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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

When I joined this organization in 1949, after the urging of my fellow buddy, Basil Donovan, little did I realize that some day, I would have the honor of being your President for this year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for placing your confidence and trust in me and hope to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors.

Right now, many changes are occurring within our group. First of all, "Dutch" Nelson has a challenging road ahead in replacing our hard-working Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Ross.

Secondly, we have a new Taro Leaf editor in Robert Lawhon and his assistants, Bill Hanson, Carl Gamel and Johnnv Rodriguez. They did a magnificent job with the first Taro Leaf they had published. Let's stand behind them and give them all the help they need.

Now we have to start thinking about 1995 and the future ahead. We need new blood and new ideas to keep this association moving. We would like to have more people become involved in the promotion of this group. Contact your fellow servicemen and encourage them to join us.

Bob Ender, our Reunion Coordinator, has worked hard to put together the plans for our 1995 reunion at the Stouffer Nashville Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, September 7th to Monday, September 12, 1995. Our chairman is Rodolph Mullins of Rocky Mount, Missouri. It is not too early to make plans to attend and bring a fellow 24th-er with you. Nashville is a lively musical town with many sights worth seeing.

As your President, I hope to take some of the load of correspondence off the shoulders of "Dutch" Nelson. If you have any suggestions to better our organization, please feel free to pass them on to me.

May God be generous in the blessings he bestows upon you and your loved ones.

Cordially,

*Vince*

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4 November 94

Mr. Kenwood Ross  
Editor, Taro Leaf  
120 Maple St.  
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Dear Kenwood;

*This is to advise you that the S. Korean government may not be as thankful of our services during the Korean War as one would think.*

*This is in reference to the article in which it is mentioned that Mr. Joon Chul Chang of the Korean War Vet. Assn. in Los Angeles, CA would send a medal to those of us who would apply for it.*

*On 9 August 94 a letter was sent, along with a copy of my DD 214 to Mr. Chang and requested the medal. This is now 4 November 94 and as yet have to receive the medal or even a reply to my request.*

*Do you know of any veteran that has been issued this medal after making the request?*

*I have not, nor will not make any further inquiry as to the medal. This letter is just for your information*

*Regards,*  
*John*

# THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

August 25, 1994

Twenty Fourth Infantry Division Association  
Mr. Kenwood Ross  
120 Maple Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Mr. Ross:

Please convey to the members of your organization the heartfelt thanks of this Commission, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and all Korean War Veterans and their families for their extremely generous \$439.75 donation to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund. Generosity and support such as yours have helped to ensure that this richly deserved but long overdue memorial is realized.

The tax deductible contribution has been placed in a special Trust Account with the U.S. Treasury and will be utilized solely for the purpose intended.


The Korean War Veterans Memorial is progressing satisfactorily. Installation of utilities and soil stabilization were completed in March of this year. The contractor is in the process of constructing the memorial. As of July 22, 1994, 27% of the overall construction has been completed. Construction should be completed in June of next year. Dedication of the memorial is scheduled for July 27, 1995, the 42d Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in Korea.

Individuals wishing to attend the dedication ceremony should write to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, ATTN: Mr. Robert Hansen, Executive Director, Main Interior Building, Room 7023, 18th & C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20240.

More detailed information concerning the current status of the memorial project may be found in the enclosed fact sheet.

Again, thank you for your support of the memorial project.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.  
Colonel, ADA  
Director of Operations  
and Finance



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*\* Photos of all KIA/MIA/POW's are needed now by the Advisory Board. The Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital will have a computerized data base honor role listing all KIA/MIA/POW's, their name, rank and serial number, home of record, unit served in, date of casualty, circumstances causing casualty AND a picture if one is available. Please send all photos to the above address.*

BUT we need help obtaining reproducible photos. Any one knowing of next of kin of KIA/MIA/POW from the Korean War who is willing to furnish photos to the Advisory Board would be most appreciated. Or perhaps you have a photo of a buddy who was killed in Korea that you would be willing to donate to this data base, it too would be most appreciated. Due the volume of photos expected, the Advisory Board will not be able to send out verification of receipt and it will not be able to return the photos.

Progress on the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital is wonderful. The Phase II contractor is working on the site, the granite for the wall is being engraved, and the statues are being cast at the foundry. Dedication is on track for July 27, 1995

This memorial will express the Nation's gratitude for those who came home as well as those who did not come home. It is a grand and glorious salute to all who served. It is no longer a forgotten war but in fact a forgotten victory which this Memorial will document for all time to come.

THANKS FOR SENDING YOUR PHOTOS NOW.

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## WE HAVE RETURNED

Philip H. Hostetter M.D.

October, 1994

October 20, 1944 General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippine Islands as he said he would three years before when he was forced to leave by the invading Japanese. He returned with the greatest sea, land, and air force ever assembled. Allied forces landed first on Leyte Island in the east-central Philippines, on a sandy expanse called Red Beach between the towns of Tacloban and Palo.

Fifty years later the government of the Republic Of The Philippines sponsored a huge celebration to commemorate the Leyte Gulf Landings, the beginning of many bitter encounters to free the Philippines of the invaders, and to found a new, independent nation.

Many veterans of the war returned. I had three questions in mind: Do the sentimental Filipinos we learned to know, remember us? What is happening in the Philippines today? Is there really "an eternal bond like no other between those who have known combat together?"

The Filipino people show a new pride and confidence. They realize they are indeed an independent nation. This is the first time in their history they have been truly independent. They lived under Spanish domination and exploitation for 300 years. During that time there was a rebellion an average of every 9 months but all failed. The Spanish-American War of 1898 forced Spain to cede the Philippines and Cuba to the U.S.

Immediately the U.S. set about establishing public schools, unknown until that time. My father Harvey Edgar Hostetter, a teacher in Oklahoma at the time,

went to the Islands in 1913 on a sort of Peace Corp mission to found schools. First he had some training in Manila. Very little Spanish was understood by the people. He relied on interpreters who were high school graduates in Manila. He was sent to the Island Of Panay south of Luzon with headquarters in Iliolo.

His task was to go into villages where no white man had ever been to contact the "Head Man" who ruled the village. He promised the American government would furnish a teacher from Manila and school books if the village would build a school building. This they were eager to do. For the first time in their history the people enjoyed public education. English was taught -and still is- as a second language. There are at least 40 distinct languages in the Philippines. The 1200 islands are isolated from each other by the sea and devided by mountain ranges. A common language is essential.

Under American influence health conditions, education, manufacturing and commerce improved vastly. Still there were vestiges of colonialism. In 1945 a woman in Davao told me a great problem in her county was indolance. She might have added initiative, self confidence, and personal responsibility. In the '30's my father believed the Philippines were still not ready for independence. They were too ununited and vulnerable to foreign invasion. He feared the Chinese. How right he was, only it was the Japanese who invaded!

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii Dec. 7, 1941 caught the U.S. , a peaceful nation, woefully unprepared. With a war in Europe at tha same time, we were unable to help our allies in the Philippines for three terrible years. Millions died under a cruel enemy.

The single thing that sustained the hopes of the people was the statement by General MacArthur as he was forced to leave the Philippines when Corregidor fell. He made the momentous promise, "I SHALL RETURN!"

"You are brown, we are brown" declared the Japanese, "We are brothers! The white man is here to exploit you!" At first a few Filipinos believed some of this propaganda. "Asia for Asians" they said. The Japanese invented what they called their "Co-Prosperity Sphere" including all of the south Pacific area. They made three terrible miscalculations: America was indeed a sleeping giant they awakened, she did come to the aid of her friends, and Hitler lost in Europe.

Japanese invaders proved to be terrible administrators and incessantly brutal.

"Life under Japanese soldiers was intolerable," Inday Sydiongco, a resident of Tacloban, told me. "Every time we were forced to go into the country to get food the soldiers demanded to know where we had been. They suspected we were working with the Guerrillas which was probably true. If the soldier did not like what he heard he would cut off heads with his saber on the spot." I asked Inday if she had any warning American forces were returning.

"More than usual numbers of airplanes passed over", she answered. "I didn't know if they were American or Japanese, but the soldiers hid every time they appeared so I concluded they were American. Also the children started bringing in sticks of chewing gum and a message to not give up hope."

The sea was calm Oct. 20, 1944. Navy ships bombarded the 5 mile beach between Tacloban and Palo until it appeared to seeth like a volcano. Wave after wave of landing craft carried ashore the First Cavalry Division to the north, and the 24th. Infantry Division on the south half. I visited the

Sick Bay of my ship before it was my time to go ashore. Casualties were already returning. Navy men who were not going ashore donated blood for them the night before.

Personal leadership in the Far East is important. General MacArthur dramatically waded ashore about where the statues are now erected. He said

HE SAID HE WOULD RETURN, AND HE DID!

By noon the entire beach as far as I could see was covered by men and machines. The Infantry fighting its way inland overcame coconut-log pillboxes still firing. One was silenced when a bulldozer buried it in the sand with a huge, armored blade, but it was still firing when the Generals came ashore. The Army hoped to reach the mountains 2 to 3 miles inland the first day, but a massive swamp lay in their way. This is now drained and is replaced by the public park where the celebration was held. The foot soldiers did penetrate the mile or so to the road that still runs between Tacloban and Palo and to the foot of the mountain overlooking Palo. They spent the night in low, miserable, and dangerous positions.

Meanwhile the Navy fought the decisive Battle Of Leyte Gulf. At night I observed tracer bullets far away forming cones of light as ships directed their fire against aircraft. After that battle the Japanese Navy was no longer a serious threat.

The 50th Anniversary Of The Leyte Gulf Landings culminated a week of celebration † removing the invaders from the Islands, 50 years of peace and progress that followed, and total independence of the Republic Of The Philippines, a new nation - enough to celebrate!

American veterans returned, 180 of us is one estimate. All of us paid our own way. We are not as young or as wealthy as we would like. The non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Manila takes 14 hours. Distances are unimaginable. I traveled through 11 time zones from Kansas.

Every place we went we were overwhelmed by expressions of gratitude for what our armed forces accomplished, and their admiration of us personally. My group had a noon meal as guests of the City Of Manila. I ate with 8 Supreme Court Judges. All of them used chop sticks. This was the only place I saw chop sticks in use. I will never be a judge, but I am not bad with chop sticks, and improving.

"I think Education is the highest profession," a Justice declared. I agreed with him. He considered Medicine as next. I told him I highly respected Law.

"The Law can be twisted", he explained, "But if you twist Medical Practice very far, you have a dead patient."

Next we went to a reception given by the Mayor of Manila, Alfredo S. Lim. He is considered a candidate for President in the next election. A band greeted us at City Hall as people watched from all sides and from windows of surrounding buildings. A delegation from Chicago presented Mayor Lim with a plaque from the Mayor of that city. He gave each of <sup>us</sup> a pin with the insignia of the Mayor of Manila. We also received Philippine Liberation Medals and Ribbons. I placed them on my cap with a 24th Infantry Division patch and my cherished miniature Combat Medic award.

October 19 we found the City Of Tacloban on Leyte Island jammed with people who had come for the celebration. In the evening the city park, at least a square block in size, contained several quite long tables covered by free food of all kinds and CocaCola. Hundreds of chairs stood on the ground in front of a huge stage. Bands sat on each end. Amateur singing and dancing



The Mayor of Manila, Alfredo S. Lim greeting veterans with a city band.



Filipino veterans were also there.

groups provided excellent entertainment until midnight, aided by 2 Los Vegas comedians and a singer.

Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady, is from Tacloban and now lives there. She is personally very well liked. She made her way through the crowd and happened to pass by me. We shook hands as she gave me a rather cold look. She appears to be in remarkably good health. Being of Spanish descent, she is taller than most Filipinos. Imelda wears the same size shoe as my wife Helen, and, they say, has more of them.

What we knew as "Red Beach" Oct. 20, 1944 is now a huge public park midway between the cities of Tacloban and Palo. Long gone are the coconut log pillboxes sunk in the sand, and the pathetic ditch dug by slave labor supposed to be a tank trap. Leafless coconut palms are replaced by others grown to a stately height. Waves lap gently on the sandy beach where our landing craft ground ashore. Rice fields take the place of the swamp inland.

Thousands and thousands of people in a holiday mood streamed in from all directions Oct. 20, 1994 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Of The Leyte Landings. Motorcycles with side cars, small-sized Japanese cars, and large excursion buses such as ours jammed the roads. Thousands of people walked. Some estimated 200,000 people. I could believe twice that number.

The sun shone brightly all day but it was not unbearably hot. We tourists felt the high humidity.

President Ramos of the Philippines, U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry, and envoys from 10 other countries attended the ceremonies on a large, open-air stage. Japanese veterans did not choose to attend but they were welcomed at a similar meeting 10 years before.



Lingayan Gulf scene of two invasions, is a vast expanse of sand and waves extending into the mist. A few shelters serve little groups of people walking on the tranquil beach.



This is Red Beach between Tacloban and Palo, Leyte Is.

Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines Yoshifumi Matsuda made a statement some had never expected to hear. He said in effect, and it was repeated on television that evening, "The Japanese people have come to realize all of the suffering of so many millions of people was caused by Japan. We apologize."

Not nearly all of the crowd could see the stage or the beach. Television monitors and loud speakers were scattered over the area. An actor with a corn-cob pipe waded ashore from a landing barge. The crowd on the beach laughed as he stumbled. The real MacArthur acted as though he thought he could walk on water.

Warships hovered in the Gulf. Aircraft streaked overhead. Explosives planted in the water detonated. Landing barges stormed ashore. It was by necessity a weak carbon copy of the real thing. The children were amused.

A Manila paper carried a cartoon criticizing the government for such a lavish outlay and neglecting its veterans.

In the afternoon a family in Palo I have known since 1944 came by for me in my small hotel, as we had arranged. It is remarkable how we met. One afternoon in November, 1944 two attractive Filipino girls about 17 years of age came to an Aid Station we operated in the village of Santa Fe 5 miles west of Palo. They asked to meet American doctors. They were obviously refined and well educated, and spoke excellent English. We visited briefly and I made some photos. Years later a Filipino veteran, Vincante Sydiongco who lived in Tacloban, saw the pictures and made an astounding statement.

"I know her. She married my roommate in college!" Helen and I looked her up on our visits 10 and 12 years ago. Loling Espana has daughters Violet and Rose - these are abbreviations of their given names - and a son. She was Superintendent of the grade schools in Palo until her retirement. Her husband, an engineer, died recently. There has never been any doubt that nice people live everywhere.



This church in Palo was used as a hospital. It is being enlarged.

Mrs. Loling Espana and Phil at her home in Palo. She visited our aide station in Santa Fe 50 years ago!



Loling, her daughters, their husbands and I visited the large church in Palo. It was used by the 36th Medical Evacuation Hospital and the 16th Portable Surgical Hospital during the war. Gen. "Red" Neuman (known for his famous "Follow me" command on Red Beach to the 34th Regiment) was treated here after he was seriously wounded near Alang Alang farther west. The beautiful church is being enlarged.

Overlooking the city is the spectacular, sedate mountain we called "522", captured by the 19th Infantry Regiment, the one I later served with. It is covered by dense vegetation. The side toward the city is quite steep. A monument marks the summit, and a religious shrine is erected at the base near the bridge. The original bridge is still used for light traffic. A new one is constructed a little downstream for cars and trucks. The little river looks as cool and inviting as ever. A few small houses perch on its banks.

Soon after our forces occupied Palo a band of the enemy ran through the town at dusk throwing grenades and firing into the church-hospital. For some curious reason these fanatics then charged across the bridge two blocks away into a machine gun. If they wanted to satisfy their obligation to die for their Emperor without enduring a war, they succeeded.

Our group of veterans and their wives made a visit to Corregidor, that island that guarded Manila Harbor. It held out against the invaders for months. "Saving face" or preserving dignity is very important in the Orient. Taking that last outpost became an obsession <sup>with the invaders.</sup> Corregidor became the most heavily bombed spot on earth. Melinta Tunnel goes in one side of a mountain and out the other. It contains 27 side tunnels that served as a hospital and final refuge.

Pres. Franklin Roosevelt ordered Gen. MacArthur to leave shortly before Corregidor was finally forced to surrender. It was then he issued his famous statement, "I shall return!" He went to Australia to build an army.



The old docks and barracks  
will never be restored as a  
memorial to those who died  
there.



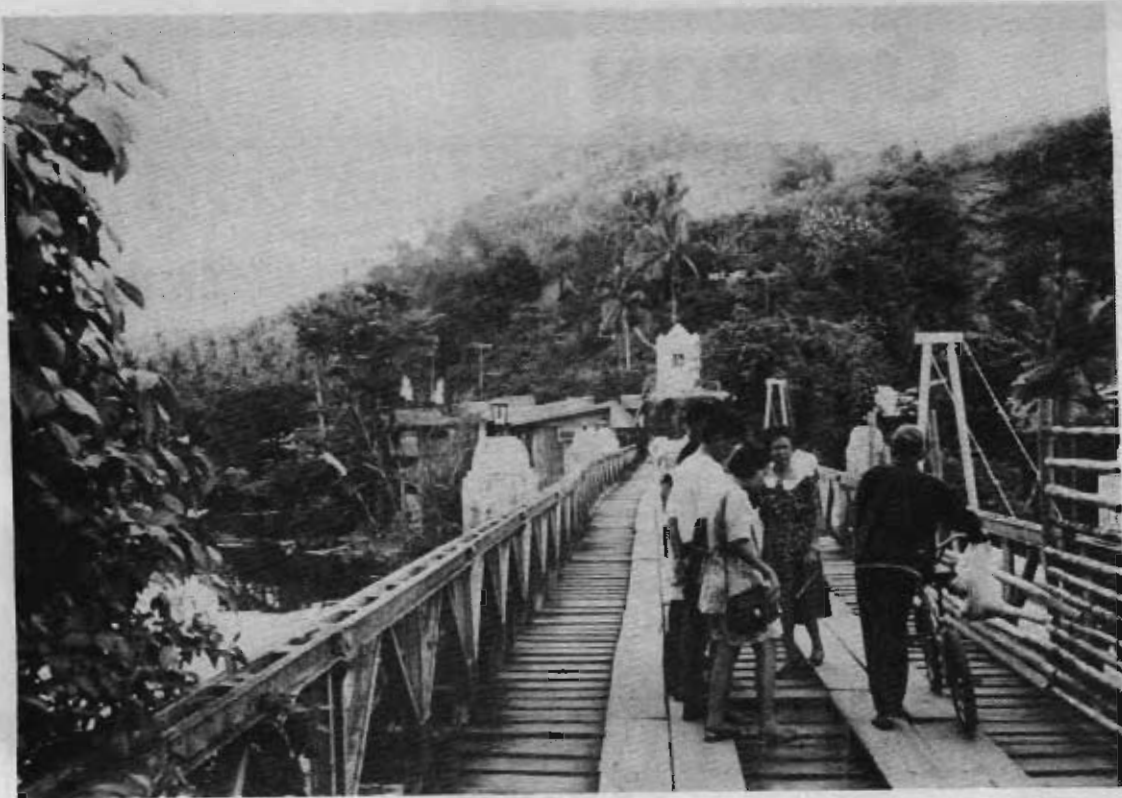
He did return three terrible years later.

