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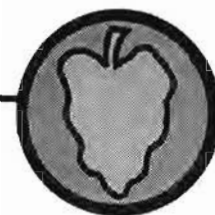


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# The President's Page

## or, "What's Dutch Got To Say?"

- \*\*\* Murphy's Law Of Combat: "If the enemy is in range, so are you."
- \*\*\* A good idea that didn't float -- 24th Division return address labels. Almost without exception every one I suggested this to said to forget it; they are all up to their ears in address labels from one outfit or another trying to raise funds. Well, you can't win them all. (I am still of a mind to have 24th Division Christmas Cards made, and in time to sell them at the reunion. I need you to send me some samples that you got or used in the past.)
- \*\*\* Elsewhere in this issue is an article about the firing of three vollies not being a "21 gun salute." This is one of my pet peeves. Even the Smithsonian magazine said Joe Lewis was buried "with full military honors, including a 21 gun salute." As much as I admired Joe Lewis I didn't know he was a Chief Of State. When I wrote to Smithsonian and pointed out their error they refused to acknowledge that they were wrong. They wrote to me that Joe Lewis was buried "with modified military honors."
- \*\*\* The raffle Rudy Mullins thought up is a great idea, except for maybe Rudy -- he handled 114 pieces of mail in one day. Now that, my friends is dedication.
- \*\*\* I am still hoping that at the reunion regimental and battalion crests will be displayed all over the place -- particularly in the ball room for the banquet. Don't forget that you can have a Guidon of your outfit made. I have one and it is excellent! Details on how to get one elsewhere inside this issue.
- \*\*\* Remember that at the reunion every member attending will get a ten ounce crystal stein engraved (engraved - not a decal) with our Taro Leaf shoulder patch and appropriate inscription.
- \*\*\* Speaking of the reunion I just learned that the Governor of The State of Colorado sent the Flying W Wranglers on a good-will trip to Russia. I don't know how he could have done any better than that; they are a terrific bunch of guys. We have a great evening in store for us at the Flying W on Friday night.
- \*\*\* You know you are an Old Soldier when you remember getting time and a half for service in China.



*Dutch*

## A VISIT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened,  
And I will give you rest." MATTHEW 12:28

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A tussle broke out between two altarboys over who was to carry the larger cross in the entrance procession.

"Can you believe it?" asked the minister who separated them. "Fighting over who gets to bear the heavier cross?" Hard to believe? Not to most parents.

Children are just miniature adults, after all, and we seem to spend a lot of time "weighing" our crosses. The incident reminds me of a column written by Archbishop Rembert Weakland. One paragraph stands out.

"One of the things I have learned is not to compare crosses. What might seem like nothing to one person is a major cross to another. Often we look at the life of someone else and think they have it made. We have no idea how many crosses they are carrying and how many scars from the past, not totally healed, burden their memory." Such wise words.

As an avid watcher of "Biography" on the Arts & Entertainment TV Channel, I am constantly reminded that many of those we call "famous", lived personal lives of misery. We tend to overlook the simple truth and wonder if their drive to fame compensated for unhappiness in other areas of their lives. If so, their pain gifted the world with music, art, literature and discoveries we might not otherwise have had.


As I write this, I hear the echoes of my Mother's standard response to any complaint. "Embrace your crosses." Yea, sure! I tucked that away into my youthful storage-bin labeled, 'Weird Parental Advice'. Who wants to embrace troubles? Conquer them, deny them -- maybe even exploit them, but embrace them? Never!

Ah, the wisdom of mothers. I know now that she didn't mean I had to seek out crosses or to masochistically enjoy them, even though at times I seemed to do both. Rather, it meant accepting the difficulties we encounter in life and our powerlessness and dependence on God.

Did you ever notice that those who suffer are often the world's happiest, most loving and peaceful? Could their secret lie in the fact that they have embraced their crosses and have turned their burdens over to God?

Joseph P. Hofrichter  
Chaplain





YARO LEAF'S 50TH "GOLDEN" REUNION

NEXT YEAR AT  
COLORADO SPRINGS

17-20 SEPT. 97  
SHERATON HOTEL  
(ON I-25)

\$69.00 SINGLE OR DOUBLE. 350  
ROOMS - ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

"FLYING W RANCH" (YOU LOVED IT LAST  
TIME). GUIDED TOURS: UP PIKES PEAK  
DOWN ROYAL GORGE, AROUND GARDEN  
OF THE GODS AND THRU AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

YOUR HOSTS  
DUTCH + MARGO NELSEN

PETRICK

# 24th Infantry Division Association



OUR 50th "GOLDEN" REUNION  
18, 19, 20 September 1997  
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

## Hotel Reservation

Please make your own arrangements with the Sheraton.

Our reunion rate is \$69.00 for either Single or Double.  
This rate applies 15 - 23 Sept 97.

