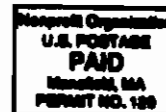


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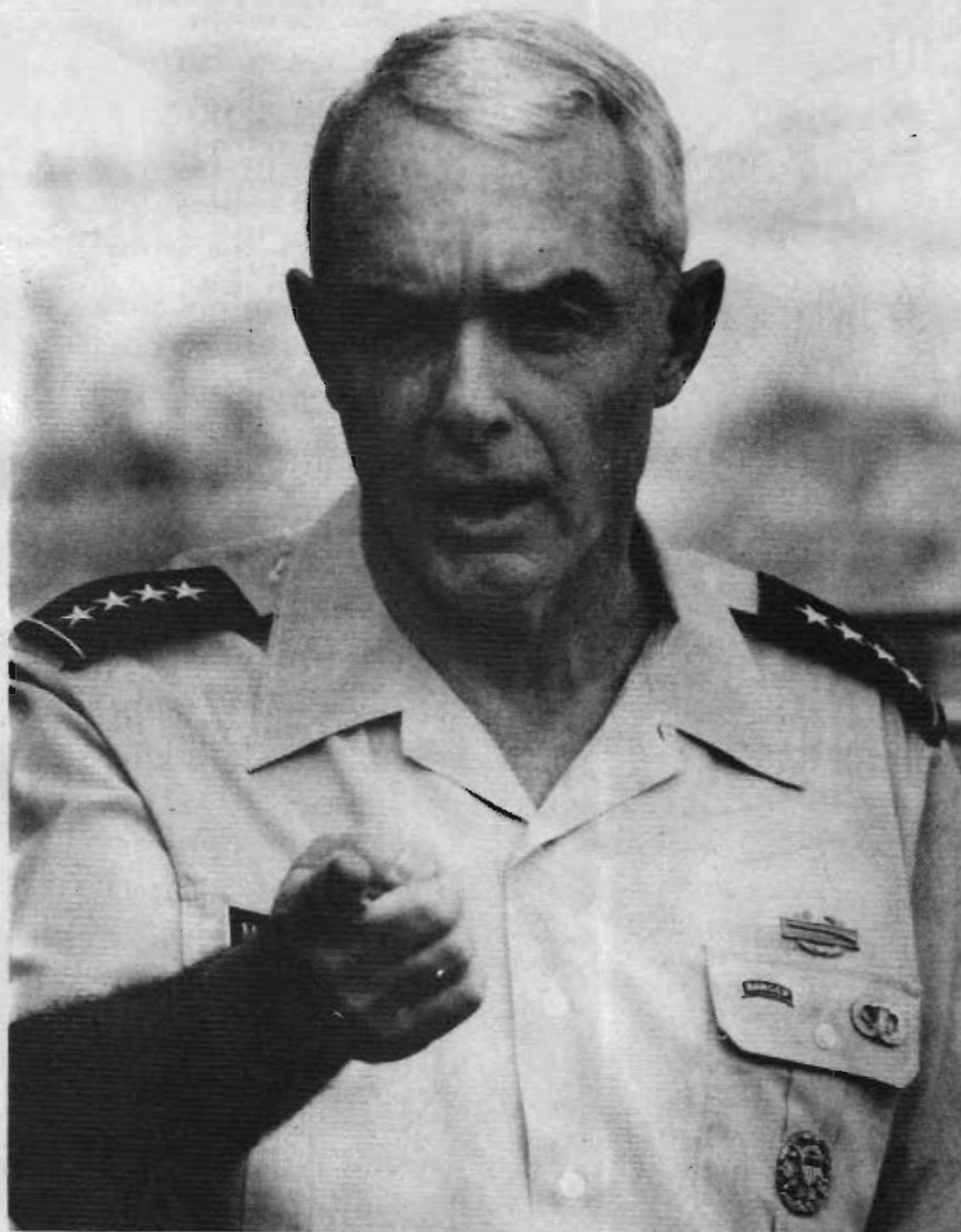
My best wishes to you and the
Victory Soldiers of the 24th EO
Association. Assured Command of
US Forces Southern Command on
17 Feb 94. Our Headquarters is in
Panama and the Army, Navy, Air
Force, and Marine elements operate
throughout the various nations of
Latin America.

Picture is from my first interview
on local TV!

BARRY McAFFREY
VICTORY

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From the Office of the
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Command, APO AA 34003 -
in other words, balmy Panama City:



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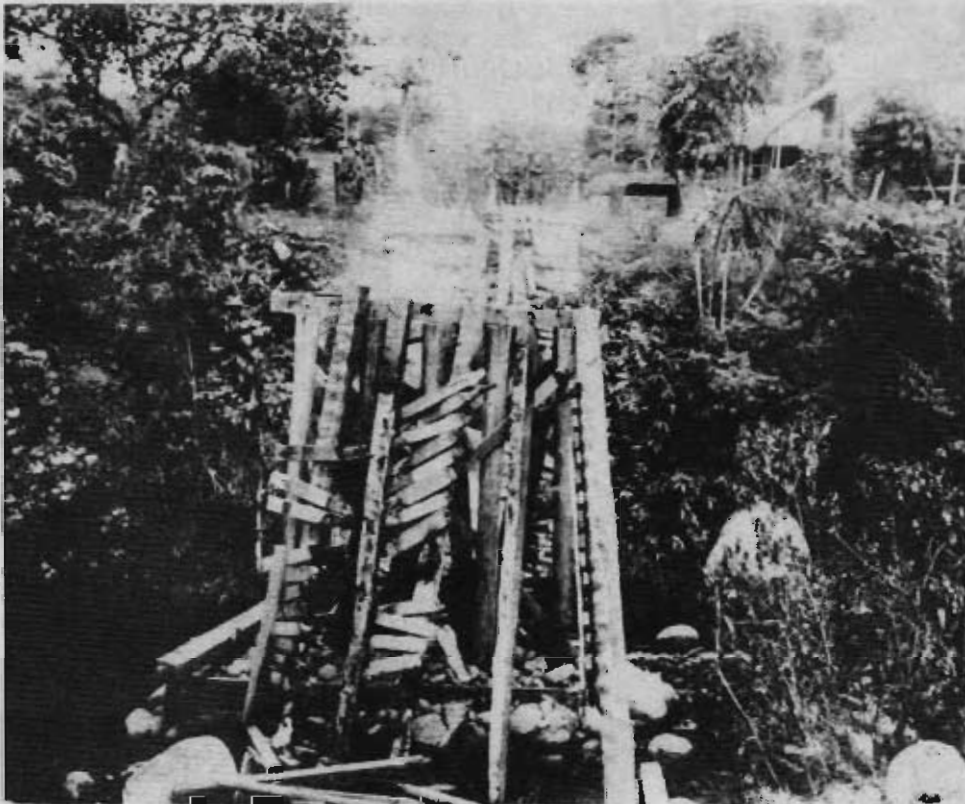
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If this one stumps you, you ought to go back to school. Big Red One is the popular call. Should you have a buddy who doesn't know of their association, ask him to drop a line to 5 Montgomery Av., Philadelphia PA 19118. (215)836-4841.

SEE YOUR STORY IN PRINT!



Dated Apr. 26, 1945. We were on our way to Digos on Mindanao. The bridge had been blown by our little friends. Didn't stop the 24th Recon. They simply went down one side, forded the stream, and crawled up the other side. Hope this reproduces well. They sure blew that bridge to smithereens.

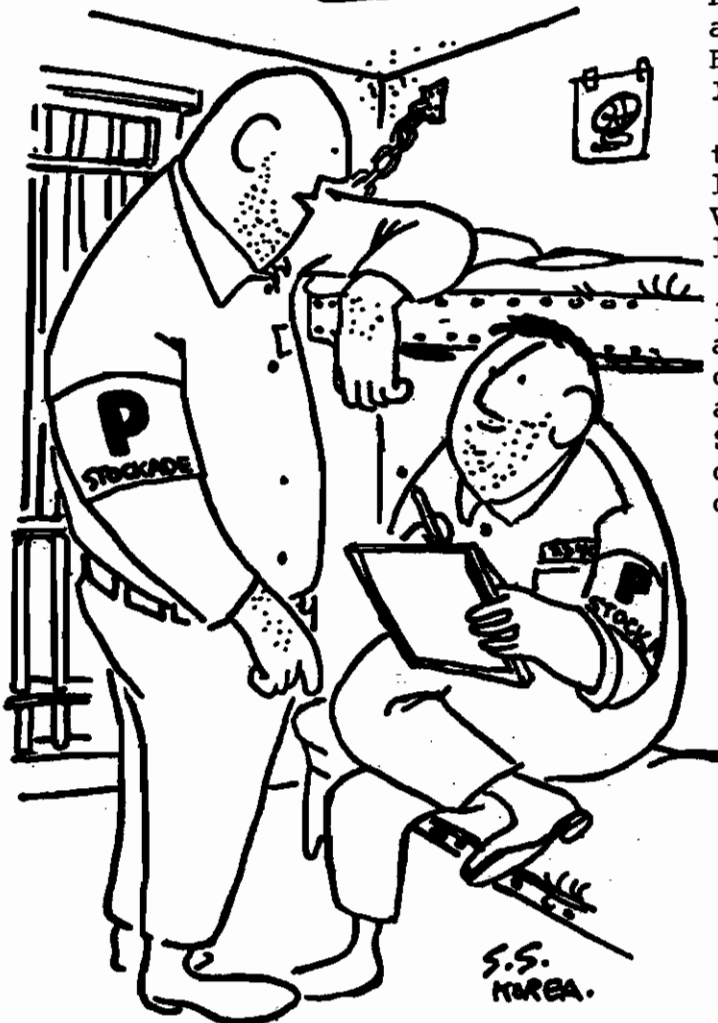
WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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► **Solution on next page**

RAY MUNCY (D 21st '45-'46) has joined our ranks. He and Opal use Box 321, Hydro OK for their mail drop. They lost a son in 'Nam.



"I don't think it's quite accurate to write your folks that you're a prisoner of war."

Doctor's comment in reply to the patient asking about over-eating during the "party period" between Thanksgiving and Christmas: "I don't worry about your overeating between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's what you eat between Christmas and Thanksgiving that bothers me."

Watta guy! JOHNNY MORRISON
(D 21st '41-'44) over in Long
Beach NY - 370 Broadway, if you
need the street - sends a \$75.00
check with this note - \$25.00 for
the East Coast Memorial, \$25.00
for the West Coast Memorial -
and \$25.00 for stamps."

The "Bridge of Love", bridging Leyte with Samar, is falling apart. Built in 1972 by Ferdinand Marcos for his wife, Imelda.

Bus passengers are now asked to disembark and walk the length of the bridge (2.2 km). Vehicles are restricted to 12 mph.

Marcos died in Hawaii in '89, 3 years after he was ousted in a popular revolt. Imelda was convicted for corruption by a Manila court a few weeks ago. She was sentenced to a minimum of 18 years but remains free on bail.



Yep, the 101st Abn.Div. and their association is reachable at Box 586, Sweetwater, TN 37874. If you know anyone who ever wore that patch, pass the word. (615) 337-4103.

Whatzit?: Gloss over



*"Yes, Zimmerman,
but there is more to
soldiering than merely
'standing tall.'"*



What was it we used to say -
their patch is as big as a horse
blanket. They've a very active
association. If your neighbor
doesn't know it yet, tell him to
write them at 302 N.Main St.,
Copperas Cove TX 76522.
(800) 234-9313.

Another "Want-to-Hear" heard
from: EARL LEE, of 11216 S.
Ainsworth, Tacoma WA and
SAM FERRARO of 2906 Surfrider,
Ventura CA anxious to hear from
anyone who endured that winter-
time, vintage '50-'51.

Know who the meanest gal in
the world is? - Tanya Rodham
Bobbitt.

Capt. Bernard E. Grady, now
retired and living at 10 Aurora
Teversall, Doylestown PA,
served in 'Nam. Has written
"On A Tiger's Back" about his
experiences. He had a rifle
company with the 1st Cav.Div.

BILL WRIGHT (Sv.19th '50-'51)
down at Box 2473, Lumberton NC
chanced to meet FRANCIS DENNY
(Sv.21st '38) in a VA hospital.
Francis lives at 987 Sanchez,
Fayetteville NC. Anyway, Bill
quietly paid two years in dues
for Francis. Says Bill:
"Please accept my action as only
one of friendship; I don't
expect anything back." Then
along comes Francis, overcome by
Bill's good deed, and joins us
as a Life Member. Whatta story!

BG JOHN A. VANALSTYNE C/S
for Gen. BARRY MCCAFFREY, has
rejoined him in Panama. He's now
director of operations for the
U.S. Southern Command.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Back from a visit to the P.I. are WILBERT "Shorty" and Maritas ESTABROOK (B 19th '48-'50 - POW 7/50 - 8/53). They're at 24922 Muirlands, Lake Forest CA 92630. Here, read it just as Shorty wrote it:

"Philippines has not changed much. Still hot as hades. Manila has a lot of new cars, especially taxis. Getting in and out of the airport is a bit easier now. MacArthur Highway still impossible.

"The cemetery in Manila is awesome. It is beautiful. Extremely well maintained. I was more impressed than when I went to Arlington.

"Thank you for all your hard work. Your rewards are tiny, I know and some always complain, but those guys always have and always will. I think they are happy that way. I do appreciate your work.

"So long for now."

Thank you, Shorty, your kind words mean much.

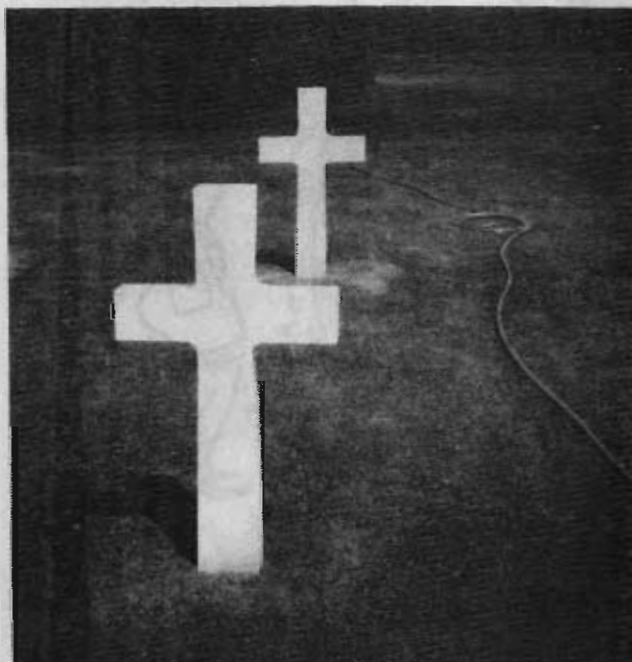
Shorty reports difficulties in trying to obtain names of all Division people buried in the cemetery.

We know; BOB ENDER and we encountered the same lack of cooperation at the Honolulu cemetery a few years ago.

Shorty says the names are listed not by Division or any other units; they are listed only alphabetically with the units following the names. Yes, you can locate the Division people - but only by hours of running through 36,279 names.



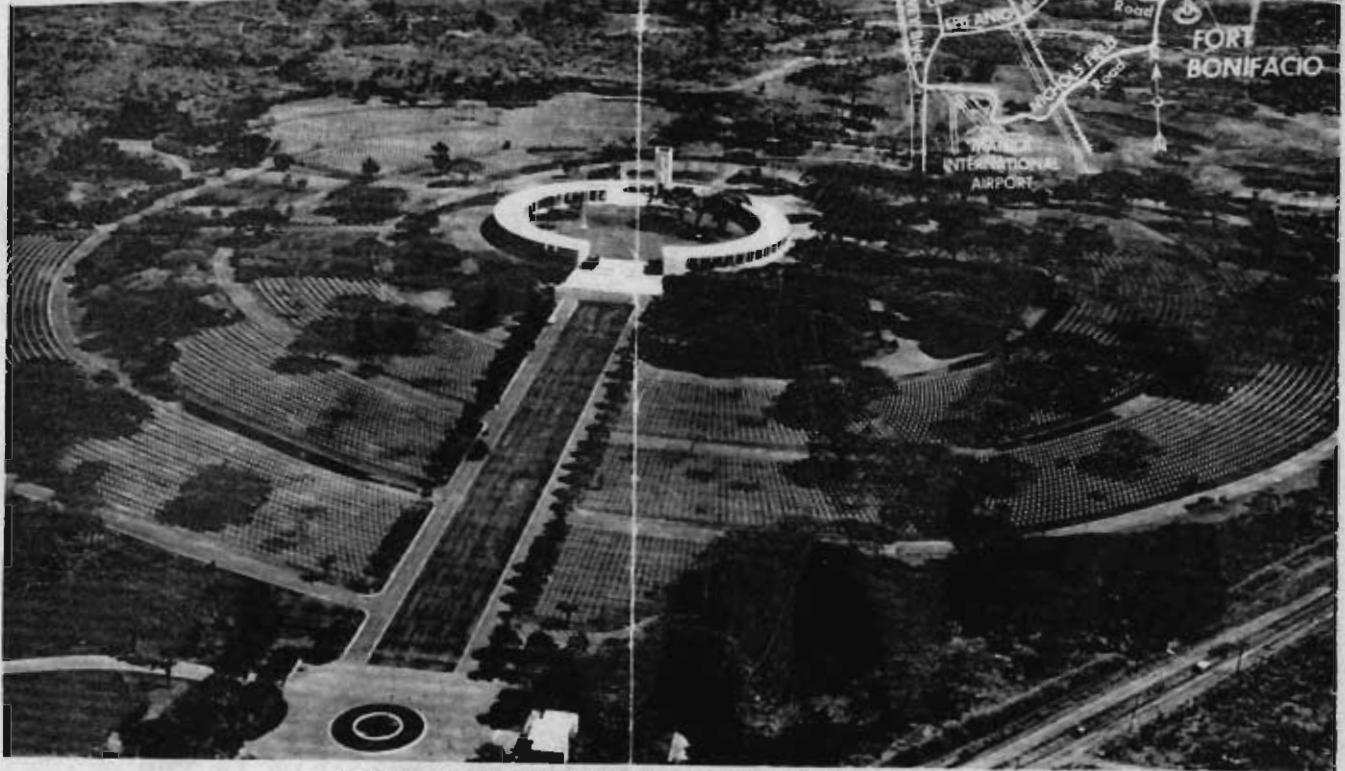
We're gonna use it, come hell or high water. It's SHORTY ESTABROOK in amongst a bunch of elephant ears.



