957, says, "I spent 1951 with  
the 5th RCT and Rev. THOMAS E.  
WALDIE was one of our (the only  
true chaplain) chaplains. I  
hope he is doing fine. James  
Rielly was the colonel's driver  
during the summer and fall of '51  
and we spent a lot of time with  
Father Waldie.

Rev. THOMAS E. WALDIE (5th  
RCT Chaplain 3/51-1/53) can be  
reached at St.Andrews Church,  
20 Cardinal Hayes Pl., New York  
NY 10007.

Regretfully we omitted the  
address of MG AUBREY S. NEWMAN's  
widow, Dorothy, in Taro Leaf #2.

She resides at #816  
1104 Ben Franklin Dr.,  
Sarasota FL 34236

So sorry for the oversight.

Lovely LaWanda HEABERLIN,  
GIL's widow, is moving to smaller  
quarters at 206 Village Green,  
Longview, TX. How about a note  
or card to this wonderful lady,  
especially if you were close to  
Gil ("We're here because we're  
here"), and wishing her happiness  
and contentment in her new abode?  
Gil was 34th in case you've  
forgotten.

### LOST

Life Member, WADE F.HERITAGE,  
M.D. (HQ 24th '49-'51) of  
PO Box 545, Southern Pines NC.  
Can anyone help?

ART SMITH (K 34 '45) writes  
from 1176 Carpenter Dam, Hot  
Springs, AR, that "I have a 'fife'  
and can play 'Yankee Doodle'.  
Bring it to New Orleans, Art,  
and play us a tune.

# YOU GOTTA GET THIS!

Here's a man who couldn't stay away. Meet just-joined BILL THORNTON, of 7921 Newport, Millington TN. He was B 21st '48-'51. That includes Task Force Smith where he was squad leader, 3rd sqd., 1st plt. B 1/Bn. 21st. He was also Co. A 3rd Bn. 19th Inf. '68-'69 in Germany. And his last duty before retiring was B/3/Bn. 7th Inf. 24th ID at Benning. No question about it, Bill, you qualify for membership.

**New Orleans Marriott  
Where the  
French Quarter  
begins and the  
Good Times Never End**

The 5th Reg. Combat Team Inc. 5th US Inf., 555th FA, Tank Co., Med. Co., and 72nd Eng. planning reunion in Tulsa, OK 19-21 May, 1994 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Call for reservations: 800-444-2326 or contact JAMES HART, 7824 S. College Av., Tulsa, OK 74136; 918-481-8738 or CHARLES FOSTER, 720 N. Irvington, Tulsa OK 74115; 918-835-2263.

Vice President VINNIE VELLA recently forwarded a hefty check to the Ft. Stewart Museum for use toward construction of the new museum. Donors included Vinnie, of course, and KEN FENTNER, CHARLIE HORNYAK and JOE TREBONYAK as well as a number of Buffalo business friends of Vinnie.

Planning on N.O. - DON BARRETT (H & H 19th - Korea) of 2854 Pinckard, Redondo Beach CA. If Don can make it all the way from the west coast, so can you!

## REUNION: GREAT GETAWAY FOR ALL AGES

RICHARD H. MILLER (724th Ord. 8/51-3/53) 9770 Hastings Blvd., Glen Avon CA 92509 would like to hear from anyone who was in 724th Ord. '51-'53.

Note from RUSS and Penny MONTCALM (F 19th '48-'51) of 197 Main, Clinton MA: "Retired. Drive senior citizen van in town 3 days a week. Thanks for this magazine. I found 2 buddies of mine that were in same company as me, BILL HOSLER and BUFORD GOFF. Have a nice day."

FRANK PLATA, 2628 Taunton St., Philadelphia PA, looking for G 19th men to join him and BILL ROSEBORO at New Orleans.

Note from RAY and Betty ROBERTS (E 34th '46-'48) of 26 High, N. Brookfield MA: "Retired. was GM Dealer Parts Manager. Hobby: Collecting WW II weapons and militaria with my son. Anyone want to sell or donate? Tel. 508-867-8738"

We catch every column we can as written by our very own HARRY G. SUMMERS. He writes beautifully and is consistently on target. Bravo Harry!

