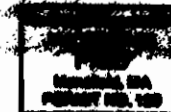
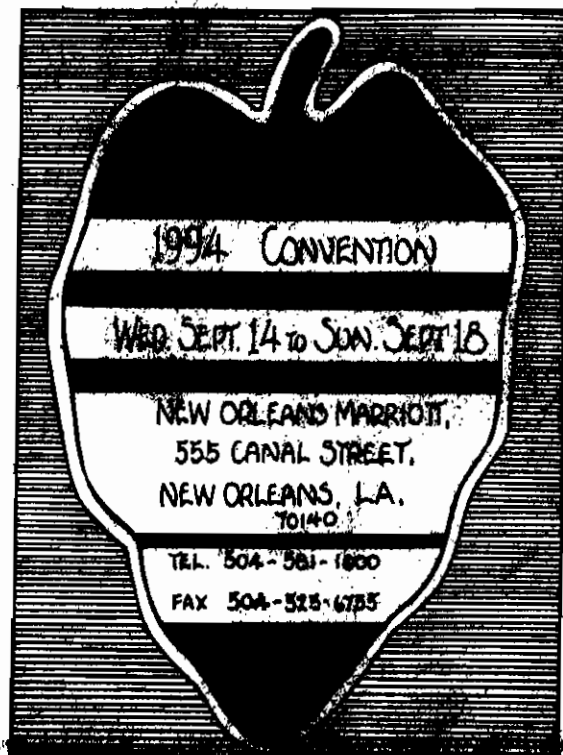


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LEYTE - 50 YEARS LATER

by BEN WAHLE

As I watched the TV specials regarding the "D" day landing in France, it brought back memories of the "other war".

It will be fifty years this October 20th that the Division was part of the invasion force that landed on Leyte, Philippine Islands. At approximately 10:30 a.m. that morning, "George Company" of the 34th landed on Red Beach. There was plenty of action from the minute the ramps went down on the LCV. A swamp a short way from the beach was heavily fortified with Jap automatic weapons which impeded our advance inland. Our advance was hastened somewhat when a guy by the name of NEWMAN came by and said "Get your butts off the beach and get going."

Our "D" day objective, an all weather road in Pawing, connecting Tacloban and Palo. We reached it shortly before dark where we dug in for the night. Shortly after midnight, a Jap battalion ran smack into our perimeter which straddled the road. The ensuing battle lasted all night and into the dawn of the next day. The Jap force opposing us was the crack 16th Infantry Division. A member of "George" Company, Private HAROLD MOON was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic effort during the battle. After daylight the road between Palo and Tacloban lay strewn with over six hundred dead Japanese.

There followed a push up the Leyte Valley toward Carigara. Memorable battles occurred during this drive. Among which were:

1. The Fox company battle at the Mainit River bridge where Captain PAUL AUSTIN led the famous bayonet charge.
2. The many skirmishes which occurred as we pushed northward through Santa Fe, Alanqalang, Cavite, Jaro and Tonga.
3. The battle at Breakneck Ridge.

Many names come to mind as my thoughts drift in and out, like the fog in San Francisco Bay: Cameron, Pearsall, Austin, Ferguson, Breeden, Cox, Bowman, Cymeyotti, Mann, Bush, Diller, Garland, Foldo, Montaglino, Haeberlain, Fredericks, and Brown, to name only a few.

I know this little narration is slanted toward the 34th but these are the actions I am best acquainted with. Great credit must be given to the 19th and 21st and all the other units attached to the 24th during the campaign.

As to those who did not return, may they rest in peace, a peace that should be cherished by those whose liberty and freedom they fought and died for. 20 Oct. 1944 to 5 Jan. 1945, a period of 73 days of gruelling combat against a determined enemy should not be soon forgotten.

Let me close by quoting a friend of mine, General RED NEWMAN:

"Every combat veteran has memories of the realities of battle, and there is no limit to the variations. This is one of the things that forces the special bond that others 'who were not there' can never comprehend."

Dedicated to the 24th Division

May 28, 1994

Ben Wahle

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THE PREZ SAYS

My Dear Fellow Members:

Have you ever wondered where the time has gone? I find myself looking back at old photos of my friends and recall the good times and the not so good times we shared. Just the other day I picked up a "Taro Leaf" postmarked 1988. As I turned to the first page, I saw a photo of this distinguished looking man. Although I never met this man, I remembered his name from an after action report I had read regarding planning for a convention. I was impressed then, but after reading the comments and brief story of "JOSEPH I. PEYTON", I found my eyes tearing up a bit. On page five, I further read in part:

"The friendship which is engendered among those who fight together on the field of battle, risking their lives, not only for the cause for which they fight, but also for one another, is different from every other kind of friendship, ... Once cemented, this military and combat friendship lasts forever."

I received a letter from Joseph D. Karam (FO, Hvy. Mtr. Co. 5th RCT 51-52) advising that our Chaplain, Rev. THOMAS WALDIE, is "getting more tired". Joe also said that the Parkinson's Disease is progressing. Rev. Thomas Waldie will not be with us this year at New Orleans.

Chaplain Waldie was on the same "Field of battle" with Joseph Karam and myself, plus many other members of this Association. I recall meeting Father Tom Waldie for the first time. Part of a Company of the 3rd Bn. was attempting to take a hill. 5 to 6 men became pinned down near the top of their objective; some were wounded. Attempts were made to send reinforcements, but the enemy had the high ground, so our reinforcements would retreat. Getting word of the situation, Chaplain Waldie, unarmed, of course, walked up the hill where our men were pinned down, and brought back each man, making several trips. Why the enemy did not fire at him is still a mystery. Chaplain Waldie was no spring chicken at that time; I believe he was in his early forties. One of the highest decorated chaplains in Korea.

Hope you have all the opportunity to meet the new Commanding General, MG JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO.

God bless you all.

Vincent P. Gagliardo
Vincent P. Gagliardo, President
24th Infantry Division Association

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SHORTY ESTABROOK challenges our claim that the Division record for size of family should go to JOE LAPALM (11 kids). Shorty says, "I feel the honors should go to FRANK DURANT (C 19th - POW 38 months) 333 McCarthy, El Paso TX - 23 children". Joe, by the way, is not a member of the club. Maybe he just never found the time.

THIS AIN'T NO PARTY

Surely you'll recall Dorothy Parker, the great wit. It was she who wrote the 7-word review of a play then opening on Broadway - "The House Beautiful is the play lousy."

Some years ago columnist Liz Smith published the news item telling the world that the Dorothy's ashes reposed in the office of Paul O'Dwyer, the notorious New York lawyer, never having found a final resting place. Joseph McClellan of the Washington Post, abhorrent with that news, but not to the extent that he couldn't wax poetic about it, set pen to paper. He titled it, "Men Seldom Make Passes At Girls Who Are Ashes". We thought you'd like it and here it is:

*Your wit may dazzle all New York,
Your songs with passion burn,
But, like the dullest nerds in town,
You're headed for an urn.*

*If you don't make, while time permits,
Provisions for yourself,
Your case—indeed, your urn—may end
Upon a lawyer's shelf.*

*Liz Smith (the columnist) has told
A story grim and dark
About a girl named Parker who
Can't find a place to park.*

BILL KERNS (M, Sv., & D 21st '48-'52) writes from 225 Wallace, Covington KY: "Would like to see my name in Taro Leaf." Okay, Billy, here it is - BILL KERNS - you just did. Billy by the way, with the help of Joyce, had 15 kids, 4 step-kids, and 30 grand-kids.

*Among the famed Algonquin wits,
She made a great sensation,
But that was not enough to save
Poor Dorothy from cremation.*

*The ashes were collected back
In Nineteen Sixty-Seven
While all the rest of her arose
(Presumably) to heaven,*

*But Dorothy forgot to say,
While looking toward her end
Just where her ashes should be kept
When she went round the bend.*

*And so, Liz Smith revealed today
Having gone through the fire,
The ashes were entrusted to
Attorney Paul O'Dwyer,*

*Who wants to find a final home,
Sheltered from life's grim clashes,
Where well-earned rest may settle on
The clever lady's ashes.*

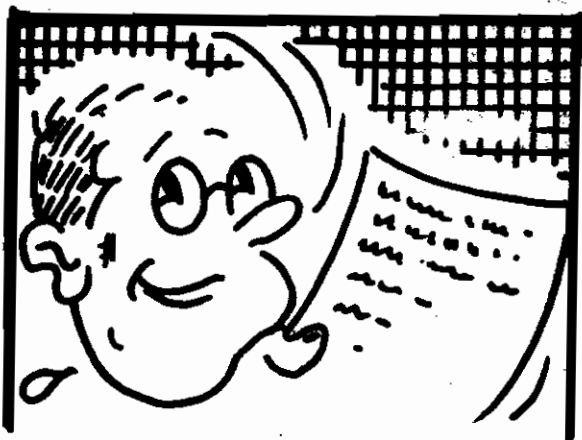
*A certain insecurity,
A grim, determined air,
Made Parker's writing style unique
And gave her verse its flair,*

*But even for a bard who sang
Despair and suicide
And disillusion's bitter taste
And pitfalls for our pride,*

*Absurdity can go too far,
And that is now the case.
A Wall Street office should not be
This writer's resting place.*

*A monument outlasting bronze
Would match her deathless wit,
But failing that, at least she needs
A sheltered place to sit.*

*So someone call O'Dwyer please,
While controversy rages.
His number should be listed in
Manhattan's Yellow Pages.*



Read this one just as DON LEMON wrote it to us - it's interesting:

"I received my Taro Leaf. When I did get around to reading it, I was amazed to see the listing of those captured. I was not aware that anyone had compiled such a list.

"I read through the list looking for anyone that I might have known. I also started looking for names in the Pittsburgh area. Believe it or not there was one after 44 years. He was still listed in the phone book. Guess what - he did not know about the 24th Infantry Division Assoc.

"His name is STEPHEN VERGHIES Hvy.Mtr.Co., 19th '50. He was captured 11-4-50 and was a POW until 10-27-53.

"I had a nice discussion with him and talked about our association as well as the 19th Inf.Reunion during the convention in New Orleans.

"Enclosed is my check for my \$15.00 renewal for the coming year. I have also included \$15.00 for Steve. Please send him his membership card to:

Stephen Verghies
Gregg Rd.,
Rennersdale, Carnegie PA
15106

"The additional \$20.00 is for your use as you need."

Watta guy you are, Don.
Deep thanks.

One of the rewards of covering this beat is in putting out feelers in our copy and finding one that clicks. In a recent issue, we put in a plug at the request of BILL PUTNAM (K 19th '51-'52) of 103 S.Calhoun, Calhoun Falls SC. Bill was looking for a Reagan with whom he took basic at Jackson. Our computer wizard, JOE MCKEON, was able to tell Bill that WALTER REAGAN was KIA on 5-29-51. Bill then located Walt's surviving sister in Allons TN and is now going over to visit her. Writes Bill, "Thank God for men like Joe McKeon. He found this man and his family after 43 years with nothing but a last name to go on. Amazing what an article in Taro Leaf can do."

C.J. "Clink" STUBBS (L 34th '43-'45) of 10333 W.Olive, Peoria AZ., checks in with a nice check in memory of his beloved wife, Hildred, whom we knew as "Hilly". Hilly passed away a little over 4 years ago. Clink will never forget.

Fifty years of wedded bliss for JESSE and Daisy FOSTER come next November 3rd. Jess says that when they married, his mother-in-law gave it no more than 6 months. She's 92 - and still thinks Daisy will tire of him and come back home. Says Jesse - "Well, 3 grown children, 8 grandchildren, and one great grandson later, we're still together. And I'm not going back because the sheriff is still looking for me 'cuz of me stealing one of their lovely maidens."

Credit goes to JOHNNY RAGLAND, (D 21st '44-'45) of 6321 Gonzales, Groves TX for bringing RAY MUNCY, also D 21st, into the club. Ray's at Box 321, Hydro OK. Happily Johnny and Ray will be at New Orleans.

CONFRONTING THE MEMORIES

At the time of the first announcement of "The William Jordan Verbeck Award", the late much admired ED HENRY, who, himself, actually gave birth to the concept, explained its who, what, when, where and why before the assembled brethren at one of our early reunions.

We give it to you just as Ed set it forth:

"The late Major General William Jordan Verbeck, onetime regimental commander of the 21st Infantry and onetime Division Chief of Staff, demonstrated in myriad ways - and consistently, from his Division days of '44 and '45 to the day of his death on November 4, 1965 - an unparalleled love for and devotion to Division. It was an obsession with him, a magnificent one.

"It is this enthusiasm, this spirit, which the Executive Committee has sought to memorialize. Hard in the conviction that any honor bearing the name of this beloved comrade-in-arms will carry its own ready acknowledgment of that for which it stands, the Committee was firm that it should be known merely as the 'William Jordan Verbeck Award'. The name 'Verbeck' is synonymous with 'Excellence' in many areas and for many things, but to Taro Leafers particularly, the name represents special excellence in all matters germane to the 24th Infantry Division and its appurtenant parts.

"Bill Verbeck was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. He was loved and admired by everyone who knew him, and especially worshipped by those Gimlets who were and are proud to say, 'I served with Colonel Bill Verbeck.' He was truly an ideal soldier, gallant in action, with a rare gift for leadership, yet with a common touch that endeared him to us all. He died, mourned as few men are mourned, because like Bayard, that model of brightly virtue, he could be truly called 'Without fear; and without fault'.

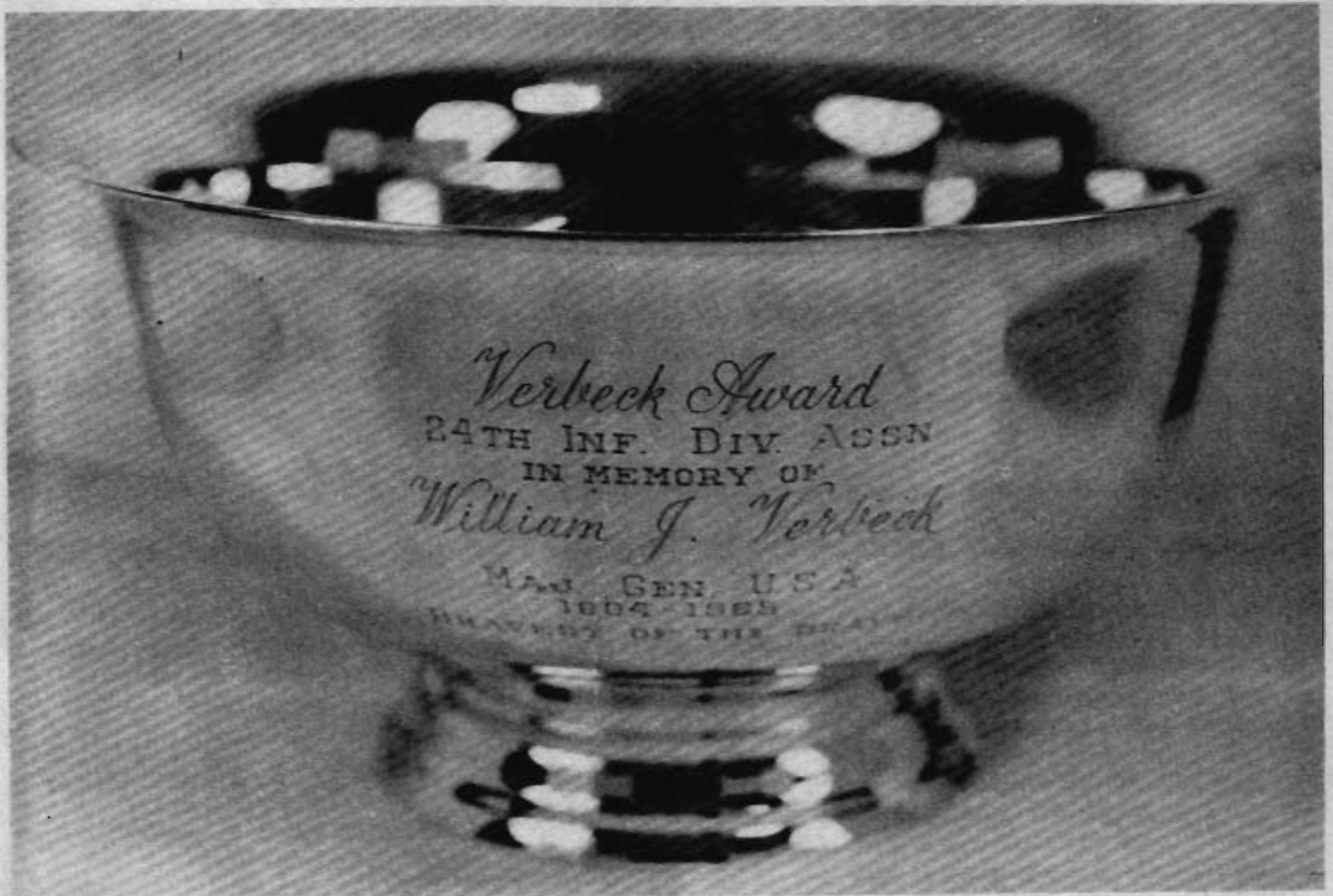
"General Verbeck loved the 24th Infantry Division; and was devoted to this Association, which he served as President during the last year of his life.

"An award bearing his name would be an inspiration to each of us and a source of constant pride to the member who receives it. Your Executive Committee has accepted the offer of one of our number to donate to the Association a symbol of that award and has resolved that the award shall be made to that member who, by his service to the Association, best exemplifies the ideals of General Verbeck. The award is intended to set a high standard. The William Jordan Verbeck Award will be given only sparingly on the vote of the Executive Committee and all because of the unusual quality of performance required to earn it.

"It is and ever shall be the highest honor which our Association can bestow.

"The symbol of the award, this bowl, shall pass from one honoree to the next, with a miniature thereof being given for the permanent possession of each recipient."

The bowl, representative of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK Award.



In the years of its history, recipients of the honor represented by "The William Jordan Verbeck Award" have been:

1966 Kenwood Ross
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*1971 Thomas H. Compere
*1972 Joseph I. Peyton
*1973 Victor Backer
*1974 Aubrey S. Newman
*1975 Robert J. Duff
1976 Frederick A. Irving
*1977 Samuel Y. Gilner
*1978 Gerald R. Stevenson
1979 William Sanderson

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1981 Howard R. Lumsden
1982 Paul A. Harris
1983 Donald E. Rosenblum
*1984 Hubert Lowry
1985 John E. Klump
1986 Lee List
1987 Dallas Dick
1988 John R. Shay
1989 Warren G. Avery
1991 Robert R. Ender
1993 Lester L. Wheeler

* Deceased



Here's one - a real toughie:
Recognize it?

But if you have a cousin or
a neighbor who once wore it,
suggest he write to:

J. Eugene Baker
Membership Chairman
10th Mountain Division, Inc.
12101 Vienna Dr. NE
Albuquerque NM 87111-2825

Life Member 1308, our very
own Lt.Col. WANDA E. ROGERS left
Stewart late in May for "2/ST
PRB PSC 05, Box 2954, APO AE
09057". Now just what does that
tell you? Wanda was the Division
G1/Adjutant General at Stewart.
Looks like they combined these
two jobs into one.

Just in case this news
passed you by.

Col. (Ret.) CHARLES
BECKWITH died June 13, 1994
at his Austin TX home.

A legend in the special
operations community, Beckwith
achieved national recognition
as one of the central figures
in operation Eagle Claw, the
failed 1980 attempt to rescue
the U.S. hostages in the
Iranian capital of Tehran.

Our very own Lt.Gen.
JAMES VAUGHT commanded the
rescue mission.

Failure was due to technical
problems on several of the
helicopters involved.

After the decision to
abort the mission, one heli-
copter crashed into a C-130
Hercules transport aircraft.
The 64 troops aboard the air-
craft survived, but 8 crewmen
died turning the aborted
mission into a disaster.

Stolen from the April "Under
Age Veteran".



"Ya might hafta catch a boat. One of them kids ya chased off th' field
wuz the pilot."

We have in our midst a member of the "Underage Vets of Military Service". It's BRONKO ATKINSON (24th Div. MP Co. & Hq.Co. 63rd FA 9/41-5/45) of 2716 Beaver Creek Ct., #102, Las Vegas NV 89117. We don't know how old he was when he joined. Anyway, he sends us this interesting list of the "Youngest" when they went in. Note that Bronko made it:

YOUNGEST POW, KOREA: Bill Davis age 15
YOUNGEST POW, WW II: Earl Craig, Jr., Age 16 (3-1/2 years)
YOUNGEST USAF AIRCRAFT MECHANIC: Sam Wein, age 15
YOUNGEST USMC AIRFRAME AND ENGINE MECHANIC: Ron Lansinger, 16
YOUNGEST IN COMBAT, ETO: George Brouse, age 15
YOUNGEST IN COMBAT, VIETNAM: F. R. King, age 17
YOUNGEST IN COMBAT, KOREA: Arlen Russell, age 15 yrs, 6 mo
YOUNGEST SEABEE: Willie C. Manson, age 13 years, 2 months
YOUNGEST PARATROOPER: Lewis Elliott, age 15
YOUNGEST AIR MEDAL RECIPIENT: Clate Billings, age 16
YOUNGEST STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC) MEMBER: Jim Smith, age 15
YOUNGEST USAF FIRST SGT. TO RETIRE: Jim Smith, age 35
YOUNGEST TORPEDO SQUADRON AIRCREW: Clifton Shealy, age 15
YOUNGEST COMMISSIONED OFFICER: Stan Szczepanski, age 17, 1 mo
YOUNGEST FIELD GRADE OFFICE TO RETIRE: Maj. Bob Elliott, Age 35
YOUNGEST ARMY SGT.: Bob Elliott, age 16
YOUNGEST USAF CHIEF MASTER SGT: C. "Rod" Rodriguez, age 29
YOUNGEST USAF CHIEF MSGT TO RETIRE: Rod Rodriguez, age 36
YOUNGEST MERRILLS MARAUDER: John Peck, age 16, 1943
YOUNGEST WW2 SUBMARINER: John Nagle, age 15, 1945
YOUNGEST USCG CPO TO RETIRE: Johnny Camp, age 35
YOUNGEST NAVY CPO TO RETIRE: Eddie Payne, age 35
YOUNGEST OFFICER TO RETIRE: Bob Elliott, age 35
YOUNGEST MILITARY RETIREE: Tom Hise, age 34, 9 mo.
YOUNGEST WW2 TWINS AND TWIN SEABEES: Roy & Ray Crass, age 15
YOUNGEST TWINS (KOREA): James & Gerald O'Connor, USAF, age 16
YOUNGEST SEABEE: R.O. Cunningham, age 14
YOUNGEST COXSWAIN & BOATSWAIN MATE: Vernon Glasgow, age 14
YOUNGEST ON WAR PATROL: C. R. Jenke, age 15, Feb '43, Solomons
YOUNGEST DESTROYER ESCORT SAILOR: James Richardson, age 14
YOUNGEST IN FARRAGUT, IA BOOT CAMP: James Richardson, age 14
YOUNGEST VETERAN BATAAN, CORREGIDOR: Earl F. Craig, age 15
YOUNGEST OCCUPATION DUTY, JAPAN: Robert Fuller, age 14, 9 mo.
YOUNGEST SAILOR, USS CLEVELAND: Cloyd Stine, age 16, 1943
MOST SERVICES UNDERAGE: Arnold Kidd (3, all at age 16)
MOST WW2 HONORABLE DISCHARGES: Ron Lansinger (3 by age 18)
FIRST UNDERAGE SOLDIER IN KOREA: Robert Fuller 7/18/50
FIRST UNDERAGE WOUNDED (KOREA): Donald Thompson, 15, 9/50
FIRST UNDERAGE DISABLED VET (KOREA): Donald Thompson, 16, 6/21/51
YOUNGEST CITIZEN'S MILITARY TNG CAMP: Archie Stewart, 14, 1936
YOUNGEST VIMS PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR: C.H. "Bronko" Atkinson, 16
YOUNGEST SIOUX INDIAN TO JOIN: John Crazy Bear, 15, USMC, 1946
YOUNGEST ON OPERATION TORCH, AFRICA INVASION: Tom Hise, 15 1/2
YOUNGEST POST-VIETNAM VET: Ingemar Woods, Sr. USA, 1976, age 14
YOUNGEST VIMS MEMBER: Ingemar Woods, Sr., Age 32
YOUNGEST NAVY ARMED GUARD: Ted Puskarcik, age 15
YOUNGEST GUNNERS MATE: Ted Puskarcik, age 15
YOUNGEST ARMY MEDIC: Member M656*, Age 15, 6/6/44
YOUNGEST WWII ETO OCCUPATION FORCES: Jack H. Brown 15 yrs, 10 mos. 1947
YOUNGEST MARINE CORP COMBAT JOURNALIST WWII: Pat Michaels age 16
YOUNGEST SHERMAN TANK DRIVER: Scott Webb, Age 15 yrs.
YOUNGEST TO GO INTO ACTIVE DUTY WITHOUT BASIC TRAINING: Dickey Clifford 16 yrs 63 mos.
Youngest Father & son in same service (Seabees): 15 yr. 7/28/43, dad 36 yrs.

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

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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.

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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.



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Friday Sept. 16th	Tour #5 \$50.00 p/p 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Marshes and Mansions	_____	_____
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One chap thought we gave "the generals too much space." To him we say, 'Scuse us but we gotta report this one. Good friend Lt.Gen. HERBERT R. TEMPLE, JR. (5th RCT - Korea) has resigned his position as C/S of the MOWW (Military Order World Wars) to take up residence at Palm Desert CA. Smart, Herb, smart. Our good wishes go your way.



It's WALTER H. JEWELL (Bn.S-3, 5th RCT '51-'53) of 3624 Oak Wood, Panama City Beach FL. Walt writes that after his return to the "48's" in '52, he had his branch changed to Ordnance and served the next 10 years as Explosive Disposal O. in Hq. USAEUR and then for 3 more years in Hq. 5th Army doing the same work - "blowin' 'em up".

New Orleans

One of our members writes that he's having his 3 tattoos removed. It reminded us of a cartoon.



"A tattoo? You're kidding. It sure looks like a suit."

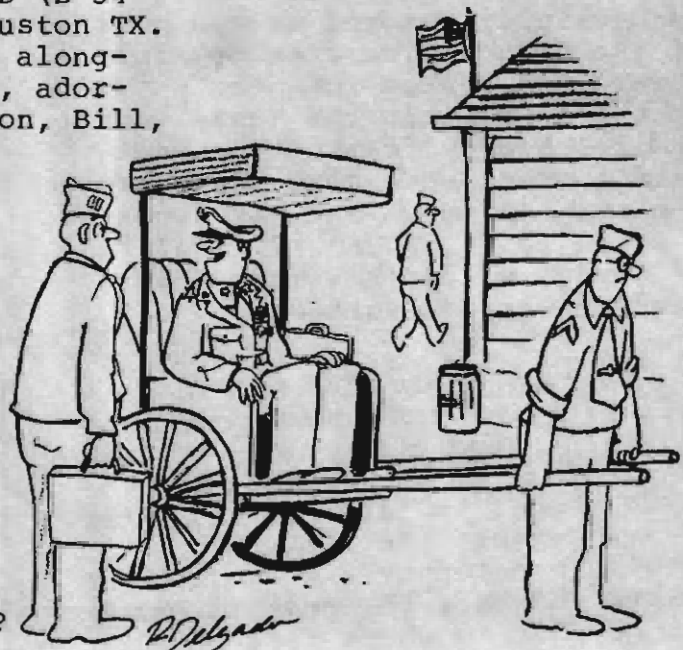
JOHNNY M. "Red" RODRIGUEZ (C 21st '43-'45) over at 4331 Mission, Kansas City KS asks "Has anyone heard from SYLVESTER ROSSI, WILSON CANNON or JOE ROMANO, Gimlets all?"