By which we honor SHORTY ESTABROOK who did honor THOMAS CARLSON, 34th, when he visited Tom's grave at the Manila cemetery. Thank you, Shorty. You're aces in our book.

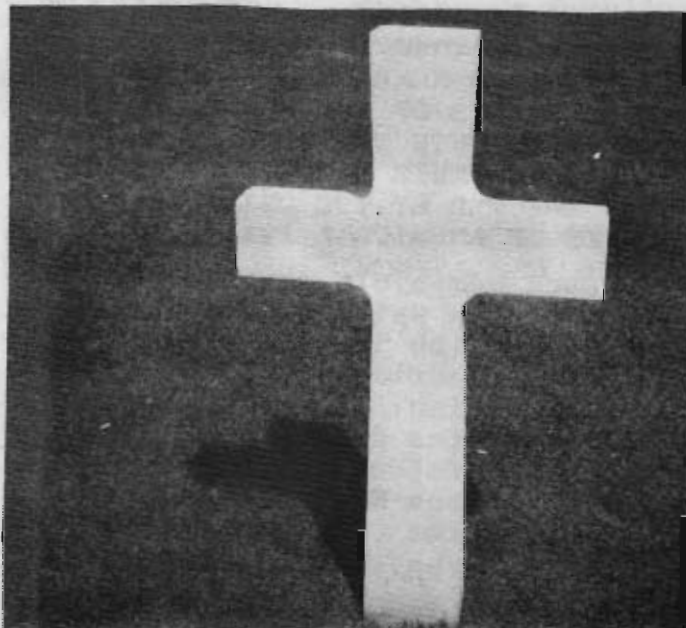
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MANILA AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

Shorty says that the cemetery is "awesome". Look at this aerial photo - and get a bit of the feeling that overwhelmed Shorty.



SHORTY ESTABROOK, you were good enough to visit the grave of HAROLD E. HYDE, 21st, (KIA May 10, 1945) so we're going to use the picture. It won't reproduce well - but into this issue it goes.

"...Be With Us Yet, Lest We Forget..."

Shorty Estabrook wants to tell you something about the American Cemetery and Memorial in Manila.

You're on Shorty:

"Manila Cemetery is situated about six miles southeast of the center of the city of Manila, within the limits of the Army reservation of Fort Andres Bonifacio (formerly Fort William McKinley).

"The cemetery site covers 152 acres of gently rising ground which culminates at the memorial. It is the largest in area of the cemeteries built and administered by the American Battle Monuments Commission, and the largest in point of the number of graves and of those Missing who are recorded upon the walls of the Memorial.

"In this cemetery are buried 17,206 of our military Dead representing 40 percent of the burials which were originally made in temporary cemeteries on New Guinea, the Philippines and other islands of the Pacific.

"The headstones are arranged in concentric circular rows around the high point on which the memorial stands, the burial area being divided into eleven plots of varying sizes. Four roads leave the mall from its west side and lead through the graves area, with occasional diversions and crossroads, to rejoin the mall at its east side.

"These Dead, who gave their lives in our Country's service, came from every State in the Union, also from the District of Columbia, Panama, Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Australia, Canada, China, England, Mexico, Costa Rica, Honduras, Finland, Jamaica, Burma and Peru. 3,744 of the headstones

mark the graves of 'Unknowns'; 6 bronze plaques mark the graves of 28 known dead who could not be separately identified. Here, also, in 20 cases two brothers lie side by side.

"Most of the white marble headstones came from Italy, but more than 100 were quarried and fabricated on Romblon in the Philippines.

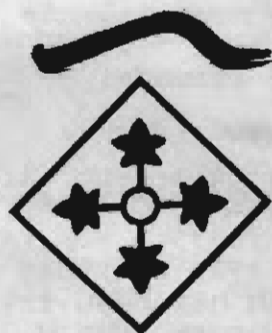
"The Memorial is faced with travertine limestone quarried near Tivoli, a few miles east of Rome, Italy. It consists of the tower containing the small devotional chapel, and the two extensive hemicycles in front which embrace the Memorial Court. The principal entrance to the memorial area is by the monumental staircase at the south end of the mall. At the top of these steps the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines has been carved into the paving; this is the seal which was authorized for use during World War II and until the Republic had been established. To the right and left stretch the hemicycles; on the end facade of each is the dedicatory inscription:

IN PROUD REMEMBRANCE OF THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF HER SONS AND IN
HUMBLE TRIBUTE TO THEIR
SACRIFICES THIS MEMORIAL HAS
BEEN ERECTED BY THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA * 1941 - 1945.

"Each hemicycle contains 24 pairs of fin walls upon the four faces of which are inscribed the names and particulars of 36,279 of our Missing:

United States Army
and Air Forces....16,913
United States Navy..17,582
United States
Marine Corps.....1,726

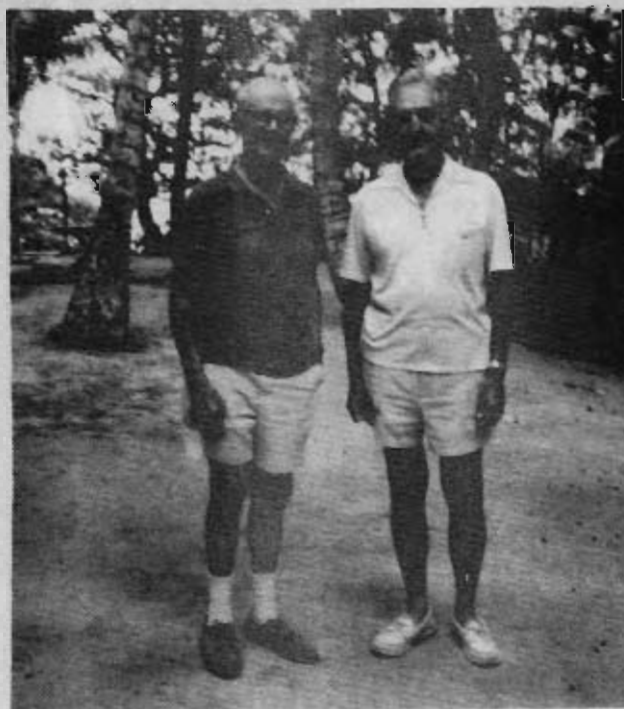
"These gave their lives in the service of their Country in the regions from Australia northward to Japan, eastward to the Palau Islands and westward to China, Burma and India, but their remains have not been identified, or they were lost or buried at sea. Their names include men from every State in the Union, also from the District of Columbia, Panama, Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Australia, Canada, New Zealand. At each end of each hemicycle is a museum or map room. The memorial area offers many magnificent prospects - over Manila toward Mount Arayat to the north, and over the Laguna de Bay toward Mount Makiling to the southeast and Tagaytay Ridge to the south.



Recognize this one? Know anyone who wore it? Pass the word on to him. It's the 4th Infantry Division. He can reach their association with a letter to Ralph Lingert, 161 Vista Hermosa Cir., Sarasota FL 34242.

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

MAY I CUT IN?



H. GORDON BEHREL writes from 843 Maple, Downers Grove IL: "Overheard at Chickamauga in 1865. What's the difference between a fort and a fortress? Answer - One has breastwork!"

"You may have heard this story before. Five years ago, while playing golf on the Island of Kauai - 90 miles NW of Schofield - we were paired up with a couple. I asked the gentleman when was the first time he was in Hawaii. He said '1943-Shofield.' I asked what Division? '24th Reg. 19th Bn. 2nd.' I said, Where were you Oct. 20th 1944? He looked at me quizzically as though I was daft and then after a pause - he said 'Red Beach - Leyte.' You and I were just yards apart. I was Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 19th. We have been playing golf on Kauai every year since. He is PRESTON J. BAILEY and lovely wife, Irene, of 8024 Winchester Way, Wilsonville OR 97070. I am not sure if the enclosed photo is a bivouac or just getting out of a sand trap. Bailey on the right. I also know you have a 'negative' attitude about color photos."

A Hard Act To Follow

Mia Farrow, making a movie in Ireland, tells the story about going to one of the local shops and asking for a copy of the Times. The proprietor said, 'Do you want yesterday's or today's?' Mia said she wanted today's, so the proprietor said, 'Well then, you better come back tomorrow.' Only in Ireland.

George Bush didn't eat his broccoli... and just look what happened to him.



"Tell me Prunella—just where did we go wrong?"

Proving that a lot of people at Stewart are unaware of our Association. Listen to this one written by JIM MIMS: "I have an employee whose son is with the 24th, and was in Somalia. So she sent him my copy of a recent Taro Leaf while he was there, with a great response! None of his group knew anything about the Association, and were most favorably impressed that it existed, and that we were interested in them! They circulated it all around, and it helped morale a bunch. He is Spec. 4 JAMES L. BUTLER, HHB 1/41 FA". Well, JIM BUTLER, you have heard of us and from us by the time you read your Taro Leaf. Thanks for the tip, Jim Mims.

Remember how many islands comprise the P.I.? 7,107. That's a lot of islands.

We've had a call from Carolyn Farrell, 2188B Erie Ct., AAFB, Washington DC 20335. Her father, RUDOLPH BACA, 4720 Lillypad Pl., Mesilla Park NM has been trying "forever" to locate JOHN W. JORGENSEN, formerly of Flint MI. Rudy and John were 24th Sig., Germany '59-'61 at Will Kaserne. If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of JOHN W. JORGENSEN, please call Carolyn Farrell, Collect at 301-599-9416.

Some mysterious member - at least he didn't sign his name to his suggestion - come up with the idea that we insert a release in this issue which you, the member, can tear out, and run down to your local news office and ask them please to publish it. Nice suggestion, mystery man, but we've been doing exactly this off and on for years:

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New Orleans LA. On September 14 through the 18th, 1994, the 24th Infantry Division Association of the United States Army will hold its 47th annual reunion honoring veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and division members from Pearl Harbor through current assignment at Fort Stewart GA. The reunion will be held at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, New Orleans LA 70140. For further information contact the above.

Chapter 1827 of Army's game of musical chairs is now being played out. We feel bereft by General Blackwell's leaving; note if you will the courtesy and grace of spirit with which he takes his leave. To General Blackwell, we say "Thank you. Well done. And bon voyage."



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND FORT STEWART
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA 31314-5000



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 23, 1994

Office of the Commander

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers,

My tour of duty with the 24th Infantry Division is all too quickly coming to an end, so I wanted to take a moment to bid you farewell and say thank you.

In truth, however, I shouldn't say goodbye. Although I'll no longer be the commander of the Army's premier heavy division, I won't be too far removed from it. My new assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Strategy in the Pentagon will allow me to stay well aware of the goings-on down here at Fort Stewart. I just won't have the fun of being personally involved in the goings-on.

Working with the great young men and women in the Army today is what I've always enjoyed most, and I'll miss that daily contact. For what General George Patton said back in 1933 is as true today as it was then: "Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and the man who leads that gains the victory."

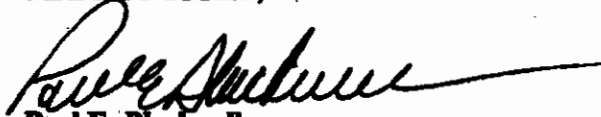
On June 15, I'll pass the Division guidon to my successor, MG Joseph E. DeFrancisco. He's absolutely the right man for the job. You may remember that from 1992 to 1993 then-BG DeFrancisco was the Assistant Division Commander for Support. He has a thorough knowledge of the Victory Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, and will do great things for our soldiers and family members.

So, I prepare to depart, confident in the knowledge that I'll leave the 24th Infantry Division in good hands. I'm also confident that you who have been so steadfastly loyal to this wonderful Division that I've had the honor of commanding, will continue to support the Victory Division and its new commander.

I sincerely thank you for your friendship and support during my two years here.

VICTORY!

FIRST TO FIGHT,


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



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 1994

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

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+ \$3.00/room Occupy Tax

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RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 14, 1994 may not qualify for the special group rate and will be confirmed on a space available basis.

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Division Association members who wish to stay longer in New Orleans are entitled to the \$72.00 rate three (3) days prior or three (3) days after the convention.

Rooms will be held only until August 14, 1994. After that date, the Association must release unreserved rooms, so make your plans early and reserve your room prior to August 14, 1994. Late requests will be on an as available basis only.

All room reservations must be accompanied by a first night's room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Saturday morning Ladies Breakfast will have an entertaining and interesting program on the "History of New Orleans".

RV PARKING

USA Parking System, the hotel's parking garage, is now accepting parking reservations for RV's with certain limitations. If you are traveling in an RV and desire parking in the hotel's garage, please contact Aaron S. Duez, Regional Manager, Operations and Sales, at 504-553-5689.

BOURBON AND NIGHTLIFE - A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

An organized tour for those who wish to enjoy nightlife with conveniences. Purchase your tour ticket at desk in Registration Area.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Optional tours are popular tours for conventioners to New Orleans. Please select the tours you wish and register early. Please be sure to check tour hours to avoid conflict between tours. The Jerrico Management Company will be in charge of all tour arrangements. See Taro Leaf #3 for selections.

**NOTE: IT APPEARS THAT NEW ORLEANS WILL HAVE
A HEAVY TOURISM AND CONVENTION MONTH
IN SEPTEMBER. DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE
YOUR HOTEL ROOM EARLY.**

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Dates Served _____

Name of Wife/Guests Attending: _____

	Per Person	Number Attending	Amount
REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (Guests Excluded)			\$ 15.00
Friday Dinner	\$22.00 ea.	* _____	\$ _____
Saturday Memorial Banquet	\$30.00 ea.	* _____	\$ _____
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

AN OPTION OF TOURS ARE PRESENTED. SELECT THE TOURS OF
GREATEST INTEREST TO YOU, BUT PLEASE AVOID CONFLICT ON TIMING.

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

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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	_____	_____
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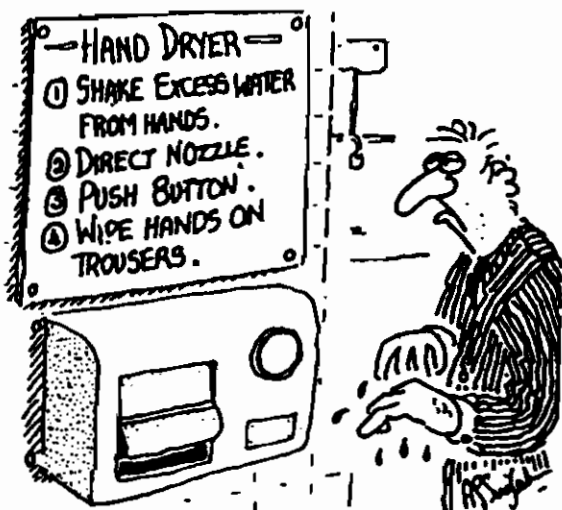
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LETTERS



This came to us all the way from Bangkok. BILL SWANSON sent it to us. He calls them the "electric boxes from hell". We have trouble with them over here, too, Bill.

At Stewart, Small Arms Range Bravo 1 has been redesignated the CLIFFORD RANGE in honor of our own Col. THOMAS "Jock" CLIFFORD.