# Patriotism For Sale

By Col. Harry G. Summers

I don't know how Aldrich Hazen Ames' commission as an officer in the Central Intelligence Agency read, or whether he even had such a written appointment. But without question he was held to the same standards as an officer in the American military service whose commission states those standards explicitly.

Military officers are vested with the authority of their office, states their commission, because the President of the United States reposes "special trust and confidence" in their "patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities." Discussing those qualities, the noted military historian S.L.A. Marshall observed that "as for patriotism, either an American loves his country or he would not seek a commission at its hands, unless he be completely the rascal, pretending to serve only to work injury."

Patriotism today is not an "in" word, nor has it been for some years. Of all the commentary on the Ames case that I have heard or read — or on the Walker, Howard or Pollard cases that preceded it — never was the question of patriotism raised. And if it had been, it would undoubtedly have been scorned, for prominent in every sophist's set of clever witticisms is Samuel Johnson's April 1775 observation that "patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel."

Never quoted, however, is biographer James Boswell's commentary on the context of that remark. "But let it be considered," he wrote, "that he did not mean a real and generous love of our country, but that pretended patriotism which so many, in all ages and countries, have made a cloak for self-interest."

Navy warrant officer John A. Walker Jr., CIA officer Edward L. Howard, Naval Investigative Service employee Jonathan Pollard were assumed to be loyal American citizens. "Special trust and confidence" in their loyalty was a precondition to their access to government secrets. But in each case, their "patriotism," was that of a rascal, cloaking their monetary self-interest.

But how to weed out these relatively rare instances of treason? One way is to require background investigations of all those who need access to secret information as well as periodic updates on those who already have such access.

In the early 1960s, I was detailed to a two-year assignment in what was then known as the Army Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC), with the task of running a field office conducting just such background checks. "LIDMAC" was the acronym defining the scope of the investigation — "loyalty, integrity, discretion, morals and character."

The Army had the reputation of being the most thorough of all the government investigative services, eschewing checklists and building instead what critics called "character files" through extensive "interviews. One thing we CIC agents knew for sure — integrity could not be determined by a machine. Unlike the CIA in particular, where the polygraph had become a mandatory investigative tool for determining employee suitability, it was rarely used by the Army CIC.

I still recall a warrant officer, known throughout the CIC as the best polygraph operator in the service, warning me that never, under any circumstances, should I ever take a lie detector test. "I can make that machine say anything I want it to," he said. "It's only as good as the operator, and most operators don't know what they're doing."

He would have been pleased to see R. James Woolsey, the current head of the CIA, refuse to have his integrity determined by a machine. To him it would have been a sign of good sense. And those who criticized Woolsey for refusing to take a polygraph now look rather foolish with the revelation that the alleged "mole" Ames had passed several such tests with flying colors.

I do not know the CIA's system for background checks, but I assume the initial investigation of Ames back in 1962 was quite thorough. And I assume each time he was promoted to a position requiring access to higher security classifications that he was subjected to a reinvestigation. In the Defense Department it used to be the case that every five years a reinvestigation was required to revalidate an individual's security clearances. If such a check was made on Ames, it was incompetently conducted.

With the CIA's general fascination with high-tech gadgets, I suspect the polygraph was used as a substitute for "character files" constructed the old-fashioned way by ringing doorbells in the neighborhood. As an infantryman I never had my heart in being a CIC agent, but even I would have been suspicious of someone buying a new Jaguar and a half-million-dollar house on a \$70,000-a-year salary

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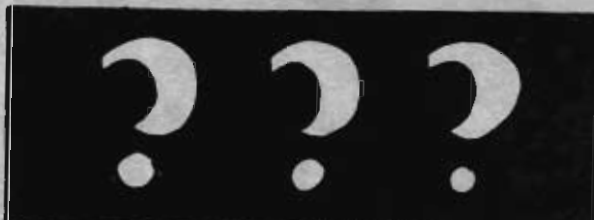






"NOW, SARGE?"