KERMIT BLANEY has asked a terrific question. How would Eisenhower have looked in MacArthur's place at any one of the 108 landings in the Pacific, and conversely, how would MacArthur have looked in Ike's place in the Normandy landing? Think it over. We'd welcome - and will print - your comments.



New Orleans

A wonderful family shot - a Koca-chrome but we'll take our chances. Meet the family of CHARLEY CARD (B 34 '44-'46) of 12107 Waldemar, Houston TX. That's Charley on the far left alongside of lovely daughter, Susan, adorable wife, Martha, and hefty son, Bill, who saw 22 months in 'Nam.



Know anyone who ever wore it?
Tell him to contact:
Second Division Assoc.
Box 460
Buda TX 78610.

"Budget cuts took away my sedan,
but I managed to hang on to my driver."

A little nostalgia by H.GORDON BEHREL (Hq. 1st Bn. 19th '44-'45) of 843 Maple, Downers Grove IL, who recalls shipping over to Australia on the "President Grant". He writes: "The 'President Grant' was a so-called '502' built by New York Shipbuilding Co., Camden NJ in 1921 and was originally named 'Centennial State'. Renamed 'President Adams' in 1922 she sailed in the North Atlantic run under the U.S. Lines flag until 1923, then was transferred to the Dollar Line and put in the round-the-world service for many years. Renamed 'President Grant' 1940. American President Lines began operating the ship for the Army in November 1941. On her last voyage under command of Captain J.D. Ryan she departed San Francisco with troops and cargo for Milne Bay (it appears, however, her destination upon leaving San Francisco on February 2, 1944 was probably never Australia but Milne Bay, New Guinea), but when within 70 miles of her destination, grounded on Ulna (also apparently spelled Uluma) reef in the early morning of Feb.27th. All troops were successfully removed as was part of the cargo. The crew remained aboard and worked for nearly 4 months to refloat the vessel and had her nearly free of the reef when a great wave struck and broke the ship in two. She was declared a total loss on June 17, 1944."

Gordy, wonder how many Taro Leafers were on that one.

Looking ahead. The best strategy for continued growth in this Association is to capitalize on our experience - each member to find and bring in a new member. To quote an athletic metaphor - we've got to skate to where the puck is going to be, not to where it's been.

Ye Gods, the antique people now are selling our stuff. Read what BOYDEN DAUGHERTY (B 52nd F '46-'52) writes from 505 Glendana, Lees Summit, MO: "The reason why I am writing to you is we spent Thanksgiving with our oldest son in California this year. We were in an Antique Mall and to my surprise was an Army picture of 'C Btry. 11th FA Bn.' It appears to have been taken just before WW II. The photo is in excellent condition in a frame about 10" x 18" long. All battery officers and enlisted personnel. They are asking \$65.00 for it. The store selling it is Main Street Antique Mall, 237 E.Main St., El Cajon CA." Okay, Boyden, we're printing it as you wrote it. It's obviously a typical group picture. Can't conceive of anyone paying 65 smackeroos for this one unless he had a connection with the 52nd.



"Sorry, but I'm not familiar with garbage disposal. I'm a Wheelbarrow Guidance Specialist."



Please, please, please, be sure that we have your correct mailing address - so that we don't look like utter damned fools with the nice folks down at the Post Office. 128 came back at the last mailing.

Get your field glasses out. We're looking for someone. We've got a Congressman on our tail, and he's looking to help this fellow. The man we're looking to help is EDWARD H. LISBY of 385 Halton, Ft. Worth TX. He's anxious to verify that he was with the Med. Det. of the 555th FA Bn., in Korea. DA says it has no record on Ed. Sound familiar?

We ask for comments on our copy and, brother, we get 'em. Like this: "Too much brass, too much on modern wars (my hate) of our Division w/o the 21st, and too many pages spent on someone else's mini-reunions which I can't attend anyway." Boy, is he mad!



"How would you like a real challenge?"

DWIGHT ROBERTS (B 21st '42-'45) wrote us a crisp note that he hadn't received Taro Leaf's for well over a year. We gumshoed that one and found that Dwight was no longer in Michigan, but rather at Box 730, Bradenton FL. Even with first class mailings we didn't catch up with this one

Complaint Department: Member writes in, objecting to our cropping of pictures. We do it because of space considerations obviously. Besides we don't believe our readers care particularly to look at a lot of trousers and shoes at the bottom of a pic or at a lot of background wallpaper at the top - ergo the cropping. Okay?

Our lovely member, TINA LOUSE RICE, who was a Captain at Stewart '85-'89 and went from there to Ft. Knox to The Pentagon to Germany (3rd Div.) and then to Washington (state) has finally settled at 568 Pimlico Ct., Walnut Creek CA (now out of the service. You see, Tina, we've been following you.

Coming to New Orleans
from Australia - Who else will
be travelling 12000 to join our
festivities but GEORGE M.
and Deirdre CUTTLE (1st Bn. 34th
9/61-9/63) of 4/36 Borrodale,
Kingsford N.S.W. Australia.
Please make it a point to extend
a particular welcome to these
friends from below the equator.

Someone, knowing of our fasci-
nation with "Beetle Bailey", asked
us for a story on the cartoon
strip and the artist, Mort Walker,
who, incidentally, has been a good
friend to us. Here's a brief
biography:

Created by Mort Walker, former
college student Beetle Bailey -
who began life in magazine cartoon
strips - became a GI and a news-
paper cartoon strip favorite during
the Korean War when Walker himself
was drafted. By 1954 the strip
was so popular that efforts by the
Army newspaper Stars and Stripes
to drop Beetle for alleged dis-
respect shown officers (such as
the addled Gen. Halftrack) had to
be reversed. An overwhelming out-
cry from GIs restored Beetle to
the paper. Born in Kldorado KS,
Walker sold his first newspaper
strip to the Kansas City Journal
when he was 15. By the time he
was 18, he was chief designer for
Hallmark Greeting Cards. After a
stinct as a US Army infantry
rifleman during World War II, he
became a magazine cartoonist in
New York and ultimately Beetle's
pen-and-ink papa.

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

MARK
POUND
DOLLAR
SHILLING
LIRA
CENT
GUINEA

► Solution on next page

Always nice to hear from
HUBERT and Charlotte BERUBE (6th
Tk. Bn. and Hq. 34th '53-'55).
They're at 15617 S. Hwy. 211,
Molalla OR. Hugh's oldest
brother is also a member. He's
ALBERT and Marie BERUBE (19th
'45-'46). Al and Marie are
reachable at 60 St. Felix,
Brooklyn NY. Al - there's a
"Jr." that goes with his name -
is Life Member 1401. Al and
Hubie lost a brother, ROBERT
BERUBE, who was 21st '50-'52.
Bob died in Feb. of '86.

ANDREW J. SCHURLEY (L and
Service 21st 3/41 - 2/43)
58 Sidney Av., Spotswood NJ
08884, would like to hear from
anyone in his old outfits.

Andrew and his wife, Leona,
celebrated their 45th wedding
anniversary last November 21,

ROBERT J. HARPER (19th and
Hq. 34th '49-'51) 905 Iroquois
Av., Prudenville MI 48651-9732.
Bob suffered a heart attack
in Dec. '93 and had by-pass
surgery May 6, '94. He's doing
very well and hopes for a full
recovery. Bob retired from
General Motors and he and Jeanette
hope to attend some reunions in
the near future.

Warmest wishes for a speedy
recovery, Bob.

Still friendly after all these years

We've got quite a few two-timers in the club. Here's one - KEN SARTIN of 26 Railroad, Glenolden, PA. He was 26th AAA 7/46-11/48 and 24th Sig. 8/53-2/55. Ken is anxious to hear from any of his old "gangs". Too, he sent along a commemorative stamp issued for the 13th Organization Day birthday - Oct. 1, 1954. We had never seen this one before. We've enlarged this one slightly so you can read it.



"NOW HEAR THIS":

One of our critics wanted more items on "what the boys are doing." Well here's what EDWARD "Hal" SHARPE is doing down at 334 Florence, Maxton NC:

"Thanks for your quick response to my membership application and the copies of the Taro Leaf. Enjoyable reading indeed.

"A high school classmate made me aware of your organization and publication. I was stationed in Kokura, Kyushu with the Headquarters, 24th Medical Bn. from early '47 to late '48. My rank was T/4. I was later called to active duty and served in Germany and Trieste, but not with the 24th Division. This tour was for 2 years only. Following discharge I remained in the reserve for a few years, obtaining the rank of Captain in the Medical Services. My employment was with the U.S. Public Health Service and frequent transfers interfered with my reserve activity, necessitating my request for discharge from the reserves.

"I retired after 30 years with USPHS and currently am a Magistrate with Robeson County, NC, assigned to Maxton NC. My wife, Marjorie, and I have two children, a son in Atlanta GA and a daughter in Southport NC."

Thanks, Hal, you're helping me to get off the hot seat.

Whatzit?: Rolling in money

Just joined -

JOHN M. DENNIS
A 13th Field 8/51-1/53
2010 Wall Church Rd.,
Wall NJ 07719

We've been talking some about remembering.

In comes a poop sheet from D/A which we happily reproduce in the next following 4 pages. What were we saying about remembering?

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, DC 20315-0107

June 22, 1994

Dear Veteran:

The Government of the Philippines has approved the issue and award of the Philippine Liberation Medal. The Defense and Armed Forces Affairs Office (DAFAO) in the Philippine Embassy here in Washington will be your point of contact to obtain this award. In addition, DAFAO will also award and issue several other medals to World War II veterans of the Philippine Campaigns.

DAFAO will issue the following medals:

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL (PLM) - To veterans who served in the Philippines for not less than 30 days from October 17, 1944 to September 3, 1945.

PHILIPPINE DEFENSE MEDAL (PDM) - To veterans who served in the Philippines for not less than 30 days from December 7, 1941 to June 15, 1942.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE MEDAL (PIM) - To veterans who received both the PLM and PDM.

PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BADGE (PRPUCB) - To veterans who served during the period December 7, 1941 to May 10, 1942 and during the campaigns from the period 1944 to 1945.

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL - To veterans who served at any time during the period December 7, 1941 to December 1946.

ASIA-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL (APCM) - To veterans who had continuous service of at least 30 days in the Asia-Pacific Theater of operation from the period December 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946.

Please note that only the Philippine Liberation Medal will be issued free to veterans. For the other medals, a cost of \$7.00 (U.S.) each is necessary to defray administrative and shipping costs. Make checks payable to DAFAO, WDC.

Veterans eligible for the above awards should forward their request with a copy of their discharge papers, DD Form 214, or other service record which details the veteran's service in the Philippines.

Attached are an application form to apply for these medals and a schedule of planned commemorations. Mail completed application forms to:

Defense and Armed Forces Affairs Office
Embassy of the Philippines
(Veterans Affairs Section)
1600 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Phone: (202) 467-9409
FAX: (202) 467-9437

Sincerely,

John K. Sullivan
John K. Sullivan
Colonel, United States Army
Director of Operation

APPLICATION FOR REPUBLIC OF
PHILIPPINES MEDALS FOR U.S./R.P. VETERANS

TO: Defense and Armed Forces Affairs Office
Embassy of the Philippines
1600 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20036

NAME: _____

RANK (While in Philippines): _____

SERVICE # _____

ORGANIZATION/UNIT: _____

DATES OF SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES:

FROM: _____ UNTIL: _____

AREA(S) OF OPERATION(S): _____

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

NEXT OF KIN: _____

TYPE OF AWARD REQUESTED:

- () Philippine Liberation Medal
- () Philippine Defense Medal
- () Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation
- () Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
- () Philippine Independence Medal
- () World War II Medal

(Signature)

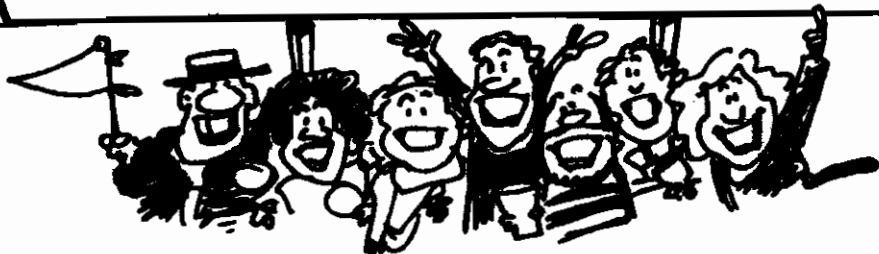
Enclosures:

(Proof of Entitlement)

1. DoD Form 214 or Equivalent
2. Honorable Discharge
3. Certificate of Awards

The information on this form is FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.
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Agencies for identification purposes.

Great Reunion!



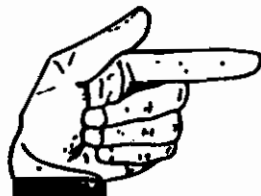
When you approach New Orleans from the east, driving along Interstate 10, from the sandy shores of the Mississippi Gulf Coast across the marshy reaches of Lake Pontchartrain and the reclaimed swamps of New Orleans East, the skyline of the city appears to recede like a mirage until you are almost upon it. There is something unconvincing about the smattering of Texas-inspired skyscrapers and high-rise hotels poking up from downtown New Orleans. The mind's eye, anticipating the historic vista of the French Quarter and old New Orleans, airbrushes them away.

As you approach the exit for the Vieux Carre, with the whited sepulchers of St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 off to your left, the off-ramp spews you onto Basin Street, and you pass the Municipal Auditorium, where Mardi Gras royalty once congregated. Even earlier, this was the site of Congo Square, where slaves of antebellum New Orleans gathered to trade goods and to revive songs and dances from their African homeland. Farther up Basin is the former site of Storyville, once the city's legal red-light district and the stomping grounds of Jelly Roll Morton and other early jazz musicians.

As you cross Rampart Street into the French Quarter, known as the Vieux Carre, or old square, the oldest part of New

Orleans, you cross a kind of barrier into another world, a place where the Puritan ethic and the Eastern seaboard of America seem a continent away. The 90 blocks of the Vieux Carre were laid out in a tidy grid more than 250 years ago. Its streets are named for French kings and saints, explorers and war heroes, princes and priests. New Orleans was under French, then Spanish rule for a century before the Louisiana Purchase brought it under Yankee purview, and even then, the Creole and Caribbean influences kept America at bay.

The French Quarter boasts the nation's oldest mint, oldest cathedral still in use, oldest house in the Mississippi Valley, and a nunnery that dates to 1727. New Orleans can trade historical kudos with Boston, although the innovations and landmarks in New Orleans tend to be concerned more with pleasurable pursuits than patriotism or progressive politics. It was in the Quarter that the cocktail was invented, and in the Faubourg Marigny, just across Esplanade Avenue, the game of craps first took hold in America.



In new Orleans, you can't get away from history, nor from the consequences of living in a place reclaimed from the swamp and the Mississippi River. The walls weep with moisture, which creeps up from the ground, and dampness permeates the air. For more than 200 years, New Orleans, which lies between 3 and 5 feet below sea level, has remained as timeless as Venice in its imperceptible descent, defended from floods by levees and from reality by levity, isolated from the frenzy of progress revising the culture and landscape of the rest of America.

A pigeon's-eye view of the older sections of New Orleans reveals a jumble of styles and eras. In the Quarter are ancient gabled Creole cottages with ancient chimneys, portecochere townhouses with hidden patios, curving Spanish arches and orange-red tile roofs. Uptown, in the Garden District, are steamboat-Gothic fantasies, Greek Revival mansions, plantation homes with verandas or curving staircases. On balconies and gates everywhere are the lacy wrought-iron grilles that struck Noel Coward as "overwrought iron." A number of

New Orleans neighborhoods have camelback houses, with a recessed second story, and shotgun cottages, the narrow houses with rooms aligned so that a shotgun shell fired from the front door would pass through each room. Even the cemeteries in New Orleans - crowded, crumbling necropolises of raised tombs, adorned with elaborate porticoes and pediments - are exotic.

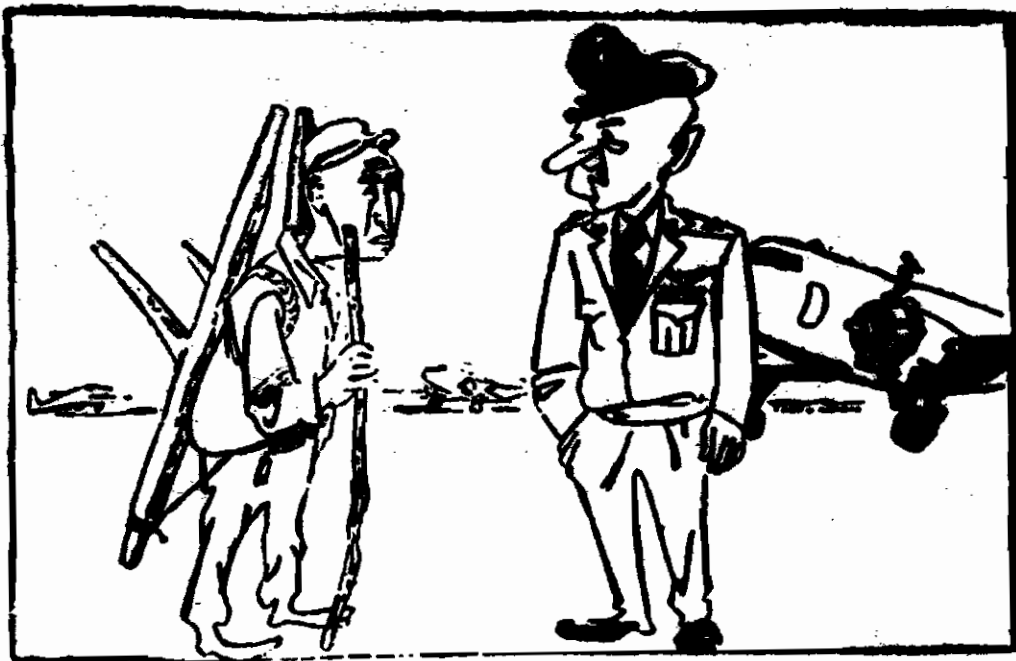
Perhaps the best place to start for a quick overview of New Orleans history is Jackson Square, at the edge of the Quarter, adjacent to the Mississippi River. Known by the French as the Place d'Armes and by the Spanish as the Plaza de Armas, Jackson Square now pays homage to Andrew Jackson, who united the motley population of the city to fend off the British in the last great battle of the War of 1812. The square is bounded on two sides by the Pontalba buildings, said to be the oldest apartment houses in the country. On the square, facing the Mississippi, is St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest in the country, which is actually a basilica built in the Spanish style, with a lofty central steeple later added to lend it a more conventional French appearance. In "A Streetcar Named Desire," Blanche Dubois laments that the cathedral bells "are the only clean thing in the Quarter."

The cathedral is flanked on one side by the Presbytere and on the other by the Cabildo, the latter having once been headquarters of the Spanish colonial governors of the city. Both structures are now part of



"The major says this patrol don't have to fight, or even take a prisoner. All ya gotta do is to see how much fire ya can draw."





"No staff cars available, you say?"

the Louisiana State Museum and offer such historical curiosities as a death mask of Napoleon and the Pioneer, the nation's first iron submarine, launched by the Confederate Navy in 1861. Adjacent to the Cathedral is Pirate's Alley, a narrow walkway where you'll find the beautifully restored Faulkner House, former residence of William Faulkner, which is now a fine bookstore featuring rare books.

Just across Decatur Street from the square is the edge of the French Market, much of which dates to the early 19th century. The arcaded section, bounded on one end by the fabulous Cafe du Monde, formerly the old meat market, is the oldest part of the market.

Much of the architecture of the French Quarter and other old parts of the city was designed for life in a tropical climate. Because of fire, floods and hurricanes, however, there are only a few structures remaining from the early French colonial era in New Orleans. Perhaps the best-known of the

old Creole cottages is Lafitte's Blacksmith House, now a bar, on the corner of Bourbon and St. Philip, constructed of the *brique-entre-poteaux* (brick-between-posts) style of the earliest colonial days. Even earlier is the house known as Madame John's Legacy, at 632 Dumaine, which is said to be the oldest house in the Mississippi Valley. Also surviving from those early Creole days is the Old Ursuline Convent, at 1114 Chartres St., designed in 1745 by engineer Ignance Francois Broutin. The convent includes the "floating" staircase from an earlier building, dating to 1727.

Just across from the Ursuline Convent at 1113 Chartres, is the landmark Beauregard-Keyes House, with its sweeping double staircase. It was built in 1826 and its residents included Gen. Pierre



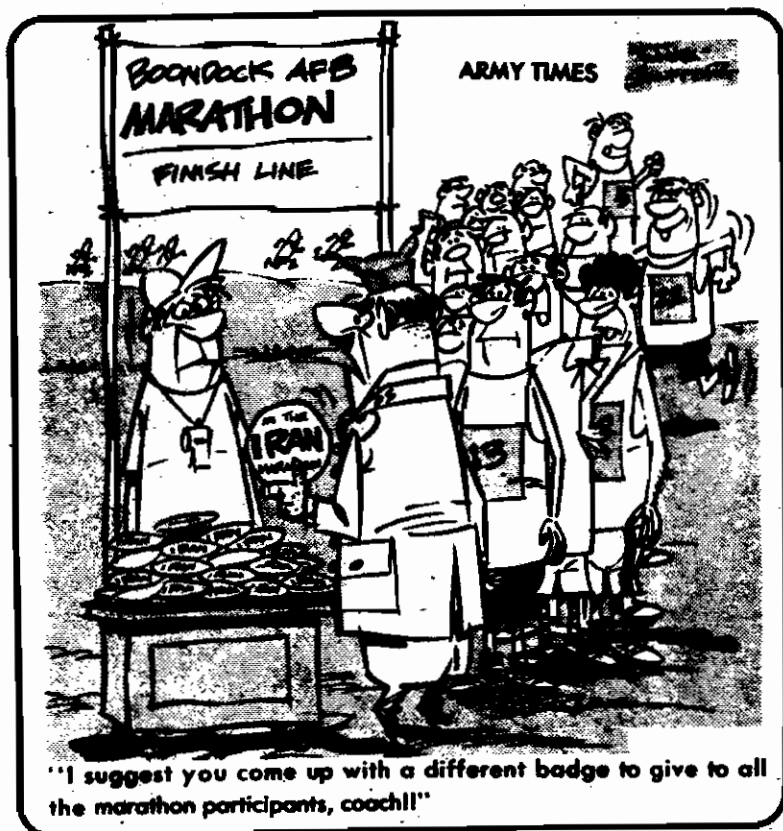
its residents included Gen. Pierre G.T. Beauregard, the noted Confederate leader. In 1944, it became the winter residence of novelist Frances Parkinson Keyes, who lovingly restored it. Even from the sidewalk, you can smell the fragrant Confederate jasmine and sweet olive from the formal garden adjacent to the house.

One of Keyes' most famous novels, set in New Orleans, was titled "Dinner at Antoine's" and features a scene at the legendary restaurant on St. Louis Street. In the book, diners begin their elaborate, multicourse meal with Huitres Foch; fried Louisiana oysters on toast, spread with pate de foie gras. And a number of diners still begin their meal at Antoine's with oysters, although now Oysters Rockefeller tends to be the dish of choice. Dining at Antoine's, which has been in the same family since 1840, still has the feel of a romantic novel.

Arnaud's, too, another legendary New Orleans restaurant, has a romantic aura. On the second floor of the restaurant is a small museum devoted to the Carnival gowns, scepters, and tiaras of the late Germaine Cazenave Wells, the former proprietess of the restaurant, who reigned over more Carnival balls than anyone in the city.

If you go shopping for antiques along the famous promenade on Royal Street, you'll find many of the shops as full of history as their wares. Waldhorn's, at 343 Royal, is housed in a former bank building built in 1799; Manheim Galleries, at 403-409 Royal, is in an 1822 Moorish building, another former bank, with yard-thick walls, armored shutters, and a soaring rotunda.

Amid all the antique shops is the Historic New Orleans Collection, housed in the Merieult House at 533 Royal. It was one of only two major build-



ings in New Orleans to escape the big fire of 1794. High-ceilinged rooms house rare maps and manuscripts, including the transfer documents from the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The Research Center of the collection is a treasure-trove for researchers.

Perhaps a tour of the Quarter might end at the Napoleon House, circa 1814, now a bar and cafe, at 500 Chartres, where the plastered walls have changed little since the building belonged to Mayor Nicholas Girod. To many locals, the old Girod House, which retains its tile roof and much of its original French Colonial detailing, is the most atmospheric place in the Quarter. It came to be known as the Napoleon House when Girod and pirate Jean Lafitte were said to hatch vaporous plots there to rescue their hero from exile on St. Helena. Ships were fitted and the mayor's house enlarged to accommodate the imperial presence, who died before the ships could be launched.

The word on our beloved Chaplain, Rev. THOMAS E. WALDY (5th RCT, Chaplain - Korean War 3/51-1/53) is not good. Won't you please card him - or better still, a short note.

It's:

Rev. Thomas E. Waldie
St. Pischel Baylon Church
Wilson Mills
Cleveland OH 44143.

EDWARD R. SMIGEL A 34th & I 19th 8/50-7/51) of 655 Springfield St., Wilbraham MA 01095, is looking for a friend from his old outfits, 34th and I 19th '50. NOEL ARNOLD was from Dorchester MA and Ed last heard from him about 20 years ago. Can anyone help?

ACT YOUR AGE



"Boy! If she were only 50 years older!"

Military History is a great magazine for history buffs. Six issues per year for \$17.95. Write Military History, Box 373, Mount Morris IL 61054, Attention: Donna Jamison.

The Division isn't known as the "First to fight" division for nothing. And one of its soldiers was recently awarded a medal for her role in being just that: "first to fight."

Lt. Col. WANDA ROGERS, division G1/adjutant general, was awarded the Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates Bronze Medal for her mark in history as the first female officer to serve as a division G1/AG.

Rogers received the medal at the activation ceremony for the First-to-Fight Chapter of the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association.

Rogers, who is president of the chapter, was presented the medal for her leadership in beginning the chapter.

Wanda, we're right proud of you.



"... And here comes the Astronaut now, ladies and gentlemen, courageous and determined, eagerness written all over his face, impatient to be on his way towards outerspace and the heavens ..."

We've written John Reynolds thanking him for his idea, and advising him that we were appealing to our "Corregidor men" to reply directly to him if there is any interest.

Emergency Petition

Dear Kenwood,

I am a member of the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team Association, WWII and, of course, served with the 503rd in the Philippines. Every year the regional chapters (of which there are 9) which make up the national association hold a "Corregidor reunion" in February or March, depending on the geographic location of the chapters. These reunions are moved throughout the boundaries of the chapters. For example, in my chapter, the Middle Atlantic, recent "Corregidor reunions" have been held in Myrtle Beach, SC, in Wheeling, WV, in Easton, MD, etc.

The thinking of some members of the 503rd is that the men of "A" Co and the men of the 3rd Bn of the 34th Infantry Regt, who fought on Corregidor, should be made aware of these reunions and invited to attend. Some groundwork must be laid out.

My purpose in writing to you is to attempt to open up a channel of communication since it is my understanding that you are the secretary of the 24th Division. As I see it, what is required is that the 503rd get the dates and places of their individual "Corregidor reunions" to the 24th and, in turn, that information be passed on to the appropriate units in the 34th.

Of course, at this time no reunion dates for 1995 (the 50th anniversary of Corregidor) have been set by the chapters, and such information would not be forthcoming until Fall. Meanwhile, this is just an initial attempt to establish communication and, perhaps, to take some steps into formulating a course of action by which communication can continue.