The docks and old barracks buildings of Corregidor remain in total ruins. They will never be restored as a tribute to the many who died there and in the infamous Death March that followed. Corregidor Island is now covered by dense, green vegetation the result of a reforestation effort. The island is being developed as a resort for children with none of the usual casinos and night clubs.

We passed by Manatubo Volcano. It is now a great, beautiful, green mountain. Two years ago it erupted after being quiet for 600 years. It covered a large area with 10 feet of ash. Ash is hot when it falls. Thousands suffocated in their homes. Rivers in the area are wide and shallow. Choked with mud they flooded causing further devastation. Clark Air Base nearby was abandoned. 50,000 Filipinos owed their livelihood to that Base. Suddenly it was gone and the surrounding territory uninhabitable. Some people are still trying to find a place to live.

Work is going on to raise the main highway 10 feet, and to construct a high-speed highway between Subic Bay and Manila.

The American Subic Navy Base closed when the Philippine Government decided all American bases must go. This was mainly a matter of pride on their part. I think our Bases should have closed 20 years ago. For 8 months part of Subic City was a ghost town. Block after block of empty buildings remain. These are the locations of night clubs, drinking places, and other houses of ill repute where American service men blew the wages American taxpayers sent them.



Hill 522 overlooking Palo  
was captured by the 19th Reg.  
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## LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Number of times Mary Hart has worn slacks in past 12 years on *Entertainment Tonight*: 1. Number of times Arnold Schwarzenegger has appeared on the show: 211. Number of movie premieres covered: 578. Number of celebrity deaths covered: 403.

## VICTIMLESS CRIME VICTIMS

Number of federal narcotics agents in 1967: 300. Today: 3400. Percentage of federal prisoners in 1970 who were drug offenders: 16. Today: 62. Percentage of 4244 people convicted under federal marijuana laws in 1993 who were first-time offenders: 56. Number of people held in federal

Subic Bay is one of the finest harbors in the world. It is surrounded by a large, level area and low mountains farther back. The government with private enterprise plans to build an industrial area and modern city here. At present hundreds of skilled "Volunteers" live in the area. They do menial tasks without pay with the promise of good jobs when construction begins in a few months.

Every place we went we passed grade schools with litter-free playgrounds, extremely neat and clean, healthy enthusiastic students, and basketball courts. Their school days are longer than ours. Day and night is always about equal. They enter High School after 6 years in the Primary Grades. English is a compulsory subject, but it is not stressed as much as it was.

Baguio City in the mountains north of Manila is the summer capitol because of its high altitude and pleasant weather. Camp John Hay in Baguio is converted from an American Rest and Relaxation area to the Philippine Military Academy, the West Point of the nation. 300 Cadets in each of the 4 classes are chosen from among thousands of applicants. We were privileged to have lunch with the entire group.

"Are you married?" I asked the third year Cadet beside me.

"No, Sir," he replied. "Cadets are not permitted to marry".

"Do you have any prospects?" I asked.

"No, Sir. I am still looking."

Classes are conducted in English. All Cadets take the same basic course the first 2 years, and training in their chosen branch of service - army, navy, or air force - the second two. I doubt if there is a finer, more dedicated, and more talented group in the world.

The Republic Of The Philippines is a nation of young people. Their population since 1944 has increased from 16 million to 63 million. I noticed an air of pride and confidence everywhere. They have only recently realized they are, for the first time, an independent nation. No longer do they try to imitate everything American. They expect to solve their problems in their own way, and at the same time admire the U.S. above all others.

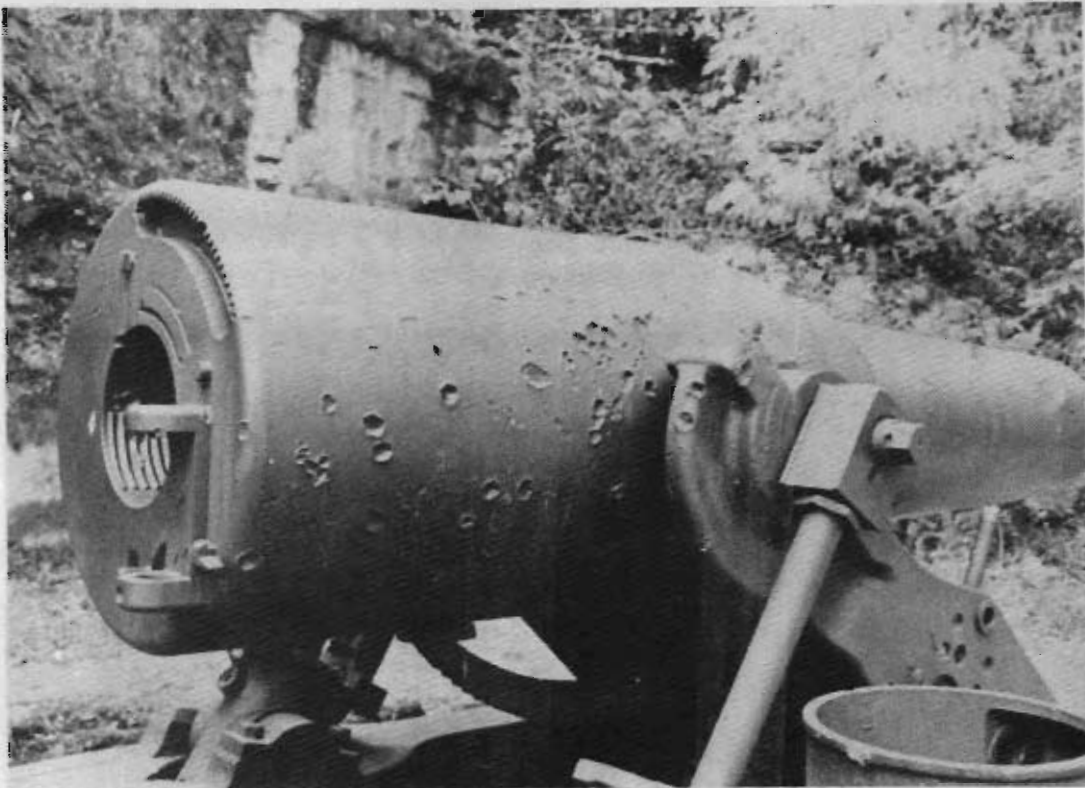
Problems they do have. The "Huck Uprising" came at a time when it was fashionable to call everyone you did not like a "communist". The protesters were not communists. They were farmers revolting against the feudal system they lived under. Big landowners treated them unjustly, and they had no rights under the law. With justice established there is no problem.

Another situation with no solution in sight is on Mindinao Island, the large island farthest south. A fanatical group of Moslems, the Moros have lived here for centuries. They are a cultural and ethnic tribe distinct from all other Filipinos having come in ancient times from the Malay Peninsula. They believe in killing all Christians in a Holy War with no compromise. They live in only the most southern part of the island. The government might grant them independent territory but they demand the entire Island of Mindinso for themselves.

Unemployment is 20%. They are trying to attract foreign capital to build factories and provide employment.

The American people can be proud of this nation we helped develop beginning almost a hundred years ago. We can be proud we stood up to our moral obligation when they were invaded by an enemy. This is the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Leyte Gulf Landings!! We have reason to celebrate.

Ken,  
 I may have left off this last page.  
 I am starting to work on photos for you.  
 Best wishes!  
 26 Phil



This poor old cannon on Corregidor really took a beating. It was made in 1890 and has the date cast on the muzzle.

The celebration was just too much for some of us.



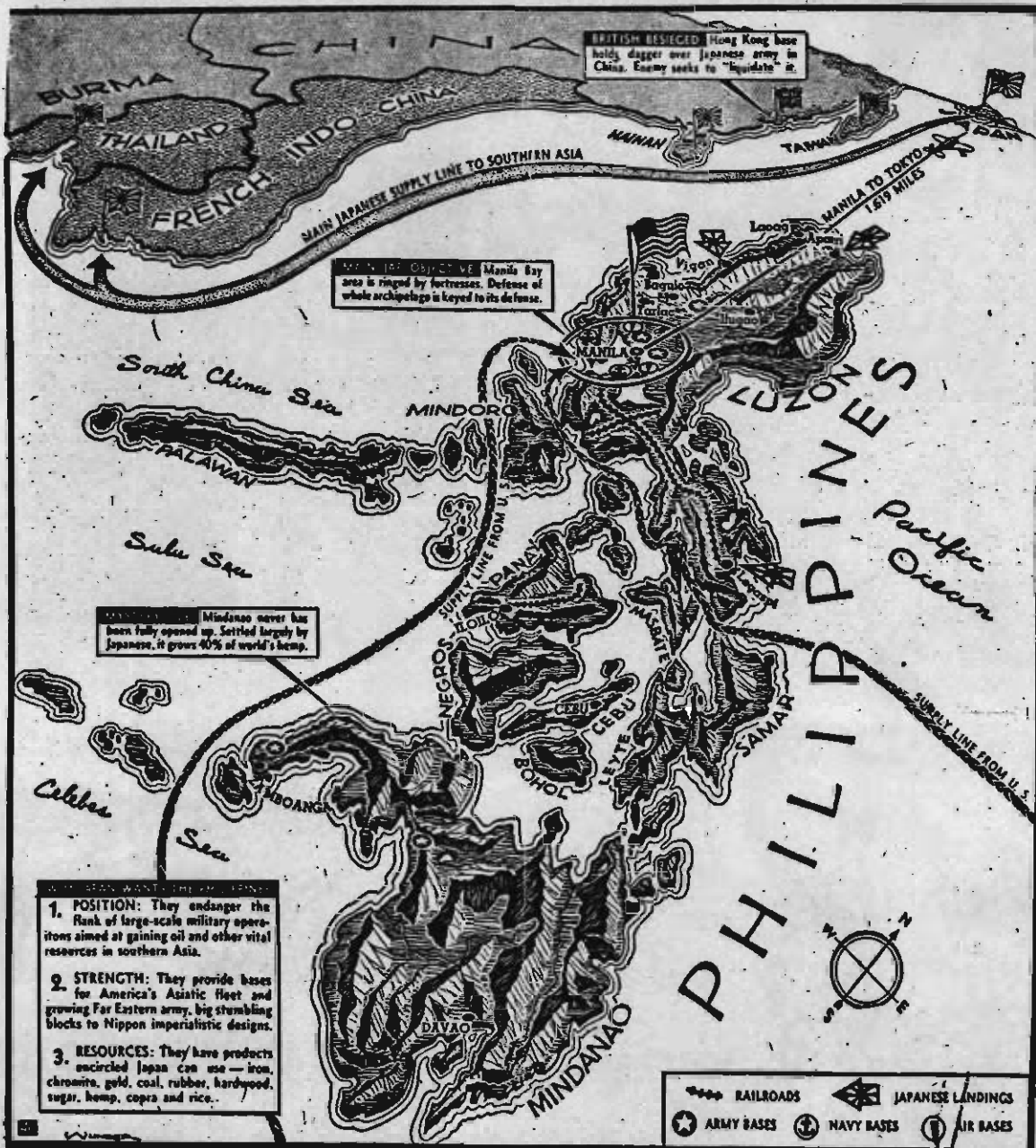


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The Japanese assault fits in with the twin operations against Britain's base at Hong Kong, on the China coast, and Singapore to the

south. Removal of all three citadels of Allied strength would give Japan the free hand she wants in concentrating on the Dutch possessions.

The heart of the Philippines is the northern island of Luzon. In choosing it for the first concentrated attack, Japan selected the most accessible, the largest, the richest and best fortified of the entire archipelago.

Manila, the capital, is ringed by stout defenses—the naval establishments at Cavite and Olongapo; Nichols Field, powerful army air base; Ft. McKinley, and

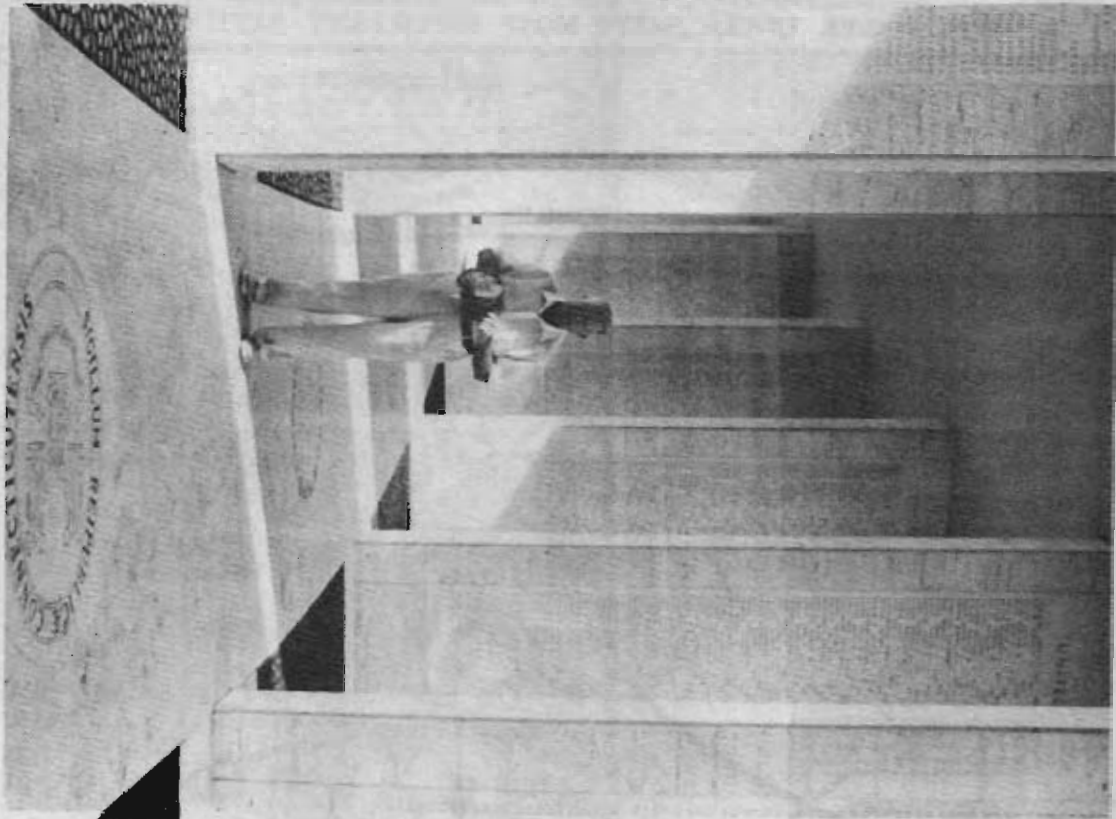
Corregidor island guarding Manila bay, strong enough to be termed America's Gibraltar. The United States must hold these critical defenses at all costs for their loss would menace operations of the United States fleet in Asiatic waters. To the fleet has been assigned a vital role in building the

iron-bound blockade which the Allies expect eventually will bring Japan to her knees.

Luzon's mountainous, volcanic core and surrounding narrow shelf of coastal lowlands make up an area the size of Virginia. The east coast is walked in by the Sierra Madre mountains but the west is

indented with several highly strategic bays. Among these is Lingayen gulf, where at least one Japanese landing attempt has been beaten off.

Mindanao, second largest island of the Philippines, has, with its 25,000 Japanese, smelt a flavor of Nippon.



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Phil Hostetter and Vincente Sydiongeo, a veteran from Tacloban now a U.S. citizen living in Los Vegas.

My principal service was as Bn. Surgeon 1st. Bn. 19th Regt. I arrived on Red Beach before Mac Arthur but no statue so far.

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# THE 10-DIVISION

# ARMY

## Cover Story

## All of the details on what stays, what goes

By Sean D. Naylor  
Times staff writer

WASHINGTON — As the final details of the Army's plan to reduce its active-duty force from 12 divisions to 10 emerged, complaints from two influential Pacific states senators threatened to derail the entire restructuring process.

Army and congressional sources said major elements of the plan, to be implemented by Sept. 30, 1996, are:

■ The 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) headquarters and associated elements, as well as one of the two maneuver brigades at Fort Carson, Colo., will be inactivated; another division likely will be reflagged as the 4th Infantry.

■ The remaining maneuver brigade at Carson will become the third brigade of the Fort Hood, Texas-based division currently designated as 2d Armored.

■ The 2d Armored Division will be the Experimental Force (EXFOR); its mission will be to experiment with new equipment and concepts to help Army leaders design the tactical units of the 21st century.

■ The 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) headquartered at Fort Riley, Kan., will be taken out of the force; however, another division, possibly 3d Infantry (Mechanized) in Wurzburg, Germany, will be redesignated as the 1st Infantry, the Army's famed "Big Red One."

■ The 1st Infantry's two maneuver brigades will remain at Riley, each serving as the third brigade of one of the two forward-deployed divisions in Germany.

■ The third brigade of the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division (Light) will be inactivated, to be replaced by the 6th Separate Infantry Brigade, which will remain at Fort Richardson, Alaska; this will happen by Sept. 30, 1995.

■ The 9th Regimental Combat Team, a brigade-size light infantry unit at Fort Lewis, Wash., will become the third brigade of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y., but will remain at Lewis.