**1994  
Dues  
are  
now  
due!**



—PETRIEK—

**FRANCIS KEITH FORTON**  
(A 19th 12/50-10/51) 10610 E. Cherry Bend Rd., Traverse City MI 49684, sends his dues and advises, "Found the most wonderful lady last summer by the name of Pamela Cousineau - who is now Pamela Forton - since we were married on March 12, 1994. We spend most of our time down-hilling in the winter and sailing and roller blading. And we're both looking forward to New Orleans in September."

Congratulations Francis and Pamela!

**BERNIE ROSE** (I 5th RCT '51-'52) reports in from 3521 Wire Branch, Ona WV: "I am retired on a disability from Houdaille IN; 3 sons, 3 daughters - oldest son, 40, youngest son, 18, a Marine, all married and gone, Thank God. Wilma is retired from Owens Illinois, Inc."

**THOMAS F. MCEVILLY, JR.**  
(13th FA Bn. 9/45-10/46) 6840 Park Ridge Dr., Madison WI 53719 says 5 McEvilly's served in military during WW II: 2 in E.T.O., 3 in P.T.O. Tom would like to hear from any of the guys from A Bat., 13th FA Bn. '45-'46.

We've lost Life Member **JOHN E. WARD** (Chem.O., Div.Hq. '44-'45) last known to be at 703 Sixth Av., Cleveland MS 38732. Can you help us find him? (His mail returned "Not at".)

# The VICTORY DIVISION NEWS

GEORGE LOSIO of #1-3rd Av., Farmingdale NY is looking for "pictures" of the 19th in action on Leyte. Wants them for a display he's making. Got any ideas, fellas?

A Finance man at Div.Hq. from '43 to '45 was EUGENE WELLS, of 5727 W.Southland, Louisville KY. Gene is looking for his ribbons and we're trying to get them for him. Be patient, Gene; the wheels of government turn slowly.

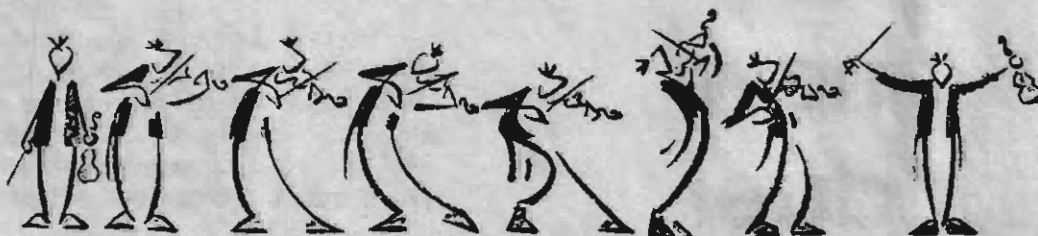
BILL JAECKE had 23 Army years and 21 Post Office years. Is now "retired for good". Bill was Co. A, 3rd Eng. in Germany '61-'63. He and Louise (call her "Sally") are now at 705 S. Redwood, Salt Lake City UT.

Incidental note: The Army Air Force planes dropped more than 2,500,000 tons of bombs in WW II.

1993-94 DUES PAYABLE ON AUG. 1ST  
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Consider this your invoice

Have any friends who might appreciate receiving a FREE complimentary issue of Taro Leaf? We'd like to send him or them a copy; he or they might be interested in reading this highly stimulating, thought provoking magazine. This is strictly a good will gesture on our part to enlighten and spread the truth which this magazine so intrepidly disseminates. Just drop us a line with his name and address and we'll pick it up from there.

Spec 'n' Spam: Quick - how many cans of Spam has Hormel sold since inventing the, er, food in 1937? The 5 billionth can has already rolled off the line. It seems the often-maligned popular World War II soldier's grub still has a place in the pantry. Nearly four cans per second are consumed in this country, the company says. "It's shelf-stable," notes a Hormel spokeswoman. "A lot of people just like to have it around." But what, exactly is Spam? Pure pork with some spices, the company says. Will you - Can you - ever forget it?