Hoping to hear from you concerning any ideas or comments you may have on this matter

Sincerely,



JOHN D. REYNOLDS
"D" Co 503rd PRCT
718 Towne Center Drive
Jeppa, MD 21085

(410) 679-8979



ATTENTION !! ALL 19TH INFANTRY PERSONNEL !!

The annual 19th Infantry "John Morgan Memorial Breakfast" will be held Friday, 16 September, 1994 at the New Orleans Marriott. As usual, this will be during the 24th Infantry Division reunion.

Cost of the breakfast this year will be \$21.00 per person, inclusive. Remember, fellows and ladies, this is New Orleans. Things ain't cheap. There will be no registration fee charged for the 19th Infantry get-together, however, which will help those of you on a tight budget. (You can let the wife sleep in that morning, if she wants, and save another twenty bucks).

Make checks payable to: **19th Infantry Fund**

Mail check along with
form below to:

Charles E. Unsworth
Rt 2, Box 339
Doyline, LA 71023
Tel (318) 745-2144

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FOR CANCELLATIONS PRIOR TO 12 SEPTEMBER 1994.**

19TH INFANTRY REUNION

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____
1 (Area Code) (Number)

NAME OF WIFE/GUEST ATTENDING _____

19TH INF UNITS: 1. _____ DATES SERVED _____

2. _____ " " _____

For this one, we owe old faithful NATE MCCALL (L 34th and G 21st '49-'51) a vote of thanks. It's out of the Clarksburg WV "Images":

On 44th anniversary of outbreak, area combat veteran declares Korean conflict 'forgotten war'

By BILL BYRD
Images staff writer

Editor's note: Saturday (June 25) is the 44th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. It was the first war in the Cold War, a "limited war" for all but its participants. It was the first in which ordinary Americans confronted the issue of the use of nuclear weapons. Still recovering from the sacrifices of World War II and intent on reaping an economic windfall as the free world's only super-

power, the country was stunned when hundreds of thousands of North Korean soldiers, armed and trained by the Soviet Union, rolled over the first U.S. reinforcements. Nine years after Pearl Harbor, the American military was caught by surprise. Since there was very little television and newspaper coverage, the initial disaster remains largely unknown. And so the war's key events — the daring landing behind enemy lines at Inchon, the push north to the Yalu River and the Chinese border, the Chinese intervention forcing

American and U.N. troops back to the original demilitarized zone at the 38th Parallel and President Truman's firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur — all took place in only nine months, the public's attention quickly wandered. The outcome, a stalemate which persists, added to the war's unpopularity. So the Korean War became "The Forgotten War" despite the fact that more than 54,000 Americans were killed in three years of sharp fighting.

"Sometimes I think about it. Sometimes I laugh. And sometimes I worry a little bit, 'how the heck did I ever get out of that thing?'" says Daniel J. Cavanaugh.

It's the common reflection of a combat veteran. Cavanaugh, 73, says Korean War veterans have been silent too long.

"I want people to know there was a war in Korea. You never see anything on TV about it. And people still call it a 'conflict' or 'police action,'" he said.

"They've forgotten about all us guys."

Now fighting lung cancer and permanently hobbled by a double-hip replacement operation, he was a medic in his 21-year Army career. In World War II, he served three years in Army hospitals in England and in occupied Germany.

In nine months in Korea with the 34th Infantry Regiment, he was a combat medic.

"Everybody, including Gen. MacArthur, underestimated the North Koreans. They were good fighters."

The 34th Regiment, part of the

24th Division, was stationed in Sasabo, Japan on occupation duty.

Rushed to Korea, it found itself, "outmanned, outgunned, outtanked and outfought," said Cavanaugh, who won a Bronze Star for valor in the battle of Taejon on July 20, 1950.

"Most of the stuff we had was left over from World War II. It had been lying in field bunkers for five years. Half the ammunition was rotted."

"But we thought it was going to be a 'banana war,'" he said, referring to U.S. occupations of Haiti and Nicaragua between the World Wars.

"Just as soon as they saw U.S. uniforms, they were going to run," he chuckled.

The 24th Division, however, like many others, was hollowed-out.

"The division was way understrength. We only had two battalions per regiment instead of three. The military had been cut down to nothing since World War II."

"The reason for that is, everybody figured that we had the bomb — the big bomb — and that there'd be no wars," he said.

Korea — and life since, including 12 years as a federal police officer at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. — taught him a lesson.

A New London, Conn. native, Cavanaugh and his wife, the former Leola Burton of Bundale, retired in West Virginia in 1984. They now live in a Waldo Complex apartment.

"As long as there are people, there's going to be wars. If we had two people left on earth, they'd declare war on each other."

Just how tough was the early going in Korea?

"The war started on June 25. We landed in Pusan little more than a week later, on July 2. The regiment went over there with 1,981 men. By the end of August, we had 184 left."

Donald Knox, author of "The Korean War: Pusan to Chosin — An Oral History" interviewed Cavanaugh and many others in the 24th Division. The first to arrive in Korea, the division faced an onslaught of three attacking columns of North Korean troops.

In slightly more than 17 days of sustained combat, it lost nearly 30 percent of its personnel in a series of unsuccessful blocking moves. In effect, it was sacrificed to save time until the 25th Division and the 1st Cavalry Division could be transported to Korea.

The men in the 34th Regiment ranks didn't see the big picture, of course. They were intent on survival.

The North Korean strategy was simple and deadly. In engagement after engagement, they would assault the thin American lines with masses of men, all the while moving even more troops around the hastily-prepared U.S. positions.

When our troops finally fell back, they were sliced to ribbons by the flanking attacks. It wasn't until more

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In December 1950, U.S. forces were forced to retreat from the Yalu River as hundreds of thousands of Chinese troops poured across the Manchurian border. The retreat took U.S. and U.N. troops south to the 38th Parallel, the site of the original demilitarized zone between the two Koreas and the present-day border. During a break, Sergeant First Class Daniel J. Cavanaugh posed for this picture. Inset shows Cavanaugh as he appears today. (Photo furnished by Daniel J. Cavanaugh)



Gerbed in their mourning color of white, Korean refugees fleeing North Korean troops fled by a 19th Infantry checkpoint with their hands raised in September 1950. American forces were breaking out of the Pusan Perimeter on a northward charge that would take them to the Manchurian border by Thanksgiving. (Photo furnished by Daniel J. Cavanaugh)

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U.S. soldiers arrived and air superiority was gained that the tide started to turn.

But that was at least another month or so away, and the 34th Regiment was rapidly becoming a ghost outfit.

At Taesjon on July 20, the already badly-bloodied 34th Regiment was overrun. The small town was the provisional capital of the Republic of Korea after the fall of Seoul.

"At Taesjon we were completely surrounded. We lost about 600 men there," Cavanaugh said.

While in Japan, he had purchased a Leica camera with a F2 lens for only \$100 from the PX. His photographs of the Korean War have appeared in several publications, including Knox's book.

The pressure from the attacking North Koreans was unbelievable, Cavanaugh said.

Trying to care for the wounded while mortar, artillery and sniper fire crept closer and closer to his battalion

station, Cavanaugh said it was obvious that the North Koreans had overwhelmed the regiment.

"We had about 24 tanks. They looked like kiddie-cars next to those Russian T-34 tanks. And the 2.36 bazookas we had — well, it was just like throwing marshmallows against those tanks."

"Taesjon was mass confusion that day," he said.

Actually, it was a day and night before Cavanaugh and his company aid men could catch their breath. By then, they were all the way back in Pusan.

Individually, and in scattered units, the breakout from Taesjon began.

"It was survival of the fittest. That's what it was," he said.

Jumping aboard a jeep after loading his wounded and his medics into a three-quarter truck ton, Cavanaugh led the small convoy through a blistering cross-fire from snipers.

"I told my guys to keep firing: at the roofs, in the alleys."

They broke through, running one roadblock manned by a North Korean machine gun team. Cavanaugh remembers firing at them as the truck roared past them, but "I don't know if I hit them or not."

Several weeks later, he received the Bronze Star for his actions that day.

And by Aug. 26, the 34th Regiment was "temporarily inactivated," reduced to paper status. Cavanaugh and the remaining 183 men were transferred to other regiments in the 24th Division.

He was wounded on Sept. 20, as the first real American lunge north began. A mortar shell that killed the man next to him grazed his legs with shrapnel.

Cavanaugh soldiered on, crossing the 38th Parallel three times in the next six months. At one point, shortly after Thanksgiving, the 19th Regiment, his new outfit, was only 16 miles from the Yalu River and the Manchurian border.

Then the Communist Chinese came pouring across the border. U.S. and allied troops were pushed back to the DMZ. Just before Cavanaugh rotated home in April 1951, allied troops advanced slightly above the 38th parallel to give more breathing room to Seoul.

A career military man, Cavanaugh is proud of the men he served with in Korea.

"The Korean War wasn't a 'police action.' It was a war. They're finally giving us a national memorial in Washington next summer. It's about time."

**Sign Up Today
for the Reunion!**

New Orleans



"Just hand it to her, General."

ANONYMOUS DRAWING
REPRINTED FROM *The Leatherneck*

Surprise an old friend with
a telephone call.

Carry a list of your wife's
sizes in your wallet.

Send your mother-in-law
flowers on your wife's
birthday.

Write your favorite author
a note of appreciation.

When you know she's gone to
a lot of trouble to get dressed
up, tell her that she looks
terrific.

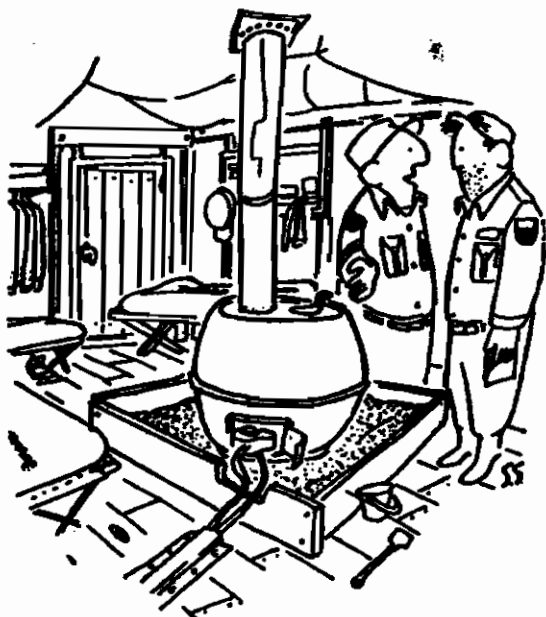
Always have a fresh shirt
and tie stashed away where you
work.

HEAD FOR THE HILLS

We've long been an admirer of the cartoons of Shel Silverstein, the Chicago lad who saw service with the Pacific Stars and Stripes during the Korea debacle.

There he managed to dream up his fantastic drawings of fifteen foot P.F.C.'s and seedy noncoms. They cropped up like dandelions on the pages of Stars and Stripes. The troops devoured them with relish. And 'tis said that in certain quarters, the brass sizzled.

We give you a few of them to call to mind some of what gave you belly laughs a few years ago - when laughter of any kind was in woefully short supply. May they move you to transports of happiness today, filling the ambient air with a kind of carillon of rapture.



"And in the evenings, we all play in the sandbox."



"When I get into my cotes I forget all about the Army!"



"At first it looked as if I'd get off with just company punishment..."



"Happy, New Year, men"

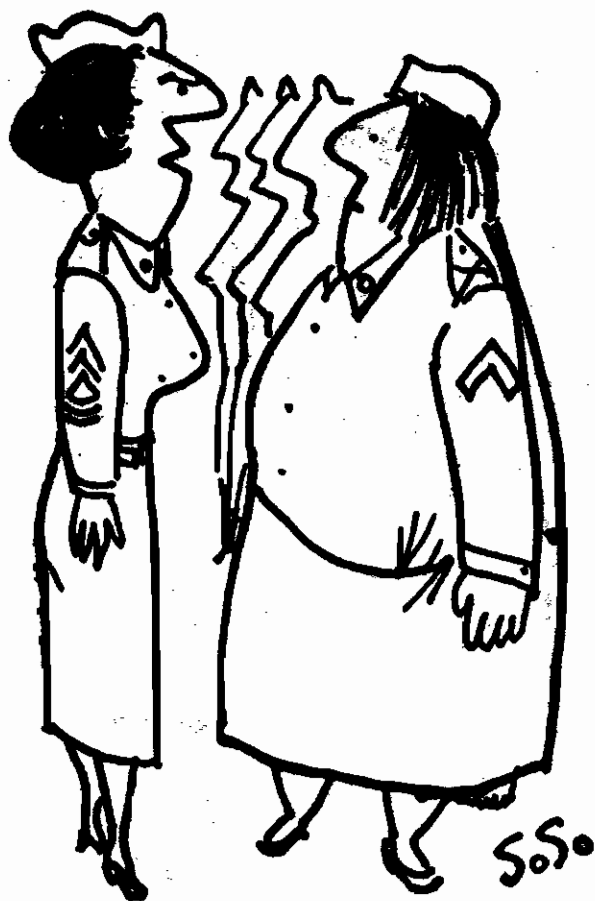
"Happy New Year, sir!"



"Why isn't Donovan on the duty roster?"



"Let's see now ... finished school in '51 ... spent four months in Texas ... two weeks in Seattle ... a week in Japan ... 14 months in Korea ... Can't seem to settle down, can you?"



"Shape up!"



"Frankly, Pot. Jorgenson ...
you don't show me much!"



"... so this MP comes up to my SFC and asks to see his ID ... seems that some VIP at G-2 called the GICCO and since the NCOIC was away on TDY the GQ checked with the OD and according to a new SB, all NCOs get TPA only if ..."



"No shave, no haircut ... Sergeant, get this man's ... er ... um ... serial number!"



*"I don't care what the sergeant said, Bob
... You're my idea of a sharp soldier!"*



*"Joan ... dearest ... Won't you change
your serial number to mine?"*



*"You think you had it tough at Camp Chaffee? ...
Man, you should have taken basic at Fort Leonard
Wood! ... Why we had it so rough ..."*

IN QUOTES

Name: Manuel P. Hernandez

Address 12208 Pineville St
El Monte, Calif. Zip 91732

Unit A-1 Service Co 19th Years 1949

Wife's name TERESA

Tell us about yourself! Retired Truck driver
Active in American VFW. Belongs to
AMVets Color Guard and did military
Funerals for 86, Commanded last year
AMVet Post 118 Irwindale CALIF

Name: Dick J. Oostenink, Jr.

Address 2329 Elliott St., S.E.

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Zip

Unit 5th RCT

Years 1949-1951 (Jun)

Wife's name MARIE

Tell us about yourself! I was chaplain with the 5th when it was
formed from the 32nd (and spare parts) of the 7th Inf Div in Jan 49
went with them to Hawaii; reassigned to Post Chapel at Schofield,
and then to Tripler Army Hospital, until pulled back to the 5th in
Jul 1950 (happy to rejoin the old outfit). In Korea until Jun 1951.

Name: ALLEN WENTZ

Address RD 1 Box 341A

SEAFORD, DE.

Zip 19973

Unit K-21

Years 45-46

Wife's name CATHERINE

Tell us about yourself! RETIRED FROM DELAWARE STATE POLICE
IN 1964 AS FIELD FORCE COMMANDER WITH RANK OF MAJOR.
RETIRED A SECOND TIME IN 1980 FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
AS A RURAL LETTER CARRIER.
MY 78th BIRTHDAY TODAY.

Another of those "Tell us
about yourself" messages:

Name: BILL BAIR

Address 1213 CEDAR STREET

MONTOURSVILLE, PA

zip 17754

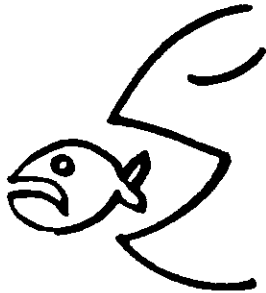
Unit G-21

Years 1954

Wife's name SHIRLEY

A WILLIAMSPORT, PA

Tell us about yourself: PLAYED IN 1ST LITTLE LEAGUE GAME 6/6/39. WAS 1ST
LITTLE LEAGUE BATTING CHAMPION. GRADUATE OF PENN STATE - ENGINEERING.
EARNED 3 VARSITY LETTERS AT PENN STATE. VETERAN OF WWII AND KOREA.
MARRIED 42 YEARS. 3 CHILDREN. 6 GRANDCHILDREN. RETIRED FROM BETHLEHEM
STEEL AS SENIOR ENGINEER. 38 YEARS OF SERVICE. HUNT WITH RIFLE AND
RIFLE. TIE FLIES. FISH FOR TROUT.



Little fish
have to keep mov-
ing all of the
time. The big
ones never stop
picking on them.

We know all about the problems
of little fish. We'd be swallow-
ed up if we didn't keep moving,
trying to bring new members into
the fold, to offset those of the
gang who are crossing the river -
before their time.

There's no rest for us - and
we need your help in locating
old buddies - especially those
who say, "I never heard of you
guys; where has the Association
been?" If they only knew.

GEORGE FAILEY writes us from
Box 27, Port Allegany PA: "I'm
presently searching for members
of C-13, '46-'48."

Atta boy, George. That's the
kind of help we need.

THE one TO TURN TO



Camp Fuji, Japan, circa 1953.
LES DAVIS (C 3rd Eng. '53-'54)
writes from Box 246, Bethany,
OK, that he'd like any dope we
can print on the camp. We'll
throw the matter out to the
troops, Les. Gang, start your
engines - send us stories -
truthful ones!!

Returns from last mailing -
104 came back because you've
moved. Taro Leafers are on the
move! Be sure not to tell us;
it helps with the confusion -
and we've already got quite
enough around here.

NOW ABOUT DUES?

AS TIME GOES BY

Stories we want. **ANDY SIMPSON**, the son of **ANTHONY MALINA**, who was born and raised at Schofield, sends us this colorful bit:

"In a recent issue you had the obituary of Maj.Gen. **EDWIN A. WALKER**. My late stepdad, **ANTHONY S. MADLINA** (Life member of the Association and 13th FA '31-'44), often told a story about then 2nd Lt. Walker which might amuse you. I first heard it about fifty-five years ago.

"1931 was a tough year with the 'Great Depression', so Dad, 20 years old, decided to join the army.

"In the 'little' army between WW I and II, Sgt. Frank Malina had built a service wide reputation as an outstanding cook and mess sergeant. Thus, when Dad enlisted the recruiting sgt. asked Dad if he was any relation. When Dad acknowledged Frank was his brother, the recruiter so noted and, despite Dad's protests, he was earmarked as a cook.

"In 1931, recruits were sent directly to a regiment and received their basic training there. Dad was shipped straight from the recruiting station to 'C' battery, 13th FA. After basic, it was into the kitchen. His first CO was 2nd Lt. Edwin A. Walker, fresh out of West Point.

"Cooking DID NOT run in the family and Dad hated it, so from day one he pestered Lt. Walker for reassignment in the battery. No soap, Frank's reputation was just too strong. Even the new shavetail was aware of it.

"A number of months went by - then annual maneuvers. 'C' battery, 13th was a Pupukea Heights near Waimea Bay, on the north shore of Oahu. It was the first morning in the field, and in the mess tent Dad was assigned to make coffee. This consisted of heating water in a large urn, putting coffee grounds in a mesh bag and dropping the bag in the top of the urn to steep. Disaster! Someone had forgotten the mesh bags back at the post. Now, in 1931 the troops wore white socks and Dad remembered he had a brand new, unworn, pair in his gear. Voila, an instant substitute coffee bag.

"If there was one thing early rising Lt. Walker wanted when he got up in the morning it was coffee. Therefore, well before first call, the good Lieutenant was in the mess tent with his cup under the spigot of the urn. After a fast swig of the brew, while he stood chatting with Dad, Walker glanced



"But Sgt. Cubbyhole, all you said was, don't touch the sideburns!"

into the top of the urn and spotted the white sock filled with grounds floating in the boiling water. According to Dad, Walker's exact reactive words were, 'What the HELL is that!'

"An explanation was made but Lt. Walker clearly was not fully convinced of the sock's pristine condition. He mulled the situation over for a moment, then said that 'C' was going to need a new battery clerk and, if Dad was still interested in reassignment, arrangements could probably be made. Just days after returning from the field, Dad was the battery clerk.

"Walker moved on to other duty assignments at the end of his Hawaiian tour. However, at that time, enlisted men weren't required to periodically change stations and Dad stayed with the 13th FA through the Hollandia operation, by which time he was a CWO in Hq. Battery.

"In 1961, the same year Gen. Walker resigned, Dad retired (as W-4) with 30 years of service

"Oh yes, one last note. Brother, Frank, retired as a master Sgt. in 1946. After personally checking out and approving the kitchen facilities, he happily spent his last years at the Old Soldier's Home in Washington DC."

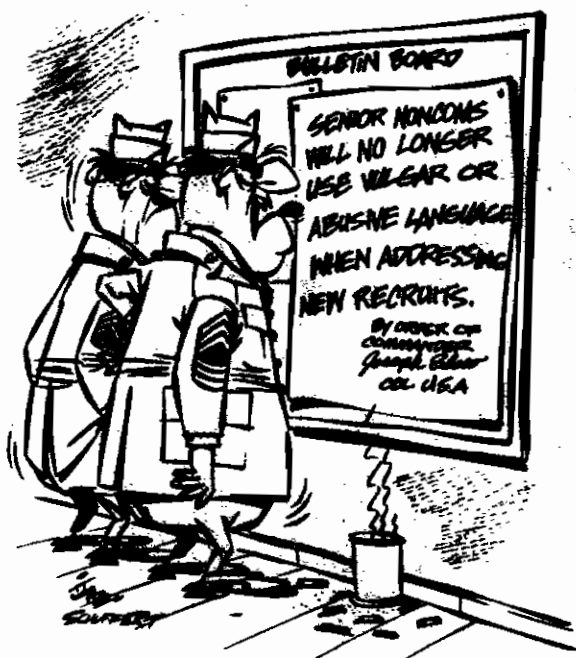
The 21st RCT will hold its next reunion in Reno NV 13-16 Oct. '94. Infantry point of contact is Phil Burke, 1244 Susannah Blvd., Orlando FL 32803-3133. Redlegs contact Herman Critchfield, 5900 Paradise Lane, Orlando FL 32808.

W.H. "Van" VAN KIRK, (G 19th '48-'51) writes from 12751 Clay Station, Herald CA: "Retired civil service. Like restoring old cars and taking vacations." (Ed. Note: Who doesn't?)



We like these nostalgic bits that come to us in our mails. Like this one from GERALD DEEGAN (D 21st and Div.Hq. '47-'49) over there at 337 Millwood, Chappaqua NY. "Probably my most memorable event was a visit to Kyushu by Emperor Hirohito, in early '49. As a young American (I was 20 in '49) I had never given a thought to the bonds between royalty and subjects; the power of continuity. Hirohito did not speak, he would stand at the train's platform, and bow. But he was visably moved by the reception he received. Many in the crowds, men as well as women, had tears streaming down their faces. My abiding memory of the crowds was of their age, middle aged and older. My impression of the bond was of the affirmation that they had gone through a lot together, and would continue. CGs during this period ('48-'49) were MG ALBERT SMITH, and MG ANTHONY MCAULIFF."

Thanks for the memories, Gerry.

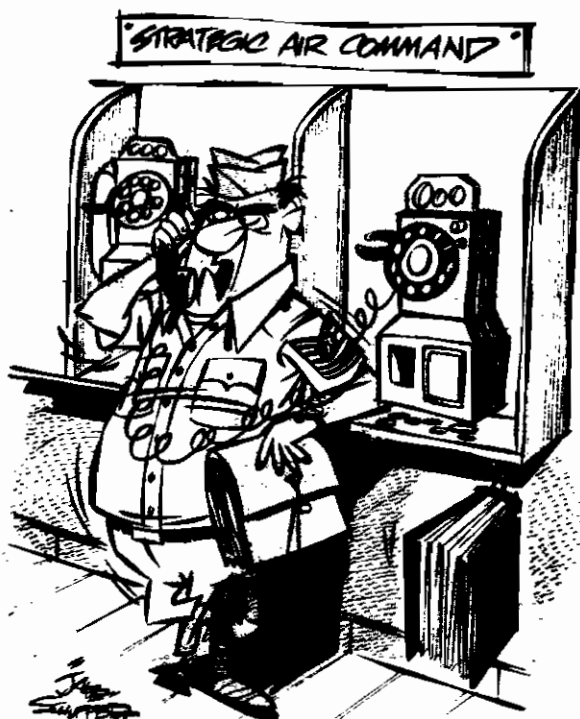


"Look, Elmo, there goes another one of our fringe benefits."

To a DAV convention in Minnesota went NOEL and Doris MJONESS (21st - Korea). They're at RR 4, Box 38A, Canby MN. Anyway, at the convention, they met DON ELLIOTT (K 21st Korea) from RR 1, Box 58, Minnesota City MN. It was only the second Taro Leafer he has met since leaving the land of the Kimchis. Keep looking, Noel, they're everywhere.

One more retiree - boy, we've got hundreds of 'em. This one is RUDY WEBER (K 21st '44-'46) of 411 E.14th, LaCrosse KS. Rudy was a rural mail carrier for 31 years - aren't they the ones who ride along all day and pitch mails into the boxes by the roadside? Rudy and wife had "4 kids and 8 grandchildren." See you in N.O., Rudy!

Says KERMIT BLANEY, commenting on "50 years since Hollandia": "It's funny how Christmas comes more often than Sundays used to."



"No, no dear, I'm not in bed, I'm in SAC, SAC, S-A-C, SAC!!!"

Now hear this: BOB OSBORN (34th) writes from 3929 -66th St., Des Moines IA: "I spent a lot of my time in Japan at Sasebo and Camp Aineuroa (about 6 miles west of Sasebo). I was in Co.B which was renamed "C" after the big fire. Also, Honor Guard, and Service Co. I was in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Fukuoka.

"I have been to reunions, but I find it a sad and disappointing reminder, because all my buddies were killed in the first days of Korea, when the 34th with their M-1's and BAR's went up against the Russian built tanks. A lot of my buddies names are on the monuments at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Honolulu Hawaii. But I'll probably come again and have a good cry in my beer.

"Please say a prayer for the 34th as a part of the main program. I know everyone had sacrifices that hit hard, but as a unit the 34th really suffered an unconscionable strike that can only be attributed to bad intelligence."

We have a new Life Member - oh we've had quite a few in recent days - thankfully - but we do want to give a tip of the hat to Sgt. ROBIN SVEN SMITH of HC 2/325 (Medic) Air at Bragg. He was in Desert Storm with Bravo Company, also Alpha Company, 124th MI Bn. Welcome to the club, Robin.



Gotta tough one for you. And if you have a friend who wore the patch, tell him the key words:

4th Armned Div.Assoc.
1823 Shady Drive
Farrell PA 16121

This well worn Stars & Stripes clipping came with a warm comment from Vice President, JIM HILL, which we happily reproduce:

Ken -

best we forget. We have had our share of heroes thru the years

Jim Hill

July 1950 - Korea

4 Officers Earn Silver Stars in Combat

Gallant Doughboy Awarded DSC

TOKYO—An enlisted man was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action and four officers were awarded the Silver Star, it was disclosed Thursday in orders issued by 24th Infantry Division and Eighth Army Headquarters in Korea.

FFC Florentino Gonzales, Co. B, 21st Infantry, volunteered to remain in position to cover his unit's withdrawal and to protect a seriously injured soldier during combat near Chonan on July 5.