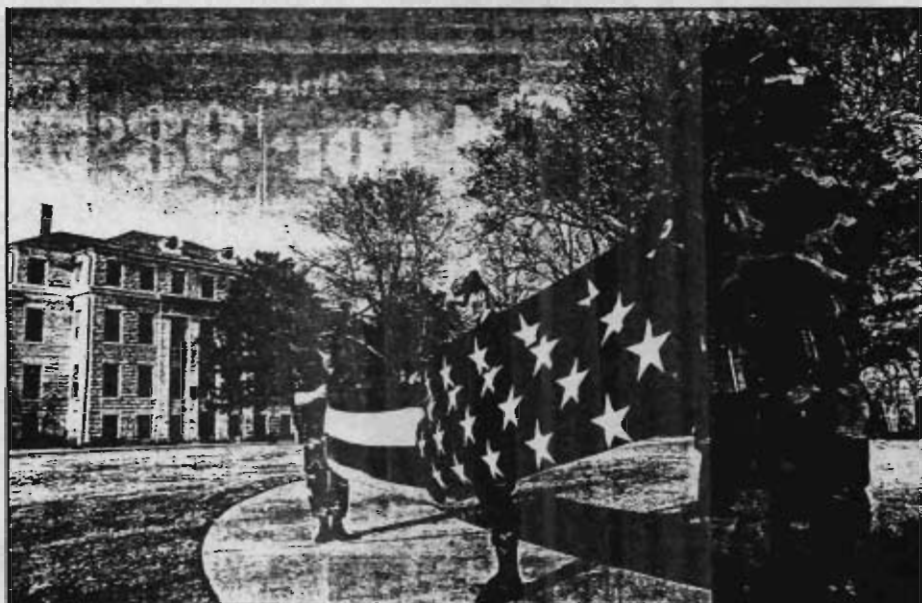
■ The 194th Separate Armored Brigade, Fort Knox, Ky., will be inactivated.

■ The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment will move to Carson from Fort Bliss, Texas.

■ The 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade will move to Bliss from Fort Polk, La.

The long-awaited plan fulfills the Army's goal of reducing to 10 divisions by dropping two heavy divisions from the force, while ensuring that all remaining divisions have three active-duty maneuver brigades. It also meets Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon Sullivan's goal of keeping two heavy divisions in Germany and one in Korea.

In addition, all separate maneuver brigades either are inactivated or aligned with a division headquarters.



Day is done: MPs fold Old Glory at Fort Riley. Headquarters for the Kansas-based division will be inactivated, and the Big Red One flag likely will be transferred to a division in Europe.

### Sensors have objections

Army leaders had hoped to announce the plan Dec. 1, but quickly changed course when Sens. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) took issue with the changes in a Nov. 30 meeting with Defense Secretary William Perry. According to congressional sources, Perry made no promises to redress the grievances voiced by the senators, but told the Army to delay its announcement of the plan.

Inouye and Stevens are the chairman and ranking minority member, respectively, of the defense subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Therefore, they are in position to influence every element of the Army's budget. They were particularly concerned at the force reductions in their own states, although they couched their complaints in the context of the overall reductions in the Pacific theater.

Inouye and Stevens were briefed on the plan by Sullivan Nov. 22. "They just didn't feel comfortable with some elements of the proposal he laid out, specifically how that impacted the Pacific in general," said one congressional source. "Their view was that the certainty of the U.S. security commitment to Asia is very much based on the forward deployment of U.S. forces."

The plan removes only one light infantry brigade from

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U.S. Army Pacific, which just this year was bulked up when a brigade in Germany was transferred to Fort Lewis, where it serves as the third brigade of the Korea-based 2d Infantry Division.

#### Risk of arms race cited

But Stevens argued that light infantry forces are more valuable in the Pacific because of the length of time and distance it takes to deploy heavy units from the continental United States. He criticized the Army's plan as leaving too few forces in the theater capable of responding to a crisis in the South Pacific, and accused the service of risking an arms race in the region.

"Unless there is a viable, capable [American] force, there will be an arms race in the Pacific, and I think there already is one," he said.

However, while the two senators claimed their motivation was the security of U.S. interests in the Pacific, others on Capitol Hill angrily accused them of seeking to protect their own states at the expense of the greater good.

"There are a couple of people who aren't willing to take their share of the pain and want to pawn it off on somebody else," said one congressional source.

Several staffers on Capitol Hill predicted that any success on the part of Inouye and Stevens in staving off cuts in their own states would precipitate a free-for-all as members of Congress go to bat to save units slated for departure from their own districts.

"There's going to be a fight," said a congressional source. "That's just not fair... For somebody to come in at the last minute

and say [to the Army] 'You're wrong.' I just think that opens up a whole hornets' nest that hopefully we can avoid."

Any forced change to the complex Army plan could cause it to collapse, as almost every transfer or inactivation of brigades and divisions is directly linked to the other pieces of the plan, noted one Capitol Hill source. "It's all very intricate, and if you change one [thing], you have to change a lot of them, and the whole thing really starts to unravel. You can't just trade those infantry folks out of Hawaii for somebody else."

#### Alaska, Hawaii slated for small cuts

What particularly irks others on Capitol Hill and Army sources familiar with the plan is that Alaska and Hawaii escaped with relatively small cuts under the proposed restructuring.

According to a state-by-state breakdown of the cuts obtained by *Army Times*, the inactivation of a 25th Infantry Division brigade will cost Hawaii 2,500 Army positions, or about 10 percent of the total number of soldiers in the state. The realignment of the 6th Separate Infantry Brigade in Alaska, which is to align with the 26th Division, will be cut by 25 spaces, less than one percent of Army strength in Alaska.

By contrast, the removal of the 1st Infantry Division

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## Flag losses hit Guard the most

By Katherine McIntire Peters

Times staff writer

WASHINGTON — When the Army cuts two divisions from the force, Army National Guardsmen will feel the effects more than Army Reservists, reserve officials say.

"For the Army Reserve, taking divisions out of the force will have minimal impact. When you start chopping division structure, you impact the National Guard," said Lt. Col. Wetsel Brunfield, spokesman at the Army Reserve Command, Atlanta. The reason for the impact is Guard units tend to be more closely affiliated with active-component units at the division level and below for training, Brunfield said. Reserve units tend to provide logistics-type support at the corps level and higher.

The division cuts in the Army will particularly affect the National Guard combat brigades affiliated with those divisions. In August, the Army announced that 15 Guard combat brigades would become "enhanced readiness brigades" by 1998. Those brigades are affiliated with active-component divisions and corps for training, and are to be over-staffed and equipped to the same modernization level as their active-component affiliate.

But Army plans call for the headquarters of the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., and the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, to leave those installations, if not the force. The Army National Guard's 116th Armored Brigade, Idaho, and the 256th Infantry Brigade, La., affiliated with those divisions respectively, will have to be affiliated with other units.

"I think what will happen is [the brigades] will just be affiliated with another division or corps," said Maj. Robert Dunlap, spokesman for the National Guard Bureau here. Guard officials were unavailable to discuss the impact the division cuts would have on those brigades, Dunlap said.

Both reserve components are in the midst of a major reorganization that will place virtually all reserve combat assets in the National Guard and most combat service support units in the Army Reserve.

Guard combat service support units that supported corps and theater-level operations are being transferred to the Army Reserve, while Reserve combat units are being inactivated or migrated to the Guard.

Two Army Reserve combat brigades were recently inactivated, and a third, the 157th Infantry Brigade, Hohenstein, Pa., will be inactivated in September 1996. That will leave only two combat battalions in the Reserve: the 8th Battalion, 40th Armored Brigade, Ariz., which will be inactivated in September 1997; and the 100th Battalion, 449d Infantry Brigade, Hawaii.

### The Guard's premier force

The following 15 Army National Guard combat brigades were selected by the Army to become the Guard's premier fighting force by 1998. For training purposes, each brigade is to be affiliated with an active division or corps, shown in parentheses. Changes in the Army force structure are likely to change the affiliations.

- 27th Infantry Brigade, N.Y. (10th Mountain Division)
- 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii (25th Infantry Division)
- 30th Infantry Brigade, N.C. (XVIII Airborne Corps)
- 39th Infantry Brigade, Ark. (V Corps)
- 41st Infantry Brigade, Ore. (I Corps)
- 45th Infantry Brigade, Okla. (III Corps)
- 48th Infantry Brigade, Ga. (24th Infantry Division)
- 53d Infantry Brigade, Fla. (82d Airborne Division)
- 76th Infantry Brigade, Ind. (101st Airborne Division)
- 81st Infantry Brigade, Wash. (2d Infantry Division)
- 116th Armored Brigade, Idaho (4th Infantry Division)
- 155th Armored Brigade, Miss. (1st Cavalry Division)
- 218th Infantry Brigade, S.C. (1st Infantry Division)
- 256th Infantry Brigade, La. (2d Armored Division)
- 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tenn. (3d Armored Cavalry Regiment)

# Cover Story

## Postal Army XXI

Service leaders envision the stationing of a 10-division Army and its supporting cast of National Guard divisions and brigades. The disposition of some divisions in the future force remains under review, but their location and brigade affiliations are not likely to change.

Infantry Division (chanized)	2d Infantry Division	18th Mountain Division (Light Infantry)	24th Infantry Division (Mechanized)	25th Infantry Division (Light)	1st Cavalry Division	1st Armored Division	2d Armored Division	82d Airborne Division	101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)
Germany "Big Red One"	Camp Red Cloud, Korea "Indianhead"	Fort Drum, N.Y. "Mountaineer"	Fort Stewart, Ga. "Victory Division"	Schofield Bks, Hawaii "Tropic Lightning"	Fort Hood, Texas "The First Team"	Bad Kreuznach, Germany "Old Ironsides"	Fort Hood, Texas "Hell on Wheels"	Fort Bragg, N.C. "All American"	Fort Campbell, Ky "Screaming Eagles"



### LEGEND

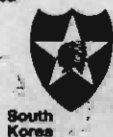
Div	Division
Bde	Brigade
Inf	Infantry
(Mech)	Mechanized
Armd	Armored
Grp	Group
ACR	Armored Cavalry Regiment
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	Small patch Brigade

Korea

Germany

Puerto Rico

North Korea



South Korea



92nd Inf Bde

It took 53 years, but a few weeks ago, following routine declassification of documents, Japan's Foreign Ministry apologized for the late delivery of a memorandum that broke off talks with the United States on Dec. 7, 1941. Japanese diplomats gave the note to an enraged Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, an hour after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. The ministry's apology in effect admitted what Americans had known for decades - that the note was delivered in a manner that left Japan open to charges of launching a "sneak attack."

Oddly, the apology was made not to America but to the Japanese people. Nor did it apologize for the war. Instead it expressed regret for the embarrassing lapse in competence. The ministry vowed not to repeat the error. Narrowly interpreted, this would mean that if Japan goes to war again, its enemies can look forward to at least 25 minutes' notice of attack - if they can only read between the inscrutable lines of Japanese diplomatic prose.

The ministry's narrow view of the event may reinforce views in Asia that Japan, unlike Germany, still does not accept broad moral responsibility for World War II. With Japan now campaigning, with U.S. support, to get a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, the statement raises anew questions whether a Japan that cannot come to terms with its past can be trusted to assume broader international responsibilities for the future.

.. — The next generation assault rifle, designed to eventually replace the M-16 and M-203 series rifles, will be a weapon straight out of the science fiction.

It will incorporate a laser range finder, advanced ammunition, dual barrels, lightweight composite material and computer-assisted aiming, say Army officials.

Dubbed the Objective Individual Combat Weapon, the new rifle will provide "a quantum leap forward" for the infantryman, according to Vernon Shisler, OICW program manager at the Close Combat Armament Center at the Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

The \$25 million program will put a working prototype into the hands of soldiers by 1997 for testing through 1999. Fielding of the weapon should begin by 2004.

The new rifle "is going to significantly increase the lethality of the individual soldier," said Shisler, adding that "it will give him precision-strike capability."

Under contracts to three teams of joint developers, the Army hopes to develop a rifle that will use built-in laser range finders, temperature and humidity sensors and targeting computers to enable soldiers to engage an enemy who is farther away and better protected than is the case now. That enemy may even be hidden.

A scope-like device, which will provide pinpoint, computer-aided targeting, also is expected to give the infantryman video-enhanced night vision and thermal sighting.

What will really set the OICW apart from its predecessors, however, is the use of new fuse-timed high explosive rounds that will burst above, in front of or even between targets. This will enable soldiers to hit targets hidden behind walls, in foxholes or under brush, simply by aiming over their suspected hiding place, said Shisler.

The laser range finder will provide precise in-flight detonation coding to the ammunition through information from the rifle's ballistic computer.

The burst capability of the new ammunition also will compensate for aiming errors, because the round will no longer need to actually hit the target, but rather just detonate close to it, Shisler said.

The new rounds are expected to be magazine-fed and about half the diameter of the 40mm grenade used by the M-203. Unlike the M-203, however, which uses a high-arching trajectory to reach its target, the new rifle will be able to fire high explosive rounds in a relatively flat line of flight for much more precise aiming, said Shisler.

The entire system is being designed in conjunction with the Generation II Soldier project. This project will provide the ground soldier with a protective ensemble against chemical weapons and small-arms fire, while integrating a helmet-mounted, heads-up display with digital communications gear, data storage and computer-aided mapping through a global positioning system.

Under a separate \$21 million development project, a replacement for the M-60 machine gun, the Mk-19 40mm grenade launcher and the 50-caliber machine gun, also is being designed. One or two new weapons will replace the three, said Shisler.

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Ypsilanti, Mi 48198-6316 and these are his words as typed here:

"I've said for years that our Gov't should utilize our military to perform US/ Mexican border Patrol. What with all of our new combat equipment", the mexican immigrants wouldn't stand a chance of getting across our border illegally.

I cannot see why the taxpayers have to fund thousands of troops in Europe when our dollar would be more wisely spent containing illegal aliens-- as well as narcotics. The Southern, Western & Mid-western states budgets cannot withstand giving aliens free medical service, welfare and housing. It sounds cold hearted to say this but, we have to face up to reality!!

I would like to tell you of what I felt was a beautiful gesture on the part of the Vietnam Veterans group of our Ann Arbor Chapter of the VFW. did for the Korean War Vets on August 7th '94. The Vietnam Vets sat up a "Pig Roast" Party which included a fantastic Dinner, displayed with some mechanized military equipment (free rides for the younger set) and a raffle. I would suspect that there were at least 50-60 Korean Vets and 20-30 WWII vets there - plus our wives and children. It was very thoughtful of this Nam group to put forth this great effort to honor not only the Korean vets but, also the WWII vets among us. It was something to see, everyone had chest labels indicating name, Division (etc), and year of Overseas duty. When one would spot a particular Div. & date, they would pull you over to a table and chat up a storm. Met some real super people at the roast.

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## Brave Catholic Chaplain Wins Praise Of Yanks

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A regimental Catholic chaplain, Father Waldie regularly climbs 1000 meter hills to hear confessions, conduct services and assist troops in personal problems.

"AND IF THEY request additional services he'll climb any hill they're on to hold them," remarked one officer. A machinegunner, PFC James E. Quillin, Oakland, Calif., said, "I always see him up there, not only at services, but I've seen him go right into the attack."

The muscular New York City priest of Dutch descent has received glowing verbal commendations from commanders for his activities during combat.

CAPT. ROY JOOS, Webster Grove, Mo., stated, "We moved two platoons into position only 1200 yards from the objective the other day. Thirty minutes later he joined us and stayed

with us. When one of my men got hit he stayed by his side and worked with him all afternoon. The men sure think a lot of him."

During a recent fierce battle Father Waldie, without a pon-



Chaplain Waldie

cho, helped evacuate wounded as a drenching rain soaked his body. That same day he saved several units many casualties

by warning them of enemy snipers in the area they were headed for.

FATHER WALDIE, a theology teacher at Cleveland's St. Josephs Seminary in 1943 when he became an Air Force chaplain in China, came back to duty last year in answer to a call for more Armed Forces chaplains. He returned to the U.S. from Melbourne, Australia, where he had taught theology since 1948.

Pursuing his duties with a selfless desire to be of service, he visits and conducts a service at one or more companies each day. Father Waldie states his greatest satisfaction comes. "From the realization that the men have a need for religion. The closer to the front the more apparent it is."

MANY TIMES, he said, men have come to him in search for a key to controlling their fear in combat. "I try to have the soldiers understand that their lives are watched over and cared for by God, that nothing is left to chance as far as he is concerned," he said slowly and solemnly.



## Where Shells Fall, Snipers Snipe, There's Fr. Waldie!

BY SGT. WARREN CAPPEL

SEOUL, Korea—(NC)—A soldier can get into some terrible places, but he can hardly get to where Father Thomas E. Waldie, a former Cleveland, doesn't turn up sooner or later with spiritual and material assistance.

Father (Capt.) Waldie, a Blessed Sacrament Father who once taught theology in St. Joseph Seminary in Cleveland, is a regimental chaplain who is always with the troops. Regularly he climbs 3,000 feet up Korean hills to hear Confessions, offer Mass, and assist soldiers in personal problems. Said Machine Gunner PFC. James E. Quillin, Oakland, Cal.:

"I always see him up there, not only at services, but I've seen him go right into the attack."

The muscular priest, now from New York, has received glowing verbal commendations from commanders for his activities during combat. Capt. Roy Joos, Webster Grove, Mo., recalled:

"We moved two platoons into position only 1,200 yards from the objective the other day. Thirty minutes later, he joined us and stayed with us. When one of my men got hit he stayed by his side and worked with him all afternoon. The men sure think a lot of him."

During a recent fierce battle Father Waldie, without a poncho, helped evacuate wounded as a drenching rain soaked him. That same day he saved several units many casualties by warning them of enemy snipers in the area they were headed for.

On a march Father Waldie walks along with the troops regardless of the terrain, first at one

part of the column, then at another. On the rare meal-time occasions when he is at a command post he always carries his own mess gear and eats with the enlisted men, usually squatting on the ground.

FATHER WALDIE came back to duty last year in answer to a call for more Armed Forces chaplains. His regiment is in the 24th Infantry Division. In 1943 he was an Air Force chaplain in the Far East.

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Many times, he said, men have come to him in search of a key to controlling their fear in combat. "I try to have the soldiers understand that their lives are watched over and cared for by God, that nothing is left to chance as far as He is concerned," he said.