# FAST FACTS

Fifty years ago this June 6, they risked their lives storming Normandy beaches to free France from Hitler's grip. Now mostly in their 70s, these British and Canadian D-Day veterans planned a reunion commemorating World War II's "longest day". To be sure of places to stay, they booked hotel rooms near the Normandy beaches two years ahead and paid deposits. The other day, the French government, reaching new heights of haughty ingratitude, requisitioned their rooms for visiting royalty and left 200 veterans with nowhere to stay for the day. Predictably, the veterans were, as one ex-paratrooper put it, "spitting blood." Predictably, Britain and Canada protested. Predictably, France backed down. The vets got their rooms back. Europe's crowned heads of state will now probably be housed in Paris and helicoptered to D-Day ceremonies, an expense France tried to avoid by displacing the veterans.

Canada's ambassador called the veterans "the real heroes of this celebration" and voiced hope there would be no more slights. Don't bet on it. D-Day anniversaries rank as photo ops in Normandy for politicians who never saw combat - Ronald Reagan for the 40th, Bill Clinton for the 50th - and security arrangements limit the numbers of vets who can attend. Many old soldiers are appalled at how politicians have co-opted their anniversary. "In 1944," one Canadian vet notes, "we didn't have to reserve two years in advance."

A recently spotted bumper sticker:

JANE: Call home  
1-800-HANOI



"No, No, you idiot, The code is 'Come in Blue Cat,' not 'Here Kitty Kitty'..."



Someone wrote in, asking why we don't give telephone numbers with names and addresses - Answer - we've been trying to avoid a paper that is klutzy with lines and lines of nothing but numbers. Let's back up - why do we do what we do? We put a member's name in caps the first time we use it in an item - all so as to help you spot it for recognition purposes. Then we add his unit and address in case it has value to you - inasmuch as we don't publish a directory. Now we can add the mushee mushee, too, if that's your wish. As we say we simply thought that name, unit and address would be enough. But we've been wrong before now.



# The VICTORY DIVISION NEWS

A. ELMER DISKAN M.D. (34th Regt. Surgion '42-'45) PO Box 608, Manchester CT 06040 has retired in '91 after 50 years of medical practice. Says "Getting old. Now 81. My peers mentioned only in obits!"

ROBERT J. OSWALD (B 2nd Bn. 21st '66-'68), 1401 Pathfinder Lane, McLean VA 22101, recently became our newest Life Member. Bob would like to hear from anyone in the 2nd Bn., 21st Inf., Co.B, Munich Germany '67-'68.

Making a bequest to the Association?

Suggested language for your attorney:

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
give, devise, and bequeath  
\_\_\_\_\_ percent  
( \_\_\_\_\_ %) of the rest, residue  
and remainder of my estate (the  
sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ )  
to the 24th Infantry Division  
Association. This is an unre-  
stricted gift and may be used to  
further the objectives and pur-  
poses of the 24th Infantry  
Division Association.

LEROY W. FLANNER (D 34th 7/44-2/46, Heavy Weapons Mortors) of 11129 Clinton Lake Hwy., Posen MI 49776 has joined us.

He would like to hear from some of the guys.

Welcome aboard, Leroy.

SALVATORE SIALIANO (56th Tank Bn. of 34th Inf. '2/51 - 6/51) of 134 Harrison Av., Yonkers NY 10705. Sal is looking for someone to tell him what happened to the 56th Tank Bn.

The Grand Ballroom at the New Orleans Marriott runs to 27089 square feet. That ought to hold us. We're trying to avoid the tight squeeze business we've run into in years past. You know how hotel people love to stack folks on top of each other. We've been promised plenty of space and breathing room this time around.

GEORGE SOMERFIELD writes us from 1210 Broadway, Hickman KY: "Just a short note to inform you and your readers that they plan to build a new V.F.W. Post 10953 that will be called the Cooper T. Turner Post (24th Inf. Div. 19th Reg., killed in Korea Feb. 4, 1951.) The post will be built in Fulton County KY in the near future."

# BULLETIN BULLETIN

Long letter received from Nelda Woodward of Co.Rd.#7-4835, Garreth IN. Her brother was PAUL P. STRAWSER of the 34th. He supposedly died in a North Korean POW camp. Mrs. Woodward's letter reads:

"I received a letter from my brother (Robert Strawser) concerning our brother, PAUL P. STRAWSER, who was supposed to have died in a North Korean prison camp of malnutrition, yet after all these years no sign of his body, just no sign of nothing. I had hoped by now that we could have found out something one way or the other. I had Congressman Jill Lang's office investigate and still did not get any answers. My brother, Robert, also told me to ask for your Taro Leaf magazine. I would appreciate it.