TOM ACQUILLA (M 34 '42-'45) and Mary writes from 406 Cascade Rd., Mechanicsburg PA: "I am Army retired and civilian civil service retired. All I do all day long is mow my lawn and work on my yard. I also go to a few army reunions if not too far away. I have gone to three with 24th."

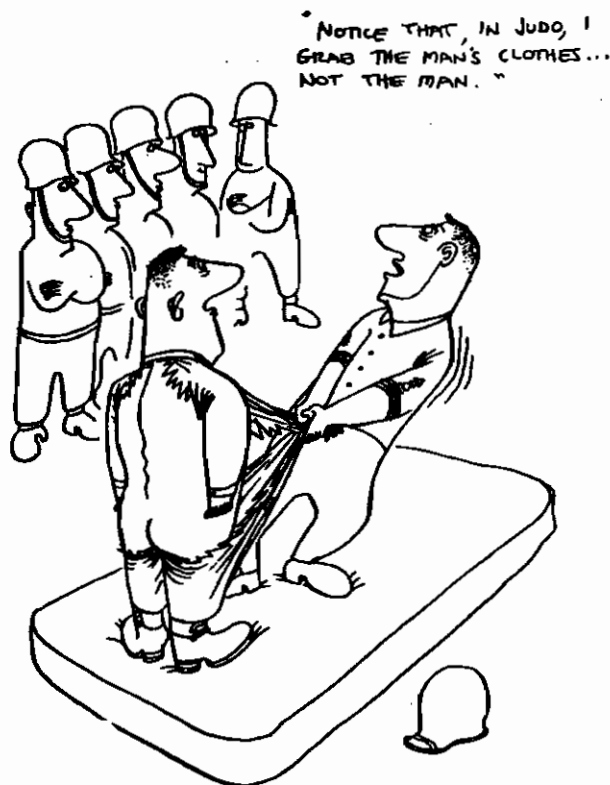
ANDREW GROSS (Hq.Co. 19th '51-'53) Box 225, Napoleon ND 58561 puts the money on the line for a Life Membership, without a whimper. He'd like to hear from his buddies of the 19th, especially those serving under Sgt. Sam Brown. He's looking for, among others, JACK REYNOLDS and JOHN COLLIER.

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

STORE MARKET
BAZAAR MART
SHOP EMPORIUM

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By Virgil Partch

The gifted cartoonist, Virgil Partch, gave us his permission, before his untimely death, to use any of his "military cartoons". This we do, happily.

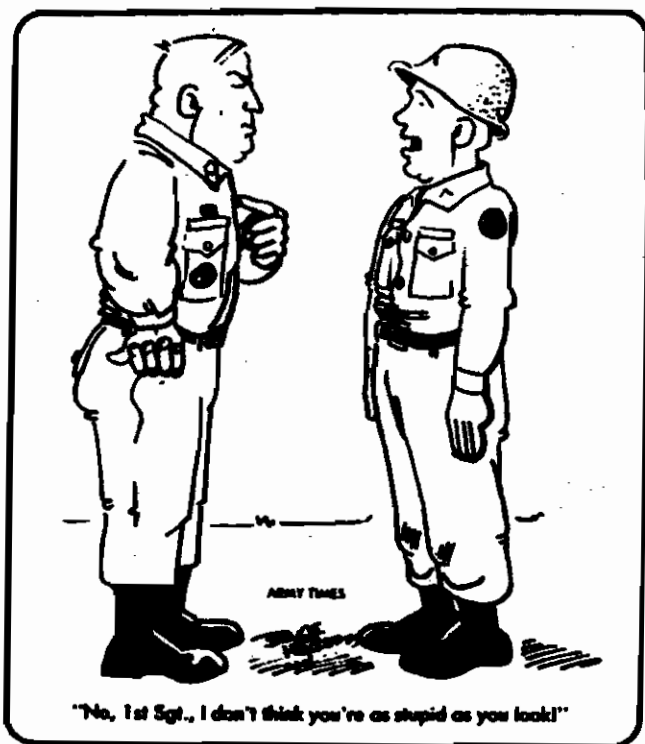
**Sign Up Today
for the Reunion!**

Whatzit?: Trading places

wow!

New Orleans

CARL L. CONNER (Co. C 3rd Eng. I Co. 3/28/41 - 9/41) 1025 Center St., SW, Mableton GA 30059 would like to locate anyone from 1398th Engineers Bn. - esp. Bldg. A, 29 Air Field.



As Tony describes it, "There's the story that you hear now about John Barrymore, but before that you heard it about Henry Irving, and before that probably Edwin Booth: A young actor says to Barrymore, or whomever, 'Sir, I don't know quite how to ask this, but in Hamlet, does Hamlet, ah, sleep with Ophelia?' And the old actor replies, 'I always did.' A lot of these old stories go way back; you just assign a different name to them."

Act Now!

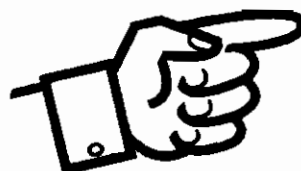
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TARO LEAF WHITE POPLIN CAP (EMBROIDERED)	\$9.50	4oz
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TARO LEAF CHRISTMAS CARDS (12 w/ ENV)	\$6.25	6oz
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UNIT LAPEL PINS (ACTIVE UNITS OF THE 24TH ID)	\$3.50	1oz
USA PIN	\$3.50	1oz
"VICTORY" BALL POINT PEN	\$4.50	1oz
WOODEN ORNAMENTS HERITAGE CHAPEL	\$5.00	1oz
WOODEN ORNAMENT TOY SOLDIER	\$5.00	1oz
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STAINED GLASS MAGNOLIA, LARGE	\$32.00	1lb 4oz
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STAINED GLASS PEACH, LARGE	\$32.00	1lb 4oz
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"Hmmm..."

Maj. Gen. JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO has been selected to succeed Maj.Gen. PAUL E. BLACKWELL as Division Commander.

Maj.Gen. DeFrancisco has previously served with the Division as the Assistant Division Commander, Support, from July 1992 to July 1993. He currently serves as assistant chief of staff for command, control and communications in the United Nations Command, Korea. He also serves concurrently as assistant chief of staff operations on three other staffs all headquartered in Seoul, Korea.

In his 29 year Army career Maj.Gen. DeFrancisco also served as the executive to the Secretary of the Army, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C. from July 1990 until June 1992.

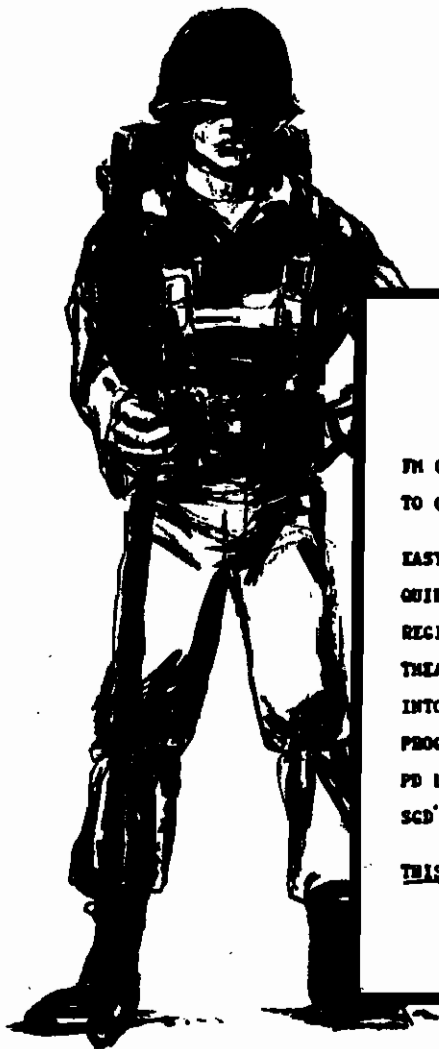
From July 1988 to July 1990 he served as commander, 7th Infantry Division (Light) Artillery, Fort Ord, CA, and participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama. He served as the chief, War Plans Division, and then the deputy director for planning, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Washington D.C. from 1986 to 1988.

He commanded the 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery in the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis WA from June 1982 to December 1984. His earlier assignments include tours in Germany with VII Corps Artillery units and two tours in combat in Vietnam.

A 1965 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Maj.Gen. DeFrancisco earned a masters degree in history from Rice University in 1973 and served on the faculty at the U.S. Military Academy from 1974 through 1978. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His military decorations include the Silver Star, four awards of the Legion of Merit, two awards of the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, three other awards of the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, five awards of the Air Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

He and his wife, Lynne, are from Albany, NY and will reside on Fort Stewart when they return from Korea. They have a son, Eric, who is also an Army officer, and a daughter, Laura, who resides in Washington D.C.



Mixed are the emotions which this one conjures up. It's the TWX - now unclassified in case you're squeamish - which saw task Force Smith - and the rest of the gang - go "over the top" in July of '50. Any editorial comment seems needless.

TOP SECRET

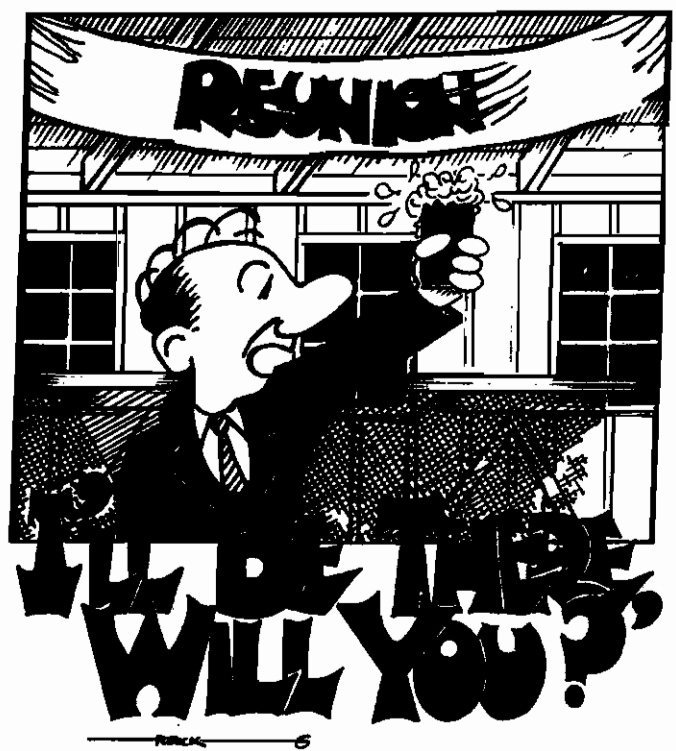
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THIS MSG FOR EYES ONLY OF GENERAL DEAN

TOP SECRET



EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE!!!!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION BONUS

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!!!!



ATTENTION !! ALL 19TH INFANTRY PERSONNEL !!

CHARLES UNSWORTH, the 19th Infantry Reunion Chairman, has moved to a new foxhole. You can establish commo with him now at 715 HORSESHOE LOOP, DOYLINE, LA 71023. On the EE-8 or sound-power, try (318) 745-2144.

Let's get those registration forms in, men. This will be the best 19th Infantry get-together since Chickamauga!! — Don't last cost is \$21.00 per person.

19th Infantry Reunion

NAME _____
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(Area Code) (Number)
NAME OF WIFE/GUEST ATTENDING _____
19TH INF UNITS 1. _____ DATES SERVED _____
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Ooops!

Three operations in the 31 days of March for poor KAY DOLEMBO who nonetheless has the fighting spirit, enough to assure us that she will try to see us all at New Orleans. Our wish, our hope, our prayer, Kay, is that we'll see you on Canal Street come September - better still, make that the Court of the Twin Sisters - a most delightful outdoor eatery no one of us should miss. Kay is at 2807 Tulip Dr., Indianapolis IN 46227.

Stimulating

Dr. ALBERT BRADEN, JR. (34th WW II) of 11202 Tyne, Houston TX was regimental surgeon of the 34th, and, of course, made the landing on Leyte. Writing of his treating "a Red Beach full of wounded soldiers" he says of the time when "Red" NEWMAN was brought down to him:

"Unfortunately, I was still working the beach when the litter-bearers brought me poor Red himself with an abdominal G.S.W.; he was shocky and in a helluva lot of pain; a shot of morphine and blood plasma helped, and when we loaded him on a L.V.C.P. for evacuation to the hospital ship, I entertained grave doubts as to whether or not he could survive. And survive he did, through years and years of devoted service to his fellow man and to his Country; the Lord works in wonderful ways!"

Heartfelt words, Al. Many thanks.

EYE~OPENING

Interesting note from SEAN E. HARPER of 3712 S.Waverly, Ponca City OK:

"I saw your ad in American Legion magazine about membership in the 24th Division and I am interested.

"Although my tour with them was short, I was a member of the 11th Airborne Division in Germany when it was deactivated and we became the 24th Airborne Brigade. Dates are as follows:

"Deactivation of 11th Airborne Division, 20-10-57. Went from 188th Airborne Infantry to 187th Airborne Battle Group, same Company (A) under ROTAD. The 503rd and the 187th were the two battle groups remaining on jump status. The other three were released from airborne status. Stationed at Augsburg (Gablingen Kaserne), Germany. Went to Beirut, Lebanon in July 1958 and returned to base in October or November 1958. Wore the 24th patch with a red and green airborne tab over it. Left 24th Division in February 1959 when it became the Big Red One, rotating to Continental US with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg."

Wonderful to have a para-trooper in the membership.

So far, 23 representatives have said they'll not seek reelection and 17 more have said they will run for other offices. What does that tell you?

TOM WILLIAMS, out of 16 Sunset, Franklin MA is trying to locate Lt. ROBERT L. LYONS of A 5th RCT in the '50-'51 time frame. Says Bob had a battlefield commission in Aug. of '51, and retired with the rank of colonel.

Servicemembers should feel proud of service in Somalia

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Information Service

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said service members who served in Somalia can feel proud of what they've accomplished.

"All you need to do is just reflect on the picture that we saw about a year ago of children dying, of old men and women too weak to pull themselves out of the road," said Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili.

"(Service members) know that their victory is measured in thousands and thousands of people who are alive today because soldiers and sailors and airmen and Marines went to Somalia and did what they were asked to do."

Shalikashvili gave his comments during an Armed Forces Radio and Television Service interview in Washington.

Most U.S. troops left Somalia March 25.

Fifty Marines remain in the country as part of the security team guarding the liaison office.

Shalikashvili does not believe there is any further DoD role in the country.

"The United States will certainly try to give them all the assistance we can — economic or humanitarian," he said.

"But I don't see it in the cards that (the American military) will go back again.

Now it's up to the Somali people to try and build their country."

Shalikashvili said the quality of the troops in Somalia was superb and the greatest lesson he learned from the effort has to be learned in Washington.

He referred to the Oct. 3, 1993, fight in Mogadishu and said the casualties came as a shock to the American people.

"Humanitarian operations — no matter how well-intentioned — carry with them a very high risk," he said. "The public needs to be aware of this."

He believes once the American people are informed of this risk, they will support U.S. involvement in humanitarian efforts.

Military leaders also took lessons away from the effort in Somalia.

Training and the mind set of people involved in humanitarian efforts need to be changed, he said.

"When you send people on humanitarian operations, you expect them to act differently than when you send them on operations that involve combat," he said.

"We need to make sure we have it right as to the kind of orientation training we provide people before we send them out."

In combat, instantaneous reactions to situations will be different from those in a humanitarian mission.

"You may want (the leader) to be cautious and careful, to see if he can talk his way through the operation as opposed to immediately turning to firepower to punch his way through," Shalikashvili said.

Peacekeeping and humanitarian missions are part of the U.S. military's future, he said. "Certainly as a superpower, we can't just stand by and say

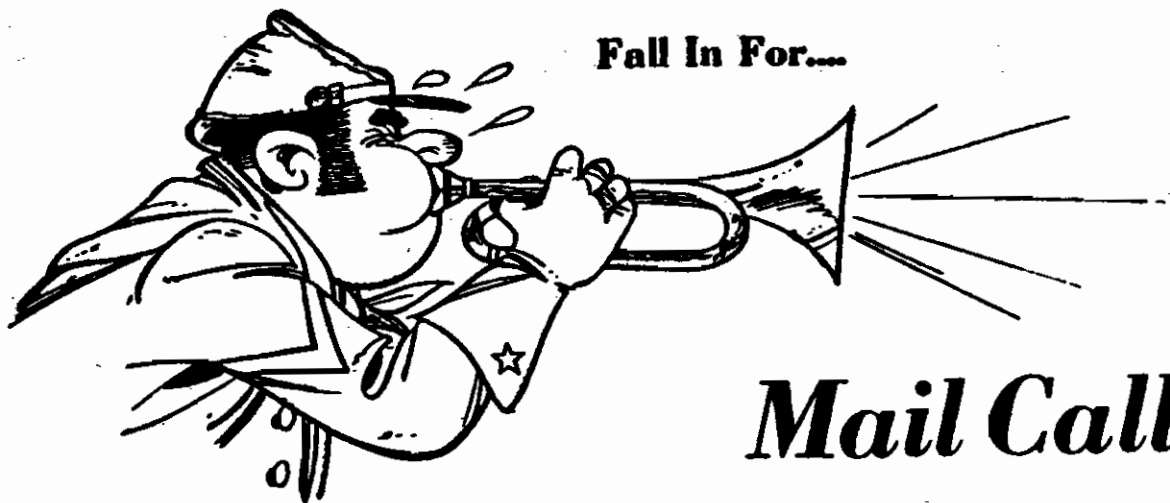
it's for others to do," he said. "(But) we have to be very selective. We have to know where we can make a difference. We cannot wash our hands of all that is going on out there in the world."