In covering the withdrawal, Gonzales was wounded and, although under heavy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire, continued to deliver effective fire on the enemy, inflicting many casualties. He is from Morelia Michoacan, Mexico.

Officers awarded the Silver Star are:

Capt. Edgar E. Fenstemacher, formerly of Lexington, S.C. and Houston, Mich., 19th Infantry Regimental headquarters, disregarded the enemy's heavy rifle and automatic weapons fire in combat near the Kum river on July 16, obtained a jeep from a convoy stopped by an enemy roadblock and took his wounded regimental commander to an aid station.

Returning to the roadblock, Capt. Fenstemacher was wounded attempting to organize the forces for a breakthrough. Unable to break through, he then organized a defensive position, held it until nightfall and then, the citation said, "assumed lead of the entire group and succeeded in extricating them from al-

most certain annihilation."

Second Lt. William E. Moment, also of the 19th Infantry, Midway City, Calif. used hand grenades and an automatic rifle and personally silenced two enemy machine guns, an automatic weapon and a group of enemy soldiers firing sub-machine guns. Later Lieutenant Moment succeeded in leading a group of about 15 soldiers, separated from their organizations during a difficult retrograde movement, to their new positions.

Second Lt. Robert E. Nash, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 19th Infantry, Seattle, ran enemy roadblock under heavy fire to lead two trucks loaded with much needed ammunition for front line units. After both trucks were knocked out and his jeep shot up, Lieutenant Nash crawled half a mile through rice paddies, and

reach the regimental command post only to learn that communications with Division Headquarters were out. A second jeep was shot from under him but the officer reached the division command post contacted a battalion commander and obtained enough men and trucks to punch through a roadblock to allow a battalion to withdraw.

First Lt. Raymond E. Adams, a Medical Service Corps officer with the 21st Infantry, Owings Mills, Md., destroyed an enemy machine gun that was holding up the withdrawal of approximately 100 American soldiers in action at Osan July 5. The citation for Lieutenant Adams said: "Without regard for his own safety, he approached to within 30 paces of the enemy position and threw a hand grenade into it, destroying both the gun and its crew."



Anyone you know? We can give you the date. It's Jan. 31, 1951. It's a 5th RCT patrol. It was during the opening phase of the U.N. offensive toward the Han. Recognize anyone? US Army photo.



We can identify your buddies in the above photo, even if you can't. Reading left-to-right, they are: Sgt. OLIVER WAIAU, Hilo HI, Sfc. ROBERT I. MURAMOTO, Honolulu HI; Pfc. ARLO PERDUE, Griswold, IA and Pfc. JAMES W. SUNSERI, Patton PA.

THE LOCATOR

The following people are trying to contact compatriots who served with them. If you have information regarding those being sought please let us know.

SEEKER	UNIT/WAR	PERSONS SOUGHT
GEORGE F. BATES 109 North St. Ext. Rutland VT	B 3rd Eng. 7/50-8/51	Anyone
HOWARD BUCKLES 1108 6th, Box 267 Keosauqua IA	Sv. 11th F 2/53-5/54	Anyone
CHARLES SHOE 3924 Harrisburg Dr. Harrisburg NC	A 34th 7/50- 7/50-9/50 or Comm. Plt. 3rd Bn. 19th 9/50-8/51	Anyone
CHARLES DEGREGORIO 525 La Grange Vestal NY	Hq. 3rd Bn. 21st '49-'51	Anyone
CHARLES R. DOSTER 1789 Georgia Hwy. 138 Monroe GA	D 21st '57	RICHARD CAMPBELL D 21st '57
KENNETH "Jim" NEIGHBOURS Rt. 5, Box 246 Bowie TX	Div. Hq. '42-'44	WESLEY or LESLEY WARNER Div. Hq.
ANTHONY A. ALICKNOVIC 208 Holmes St. Belleville NJ 07109	E 34th '41-'46	Anyone



WHATZIT?

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

**JACK SMITH
JACK BAKER
JACK MASON
JACK BUTCHER**

► *Solution on next page*

Runs a hardware store does
SHEFFIELD CLARK III (63rd F '49-
'50). It's at 305 3rd Av.S. in
Franklin TN. We mention it
because Sheff's check (in payment
of his dues) features, in bold
letters across the top, "We sell
American made hardware made by
Americans". Hats off to Sheff.
We love that spirit.

An elderly couple were getting ready for
bed when the wife said, "Oh, I am so hungry
for some ice cream, and we don't have any
in the house."

"Would you like me to get you some?"
her husband asked.

"You're a dear, Vanilla with chocolate
sauce and whipped cream, please. Write it
down, or you'll forget."

"I won't forget," he said. "Vanilla
with chocolate sauce and whipped cream."

"And a cherry," she added.

"And a cherry on top," he reported
dutifully.

"Please, dear, write it down."

"I won't forget," he said again.

"Vanilla with chocolate sauce, whipped
cream and a cherry on top. Right?"

When he returned, he handed her a bag,
and when she opened it she found a ham
sandwich. "I told you to write it down!"
she scolded. "See there? You forgot the
mustard!"

YOU SPEAK JAPANESE



**DID YOU
FORGET
YOUR DUES**

—PETER—

OLD SARGE'S SOS

Whatzit?: Jack of all trades

Here is the recipe for that favorite meal of all veterans...Creamed Beef on Toast...as given in the Army's Official Cook Book dated November 1950.

No. K-75. CREAMED MEAT (beef, lamb, veal or ham) Yield: 100 6 oz servings. You may want to serve this at a special breakfast during your reunion.

Ingredients	Amount
Meat, carcass or	25 pounds
Meat, ground	17 pounds
Onions, chopped (optional), or	1 pound (1 Quart)
Onions, dehydrated	1 1/2 ounces (12 Tbs)
Bacon or meat fat	1 pound (1 pint)
Flour, sifted	1 1/2 pounds (1 1/2 quarts)
Milk, evaporated	16 14 1/2 ounce cans
Beef stock or water (for milk)	2 gallons (8 quarts)
Salt	To taste
Pepper	1/4 ounce (1 tablespoon)
Bread, toasted	100 slices

1. Cut meat into 1-inch pieces; grind
2. Cook meat in its own fat until brown, stirring frequently.
3. Cook onions in bacon fat; add flour and mix thoroughly.
4. Mix milk and beef stock or water; heat.
5. Add hot milk to fat and flour mixture gradually. Heat to boiling point; boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add salt and pepper.
6. Pour sauce over meat; simmer until meat is well done but not overcooked.
7. Serve on toast.

Note. Chopped green peppers or pimientos may be added to sauce and simmered with meat.

Call a nursing home and ask for the names of a few who seldom get mail or visitors. Send them a card every once in a while. Sign it, "Someone who thinks you are very special."



DON'T MISS!!!

BUDDY SEARCH

Spot the name of a buddy. Stop everything and drop him a line. Or better still, give him a call on the "mushee mushee".

CAN'T WIN DEPT.

The following note received a day or two ago: "I have been receiving the Taro Leaf for the last couple years and there is nothing mentioned about men who served in World War II with the 24th Division. Therefore I would appreciate putting this notice in your next edition which goes as follows. Anyone who served with Co. D 34th Reg't. in Hawaii, Australia, Goodenough and Biak Island New Guinea and the Philippines to contact FRANK ODDO, 55 Wall St., Torrington CT 06790. Incidentally it was not FRANK ODDO who wrote the note. "Nothing mentioned about men who served in World War II". We can't believe it.

JIM CALHOUN (C 21st '51-'53) of Box 152, Castanea PA is looking for Sgt. ORLANDO HUNTOON (Royalton VT), Sgt. MORGAN CLARK (Little Rock AR), Pfc. FRANK BURGESS (Dallas TX) and Sgt. JOHN GORLAS (of New York State).

CHARLES H. REESE (724th Ord. 2/49 - 6/51) of 100 E.205th St., Euclid OH 44123 is still looking for buddies from Japan and Korea '48-'51. If you know Charlie, please write him.

JOSEPH S. BARTO (M 19th 6/51-7/52 - 1st Gunner, 1st Square, 75MM Recoiless Rifle Plt. Korea-Japan) 1942 E.33rd St., Lorain OH 44055 would like to know if anyone out there remembers him. He left Korea with the Division for Camp Haugen, Japan.

ANTHONY CORIO, JR. (C & E 21st 9/50-10/51) of 10131 W. Warren, #211, Dearborn MI 48126, is looking for THOMAS JUSTICE who served with him in Co. E 21st '50-'51. Tom enlisted in the Army in Boyd County Ky. Can anyone help. Please contact Tony.

BILL PUTNAM, over at 105 S. Calhoun, Calhoun Falls SC is looking for buddies who served with K and L, 3rd Bn., 19th around Mar. 10, 1951. Bill, K Co., was wounded on that day. Bill especially desirous of hearing from REGAN or RQGAN out of Tennessee - those Tennessee boys never could spell.

ALFRED I. BYRD (B and C 11th FA 8/40-9/44) Rt. 1, Box 416, Milton PA 17847, would like to hear from any B 11th FA guys. Is a PHSA man. Commander of American Legion Post 841.

Don't
Miss This!

Fellow wrote our QM, AL MCADOO, in a state of confusion. He was with the 555th AAA Bn. attached to the 104th Inf.Div. in the ETO in WW II. Al wrote the chap a friendly reply and gave him a terrific explanation. It's a review each of us will appreciate. It went:

"There were two Triple Nickels, both Artillery Outfits in different wars at different times.

"Our 555 Field Artillery was activated in Korea, Jan.1,1949, with the 5th Infantry, the 72nd Engineer Combat Company and other miscellaneous units then in KOREA to form the 5th Regimental Combat Team (5th RCT), a Non-Divisional Infantry Unit.

"The 5th RCT was pulled out of KOREA by July 1, 1949, transferred to the Territory of HAWAII, and attached to ARMY FORCES PACIFIC. When the KOREAN WAR commenced in June 1950, the 5th RCT was shipped back to Korea. The 5th RCT was first attached to the 25th Division as the Southwest corner of the Pusan Perimeter defense. Later on the 5th RCT together with the 555 F.A. and other units were attached to the 24th Division for a total of 17 months. The 5th RCT, together with its attached 555 Field Artillery, remained in KOREA until the end of hostilities in July 1953, and was deactivated in November 1954.

"It's easy enough to understand why anyone in the 555 would call themselves the triple nickels. Because the 555 AAA was in ETO in WW II and the 555 Field Artillery was in the PACIFIC area after WW II and during the Korean War, both names have stuck."

Nice bit of history, Al; thanks for helping the chap out of his wonderment.



"Sir, I told you that article would shake 'em up."

Writes JIM MIMS, from Midland TX, after viewing that TV special on the modern strike force (in which the 24th played a part): "What if we had that kind of power in '44-'45? Why didn't we? Where were we then?" Good questions, Jimmy. We probably could have wound up that whole Pacific War in a month!

Interesting communique from National Order of Battlefield Commissions listing a plurality of Korean soldiers who were raised. We report it just as they did to us:

"The following were commissioned EARLY in the fighting as members of the 24th:

MSGT TRAVER H. FARMER, Hqs Btry.

13th FA - to A battery, same

SGT EARL H. POLSON (13th FA, but exact unit unknown)

SFC DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, Hqs Btry.,

13th FA - remained as Asst. Comm O

M/SGT ROY F. THORSTENSEN, Hqs

Btry, 13th FA - to C Btry., same

M/SGT JOSEPH S. TUCKER, Hqs Btry,

13th FA - remained as Btry XO

M/SGT ROBERT A. TOTTY, Hqs Btry,

13th FA - to A Btry, same;

later KIA 1/1/51

SGT CLIFFORD D. HAMRIC, B 19th -

remained with same

SGT JOSEPH GUZNICZAK, B 19th -

remained with same

SGT KENNETH H. SMITH, B 19th -

remained with same

SGT PATRICK J. STOWELL, B 19th -

remained with same

SGT J. ELIONES GANT(t), C 19th

(one of first BLACKS to be so commissioned. Became POW and is now reported deceased after leaving service.)

SPC CHESTER VAN ORMAN, C 19th -

remained with same; became POW

on 11/4/50 and is now reported deceased after leaving service."

Can anyone add to this list? We'd like to make such commissions of record in our History.



"There's one thing I don't understand on your Paris per diem voucher, Lt. Couche . . . What's this expense item labeled 'Tifi, \$20.00??'"

Free Passport

A relative of a serviceman killed in action and buried overseas can obtain a free passport to visit the gravesite. The benefit is limited to the spouse, former spouse, children and parents. To apply, write to the American Battle Monument Commission, Operations Division, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20314.



"Boy—you guys sure got it easy!"

P.O.'d is JOHN BROWN (Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. 21st 8/51-2/53) down at Kingman AZ, PO Box 6217 to be specific. Seems Johnny is unhappy that the postal people have turned down the idea of an Audi Murphy stamp. Of course, you know about Audie Murphy - Medal of Honor for actions in ETO during Jan. '45. Remember his book or the movie "To Hell and Back". Johnny wants us to write our Senators and Congress people; says they've had stamps for Lon Chaney, Clara Bow, Elvis Presley, etc. - why not one for Audie?

Slowly do the 3rd Engineers join up. Here's another, whom we welcome with open arms: BILL MORRIS (C 3rd Eng. 10/49-7/50). He and Joyce are at Box 702, Rockingham NC. Bill's a chef - 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren.

Life Member #1452, JOHN "Jack" COOLEY (K, 3rd Bn. 34th '56-'57) writes from 882 George Towne, Barrington IL, reminding us that he was Commissioned by Gen. Mark Clark. Jack and Elaine had Bryan and Kevin and Myles. Kevin died at 26 as a S/Sgt., NATO Hq., Brussels, Belgium. He would now have been 33 years of age.

Poor JIM FROOME - on oxygen 24 hours a day. Jim was - and is - Life Member #12. He was 2nd Bn. 21st '43-'45. Card him - please - at 474 Roundup, Box 69, Red Bluff CA 96080.

CARL VOGT (724th Ord. M Co. 2/50-8/51) 11003 Wagner Rd., Snohomish WA 98290. "I was a 9 year old dependent at Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec. 1941. The 24th was stationed at Schofield Barracks at that time so my attachment to the Division goes way back.

"Does anyone who was stationed in Kokura, Japan, when we left for Korea in July '50, know of, or, have any information, about the footlockers that we turned in to the 24th Division Quartermaster?"

How many times we've been asked that same question. Looks like more SNAFU - "situation normal - all footlockers uprooted."

JOHN "Jack" BROWN (Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. 21st '51-'53) says that no one knows he has moved from Hesperia CA to Box 6217, Kingman AZ 'cuz we "ain't told'em". Well we're telling 'em now Jack. Jack says he's still "hobbling around on the ranch" - and he isn't down and out yet. Hang in there fella. This world isn't all black.

Whether it's life or a horse that throws you, get right back on.

A confirming note from LARRY RUCK (Hq. 2nd Bn. 19th '44-'45) of 9814 Lullaby Lane, Overland MO., telling us that "Bob Hope was in Hollandia; I know, I pulled the detail of guarding the sound truck 20 feet from the stage." Remember Larry, never volunteer!

What do ya do when someone like CARL D. YOUNGBLOOD (6th Tk. Bn. '51-'52) of 5912 Unitas, Albuquerque NM writes: "I enjoy the Taro Leaf. Considering the ignorance of today's teenage children regarding the REAL army and its role in preserving liberty around the world - the Taro Leaf should be mandatory reading in school!"

Well, for one thing, we blush!

A book for all Taro Leafers of Korea vintage - "From The Hudson to the Yalu" by Col. HARRY MAIHAFFER (I 21st & Div. Hq. 8/50-11/51). Write Texas A & M University Press. \$29.50 per copy. We have a copy - but we're not parting with it. It's a great read. Try it; you'll like it. Oh, by the way, address is College Station TX 77843.

Remember our telling you about a bitch letter with complaints about:

- 1) too much brass
- 2) too much on modern wars
- 3) too much on mini reunions
- 4) not enough personal messages

We tried - in this issue - by gum, we tried. You don't have to hit us over the head with a shovel!

We say, "Welcome aboard" to Col. BEVERLY F. O'NEAL, JR. (Cml O and Asst. G-4 11/51-3/54), now at 11550 Southfork, Baton Rouge LA. We expect to see you at N.O., Bev.



"Let's shove off—they'll do that all night!"

It has been 11 months since the Defense Department unveiled its "bottom-up review" with the idea that the military can fight two wars.

Looks like a 10-division Army, a 12-carrier Navy, and a 13-wing Air Force would provide too few troops, insufficient firepower, and too little airlift and sea-lift to fight two wars at once.

Say the guys who'll have to do the dirty work: "Better to have too much than not enough."

We who were in the Pacific in WW II vote "No" on the idea of fighting two major wars. We know!

Worth Repeating

"Winning is like a good deodorant, it covers up a lot of problems."

- John Madden,
NFL Football commentator

Did we get the letters on that USO query in our last issue.

Writes BILL SAVELL (Sv. 19th '43-'45) from 1605 Lavern, Clearwater FL:

"I don't know whether or not it was a Division rally, but while in New Guinea I remember travelling about 25 miles to see Bob Hope, Jerry Colona, Francis Langford and some guitarist whose name I don't remember. Now if I could remember to turn the water off when I water the lawn.

"Twelve grandchildren scattered from Florida to California has taken up about all of our travel time but perhaps we can make a reunion before too long."

We're counting on you and Irene to make N.O., Billy.



Have an inquiry: "When ya gonna put out a Directory?"

We respond with a few inherent problems.

1. Expense. Plenty!
2. Is it worth the expense? What will 4000 men possibly do with 4000 names and addresses? You'll note we try to give address and unit with every name we use in T.L. That is, partially, to effect a need for a directory.
3. Do the members really want it? We've only had about a dozen inquiries in the last 3-4 years.
4. Would they be willing to pay \$? extra were we to put it out.
5. Will anyone try to misuse the list were we to put it out? (i.e. sell it to some house looking for such) or (i.e. give it to some other military unit looking for names and addresses to wean them away from us - Have had inquiries from CIB, Purple Heart, Battlefield Commissions, X Corps. Assoc., Korean War Veterans, to name two or three - so our list must represent value.
6. Most important of all. Some members will object to the release of the information. We have flags on 25-30 files meaning, "Do not release address" - believe it or not.
7. And lastly, there's the matter of currency. A directory would be out of date 5 minutes after its printing. The way changes come in - new addresses, additions, etc., we at the office have all we can do to keep up with them.

Any comments out there in the fruited plain?

FASHION TIPS

How to wear a cap:

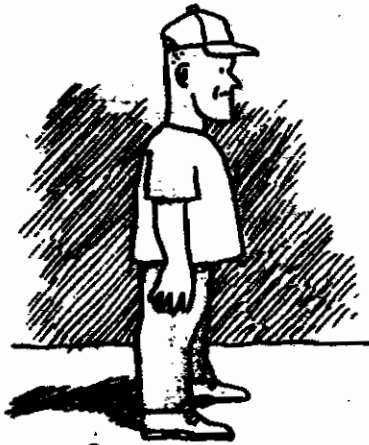


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fig. 2. WRONG.

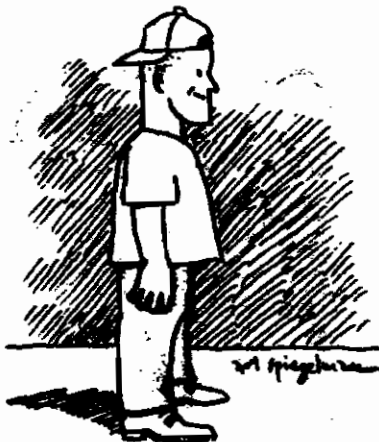


fig. 3 RIGHT!

Back in the "brown shoe" Army, a soldier had to master not three but 11 general orders before he could be posted as a sentinel. One miserable, bitterly cold and windy January night, the post field officer of the day at Camp Edwards, Mass., was making his rounds in the sedan provided for the purpose. It was clearly marked front and rear with red and gold plates boldly emblazoned "FOD."

As the sedan pulled up to one young sentinel at a particularly desolate and windswept post, the soldier looked fixedly at the vehicle, waved it forward but did not salute.

The irate FOD opened the door and hopped out of the back seat.

"Young man, did you recognize me as the FOD?" he challenged.

"Yes, sir, I did" was the answer.

"Well, then," snarled the FOD, "why didn't you salute me?"

"My general orders, sir!" came back immediately from the sentinel.

"Which general order?" bellowed the now thoroughly annoyed officer.

"Sir, the one that says to 'salute all officers, colors and standards not cased.' You were in that car, the doors were closed, the windows all rolled up. Sir, you were cased."

Veterans may be eligible for NY medal

Veterans of the Armed Forces who entered military service while living in New York state may be eligible for the state's Conspicuous Service Cross.

The Conspicuous Service Cross is awarded to veterans who also received any of 40 different decorations ranging from the Medal of Honor to various commendation medals. To be eligible, veterans must have received an honorable discharge.

For more information about eligibility for the Conspicuous Service Cross, write to: State of New York, Division of Military and Naval Affairs, 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110-2224.

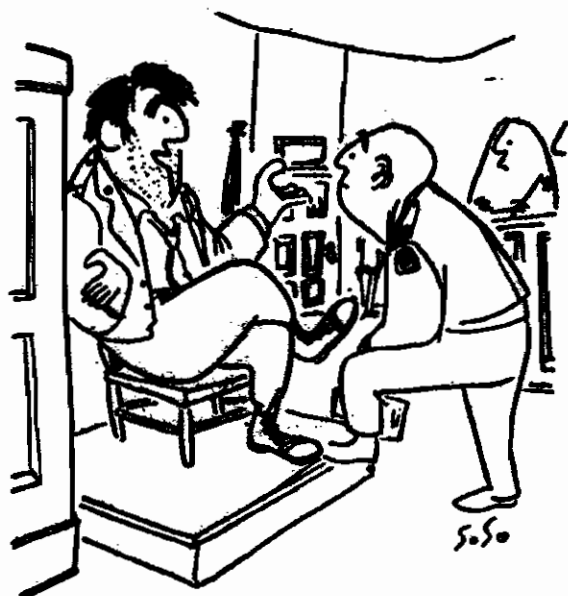
Nice report from our Redondo Beach CA reporter, ERIC DILLER, who lives at 504 Via LaSelva. Writes Eric: "Recently I had an article published in our local newspaper which requested stories referring to 'Memories of WW II'. Of course I gave the Division adequate coverage. It turned into a pleasant surprise when MIGUEL MORALES, L 34th, contacted me after reading the article. He wasn't aware of our Association's existence and we consequently spent several hours together reminiscing about old times ('44 and '45). He lost a leg in Mindanao but walks without a limp - tough guys these Combat Infantry men. I believe we found another long lost member."

BOB OSBORN's thought - a good one - for the day: "Just a thought. At one time in my life, I attended IBM Conventions. They were technical in nature, so people had varying interests. In addition to Name Badges and in order to bridge this communication and interest barrier, we wore badges that said, 'I'm Interested in Talking About _____'. We would insert with black marker the subject or town or whatever we had on our mind. It worked great.

"I thought this type of badge would work great at Reunions, where we all were in different places, in different years and where so many different companies and regiments are involved.

"How about giving them a try?"

We'll do it, Bob - maybe not in New Orleans, but next year. Thanx.



"So, not being able to sleep, I figured I might as well take some of my dirty clothes down to be cleaned, so I put them in my AWOL bag and grab a bus down to the cleaners... well, Sir, I guess I must have dozed off because the next thing I remember is the bus stopping and there I was back home in Chicago... 'Gee-whiz!' I yelled. 'I'm on the wrong bus!'"

How many times we've heard this story. The story teller this time is CARL HATMAKER, writing to us from 310 E.Aeronca, Oklahoma City OK. Here's the scenario according to Carl: "Well we can add another one to our roster. They keep coming out of the woodwork. While walking through Wal-Mart in Henryetta OK (with my 24th Division hat on), I came across LARRY JOZWIAK of 1001 South "C" St., Henryetta OK 74437 (918-652-9856) with 24th in Germany 1965, 2nd Btn. 70th Armor Div., HH Co. He would like to join so if you have an extra Taro Leaf laying around, please send him one with membership information and convention information. Need the young blood to carry this great Association into the future."

Carl, say no more. Larry is in, thanks to you - and your hat.

ROYKO



There's no reason to mourn the death of Kim Il Sung

By MIKE ROYKO

A panel of Washington TV talkers was snickering about the dig that Sen. Robert Dole took at President Clinton.

If you missed it, Dole criticized Clinton for conveying the condolences of

the American people to North Korea on the death of dictator Kim Il Sung.



Dole suggested that veterans of the Korean War and their families wouldn't be mourning the death of the man who started a war in which so many Americans died.

This amused the Washington talkers. Pundit Robert Novak said Dole was having a slow day without any TV appearances, so he pounced on Clinton's condolences to get media attention. The others chuckled at Novak's wit and insight.

They might be right. Dole is a partisan politician, and he doesn't skip many opportunities to zap his adversaries.

But does that mean Dole was wrong?

I happened to be driving in my car when I heard the radio news item about Kim Il Sung's death.

My first thought was: "Too bad he

didn't croak 50 years ago, the rat."

Remember, we are talking about a world-class villain. While he didn't operate on the big scale of a Stalin or Hitler, he shared their cold-blooded instincts.

Because of his lust for power, more than 1 million Korean civilians died, men, women, children. More than 53,000 Americans and 200,000 Korean troops were killed. The entire country was devastated. He believed in torturing prisoners of war, letting some starve to death.

And since that war ended 41 years ago, he's been looking for other ways to stir up trouble. He captured an American ship and tormented the crew. He ordered a civilian airliner shot down. And most recently he has given much of the world a nervous twitch by trying to build nuclear weapons.

So if there was any reaction in this country and other civilized lands, it should have been to order a round and toast his departure.

Then the radio news item went on to the fact that Clinton had conveyed condolences to the North Korean people "on behalf of the American people."

And my surprised reaction was: "Hey, I am an American person. If I want my condolences conveyed, I will convey them myself."

"And the only emotion I want to convey is my disgust that this vile buzzard lived to the overripe age of 82, causing



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nothing but misery and suffering."

Of course, any foreign policy whiz will say that Clinton was merely practicing smart diplomacy, that he did the correct thing because we are trying to establish warmer relations with North Korea in order to discourage them from building nuclear weapons.

That may be true. And if Clinton wanted to be diplomatic and express his personal condolences, it's OK. He could have even said that he was conveying Hillary's, too, and the condolences of the White House staff and all of his friends back in Arkansas.

He could have sent a floral display, for all I care. Maybe with a ribbon that said: "Kim Il Sung — gone but not forgotten." Or he could send an audio tape

of him playing "Amazing Grace" on his saxophone.

But it seems presumptuous of him to casually toss about the condolences of every person in this country. If he wants to send flowers, he shouldn't put our names on the card without asking.

That's what I don't like about diplomacy. So much of it isn't sincere. I doubt if there is even one person in this country who can truthfully say he feels sad about the death of Kim Il Sung. Well, maybe one or two. Even John Gacy had his weird admirers.

Most Americans didn't know who Kim Il Sung was because we aren't keen on foreign affairs, except those of the British royal family. And those who did know who he was were relieved that he's no longer with us.

So I agree with Dole on this issue. If the brainwashed people of North Korea want to weep and wail because they have lost their wacky leader, that's their business.

But the president of the United States should not be expressing our condolences for the death of a monster who caused the death and misery of millions of people. Someone who would have done it again, on a much grander scale, if he had the opportunity.

If Clinton wanted to say something, he might have dropped a brief note to Sung's son, Kim Jong Il, who will probably be North Korea's next dictator, saying: "Just heard about your dad. I hope you won't be as big a loony tune as he was."