A couple of years ago I phoned a Col. Cole of Quantico VA about the remains of our men being sent back by the North Koreans. I've heard nothing. After all these years (44), I feel our family could and should be told something. After the Korean War and the changing of prisoners we were told we could not talk to any soldier that was in the same outfit as my brother's. I sure would appreciate all the information on my brother, Paul, that you can supply. I know he was in the 24th Division and I think the 34th regiment. I'll be eagerly

hoping to hear from you soon.

"P.S. I remember my brother, Paul, was with a soldier from Thief River Falls MN when in Korea. I don't recall his name."

We give you this letter on the off chance that someone may remember PAUL STRAWSER and will "front and center". Also, it gives us a chance to show you a typical letter of despair. It's one terrible job to respond to such a relative in an effort to assuage one's feelings, at least to some degree. Note that in this case, two previous addressees did not even respond.



DRAWN BY WAYNE HUDSON, (Hq-335FA)

# NOW ABOUT DUES?

# OLD MEMORIES... NEW MEMORIES...

## Japanese Tunnels Left Over from War

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN — Time has erased most traces of war from the forest hills south of Tokyo. But below ground is an eerie find: a maze of dark tunnels designed to launch kamikaze attacks, dug by Koreans forced into Japan's war effort.

Most reminders of World War II have been destroyed in Japan. But around this naval port 30 miles southwest of Tokyo, the tunnels endure: an underground complex of wartime aircraft factories and hangars, their mouths opening directly onto runways built for kamikaze missions.

No one seems certain whether actual missions against the enemy were flown from the tunnels, but practice flights are known to have taken place from them. They reflect the desperation in Japan in the final years of the war, when Japanese began preparing for allied air raids on their own soil.

To replace a Japanese workforce drafted to fight, historians say some 1.5 million Koreans were brought to Japan in 1938-1945 for forced labor in the tunnels, as well as in mines, at construction sites and military factories.

Some of the Koreans who remained behind after the war's end, and Japanese teachers studying the history of the area, recently led an Associated Press reporter on a tour of one part of the 1,560 tunnels and shelters around Yokosuka.

Bushes and grass now cloak many tunnel entrances. Others are cemented or boarded over. One tunnel's narrow entrance is just behind a monument commemorating the 1889 Imperial Constitution — the document used to justify the military expansion that helped precipitate the war.

Inside the tunnels, it's dank and dark. Electric cables dangle from 25-foot ceilings. The walls, curved to accommo-

date the wings of aircraft, recall long hours of labor in dim light.

When teacher Akihiro Harada first explored the tunnel, he found a gas mask, a toothbrush made of bamboo and some dishes.

The floors are muddy now, flooded in spots. During the war they were smoother, for they were the start of runways used for quick takeoffs over Tokyo Bay.

"We had to scrape the bottom so flat that the planes could move smoothly," said Han Jun Su, a 70-year-old retiree who was forced to leave his native Korea to work on military projects in Japan during the war. "Only Koreans were assigned the most strenuous, dangerous work. Japanese were given lighter tasks."

Kamikaze planes of the Oka ("cherry flower") and Shusui ("autumn water") classes were assembled and took off from the tunnels.

Korean men who worked on the tunnels during the war say some 1,000 men worked in 12-hour shifts, around the clock, using picks and shovels to burrow through the hard clay hills.

*The article was printed in the Sun., Nov. 14, 1993 issue of the South Bend Tribune and written by Mari Yamaguchi, Associated Press Writer.*

CHARLEY J. COLE (K 34th at Sasebo and F 21st Korea) has retired to 2005 Woodlawn, Baytown TX after 37 years with the Lubrizol Corp.

BOB PERE is ever on the move. Now hopping from Chandler AZ to General Delivery, Henderson NV. Trying to hit every state, Bob?

TED PEER was with HH Co. 24th Admin. in the '63-'65 period in Augsburg - at Sheridan Kaserne. He and Donna are at 6690 Peppermint Dr. in Reno NV. "Peppermint" has a nice flavor, Ted.