Shalikashvili said it is important to remember that while U.S. troops have left, U.S. government involvement has not ended.

Through aid organizations and diplomatic efforts the United States is still contributing to the effort in Somalia. The ball is now in the Somali court and they must put their country together.

"We cannot do it for them," he said. "They have about one more chance to do that and I hope that they will take the opportunities offered them and get on with building a Somalia that's the kind of country in which they would want their children to grow up in."

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION EARLY



A bit of nostalgia gleaned from a letter from JIM MIMS (Div. G-2 10/44-6/45) down at 811 Lawson, Midland TX: "My mother kept all of my letters during the war. I have made copies for my three children, and am writing what I can remember to fill in all the gaps. The letters say nothing about where we were, what we were doing, etc. - just the weather, food, and current health. Censorship, of course. But I am impressed that several times I complimented our cooks! For instance, in a Nov. 26, 1944 letter, I said, 'Well, on Thanksgiving, we did have fresh turkey! Our cooks are excellent, and I've not eaten turkey cooked any better except at home. Don't know how they did so well in a field kitchen.' And another letter says, '... and they make delicious cakes and pies. There's no call to complain about the food, everything considered.' And writing about Christmas, 'We had our turkey dinner, which was very good, and took the afternoon off.' Another time, 'Feeling fine and enjoying good chow.' They really did do us a great job, didn't they?"

Great story here - but let's let PAUL CAIN tell it as he does in a letter to us - Paul by the way is at 310913 Chatham, Urbana IL. Okay, Paul, you're on:

"Wed., May 4, I had a call looking for the CO of Co.I, 34th Inf. on Corregidor, Luzon and Mindanao. I advised him that he had found him. He asked if he could stop by for a visit. Of course, I assured him I would be more than pleased to have him call. In arrives JACK G. YOUNG, 46 Nottingham Dr., Tallmage OH, a member of 3rd Plt., Co.I, 34th. Jack joined us on the boat as we were leaving for the invasion of Luzon. He was with us through that operation, as well as Corregidor and Mindanao, where he was wounded in a mortar attack. He returned to the Company and took part in the occupation of Japan. He had never heard of the 24th Infantry Division Association. I gave him a couple of old 'Taro Leaf's and told him about New Orleans. I am enclosing \$15.00 for Jack's first dues. He said he would join. In case he sends dues, just add mine onto his."

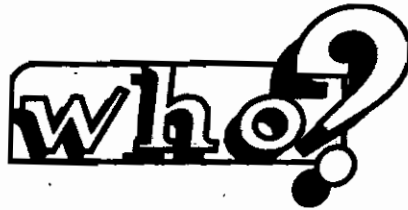
One-by-one, they come in out of the woodwork, don't they.

Thanks for your help on this one, Paul.

BACK TO THE PAST

The procession of the equinoxes proceeds according to precedent as Mr. Kipling once remarked and as we assemble in New Orleans we'll need no heavenly chart to tell us that autumn approaches. The gardens will be on the way out, if not gone. The tomato vines which a few days before were standing straight as forest rangers. They will be old soldiers while we're at the Sheraton, seemingly clad in torn fatigues. Comes now the equinox, when the hours of dark and light pass evenly, and we will hear the smells of wood smoke and cider. Enter autumn. We're glad to see ya. The summer was a b----!

The Disney folks want to create a "Disney's America Theme Park" somewhere in northern Virginia. We say we don't want Mickey Mouse screwing up American history. These people would give a historical theme to the park and "recreate noted events in our history." We suggest that they bug off; leave our history to the historians one of whom, Shelby Foote, a Civil War authority, said "Disney will do to American history what they have already done to the animal kingdom - sentimentalize it out of recognition." Right on, Mr. Foote.



There was a story that went around the Army about our own Gen. GAR DAVIDSON.

Seems that when Gar was serving with the Army of Occupation in Europe, he kept trim and active by officiating at service football games.

On one occasion, when a ball-carrying fullback, who also was a private first class, tried to score from the goal line, Gen. Davidson dug under the pileup and signaled "no touchdown."

"Why you gray-haired old SOB!" shouted the frustrated soldier.

Gen. Davidson immediately responded by thumbing the quick-tempered GI out of the game and penalizing his team 15 yards.

After the game, the soldier carped constantly about the rough deal the referee had given him.

When a gruff old sergeant grew tired of hearing the grumbling GI, he took him aside and said, "Listen, son, count your blessings. I once told a sergeant 'Go to hell,' got a general court-martial and six months in the brig.

"You call a general an SOB and all you got was 15 yards. Now shut up!"

SEE YOUR STORY IN PRINT!

Another retiree; we've got lots of 'em. This one is DON WORGESS (H 19th '50-'51) of 7318 Windoga Lake, Weidman, MI. Was building inspector for City of Lincoln Park for 23 years, then went into construction for another 20.

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JIM TITTLE of 1594 Frontier, Melbourne FL - (any relation to Y.A., Jimmy?) writes: "When you have space in the 'Taro Leaf' would appreciate insertion of a blurb to the effect that I'd like to hear from anyone in 52nd Field Div.Arty. during the '49-'51 time frame."

We'll get a letter or two on this one. Every issue provokes a couple of "Why waste time on that stuff?" We do because that's what the paper is supposed to do - help people find people.

There's a story here.

Had a letter from JOHN M. VAUGHN III down in Boca Raton FL. John is a student, his uncle, ALFRED G. VAUGHN, JR. was M/Sgt. in F 19th in WW II. Al's at 9851 Scottsdale, St.Louis MO - going on 80. So we made John Life Member #1116 - as he wanted - and we gave Al a membership with Johnny's compliments. Now they're both in. Any F 19th men out there?

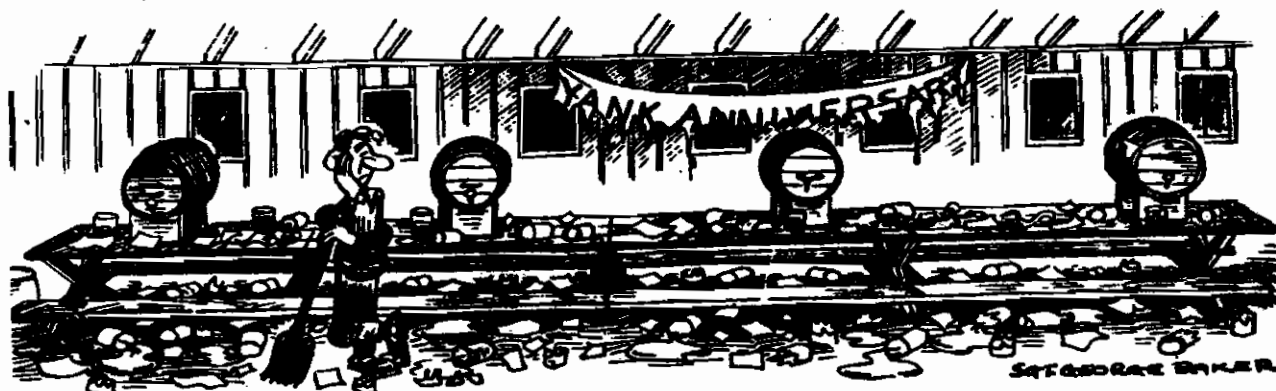
FIFTY YEARS LATER— WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN?



AT 34th on 4/29/45. They were searching for evidence of the atrocities claimed by the Filipinos to have suffered. No luck.

"BEER PARTY"

"THE SAD SACK"



Life Member #1419, HENRY GOMEZ, (L 19th '51-'53) out of 7501 Rosedale, Pleasanton CA is getting publicity. Look at this, will ya?

After 40 years of waiting, soldier will get his medals

PLEASANTON — On Oct. 9, 1951, U.S. Army Cpl. Hank Gomez led his squad of 16 men from the 24th Infantry Division into the brush of North Korea, heading for the 38th parallel.

Gomez heard an explosion. Then another. Suddenly he felt a searing pain along his left side. He'd been hit by mortar fire in the face, shoulder, hip and back. The next thing he knew, he was lying in a tent in a MASH field unit.

Gomez, 67, a former Pleasanton parks commissioner who now works part time as a supervisor at Pleasanton Garbage Service, still has a lot of that shrapnel in his body — a daily reminder of the Korean War.

But there's something from the battle

Gomez doesn't have — his medals, including his well-deserved Purple Heart.

After Gomez was wounded and discharged from Korea, he was transferred to Japan, mostly working in the records office. During that transition, the Army lost his records.

But in 10 days, only about 40 years late, he'll have those honors in hand.

Rep. Bill Baker, R-Danville, will present Gomez with the Purple Heart and 12 ribbons and medals at Baker's Walnut Creek office.

"This means a lot to me," Gomez said. "Every time I'd see my fellow veterans at conventions and meetings, I felt like an orphan. I was part of the family, but I didn't have any way to prove it."

Thought you'd like to see how Army treated the passing of RED NEWMAN.

Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman, 1903-1994

By L. James Binder

He was the gentlest of men, a soldier turned writer whose compassion and courtly ways belied a warrior's heart so fierce in battle that his words as he led his regiment into heavy enemy fire have been immortalized as one of World War II's great rallying cries.



Gen. Newman

The Army lost a staunch champion and ARMY Magazine one of its giants when Maj. Gen. Aubrey Strode (Red) Newman, U.S. Army retired, died on 19 January, 12 days before his 91st birthday.

Gen. Newman was for more than 20 years the widely revered author of "The Forward Edge," a monthly column in which the retired general dug deeply into his nearly 40 years of military service for experiences that held lessons for those who wore the uniform after him. His source was what he called his "shoe box," a seemingly inexhaustible lode of scraps of paper upon which, during his career, he had jotted down observations about things that had happened to him in the line of duty and outstanding soldiers he had known.

Written in a warm, unassuming style in which the experience—not the writer—was the teacher, "The Forward Edge" was for thousands of readers the first feature turned to when ARMY arrived in the mail. Of special pride to Gen. Newman was the fact that he received as many letters from young subscribers as from those well along in their careers—continuing support, he felt, for his conviction that the soldierly qualities he wrote about transcended the ages.

He was a superb and conscientious craftsman whose every column was accompanied by detailed notes to the editor documenting his sources. He abhorred mistakes, however small and rare; the only offense that could upset him as much was any suggestion that he had

impugned a person or a unit. He would not intentionally do either, his notes to the editors over the years testifying often to the inner struggles he went through to avoid faulting those he wrote about.

Selections from "The Forward Edge" became the contents of three widely read books, and, in 1983, his columns and distinguished career earned him the Doughboy Award. Conferred upon persons who have given outstanding support to the infantry, its presentation noted that Gen. Newman had made famous in World War II the watchword of the infantryman, "Follow Me!"

Then a colonel, he was commanding the 34th Infantry Regiment in the battle of Leyte when his troops became pinned



As a colonel and regimental commander, Aubrey S. Newman is the central figure in the famous World War II poster depicting his rallying cry: "Get up and get moving. Follow Me!"

down on the beaches by furious Japanese fire. Rising with upraised arm, he advanced into the enemy bullets with the cry, "Get up and get moving. Follow me!" The regiment charged forward, and Col. Newman's heroic feat of leadership became the subject of a famed home-front poster and a U.S. Army in Action painting. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) and later was severely wounded in action.

After Leyte, Gen. Newman spent much of the rest of the war recovering from the mortar wound in his stomach. He became jump-qualified at age 46 and in various assignment tours was chief of staff of the 11th Airborne Division; assistant commander and then acting commander of the 82nd Airborne Division; deputy commander of the Infantry Center, Ft. Benning, Ga.; assistant commander of the 5th Infantry Division; G-1, U.S.

Army, Europe; and at retirement in 1960 was chief of staff of the Continental Army Command. Beside the DSC, he held the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

A native of Clemson, S.C., and a 1925 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., Gen. Newman was one of the Army's outstanding athletes as a young officer. He was a member of the U.S. Pentathlon Team in the 1928 Olympics, and was a tennis champion and all-around athlete and coach. His contributions to sports were commemorated in 1987 when a \$5 million complex at Ft. Stewart, Ga., was named the Newman Physical Fitness Center.

He once joked that when his athletic

days were over he would need a new hobby and so he took up writing—encouraged, perhaps, by publication of his first article in the *Infantry Journal*, for which he received \$8. In 1966, he began writing "The Forward Edge" and other articles for ARMY.

Gen. Newman, who lived in Sarasota, Fla., after his retirement, is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Nancy Bradley, of Lake Forest, Ill., and Elizabeth Strong, of Manchester, Mass.; two brothers, Wilson, of Charlottesville, Va., and Carter, of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Mildred Linton, of Columbia, S.C.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. □

L. JAMES BINDER was editor in chief of ARMY for 26 years. He is now writing a biography of Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer.

DIVERSITY

Terry Moore, who entertained the troops in Korea wearing a mink bikini. Remember her? Her biography of Howard Hughes is exciting some interested. She claims she was once married to the chap. Among the many details she claims HH himself disclosed to her were the details on the nine great loves of his life - including Marilyn Monroe, Bette Davis and Rita Hayworth. Watta guy!

ROBERT J. OSTROWSKE (C 34th and L 19th '49-'51) 2614 Canfield Rd., Akron OH 44312 advises that he's having a knee replacement. Hopes it will make his life a little better. He has sent in his reservations for New Orleans. We know of your problems with that knee, Bob. We wish you well with the surgery.

Good friend, JERRY VON MOHR (AT 19, 2/45-5/45) writes from 3846 Villanova Dr., Kettering OH 45429 with his, as always, generous contribution and advises that he remembers "This is the Army" on Mindoro about February of '45 since he had just joined the Division as a replacement. Of course it was not the original cast, says Jerry, but a road show.

Wish you could make another convention, Jerry. We miss you.



"You may be a good Marine, Hideneck, but you don't know a damn thing about women!"



Surely you know someone who wore this one. Wanna guess? It started as the 23rd Infantry Division and then went to Americal Infantry Division to fool the Nips. If your friend doesn't know of their association, tell him to contact Box 1381, Boston MA 02104. (508) 535-6793.



THE UNITED (CONVAT) COMPANY



One of a Kind

Something going on in CA. Somethings usually going on in CA. Our member DALE SCHREIBER (5th RCT '50-'53) over at 7163 Argonauta Way in Carlsbad CA has written the CA Dept. of Veterans Affairs for inclusion on their License Plate Program. Seems that they will include our "logo" with a proper application plus \$30.00. Write Dale if it's of interest. We'll print more when we know more.

Happy lines from WALTER C. BUNSO (L 5th RCT '51-'52) over at 190-8 Crenshaw Dr., Tallahassee FL 32310: "Attend Tallahassee Community College while daughter goes to FSU - SSI disability & VA 70% - hope to visit Germany between semesters. (92 year old aunt) never been there. No wife, no dog, no s---. Just chugging along singing a song."

Prexy VINCE GAGLIARDO and Rose recently marked their 41st - and we congratulate them. 41??? Jeepers!

**2,127 members
of the Association
have not renewed
their membership
for 1994.**

Let's contact these members and tell them we want them back. They'll be glad you did and we'll keep our Association strong.



Together Again

When they write a newsy letter such as this one from JIM SHIRAH, the easiest thing to do is to include it in our pages just as it was written - which we do:

Ken:

I was sitting around mooching coffee off of the Chattahooche Valley Veterans Association Visitor and Information Center in Columbus, when Colonel Dan Parrish walked in. Older-timers will remember 2/Lt Dan Parrish of E Co, 19th Inf, 24th Div around 1956-57. He was an instructor of artillery at the Corps NCO Academy when it made the move from Chesnut Grove (I Corps?) around the time of the changeover from 24th Div to 1st Cavalry. So was I, and fellow coffee drinker Bart Wheeler, who was with whatever eventually became the 5th Cavalry Battle Group.