His assistant, Cpl. Charles R. Brown, Morgansfield, Ky., the man who has gone with him everywhere along the regimental front line, said:

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Dear Bob,

I was with the 24th Div Hdqtrs located in Kokura, Kyushu, Japan from June 1949 to January 1950 and served under a Lt. Vincent. I transferred into the 8007th AFRS Detachment which broadcasted as Kyushu AFRS. We were also in Kokura but located down town rather than in the camp. We were attached to the 24th MPs for rations. I went in the Detachment as the Administrative NCO and later became 1st Sgt. I also took over the country western show at noontime and was known as the Kyushu Cowboy. Im sure many of the guys remember that show.

Since we were the closest AFRS unit to Koreawhen the war started we got called on for a number of special assignments covering various aspects of the war - both in the air and on the ground.... red ball express, B24 Bombing & strafing and Cii9 Supply drop to Marines at Chosen Res.

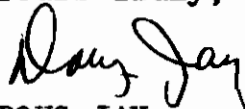
We started out as an all Army unit but then the powers to be decided that since we were "Armed Forces" Radio Service our personnel should be composed of the different services so they sent us 4 from the Air Force, 2 from the Navy and one Marine. We had a great unit. Incidentally at that time they changed the number from the 8007th to the 8213th. It was our unit that started the Hometown Mailbag show. Army Sgt. Ray Briem got the idea and did all the work to make it a success. Incidentally Ray just retired from civilian radio out in Los Angeles, Calif. I wish I could have attended his retirement party.

My wife and I attended the reunion in New Orleans and had a great time, we're looking forward to Nashville. Incidentally do you know if the 24th is planning to attend the Korean War Memorial Dedication in Washington? If they are, what hotel will they be at?

Both my wife, Eileen, and I are retired, we have 2 grown sons and "the apple of our Eyes" a granddaughter - Devon

PS If Joe Noone, formerly with 24th Signal sees this, please get in touch with me.

Yours Truly,



DOUG JAY  
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Dear Ken:

Recently Phil Hostetter sent me the enclosed photo which he took at the convention, with the request that I send it on to you for the TARO LEAF. (He lost the names, and wanted me to send them to you.)

Those in the photo are:

LR: Dick Emerson of Angola, Indiana; Cal Inman of San Antonio, Texas; George Iwen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (our former battery commander); and Hoyt Overcash of Concord, North Carolina.

We were all in the 13th Field Artillery, Battery B. We met in Australia in 1943 and went on to Hollandia, Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao. We lost George when he was wounded on Leyte in 1944 and sent home. The rest of us went on to Japan. We three have kept in touch over the years, but hadn't seen or heard of George, so this was a great reunion for the "guys of Battery B".

This was the first association reunion for Emerson, Inman and Overcash -- but it certainly won't be our last! We had a great time, and are looking forward to Nashville next year.

I hope you can use the photo in the TARO LEAF. We really enjoy the paper, and look forward to each issue.

Sincerely yours,

*Cal*

C. M. Inman

Enc. 1





Joe and Audrey LaPalm  
f 19th 3rd Plt



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Our new Secy./Treas.  
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Unidentified ?  
John Frey →





**NCO of Year - SGT. Walter Steadman**

**Soldier of Year - SPC Deborah Butrim**



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# Korea angry at Japan over pickled exports

From Peter James SPIELMANN  
in Seoul

**A** GARLIC-LACED concoction of pickled vegetables pungent enough to be called "a reasonable substitute for teargas" has Koreans even angrier at Japan than they usually are.

Koreans call it *kimchi*, and cannot live without it. The Japanese call their version *kimuchi* and export it in huge quantities, pushing the real thing off the shelves of gourmet shops around the world.

"I think this kimchi v kimuchi confrontation is a matter on which our national pride depends," Kim Seong-jun, clearly in a dudgeon, wrote to the daily *Korea Herald*. "We should surely fight to be the winner in the pickle market world-wide."

Chang Woo-hyuk, a lover of real kimchi, said the onslaught of ersatz "is hurting Koreans' sensibilities".

Korea was a colony of Japan from 1910 to 1945, and for decades longer had to put up with visiting Japanese who referred to Koreans contemptuously as "garlic eaters".

At least a whiff of garlic can be detected almost everywhere in Seoul — in the winding alleyways, the railroad and subway stations, even in the shopping malls.

Kimchi fumes are so penetrating that Goldstar and Samsung, the electronics giants, make refrigerators with hermetically sealed kimchi compartments to keep the smell away from other foods.

Tourists can be overwhelmed by their first taste of kimchi, so are advised to just nibble until they get used to it.

When kimchi found international favour in the 1980s, along



with salsa and other peppery delights, Japan cranked up kimuchi exports, doing to South Korea's 174 mom-and-pop kimchi makers what it had done to US car and electronics companies.

A kimchi export conference in August in Seoul called attention to the small size and low output of South Korean kimchi factories, outdated equipment, poor quality control and failure to exploit markets abroad.

The only significant foreign market for Korean kimchi is Japan — kimuchi-land itself — where Korean residents loyal to the flavour they grew up with consume 7000 tonnes of kimchi a year.

"Korean kimchi is hotter and saltier," said DH Chum of Yung Sung Industrial Company, a kimchi exporter. "We use more hot sauce."

South Korea exports 9300 tonnes of kimchi a year, worth about \$A46 million. All but about 13 per cent of it is sold in Japan.

According to Japan's nonprofit Research Centre for Food Supplies and Demand, kimuchi

production in Japan last year was 75,195 tonnes and exports far outstripped those of South Korea.

In fact, Japan exports so much that most people in South-East Asia believe kimchi is a Japanese food, said Lee Jung Ja, a Korean journalist born in Japan.

South Korea's huge corporate conglomerates are legally excluded from kimchi production and marketing, but the Government is said to be considering an end to the ban because of the Japanese threat.

Kimchi is a fiery, fermented mixture of cabbage, radishes and vegetables developed in the 17th century when hot red peppers, a key ingredient, were introduced to Korea.

Koreans pickle kimchi in earthenware jars. Preparation of winter kimchi supply is a major family project in late autumn. Bright red peppers can be seen drying on mats in the courtyards of farmhouses, and sometimes on the thatched roofs.

Winter kimchi is hotter than summer kimchi, and there are regional variations.

Kimchi is usually hotter in the south than in the north. Coastal communities add seafood (cod-gill kimchi is one version) and sometimes pheasant is added.

A kimchi museum at the Korean World Trade Centre in Seoul displays about 100 varieties of kimchi, along with fermenting crocks large enough to entomb a person, cook books, utensils and artworks.

However it is made, kimchi is the national dish and a source of intense pride.

"If Korean kimchi is outpaced by Japanese kimuchi in the future, it will be a great humiliation," Kim Seong-jun wrote in his letter to the editor. — Associated Press

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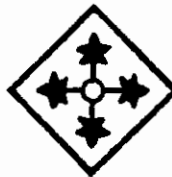


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Received a letter from Alan M. Dorman, Sign Co.,  
WWII, 1511 Manor Drive NE, Palm Bay, FL, 32905,  
who says that every issue of the T.L. has the  
statement, "We need to sign up new members." He  
offers this suggestion--"Why not flood the (mail)  
flyers to the units that are stationed in  
Hinesville, GA, and Hunter Air Base. Certainly  
these proud 24th troops would join this most  
worthy Association. If they could join, what  
about a form of Booster Card proclaiming the  
acknowledgement and appreciation of the 24th  
Div., Association." I proclaim that we have a  
deep well from which we can draw. I think the  
P.R. should get on the ball and start something  
along those lines, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!



**The Whole Outfit Re-UPs**

As of this day our Association is bigger and stronger by fifty-six  
new members -- all from the 339th Engineer Battalion. Among  
them is Major General William T. Bradley (USA Ret). This  
miracle was brought about by the efforts of our own Chaplain,  
Joe Hofrichter.

The 339th was attached to the 24th in WWII and has the  
following landings and campaigns to it's credit:

22 April 1944; Tanah Merah Bay, Dutch New Guinea  
20 Oct 1944; Red Beach, Leyte, P.I.  
29 Jan 1945; San Narcisso, Luzon, P.I.

A warm, hearty and sincere "Welcome On Board" to you guys.  
You were part of the Team then, and you are a part of the Team  
again.

DANIEL K. AKAKA  
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October 13, 1994

Mr. Kenwood Ross  
120 Maple Street, Room 207  
Springfield, MA 01103-2278

Dear Mr. Ross:

I appreciated speaking to you today about a constituent in Hawaii who is working on his graduate thesis. Because of his location, information is difficult to obtain. We would like to request from you any information you may have on the 5th Regimental Combat Team (RCT), 555th Field Battalion (Fld.Bn.) during the time period of August 1, 1950 to August 31, 1991. If you have information within another time frame, we would appreciate that also.

If you may have names of veterans who are living in Hawaii who remember the RCT and are willing to speak to the researcher, I would be glad to refer them to him.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

*Amy S. Fujimoto*

Amy S. Fujimoto  
Staff Assistant

Wally K.'s latest Baedeker:

Spent ten days in Florida attending Eleanor's WAVES Reunion.  
Spent ten days at my brother's Marine Corps Ball in November and while there"

1. Sat on my glasses and broke the damn things.
2. Got bitten by my nephews dog and wound up in the emergency room.
3. Got stopped by the local Gendarmerie there for making an illegal turn at 3:00 A.M. Good thing he did not want a breathalyzer test.
4. Lost the stone in my favorite ring.
5. Had a drunken Marine pour booze all over my new tuxedo.

However, all in all it was a good trip.

Regards,  
Wally K.

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## NEW MEMBERS

**THOMAS R. HARTLEY 9324**  
Paisley lane, Richmond, Va  
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director Va. Bldg. Material  
Assoc. Wife: Cynthia L., 5  
children, 6 grandchildren.  
(24th from 8/45-10/46-Hqs  
Co. 21st Reg. I&R plt.

**SHEFFIELD CLARK III (63 FA**  
'49-'50) lives at 305 3rd Ave.  
S. Franklin, Tn. (815)790-9190.  
He and his wife Faye have  
3 children, a Mfg Rep. with his  
own Co.

**M/Sgt. Daniel J. Cavanaugh (34th**  
8/48-'50, 19th med. '50-5/51)  
also WWII ETO '42-'46. He re-  
joined! He and his wife Leota  
live at 101 North 4th St.  
Clarksburg, W.V. 1-304-622-6902.  
Retired from Military and on  
Police force, (maybe he can  
fix a ticket.

**Jose (Joe) R. Maes (E Co. 21st**  
'43-'46) After discharge went  
to work for AEC in N.M. where  
the first atomic bomb was  
built. then took a state job  
in NM. worked 32 yrs. retired,  
tends a produce farm. His  
hobby making and sell Jewelry.  
He and his wife Susie live at  
P.O. Box 162, Dixon, NM. 87527

**John T. O'Neil (Div. Hq AG**  
office 6/44-12/45) retired  
9/30/93 after 45 1/2 yrs as  
sales rep for RJR Nabisco.  
Now lives at 10 Ocean Ave.  
N. Quincy, Ma. 02171-1814.  
(617) 328-7362. Would like to  
contact anyone from the AG's  
Office during the time he was  
with the Div.

**C.W. PERKINS (2nd Bn. 19th 7/44-**  
1/46) lives at 1191 Sandy  
Creek Rd., Fayetteville, Ga.  
30214.

**MICHAEL G. OSTERMAYER lives at**  
at R.R. 2, BOX 2238A MOSCOW, PA.  
18444.

**RALPH DALE THOMAS (10/51-10/52**  
C Co. 19th Korea) (10/51-2/52  
N. Japan) also 101st AB, D Co.  
11/50-9/51. Retired Manager of  
concrete plant (30 yrs.) lives  
at R.R. #15 Box 1004, Bedford  
In. 47421. (812) 275-3865 with  
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**MARVIN WALDSCHMIDT (3rd Eng 1/**  
49-6/53). Retired from U.S.  
Post Office. lives at 40 West  
13th Street, Fond Du Lac, Wi.  
54935, with his wife Mary has 2  
grown children.

Received dues from **BILLY B.**  
**BEST (C Co. 5th R.C.T. 5/51-2/52**  
lives at RR#1, Box 39 Girard,  
Il. 62640.

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305 Parish Dr, Arabi, La. 70032  
(504) 279-0053. Wants contact  
with anyone who was a survivor  
of the surrounding by the  
Chinese and over run by them  
Call or write him with info.

**DOES THE NAME "GEORGE E.**  
**WARSTLER, 24th Administration**  
Co. '67-'69 ring a bell with  
anyone?  
New Life member #1451 **RULON B.**  
**NIEDERER** Lives at 327 W. 3rd St  
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Rec. dues from RAYMOND  
YOUNGBLOOD p.o. box 025732  
Kansas City, Mo. 64102-5732.  
(the check was made out in my  
name so, I will put it in my  
checking account and send  
Dutch one of my Checks.

RICHARD T. LaFLAME (B 11th FA  
6/49-7/51) was Fire Direction  
order as Computer Chart Operat-  
or in Korea attached to Hq.  
Retired and Lives at 52 Fayette  
St. Lynn Ma. 01902 He and Eliza-  
abeth. They have three grown  
children.

ROMEO J. ABOURQUE (5th RCT  
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Dr. Sandy, Ut. 84094 (801)572-  
1328.

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lives at 605 Gale Lane-Athens,  
Al. 35611. ( ) 232-1867.

ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS (3rd  
Eng.) lives at 3401 Village  
Dr. Fayetteville, NC. 28304  
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LOUIS S. CAMBRA (3rd Eng. WWII)  
lives at 23701 S. Western Ave.  
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I appreciate the donation for  
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counted. I will add to check  
on the left. THANKS!

KENNETH L. BEELER (A Btry 1st  
19th 8/62-2/64. A Greyhound  
bus driver. He hangs his hat  
at 4505 N.W. 1st Street Des  
Moines, Ia. 50313



**Cheryl Light & mother-**

In the Dec. issue of the Taro Leaf this picture was miss labeled by miss information as supplied to the editor. the caption should have read Laura Schutz and mother Paula Thornton Schutz, Granddaughter and Daughter of Douglas W. Thornton, Jr. The fellow in the background is Doug Thornton to his right is Charlie Card.  
(Thanks for helping Doug! Bob)

If a Picture of Cheryl Light & mother was supplied we will print it.

RICHARD MILLER (724th Ord. '51-'53) of 9770 Hastings Blvd, Glen Avon Hgts., Ca 92509 writes that he has a Daughter & four sons the oldest is a Lt. Col. in the Engineers stationed in N.Y. at the U.N. He is retired and loves it! If life was any better, I couldn't stand it".

#### LOOKING FOR:

Karen Jenks, 1559 Pacific Coast Hwy., Box E127, Hermosa Beach CA 90254 is looking for anyone who remembers her father, JOHN EDWARD WOODILLA, WW II.

If anyone can help, kindly write Karen directly.

New member DAVID L. NELSON of 6605 Sherrod Pl. Fayetteville, NC. 28314-0167 (H 2nd Bn. 21st) was in 1 Oct 51-30 Sept. 52. He would like to contact these men Herbert K. Van Pelt, Ted Willis, Tex McVey, Joe (Ivory Joe) Hunter, someone named Iceman, Hardeman, Cpl Williams, Magbee (Texas), SFC Lindstrom (Plt SGT), Cpt. Freidman and Cpt Andy Anderson, Lt McCoy, Sfc Holk, Pfc Jobe.

PAUL R. McARDLE (A 24th SIGN. '64-'65) STATES THAT HE IS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE 24TH AND THE ASSOC. He passes the T.L. on to other TARO LEAFers that he knows, so far 2 have joined up. He also sent his last installment on his Life Membership to the Association, he is at 311 E. Hazard St., Summit Hill, Pa. 18250.

OTTO J. MARKMAN (E 21st) lives at 212 S. H Street, Livingston, Montana 59047. A retired rancher Now owns a construction business. He is one of our newest members of the Assoc. Welcome!

LOOKING FOR:

ROBERT L. MARKS(F 19th  
12/50 - 9/51) 9015 E.36 St.,  
Tulsa OK 74145, is looking  
for DANIEL MOON. Bob says they  
were both Platoon Sqts of 3rd  
Platoon Co.F. 19th in Korea  
from Jan. to Sept. of '51.  
Says Moon's last known address  
was Ward 18, Tripler Army Hosp.,  
APO 438 c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco CA. Says Moon's  
home was, at that time, Hawaii.  
Can anyone help?

Note: from Harold W. Goldnick  
of 506 Ogemaw St., Grayling, Mi  
49738. would like to hear from  
former members of the 13th FA  
24th Div. '49-'51 write him or  
Allen R.Sharp townhouse south  
FM Rd. 1845 Apt.307 Longview,  
Tx.75603 Ph. 903-758-2554.  
Harold's Ph.517-348-9418.

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MAUREEN C. SMENT Box 1443 Junction  
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Looking for EDWARD J. KENNEDY  
last known address was 330 11th  
St. E Belle, WV. He was a member  
of HQ. & HQ Btry 24th Div Arty  
( '52-'54). ROBERT J. MORITZ  
Hq & Hq 24th Divarty( '52-'54).  
1427 Mamie Eisenhower, Boone,  
Ia.50036 Ph.515-432-1648. We  
are trying to locate him for  
a reunion.

Word came from ROBERT H.  
SMITH (A 11FA Korea) he  
attended NO and plans on  
Nashville. He is at 7721  
Deer Ln. Wisconsin Rapids,  
Wi.54494. Life Member 1431

Mrs Donna R. Dickinson of  
307 S. Wabash St., Palestine  
Il.62451-1350 is looking for  
information of her husband  
Mathew Lawrence Dickinson  
of P?alestine, Il was in the  
19th Rgt. POW 2-4-51 DIED POW  
Camp #3.

James E. Klowssel, Sr. of 811  
Crestwood St., Victoria, Tx 77901  
is a new member.

Perry Lawson Rt 1, Box 184  
Pinnacle, NC is also a new  
member.

Jimmie Tucker (H&S 6th Tank  
'52-'53) is at 1024 Magnolia  
Ave. Mooresville, NC 28115. Jim  
is an old friend of the editor  
who located him after 41 years  
through the CD Phone Book on  
his computer. The Editor was  
so elated at finding him that  
he paid for Jim's first years  
dues.