The regular rate at the New Orleans Marriott is \$185 for a single and \$205 for a double - so you can see what a beautiful rate we've been given.



# Now For The Good News



Photo by Rich Mason

**Loosen up:** Gen. (Ret.) John Galvin, right, calls for more flexible NATO decision making. With him at a Senate hearing are former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, left, and former arms control negotiator Max Kampelman.

Our very own Gen. (Ret.) JOHN GALVIN recently appeared before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees.

After two years of delay, NATO is finally acting in Bosnia "and the initial news of the results is favorable, although there is certain to be a long and difficult road ahead," Galvin said.

Clearly, NATO needs to "become more able, to become more versatile in its ability to respond to crisis," he said.

But until it does, it is equally clear that the United States will have to continue its role as NATO's leader.

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you can't attend!)

ROBERT J. TILLMAN (Hq.Co.  
3rd Bn. 34th 7/55-2/56) of 3610  
E. 55th St., Tulsa OK 74135 would  
like to hear from some who served  
with 3rd Bn. 34th in Korea 54-55  
along 38th parallel. "We took  
over from 1st Marine Div. when  
they got 'tired' of defensive  
positions and left for greener  
pastures. Regimental commander  
was Col. KEITH WARE later M.G.  
killed in chopper crash in Vietnam.  
"great leader!" writes Bob.

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By Mort Walker



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# LOOK

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Don't buy "Certain Victory: the U.S. Army in the Gulf War". We ordered a copy - and were socked for \$115.00. Most expensive book we ever bought!

# NOTICE

~~PETRICK~~ Ⓞ

Speaking of visitors, KERMIT BLANEY recalls Col. Charles Lindberg coming to Hollandia. We don't remember that, do you? If memory serves, FDR had stripped him of his commission due to his expressed affections for Herr Hitler's air force. Right?

# WELL ?

~~PETRICK~~ Ⓞ

Notes from SAM and Jeanie NYDER (I 34th WW II) of 3555 xford, Riverdale NY. "Had an 0th birthday celebration in May 1993. My wife retired from the New York City Public School System in July 1990 after

48 years of service so we now have more retirement time to enjoy our three grandchildren, ages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

Jolly words from Col. KERMIT B. BLANEY (B & L 21st '42-'45) who writes from 801 Peachtree, Columbus GA: "BILL VERBECK was talking to some Jap prisoners on Mindanao, telling them about those huge U.S. airplanes bombing their homeland - in the Japanese language - and one Jap turned to the others and said, "Colonel full of S---, plain ol' propoganda," in excellent clerk English."

(Ed.note: How well we remember Bill's ability to converse in Japanese.)

Kermit continues: "In the combat I experienced in the Division, we had three outstanding Regimental Commanders: JOCK CLIFFORD, BILL VERBECK and RED NEWMAN.

"Reservations at New Orleans for Marilu and I are on their way. God willing we'll meet again. A couple of light heart attacks corrected with Angioplast kept me from last two conventions - looking forward to September in N.O."

# SOUND OFF

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By actual count, 12 have written in that they like the new Taro Leaflet with its use of newsprint - and 7 have written in that they do not like it - "hate it", "disapprove", "want to regurgitate", etc., etc.

Note from JIM LEMON (K 21st '44-'46) of Box 357, Friendship IN: "Am retiring from The Friendship State Bank after 48 years. Married, have 3 children and 7 grandchildren."



We write down what we read on bumper stickers - we omit the raunchy ones. Here are a few we like:

My wife ran off with my best friend, and I miss him.

The only thing I can count on now is my fingers.

Send a dozen roses up to her, and pour four for me.

I don't know whether to kill myself or go bowling.

I wouldn't take you to a dog-fight, even if I thought you could win.



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News items from ANGELO MARCHESI of 4 Stoneham, Woburn MA 01801. He was Hq.Btry., 52nd Field. He reminds us of the movie playing at the Post theatre (Schofield) on Sat., Dec. 6th '41 - "Our Wife" with Melvin Douglas and Ruth Hussey. It was also scheduled for the following day's showing as well - but they closed the theater.

Angelo reminds us that TRACEY HITCHNER was the 52nd pitcher. He pitched for the Kansas City Blues when it was a farm team for the NY Yankees.