Now 59 years old and still in the Reserves up in Virginia, Dan Parrish can be found at 116 N. Central Avenue, PO Box 2534, Staunton, Virginia 24401, Business Phone (703) 885-5009 and home phone (703) 885-0268. Dan is into Financial Analysis, Insurance, Pensions, and Investments with Minnesota Mutual Life and was down here to see his son make his graduation jump from Parachute School at Fort Benning.

Don't know exactly when Bart Wheeler was in the 24th Infantry Div/5th Cav Battle Group, but his GO Nr. 63 for award of the Army Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (remember when they called it that, old timers?), was signed by Colonel James H. Keller as Chief of Staff, on 7 August 1958. and Bart was an SFC (E-6). Anybody remember this cat? He spends his days on Monday and Thursday at the CVVC Visitor's and Information Center on Victory Drive in Columbus, GA.

Have a great day.

Jim L. Shirah, Lifer Number 268
616 47th Street
Columbus, GA 31904-5811
Ph (706) 324 5379

PAY YOUR DUES

~~PETROCK~~ 5

Signing himself as "Old soldier FRED ZIERATH", as he luxuriates in the sunshine and warmth of Yuma, AZ, he sent along this column. It favorably impressed him - he thinks it will impress a lot of you. So here goes:

Will memories fade along with old soldiers?

By TERRY L. ROSS

John Bradley died this week.

Probably many readers don't recognize the name, even though he was famous in his own way.

John Bradley was the last survivor of the servicemen shown raising the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima in a photo that nearly everyone instantly recalls. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal took the Pulitzer Prize-winning photo, which later became the basis for the Iwo Jima Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery.

It was a dramatic photo of weary fighters pushing America's flag upward, the first time America's flag had been raised over the territory of our bitter World War II foe, Japan. It was a big turning point in the war.

It was actually the second time a flag had been raised on Mount Suribachi. The first flag was considered too small, so the second flag raising - the one planted in America's collective mind, thanks to Rosenthal - was staged with a new group of servicemen.

One man survives from the original group of

flag-raisers, but Bradley was the last of the second group of six. Three of the second group did not even live through the battle for Iwo Jima. It was a terrible, bloody victory for America.

The story of Bradley's passing caught my eye because it is symbolic of the end of an era, the World War II era, much like the election of President Clinton represented the passing of power from that generation to the next.

The millions of then-young men who left their secure homes to do battle in many faraway places with strange-sounding names are now passing from the scene as age takes its inevitable toll.

It is surreal sometimes to see the faces of these young servicemen - tired, frightened, sometimes exuberant - emerge from old newsreels and photos and realize that those who survived are our own fathers who went on to live full lives, with all the tribulations that entails, and now are fading from life's stage.

World War II was a momentous event in our nation's history. It probably impacted more Americans than any other war in our history and it forever changed our nation and our culture. Although men did the fighting, many women also played vital

support roles both in and out of the military. Many of those who took part either on the battlefields or back home looked on the war as the most important thing that happened in their lives.

We are still feeling the impact of those tortuous years today in some places. Much of the hatred in what used to be Yugoslavia, for example, is related to smoldering grudges from World War II.

But there have also been positive changes. I doubt those who fought in World War II would have dreamed that someday we would have close political and economic ties with our old enemies - Japan and Germany.

We of later generations owe much to the generation that came of age during World War II. Although their stories may seem like ancient history to today's young people, the sacrifices made during that era were truly monumental.

Time marches on and memories fade, but I hope we do not allow the significance of this period in our history to pass away along with the old soldiers, like John Bradley, who took part in the conflict.

Terry L. Ross is editor of The Yuma Daily Sun.

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Your 1994
Dues
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Due!

FRANK J. PLATA (G 19th 3/51-10/52) 2628 Taunton St., Philadelphia PA 19152 is looking for:
Lt.FREDERICK WALTERS (G 19th)
and
Lt.WILLIAM R. GRECH (G 19th)

Does your regular car insurance cover you when you rent a car. The insurance offered by car rental companies is expensive.

"NOW HEAR THIS":

Terrific article authored by our very own BILL HANSON for his hometown paper, the Torrance CA Daily Breeze. Congratulations, Billy. Hope the picture will reproduce; our fingers are crossed!

Jungle campaign was deadly — mostly for the enemy

Editor's note: This is one in a series of letters from readers who share memories of life during World War II:

For many historians, the importance of a campaign is rated by the number of dead and wounded suffered by each side, with the winner being the one with the least casualties. The more dead and wounded, the greater the battle and, therefore, the greater the victory.

The vision of one man, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and the ability of two infantry divisions, the 24th and the 41st, to bring that vision to fruition sent many military historians back to their drawing boards.

While the two divisions cooperated in the operation, I can only attest to the actions of the 24th and, in particular, the 21st Infantry Regimental Combat Team, of which I was a member.

The operation has been described as one of the fastest and best-coordinated campaigns in jungle warfare, but it didn't start out that way. If anyone out there remembers the acronym SNAFU, our landing on Dutch New Guinea in the early morning hours of April 22, 1944, fit the bill.

We landed at the intended place, but just inshore of Red Beach was an impassable swamp that the aerial photos had been unable to spot. Before the brass decided on another spot to put us, one man had lost his life.

Our landing on Red Beach had been unopposed, for which we

thanked God. But another free ride on another beach was almost too much to hope for. However, our luck held once again, and we went ashore without a shot being fired.

They had loaded us aboard LCPs and dumped us on the outskirts of a little village named Depapre, which was about 35 miles, or, as it turned out, about 4½ days from Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. Our objective was Hollandia Airdrome on the shores of Lake Sentani.

Company A of 1st Battalion led the way the first day. Although the landing was unopposed, Japanese recon patrols paralleled our column all day. No contact was made until 3 p.m. April 23.

Company C was leading the next day, and the lead platoon ran smack into a strong enemy force of two reinforced rifle companies. Company C was stopped dead in its tracks until another platoon of Company C overran a Japanese outpost, drove to the center of the strongpoint and routed the enemy.

Over the next 3½ days, we fought, not the enemy, but the New Guinea climate and terrain. It rained every day. The passage of so many soldiers turned the trails into wide mud holes that even that most versatile of vehicles — the Jeep — couldn't traverse.

In order to supply the lead battalion, everything had to be hand carried from the beach to the front. In order to do this, members of the 2nd Battalion stashed their equipment, shouldered boxes of 10-in-one rations or boxes of grenades, ammo, mortar rounds or whatever the 1st Battalion needed, and became pack horses.

With the 43rd Battalion in reserve, we, the 2nd Battalion, spent from dawn to dusk slipping and sliding up and down jungle trails that were nothing more than six to eight inches of stinking mud. In the few open areas, kunai grass grew so sharp it could lay a man's hand wide open as neatly as a surgeon's scalpel.

Sometimes we'd take a break at small villages where the Japanese had kept their "comfort girls." Tables had been set for meals that were never eaten.



Japanese battle flags are displayed by 2nd Platoon, Company H, of the 21st Infantry Regimental Combat Team, after returning from patrol on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. The author is in the back row, fourth from right.

Those of us who smoked tried some of the Japanese cigarettes that had been left behind. Only if we were out of American cigarettes did we try more than one or two because they left a taste that probably would be like having the whole Russian army parade through your mouth in its stocking feet. Bad.

On one of our trips to the beach, we discovered that the duffel bags for the entire regiment had been deposited at one end of the beach, close to the water. The next time we went back to the beach for more supplies, there were fewer bags.

At first we suspected that the natives were stealing them. After a couple of days we began to realize that the guys who had deposited them on the beach had put them there at low tide. When the tide came in and went back out, it took some bags with it. Mine was among them.

By noon of April 26, leading elements of the regiment stood on a hill overlooking Hollandia Airdrome. As far as the eye could see were wrecked autos and demolished airplanes. The Navy's big guns and carrier planes had done their jobs. The campaign was as good as over, but much fighting remained.

The Hollandia invasion had isolated 60,000 Japanese to the south. The only way for them to escape was past our positions at Hollandia. If they came, we'd be ready for them.

Trail blocks and patrols were sent out to intercept the small groups that tried to make it past us. I suppose that some of the enemy did, but the ones we saw were sick, hungry and tired. We were told later that most of the isolated units stayed where they were and waited for help that never came.

When the mop-up was completed, the enemy had lost 1,771 killed. An unprecedented number of prisoners, 502, were taken. (The Japanese seldom surrendered in large numbers.) The regiment had suffered only 32 casualties during the entire campaign. Despite the snafu at the beginning, I would call the Hollandia invasion an example of a great plan and superb execution thereof.

— W.A. "Bill" Hanson
Torrance

■ Tell us about your World War II experiences, whether on the battle front or the home front. Send your letters to: World War II Remembered, c/o The Daily Breeze, 5215 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90509.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

As we go to press, word in from ELLSWORTH "Dutch" NELSEN (34th, 13th, 19th, Tms. 46-47, 49-52, 59-63) of 812 Orion Dr., Colorado Springs CO 80906, is that he fell flat on his --- on his patio steps; landing on his left hip and shattering the hip ball joint such that a total hip replacement was done. Let Dutch finish the story: "After 19 days in the hospital, I am now home hobbling around on a walker. I go to physical therapy three times a week. Prognosis is full and total recovery in six months. Up to that time, extreme caution needed to prevent a dislocation of the new parts. No interference with September reunion anticipated. On the brighter side: after all the many, many operations I have had this is the first time anyone ever put anything back into me. So in the long run the whole thing is a gain, not a loss. The only problem so far is that when I walk I tend to squeak, and that scares my cat."

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Dept/Army is sending a representative to New Orleans to brief us on the myriad POW/MIA questions. So be prepared!

We seem to get a letter such as this - once a week at very least:

"I would like to obtain information on the 24th Infantry Division Assn. My uncle, GEORGE M. HENDRICKS (Ser.34-081-300) was a member of Co. G, 3rd Bn. of 21st Inf. Reg. He served with the 24th at Hollandia, Leyte and Mindoro.

"Any information about your association that you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

"Sincerely, Glen Hendricks, Rt. 5, Box 52-B, Brewton AL 36426."

We'll start with this - anyone recognize the name?

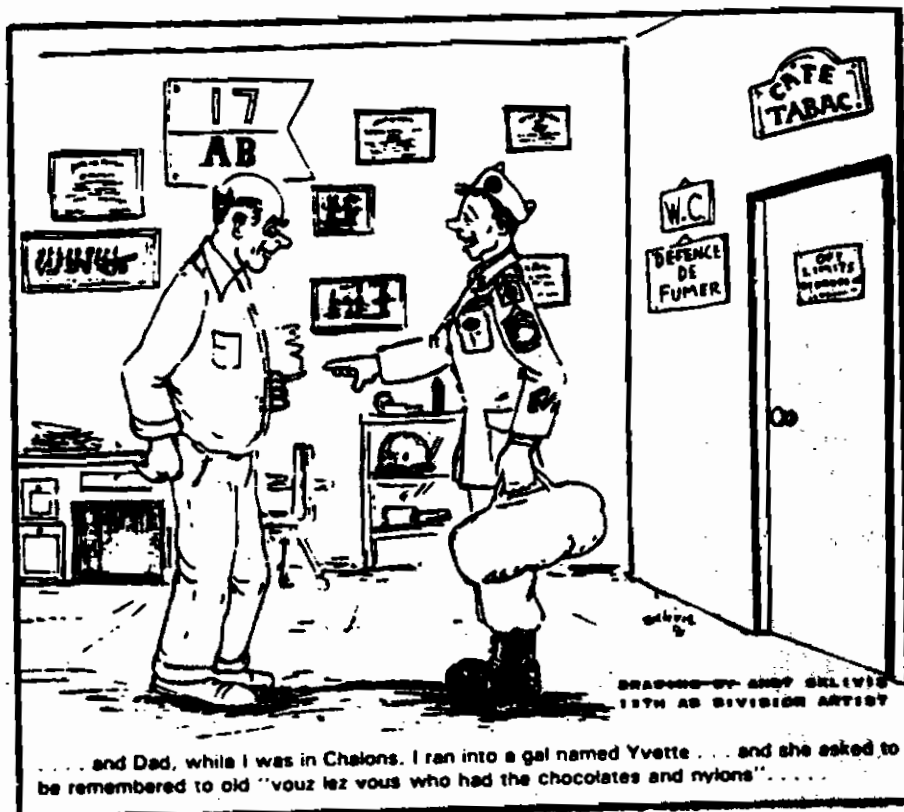
Ask yourself if you would feel comfortable giving your best friend a key to your house. If not, look for a new best friend.



WILLIAM E. PUTNAM (K 19th 1/51-4/51) 105 S. Calhoun St., Calhoun Falls SC 29628 is looking for men who served with 19th 3rd Bn. Co. K and L about Mar. 10, 1951. He served with K Co. from late January until he was wounded on Mar. 10, 1951. Would like to hear from anyone who served in the bn. or company at that time. Would especially like to hear from a REGEN or RAGAN of Tenn. He took basic training with him at Ft. Jackson SC in '50 but can't recall his first name or his city or town in Tenn.

Never say anything uncomplimentary about another person's dog.

Draft a letter to that Convention Chairman, John Roussel, at 5032 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge LA 70808, that we'll be in New Orleans on Sept. 14th, Tell him to leave the miracles to us.



AT EASE!

We've got grandchildren in this club. David Klingensmith, over in Mea AZ said he wanted to join - so he did. His grandfather, LAWRENCE O. RAFFERTY was K 21st from '40-'45. Larry is now deceased; he passed away in '65 - but Dave wants the vicarious satisfaction that he obtains from his affiliation with us. We feel the kinship, too, Dave. Dave is at 3134 E. McKellips House #108, Mesa AZ 85213.

WALTER WYAND down in Bradenton FL - 5203 6th St. to be exact - was in the American Legion post, talking to their historian, DAL ALBERT. Seems that Dal was with the 9th Cav. 2nd Recon. attached to the Division in Germany from '61 to '64. Small world, isn't it?

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"I guess you're going to say we shouldn't take you because of that little old trick knee—right?"



B Co., 19th Inf. is on the march near the Ft. Pikit ferry. Apr. 22, 1945.



HARRY BUDNIAK
died October 19, 1993
was M 21st '38-'40
His widow, Marianne, at
172-A Laurel Pl.,
Whiting NJ 08759

HENRY L. GAISER "Buster"
died November 1, 1991
was 34th '50
Reported by ERNEST J.HOLECEK

Charlene ALLEN
died Septemer 26, 1993
was wife of ROBERT L. ALLEN
(C Btry., 63rd FA Bn & 34th
8/52-9/53)
who is at 972 Stubbs Mill Rd.,
Lebanon OH 45036

DALE W. FIELDS
died August 8, 1992
was C 19th '43-'45
Reported by DALLAS DICK
Dale's wife, Julia,
N.5510 Bemis, Spokane WA

ANGELO STRADA
died April 24, 1994
was C 21st 11/44-11/46
His widow, Mary Jean, at
6120 Centennial Dr.,
Orlando FL 32808

DELBERT L. CHEEK
died April 28, 1994
was L 21st H & S 5/49-7/51
His widow, Irene, at Box 127,
Gouldsboro PA 18424
Reported by DON NESBITT
(C and D 6th Tank Bn.'51-'52)

LELAND TURNER POWELL
died January 15, 1994
was CO Co. C 63rd FA Bn. '52-'53
Reported by Col. ROBERT L.ALLEN
(C Btry. 63rd FA Bn; 34th
'52-'53)
Widow, Ruth POWELL, is at
913 168th St.E., Spanaway WA
98387

THE LAST ROLL CALL

Helen NEILL
died September 15, 1993
Was wife of KENNETH H. NEILL
(24th Cav. Recon. Troop Mech.
11/42-12/45)
They had celebrated their 50th
Wedding Anniversary Aug. 1993.
Ken is at 1202 S. Brown,
Sedalia MO 65301-6123

JOHN J. "Pineapple Jack" FINAN
died March 26, 1994
was 19th '35-'42
His widow, Mary, is at
758 E. Whitaker Mill Rd.,
Raleigh NC 27608

CARL W. KINDT
died April 14, 1994
was Serv. Co. 21st 7/41-9/44
His widow, Alice, 3840 Quail
Ridge Rd., Lafayette CA 94549.
Reported by ROBERT ENDER
(H 21st '42-'45)

HAROLD T. HUFF
died April 21, 1993
was F 19th 7/50-3/51
His widow, Helen, is at
2960 Hwy. 15 South,
Greensboro GA 30642

WILBUR H. LIND
mail returned 6/94 - "deceased"
was B-24 Med. Bn. '44-'46
His widow, Helen,
100 Elm Av., Hackensack NJ 07601

JOHN M. SEXTON
died February 13, 1994
was A 13th FA and A 52nd FA Bn,
8/40 - 1/45
His widow, Susan, at 323 N. Main
St., Livingston MT 59047.