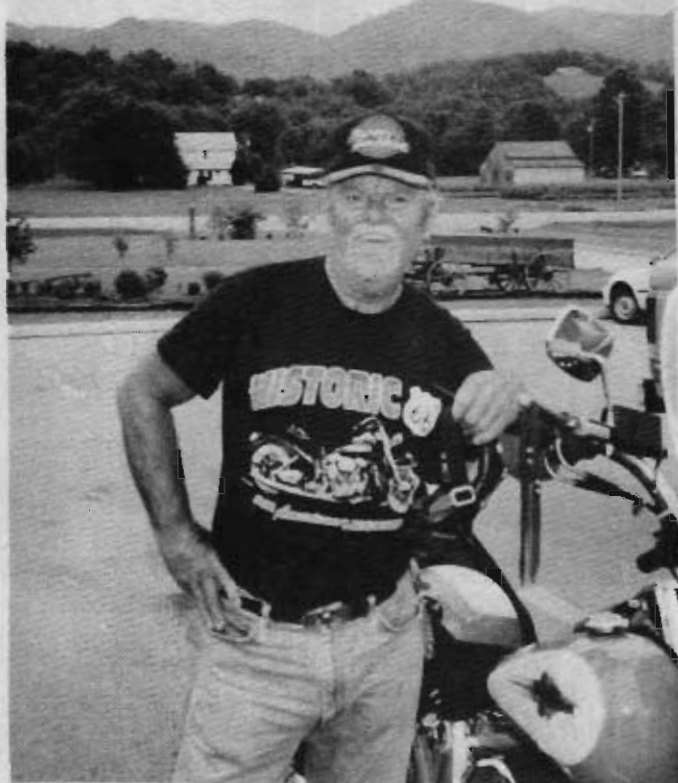
JAMES A. CLOUGH 258 Center St  
Wolfeboro, NH.03894-0171.

JERRY LEVINE 10 Hershey Rd.  
Wayne, NJ 07470.

MYRON A. COLLINS 471 Wadsworth  
Ave. Avon, NY 14414.

GEORGE W. R. WHITNEY 96 Lagoon Rd  
Belvedere, Ca.94920.

CLARENCE SUGAREK 814 E. Maverick  
ST. Crystal City, tx.78839.



RICHARD E. KRUMME (Hq.Btry.  
and 13th FA Bn. 8/54-9/55)  
and Donna of PO Box 1446,  
Lee's Summit MO 64063, says  
"Donna and I have had a busy  
year touring on our 1992  
Harley-Davidson motorcycle.  
Have been to Albuquerque NM,  
Asheville NC, and just got back  
from the Black Hills of Sturgis  
SD.

"I have so many fond memories  
of the 24th Inf.Div. and all  
those many friends from the  
13th FA.

"Would like to hear from  
anyone who remembers me."

BURT LAWSON JR. (I 21st  
3rd Bn., wounded 7/51, returned  
to his unit and drove Truck  
#I-6, '51-'52) 13119 Manor,  
Detroit MI 48238, sends in dues  
and a hefty contribution.  
Burt would like to find any  
of the I 21st guys who served  
in his area.

HAROLD W. KUPER (M 34th 10/44-5/45)  
PO Box 154, Ree Heights SD 57371,  
sends his dues and a few words.  
"Was in Rockhampton for awhile -  
the malaria camp which we called the  
fox farm. Don't remember much about  
Rockhampton except for the fire chief's  
daughter. After malaria got me  
was in two hospitals in Australia,  
then to the fox farm, and then to the  
24th at Hollandia New Guinea. Heck it  
didn't make much difference where I was.  
Liked the 24th better than the 32nd,  
as I spent time with them too."

Warren Avery  
contributed 400 Bic pens to the  
New Orleans party. You may want  
to mention it.

New Life Member,  
NANCY S. WILL, widow of  
JAMES H. WILL (B 11th FA '41-'45)  
3230 NW 69th, Oklahoma City  
OK 73116, is asking if anyone  
might have photographs of  
her now deceased husband,  
JAMES H. WILL, and/or her  
now deceased brother, J.Blake  
Sanders. J.B. and Jim went  
through ROTC at the University  
of Oklahoma, graduated and went  
on to Hawaii in early '42.  
They served together for 3 years  
until Jim came home six months  
before her brother, who was their  
best man when they married  
on 12-16-45.

Help !



I KNOW THAT A LOT OF TIME HAS PASSED, THIS LADY WOULD LIKE SOME HELP IN FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HER BROTHER!

Charles O. Cordle (c 34th unit 3) MIA 8/6/50-  
Declared dead 12/31/53.

Charles O. Cordle is the one standing, maybe someone of you c 34th guys can help her out.

Write to: Ethel Russell  
1716 Richmond Rd.  
Columbus, OH. 43223

Call her 1-614-279-1195.

Rec. another years dues from  
ALFRED K. MACK RD 1  
Box 149 Vintondale, Pa. 15961.

Received dues from VICTOR  
RERNICK of 741 Palm Ave.,  
Hemet, Ca. 92543-6959.

Members of B Company,  
92 Engineer Battalion finally  
returned to Stewart after  
spending several weeks in the  
South American Country of  
Suriname where they con-  
structed a migrant camp.

Robert B. Starner, Jr. 201  
Walnut St. Richland Mo.  
65556-9701 (Hq 3rd Eng  
Aug. 56-Nov. 57) lives with  
his wife Jona Kay  
retired MSG from Army 9/76  
after 2 tours of Korea  
2 tours of Vietnam, 1 tour  
of France. started working  
for Post Office as a rural  
mail carrier

WILLIAM E. CONLEY  
(24th MP 12/46-11/47)  
9956 Johnnycake Rdg., G-5,  
Painesville OH 44077 is  
still looking for members  
of 24th MP Platoon '46-'47.

ADELBERT W. CHANCE (A Btry.  
63rd FA 9/48-9/53 - POW 7/50 -  
9/53) of RD 5, Box 699,  
Newfield NJ 08344, would like to  
hear from anyone who served with  
him in Japan during the above  
dates.

Rec. dues from Col. ROBERT J.  
TILLMAN (ret.) of 3610 E.  
55 th St. Tulsa, Ok 74135.  
would like to hear from anyone  
who served in 34th 3rd Bn. H&H  
from 7/55-2/56. He also served  
with MG Ware (then Col.), a  
soldiers soldier. Lost him in  
Nam, terrible

JAMES A. JONES (I 34th '50-'51)  
The First Sgt of I 34th rec.  
battlefield commission also the  
writer as of 4 sept 1950 4 days  
after becoming E of 34th. He  
would like to contact Sgt  
Harris. NOW PUT ON YOUR THINKING  
CAPS! If his hometown or state  
were known possibly I could  
help through the phone book  
on CD-Rom, Editor

BILL ALLRED (1st Bn. 34th  
and 3rd Bn. 19th 1950) of  
21861 Bean Rd., E., Athens AL  
looking for:

HARRY A. AMBLER  
possibly Harrisburg PA

RICHARD A. BLACK  
possibly Pell City AL

? CHAMBLY  
possibly Hazzard KY.

? SLIEGEL  
possibly Harlin County KY

Capt. HERMAN STINES  
from somewhere in the  
northwest

and any other K 19th people

PAUL J. CAIN - I would like to  
contact anyone who served in I  
Co. 34th Inf. in Subic Bay,  
Kalakan Point and Corregidor  
Campaigns which took place in  
January and February 1945. Send  
me your phone number and I will  
call you. Paul is at 3109B  
Chatham Dr. Urbana, IL 61801-7043  
Phone 217-344-1462.

BASIL H. STEED 2 Wade St.  
Watson, A.C.T. Australia would  
like to contact Raymond Reis  
(Hq. Co., 29th Inf 7/50-11/50)  
was in Middletown, RI, he has  
wrote him several times with  
no answer wants a current address

In answer to Les Davis' info on Camp Fuji, I arrived at Camp Fuji  
in March of '53. The camp was divided into three sections, South,  
Middle, and North Camp Fuji. The Japanese had a saying "It takes a  
fool to climb Mt. Fuji, and twice a fool not to climb it". I was  
with the tank co. (med.) 34th Inf and handled the supply office of  
the consolidated mess hall where Les ate. Also at South Camp was  
3rd Eng, 52 FA, a hvy Mortar co. I appreciate Les stirring up my  
memory after 41 years. Another thing he stirred up was overdue  
dues, enclosed a check for life membership. EDWARD HARTO  
51 W. Joffre Ave. Milltown, NJ. 08850.

enclose here one of them which I knew then was comendable but have just recently heard it was of maybe tremendous value and the Artiliary should have just credit.

Bare with the shaky writing of these days and I will carry on.

Now for your further information about 2 years ago you gave my address to a Filipino named Frank Marantino Jr. who had been with my Battery on Leyte. I happened to be the Platoon Sgt and he and those boys got this fire & combat experience with me. It wasn't planed that way but so it was, I killed and Frank wounded plus many of my men or maybe I should say some as to some quantities is supposed to be exact and I went to another OP and the rest were reports in following days and several never seen again.

I do have a good number of front line Artiliaryman actions

which I was <sup>#2 letter</sup> in fact involved  
in and have taped and written  
which I will share with the  
Taro Leaf.

Yes they are all true as  
memory allows and also my  
desire is that any corrections  
or different view points are  
shared with me so we can  
have a better picture and also  
all know there was artillery men  
on the line also.

My last operation of note was  
the landing on the tip of Batam  
~~with~~ and the Corregador landing  
with 34 RCT in February 1945

Don Sletten

RT 2 Box 2640

Isabella, MO, 65676

Thanks again for your having  
passing my name and address on  
as for example it led me to the  
final info on the enclosed story.  
also locating Col Hodges our Batalian CO  
who also now has most of my stories.

**ATTENTION:**

Any 24th Division Association member interested in purchasing their regimental Coat of Arms in vibrant colors on pure silk, approximately 11" x 14".

The cost will be \$50.00 which includes postage and handling.

Presently available: 5th, 19th and 34th.

Send you check in the amount of \$50.00 payable to: 24th Inf.Div.Assn. along with your name, address including ZIP code, and your telephone number. And, of course, specify the regimental Coat of Arms that you desire.

Mail your request to:  
Ellsworth Nelsen  
812 Orion Dr.,  
Colorado Springs Co.  
80906

ALFRED LEV (G 34th '40's era) would like to hear from people who knew him, also would like info on obtaining the CIB AND A COPY OF THE DISCHARGE. He was discharged Jan 15, 1945. Just celebrated his 75th Birthday. CONGRADULATIONS!!!  
He is at 1135 103rd St#5,  
Miami, Fl. 33154-1231.

**Moving!** please let us know in advance to prevent an interruption of receiving the Taro Leaf.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO 24th Inf.Div.Assoc.  
P.O. BOX 6066  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO.  
80934-6066

DAVID L. AYERS (B Btry. 11th FA Bn. '49-'50) Rt. 3, Box 42, Gillham AR 71841, had a heart attack Aug. 12th and had to miss going to New Orleans.

Dave says he's fine now and would like to hear from anybody that remembers him. Tel. 501-386-2692.



Rec. letter and membership card. enclosed a photo of me and one of my Army buddies. The short one on the right is me. I joined K 19th 12/44-6/46. He was in from 5/45-11/46. would like to hear from anyone who was with the Company during this time. Maybe we can get together at next reunion.  
RUDOLPH WEBER 411 e.14th St  
Lacrosse, Wi. 67548--ph 913-222-3213  
JAMES LEMON P.O. BOX357 Friendship, In. 47021.  
ph. 812-667-5455

# Dual-military marriages require hardwork, dedication

By Pvt. 2 Marcia Hart-Branch

Life and Times Editor

A soldier has to endure many hardships and changes when married to a civilian.

Imagine the enormous amount of time, hard work and dedication it takes to make a vow to your spouse and to the military when both partners are in the service.

Recently, a dual military couple stationed at Fort Stewart decided to renew their oath to the military together.

Spec. Michael Salaun, A Company, 24th Signal Battalion, and Spec. Tamara Salaun, B Company, 24th Signal Battalion renewed their oaths to the U.S. Army in a dual reenlistment ceremony on Aug. 26. The two reenlisted to remain at the 24th Signal Battalion at Fort Stewart.

"We decided to reenlist because being in the military we have stable jobs and we know that the bills, at least most of them, will get paid," said Tamara.

"We decided to reenlist for Fort Stewart because this way we could have a sense



of stability with our baby on the way," said Michael.

Because of things like deployment and field exercises, family life can be a difficult thing to balance, and the choice to remain in the military is a decision which requires a lot of consideration on the part of both servicemembers.

"Both of us being in the military makes life rough. It's hard to spend quality time together. We spend most of our time after work trying to figure out who's going to do the uniforms, while the other cooks," said Michael.

But having a spouse in the military does have its advantages. Each partner has some working knowledge of what the



CARFIELD

by Jim Davis



Courtesy photo

**Specialists Michael and Tamara Salaun recently at their reenlistment ceremony.**

other has to endure throughout the day.

"It's easier for us because we're in the same battalion. We know what each other goes through and understand each other's work," said Tamara.

Dual military marriages are not easy, but they can work with understanding, support and dedication. Dedication to your country, support from your spouse, and understanding of each other.



Kievenaar

**Maj. Gen. Henry A. Kievenaar Jr.**, deputy commanding general, V Corps, in Germany, will soon start his new job as commanding general, Allied Command Europe Mobile Forces (Land), also in Germany.

The Boston native has been with V Corps since August 1993, first as chief of staff, then as deputy commanding general in 1993. He has also served as assistant division commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga; and command-

## OURS IS 60611—WHAT'S YOURS?

According to Claritas, Inc., the top five U.S. zip codes ranked in order of wealthiest residents (as of March 1994): 20301 (Washington, D.C.), 60082 (Techny, Ill.), 94027 (Menlo Park, Cal.), 07046 (Mountain Lakes, N.J.), 60043 (Kenilworth, Ill.). Rank of 90210 (Beverly Hills, Cal.); 89. Zip codes with highest ratio of women to men: 94613 (Oakland, Cal.) and 24962 (Pence Springs, W. Va.). Zip codes with highest number of never-married women: 10021 (East Side Manhattan) and 10025 (Upper West Side Manhattan).

# Korean War memorial plan

By IAN MCPHEDRAN,  
Defence Reporter

More than 40 years after the armistice was signed, a \$1 million national memorial to the 339 Australians who died in the "forgotten war" in Korea will be built on Anzac Parade.

About 17,000 Australians served in the United Nations force in the war from 1950 to 1953. Of those, 1200, including RSL national president Major-General Digger James, were wounded.

The chairman of the Korean War Memorial Committee, retired Rear Admiral Ian Crawford, who served as a midshipman aboard a British Cruiser in the war, said the age of veterans from Korea was between 60 and 80-plus years.

The committee also includes Korean veterans Brigadier Colin Kahn and Sir William Keys, who are among the estimated 10,000 Australian Korean War veterans still living.

The National Capital Planning Authority, which took over responsibility for memorials this year, has given in-principle support to the project.

However, the ultimate decision rests with the Canberra National Memorials Committee which is chaired by the Prime Minister, Paul Keating.

Rear Admiral Crawford said correspondence from the Memorials Committee had indicated a decision on the Korean Memorial would be made in the "next couple of months".

He said Korean veterans had long considered a national memorial and the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial in October 1992 was the catalyst for action. The Department of Veterans' Affairs had supported the concept, especially the former Minister, John Faulkner, and the current Minister, Con Sciacca.

Rear Admiral Crawford said the design of the memorial would be determined by a nation-wide competition.

He said it should depict the environment and the often appalling conditions in which Australians served in Korea, featuring the climate, the topography, the trenches, the sea and the sky.

The committee has proposed that the memorial be inscribed with the words, "In Memory of those Australians who died in the Korean War 1950 to 1953 and in honour of those who served. This was the first occasion when members of the United Nations had been called upon to repel armed attack and restore international peace and security".

The memorial would incorporate a plaque carrying the names of the 339 Australians killed in the war.

Two existing and three potential sites are available on Anzac Parade, although the likely site would be one already developed



Retired Rear Admiral Ian Crawford at the World War I Light Horse Memorial in Anzac Parade. Picture: Gary Schuster

above the Vietnam Memorial.

Rear Admiral Crawford said the cost of the design and construction of the \$1 million memorial would be funded from an appeal in Australia and overseas.

"The provision for fund-raising in the draft strategy paper

does not include a need to seek a government contribution," he said.

"The campaign will concentrate on Australian and South Korean companies and individuals with investment and trade interests."

Korea will be Australia's sec-

ond-largest export market by 2000. Trade has grown 1300 per cent in the past 30 years.

"If requested, there could be some scope for the Korean people to acknowledge their gratitude to the Australian sacrifice," he said.

Send any money to: Basil Steed  
2 Wade St.  
Watson ACT 2602  
AUSTRALIA.

## Stamps-For-Veterans: 'It's Good Therapy'

Boredom can turn all too easily to depression for the many long-term patients at VA hospitals around the country unless they're kept occupied.

Removing stamps from envelopes and sorting them "occupies their minds and their hands," according to Bernie Elmore, a retired businessman in Depew, NY. "Doctors tell me it's good therapy."

For the past eight years Elmore, 73, a veteran who served in Europe in WWII and returned with six battle stars and a 10-percent disability, has been supervising a network of volunteers who supply him with used stamps from all over the world.

Most of the items in

Elmore's stamps-for-veterans program are funneled through the Veterans Stamp and Coin Club of Tucson, AZ, and make their way to VA medical centers across the country.

Elmore--whose avocation no doubt was therapeutic in assisting his recovery last year from heart bypass surgery--spends six or more hours daily processing some 10,000 stamps through his home office each week. Lately he's been helped out by senior citizen volunteers from the Buffalo, NY, chapter of the American Lung Association.

Among his suppliers are Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), an eight-year-old boy from England, a retired golf course operator in Wisconsin

and, for the past five years, *The Stars and Stripes*.

"I get a kick out of it," said Elmore. "It keeps me busy. Keeps me thinking. I'll take all the business I can get."

Some of the stamps are used for certain types of crafts programs at the VAMCs. Others join the stamp collections of hospitalized veterans. New and used picture postcards and sports cards also are collected.★

Stamps can be sent to  
Stamps For Veterans,  
Bernie Elmore, P.O.  
Box 398, Depew, NY  
14043-0398.



ARVIL RIDDLE, SV 13th FA  
IS AT 1309 LOGAN ST. SW#G  
CULLMAN, AL. 35055

Jan. 30, 1995

Taro Leaf  
24th. Infantry Division Assoc.  
Kenwood Ross, Editor  
120 Maple St.  
Springfield, MA 01103-2278

Dear Sir,

Would you please run the announcement of our next Army Reunion in your magazine.