Maj. Gen. Joesph DeFrancisco

The new CG, Maj.Gen. JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO and his wife, Lynne, have returned from Korea to Stewart. The General previously had been ADC of the Division so as he says, "It's a real honor and privilege for me to rejoin this great Division." In his opening remarks to the troops, he spoke of Korea with words that went:

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"Before I left Korea, some of them asked me if the 24th would be prepared to come to Korea if war were to break out again.

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Before his assignment here, he served as a staff officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans and as special assistant to Gen. John W. Vessey Jr. and Adm. William Crowe, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Other key positions include commander of the 2nd Battalion, 68th Armor, in Europe; senior live fire observer/controller at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin CA; commander of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; and the chief of staff of the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth KS.

He and his wife, Ruth Ann, have three daughters: Joan, Julia and Jacqueline.

We oldies of the Association bid the folks of the Burns family a warm and hearty greeting.

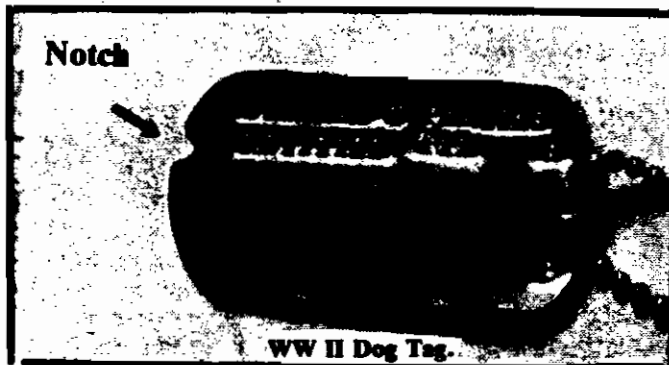
It Had To Be You'

Read this autobiography from
EDWARD J. CRUMMEY, JR., 320
Loudonville Rd., Loudonville NY
(Loudonville's a suburb of Albany-
and Ed was "with the NY State
Government"). He was with
Clearing Co.B of the 24th Med.
Listen to Ed now: hear this:

"Joined 24th Inf.Regt. in
Nov. '43 at Rockhampton No. Queens-
land, Australia. Our unit served
with both 19th and 21st Inf.
Regts. Assigned to the 24th from
the 'Repple Depple' in Townsville
No. Queensland, Australia. Left
Australia in late Dec. '43 or very
early Jan. '44 from Rockhampton
via liberty ship (could be 'Anson
Burdinham') to Milne Bay. Then
proceeded to Goodenough Island
off Coast of New Guinea - Train-
ing. In April '44 landed in
Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea
(part of Hollandia Operation).
Finally reached Lake Sentani and
the three airfields. In Oct. '44
landed at the Beach in Leyte and
eventually to the Town of Palo.
Pushed toward Ormoc. In late Dec.
24 Med.Co.B was alerted to join
an Australian Task Force to
seize oil fields in Borneo. At
the last minute our orders were
changed to invade Mindoro. Heavy
Japanese air attacks here near
San Jose. Alerted to invade
Mindanao at Cotobato. Raced across
the island to Davao City. Very
arduous pursuit of remaining
Japanese forces. In June '45
very little action remained. Co.B
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A life membership in this here club to the first one - the very first one - to mail in his answer to the question, "Why the notch in the WW II dog tag?"

RELIVING A LEGEND

Kind words in from many places on the "Jock" CLIFFORD piece in a couple of issues back. DICK DOYLE (24th Sig.) of 322 Ave. MSE, Winter Haven FL was working the radio at the time the Army-Notre Dame score came in, which score was signalled on to Jock in the middle of the Breakneck Ridge mess. Jock's grin was from ear-to-ear as he got the news. Who was Army's All American center that year - and what was the year? - '35.



THE SAD SACK

"SLIT TRENCH"



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Editor's Corner



Beaming as if he'd just hung up the phone on Ed McMahon telling him he'd just won the Publishers Clearing House Give-away, in comes FRANK PLATA (2628 Taunton, Philadelphia PA) with a letter which reads: "Seems as if an article mentioning my name in Taro Leaf caught the eye of a former member of the 13th FA Bn who happened to be assigned to an FO team attached to 'G' of the 19th in Oct. of '51. Although I don't remember the names of the F.O. team, I distinctly recall their being with us. The callers name was DAN MECCA, and Dan lives in South River up in northern New Jersey. Dan told me he devours his copy of Taro Leaf. He also stated he has NEVER found anyone from his old unit, the 13th FA Bn. Are there any of those guys out there? Dan would like to hear from some of the men from the old unit who served in Chosan. His home address: #1 First St., South River NJ. I've been amazed over the last several months in hearing from people offering help and information from all over the country in my efforts to locate old friends from my old unit. I thank one and all for their efforts in my behalf."

How about passing some of those names and addresses to us, Frank.



"Do much walking?"

WWII Veterans Eligible for Awards

Combat veterans of the U.S. Army who were in the service between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945, may be entitled to the Bronze Star Medal.

Letters requesting the Bronze Star Medal must include one of the following:

1. Copy of orders awarding the Combat Infantry Badge;
2. Copy of orders awarding the Combat Medical Badge;
3. Copy of orders citing a veteran for heroism;
4. Copy of orders awarding a certificate of exemplary conduct in ground combat against enemy forces; or
5. Copy of orders authorizing awards for meritorious achievement issued after Dec. 6, 1941, and before July 1, 1947, for actions between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945.

Your letter and at least one of the copies of cited orders should be addressed to:

Headquarters,
ARCPERCEN
ATTN: DARC-PSE-AW
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

Active Duty personnel who feel they qualify should address their request to:

HQ, USAMILPERCEN
ATTN: DAPC, ALA
Alexandria, VA 22332

Also, people who went in the service from New Jersey may be entitled to the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal.

For more information and to apply for the medal, write to:

The Adjutant General
N.J. Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs
Director of Admin.
CN 340
Trenton, N.J. 08625-0340

LEST WE FORGET

Stewart's Small Arms Bravo was renamed and dedicated in a recent ceremony to the memory of THOMAS EDGAR CLIFFORD.

Jock's sister, Ms. Charles Huffman, and Jock's daughter, Mrs. Carl Renfroe, were in attendance.

Clifford Range is an M-16 qualification range for day and night fire that uses computers and sensors to score hits and misses. There are 10 zeroing points, and 16 firing points with seven targets per lane.

The range was designed to address environmental concerns. There is a 12-foot high berm to the rear of the firing lanes to catch all rounds. This was designated to protect the Red Cockaded Woodpecker, and its colonies and habitats downrange.

Born on May 19, 1911, Clifford was a native of Ronceverte WV, graduated from Greenbriar Military Academy in Lewisburg, WV and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

In the end, Clifford's impact on his unit, his men and those who knew him in combat, were best summarized in a letter written by Maj.Gen. R.B. WOODRUFF,

then the Division Commander, to Clifford's widow.

An excerpt reads: "...no finer soldier ever wore the uniform of our Army. No braver commander ever led his unit in battle. He was not only a skillful and gifted soldier, but the kind of military man we would all like to be."

The memorial citation states:

Dedicated in memory of
Col. Thomas Edgar (Jock) Clifford,
r. Born 19 May 1911, Roncerverte, West Virginia. Killed in action 24 June 1945, Tamoqan, Mindanao, the Philippines. The Division History for that day simply says, "...the 19th Infantry's gallant and beloved commander...was killed in action while leading his troops in pursuit of the enemy. He was a great man. A true hero, a soldier's soldier." For his actions a grateful nation awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart."

To our everlasting regret, the Association was not represented at the dedication, the notices there concerning arriving late. Elsewhere surely would have had some of our men (Jock's men) on the scene.

NEW ORLEANS

IF YOU GO . . .

The National Park Service offers free walking tours of the French Quarter, beginning at park headquarters in the French Market at 916 N. Peters Street. Tours, which last 90 minutes, are at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. daily. Tickets can be acquired the morning of the tour. At 2:30 p.m., the service offers a tour of the Garden District. Reservations are required. Groups meet at the corner of St. Charles Avenue and First Street, which can be reached on the historic St. Charles Avenue streetcar line. Call (504) 598-2636.

The Historic New Orleans Collection, at 533 Royal St., features the Williams Gallery, which is free, and open from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and tours of the Williams residence and the 1792 Merieult House are at 10 and 11 a.m., 2 and 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The Gallier House Museum, 1118-1132 Royal St., is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tours begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue every half-hour.

The Old Ursuline Convent, at 1100 Chartres St., offers tours from Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the hour, and on Saturday and Sunday at 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The cost is \$4.

The Beauregard-Keyes House, at 1118 Chartres St., offers tours on the hour, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Tickets are \$3.

CAROL FLAKE

Korean War veterans being sought

The Korean Veterans Association is looking for American veterans who served in Korea between 1950-53 who participated in the battle to save South Korea from the communist North Korean invasion. The purpose of the association's search for American veterans is to pay respects to Americans who helped save their country, and to assist those American veterans who are in need.

Managing Director of the Korean Veterans Association in the Western Reunion of the U.S.A., Mr. Joon Chul Chang, states "First of all we Koreans in the U.S.A. appreciate your help to save Korea from communism with the loss of thousands of American soldiers, so I think there are a bunch of American veterans still living, and some of them are suffering the pains which they had gotten from injuries during the war." The KVA proposes the following:

1. Participating with Veterans Family Service Corporation to assist in their Food Bank and other relief projects.

2. Plan visitations to veterans who are in hospitals.

3. Organize the Revisit Korea Program at moderate cost with Korean government financial assistance.

4. Provide American veterans with the Recognition Medal approved by the HQ of the Korean Veterans Association.

5. Cooperate with the American veterans associations for whatever will be beneficial for them.

American veterans of the Korean War may contact Mr. Joon Chul Chang, Managing Director, The Korean Veterans Association in the Western Region of the U.S.A., 422 S. Western Avenue, Suite 203, Los Angeles, CA 90020, or phone 213-734-5123, for further information.



This is the way the Patriot covered Gen. PAUL E. BLACKWELL's leaving Division:

In Focus

STANDING TALL

Blackwell leaves Fort Stewart with legacy of being a 'hardworking, caring task master'

By Spec. Jay Bradley Dilling

Staff Writer

There's never been a commanding general who cares more for his soldiers than Maj. Gen Paul E. Blackwell, Fort Stewart and 24th Infantry Division commander.

When he relinquishes command of the division to Maj. Gen Joseph DeFrancisco he will leave behind the legacy of being a hard-driving, but caring, taskmaster.

If you don't believe it, ask Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Palacios, division sergeant major.

Palacios said that in his 22 years in the Army he hasn't seen a commanding general who listened to his lower-enlisted soldiers as much as Blackwell does.

"His three most important priorities are deployability, warfighting ability and taking care of soldiers and their families," Palacios said.

He said that one of the most special aspects about Blackwell is his willingness to take two hours every quarter to listen to

soldiers corporal and below in "sensing" sessions.

"He is the only commanding general I know who will do that," Palacios said. "(The soldiers) raise a lot of issues and he not only listens to soldiers in the sensing session, he takes action. (He) reports back to them on those issues in the next sensing session."

Palacios cited the Quality of Life Program as another example of Blackwell's efforts to improve the lives of soldiers here, particularly barracks residents.

"Under the Quality of Life Program here — which he started — we treat soldiers in the barracks as mature, responsible adults," said Palacios.

He then gave some examples of privileges soldiers previously did not have.

"Soldiers are allowed to have visitors at any time during off-duty hours. It wasn't always that way," he said.

Soldiers may bring whatever food and drink they are allowed to buy into the barracks, he added.

"We are not glamorizing alcohol," Palacios said. "But if, for instance, Sergeant Palacios lives in on-post housing, we are not going to come into his residence and tell him what he can and can't have in his refrigerator."

Blackwell has improved the lives of more than just barracks residents.

Palacios said he also credits Blackwell with introducing the Neighborhood Walk Program as a supplement to the Neighborhood Watch Program. This program was implemented to fight vandalism on post at night, when it is most likely to occur.

The program requires residents to "patrol" their neighborhood at night using a duty roster to assign individuals for different dates and hours, he said.

He also said that Blackwell has expanded the facilities available to families under the Family Support Group Program. That program was instituted to help families deal with the absences of soldiers because of deployments.

Under Blackwell's initiative, facilities have been set aside for families at each battalion to help them keep track of their deployed spouses, such as telephones, facsimile machines and computers.

"At every battalion headquarters, there is a room set up for that," he said.

Blackwell is not the first commanding general to care, but he is the first Palacios has seen to show it in so many ways.

LETTERS

Retired to Belton - for which we are happy - but, Pete, where in 'ell is Belton? See you in New Orleans!



Dear Ken,

This is just a note to let you know that since retirement, my wife and I have moved back to Texas and will be making this our permanent home. Please note my change of address in this letter and I would request you change the Association records accordingly. I always look forward to receiving my copy of the TARO LEAF and recently (due to my oversight), it has been chasing me all over the country.

While the time comes for all of us to retire, I admit to missing the day to day comraderie of the active Army. I am pleased to say, however, that another generation of Taylors are now wearing the uniform, (one even wears the Taro Leaf on his left sleeve).

Please give my regards and best wishes to any Association members you see. I hope to see some of you in New Orleans this September.

Respectfully,

H. G. (Pete) TAYLOR
LTG, U.S. ARMY (Retired)

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Belton, TX 76513
(817) 698-4955



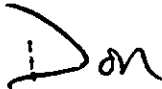
LETTERS

Donald E. Maggio
744 South Jefferson Street
Brownsburg, IN 46112-1672

July 3, 1994

Last summer my family visited Germany and returned to Augsburg. Many changes have taken place. With the reduction of forces the US presences is not as noticeable nor do the remaining US facilities appear to be as well maintained. The open field across from Sheridan Kaserne where sheep grazed is now full of homes. The city had restored more of their buildings for the 2000 anniversary several years ago. It was quite beautiful. The people are still warm and friendly.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Maggio
24th Admin Co
Augsburg, Germany & Ft. Riley, KS
May, 1967 thru January, 1969

E. Hall
180 Forest Ave
Brocton, MA 02401-5823

Just a little note regarding the recent edition of the Taro Leaf.

I don't know who the proof reader was for Page 69, but the dates are wrong.

If I remember correctly and if my Discharge dated in November of 1945 is correct, the Division was still on Mindanao in September 1945.

I joined the Signal Company around the 10th of September so I can recall being located on the beach. Discharge also shows we departed Mindanao in October and landed on Shikoku on the 20th of October.

I do remember the CP. Signal Operations people were located in the Library.

As an afterthought, the typesetter should learn to spell "recognize"

ED Hall *E. Hall*
SigCo Sep-Nov 45 &
Mar 47- Aug 48



Here are a few pointers

About Our Reunions

We get an occasional complaint about the hotel charging ninety cents or a dollar for a cup of coffee in the restaurant, but the complaineer fails to understand that most drinkers sit around and gab, expecting unlimited refills, which are usually cheerfully poured, for no extra charge. Coffee in any fine restaurant or hotel in any major city is normally charged at prices ranging from \$.90 to \$1.50 per cup, no charge for refills, of course. This fact is brought to your attention because we have no control over the situation.

At Colorado Springs our innovative chairman, hoping to placate the feelings of above mentioned complaineers, had the hotel supply coffee and ice tea in the hospitality room. This innovative idea was most successful, and apparently appreciated by all attendees not drinking "other" beverages, except for the fact that the coffee bill was over \$2,000!!! Which was not anticipated in our budget estimates! We were barely able to cover this potential loss, thanks to the skillful work of chairman Dutch! Thanks, again, Dutch!

We are trying to continue this concept of having coffee and tea in the hospitality room in New Orleans, but hope to defray all or part of the expense (hotels charge "per gallon", usually \$20 - \$22) by using a donation" basket or jar at each urn. Please be considerate as chairman John Roussel has not figured this expense item into his cost of doing business.

Along these same lines it might be well to mention the fact that we make a very strong attempt to obtain the best possible values for our troops when making reunion commitments. To wit, just a few comparisons with other associations:

Our room rate at New Orleans Marriott '94 is \$72.00, compared to \$84.00 last year for another assn., same city, same hotel. Also, our room rates for the past two years in Colorado Springs and San Francisco were substantially lower than for other assn. reunions.

Our all-inclusive banquet price this year is \$30.00, the most we have ever charged. Other assns. have this item at \$35.00 and \$40.00 in cities not as hotsy-totsy, price-wise, as New Orleans.

Our \$15.00 registration fee per member is considered very nominal. Elsewhere in this issue a partial list of items covered by this charge is shown. In comparison, another assn. has an advance registration fee of \$105 per person/\$115 per person at door. This includes a dinner, a breakfast, and some free drinks.

The above is not meant as a criticism of other units; rather, to let our members know that the people involved in setting up these conventions have the interests of our members at heart by arranging the best possible reunions at the most nominal prices possible.

THE
SEVEN
AGES
OF
MAN



SLEEPY



HAPPY



DOPEY



BASHFUL



DOC



SNEEZY



GRUMPY

5/2/45



Pfc. JOSEPH DUHOVITCH of 216 Moore St., Philadelphia PA, fires from an armored reconnaissance half-track at a Japanese machine gun nest encountered at a bridge defense system, 8 miles from Digos, Mindanao, on Apr. 26, 1945. We landed on Apr. 17th remember. We were afloat from Mindoro to Mindanao when we learned of the death of FDR. Remember?

"Old men forget", said Shakespeare's Henry V before the battle of Agincourt, during an invasion of Normandy. But not the old men who, as young men, stormed the beaches there half a century ago. Nor did the people of the world forget. As it should have been.

But that brouhaha saw some letters flying across our desk - 37 in point of numbers - from members who had stormed the beaches at Tannamerah Bay (3 letters), at Leyte (18), at Mindoro (1), at Subic Bay (2), at Mindanao (13), each asking, in one form or another, "Hey, don't forget us!"

For starters, let's be fair and concede that Omaha and Utah were biggies - the greatest armada ever created by man. Fully worthy of the acclamation.

And let's be fair once more and concede that, in "our" Pacific, there were hundreds of invasions at hundreds of spots.

And just as there were tens of thousands, or thousands, or hundreds, or dozens of American troops who made each of those landings, so, too, were there more or less as many of the enemy.

All things considered, might we expect the same kind of activity - 50 years later - around each of those so-called "little affairs"? Hardly!

The adoring public would be confused. The postal people are already confused; they didn't even know how to address the recognition problem in their issue of their 50th anniversary stamps.

Incidentally, the Hollandia affair went by its 50th without a whimper - though by golly we featured a story about it in our pages.

In passing, we might enter a personal note. Sometime last spring, we chanced to intercept three young high schoolers, one a senior, two juniors. Casually, having noted a bit of indifference to the subject at hand, we asked, "Ever hear of General MacArthur?" Three total and complete blanks.

So what were we saying about forgetting? Some people never even start to remember - and care less.

It's a case of the high probability of the improbable. There will likely be a minimum of memorialization.

The forgetters have us outnumbered.

May we suggest that you reduce your level of cynicism to about what is possible - and normal - in the arena of human relationships.

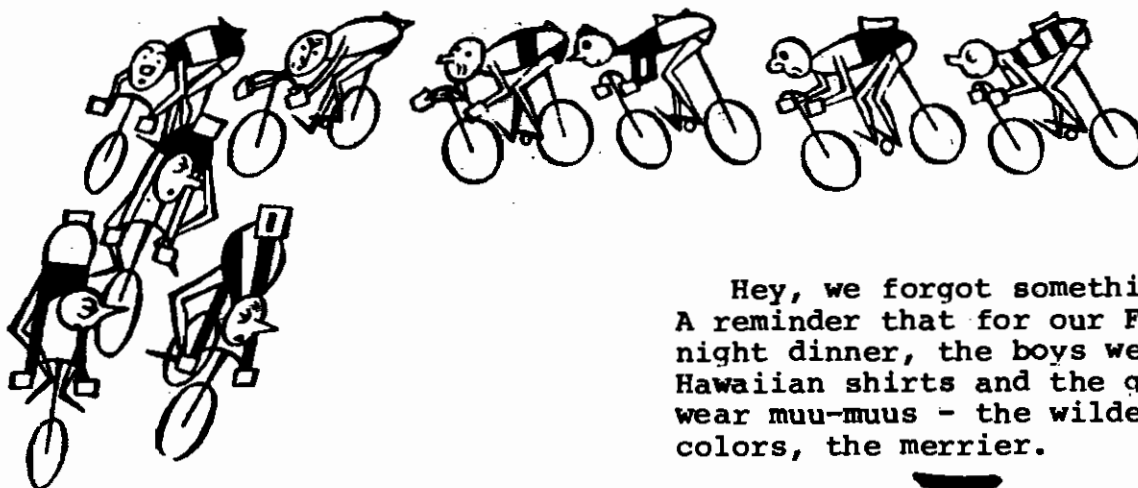
In an increasingly callous world, we all exist with our own carapaces of scabbed over sensibilities.

See the images drawn through the flow of your own memory - of the terror in the faces of your fellows - to your right and to your left - of those who didn't make it, only to become the "Children of Yesterday". Let those images run through your mind, meticulously, remembering everything, forgetting nothing. The physical images are inscribed in your mind even though the generations since have rolled, remembering little, if any at all.

In the indifferent spaces of your heart, try to find room to dance again.

You survived - came home - to live some more.

In your heart, you know that what you did was right. Perhaps that is all we might expect 50 years later.



Hey, we forgot something.
A reminder that for our Friday
night dinner, the boys wear
Hawaiian shirts and the gals
wear muu-muus - the wilder the
colors, the merrier.

The Assistant Division Commander for Support BG **FREDDY MCFARREN** has bid his farewell to Division. The new assignment is Commandant of Cadets, West Point.

Upon departure, McFarren spoke fondly of the people within the division and the surrounding communities.

"I've never worked with a better group of brigade and battalion commanders," he said.

McFarren said the 28 years he's been in the military has taught him a very important lesson.

"The key thing to military service is the people - officers, NCOs and enlisted (soldiers)... I have made some friends here, and I'll miss them."

Well done, we say to General McFarren. We're proud of you; please don't forget us.

NO PHONE - NO ADDRESS
Charley M. Clark
Retired
No Business - No Money
No Worries - No Job - No Prospects

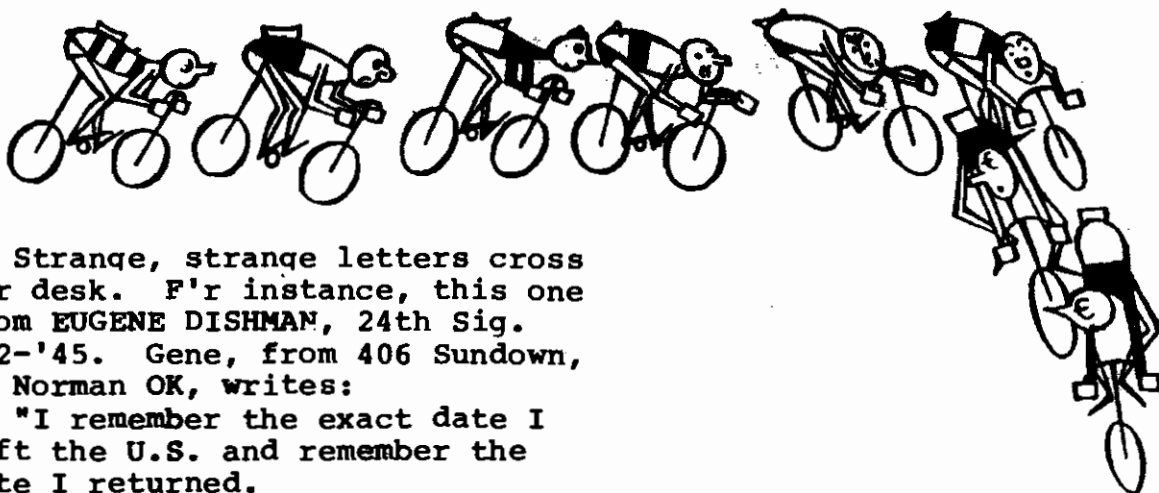
It's the "business card" of **CHARLEY CLARK** (D 3rd Eng. '30) whose address really is 475 River Rd., Searsboro IA. Here's Charley - who writes, "Would very much like to hear from any old timers. Retired at Schofield in '57. Am now 85, nursing a cancer of the colon. Live alone in a farmhouse." Aloha nui loa, Charley.

MG JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO is the 49th Commander of the Division and its 11th since reactivation in September of 1975.

How many of the 11 can you name:

Lt.Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum	75-77
Gen. James B. Vaught	77-79
Maj.Gen. James E. Cochran III	79-81
Gen. John R. Galvin	81-83
Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf	83-85
Maj.Gen. Andrew L. Cooley	85-87
Lt.Gen. Michael F. Spigelmire	87-88
Maj.Gen. Horace G. Taylor	88-90
Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey	90-92
Maj.Gen. Paul E. Blackwell	92-94
Maj.Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco	94-





Strange, strange letters cross our desk. F'r instance, this one from EUGENE DISHMAN, 24th Sig. '42-'45. Gene, from 406 Sundown, in Norman OK, writes:

"I remember the exact date I left the U.S. and remember the date I returned.

"In the past 50 years I have forgotten other dates that I never thought I would forget!

"Could you let me know:

"When we arrived in Australia

"When we arrived at
Goodenough Island

"D Day Hollandia

"D Day Leyte

"D Day Mindoro

"D Day Mindanao"

Boy, there's an order.

Well we'll hit the easy ones first:

Hollandia	Apr.18, 1944
Leyte	Oct.20, 1944
Mindoro	Dec.15, 1944
Mindanao	Apr.18, 1945

On the arrival dates at Australi and onto Goodenough, that'll take just a little time.

As for the "D Day" designation, wasn't the Hollandia landing on "A Day". On the others we've got to check. They used different letters as we recall.

Our new "Permit" Taro Leaf mailings are not forwarded if you are not at your address as we last have it. They are returned to us at FIRST CLASS rate.

Please be sure to advise of your new addresses.

We're in receipt of a suggestion. FRANCIS K. FORTON (A 19th 12/50-10/51) writes from 2094 Birchview, Kewadin MI.: "By the way, Ken, have you or the Association ever considered forming state-sub-organizations? Some groups are doing this with great results."

Any movers and shakers out there in the "purple plains" who want to get going on this one?

Stop and watch a farmer plowing a field.

Stop and watch a stone mason at work.

If your town has a baseball team, support it.

When you see people taking pictures of each other, offer to take a picture of their group together.



??? ARE YOU MOVING ??? PLEASE LET US KNOW

EFFECTIVE _____

NAME: _____

UNIT: _____

FROM: _____

OLD STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OLD AREA CODE AND TELEPHONE NO. _____

TO: _____

NEW STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NEW AREA CODE AND TELEPHONE NO. _____

MISTAKES

If you find any mistakes in our publication please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and there are some people among us that are always looking for mistakes...

1994-95 DUES DUE NOW

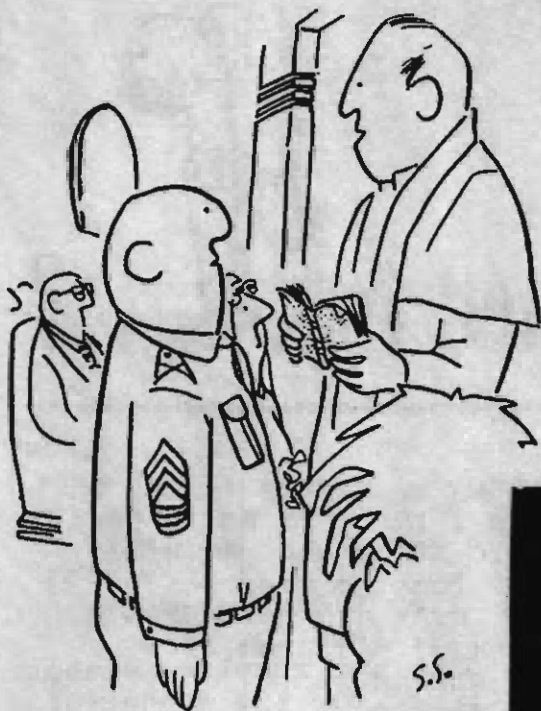
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10 Items Express Lane.