JACQUES C. MAYE
died April 4, 1994
was D 19th 11/42-2/46
His widow, Mary, at
3 Longview Rd.,
Sandy Hook CT 06482

Florence M. Wheeler,
Mother of Peggy DICK,
died March 30, 1994.
Peggy is wife of DALLAS DICK,
(A, B, C, Hq. Co., Sv. Co., Band,
19th '35-'45)
of 1701 Bridge St.,
New Cumberland PA 17070.

MELVIN L. MYERS
died December 11, 1993
was G 19th '51
Widow, Betty, is at Box 213,
Modale IA 51556
Reported by WILLIAM G. ROSEBORO

HAROLD J. TUTTLE
died February 26, 1991
was 19th - WW II
Reported by C.V. REED and
CARL L. CONNER

WILLIAM W. COVER
Mail returned 3/94 marked
"Deceased"
was 24th Div. Art., 11th FA
'45-'49

Back Then

Artist John Garth sketched and wrote as he tripped through Asia, then returning to New York where World Publishing Company published his "Studio Asia" in 1952. He managed to be in Korea for the "Crossing of the Han", that unforgettable event wild enough to drive a Baptist to drink. Of it, he wrote and drew:

"The rocking landscape shook snow from the trees. A stork's nest dropped at my feet. Exploding shells formed a continuous wall of fire. Reflected in the water, they added a third, molten dimension. The red dawn in the skies was paled by the blazing scarlets and seething yellows of the flame beneath.

"This was H hour on the Han. This would be the final crossing of the river...

"This was the greatest concentration of artillery yet used in the Korean War. The British had joined their guns with those of the American 24th and 25th Divisions for a spectacular fire show that rivaled that I had seen at Saint-Lo in World War II...

"Pershing tanks rumbled onto the wide stretch of snow-covered sand beach between the hills and the river. They added their own fire. Through the glasses I could see engineers - under the protecting fire of tanks - dart to the river's edge to unload sections of footbridges and rubber boats from trucks. Ducks waddled down to the river. As files of tiny figures crossed the beach to board the ducks and rubber boats, the curtain of fire moved slowly up the enemy slopes opposite.





"The boats, resembling beetles from a distance, moved out into the river. Enemy shells geysered the water about them. A duck, set on fire, drifted down the stream. As the shells screeched onto the beach, the rifles of soldiers flattened to the ground. When they resumed their march, some of them did not rise. Litter jeeps darted to the wounded and brought them back.

"A footbridge which had nearly been completed was torn loose by the Han's angry current. Its loose end flapped against the shore. Some of the soldiers had already gained the other bank and had dug in along a crest, firing at the enemy in front of them...

"A group of men waited in the protective lee of trucks for their turn to board the boats. A boat had just capsized in the foaming water. A duck had rescued the soldiers in it. They huddled, shivering, about a small fire, waiting to be evacuated...

"There was action ahead of us somewhere to the right. We could hear the staccato of small-arms fire in the din of the barrage now shrouding the farther hills in smoke.



"Companies as they landed deployed to left or right along the shore. Scrambling down the bank, I joined a platoon. Staying well below the brow of the bank, we moved silently along the river. 'Return traffic' was already passing us - wounded men borne soundlessly past on litters.

"Machine-gun fire found us out. There was a cry of 'Medics, medics!' A mortar burst near me hit two men. One was hidden by bushes. All I could see were his legs scissoring the air. A boy next to me was holding his right leg and moaning, 'I've been hit, I've been hit!'

"All up and down the line was the cry for 'Medics.' Corpsmen crawled to the screaming man in the bushes and dragged him back into the draw. He had been struck in the chest and stomach. Blood bubbled from his lips. The corpsmen placed him on a stretcher and called for clothes, jackets, blankets, anything to cover him. The jackets of the infantrymen were girded and held by belts and bandoliers. My own trenchcoat and jacket came off easily. I handed them to the corpsmen who covered the wounded man with them...

"Incoming reports told us that all objectives had been taken. The attack had been a smashing success. Casualties had been comparatively light. The Turks, on the right flank, had captured what was considered an almost impregnable hill fortress.

"The smiling, victorious soldiers of today's successful attack were a far cry from the grim, half-frozen snowmen I had met four months earlier. Their morale and their heads were higher now. They were confident that this was the beginning of a triumphant campaign which would force the enemy to beg for a truce."

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TOM DELANEY (34th WW II) of Rt. 4, Box 34, St. Joseph MO was quoted in the St. Joseph News Press as he recalled Leyte: "The Leyte campaign was to take only two or three weeks. But the Japanese were landing their marines on the west side of the island at the same time. It took us 76 days to win control of the island.

"We wore the same socks, same shoes, same underwear and same fatigues for 78 days. That probably is not a record but I wonder how Congresswoman Pat Schroeder of Colorado thinks daughters or sisters could handle that?"

"The 34th went on after that to Luzon, Corregidor, and finally, Mindanao. The regiment was preparing for the invasion of Japan when President Harry Truman authorized the dropping of the atomic bomb and World War II ended much sooner than expected.

"At that time, GIs who had been overseas for 30 months were shipped back to the states and the remainder of the regiment went to Japan to serve as occupation forces."

Delaney, who spent three years overseas, is now a housing developer. You can't tell him Truman erred in dropping the A-bomb.

"His dropping of the bomb is why a lot of us are alive today. We want anyone else who was in the Philippines to drop in and talk about the days in the islands," said Delaney.

CARL GAMEL is looking for anyone who served in D 19th during 1951. Carl's at 26431 Williamsburg, Bonita Springs FL 33923. His mushee-mushee is 813-495-1586.



"Son, I wonder if you'd mind saying 'I do' rather than 'Affirmative'?"

But NEVER Dull!

KENNETH M. RIFE (M 19th 7/51-12/52) Rt. 1, Box 211A, Wheatland MO 65779 says, "Not much to tell. Have spent 40 years in Kansas City. For 20 years, my wife, Mary, and myself have cared for severely handicapped children. Then my wife went back to school and became an R.N. Have driven a truck in K.C. all this time."

Two old vets meet for the first time in 52 years.

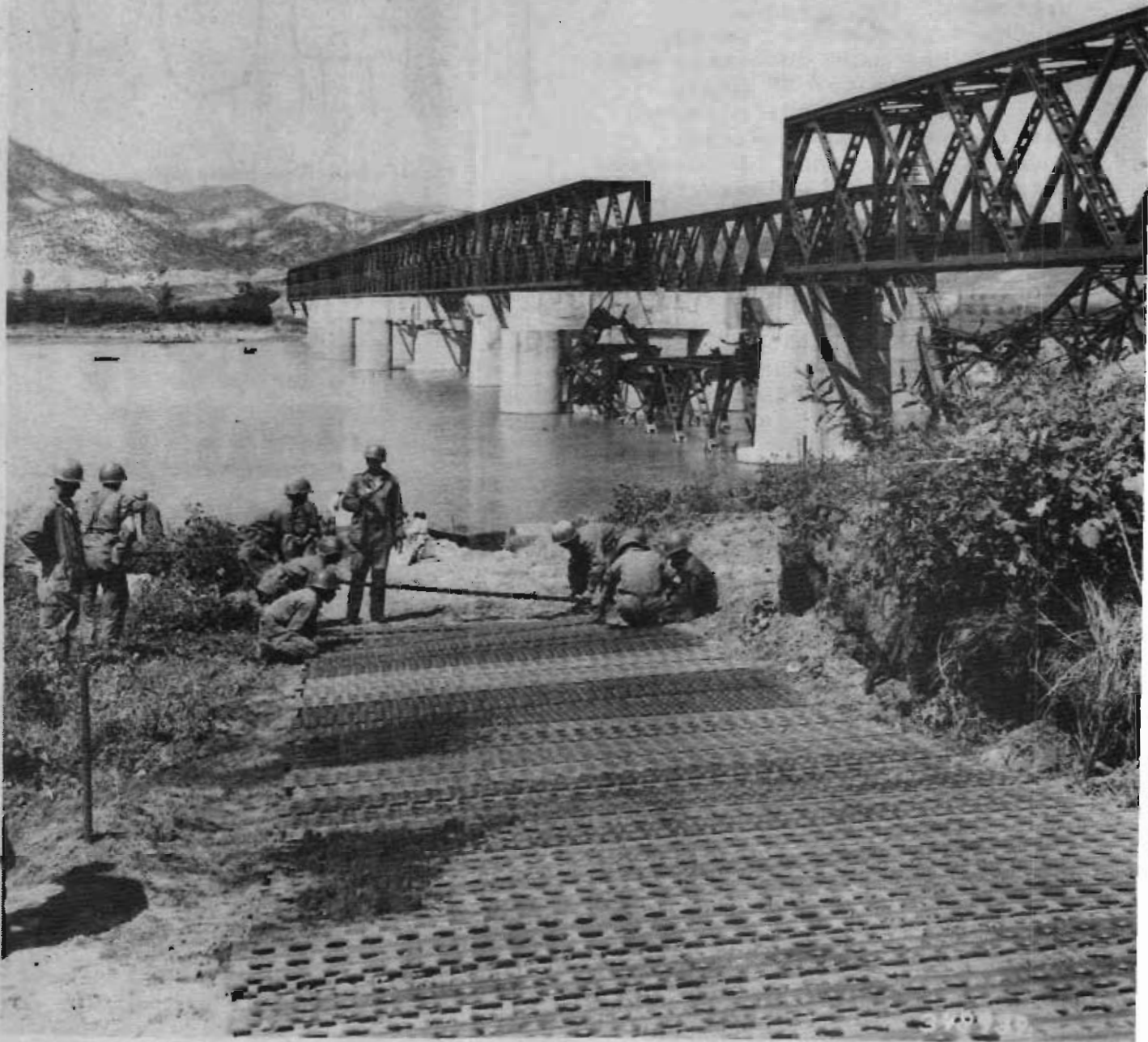
"Remember that stuff they used to put in our food when we were in the P.I. - to cool us down in our thoughts about women?" asks one.

"Yeah" says the other.

"You know it's beginning to work," says the first one.

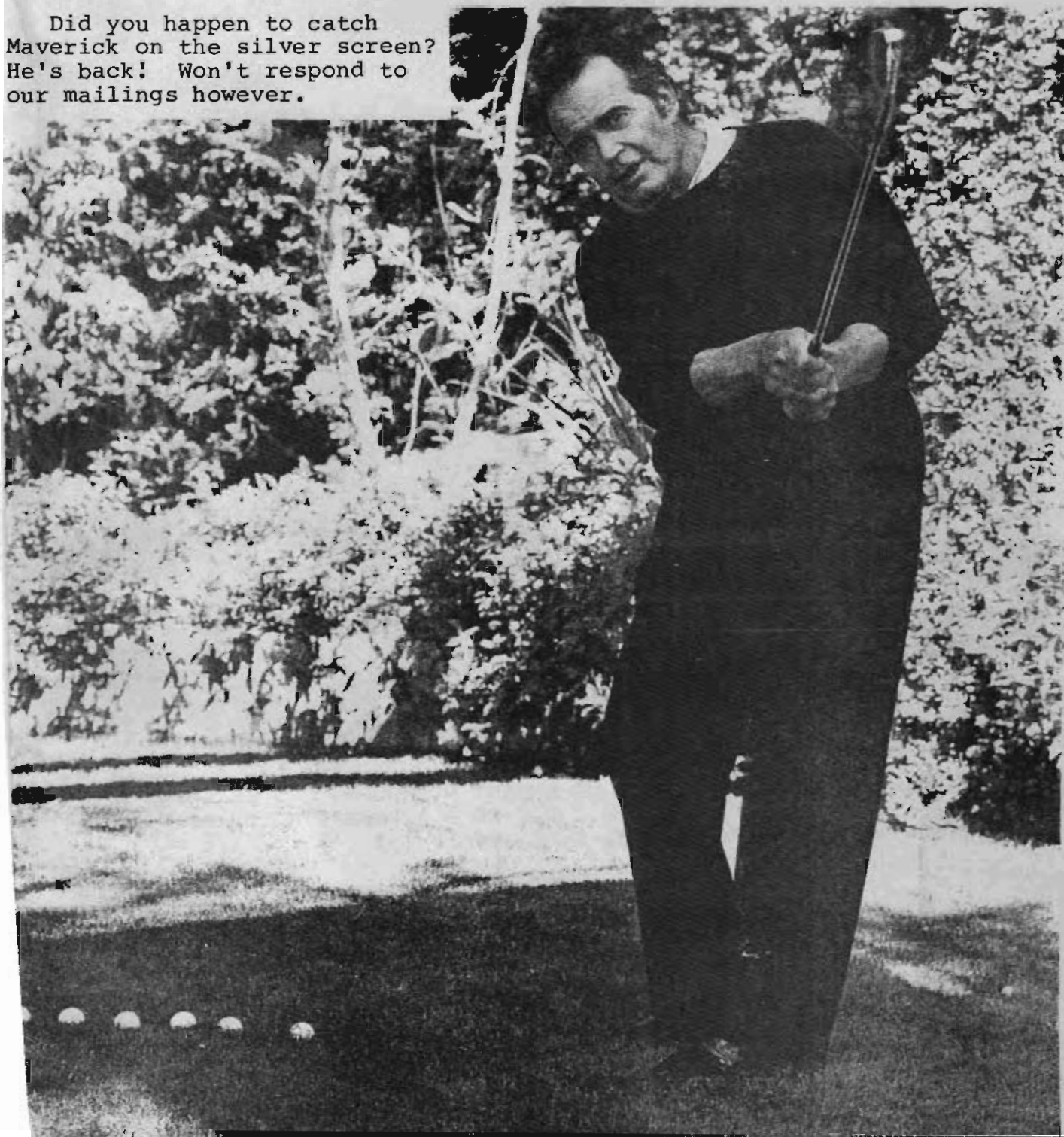
HELP!

We've lost Life Member
JOHN M. KING, JR. (C 6th M.T.B.
'49-'51) last known to be
at 819 Waller St., Waycross GA
31501. Tel. 283-5350.
His mail has been returned
as "not at". Can anyone help
locate him?



The 3rd Engineers are laying down a roadway to what will be a
ferry. The river? Naktong. The place? Waegwan. The time?
9/21/50. Good clear shot, isn't it?

Did you happen to catch
Maverick on the silver screen?
He's back! Won't respond to
our mailings however.



mer (teeing off at his L.A. home) says the new movie version of *Maverick* "was the most fun I've ever had on a picture."

ALWAYS A MAVERICK

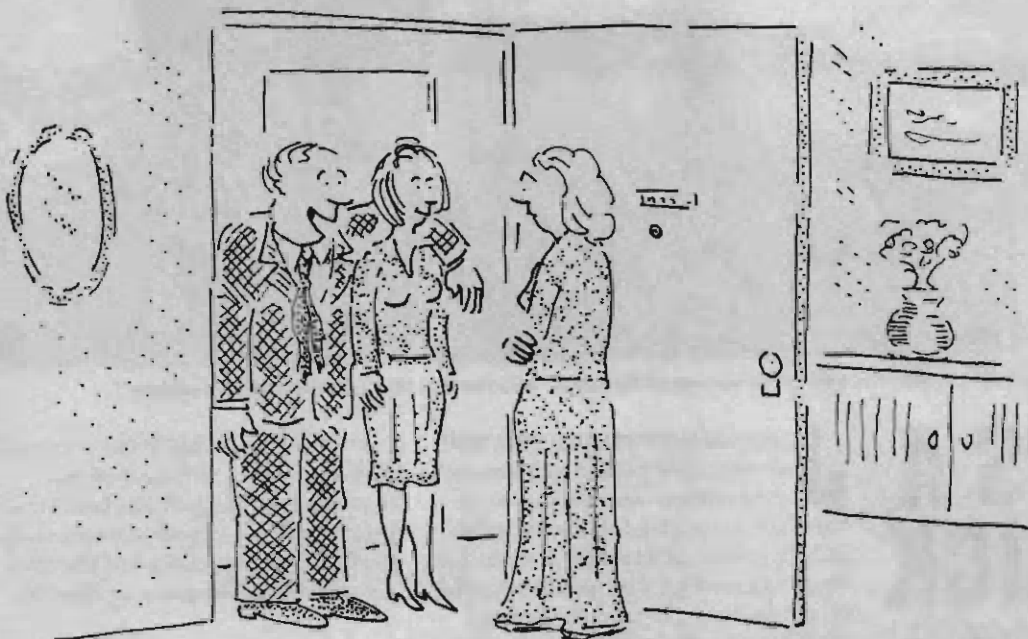
tered but unbowed,
es Garner heads
to the future

JAMES GARNER LOOKS LIKE A MAN WHO would rather be on a golf course somewhere—anywhere—than here in his cozy den talking about himself. Sprawled in a leather armchair, the 66-year-old actor has been dutifully, if reluctantly, reminiscing about his life and a 40-year career that has included five TV series (Does anyone remember 1971-72's *Nichols*?) and 40 feature films (among them: 1963's

The Great Escape and 1985's *Murphy's Romance*). Now, to his relief, his housekeeper, Rachel, has hustled in bearing greeting-card-size tickets to the Hollywood premiere of *Maverick*, the movie, which opens on May 20.