11th. Field Artillery Service Battery , 24 Infantry Div.  
Korean Conflict May 1952 through 1954.  
Reunion will be held at the Ramada Inn in Branson, MO 65616  
April 25-28, 1996.  
Contact Howard Buckles P.O. Box 267 Keosauqua, Ia. 52565  
Phone 319-293-3012 for more information.

Since there were not adequate funds to retire and demilitarize thousands of useless tanks, an innovative approach was developed to accomplish the task and turn a profit for the U.S. Treasury.

Thousands of obsolete tanks from the 1950s and 1960s are stored and need to be eliminated from the inventory.

The cost was estimated at \$25 million, and funding in that amount was not available.

An alternative was developed to have commercial contractors bid for the scrap steel with the condition that they perform demilitarization.

A pilot program was launched and 125 M48A1 tanks went on the block. Validation was completed and the government made about \$2000 per tank through a reduced workload on government employees.

A contract to demilitarize 1000 more tanks has been signed with options to eliminate up to 2000 more, and officials expect to increase cost-effectiveness because of the experience gained during the pilot program.

Why didn't we think of that?

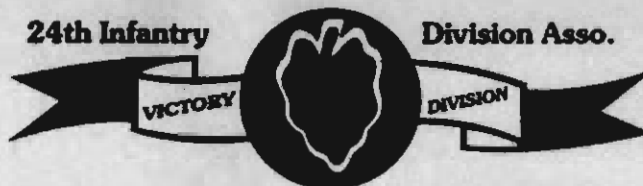
Thank you

*Howard Buckles*

Howard Buckles

DAVID BAILLIE (34th Tank Co. '50's in Korea) RD #1, Box 264, Roaring Branch PA 17765, says he needs some help. He is writing stories of his stay in Korea with the 34th TK Co. '50's and is looking for a publisher or company that would be interested in putting his words into print for all to read. He thinks it's long overdue to have books and stories written about "the forgotten war" and the times related to it from someone who was there.

If anyone can help Dave, please write to him at the above address.



## VINCENT KEEGAN 3RD ENGR BN

108 ADAMS ST.  
RYAN, IOWA 52330  
319-932-2281  
319-932-2411  
FAX-319-932-2110

MAY 5th & 6th, 1995, A REUNION OF THE 3RD ENGR. BN. IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES. AS OF THIS RELEASE WE ARE PROGRAMMED TO BE STAYING AT THE HOLIDAY INN AT ST. LOUIS, MO. RESERVATIONS WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE HOLIDAY INN. WE ARE PLANNING A BUS TOUR ON SATURDAY THE 6th. AND A EVENING BANQUET ALSO ON THE 6th.

EACH PERSON THAT HAS CONTACTED ME, WILL RECEIVE A PROGRAM GUIDE AS TO RATES, AND LOCATION.

SINCE THIS IS OUR FIRST REUNION, WE WOULD LIKE SOME INPUT OR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT EACH OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO OR SEE WHILE IN ST. LOUIS, MO. ALSO IF WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ENTERTAIN OR HELP WITH THE REUNION, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

SEE THE BIG-4  
ORIGINAL 3rd ENGR\_S

JIM FLYNN  
MAURICE ELMORE  
JOHN ZOLLER  
VINCE KEEGAN



12/27/94

Dear Bob:

Thanks for taking over as editor of the Taro Leaf. The most important factor for the success and growth of our Association has been the Taro Leaf Newsletter and the ability to reach out to all members. All of us recognize the great job done by Ken Ross over the years, and appreciate the commitment you and your staff has undertaken.

In the fall issue of Taro Leaf there appeared an invitation from the 503rd RCT Association inviting members of the 34th Inf to join with them in marking the 50th anniversary of the Corregidor landing. I have contacted one of the chapters here on the west coast which is having a dinner meeting in February 1995. Other regional chapters are celebrating the event as well, and the national 503rd Association will get together this summer for its annual reunion.

Here again is the name of the 503rd person to contact for all of you who are interested in attending one of the events in your area or going to the national reunion.

John Reynolds  
718 Towne Center Dr  
Joppa, MD 21085-4442

Bill McKenna  
970 Neilson St  
Albany, CA 94706  
(A CO, 34th Inf)



Our presiding President and  
his lovely wife, Vince Vella  
and Francis Vella.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO 34th INFANTRY WW II VETERANS

To the best of our knowledge, there has never been a reunion of the entire 34th Infantry. We would like to remedy that situation at Cocoa Beach, Florida on October 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1995-- the 51st anniversary of our landing at Leyte.

We know that some of the separate companies have been meeting at various locations. How about putting it all together this year ?

We have made arrangements with the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel at Cocoa Beach and they have offered some very attractive rates:

Tower-Ocean View Rooms - \$ 59.00/day + tax  
Courtyard Rooms - \$ 49.00/day + tax

The Cocoa Beach area has much to recommend it. The most obvious are the Kennedy Space Center and the Atlantic beach. There are fine golf courses in the area. There are charter boats and party boats available for deep sea fishing and there is pier fishing at Cocoa Beach Pier. None of the above require a license. Surf fishing is also available, but a license is required.

For shoppers there is Merritt Square Mall, quaint Cocoa Village, and Ron Jon's- the surfer's paradise.

The restaurants are many and diverse and for the most part very good. Although all types of food are available, the seafood is excellent!

Plans are not complete, but you can be assured a trip to Kennedy Space Center will be available for all who wish to go. It will be 20 miles "up the road a piece".

Port Canaveral - about 5 miles - is one of the largest cruise ports in the country. You may wish to polish off your weekend with a Caribbean cruise.

Howard Johnson offers the special rates to 34th Infantry people, not only for the 3 nights of our reunion, but for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the meeting.

If you wish to make reservations, call 1-800-55-BEACH, or 1-800-552-3224.

Please identify yourself as being with the 34th.

For more information, contact:

Bob Scott  
P.O. Box 3080  
Waco, Tx. 76707  
(817) 772-7106

Willie Wilson  
2220 Sandlewood  
Venice, Fl. 34293  
(813) 493-1230

Dick Fisher  
4240 Canela St.  
Cocoa, Fl. 32927  
(407) 631-9778

See you in Cocoa Beach, come October

*If you plan to come, please make reservations ASAP  
It helps with the planning.*

# McCarran House

**CHECK-IN: AFTER 2 PM**  
**CHECK-OUT: 12 Noon**

**ARRIVAL: Sunday, April 23, 1995**  
**DEPARTURE: Wed., April 26, 1995**

**ROOMS AVAILABLE:** King, \$45.00, single/double; each additional person is \$10.00.  
Queen/Queen, \$45.00, single/double; each additional person-\$10.00.  
Smoking/non-smoking; all rooms subject to 8% room tax.

Stay-overs guaranteed same rate for 4/26 and 27th.  
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Use special number Listed (1-800-548-5798) or cut out below:

Room cut off: March 31, 1995.

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**FIRST NAME**  
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**STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX**  
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**STATE**

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Individual reservations must be made with credit card or first night's deposit.

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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24th Inf. Div. Assn.

24th Div. Outfits: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served \_\_\_\_\_

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ " " \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife/guests attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(for name tags) \_\_\_\_\_

\*EARLY BIRD PRICES:

	Per Person	Number Attending	Amount
Tuesday Night Aloha Dinner	\$ 23.00 ea.*	_____	\$ _____
<u>REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE</u> (guests excluded)			\$ 10.00 *

\* DOOR PRICES 10% HIGHER TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CUT-OFF DATE: April 1, 1995.

MAIL TO: MR. RODNEY STOCK  
4551 Azalea Drive  
Reno, Nev., 89502  
Tel: (702) 825-5574

Note: Refunds guaranteed  
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48 hrs. prior to reunion

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VETS  
14528 SOUTH OUTER FORTY ROAD  
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017-5743  
800-844-8387

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **MEDIA CONTACT:**

**Paul Brown**  
**800/844-8387**

### **"VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK"**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC**

**HONOLULU, HAWAII**

**SEPTEMBER 20-25, 1995**

Veterans Appreciation Week will be headquartered on the island of Oahu, in Hawaii's state capital, Honolulu. This is the perfect place for a reunion celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

Mr. Paul Brown, Marketing Director of VETS, states there will be many activities for the Veterans to enjoy. They include a Welcome to Hawaii Veterans Appreciation Reception, exclusive ceremonies and remembrances, dignitaries and guest speakers from branches of the Armed Forces, and a nostalgic 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance with a 40's Big Band Sound all in one low cost.

Also included in this unique trip are, five nights hotel accommodations at the hotel of your choice, special round trip airfares, welcome flower lei greeting, bellmen gratuities and hotel taxes, tour to the Arizona Memorial and Punchbowl Cemetery, and services of Hawaii Travel Staff.

Join in Veterans Appreciation Week September 20-25, 1995 in Hawaii! Prices start from \$719 per person.

**CALL 1-800-837-5999 FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

### *Hotel and Pricing Samples*

**From: \$719**  
per person

	Los Angeles	New York
Waikiki Beachcomber	\$719	\$1020
Pacific Beach Hotel	\$767	\$1068
Outrigger Reef Hotel	\$837	\$1138
Hyatt Regency Waikiki	\$1016	\$1317
Hilton Hawaiian Village	\$1020	\$1321
Sheraton Waikiki	\$1058	\$1359
The Royal Hawaiian Hotel	\$1128	\$1429

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

ALFRED J. JONES (C 34th 11/42-8/45) 80 Millbrook Dr. Toms River NJ 08757, would like to know if anyone from his old outfit is still alive. He would like to hear from anyone of them (from Schofield to Leyte). He was St. Sgt. ALFRED JONES Squad Leader, 1st Plat. C Co. 34th. His Platoon Leader was Lt. Gordep.

Alfred's tel. 908-341-3631

# A call to Korean War

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1995

## veterans

THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT & THE LEDGER-STAR

STORY ON NEXT PAGE!

SUBMITTED BY D. EUGENE BRITTAN

*to Bob Lawler*



## KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION

808 OLDHAM RD. VA. BEACH, VA. 23464

PHONE # (804) 467-1233

### KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION (SCHEDULED FOR 16 - 22 OCTOBER 1995)

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 16 - 17 - 18 OCTOBER 1995

These days are available to individual, organized units to hold their own reunions. For information about the area and assistance with these activities, call:

**Dick Kinsley --- (800) 700-7702**      **Call Dick only for activities dated 16 - 17 - 18 and 22 - 23 - 24 October 1995**

#### 19 - 20 - 21 OCTOBER 1995

### KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION

#### THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1995

0900 Hours---All the military units from the Korean War will be opened to greet the veterans and their guests. The entire day is available to find your old combat buddies, take new pictures, plus their addresses and phone numbers. Make new friends, visit other units. Other activities available.

#### FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1995

The morning you may visit or do any number of things: Visit military bases in the area, Historical museums, Shopping centers, Or many other available activities. Something to please everyone, do make your reunion unforgettable. Women activities and shopping trips established.

In the afternoon, if you desire there will be on display, combat equipment used in the Korean War. You may inspect and take pictures. You may mount them and relive old memories.

That evening, all activities available will be listed in your schedule flyers. Unit reunions, dances, dining, entertainment, you are in control of your reunion.

#### SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1995

This morning the parade honoring the Korean War Veterans will be held. Atlantic Avenue bordering the Atlantic Ocean is the route that will be used.

Arrangements for additional activities such as : Bowling, Golf, Deep Sea Fishing, Sporting events Shopping is available. Transportation will be arranged to help you with your activities.

**WE WERE DRAFTED  
WE VOLUNTEERED  
WE FOUGHT FOR YOU  
WE GOT WOUNDED  
WE GOT SLAIN  
WE GAVE 3 YEARS  
WE WON THE COLD WAR  
WE GOT COLD, HOT, WET  
WE GOT DISABLED  
WE DID IT ALL FOR YOU**

At 2130 hours---a major fireworks exhibition will be held along the ocean front. You may see the fireworks from the beaches or your lodging if its on the ocean front. At the end of the fireworks display, we will enact the last hour of the last day of the war.

The reunion activities are now accomplished. All the preparation for our only entire reunion was geared to give you a reunion that acts like a memorable vacation. You deserve the honor and pleasure. **WE EARNED EVERYTHING**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BACK OF THIS PAGE. RESERVATIONS ON NEXT PAGE**

**HONOR-- EARNED AND DESERVED**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION  
(SCHEDULED FOR 19 - 20 - 21 OCTOBER 1995)**

An IRS authorized non-profit account has been opened at Virginia Beach Federal Bank in the name of "korean war veterans reunion". This account was established to supply any money left over from the cost honoring korean war veterans to be turned over to the Korean War Veterans Scholarship Fund.

Register as early as possible. Tell us the number of people attending with you by filling out the enclosed registration form. Do not forget to attach your check made out to:  
**"KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION"**

Registration and Lodging reservations are very important. Immediate action at this time will give you the best. By the end of march the cost of registration will increase to \$ 30.00 (from \$ 20.00). Many of us have been looking for our combat units to have a reunion, but for 40+ years have yet to find one.

This reunion includes all veterans from all services, men and women who served during Korea from 1950 - 1955. We all have memories and pictures of our combat buddies that we have been looking for since we returned to the United States. There are over two million of them not associated with any veterans organization. We need them with us.

All correspondence and questions about the reunion should be sent to:

**MSG. RICHARD R. GALLMEYER - RETIRED  
" KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION "  
808 OLDHAM RD.  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23464  
PHONE # (804) 467-1 233**

**ATTACHED IS A LIST OF LODGINGS WITH EXTREMELY REDUCED RATES FOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS. YOU WILL HANDLE YOUR LODGING DIRECTLY, ALL HAVE 800 NUMBERS. THIS LIST IS THE NUMBER ONE. AS MORE LODGINGS ARE NEEDED EXPANSION OUTWARD IS NECESSARY PRICING WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL END OF MARCH '95.**

**Honor -- was earned and deserved**

The potential attendance could very well present us with some headaches. Our design to meet this problem is to expand the lodging area as far as needed. make your attendance as easy as possible. register now.

**FROM NOW UNTIL END OF MARCH 1995 THE COST OF REGISTRATION IS \$20.00  
AFTER END OF MARCH 1995 REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30.00 EACH.**

**NOW IS REGISTRATION TIME - BENEFIT YOURSELVES!!!**

## REGISTRATION FORM

# FIRST NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION

THIS REUNION IS FOR ALL VETERANS FROM ALL SERVICES - MEN & WOMEN WHO SERVED THE KOREAN WAR FROM 1950 - 1955. IF MORE FORMS NEEDED - MAKE COPIES

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY SERVICE (CIRCLE) ARMY NAVY MARINES AIR FORCE COAST GUARD

UNIT(S) SERVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SERVED \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ROTATED \_\_\_\_\_ WOUNDED \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAPPED \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR IDENTIFICATION BADGE

NAMES OF OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

**COST: \$ 20.00 EACH FOR VETERAN AND HIS OR HER ATTENDANTS. LODGING IS TO BE RESERVED DIRECTLY. YOUR DOWN PAYMENT (1 DAY) TO BE SENT TO LODGE.**

**WE NEED INFORMATION AS TO YOUR DESIRES I.E.- GOLF, BOWLING, DEEP SEA FISHING SHOPPING, TOURS, MILITARY BASES ETC.**

**ENCLOSE CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM - MAIL TO ADDRESS BELOW.**

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION**

**808 OLDHAM RD.**

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23464**

**1995**

**1995**

**ATTENTION: RATES FOR RESERVATIONS WILL RAISE TO \$30.00 31 MARCH '95  
AUGUST 31 1995 IS END OF ACCEPTANCE. THE FINAL DATA  
BASE CONFIGURATION NEEDS 45 DAYS TO BE ABLE TO SHOW  
EVERYONE WHERE THEIR BUDDIES (MEN OR WOMEN) ARE.**

**THE NAME OF YOUR LODGING IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE DATA BASE  
INPUT IN ORDER TO ALERT EVERYONE AS TO LOCATION. EARLY NEEDED.**

**MSG. RICHARD R. GALLMEYER  
RETIRED. 3rd INF DIV. KOREA  
808 OLDHAM RD.  
VA. BEACH, VA. 23464  
PHONE (804) 467-1233**

**NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$ 20.00 FOR EACH \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_**

OCTOBER 19-20-21 1995: VIRGINIA BEACH / NORFOLK / TIDEWATER AREA

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MILITARY SERVICE (CIRCLE) ARMY NAVY MARINES AIR FORCE \_\_\_\_\_

UNITS SERVED \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_ DATES \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAPPED \_\_\_\_\_ ROTATED \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME ON BADGE \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED ? \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

COST: \$20.00 PER KOREAN WAR VETERAN / PLUS \$20.00 FOR EACH FRIEND.  
TIME OF REGISTRATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. NOW IS THE TIME TO PLACE.

ENCLOSE CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM, MAIL TO:

" KOREAN WAR VETERANS REUNION "

808 OLDHAM RD.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23464

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF LODGING. ALL ARE RATED NUMBER ONE, BEST THERE IS

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU TO REGISTER NOW, COST  
IS DESIGNED BY EARLY REGISTRATIONS FOR PROCESSING.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR HELP TO GIVE, CALL OR WRITE ME

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PHONE # (804) 467-1233

# ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

X \$ 20.00 EACH

TOTAL CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

December 27, 1994

One of the problems, among many, that the reunion chairman and his staff have faced in the past are the seating arrangements. One way to reduce or avoid this problem is prior planning by the membership.

If you have a group of friends who wish to be seated together, **GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER** and send in your Registration Forms in one packet(envelope). Tables are arranged for ten (10) persons per table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person (or couple) and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money , by check or money order, to whoever is designated. That person (or couple) will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to the convention chairman who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person or couple of receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the Stouffer in Nashville. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt. So start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

Once tables are assigned it is difficult to rearrange the seating. To change just one table creates a domino effect and can cause many hours of work for the convention staff.

Remember, door prices are 10% higher so be an early bird and get your name listed in the Pre-Reunion Issue of the Taro Leaf. Some of your long lost friends will see your name and will attend our reunion so they can see and be with you.