Don't ride a bicycle
barefooted.

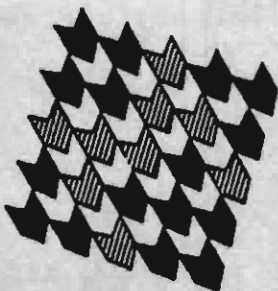
The "Jock" CLIFFORD story in the last issue sparked some nice comments. Read what JOHNNY BEHREND (145 Middlebrooks, Trumbull CT, says: "I was thrilled to read the article about Lt.Col. JOCK CLIFFORD under whom I was proud to have served on Leyte as a member of the third platoon D Co. 34th Inf. We took and held Kilay Ridge behind the Japanese lines for three weeks getting our supplies either by airdrop or from the wonderful Phillipions who kept one difficult trail open into their guerilla territory. I remember one patrol which was led by Col. Clifford and got into a firefight with the Japanese. One member of our platoon was in this group. His name was MORRIS GREENBERG better known as 'chow hound'. He was hit in the head and the Colonel carried him on his back to our line. Moe was very badly hurt and it was doubtful that he would survive but he did though very handicapped. Four years later he walked into the showroom on Fifth Ave. in New York as an extra mailman at Xmas time and we had a big reunion and I thought of the Colonel whose heroic effort saved Moe's life."

Thank you, Johnny, for that heartwarming report.





*"Simply answer, 'I do,' Sergeant...
Not 'You better believe it.'"*



PRECIOUS MOMENTS



Sgt. BILLY LEECE (C Btry.,
1st Bn., 41st FA) is welcomed
home by his wife and son. Somalia
is behind him. Photo by
Spec. Kelly Johnson.



Whatever happened to...??

We're getting dozens of letters like this one. Hope you don't mind; we're trying to publish them all. We think it's worthwhile, even important. This one is from the Center for the Study of the Korean Conflict, Box 456, Independence MO 64051. It reads: "We have been asked by Frank Foxx for assistance in seeking information about his brother, TOPEL (Toby) C. FOXX, of Van Buren MO. Toby was killed on Apr. 22, 1951. He was killed in the vicinity of Kuntanni, North Korea. He was a member of C, 19th. Mr. Frank Foxx would like a history of this unit and pictures during the Conflict. He would also be interested in hearing from anyone who knew his brother. Please list this announcement in your next available newsletter. Persons may respond directly to the Center and we will provide information to Mr. Foxx."

Looking for LIFE MEMBER #1314. Mail addressed to RAYMOND D. BARRETT, 326 W. South St., Carlisle PA 17013 has been returned.

Does anyone know where to find Ray.

CHARLES M. SPENCE (A 1st Bn. 34th and I 19th 3rd Bn. 7/50-7/51) 810 Kelly Rd., Mt. Holly NC 28120 looking for:

Capt. GRAY and Cpl. SPENCE both of F 3rd Bn. 19th
KICK ALEXANDER
Sgt. THOMPSON
Lt. BRAIN
Lt. DURANT
Cpl. BROWN

Does anyone remember JOHN PAGLIUSO from Korea days? If so, please contact him at 2393 N. Campus Av., Upland CA 91786. Poor Pag can't remember his unit.

E.B. PAYNE (I Co. 5th RCT 3rd Plat. '51-'53) 3218 Dantzler St., Moss Point MS 39563. E.B. was captured 4/23/51 with 18 others of 3rd Platoon. Would like to hear from any of the 6 that got away - or from anyone else who remembers him.

Help a child plant a small garden.

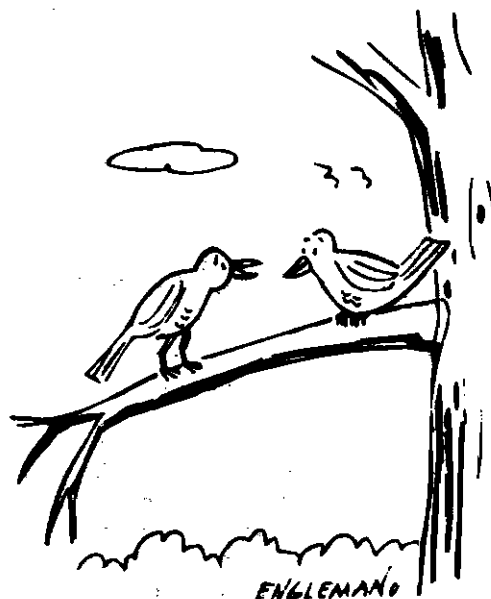
Quote from "Crusade: The Untold Story of the Gulf War" by Rick Atkinson. Houghton Mifflin, 575 pp. \$24.95: "In the cloister of his Riyadh war room (Schwarzkopf's) avuncular public mien disappeared, revealing a man of volcanic outbursts. 'That is a stupid ideal! You're trying to get my soldiers killed!' he would bellow at some cringing subordinate. During the previous six months, obliquely or directly, he had threatened to relieve or court-martial his senior ground commander, his naval commander, his air commanders, and both Army corps commanders. Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney had worried sufficiently about Schwarzkopf's temper and his yen for imperial trappings to consider the possibility of replacing him."

Every notice how so many of these late arrivals will work "The Untold Story" into the title of the book?

We have a bit of a thing about revisionists.

Leave a quarter where a child can find it.

Rev. THOMAS E. WALDIE
(Chaplain, 5th RCT 3/51-1/53)
has moved to:
St. Pischel Baylon Church
Wilson Mills
Cleveland OH 44143.



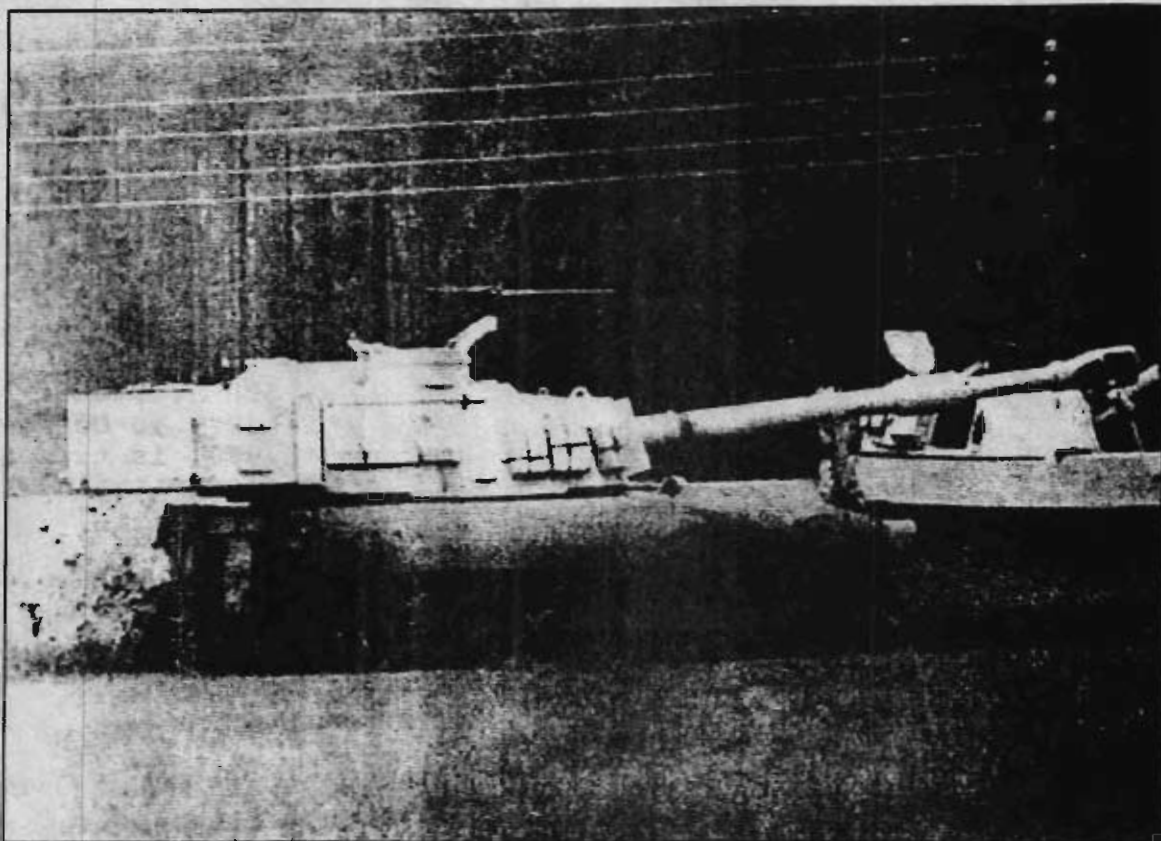
"Next time we fly south for the winter, let's stay there."

TO: The 24th Infantry Div. Assn.
120 Maple St., Room 207
Springfield MA 01103-2278

Sir:

Enclosed please find check (Money Order) for Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars in payment of my dues for year 8/1/94 - 8/1/95. Please send my membership card and all future copies of the Taro Leaf and division news to:

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Former Unit _____
from _____ to _____



Photos by Cpl. Thomas Johnson

The new Paladin 155mm self-propelled howitzer charges past its predecessor during a capability demonstration on Fort Stewart June 16. The Paladin is referred to as the "shoot and scoot" system and uses a computer (shown below) for target acquisition.

Division Artillery is the first direct support unit to be equipped with the Army's new 155mm self-propelled howitzer, the Paladin M109A6.

The division's 1st Battalion, 41st Artillery took possession of 25 Paladins and 25 M992 Field Artillery Ammunition Supply Vehicles during a recent ceremony.

The 3rd and 4th battalions will receive their systems later this summer.

The Paladin can "shoot and scoot" rapidly - thanks to its on-board navigational and automatic fire control systems - a feature well-suited to the 24th's artillery battalions which must move quickly.

Paladin fires 155mm shells to a distance of 30 kilometers (18 miles), 25 percent farther than its predecessor, the M109A2. "It can deliver rapid firepower, up to four rounds per minute, to a target day or night," he said.

It also has a bullet-proof

It also has a bullet-proof Kevlar-lined chassis for crew protection and a special cooling system that safeguards the crew against nuclear, biological and chemical threat. The FAASV, which has been upgraded to match the new howitzer, resupplies the Paladin with 155mm ammunition.

The Army is buying a total of 824 Paladins from United Defense Limited partnership and is converting 664 FAASVs at Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg PA.





A little bit of kitchy-koo as Pvt. 1st Class ROD HUNT (124th MI) greets wife, Jeanne, on return from Somalia. Better get rid of some of that gear, Rod.

Don't buy a cheap mattress.

Pay for a poor child to go to summer camp.

Newly joined WALTER M. MATSON, JR. (34th & 21st Med.Co. 3/49-7/51) of 150 Reservoir Rd., Lunenburg MA 01462 was in medical training in Osaka Japan from 34th Inf. Worked in both emergency room and laboratory in Sasebo Japan and went with 34th to Korea. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him.

Life Member PAUL R. FIELD, (Medic 19th '51-'52), 10 Outlook Hill, Salem MA 01970, is trying to locate FATHER DONNELLY, 19th Chaplain, (formerly of Nashua NH) who replaced Father Murphy when he suffered a nervous breakdown and was sent home.

Can anyone help Paul?

BERNIE MCDERMOTT (5th RCT 7/50-8/51) of Box 90058, Brooklyn NY is a volunteer at Ft. Hamilton retiree office and Brooklyn VAMC. Helps "people with problems" - hey, Bernie, look our way, will ya?

FRANK RYAN, 664 Klees Mill Rd., Westminster MD 21157 (Tel. 410-833-5618) is looking for anyone who remembers his Father, JAMES LOUIS RYAN, now deceased, (21st '36-'39 Schofield).

You write 'em; we print'em. For example: "ALVIN (Big John) SCHREIBER (A & C 3rd Eng., 8/41 - 5/45) 1102 Loy Av., #10, Wahpeton ND 58075, would like to hear from friends who were in A and C 3rd Eng. from before Pearl Harbor to Leyte. I am thinking especially of JOHN STACK (then from Philly) and PAUL NUSSER (then from Newark NJ), but certainly not restricted to them. Whoever you are, if you remember me as a friend, let me hear from you."

We did it, Big John - for you!

What's Up?

This is the kind of letter we love to receive. This one is from ORLAND MONCRIEF (19th WW II) of 1017 Huntington, Shreveport LA - close by New Orleans:

"I recently had the good fortune to find one of my old 19th Inf. buddies. Please add FABIAN CARMENOROS, PO Box 603, Erie CO 80516 to the rolls. Am enclosing \$30.00 for my renewal and his enrollment. My wife and I enjoyed a visit in Erie last September with Fabian and his wife, and they came and went with us to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans last February. Fabian was L Co. and Hq.Co. 3rd Bn.19th '41-'45."

This is how we grow. Great help, Orland. Thank you.

ERIC DILLER of 504 Via La Selva, Redondo Beach CA, writes:

"Recently I had an article published in our local newspaper which had requested stories referring to 'Memories of WW II'. Of course I gave the 24th adequate coverage. It turned into a pleasant surprise when MIGUEL MORALES (L 34th '44-'45) 2016 Farrel Av., Redondo Beach CA, contacted me after reading the article. He wasn't aware of our Association's existence. We consequently spent several hours together reminiscing about old times '44 and '45). He lost a leg in Mindanao but walks without a limp - tough guys these 24th Combat Infantry men. I believe we found another long lost member."

Miguel HAS joined us in the Association. This is how we grow. Thanks Eric.

WELDON HESTER (Red Cross with 34th in the P.I.) of 5101 Powhatan, Norfolk VA has an interesting avocation - here, let him describe it: "I've just completed putting together a 40 volume collection of Custer Info for my Alma Mater 'Center For Western Studies' - Augustana College, Sioux Falls SD. Am now putting together a similar collection on the Monitor/Merrimack Battle for the Mariner's Museum, Newport News VA. Some 11 volumes to date of articles, official reports, etc. An interesting project. They, of course, are the official repository for monitor info and artifacts."

Congratulations, Weldon.

With which we say "Hearty welcome" to our three latest Life Members:

BOB CRUSE
D26 AAA '53-'54
of 505 S. Ferne Clyffe Rd.
Goreville IL
Bob's President of the Goreville State Bank

LASZLO TOTH
I 21st '40-'44
of 822 Lamont
Johnson City TN
Bob's retired from the Postal Service

JIM WHITFIELD
L 21st '51-'52
of 2085 Tonkawa
Ponca City OK
Jim reports "Retired" -
Lucky guy!



Part of Task Force I-64 returning from 6 months Somalia. Photo by Steve Hart.

Lovely Louise KUBA, FRANK's widow, (Frankie passed away in '89) is, as of last Oct. 24th, Louise Boyer. Greg Boyer, the new hubbie, was a WW II paratrooper - a paratrooper Louise?

Hey guys, we got ourselves a new member. Meet H.L. "Bill" ADKISON of 1690 Autumn Ln., Blairsville GA 30512, Tel. 706-745-8846. He was 13th FA, '49-'51. Welcome home, Bill - and Marian too.

In comes HARRISON LEE from out of the blue. Well actually he came out of 45-111A Maka Place, Kaneohe, HI 96744 where he resides after 40 years in the Army. He was L & C 34th and L 19th from 9/48 to 5/51. Also had a tour in 'Nam. Anyhow, in he comes, planks down \$150.00 and voila, our baby Life Member. Terrific!

Division Headquarters man - BOB HARRIGAN (4/56-8/57) has joined. He and Rita are in Aldan PA - 412 W. Wayne Av.

Warm note from EARL C. DOWNEY
(21st Japan & Korea), written
from Carlsbad CA. Earl says it
all nicely:

Dear Ken -

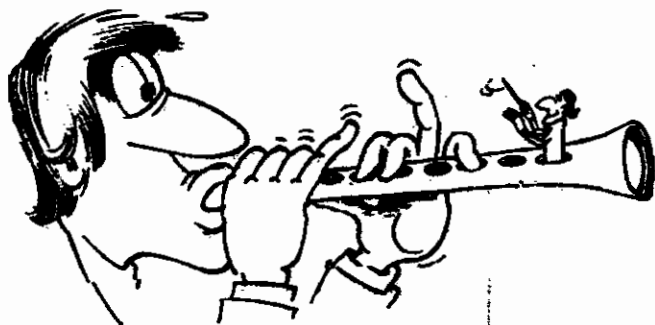
It was a pleasure to see you
at the Convention

I thought the Dinner and
Program was outstanding. Dutch
did an outstanding job.

This was my second attempt
at the "big one" the other being
in Los Angeles in 1986. And I
hadn't been to Colorado Springs. It
was an excellent choice, so many
things to see and the Country miles
and mountains - beautiful!

To you and the Taro Leaf - I
lift one (maybe two) Thanks

Earl Downey



Who's Who and What's What

And this one is a page out of the Case Western Reserve U., School of Medicine - in Cleveland, Ohio. It's a story of DON CAMERON's family. Don was 2nd Bn. 34th Surgeon '42-'45 and now resides at 6766 Stafford, Mayfield Heights OH. A quick glance will make obvious the reason why this tremendous report had to be shared with you - that you might join with us in the pride we take in the precious record made by Don and his family.

The Donald M. Cameron, MD Family Fund

Although Donald B. Cameron, M.D. '41 retired officially 13 years ago, he never fully retired because he loves his work too much. His passion for medicine is a living legacy for his sons, R. Bruce Cameron, M.D. '79, and J. Jeffrey Cameron, M.D. '84. In 1991, Bruce Cameron, his wife, Beverly Lehman Cameron, M.D. '79, and Jeffrey Cameron thanked their father and father-in-law by establishing The Donald B. Cameron, M.D. Family Fund.

"My dad didn't push us into medicine, but he was very encouraging. He would say you don't have to become a physician, but if you do, you will love it," said Jeffrey Cameron, an obstetrician. As a result of the father's encouragement, Case Western Reserve University can claim a special link with the Cameron Clan: four family members graduated from the School of Medicine.

The Camerons are indeed a clan—twelve children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Donald B. Cameron. In speaking with Bruce Cameron, a gastroenterologist, certain childhood images came to life: sunny days by the family's backyard pool and a Bratenahl home replete with thirteen bedrooms—each child had his own.

He also remembers how his father enjoyed private practice: "People came to my father because they wanted his help. Evaluating the kind of life he had, in its patient interaction, in his helping people — these were reasons why I applied to medical school," said Bruce Cameron.

The Cameron family have expressed loyalty for the medical school both through their generosity and as volunteers. In 1991, Bruce Cameron, then chairman of the Dean's Club Telethon, worked together with his brother, Jeffrey, to raise funds for the school. Bruce Cameron recently completed a term on the Board of Trustees of the CWRU Medical Alumni Association (1990-1993).

The Donald B. Cameron, M.D. Family Fund was established to recognize a father who gave his children a work ethic of pride and pleasure in a job well-done. The Family Fund was also created to meet a specific need: to provide financial support to medical students who are not eligible for other aid.

Beverly, Bruce, and Jeffrey Cameron well remember their medical school years—as a result, the income from the endowed Family Fund will help finance the medical educations of future students.

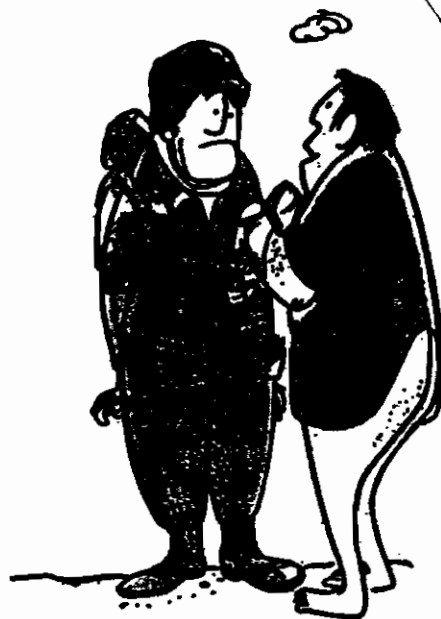
Shelly Schneider



Front: Mrs. Donald Cameron (Ann) and Donald Cameron, M.D. '41.
Standing: J. Jeffrey Cameron, M.D. '84, Beverly Lehman Cameron, M.D. '79, and R. Bruce Cameron, M.D. '79

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"But Sarge... You said you didn't want to see anything but shoe soles and elbows and..."



This goes in this issue - or our face is mud. BOB PETTIBONE of 6000 E. Brundage, Bakersfield CA, says that he captured the first Nip at Hollandia - and he sends along a fragmented newspaper clipping to prove it. We won't quarrel on this one, Bobby.

Liberty (Ind.) Soldier Helps Capture First Japanese Prisoner On Hollandia

By MURLIN SPENCER.

With the Americans at Hollandia, New Guinea, April 27 (Delayed) - Weary soldiers of the 31st Division captured the great Hollandia airdrome yesterday and spent the night in the charred wreckage of Japan's once-formidable Hollandia airbase.

Sweeping forward over a high hill, they looked upon the airfield. Nothing remained but a burial ground for Zeros and two-engine bombers, destroyed on the ground in the Fifth Air Force's devastating aerial blitz.

Occupation of the airdrome, near the towering Cyclops mountains, climaxed a tortuous 20-mile march over a trail so difficult no vehicle could follow. The Japanese had fled and there was no fight, for which these troops had hoped.

Witness to Victory.

I accompanied the Americans on their four-and-a-half-day march and was the only American war correspondent to watch the Hollandia airdrome fall.

On the first day Private First Class Belvin Martin of Tulsa, Tex., shot a Japanese who penetrated the defense perimeter, and this Japanese was the first credited to the division. Next day Sgt. Vincent Sandercock of Pen Argyl, Pa., and Private First Class Robert Pettibone of Liberty, Ind., dove into the bush and brought out the first enemy prisoner taken by the division.

As the troops advanced they kept asking: "Wonder when the tanks and trucks will get up?" They didn't know a torrential rainstorm had swept one caterpillar tractor over a cliff and buried another in a landslide and that tanks couldn't get through.

Food Problem Serious.

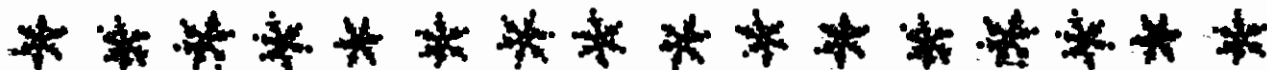
The food supply problem got serious the third day. The air force was called in and supplies were dropped by parachute, but even then the ground troops remained on meager rations for the whole operation.

At night they slept in foxholes dug in Hollandia's red clay. Palm leaves provided a measure of cover from the rain. They took quick baths whenever they found a likely stream.

From the standpoint of spectacular warfare this operation was disappointing to the troops because there were only minor skirmishes. But strategically it meant the capture of an important base with only a handful of casualties.

And this new base points toward the Philippines, to which Gen. Douglas MacArthur plans to return in the distant future.

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A bit of warm nostalgia in the firm handwriting
of BG DAVID P. SCHORR. We wimply had to share it.

DAVID P. SCHORR
750 WEAVER DAIRY ROAD, APT. 2212
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA 27514

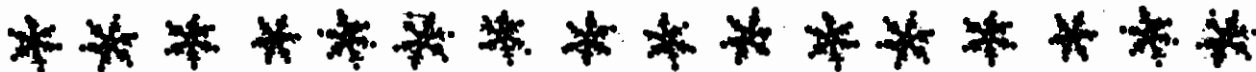
Fifty-two years have now elapsed since
the old "Square" Hawaiian Division was de-
activated and The "Tricircular" 24th Inf Division
came into being. And, as a consequence, my
Hawaiian Div. MP Company became the next
cos for Hq & MP Co, 24th Inf Div.

Since that eventful moment, the 24th
has gone on to establish a truly illustrious
record in the Service of our Country. Most no-
tably during W.M.B. The Korean War and, most
recently, Desert Storm.

I am proud to have been an ex-
posed of The Two Leaf.

Sincerely,

David Schorr



Some secretaries would like to put Beetle Bailey on KP



The Beetle Bailey strip that caused all the fuss.

By PAT CAHILL

Beetle Bailey has gotten into trouble again. And this time, it's not just the fictional "Sarge" who's mad at him, but some real-life secretaries.

Actually, they're not mad at the lovable comic strip character who muddles his way through the military, but at his creator, Mort Walker.

The bone of contention is his depiction of the dizzy blond secretary, Miss Buxley.

Last month the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in Washington D.C. sent a letter to the Connecticut cartoonist protesting that his

strip "fuels a stereotype of the lazy bubble-headed secretary whose sole reason for being is to look decorative."

"This mean-spirited stereotype should be as extinct as the dodo bird," read the letter from AFSCME President Gerald McEntee and Women's Rights Director Cathy Collette.

Secretaries in Western Massachusetts had a mixed reaction. Some shrugged off the teasing with good humor, while others bristled at the caricature.

"Secretaries are in a profession that's been trying to enhance its image for years," said Cynthia Lively of Greenfield, director of the

Another request - much like quite a few others of late. This one from Dennis Foley, a nephew of our deceased buddy, EVERETT J. PAULSON. Everett served as a rifleman in Co.B, 21st Inf. in New Guinea and Philippines in '44-'45. Was wounded at Mintal, Mindanao on May 2, 1945. Died 1957. Newpew, Dennis Foley, desirous of hearing from anyone who served with his uncle. Contact him at 1588 N.Hope, Reedley, CA 93654, Apt. 204. Tel. 209-638-2672. Dennis is also interested in purchasing a copy of "A Regiment in Action". Call him collect.

WANTS TO HEAR FROM BUDDIES!

ALLAN K. SYVERSON
24th Sig.Co. '42-'45
1322 N.William
Stillwater MN 55082

Beetle Bailey's in trouble again

northeastern district of Professional Secretaries International.

She called the depiction of Miss Buxley "a step backward."

The character is especially inappropriate at a time when secretaries are busier than ever, she said.

"In this time, when companies are downsizing and many middle managers are being eliminated, somebody still has to do the work. A lot of that work is being done by secretaries," she said.

Lively, who has been a secretary for 28 years, is offended by the stereotype of the secretary who is "not intelligent and not educated."

"It's unfortunate for any profession to be picked on," she said. "And women in particular have had a hard time moving up the ladder."

Polishing nails

The particular strip that ticked off the AFSCME showed Miss Buxley trimming and polishing her nails.

In real life, "you couldn't get away with that," said secretary Cathy Belisle of Holyoke.

Polishing fingernails? "I'm usually BREAKING my fingernails," said Jane Miner of Springfield, who has been a secretary for 13 years. "On files, on boxes, on everything else."

"The secretaries I know are very competent, never ditsy," said Shirley Dupre of Springfield, a 12-year veteran of the secretarial field.

Dupre said the revolution in office technology has made secretaries' jobs especially challenging. "They have to know how to use computers, word processors, memory typewriters, how to service Xerox machines," she said.

They also "have to be very sensitive to the way the office works. People come in with problems and they have to channel them."