Can you name 'em? Try MG BRYANT M. MOORE. CG IX Corps and buttoning up, it's the Div.C.G., MG BLACKSHEAR M. BRYAN. Timewise - sometime in the February of '51.



"Diane, this is Karen, an old war buddy of mine."

if you can't spot this fella, you'd better quit. MG BRYAN is to the far right - in a sneeze, General? And the light colonel is WALTER WINTORI, who later became Div.C/S. Date? 1951 - it's all we have. Incidentally, the trenade seems to be missing.



*"I don't care if he does say
'sho nuff,' 'right smart,'
and 'you all,' I still think
he's a North Korean."*



The President's Corner

My Dear Fellow Members:

Rose and I are doing great, enjoying life and watching our family growing up; hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

We are looking forward to the "BIG ONE" in New Orleans (I understand John Roussel the Convention Chairman will teach us the proper pronunciation) Sept 14 to Sept 18.

Please send in your reservations as soon as possible. If you wait until the last minute, it puts a burden on John. If you live near New Orleans, please write or give John a call, and offer you assistance.

If you have noticed at the last few conventions, the Chairmen have attached a Star or a decal on the name tags of all who are "First Timers". The purpose, of course is to make these members feel welcomed when we view their name tags. The same applies to active duty 24TH Infantry Division Soldiers who walk by you, or sit at you table. Make them feel welcomed and at home.

Do not forget about our "Talent Bank". Send your information to: Edward G Abraham, 3736 Ortega St, San Francisco, CA 94122 (415-731-3106).

You ask what is a "Talent Bank"? I received a phone call from Lou Schraber who lives in California, he asked if I knew about the "Military" Department of Motor Vehicle Licence plates, I know they had one for "Purple Heart" members, he said that the 24TH IDA could have a DMV licence plate, which would include our logo, Lou agreed to be my chairman for this project, thanks Lou. More on this subject later.

Until the next time may God Bless you and your Families.

Sincerely Yours,


Vincent P. Gagliardo, President
24th Infantry Division Association

Just finished "On The Tiger's Back" by Captain Bernard Grady. He commanded an airmobile infantry company in 'Nam. Medically retired after 'Nam; now has a career in writing. His account is a vivid one, a must read for we who still remember the days of war. Though this one is not of "our war" (or wars), it'll be appreciated by any of you who may find the time to order a copy.

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Bernard E. Grady received a regular Army commission in 1963 and was awarded leave for graduate studies at Penn State where he earned a degree in Public Administration. He was advanced to 1st Lieutenant while still in school and, after earning Airborne and Ranger badges, was promoted to Captain. After just six months experience with troops, he was given command of an airmobile infantry company in Vietnam. Captain Grady earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, and Combat Infantryman's Badge while there.

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We have a letter from a daughter, Pamela A. Briguglio, looking for any information on her father, LLOYD F. TATLOCK, Co. B of the 3rd Eng. '48-'53. Lloyd died in Apr. of 1980 and Pam is interested in knowing something of the part the engineers played in Korea, particularly in and around Taejon in July of '50. Pam is at 2404 Belmont Av., San Bernardino CA. in case you can give her anything which might be of interest.

Looking for war mementoes is Jim Hall of 209 Main, Melrose, MA. Jim, not a member, puts up displays in libraries. Think he's looking for freebees; he doesn't say. Got anything you want to unload?

Roger D. Riddle of 391 Lynnwood, Bristol VA is looking for info on his cousin, BILLY MOSIER, who was KIA on 1/3/51 near Vijonba. Billy was Med.Co., 21st and was posthumously awarded the DSC for extraordinary heroism on Jan. 3, 1951. On Oct. 18, 1962, a campsite located at Nam Bang Ni was designated Camp Mosier in his honor. Can anyone write Roger Riddle?

Here's one: Lee Aldrich (not a member) is looking for BRUCE HOOD and/or KIEVE EHRLOCK. No unit designation, no time frame. Wattamess!! Lee's at 1941 Taylor, Belmont IA. Happy hunting! Sometimes we think something like this is just wasting valuable space. But we "gotta help".

DAVID H. HORTON, Life Member #1418, (19th '2/47-6/48) of 33041 Chestnut Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville OH 44039 advises that he has retired after 40 years 5 months from Ford Motor Co. effective June 1st. ¹⁹⁸⁴ Dave is looking to hear from anyone of the 19th 2/47-6/48.

Frank Fox is looking for any information on his brother, TOPEL (Toby) C. FOX, (C 19th) who was KIA on April 22, 1951. If you can send your story in to us, we can forward to the brother.

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Any letter from FRANCIS HELLER, 3419 Seminole,
Lawrence KS is a letter worth sharing. Here 'tis:

Dear Ken:

It's about the time of the year when I usually send you a small contribution toward the cost of getting the TARO LEAF out to the faithful, and here it is. "If I were a rich man," I would add another zero -- but whoever heard of anyone getting rich teaching?

Your tributes to Red Newman were superb. From the first time I met him, as a lowly private and he a division staff officer, in the underground CP in Posmaho Gulch to a brief encounter ten years later when he was the 82d Airborne's assistant division commander and I a battery commander in a corps artillery unit, I never failed to sense the man's incredible qualities. In later years, I read many of the fine pieces of writing he did -- they will, I am sure, continue to represent the best of military writing.

Then, in the very next issue, another one of the great soldiers it has been my privilege to know: Jock Clifford. I was with him on Kilay Ridge; although still an enlisted man, I had been assigned to go with his battalion as a forward observer. If ever a commander led by sheer force of personality, he did. I was always convinced that he had a hand in the battlefield commission I got a few months later. A few years ago my brother Tom (who had retired from the Regular Army by this time) got a friend of his in the Pentagon to check the records -- and indeed it had been Clifford who had started the ball rolling, with assists from his West Point classmates Tommy Lang and Livy Taylor.

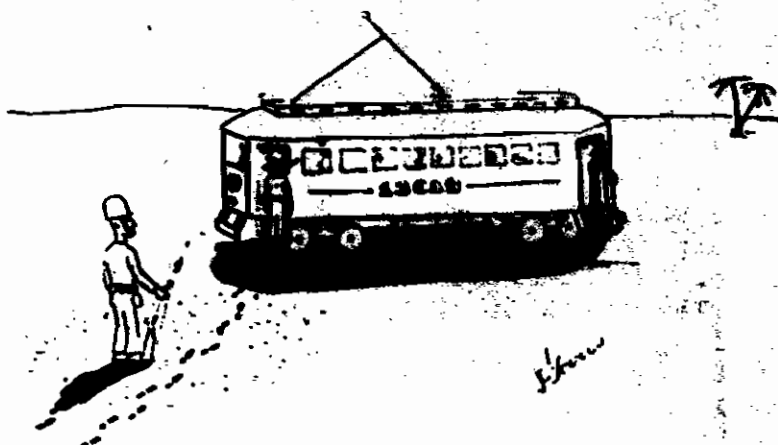
I hope to see you in New Orleans in September!

As ever,

Francis

Francis H. Heller

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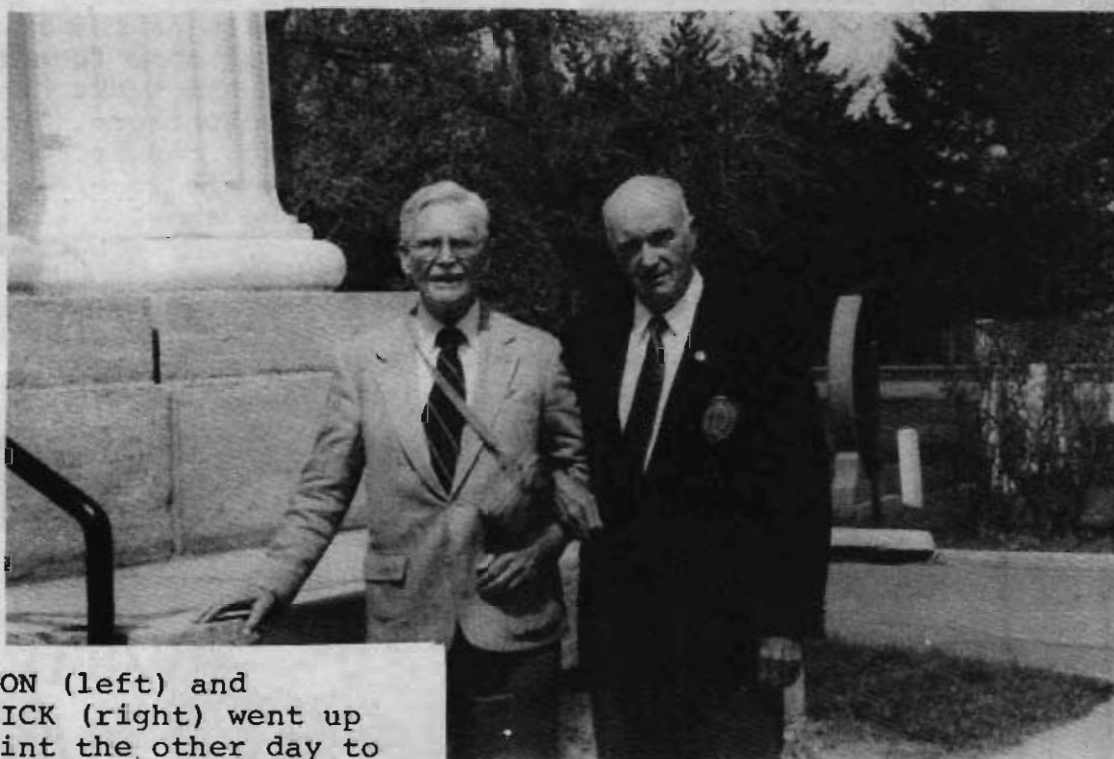
—PERRICK—



**Your best memories
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TOM UPTON (left) and TOM BRODERICK (right) went up to West Point the other day to perform their own private obsequy at the gravesite of the late MG AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN (at Section 18, Row E, Grave 42a in case anyone else can get to WP).

SEE YOUR STORY IN PRINT!

Word from Mrs. AUBREY S. (Dorothy) NEWMAN is that she is going to "try" to make New Orleans. Dorothy knowing full well the deep love and affection "Red" had for the Division and this Association. In her very own words, written with the kind of feeling of which she is so capable, Dorothy wrote, "This will be my last visit with Aubrey's beloved Division. I want to go for his sake and to thank the many people who have been so kind to Aubrey - and also to me." We feel certain that each one of us in attendance at New Orleans will find the reason for going forward to have a few kind words with this lovely lady. We represent Red's valued friends; it will mean so much.

BROWN, SFC. C.E., served in 19th Infantry, Japan and Korea; or anyone knowing his whereabouts. Contact Frederick Marsh, 4550 Morning Dove, Wichita Falls, TX 76305-5224.

A bit of nostalgia in this piece from WALTER KUPCHOCK (L 34th) of 89 Railroad, Cressone PA. He translates it as, "Why do you come here to die?" Thanks, Walt.

WE'RE
GOING TO
LET YOU IN
ON A
SECRET.

The Association is hurting for good candidates capable of serving as a reunion chairman. Many possible reunion sites have been considered and rejected for lack of someone within the organization with the expressed willingness to assume the responsibilities of a reunion chairman. In too many instances it would seem to be a case of remaining silent withdrawing from the fray and doing nothing other than to bitch and moan about the inadequacies of the reunion chairman who did come forward and undertook the task. We're calling for volunteers. Will he please step forward with a good pitch for his locale and an offer to run the show?





*"Ain't you never
seen a man in a fox-
hole before?"*



The local paper did a nice publicity job for STEVE PERRONE (K' 21st '50-'51) of 243 S. Union, Guilford CT. Congrats, Steve!

Time makes little difference to war memories

By Bridget Samburg
Staff Intern

The undeclared Korean War ended 40 years ago but memories have not been erased for those who fought.

Tuesday, July 27 marked the anniversary of the armistice in 1953 and for Guilford resident Stephen Perrone recollections of five years spent in Korea during his twenties.

Perrone, then a resident of New Haven, left for Korea in 1947 when he served during the occupation and returned home in 1952.

"I zigged instead of zagged," said Perrone, recipient of a Purple Heart, who was wounded twice and remembers little of the occurrences. Perrone proudly displays his various medals in a case in his living room.

Medals and scars give off reflections on their recipients, bringing back first-hand memories. Perrone tried to describe Korea 40 years ago, and realized the difficulty. "War doesn't mean anything to you. You have to see to believe it."

Glimpsing at a row of body bags, each containing a fellow citizen, Perrone understood the meaning of war.

Because of the reality of his experiences, it frustrates Perrone that the war continues to be titled a conflict. "It should have been called a war with the first guy that fell."

After trudging through unmarked land for hundreds of miles Perrone was allowed to return home. But, civilian war was yet another battle. "I was lost in my own country," he said and remembers being "orientated." The use of appliances, one way streets and bus systems needed explaining.



Guilford's Stephen Perrone displays his medals awarded for service during the Korean War, which ended 40 years ago last week.

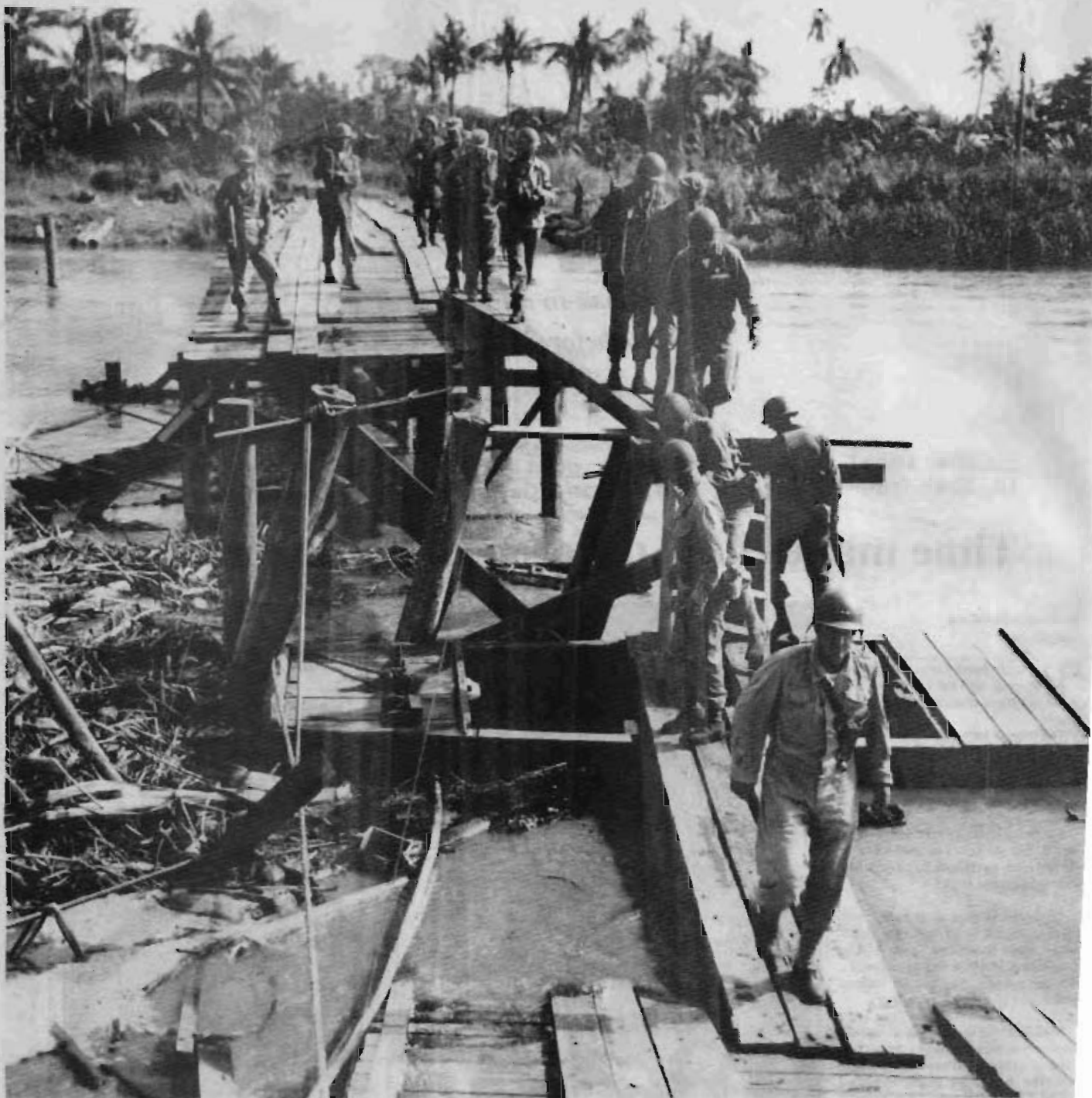
Photo by Robert MacDonnell

Perrone remains loyal to his country, but wants the war to be regarded as more than police action. He fought because "I felt I was in a spot to do it, so I did it."