P. S. I was given some information concerning an American War Library located in Los Angeles. Their modem hook-up is... (310) 373 - 6597....Regular Phone number is.... (310) 530 - 0177 (9 a.m till 3 p.m.) It is my understanding that if you give them the name of someone who served in the armed forces they will allow you ten (10) minutes (at a time) to go through the records..????

Mr Carl B. Garmel  
28431 Willemburg Dr  
Bonita Spgs, FL 33023-6162

## REUNION NOTES

The 1995 Reunion will be in Nashville, Tenn. at the Stouffer Nashville Hotel, 611 Commerce Street from 7 September to 11 September 1995. Hotel reservations must be received by 1 August 1995.

- \* Southern Hospitality awaits you in any of their deluxe 673 rooms including 24 Suite and 58 Club Level rooms
- \* Complimentary coffee and newspaper with a wake-up call
- \* Valet Parking available, as well as self park
- \* Health Club with indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room, sundeck
- \* 24 hour room service
- \* Commerce St. Bar & Grille
- \* No telephone surcharges for collect, 800, or credit card calls
- \* Bridge Lounge & Deli
- \* Downtown Airport Express transportation available
- \* American Airlines ticket office
- \* Church St. Centre with shopping, restaurants & entertainment connected to hotel
- \* Close to all "Music City" attractions including Music Row, Historic 2nd Avenue, Printers Alley, Ryman Auditorium, Performing Arts Center, Riverboats, Night Clubs, Shopping Museums and more
- \* 20 minutes to Opryland USA Theme Park, Grand Ole Opry and the Hermitage
- \* 25 minutes to Legends Club of TN - 36 holes of championship golf, designed by Bob Cupp and Tom Kite.

*For additional Hotel information please call the Reservations Department*

*615/255-8400*

Make sure you let the hotel know of any special facilities you need at the time of your registration, they will be most happy to serve your needs.

The Ryman Auditorium (the original Grand ole Opry) is just a short walk from the Stouffer Hotel. It has been completely renovated and open to the public. Make a visit a part of your plans. You will also want to stroll over to "The District" (see map) it too is just a short distance from the Stouffer Hotel. One of the MUST places to visit is the Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials located just two block from the Stouffer Hotel. You will not want to miss a visit to them.

### REUNION REGISTRATION DESK WILL BE OPEN:

Wednesday		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Thursday	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.	2 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.	2 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.	
Sunday	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.	

**\*\*RV Parking Information to be published in the next Taro Leaf.**

**\*\*TOURS: Details to be published in later editions of Taro Leaf.**



# 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

## Annual Reunion

Thursday., Sept. 7 - Monday, Sept. 12, 1995.

Stouffer Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.



### MAIL TO:

Rodolph Mullins  
H.C. 3 - Box 191  
Rocky Mount, Mo., 65072

### Make check payable to:

24th Infantry Division Assn.

First Timer? (Yes - No)

### NAME

Please PRINT Legibly

Nickname for Badge

### STREET

### CITY

### STATE

### ZIP

### Home Phone

Area Code

### Checks Payable:

24th I. D. Assn.

24th DIV. OUTFITS: #1

Dates Served:

#2

Dates Served:

Name of Wife/Guests Attending

	Per Person		Number Attending	Amount
REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (guests excluded)				\$ 15.00
Fri. Welcome-to-Nashville Dinner	\$18.50 ea.	*		\$
Saturday Aloha Night Dinner	\$22.00 "	*		
Sunday Memorial Banquet	\$27.00 "	*		\$

Monday Breakfast - On Your Own

\* NOTE: DOOR PRICES 10% HIGHER

TOTAL AMOUNT:

\$

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PLEASE NOTE:-----CUT-OFF DATE AUGUST 7, 1995.-----

NASHVILLE!  
Come Alive In  
'95  
MUSIC CITY  
USA

WELCOME TO THE STOUFFER NASHVILLE HOTEL  
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 7 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 1995



PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Room Type Request	Rate
Standard Single	\$75.00
Standard Double (1 or 2 beds)	\$75.00
Standard Triple	\$75.00
Standard Quad	\$75.00

(All Rates Subject to Prevailing Taxes)

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Smoking\_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking\_\_\_\_\_ Connecting Room\_\_\_\_\_  
Disabled Room\_\_\_\_\_

\*All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed, due to the overall hotel availability.

CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL TO RECEIVE RESERVATION IS AUGUST 1, 1995.

(After this date, room will be on space and rate availability only)

Date of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure\_\_\_\_\_

Rooms held only when guaranteed by major credit card or advance deposit for the first night.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_ STATE\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing Room With \_\_\_\_\_

If guaranteed to a major credit card please give the following information:

\_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

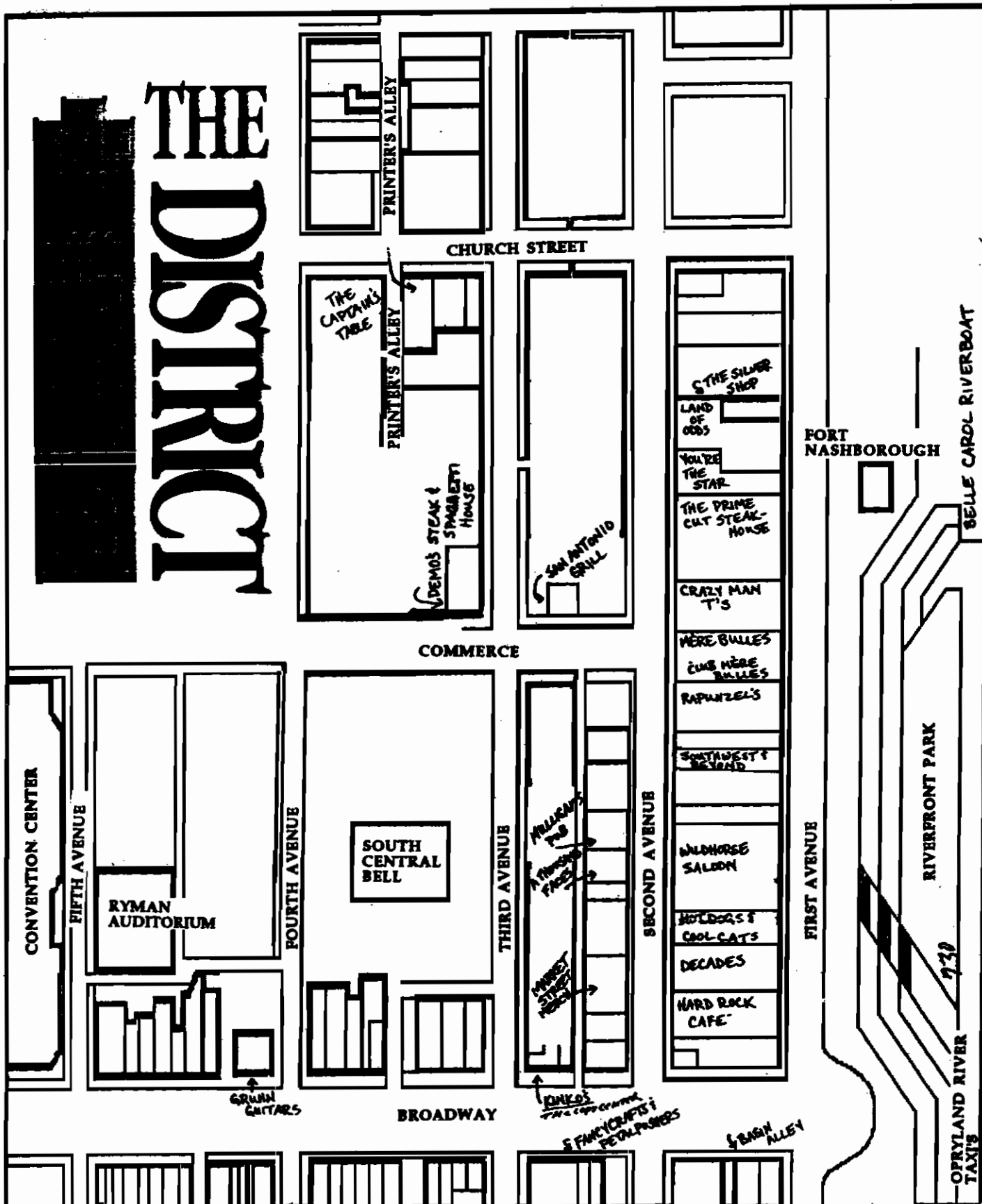
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For additional Hotel information call 615/255-8400

MAIL TO: STOUFFER NASHVILLE HOTEL  
Reservation Manager  
611 Commerce Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3725

SEND THIS FORM  
TO THE HOTEL  
NOW!!

# THE DISTRICT



In Memory Of  
Paul "Junior" Harris  
1925 - 1994

**AFTER GLOW**

I'd like the memory of me to  
be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an after glow of  
smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways  
of happy times and laughing  
times and bright and sunny days

I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve to dry before the sun  
of happy memories that I  
leave when life is done.

--Author Unknown



James "Spike" O'Donnell  
Donald E. Rosenblum  
Kenwood Ross

# His Finale Roll Call

**DAVIS—Thomas W.**  
January 23, 1995, beloved husband of Florine; dear father of Kathleen (James) Marchese, Thomas W., Patricia (Andrew) Bukowiecki, George, Paul (Gwynn) and Susan (Mark) Redden; also survived by 13 grandchildren. Friends may call at the DAVIS FUNERAL HOME, 911 Tonawanda St., Tuesday 7-9, Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9, where prayers will be offered Thursday morning at 10:15 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at All Saints R.C. Church (127 Chaddock Ave.) at 11 o'clock.

## Thomas W. Davis, funeral home owner

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. Thursday in All Saints Church, 127 Chaddock Ave., for Thomas W. Davis, 66, owner and operator of the Davis Funeral Home on Tonawanda Street in Riverside for the past 22 years.

He died Monday (Jan. 23, 1995) in Hospice Buffalo in Alden after a long illness.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he came to Buffalo as a youngster with his parents. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1961 and was part of the occupying forces in Japan. He was a graduate of the Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse.

In addition to operating the funeral home, he was a night security guard at Buffalo General Hospital from 1973 to 1990.



He was a past president of the Riverside Kiwanis Club and a former director of the Riverside Business Association and the 21st Ward Independence Day Association.

He was a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, an usher and member of the Holy Name Society at All Saints Church, a former quartermaster at Harry E. Crosby VFW Post 2472 and a member of Riverside American Legion Post 1010, Amvêt Medallion Post 13, Catholic War Veterans 868 and the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, the former Florine Roessler; three sons, Thomas of Santa Ana, Calif., and George and Paul; three daughters, Kathleen Marchese of Billerica, Mass., Patricia Bukowiecki of Depew and Susan Redden of Lewiston; and 13 grandchildren.

*Member of*

*24th Recon 46-49*  
*24th MP Co*

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

# **Cornelis de Witt Willcox Lang**

NO. 10207 CLASS OF 1935

Died 12 February 1993 in Apopka, Florida, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



HIS FATHER, John Walton Lang '07, was commandant of The Citadel. An uncle was commanding general of AAF POA during World War II. Another uncle, Hubert Reilly Harmon '15, became the first superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy. He was named after the Language Department chairman while his father was a Spanish professor at USMA. The mantle of military heritage and experience suited him well; not so the name, thus he was known to all as Tommy.

He played lacrosse during his First Class Year and was named All-American, Honorable Mention. The road not taken was to continue to train for the 1936 Olympics with the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Team. After a team member whom he had regularly bested in training won the silver medal, Tommy began to prepare in earnest for the 40 Games. Events in Europe canceled the opportunity to compete. However, while

training at Fort Benning, Tommy met his future wife, Sallie B. Whipple. She caught his attention while repeatedly beating him at table tennis; thus beginning an athletic rivalry and a love affair that spanned 40 years.

Tommy and Sallie (a direct descendant of Amiel Weeks Whipple, Class of 1841; Charles William Whipple, Class of 1868; and Sherburne Whipple '04; and sister of Sherburne Whipple, Jr. '33) were married 31 August 1940 and stationed at idyllic Schofield Barracks, Hawaii until 7 December 1941. Then eight months pregnant, Sallie returned to San Francisco by slow boat and Tommy turned west. Several arrowheads on his Pacific Theater ribbon attested to participation in First Wave landings with the 24th Infantry Division, where he served as DivArty executive officer. Tommy returned home in 1946, as a colonel, to be introduced to his first son, John Walton Lang, III '64.

In 1948, after the birth of his second son, David, he returned to West Point. During his three years as a Second Regiment tactical officer Tommy also earned his Airborne wings (at age 36), taught obedience classes to dogs (and their owners), strung tennis racquets in the basement, and was officer-in-charge of the cadet squash team. His enthusiastic participation in everything, coupled with a genuine interest in people, set the tone for Tommy's life and work. Those under his command knew he would seek out, listen to, and, if warranted, respond to suggestion or complaint from anyone. He was a soldier's soldier and praise of him from all enlisted ranks was often overheard.

After Airborne assignments with the 82nd and the 11th and the Army War College, where son Edward was born, Colonel Lang became chief of the Army Section of MAAG, France during the time of active French engagement in North Africa. Tommy returned to the Artillery School at Fort Sill and later was deputy chief of staff of the United Nations Command in Korea. Finishing his active military career as commanding general of the Seventh Army Artillery in Europe, he retired to Winter Park, Florida in 1966.

No portrait of Tommy would be complete without a description of his civilian career as a consultant with Martin Marietta. He helped develop and deploy the Pershing tactical nuclear missile in Europe, providing much needed expertise and experience to this major project.

## **FACT OF THE MONTH**

The U.S. market share of worldwide arms sales increased from 21 percent in 1989 to 70 percent (\$32 billion) in fiscal year 1993.

RANDALL P. NEHR, SR. (C Co. 6th Tank '54) went to Korea apr. '54 was sent to diesel Mech. school in Japan, transferred to 434th Eng. in Pusan, then to 6th Tank at Munsan-ni. A trucker hangs his hat at 417 Main St. McShrystown, Pa. 17344.

WILLIAM E. KERNS (M, Service and D 21st '48-'52) 225 Wallace Av., Covington KY 41014 is looking for HAROLD L. HOFFMAN (M 21st '49). Can anyone help?

# THE LAST ROLL CALL


**ROBERT L. TRIMBLE**  
died 1994

was H & Hq.Co. 21st and  
3rd Eng. 8/34-4/37

Reported by his widow,  
Elizabeth, 5860-150th Av.N.,  
Lot 309, Clearwater FL 34620

## **Walter Chorley, Pearl Harbor Survivor**

**SALEM** — Walter Chorley, 73, of  
14 Spring St., died Nov. 25, 1994, in  
Holy Family Hospital.

 He was born in Pelham  
and had been a resident  
of Salem for the past 49 years.

He was employed as a machinist  
at Improved Machinery, Nashua,  
which is now Ingersoll Rand, and  
retired in 1983.

He was a member of Veterans of  
Foreign Wars Post 8546 in Salem,  
American Legion Salem Post 63,  
and the 24th Infantry Division As-  
sociation. He was a former member  
of the N.H. Fox Hunters Associa-  
tion and the American Pigeon Rac-  
ing Association.

Mr. Chorley served in the U.S.  
Army as a technical sergeant in the  
24th Infantry Division during  
World War II. He was stationed in  
New Guinea and the Southern Phil-  
ippines.

A survivor of the Japanese attack  
on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, he  
was one of three Salem men who  
were honored by the VFW on the  
50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Family members include his wife  
of 46 years, Gladys (Copeland)  
Chorley of Salem; four sons, David  
Chorley of Derry, James Chorley of  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Edward  
Chorley of Salem, Richard Chorley  
of Salem; a brother, Harold Chorley  
of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters,  
Lillian Paranich of California and  
Grace Howard of Plymouth; three  
grandchildren; several nieces and  
nephews.

**SERVICES:** Calling hours are Sunday  
from 8 to 8:30 p.m. in Douglas & Johnson  
Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem.

The funeral is Monday at 11 a.m. in the  
funeral home.

Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery,  
Salem.

Memorial contributions may be made to  
Pleasant Street United Methodist Church,  
8 Pleasant St., Salem 03079.

**HOWARD P. TAYLOR**  
P.O. BOX 855

SEA ISLAND, GA.

Deceased 11/14/94 as  
reported by his Daughter  
Lynn S. Lees.

William Cooper Green, Jr  
passed away May 11, 1994  
Janie Green can be reached  
at :52 Northhampton,  
Huntsville, Al 35801.

**JOHN .F MCKINNEY (WWII 21st)**

A member of the assoc. for many  
years was called to the last  
frontline on December 13, 1994.

He will be missed very much  
by all.

He leaves behind his wife,  
Lorraine McKinney, a daughter,  
Carol Ann Wiclen and a son,  
John F. McKinney, Jr. a card to  
Mrs. John F. McKinney is in  
order, she lives at 14 Lake St.  
Millbury, Ma. 01527-3316.

(reported by Lorraine McKinney.)

Erwin Bean deceased May 26, 1994  
after a 5 months illness. his  
wife is still in Lexington, NC.  
reported by Ben C. Greenfield, Jr  
2024 S. Eddy, Fort Scott, Ks.  
66701-3125. Thanks Ben.

**Margaret JOHNSON**

died November 7, 1994

was wife of EDWARD F. JOHNSON  
(24th QM Bn. 10/41-5/45)

Ed is at 37 Forest Av.,  
Fayetteville PA 17222

My deepest thank you for the lovely (and largest that I have ever seen) red long-stemmed American Beauty roses that were presented to me in appreciation at the New Orleans banquet.

I was humbled by the kind gesture. And I thank you all very much.

It has been my pleasure to help Ken Ross over the past many years and all of you have become my friends. And I do know why he has loved each and every one of you so much.

And, as an aside, I did manage to get them home safely with many admiring "oh's and ah's" on the way through the airports. I just had to have my family see what a lovely deed had been done for me.