Dupre said that in general the

concept of the "private" secretary who is responsible to one boss is outdated. At the college where she works, she deals not only with her department head, but also with 10 professors and with two work-study students to whom she delegates work when she is overloaded.

"A secretary is not allowed to be idle at all," said Dupre.

"A secretary has to juggle many tasks at one time," said Miner. "We're constantly prioritizing."

Out of touch

Secretary Kelly Higgins of Northampton said cartoonist Walker is just plain out of touch with the way today's offices are run.

"I'd never get mad enough to write him a letter," she said. "I don't think he really knows, and I think people realize that."

Another secretary expressed the opinion that "the comic strip takes place in the 1940s. It's not about modern times."

Higgins said that in her own job she is treated as a professional—but admits that "our profession takes the brunt of those kinds of jokes more than any other."

Being a female-dominated profession "probably has a lot to do with it," she said.

"Now we're turning it around," she said. "We're taken more seriously."

Sharon Broughlan of Millers

Falls said that when the subject of Miss Buxley came up at a recent meeting of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Professional Secretaries International, most of the secretaries looked at the lighter side of the comic strip.

"I don't think anybody took offense," said Broughlan, who is president of the Pioneer Valley Chapter.

Among the comments at the meeting: "We should be able to laugh at ourselves."

Cartoonist Walker, who has been drawing Beetle Bailey for more than 40 years, said he was surprised at the response generated by that single strip of Miss Buxley doing her nails.

"I got a lot of letters from secretaries saying they don't do their nails," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Stamford, Conn. "And I got a lot of letters from women who say they do their nails at their desks all the time."

He said secretaries shouldn't feel that he is singling them out for criticism.

"I treat EVERYBODY shabbily," he said, pointing out that the general in the comic strip is often portrayed sneaking a drink at his desk or taking off to play golf.

Walker says his philosophy of humor is: "Man's failure makes people laugh."

"If Beetle were handsome and hard-working, there wouldn't be a joke there," says Walker.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. (MARRIOTT) THAT IS.....

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HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Institute of Land Warfare, a part of AUSA, released a publication on "Personal Perspectives on the Gulf War". One of the contributors was our own Maj. Kim Stenson of the 7th Inf. Here's how it looked to him:

COTTONBALERS, BY GOD

by MAJ Kim Stenson, USA
Ops Ofcr, 2nd Bn, 7th Inf, 24th ID (Mech)

The Seventh Infantry Regiment has a long and distinguished history dating back to the War of 1812, when it acquired the nickname "Cottonbalers" as a result of defending behind cottonbales at the Battle of New Orleans, fought after the war had ended. The Seventh has participated in 77 campaigns, the most recent being the Persian Gulf War. What follows is the story of the Second Battalion during that campaign.

Early February 1991 - TAA/Border Operations. Task Force (TF) 2-7 began combat operations located in a tactical assembly area (TAA) in the vicinity of Nisab, a very small, abandoned town located on the Saudi-Iraqi border, on the western edge of the neutral zone. Primary threat appeared to be chemical. Therefore, M8 chemical alarms were operational and personnel were at MOPP 1 (mission oriented protection posture). To reduce electronic signature, only limited FM transmissions were authorized. Sleeping areas throughout the assembly area were also banned.

For the next few days, TF 2-7 remained in the TAA and continued to prepare for combat, including issuing orders and conducting rehearsals. During this period TF 2-7 was also assigned a sector along the border to screen.

TF 2-7 was equipped with M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles (BFVs), a company of M1A2 Abrams tanks, and M901A2 Improved Tow Vehicles. The scout platoon was composed of a Bradley section and six HMMWVs (high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles).

23 February 1991. Charlie Company, commanded by CPT Rick Averna and supported by the scouts, conducted a cross-border operation on 23 February. The company mission was to reconnoiter a suspected Iraqi signal intelligence site and determine whether the Iraqis had a working intelligence source in the area. Charlie conducted a company movement to contact and discovered the site apparently had been hit by an airstrike and abandoned for some time. However, some Iraqi signal equipment, still in good condition, was seized and brought back for analysis. One platoon remained to secure the site and the remainder of the company withdrew back across the border. Later that day, Bravo Company, along with the forward aid station (jump aid), proceeded across the border, linked up with the Charlie platoon, and occupied a forward defensive position.

24 February 1991. TF 2-7 was scheduled to begin the attack 25 February, but at 1000 on the 24th the movement time was pushed up. At noon, the TF began its move across the Iraqi border and assembled in final movement formation on the other side. Wind speed began to increase significantly and visibility was extremely poor and remained so throughout the remainder of the day.

Initial TF mission was to seize Objective RED2, a suspected enemy dismounted infantry position over 200km northeast of Nisab. Once RED2 was secure, TF 2-7 would occupy it as a part of a brigade-sized battle position, OBJ RED, and defend to the north and east. While the enemy situation was not clear, two Republican Guard Divisions, Tawakalna and Medina, could possibly interdict within 12 hours.

At 1500 TF 2-7 began movement with personnel in MOPP 2. Movement continued without incident and a refueling was conducted at 2000. We were now almost 100km inside Iraq.

25 February 1991. After halting again to refuel around 1100 TF 2-7 continued its movement to contact in zone. Weather was cold and a driving rain started to fall at dusk.

Bravo Company was the first to report dismounted activity near their objective. By using thermal sights, Bravo determined that the dismounted personnel were Bedouins camped near the area and were mostly children. However, Iraqi soldiers were soon discovered to also be occupying the objective. Initially, they attempted to avoid capture, but were rapidly surrounded and taken prisoner. No shots were fired and enemy prisoners of war (EPWs) continued to be taken throughout the remainder of the night and the next morning. Cold, hungry, some without shoes, with very few weapons and less ammunition, and little leadership, this element of the Iraqi 31st Infantry Division was certainly not a formidable force. Many were afraid they would be killed, and a large number deserted three days before we arrived. Iraqi EPWs were provided with food and water and TF medics under the TF surgeon and medical platoon leader. Objective RED2 was secured at 2147.

26 February 1991. TF 2-7 continued its move through the Southern Desert in the worst wind storm experienced throughout our stay in the Middle East. To compensate for the poor visibility the TF closed up tight with only a few meters between elements. The ultimate objective for the day was to seize a brigade battle position astride Highway 8, a modern four-lane superhighway and the main line of communication between Kuwait and Baghdad. With VII Corps on the attack, we expected the Republican Guard Forces Corps (RGFC) to retreat to Baghdad and would be directly in their line of retreat.

Late in the afternoon visibility increased significantly and at approximately 1600, TF 2-7 was taken under mortar fire. Some vehicles were hit with mortar fragments, but the fire did not appear to be adjusted, and no casualties or significant damage resulted. Charlie Company engaged an enemy dismounted

element, killing three, wounding four, and capturing 12. TF medics treated the wounded Iraqis. Limited refueling operations were conducted. Sporadic mortar fire continued.

After setting up a screen line just south of Highway 8, scouts observed numerous dismounted Iraqis to the north, but did not engage as TF 3-7 elements were working in the area. At dark they swung to the west and cleared a nearby artillery battery. The pieces were oriented to the south in a direct fire mode. Shortly thereafter scouts engaged dismounted troops 1,800 meters to the west with MK-19s (automatic grenade launchers), but battle damage was not determined.

At 1900 TF 2-7 seized its objective and upon reaching Highway 8 wheeled to the east. TF 2-7 overran the dug-in 3rd Iraqi Command Brigade, destroyed numerous vehicles, and cleared countless bunkers. Nearly all enemy vehicles, to include wheeled vehicles, were positioned in revetments. Most Iraqis had recently abandoned their positions, but an unknown number of dismounted infantry were also engaged. Many were wounded and treated by TF medics. TF 2-7 halted for the night at 2100 in a line formation. We were now 300km southeast of Baghdad and 110km west of Basra.

27 February 1991. At daylight it was discovered the Iraqis had built berm systems around Highway 8; they appeared to be most prevalent around interchanges. Berms were three to four meters high and five to eight meters wide and, in some cases, had a three- to six-foot ditch inside the berm. They were not a significant obstacle and did not appear to be part of a specific defensive scheme, but were annoying and trying to find a way out was time-consuming. Due to the proximity of the Euphrates River, the berms may have been part of a flood control plan.

TF 2-7 refueled around 0600 and continued movement to contact east in the direction of Basra under cloudy skies. TF 2-7 continued to engage Iraqis retreating along Highway 8 and overran numerous Iraqi positions adjacent to the highway, belonging to the Al Faw Division of the RGFC. TF 2-7 halted about 10km northeast of Jalibah Airfield, set in a hasty defense, and conducted resupply operations.

including ammunition redistribution. Scouts moved forward three to four kilometers and set up screen along the TF front. Here they cleared approximately 40 bunkers and captured 200 Iraqis. Engineers were brought forward to destroy a large cache of Jordanian ammunition. Iraqi retreat did not appear to be organized and consisted of small groups of vehicles and personnel.

TF 2-7 halted at 1700 about 60km west of Basra and established a hasty defense. Located within the TF defensive area were numerous ammunition and personnel bunkers, and clearing operations were begun. Retreating Iraqis continued to attempt to travel west along Highway 8. Warning shots were first fired at the enemy vehicles, which were destroyed only if they returned fire or did not surrender. A temporary EPW holding area was established adjacent to Highway 8 and numerous wounded Iraqis were treated by TF medics. That evening TF position was taken under mortar fire. Counterbattery fire silenced the mortar attack. Charlie Company also established a hasty protective minefield on Highway 8.

28 February 1991. TF 2-7 prepared to continue the attack in the direction of Basra scheduled for 0500. At 0400 orders were received announcing a cease-fire effective at 0800, but the planned artillery barrage was to be executed. Shortly after the cease-fire announcement was transmitted, a display of artillery and MLRS (multiple launch rocket system) lit up the sky. Enemy artillery fire occurred sporadically throughout the morning, but was quickly silenced by counterbattery fire.

Bunker clearing operations continued in sector and engineers dug in TF combat vehicles. Large numbers of Iraqi prisoners continued to be captured. Some simply surrendered and a few attempted to fight their way through. TF medics continued to treat wounded Iraqis.

To eliminate needless bloodshed, Charlie Company improvised a trap along Highway 8. An element set up on the road itself acted as a roadblock. Several hundred meters east of the roadblock, on either side of the highway, two BFs were concealed in hide positions. Iraqis traveling down the road observed the road block and, before they could react, the two BFs

emerged from their hide positions and surrounded the helpless Iraqis.

1 March 1991. Shortly after midnight, two buses loaded with Iraqi soldiers were stopped at the Bravo roadblock along the secondary road. As Bravo soldiers approached the two vehicles, they were fired on by the Iraqis, and immediately returned fire. Seven Iraqis were killed and six wounded.

To establish a more coherent defense and improve the overall security posture, TF 2-7 was ordered to reposition to the east and at noon began to clear and destroy bunkers in sector, including a large logistics center later determined to belong to the Al Faw Division of the Republican Guard Forces Corps.

2 March 1991. Just after daylight, Delta Company observed approximately 15 T-72 tanks and 20 BMPs (Soviet-made armored personnel carriers) heading north on the highway network leading out of Rumayyah cantonment area. They were heading north to cross the last remaining bridge across the Euphrates. TF 2-7 moved forward 5km and occupied more advantageous defensive positions facing to the east. As the TF moved, it was quickly determined the area was a large *sebkha*, or desert marsh, and tank traffic was too heavy for the terrain. As a result, six of the 14 tanks became mired. Two M88s under the direction of the battalion maintenance officer were dispatched immediately and began recovery operations. Compounding the trafficability problem was the Baghdad-Basra railroad running east to west along the southern edge of our position and above-ground oil pipelines. On the positive side, visibility was excellent and the Iraqi column, now bumper to bumper and several kilometers long, loomed clearly in the distance.


TF 2-7 continued to observe the enemy column 2,500 meters away and made preparations to engage if attacked. At 0700 Charlie Company was engaged. TF 2-7 requested, and was given, permission to begin a general engagement with all TF elements (including indirect fire support) engaging the Iraqi formation. The Iraqi column was immediately suppressed and became decisively engaged. Artillery fire was very effective. Simultaneous to the TF 2-7 firefight, attack helicopters engaged the column several kilometers to the north. A cease-fire was ordered; at least 40

armored vehicles had been destroyed, including T-72s with their turrets now lying next to their chassis. TF 2-7 maintained its position and at 1100 TF 4-64 conducted a counterattack from the south and completed the destruction of the column, now identified as a composite brigade made up of remnants of the Hammurabi Division of the RGFC. When the engagement was finally over, 187 armored vehicles, 37 artillery pieces, nine MLRS, seven FROGs (unguided rockets), and nearly 400 trucks/wheel vehicles were either destroyed or captured.

TF 2-7 was ordered to occupy the Rumalyah cantonment area and moved at 1500. Clearing operations had just begun when orders were received to pull back west and occupy a new assembly area. Rumalyah, fought two days after the cease-fire, marked the completion of TF 2-7 combat operations for the campaign.

Overall, TF 2-7 was very successful during its most recent campaign. We won, and very importantly, suffered very few serious casualties. Success sprang from several sources. First, the TF returned from a National Training Center (NTC) rotation just prior to deploying to Saudi Arabia. NTC, the best training experience in today's Army, ensured our soldiers and leaders were prepared. Secondly, TF 2-7 lived and trained in the desert for almost six months before the campaign began. We knew the desert better than many Arabs. Also, TF 2-7 achieved a high level of maintenance, enabling us to conduct operations over hundreds of kilometers. In addition, we had confidence in ourselves and our equipment. Finally, TF 2-7, along with the rest of the 24th Infantry Division, struck deep into the enemy rear and completely unhinged both the Iraqi command and control system as well as their will to fight. Collectively, these five factors added up to success.





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This is an advertising piece, we acknowledge. But we just wanted you to know that "Nevinco" is, in reality, our very own Col. NEVIN R. WILLIAMS of the same address.



"This short cut is a little rugged but I hate to waste time getting there!"

CHICAGO MEN HELP STEAL HILL, SURPRISE JAPS

Wade Chin Deep Swamp, Go on Knees to Peak.

BY ARTHUR VEYSEY.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

ATOP HILL 522, LEYTE ISLAND,
Oct. 22 [Delayed].—This is the story



Clarence Schumacher.

of Pvt. Clarence Schumacher, 4919 Northwest highway, Chicago, and since he tells it best, here are his words:

"We stole this hill, and it's mighty lucky we did. If we hadn't slipped thru the Japs on the beach that first day and climbed up one side of this hill before the Japs climbed up the other we undoubtedly would still be fighting for it.

"We beat the Japs to the top by only a few minutes and dropped into an elaborate trench, pillbox, and tunnel system. Just below the edge of each ridge the Japs had dug a trench. Every 20 feet or so cross-trenches ran across the ridge leading into pillboxes on the seaward face. Near the peak were positions for big guns.

Deep Caves at Crest.

"Deep, reinforced caves honey-combed the crest. Never in the southwest Pacific had our troops found such a perfect defense system.

"The Filipinos tell us the Japs had worked virtually all of the men and boys of the town of Palo as slaves for the last two months, digging and hauling. The hill was studded with platforms built of coconut logs seven layers deep onto which guns were to be run out from excavations.

"At the peak was a command post with concrete roofing two feet thick. At the back base of the hill was a supply cave so large that Jap cavalrymen defending the hill stabled their horses in it.

"The hill is so steep the Japs had dug stairs into the rear. We had to come up its face virtually on our hands and knees. Our four companies lost some men even before we hit the beach when shells hit their barges. And on the beach we were pinned down.

Thru Swamp Up to China.

"The two men next to me were killed. Our commander, Lt. Col. Fred Ciprath of Sheboygan, Wis., ordered three companies to slip around the right flank of the Japs' beach defenses. We had to go thru swamps up to our chins but we made it. The swamp was so bad we got thru without being shot at; the Japs thought nobody would try to cross it.

"The base of the hill is about a mile inland. Moving fast we carried only canteens, ammunition, and guns. I had a tommy gun.

"As we neared the top of the hill just before dusk two machine guns opened up. We lost seven men, one dead.

"Lt. Dallas Dick of B company took over when his captain was killed in a landing barge. When we were pinned down on the beach a bullet hit the lieutenant's helmet and glanced back tearing his shirt.

Then on the top of the hill a bullet went thru his pants leg, another put a hole in a record book he carried, and still another hit his carbine.

Japs Get a Surprise.

"After knocking out the two machine guns at the top we looked down the rear side—right into the faces of surprised Japs. We knocked off 50 or 100 and the rest ran.

"But we were surrounded by Japs. For two days and two nights we sat here, and only this afternoon did we manage to bring in supplies and get our wounded down.

"The first night the Japs tried to come back up the rear and on the second day we had to clean them off again. We discovered that a tunnel ran from the summit almost to the base and they kept slipping up thru it until we closed it. The second night some Japs from the beach started up the face, thinking their men were still here. Those are their bodies down there.

Win Children's Thanks.

"On the second day we watched while our buddies went into Palo, right at our feet. When children fell down before our troops as a token of their thanks, James Barker, 6254 S. Racine av., said that made

up for all the hardships.

"Today the Japs laid down a barrage and it killed three men and hurt some more.

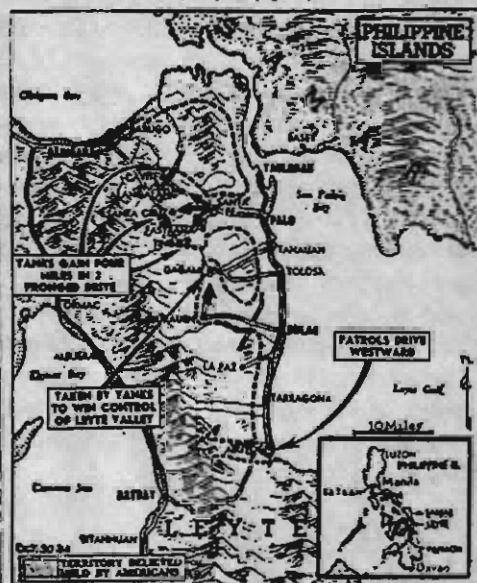
"Some of the other Chicagoans atop the hill are Charles Chapin, 650 W. 8th st.; Herman Pritzler, 1924 Crystal st.; Ted Nieswinski, 5727 Agatite av.; Robert Poe, 8347 Oglesby av.; Donald Price, 501 Sheridan rd., and Casimir Rasimas, 3700 S. Emerald av.

"Our doctor, Capt. Robert Munch of Cook County hospital, Chicago, came up to help get the wounded down.

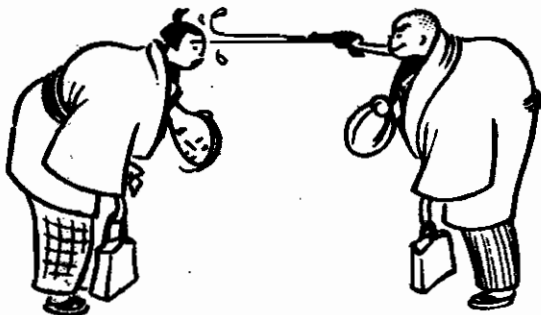
"Gordon Behrel, 843 Maple av., Downers Grove; Henry Petroucek, 4020 Anna st., Brookfield, and Arthur Kmiecik, 3121 Mount Vernon av., Milwaukee, also are on the hill."

Americans Control Leyte Valley

(Story on page 1.)



Latest developments reported in campaign on Leyte Island.



GAMBLING

Louisiana Bets on Riverboat Casinos

Following years of discussion and planning, Louisiana is finally introducing riverboat gambling. The state is betting that the 1990s version will be a major new draw for visitors. Following is a guide to the impending action.

New Orleans: •The 2,400-passenger *Queen of New Orleans* will be launched on the *Big Muddy* by summer. The 1990s-style riverboat, to be docked next to the New Orleans Hilton, will feature 1,400 slot machines, 60 gaming tables, and dining and entertainment.

•Lake Pontchartrain will have its own riverboat, an 18th-century paddle-wheeler called the *Star Casino*. At press time it was scheduled to begin operations in late 1993.

•New Orleans will have the one land-based casino allowed by the state's 1992 gaming act. The former Rivergate Conference Center will be transformed into the \$227 million Harrah's Jazz Casino by October. Early this year, the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium will be converted into a temporary casino.

Baton Rouge •The \$24 million *Casino Rouge*, to be launched this summer, will feature 800 slots and 40 gaming tables. It will be docked on the Mississippi north of the State Capitol.

•The *Catfish Queen* paddlewheeler,

also to be in operation by summer, will have a full complement of slots and gaming tables. *Catfish Town*, the old marketplace where it will dock, is being restored as an entertainment complex.

Shreveport/Bossier City:

•The Harrah's Casino riverboat is set to open on the Red River next month. The 1,200-passenger boat will have 700 slot/video machines and 40 gaming tables. Harrah's is also developing a dockside Victorian pavilion with a restaurant and shops.

•Also expected to open in February (with 1,800 gaming positions) is the 1,800-passenger Binion's World Famous Riverboat Casino. A dockside facility with three restaurants will be available to those who have paid the boarding fee.

•The 1,800-passenger *Isle of Capri* will carry 960 slots and 57 gaming tables. It will be part of a \$40 million entertainment complex set on 22 acres along the Red River in Bossier City.

Lake Charles

•The 1,900-passenger *Players Riverboat Casino*, debuting this month, features 805 slot and video poker machines and 45 gaming tables. The Players organization also plans to convert the 134-room *Downtowner Hotel* into the *Players Riverboat Hotel*.





*"If something is bothering you about our relationship,
Lorraine, why don't you just spell it out."*

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Recent call from Carolyn Farrell, 2188B Erie Ct., AAF Washington DC 20335. Her father, RUDOLPH BACA, 4720 Lillypad Pl., Mesilla Park NM 88047 has been trying "forever" to find JOHN W. JORGENSEN formerly of Flint MI. (John also had a father by the name of John.) Rudolph and John were 24th Sig. Germany '59-'61 at Will Kaserne. If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of JOHN W. JORGENSEN, will you please contact Carolyn Farrell, Collect 301-599-9416.

When worrying or painting a picture, know when to stop.

In which we call for help. We have information that Lt. OWEN J. GIBLIN was KIA on July 20, 1950. It is "believed" that his unit was the 34th. This comes to us from his son, Michael G. Ostermayer, of RR 2, Box 2238A, in Moscow PA 18444. His Ma Bell is 717-961-7351 in case Owen's name rings any kind of a bell. If anyone remembers Lt. Owen J. Giblin, will he please contact his son or your Editor? Thank you. Owen, by the way, is buried in Arlington.

Hang up on anyone who puts you on hold to take a "call waiting".



Hard as it was to lose LEW KEPLER (G 21 WW II) - and we were full of pain - we grieved, too, for good wife, Helen, who stood by her man for so many long, hard years and nursed his needs. She was - and is - a bright star in the firmament of our life with the Association.

in our What They're Saying series:

Name: Jack HARDIN
Address 6083 TIVERTON Sq. W.
Columbus Ohio 43229 Zip
Unit 24th MPC-1st Inf. Platoon Years 1951-52
Wife's name AYLNE
Tell us about yourself! RETIRED from
METRO PARK DISTRICT (Cals + Franklin
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PARK MANAGER + POLICE OFFICER. ENJOYED
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Name: LEON J. SELONKE
Address W1869 HWY 8
HAWKINS, WISCONSIN Zip 54530
Unit E CO, 21st Regiment Years 3 years 2 months
Wife's name FLORENCE 1 year in the 24th
Tell us about yourself! I am a semi-retired farmer with
just some beef cattle instead of milk cows. Have been
married more than 39 years and have three children.
I like to trap, hunt, snowmobile, and do a lot of
reading, especially military history.



Wonderful report from
JOHNNY RAGLAND over at 6321
Gonzales, Groves TX: "Last year
in Savannah met an old friend from
D 21st. It had been about 47
years and was quite emotional.
He was MILTON EAGER from Newburgh
NY.

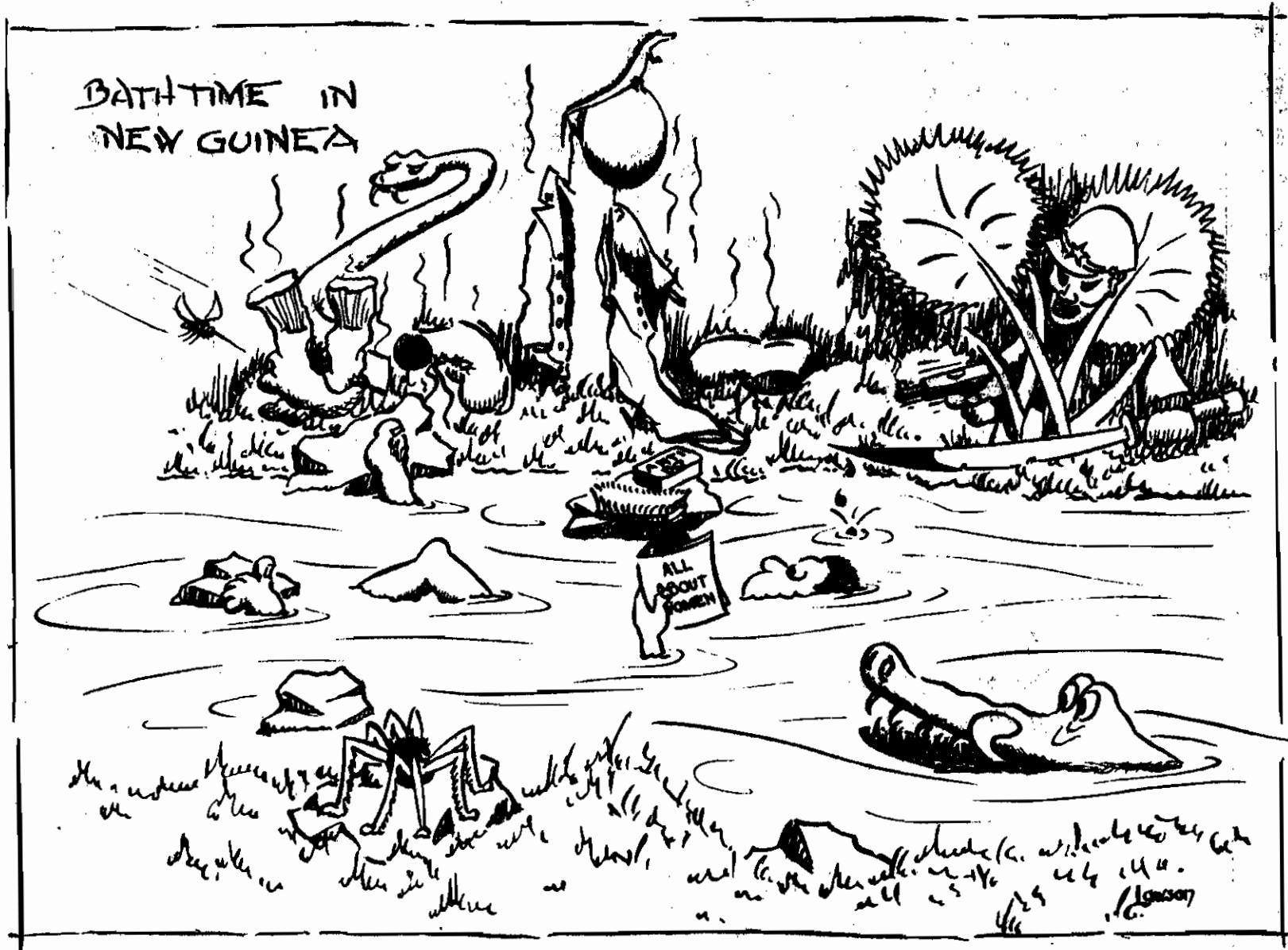
"Now a few weeks back, the
doorbell rings and there stands
another old buddy from D 21st.
For a fleeting second I was
19 years old again as I did
recognize my old friend,
CLARENCE RALPH, from Fisher IL.
We called it a wonderful report.
It's the kind of report which
makes our job worthwhile.