Shaking his head Perrone said, "I was lucky all through the whole mess."

"It should have been called a war with the first guy that fell."

- Stephen Perrone,
Korean War veteran



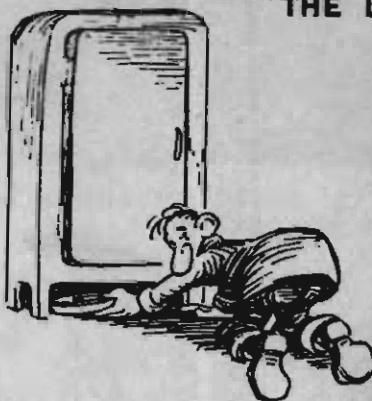
There are 3 stars showing in this one. Know him?
Lt.Gen. Robert Eichelberger, Eighty Army Commander. The Nips
blew this one up. It's just outside Davao on Mindanao May 3, 1945.

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On the move up to Alangalang, Leyte, on October 25, 1944 - 5 days into the operation.



This one's gonna give you trouble. And if you know a fellow who once wore the patch but doesn't know that they have an association, suggest that he write PO Box 340, Flourtown PA 19031.

Wonderful words from MG FRED ZIERATH in reference to upcoming New Orleans party:

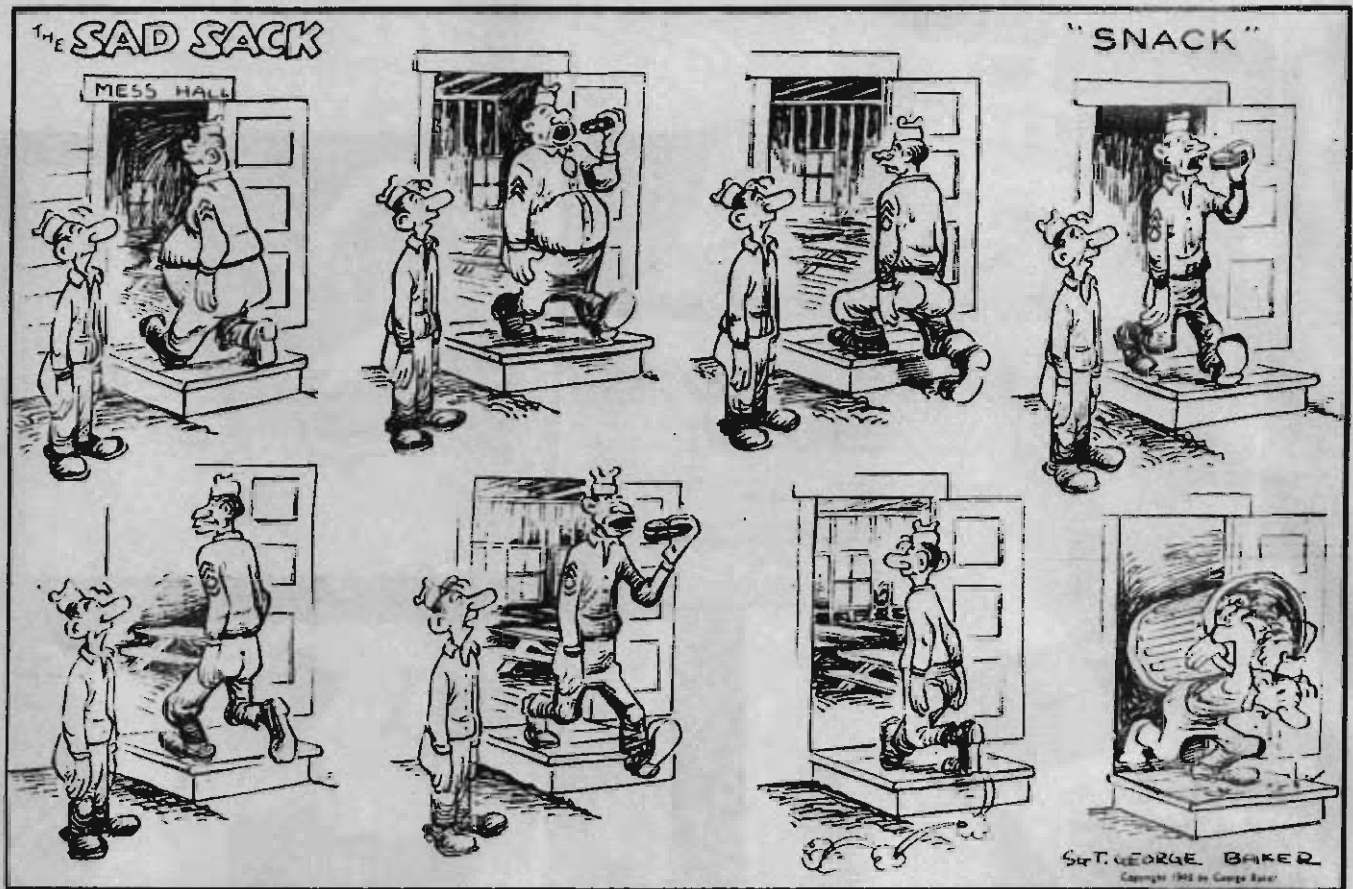
"Reunions bond us in friendship annually, and the Taro Leaf periodically; both play a special role in memory lane. The ranks thin; and the aging process slows many of us down. You wonderful stalwarts keep the flags flying -- and, 'CARRY ON' -- from one who was present at the birthing 53 years ago."

Fred Zierath
Fred Zierath
Maj. Gen. (Ret)

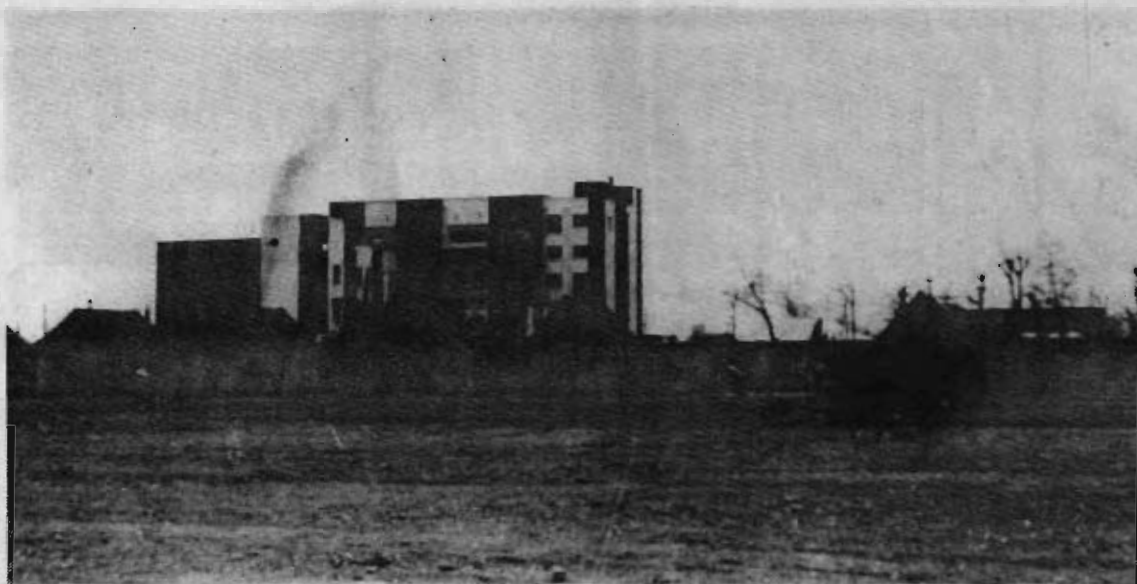


Remember the U.S. Army Field Ration K Breakfast Unit, or Dinner Unit, or Supper Unit? Who packaged them? The Cracker Jack people for one!





"Go back, buddy—it ain't worth it."



Regocnize it? How about Division C.P., Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan, Sept. '45-Jan.'46.

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"It's not as pretty as the other paint jobs, Lt. Applecore, but this ought to make a lot of points for us with the Ol'

We've said earlier that we like anything and everything that Harry writes. You'll especially like this one. He had to go back to Schofield to find the 21st. Did anyone ever learn the name of the gentleman who inspired the idea of separating the regiments from their Divisions?

The Infantry

By Col. Harry G. Summers Jr.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Tenn. — "Resolved," said the resolution of the 24th North Carolina Regiment on Aug. 26, 1863, "that the blood and thunder men should practice what they preach, by getting into the ranks and fighting, or forever hold their cowardly tongues, whether saint or sinner."

Then and now the views of those in the ranks who would close with the enemy with rifle and bayonet, with their own sweat and blood, and possibly at the cost of their own life, differ considerably from those who preach the virtues of military involvement at far remove from the battlefield. To the civilian interventionists and editorialists now baying for U.S. soldiers to be committed to action in Bosnia, in Haiti and in other trouble spots around the world, military operations are an intellectual abstraction.

Addressing the graduating class at West Point in 1869, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, one of America's fiercest warriors, noted that phenomenon over a century ago. "I know there exist many good men who honestly be-

lieve that one may, with the aid of modern science, sit in comfort and ease in his office chair, and with little blocks of wood to represent men, or even with figures and algebraic symbols, master the great game of war."

"I think this an insidious and most dangerous mistake," he said. "The soldier in the ranks is not a block of wood or a mere unit; he is a man like yourselves, full of feeling and passion, varying in size and strength, and all the attributes of manhood."

Those words came to mind as I trooped the line of the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 21st Infantry here at Schofield, paraded in my honor as the newly appointed Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. And they were brought home again the following evening as the young soldiers of those rifle companies and their corporals, sergeants, lieutenants and captains and their wives passed through the receiving line at the regimental dining out.

They brought back memories of my own experiences with the "Gimlets" of the 21st Infantry with whom I served as a corporal and sergeant in the mountains of Korea in 1950 and 1951, long before any of those now serving in its

ranks were even born. "As one man varies from another, so bodies of men vary still more," Sherman said, "whilst certain characteristics pervade them all."

In Korea, most of the soldiers were draftees or reservists. My rifle squad included a railway locomotive engineer, a District of Columbia policeman and a soldier with a master's degree from Harvard. Today, however, all soldiers are volunteers. But then and now, they were all infantrymen, with all that entails.

Although it is seldom mentioned, the first thing being an infantryman requires is unlimited liability. A Navy admiral, a distinguished Vietnam War fighter pilot, once said he didn't know the difference between direct and indirect combat. A rifleman does. It's called the topographical crest of the hill.

If you're dug in 20 meters down the front slope with no way in hell of getting out when the enemy attacks, you're in direct combat. Indirect combat has its dangers, too, but those "rear-echelon willies" on the reverse slope can cut and run if it gets too bad. The tanks can reverse gear and drive away. The planes can zoom out of harm's way and the artillery displace to a safer location. But the riflemen are stuck. They have a commitment to stand and fight and, if need be, to die that is shared by no one else in the armed forces. They are the military's true elite.

Where once nuclear bombs and missiles were America's "strategic forces," today conventional forces are once again the true strategic (i.e., war-winning) force. And at the heart of con-

ventional forces is the infantry. All the other arms and services exist to support their mission to seize and hold ground.

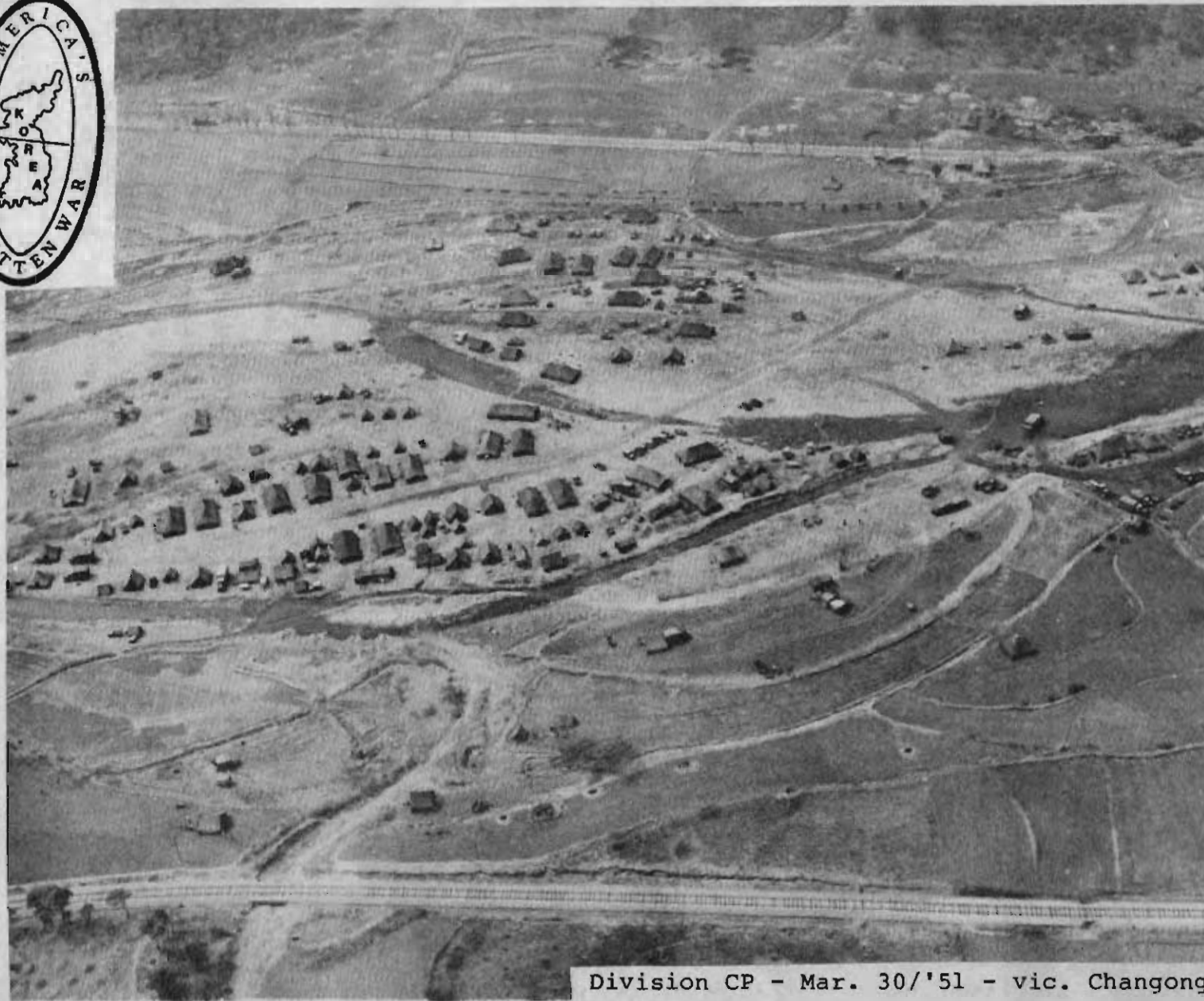
Everything depends on combat, Karl von Clausewitz emphasized in his treatise on war 160 years ago. Even if you never fight, it depends on combat because it rests on the perception that if you did fight, you'd win. That's why, as Canadian Brig. Gen. Ian Douglas pointed out last month at an Air Force Academy symposium, even when it comes to peacekeeping operations, highly trained infantry units are the best ones for the job.

But they cannot be committed lightly. As Sherman said, they are not blocks of wood. And neither are these volunteers a kind of foreign legion. They are America's sons and daughters, as, to its credit, the news media remind us when one of these soldiers is killed or injured in the nation's service.

If today's "blood and thunder men" are so anxious to intervene, perhaps they could, as in the 1930s Spanish civil war, form a latter-day Lincoln Brigade with companies from The New Republic, the New York Times, the Washington Post and other such jingoist organizations. Save the infantry for when the vital interests of the nation itself are imperiled.

A Distinguished Fellow of the Army War College, Col. Harry Summers holds the Oppenheimer Chair of Warfighting Strategy at the Marine Corps University for the academic year 1993-94.

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We have Unit Hats & Crests but not enough room to list everything.
5th RCT, 555 FA, 19th INF, & 34th INF hats are still \$10.00 ea PP
5th INF, & 21st INF hats are embroidered and are \$12.00 ea P.P.
Crests available are 5th Inf, 19 Inf, 21 Inf, 34 Inf 11 & 13 FA
724 Maint. \$5.00 Ea \$ 10.00 Pr PP
24th Infantry Division Decals six for \$ 5.00 PP