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GLEN E. SIMMONS writes from RR 1, Box 1, Cisne IL: "There is a name on page 98 of the last Taro, MALCOLM D. MOOMEY. If it is the right man he was Co.Clerk of our Infantry Company, Co.B, 1st Bn.19th Inf. If you could find his address, I sure would appreciate it."

Glen, try MALCOLM D. MOOMEY (B 19th '43-'45) at 1846 Shore Dr.South, S.Pasadena FL. We think that's in the St.Petersburg area. Wife is Bette. Ma Bell will get him for you at 813-343-6023.

Lot of service spirit in BOB OLSON's family. Bob, at 5721 NW 87th, Tamarac FL was M 34th '43-'45. Has a son with 13 yrs. in the Navy, a grandson in the signal corps in Germany, and a nephew, an MP Lieut. in CO. Stand proud, Bob.



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# John A. Finan (19th 35-42)

JACK "Pineapple Jack" FINAN crossed the river on March the 26th. He and Mary had gone to Florida early in February. While there, poor Jack began to suffer serious headaches, and to become confused. Hospital examinations there revealed a growth in the head. May's first thought was "home" - so he was transported by ambulance to the Orlando A/P for the flight to Raleigh-Durham AP and then admittance to the Raleigh Community Hospital for the MRI and cat scan. Diagnosis - Cancer. Surgery on March the first. Recovery from that revealed blindness and continued confusion. The medics told Mary the tumor was as large as a tennis ball. And, finally, on March 26th, Jack went to his reward. We give you these unpleasant facts only because of the many among you who knew and loved Jack - you would find some solace in living Jack's last days with him, even if vicariously - and after the fact. Jack will be much missed - and we join with Mary and the kids in their sorry. Mary can be reached at 758 Etaker Mill Rd., Raleigh NC 27608.

We're reproducing it just as it appeared in the March 1st  
Columbus GA Ledger Enquirer:

■ OBITUARY

## Ledger-Enquirer columnist Paul Timm dies at age 73

By Clint Claybrook  
Staff Writer

Paul A. Timm, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and longtime Ledger-Enquirer editor and columnist, died Sunday night following a months-long bout with lung cancer. He was 73.

The funeral is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at Striffler-Hamby Mortuary on Macon Road, with burial in Parkhill Cemetery.

Timm retired from the U.S. Army in 1970 after 30 years, including a stint as a public affairs officer in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. His career included combat duty as a company commander and platoon leader with the 13th Armored Division during World War II and service as a company

commander with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea.

An Attica, N.Y., native with a journalism degree from Syracuse University, Timm was a public affairs officer at Fort Benning in 1967-68. He received several Bronze Stars and was awarded the Legion of Merit for service as a public affairs officer in Saigon.

From 1970 until December 1990 he served, at various times, as city editor of the Columbus Enquirer, managing editor of the Columbus Ledger, Sunday editor of the Ledger-Enquirer, and as an assistant to the executive editor of the



TIMM

combined newspapers.

In later years, he was a military columnist and analyst, and a writer in the newspaper's advertising department. He retired from full-time employment in 1990, but continued to write a Saturday military column.

"He was very important to the Ledger-Enquirer and to the community in many ways," said Ledger-Enquirer Publisher Billy Watson. "He helped shape the news report and was a key editor for several years, and through his military column, he helped establish an important link between the newspaper and Fort Benning."

"He provided a lot of insight into Fort Benning and the community. ... We'll miss his contributions and his special military experience and knowledge."

Timm was a past president of the Exchange Club of Columbus and once was cited for producing the best weekly Exchange Club bulletin in the country. The bulletin was twice cited as the best in Georgia.

"He was one of those fellows you sort of want to pattern your life after," said former Columbus Mayor James Jernigan, who worked with Timm for many years in the Exchange Club. "He was just a great guy."

Maj. Gen. Jerry White, the Fort Benning commander, said Timm was "a great friend of the U.S. Army and Fort Benning. His unwavering support of the military was sincerely appreciated by all of us. His untimely death

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### Timm dead at 73

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causes great sorrow among his many friends, both in and out of uniform. The entire community has lost a great citizen and friend.

"We will see him on the high ground."