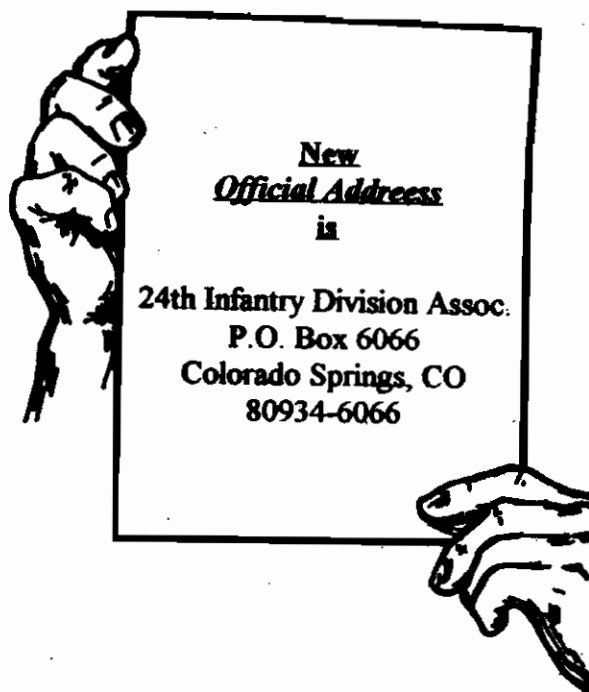
Again I thank all of you.

Sincerely,

*Beverly Corra*

The  
number one supporter  
of the stamp sale fund-raiser  
is  
Donald Montgomery, 19th Inf.  
buying 39 packets.

Gordon K. Vaksdal, would like to hear from anyone who was in Sasebo when a barracks in the 1st Battalion, 34th burned down on Easter Sunday, 1947. He's at: 1016 Dupont Ave. Morris, ILL, 60450-1264



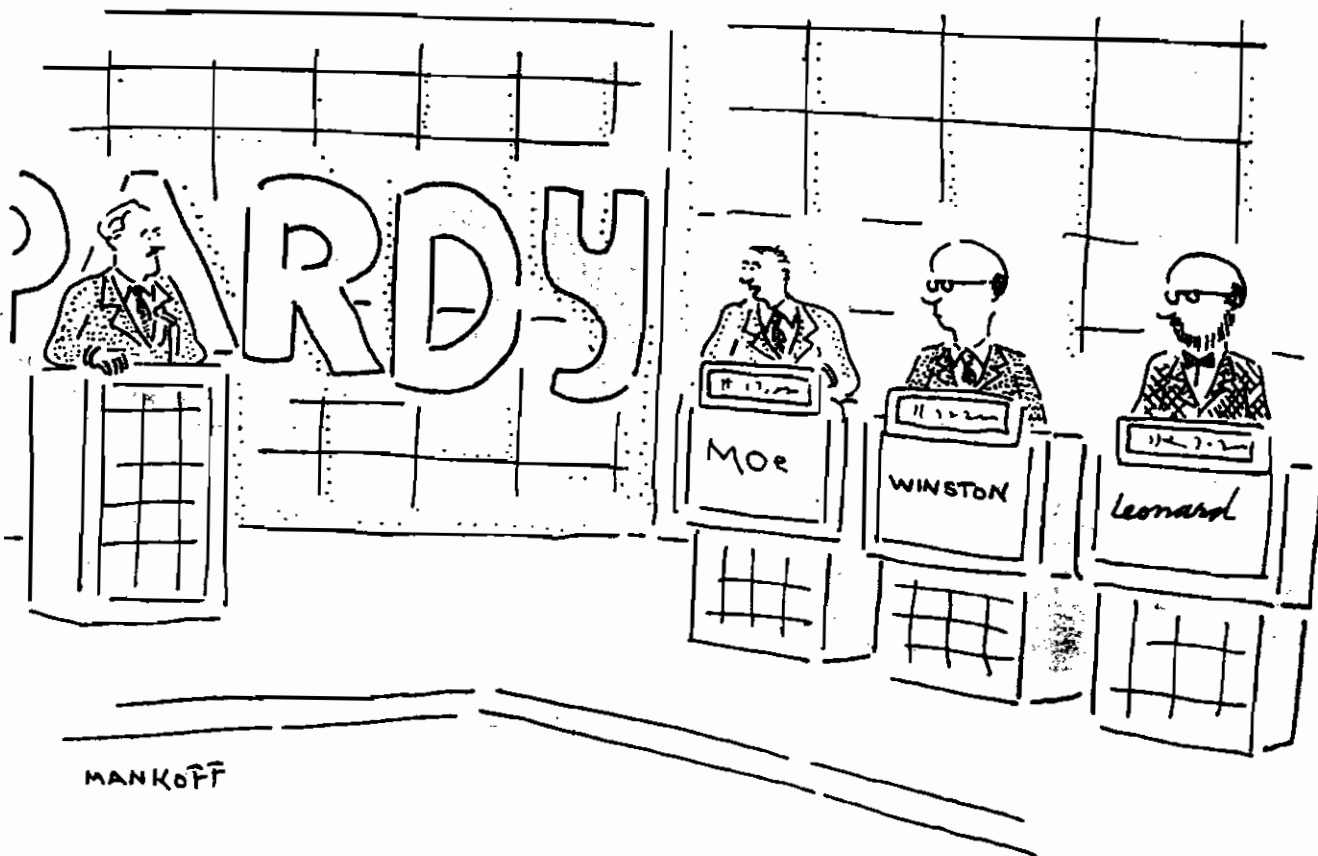
An associate during the Martin Marietta period, on hearing of Tommy's demise, wrote to his widow: "As a friend and neighbor, I saw an additional side to Tommy. He was a super family man. He

devotedly cared for his dear first wife, Sallie, during her long, painful battle with Lou Gehrig's disease."

Some time after Sallie's death he met and married Fern Hughes, thus adding another lovely phase to his life. Fern beautifully matched Tommy's adventure-some spirit. This Florida lady learned to snow ski to keep up with Tommy—and had fun in the process. Indeed, Fern and Tommy had a rare and beautiful relationship that had a way of drawing others into their love, joy and zest for life. Always relaxed and poised, they brought out the best in people and gave them confidence and endless pleasure.

While still working fulltime with Martin Marietta, he founded and served as president of the Florida Lacrosse League. He always played attack until injuries encouraged him to become a referee. He also put an end to years of argument and acrimony by establishing a fair system for ranking Florida Junior tennis players, using a computer program of his own devise. He continued to play tennis and golf—and shot his age at 78.

Tommy lived all his years with courage and grace. His country and all his numerous friends have been blessed by his life. We shall all miss him.



No, No, Alec!! The 24th Division is meeting in September -  
in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Write us!**

We like hearing from all of you.

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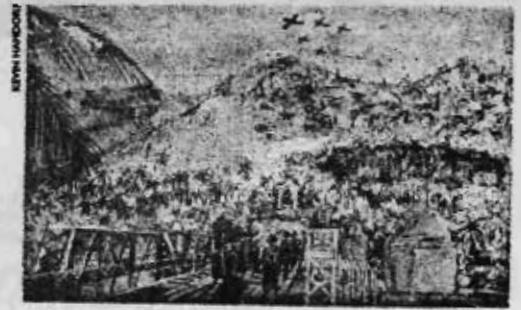
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WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about yourself!

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Send to Taro Leaf  
24th IDA  
Rt.2, Box 711  
Prctorville, Oh. 45669



Former mayor of Palo, Jeremias Acebedo, stands at the bridge crossing the Manit River, above left. During the War, Acebedo and fellow guerillas fought a climactic battle for the Palo bridge and for Hill 522—now marked by a memorial cross—in the background. Acebedo's painting, above, depicts the Battle of Palo Bridge. Left: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price of Tacloban, Leyte. During the War, Price invited MacArthur to stay at his father's home, now known as Price Mansion. Local hero Valeriano Abello, below, provided the Allies an invaluable service during the fighting at Leyte. The retired Boy Scout used two handkerchiefs to signal to the American fleet the exact positions of Japanese forces, keeping hundreds of civilians safe from the shelling.



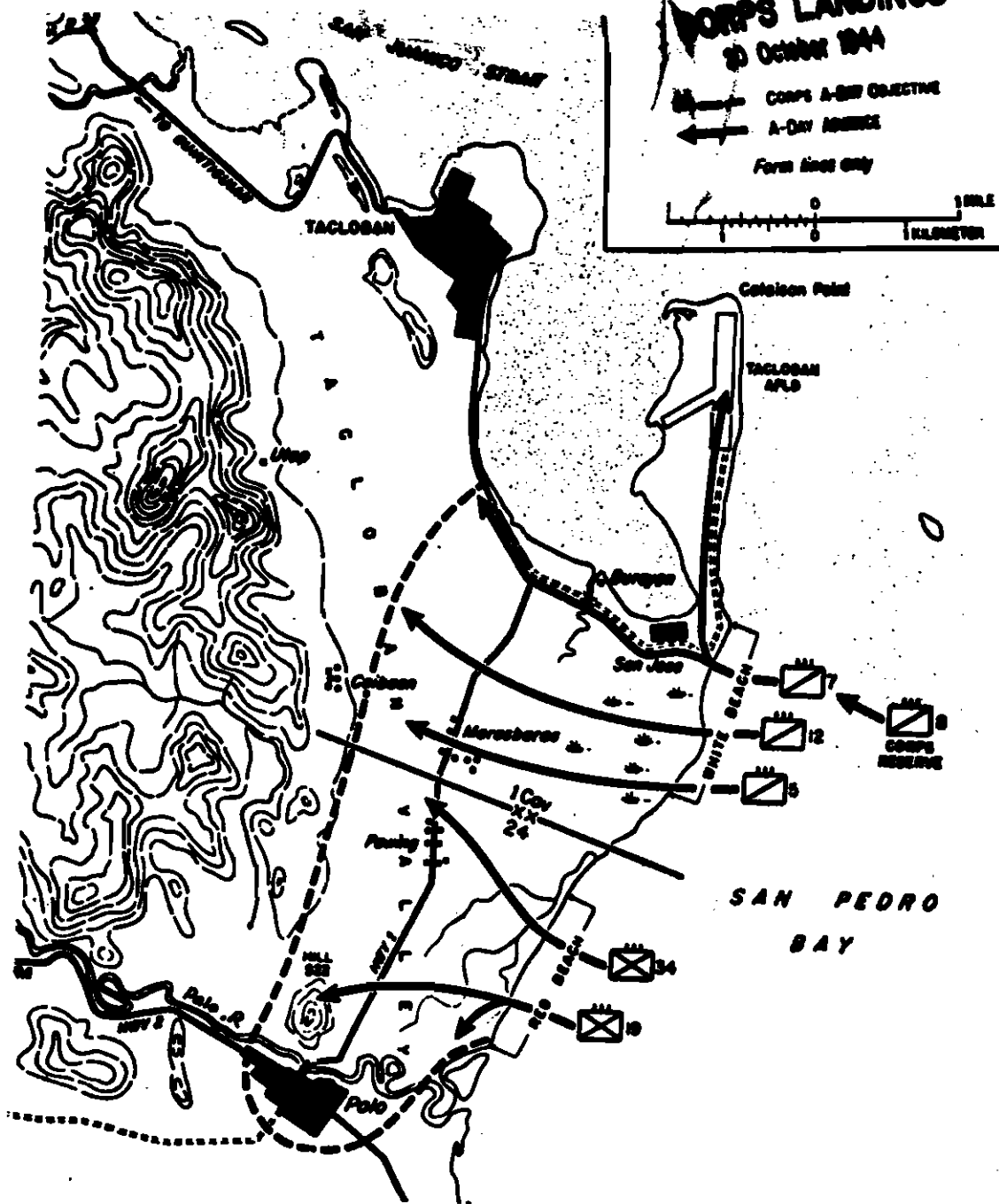
Beach, Dulag, ten miles south of Tacloban on the morning of October 20th. The immediate objectives were to capture Catmon Hill and Hill 120 which dominated the beachhead. There is a memorial at the base of Hill 120 to commemorate the action of 1st Lieutenant W. Mills, who climbed up a shattered palm tree to fly the first American flag in the Philippines since the fall of Corregidor. Many acts of courage were displayed on this day. Boy Scout instructor, Valeriano Abello, saw that American shells were landing on civilian houses. He immediately rushed to the beach and signaled to the U.S. fleet with two handkerchiefs. Many times he repeated his message—"Please let me

direct the shelling!"—unmindful of Japanese sniper fire. Later in the day, he had to row out to the American ships to assist with their targeting. Today, Abello is a sprightly 81 year-old who proudly displays the Legion of Honor medal on his Boy Scout uniform. His unselfish act of courage saved many lives.

Meanwhile, further north at Red Beach, Palo history was being made. At 1400 hours, General MacArthur waded ashore with President Sergio Osmeña of the Philippine Commonwealth. He had returned.

A set of imposing statues now mark this spot, eyes staring impassively forward as they had been on that very day. On Red Beach itself stands the MacArthur





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Figure 11

**LOOKING FOR:**

JOSEPH WEAVER (11th AB and 187th Art. '57-'59 Germany, and formerly of Reno NV.

If anyone can help in any way, kindly advise LARRY WHEATON (same unit and years) of 7256 County Line Rd., Naples NY 14512. Tel. 716-374-2127.

H. "Jaime" BRUNO

( 2842 N.Desert Av., Tucson AZ 85712, suffered a mini-stroke three days after returning home from in summer address in Glens Falls NY. Says it didn't leave him with any problems. He's now 78 years old.

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WILLIAM E. TANKERSLEY  
(19th Med.Co. 6/53-11/54)  
5805 Gambrill Rd., White Marsh  
MD 21162 (Tel. 410-335-9182,  
would like to hear from anyone  
who was with Med.Co.19th  
from 6/53-11/54. "We were on  
Chejn and moved to Koje. In  
early 54 we moved up near the  
D.M.Z. to replace a unit of the  
45th Div. that was going home.  
What was the name of the area  
the 19th was in? There was a  
flood that summer. We lost a  
3/4 ton truck and part of an  
aid station. Then in the fall  
of 54 we moved to Pusan to  
repalce the 5th RTC.

"Don't see much in the Taro  
Leaf from the time after the  
armistice. The 24th was in  
Korea keeping the peace. We  
had many alerts.

"Still have my dog tags and  
part of my uniform and I can  
still wear it! Wear my 19th  
hat and get many comments about  
it but have yet to meet anyone  
who served with the 19th."

Dues received from  
JACK J. KUNES (B 3rd Eng.  
4/41-'44) of 5711 E.Dodge St.,  
Mesa AZ 85205.

Jack advises that he has  
married a lovely lady, Martha,  
that he has known for 15 years.  
Says he's still on a honeymoon  
and hopes that it lasts for  
another 25 years or more!

Rev. CHARLES M. SPENCE  
(A 1st Bn.34th; I 3rd Bn.19th  
7/50-7/51) 810 Kelly Rd.,  
Mt.Holly NC 28120 would like  
to hear from anyone from  
A 34th and I 19th 7/50-7/51.

Charles is at 810 Kelly Rd.,  
Mt.Holly NC 28120 (Tel.704-  
822-0169).

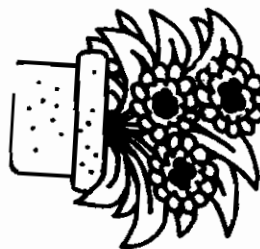
BURLEIGH E. SPITLER "Bud"  
(24th QM and 26th AAA Bn.  
A Btry. '50-'51) 405 Powell St.,  
Sikeston MO 63801 joined the  
army 9-2-47 at age 15.Celebra-  
ted 16th birthday in Japan  
on occupation duty until  
Korean War started. Then went  
to Korea with the 24th QM and  
then transferred to A Btry.  
26th AAA. Was on first rotation  
home in '51. P.S. Was not  
only underage but also under-  
weight. Was a squad leader on  
a half-track.

24th Infantry Division Association  
(TAPS section)  
Robert Lawhon, Editor  
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Proctorville, OH 45669

February 10, 1995

At Christmastime we received note from John M. Dolemba, MD, nephew of  
Kay Dolemba, Col.(Ret.)(nurse) that she passed away on September 1, 1994  
after fighting cancer for five months. Those who met and knew Kay will  
miss her. Remember her in your prayers.

Reported by Frank Doerr, 1619 Butano Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035.



### BANZAI ATTACK ON PALO

On the evening of October 23, the third day of our invasion and the day after our capture of Palo, Japanese Colonel Tatsumosuki Suzuki personally led a counterattack into the city. (Figure 16.) The Japanese commanding general on Leyte had the same family name. Col. Suzuki tricked the guards at the outposts into thinking they were guerrillas by driving a group of civilians ahead of them. The raiders were armed with rifles, sabers, and grenades. They ran through the city square throwing explosives. They captured two machine guns and fired them until the ammunition ran out.

The 16th Portable Surgical Hospital was located in the church. The enemy broke in and killed a few wounded. Then they moved a block northward and attempted to charge across the open bridge. American guards on the other end of the bridge fired machine guns so effectively they killed 50 enemy according to a body count the next morning. Col. Suzuki and 60 of his men died in this suicidal attack. We lost 14 killed and suffered 20 wounded.

Col. Suzuki was a regimental commander. He abandoned his regiment when he led the raid. It is difficult to understand what he thought he was accomplishing. Soldiers who have withstood these banzai attacks say the enemies acted like they were on drugs. Certainly they appeared fanatical with a motivation unlike our own.

### PARA-PANIC

Things were quiet when my little group entered Palo. Leisurely we crossed the bridge and soon heard of that exciting attack a few days earlier. When we arrived most of the men in Palo were service troops like ourselves and not able to defend themselves as well as combat soldiers.

We met a young soldier who was apprehensive. He had heard a rumor that some enemies had parachuted in a few miles down the coast.

I pointed out that there could not be very many of them, and there were hundreds of us around. Also they could not possibly have the heavy equipment we had. He had not thought of it that way before and immediately felt better. Sometimes a few words from someone more experienced or better informed headed off what could have become serious panic.

The Palo church had been built a long time before. It stood in the city square. A large courtyard beside it was surrounded by a high stone wall. Civilians took refuge inside the wall when fighting began, but they were moving about freely when we arrived. The church was impressive from the outside. The Spanish were noted for building impressive-looking churches but not hospitals and public schools. The church was nearly filled with patients, both American and Filipino, lying on the floor. They were cared for by the 16th Portable Surgical Hospital, whose personnel lived in tents set up in the courtyard.

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A-36	29th Infantry Pocket Patch	8.00 Ea.PP
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A-39	34th Infantry Pocket Patch	8.00 Ea.PP
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The Editor goofed on this in the last issue.



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Any former member of the 71st may obtain information by contacting:

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