"Just like in the service, Al. We do all the work and the jackasses
get the stripes!!"

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In the '44 days, the late Col. DICK LAWSON, the Div.G-2, would enclose some of his artwork in letters home to the family. Great detail in this one. Study it carefully. Surprise yourself at what pops out at you. Poor Dick would have made a terrific cartoonist.

BATH TIME IN NEW GUINEA



MORE THAN *just* WORDS

30 from the 110th QM Co., 15 from the 205th QM Team, and 7 from Division Support Command returned to Hunter from Somalia on Dec. 15th. They had gone over in late October.

The returnees were formally welcomed back with music from the 24th Infantry Division Band and a short address by Col. Rodney L. Watson, Commander of the 24th Corps Support Group. Watson complimented them on their mission accomplishment and spoke for the division commander when he gave them a heartfelt welcome home.

There are still about 1,100 soldiers of the Victory Division providing armored security for forces in Somalia. President Bill Clinton has pledged to have all soldiers participating in Somali relief operations withdrawn by March 31. There's no word yet on when the next group of Fort Stewart/Hunter soldiers will be making the return trip home.

Yes, we are still totally opposed to capital punishment... except for meter maids.

We would appreciate payment for dues for year Aug. 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994. We don't send notices. This helps us keep our costs down and ultimately a savings to you, our members.

THE STORY OTHER TABLOIDS WON'T TELL!

V.R. CHAMBERS (B 3rd Eng. '42-'45), of 111 E. 3rd, Lancaster TX, shares with us the happy fact that his son and daughter and their families Xmas gifted him in a different way last year. They paid for bricks in the new museum project at Stewart. Wonderful surprise! You, too, can buy a brick. Simply write Theo McDonald at the Victory Museum Foundation, Inc., Box 2424, Hinesville GA 31313. V.R.'s full name is VIVIAN RAY CHAMBERS. Sayeth he, "You'll not believe the troubles I've had in my lifetime." We know; we empathize.



KEEP SMILING!

Everyone ought to have a logo. Here's RENO GASPARD's. He's Lifer #1262 (3rd Eng. & 24th Recn. 8/50-9/51). Hangs out at Box 169, Orangefield TX.

Good article on Kyushu in the January National Geographic.

Anyone out there know how a FAX machine works?

The editor used
this in a pinch,
He needed exactly
Another inch!

**GET THE
WRITE IDEA**

Why not a letter and send it in. We'll use some of them in Taro Leaf; the others we'll post on bulletin boards at New Orleans:





PATRICK

WAYNE L. BARTER (E 724th Maint. 7/67 - 7/69), PO Box 24, Isle Au Haut ME 04645, would like to hear from anyone who served in E 724th Maint. from '67 - '69 in Munich and Augsburg Germany - (Henry and Sheridan Kasernes).

EARL V. BRIDWELL (H 19th '38-'42) and Alice are at 5611 Bar S St., Tucson AZ 85713. Earl has been in a wheel chair for 7 years but thankful that he can still drive his van and get out some.

Sends warm wishes to all.



PATRICK



"Now don't go gettin' any ideas—the good lookin' one is my date."



"Something big must be coming up; I haven't heard a rumor in three days."



During Basic Training, the photo shop returned to the 1st Sgt. a roll of film with an extra negative enclosed by mistake. It was a snapshot of such a lovely blonde, however, that he couldn't bring himself to send it back. Instead, he had 16 enlarged prints made so that each man in the barracks could display his unknown pin-up in his foot locker.

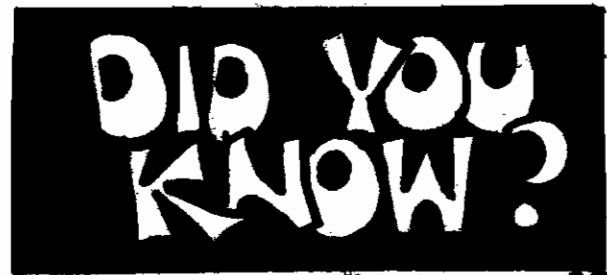
At the next inspection, the inspecting officer soon lost interest in everything except the blonde who graced each open locker. When he'd reached the door again, he said, "In view of this room's good taste, it would be disloyal of me to rate it as anything less than superior. But I would be obliged to anyone who can explain how you all happen to know my wife!"

Think of this - CARSTEN D. CARLSON (B 19th '37-'39) of 1502 S. Highland, Tacoma WA retired as a LTC - and has two sons - Carsten, a retired LTC and Sam, a retired MSG. Thanx BILL ROSEBORO for bringing CARSTEN into the fold.

George Bernard Shaw once was asked, "Do you realize that 'sumac' and 'sugar' are the only two words in our language that begin with 's-u' that are pronounced 'ahu'?" GBS, with a twinkle in his eye, replied "Sure".



Cryptic note from KEN MCNABB (Hq. & Hq. Co. L 34th '46-'48) in paying his dues from RR 3, Box 205, Oblong IL 62449: "As TV was showing our men leaving Hunter, I remembered my dues. A hell of a reminder."

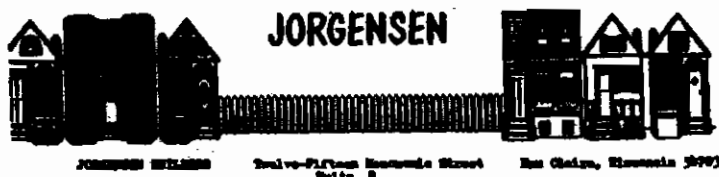


Let's toss this one out - and start the mail coming. Deploy the US Army along the Mexican border and allow not one more Mexican to cross that line. The US Army is designed to fight wars - and this is war!

**Hold this issue up to a mirror to
see an important message!**

**WOW WENE
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE!**

JACK JORGENSEN (Div.Hq. 8/44-1/46) The Builder, Builder, uses this for the logo on his stationery and we love it -



Jack, by the way, has moved to 3619 Country Club Lane, Altoona WI 54720.

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

He is especially looking for Lt. DYKSTRA (24th Sig.) Thinks his first name was Larry. Can anyone help?



This gets a bit complicated - but please stay with us.

A LeRoy Gresgo called from Irvington TX, FAX 214-917-1322. His wife's uncle is an old F 19th man - MELVIN A. NATION. Mel was a Chick from 4/40 to 2/45 - hailed from Iowa. Anyway, LeRoy is trying to locate anyone who may remember old Mel. Drop ye Editor a line, please, if we've rung a bell. Thanx.



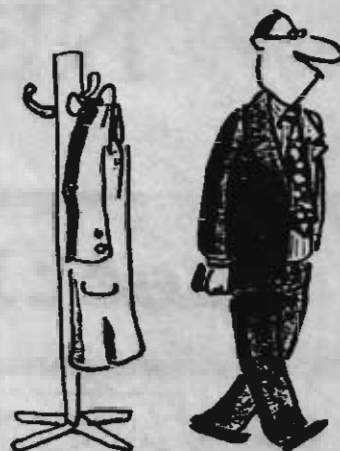
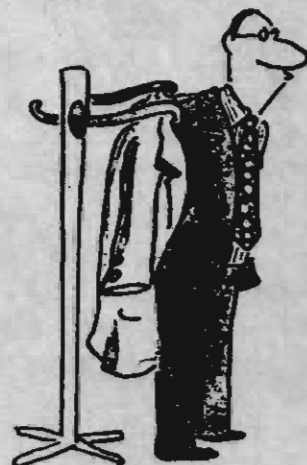
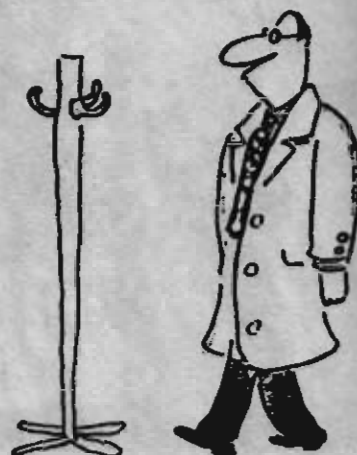
"B" BTRY, 11th FA-WWII: Gettysburg PA, 14-18 Sept 1993. 19 of 37 known Vets attended (15 with their wives) and 16 of the Vets are Pearl Harbor Survivors. BERNIS (IA), BYRD (AL), BYRD (PA), CARMACK (TX), CASEY (RI), CHEEK (NC), CHILCOTE (MO), DICE (MI), FOWLER (PA), HERNDON (MO), JUNI (CA), KING (RI), LEWIS (MD), MARONE (NY), SANTANGELO (FL), SNYDER (CA), SPACCAMONTI (CO), STAUFF (CA) & WAGNER (NE). 3 of these Vets are US Army Retired and were in the Korean War & Viet Nam.

NEW ORLEANS

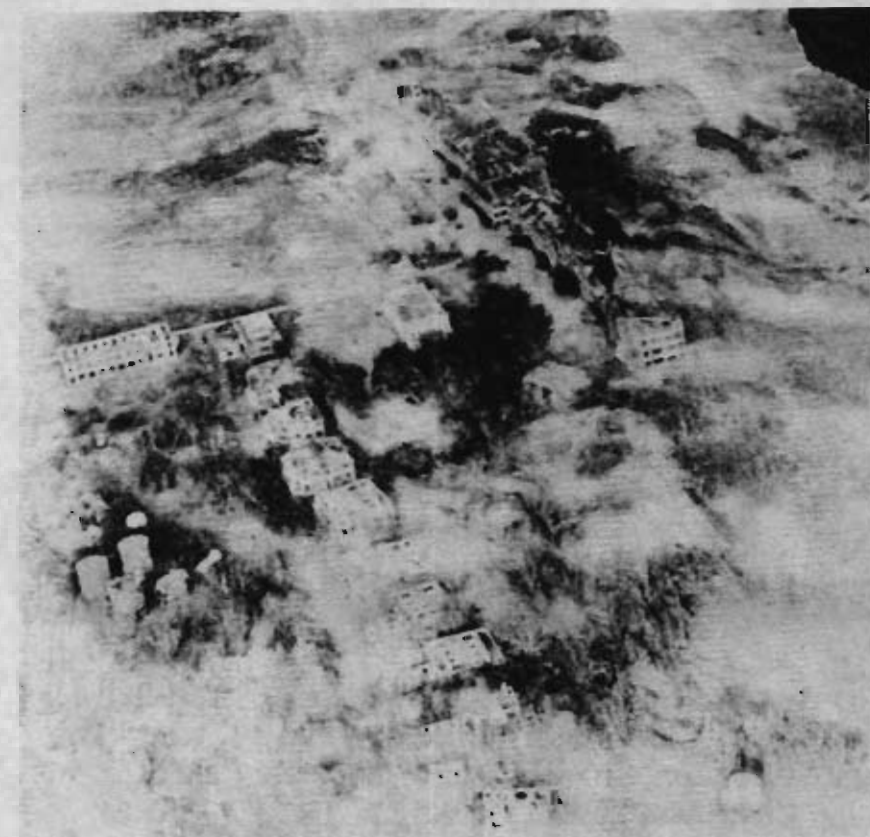
Beetle Bailey *By Mort Walker*



Helping Hand



LEVIN



Comes this from Dr. PHILIP HOSTETTER. The letter says it all: "This picture of the bombed-out installations at Corregidor means a great deal to a veteran who carried it to Colorado Springs.

"The photo had deteriorated by being folded in thirds and carried apparently for many years. I photographed it, then restored it with black and white paints and a small brush. This is a new skill I am trying to learn.

"I have lost the name and address of that 'Chick'. If he contacts me, I will send him a print.

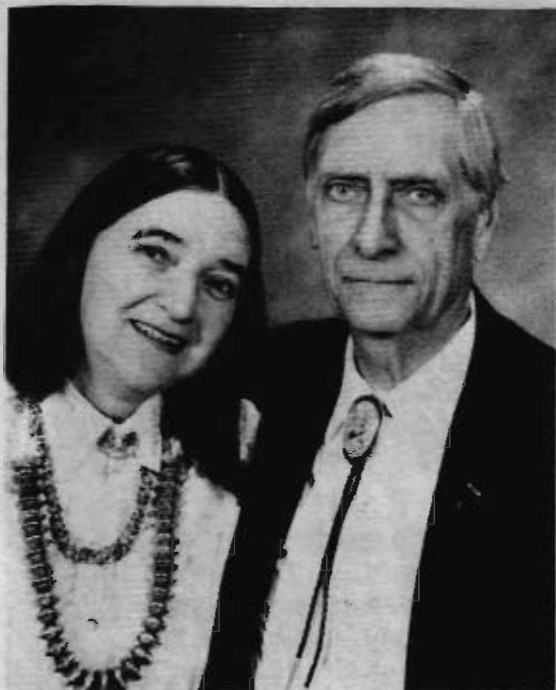
Phil's at 2045 Jay, Manhattan KS 66502.

"The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three, he was a genius."

Sid Caesar.

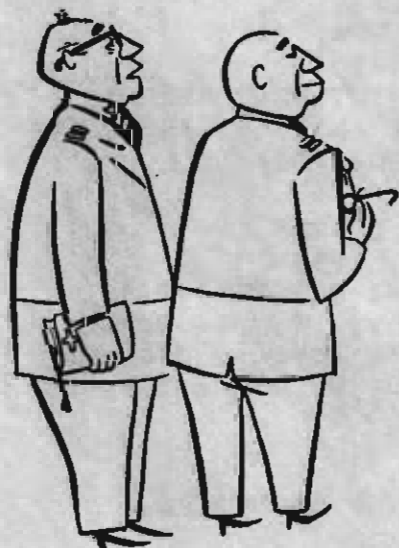
"Now they've come out with a new low-calorie Spam, called Spam Lite. But let me tell you, if you're eating Spam on a regular basis, I don't think calories are your biggest problem."

JAY LENO



"Dutch" and Margo - at the end of our 3 day - 4 day jamboree. A great team. Some wit has suggested making them permanent convention chairs. Anyone never having run one may not know that it's one h--- of a job. Gratias tibi ago, etiam etque etiam.

Being an editor is much like being married to a nymphomaniac. Every time you think you're through, you have to start all over again.



"I wasn't that good, was I?"

BOB GICKER (Div.Fin.Off.'43-'45) writing from 2444 Onsrud, Santa Rose CA, hearkened back to the Broadmoor and Colorado Springs in Nov. of '45 where he and Rose Mary honeymooned. He adds: "How Rose Mary and I met is a rare fickle finger of fate story. We met on a train. The third time I saw her we got married after having seen her in person for a total of about six hours. In case you are wondering, our first kid was born three years later. It also involves my service furlough, troop ship diversions, last minute train changes, etc. It hasn't been a case of marriage in haste, repent in leisure!"

Does Rose Mary know you're telling us this?

A "registration fee" is assessed at each convention. It is not the "equivalent of" or "substitution for" association dues.

Because of confusion that arises, dues are NOT collected at conventions.

Defense Dept. blew away \$1.3 million for a study commissioned by Secy.Aspin last April. The independent study group was the Rand Corp. The question under study - gays in the military. The study cost we taxpayers \$1.3 million. No comment.



TAPS

For Comrades-In-Arms Who Are No Longer With Us

MARION E. WHISLER
died August 10, 1985
was L 19th '44-'46
was brother of JOHN G. WHISLER
(HQ 724th 7/47-11/49)
2191 E. 89th Av., Denver CO
80229

MICHAEL J. TINO
died May 28, 1994
was 24th Sig. '41-'44
His widow, Muriel, is at
110 Cottage St., Jersey City
NJ 07306

JAMES L. WRIGHT
died March 17, 1994
was E 19th '43-'45
His widow, Carrie, at
184 Price St., Pea Ridge AR
72751.

JOHN P. LEAHY
died May 27, 1994
was K, Svc.Co., H, K, XO 1st Bn.
21st '42-11/44
His widow, Jean, 308 Zada Ln.,
Vista CA 92083
Reported by KERMIT BLANEY

OSCAR E. JUNKANS
died April 28, 1994
was 34th 8/44-12/45
His widow, Helen,
Rt. 1, Box 1651 Gull Lake,
Springbrook WI 54875.

GILBERT A. KNOX
died May 29, 1994
was 19th '47-'51
His widow, Karen, is
at 44 Greeley St., Hudson NH
03051

SAMUEL C. DILL
died January 1994
was B 21st '27-'44
Sam's last address known to us
was 840 Amherst Pl.,
Edwardsville IL 62025
Reported by FLOYD N. MAYHEW
(G 21st '37-'42)

DAVID B. LEIGH
died February 22, 1990
was 11th FA Schofield
Reported by Betty Leigh,
1191 NW 8th St. RD. 801 #9
Miami FL 33136

Lt.Col. ELMER J. GAINOK Ret.
died 1994
was L 21st '51
Widow, Martha "Marty",
4128 Greenwood Lane,
Aberdeen SD 57401

DARLIS FISHER
died May 23, 1994
was 21st SVC Co. '49-'51

ANDREW K. INOS
Korean War POW, 24th
died May 1994
Reported by WILBERT "Shorty"
ESTABROOK (B 19th 6/48-7/50)
(POW 7/50-8/53)

MAURICE F. LEHMAN
died May 8, 1994
was 34th 1st Bn. 9/44-7/46
His daughters, Pamela Hurst
and Maureen Powers, c/o
PO Box 110, Ft. Wayne IN 46801-
0110

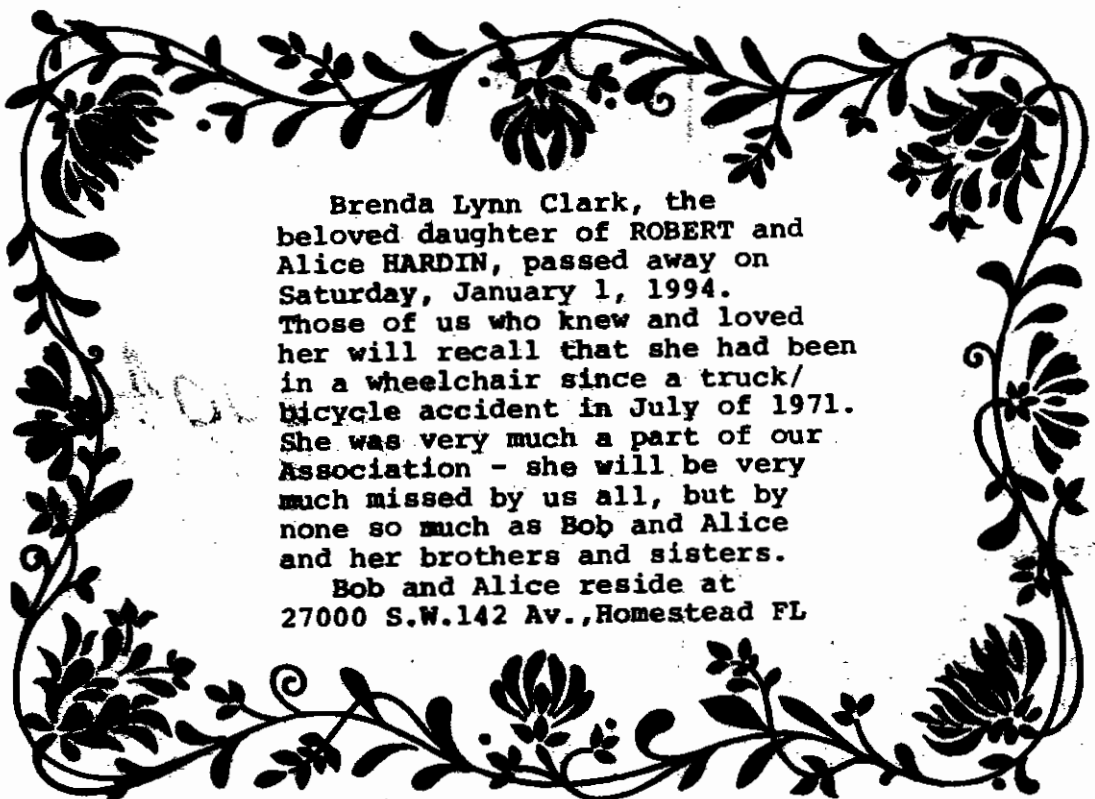
Col. DONALD W. MCCONNELL
died May 18, 1994
was 24th Div. Art '45-'49
His widow, Mary Jo, at
1101 NW Beacontree Dr.,
Lawton OK 73505

ROBERT T. ROBINSON
died August 31, 1993
was E Sv. 34th '45-'46
Reported by Mrs. Richard K.
Robinson, 2454 Kingscross Dr.,
Shelby Township MI 48316.

MELVIN L. MYERS
died December 11, 1993
was G 19th 1/51-5/51
His widow, Betty, Box 213,
Modale IA 51556
Reported by William Roseboro

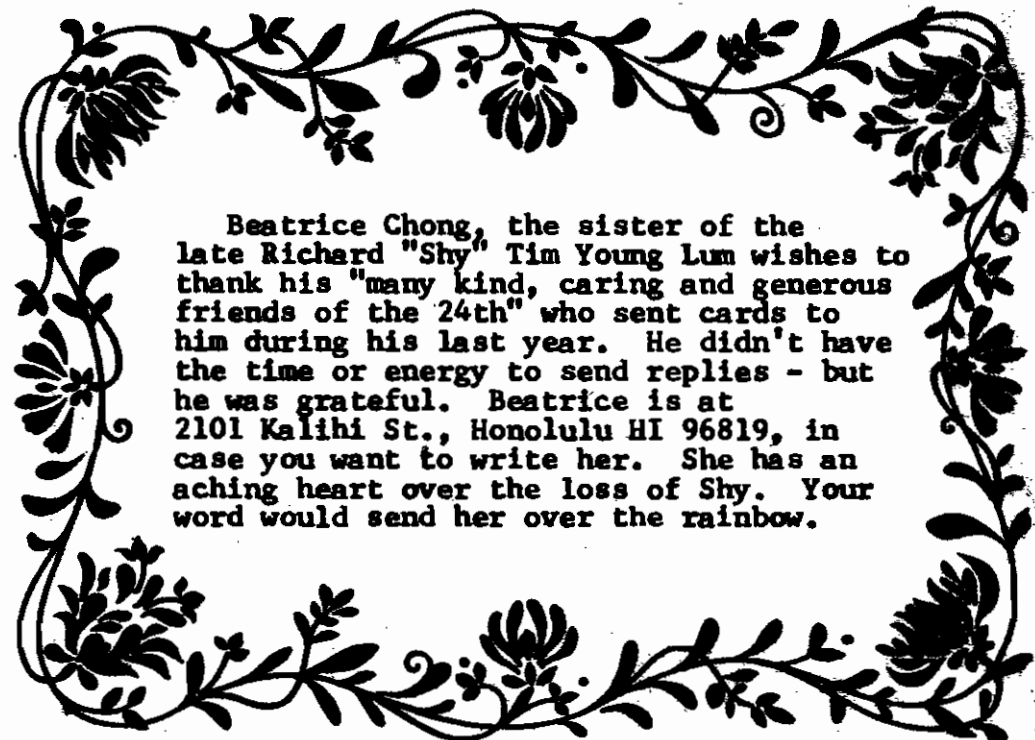
GLENN YOUNG
died Summer 1993
was 21st '38-'40
His widow, Ruby, at 1350 Oakland
Av., #132, San Jose CA 95112
Reported by EDWARD S. FARMER
(A, D & H 21st, 5/36-7/41 and
3/44-12/45)

REV. MSGR. CAJETAN J. TROY
died June 7, 1993
was Asst. Div. Chaplain
9/51-1/53 Korea and Japan
Reported by THOMAS C. BRODERICK
(B 24th Med. '42-'44)
565 Broadway, 6A, Hastings-on-
Hudson, NY 10706.



Brenda Lynn Clark, the beloved daughter of ROBERT and Alice HARDIN, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 1994. Those of us who knew and loved her will recall that she had been in a wheelchair since a truck/bicycle accident in July of 1971. She was very much a part of our Association - she will be very much missed by us all, but by none so much as Bob and Alice and her brothers and sisters.

Bob and Alice reside at
27000 S.W.142 Av., Homestead FL



Beatrice Chong, the sister of the late Richard "Shy" Tim Young Lum wishes to thank his "many kind, caring and generous friends of the 24th" who sent cards to him during his last year. He didn't have the time or energy to send replies - but he was grateful. Beatrice is at 2101 Kalihi St., Honolulu HI 96819, in case you want to write her. She has an aching heart over the loss of Shy. Your word would send her over the rainbow.

John P. Leahy

Oct. 3, 1925 - May 27, 1994

The 24th Infantry Division Association has lost another devoted member who was in the Division when it was actuated at Schofield in 1941. The ranks of the "Old Gimlets" are thinner by the passing of Lt.Col. JOHN P. LEAHY on May 27, 1994.

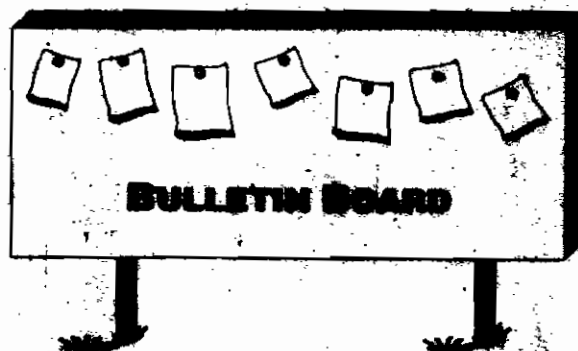
John served in the 21st Infantry from 1939 to 1944. He was "Jock" Clifford's XO at Hollandia, New Guinea and commanded the 1st Bn., 21st Inf. on Panoan and Leyte operations in the Philippines. John was Jock's right hand man keeping the 1st Bn. of the Gimlets "fine tuned" in Hawaii, Australia, Goodenough and Hollandia and the Philippines.

John's first love as a regular U.S. Army Officer was "His Gimlets".

He was my buddy; I shall miss him.

Col. KERMIT B. BLANEY





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We have a NEW 24th IDA hat made with a PATCH made especially for us similar to the PATCH made for the San Francisco Reunion. This PATCH has the 24th Div. Patch encircled with the lettering for 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, with all dates dropped. These Patches are sewed on Base Ball type hats and available in four Hat Colors, RED, GREEN, DARK BLUE, and WHITE \$ 10.00 each P.P.

We have another new item. HAT PINS (Replica Medals). These are well done and are listed below. Please order by number ONLY. The designs are similar and we want to deliver exactly what you want. We picked the medals we thought most of you would want. We may be able to get other when we re-order from our supplier. We can order in mixed lots, but have to order over 100 at a time.

These hat pins are only about an inch by about 3/4 of an inch and are made of metal. We can include them with other items and ship them Post Paid. We cannot ship them one pin at a time. We require a minimum of three pins \$ 43.00 each plus a Dollar Postage and packing if all you want are Hat Pins. Each additional HAT PIN same order are \$ 3.00 each. We hope that is clear and understandable.

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HP-927 Good Conduct Medal
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HP-957 National Def. Serv. Medal
HP-958 WW-II Victory Medal
HP-959 Silver Star Medal
HP-960 American Defense Medal

HP-963 Pacific Campaign Medal
HP-964 American Campaign Medal
HP-051 Army of Occupation Medal
HP-056 Meritorious Service Medal
HP-059 U.N. Service Medal
HP-234 Prisoner of War Medal
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HP-099 Korean Service Ribbon

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We have Unit Hats & Crests but not enough room to list everything.
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