Friends said Timm's columns were instrumental in bringing the 2nd Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division and the School of the Americas to Fort Benning. The brigade has since been moved to Fort Drum, N.Y.

At the time of his death, Fort Benning was moving to present him with the Commander's Award for Public Service, and that award will now be presented to his family, a post official said.

Col. Bob Nett, a World War II Medal of Honor winner who had known Timm for more than 40 years, said: "I think he was probably a true infantryman, if ever there was one. The thing that impressed me the most was he was always up front with the facts."

"As an infantryman, I, with many of

my colleagues, looked forward to his Saturday morning columns, because he always seemed to have the facts correct and would keep us posted on the Army — and particularly Fort Benning developments. Veterans will miss turning to the editorial page every Saturday morning to see what's news in and around Fort Benning."

George Cliff, golf professional at the Follow Me Golf Course at Fort Benning for many years, said Timm was "not a real good golfer by any means. I think he just loved being outside more than anything. He just liked to come out here and talk Army with his friend. He was always talk about or defending something he'd written. He was one of the friendliest people I ever knew. ... I think that's what people are going to miss most."

Survivors include his wife, Nell, of Columbus; a son, Patti Price of Fayetteville, Ga.; and a son, Michael G. Timm of Monticello, Va.



## Last Roll Call

PAUL A. TIMM  
died Feb. 27, 1994  
was C.O. - Korea  
Reported by Jim L. Shirah,  
(D 34th '56-'57)

ERWIN "Casey" STENGEL  
died February 5, 1994  
was 3rd Eng. Bn. 10/44-8/45  
Reported by HARRY SHOCK  
(3rd Eng. & Hq.Co.'42-'45)  
Mildred Stengel can be reached  
at RR2, Box 141B, Greenville IL  
62246.

EDWARD L. SHEA  
died in Feb. of 1982  
was 34th and CO of G 19th  
7/50 - 10/51  
Reported by FRANK J. PLATA  
(G 19th 3/51-10/52)

JOHN W. MARSH  
mil returned 3/94 "Deceased"  
was E 19th '45-'46  
Gladys Marsh is at 845 3rd St,  
West Huntington WV 25701

Martha "Marie" REINKE  
died January 22, 1994  
was wife of RICHARD E. REINKE  
Div.Hq. Med. '44-'45)  
Dick is at 6501-17th Av.W.  
Apt. I-405, Bradenton FL 34209

Col. THOMAS J. "Tody" DREISONSTOK  
died 1992  
was L 21st '51  
Reported by Col. LINDSEY P.  
HENDERSON, JR.  
(L 21st '50-'51)

Rev. OLIVER KEHRLEIN SJ  
Mil returned 3/94 -  
"deceased '93"  
th Hq Japan & Korea

Lt.Gen. RUSSELL L. VITTRUP  
Div. Commander ('56-'57 Japan)  
Died Dec. 7, 1992

SAM GIBILISCO  
died February 2, 1994  
was A 3rd Combat Eng.  
Reported by JAMES F. SCOLLA

DONALD C. WEBSTER  
died December 7, 1993  
was Combat photographer,  
24th Sig.Co. '51-'52  
His widow, Marie, at  
2559 E. Elmwood St.,  
Mesa AZ 85203.


ERNEST R. RODRIGUEZ  
died January 29, 1993  
was K 19th, 3/59-9/53  
(POW 4/23/51-8/15/53)  
His widow, Jacqueline,  
Rt. 2, Box 264-X,  
Harlem GA 30814  
Reported by TIMOTHY F. CASEY  
(29th)

WALTER A. KIJEK  
died Oct. 5, 1988  
(was 19th '50-'51)  
Reported by his widow,  
Dorcas Kijek, 509 Laurel St.  
Manchester NH 03103

helma SEARS  
died February 9, 1994  
was wife of CLIFFORD G. SEARS  
C 21st 7/41-8/45)  
Clifford is at 1921 Woodlawn Av.,  
re Haute IN 47804

K J. BEESLEY, JR.  
returned 3/94 - "deceased"  
19th '32-'34, then  
th '39-'40, then Hq. 1st Bn  
C 19th '49-'51.

# BY THE NUMBERS

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