Either phone this information in to: 719-576-5900  
or mail this form to:

Sheraton Hotel  
2886 South Circle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Be sure to  
Specify  
24th Division Reunion!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOME PHONE including Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Need: Single / Double      Smoking / Nonsmoking      Disabled

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

If guaranteed to a major credit card give the following:

\_\_\_\_ AMEX; \_\_\_\_ VISA; \_\_\_\_ MC; \_\_\_\_ Carte Blanche; \_\_\_\_ Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER ABOVE YOU MAY FAX THEM AT: 719-576-7695

The Sheraton is located adjacent to I-25 at Exit #138.



1. You are not a superman.
2. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
3. Don't look conspicuous - It draws fire. (This is why aircraft carriers are called, "Bomb Magnets".)
4. When in doubt, empty your magazine.
5. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
6. Never forget that your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
7. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
8. No plan survives the first contact intact.
9. All five-second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds.
10. Try to look unimportant because the bad guys may be low on ammo.
11. If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short.
12. The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
13. The important things are always simple.
14. The simple things are always hard.
15. The easy way is always mined.
16. If you are short of everything except enemy, you are in combat.
17. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
18. Incoming fire has the right of way.
19. Friendly fire - isn't.
20. If the enemy is in range, "SO ARE YOU!!!!"
21. No combat ready unit has ever passed inspection.
22. Beer math is: two beers times 37 men = 49 cases.
23. Body count math is: two guerillas plus one portable plus two pigs = 37 enemy killed in action.
24. Things that must be together to work, usually can't be shipped together.
25. Radio's will fail as soon as you need fire support desperately.
26. Anything you do can get you shot - including doing nothing.
27. Tracers work both ways.
28. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
29. Make it tough for the enemy to get in and you can't get out.
30. If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will have more than your fair share of objectives to take.
31. When both sides are convinced that they are about to lose, they are both right.
32. Professional soldiers are predictable, but the world is full of amateurs.
33. Murphy was a grunt.



# Registration Form



OUR 50th "Golden" Reunion  
18, 19, 20 September 1997  
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mail To:

Dutch Nelsen  
PO Box 6066  
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

Make check payable to:

24th Inf Div Assoc.

First Timer? Yes No

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please PRINT Legibly Nickname for Badge

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOME PHONE: With Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

24th DIV OUTFITS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife/guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration Fee (wife/guests excluded)			\$15.00
Thur: Aloha Nite Dinner & Dance	26.00	x _____	= _____
Fri : Flying W Ranch incl Transport.	24.00	x _____	= _____
Sat : Memorial Banquet	29.00	x _____	= _____
Choose: London Broil _____			
Shrimp & Scallops _____			
Sat : Ladies Event	12.00	x _____	= _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

----- Do Not Write Below This Line -----

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Recd \_\_\_\_\_ Control # \_\_\_\_\_ Aloha Table \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Table \_\_\_\_\_



# 24th Infantry Division Association

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April 2, 1997

Rudy Mullins  
24th Infantry Division Association  
HCR 3 Box 191  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072

Dear Rudy,

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoyed our phone conversation last week. I sure do appreciate the excellent job you & Yvonne do on the Taro Leaf. I look forward to receiving it and when it arrives in my mail box Diane & I read it from front to back. We enjoy the many articles and letters that are submitted by our membership. We really look forward to reading about the people we have met since becoming member of this great association.

I was pleased to hear that almost 50 members have up-graded their life membership from \$100.00 to the \$150.00 level. It was of no surprise to me because members who have worn the Taro Leaf have always stepped forward when requested to do so.

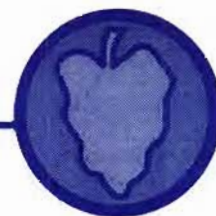
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who responded to this call to upgrade.

With this type of response from our caring members, I'm sure there will always be a 24th Division Association, and the Taro Leaf, Victory Division News, will be in our mailbox's for many years to come.

Sincerely,

  
Harold (Corky) Peters

# 24th Infantry Division Association



## ➤ 50th "Golden" Reunion ➤

18, 19, 20 September 1997

Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

### Schedule Of Events

- 17 Sept  
Wed.      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open  
            (Fourth floor directly across from elevators.)  
            Guided tours morning and afternoon.
- 18 Sept  
Thur.      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.  
            Guided tours morning & afternoon.  
            Evening is Aloha Nite.  
                Dinner (not chicken).  
                Program  
                50th Anniversary activities.  
                Dance to the Broadmoor Hotel's five piece  
                combo, music from the 30's, 40's & 50's.
- 19 Sept  
Fri.      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.  
            Guided tours morning & afternoon.  
            Executive Board Meeting, AM.  
            Evening is Westen Night at the Flying W Ranch.  
                Chuck Wagon supper; program by the Flying  
                W Wranglers. (The second oldest, continuous  
                Western singing group in America -- The Sons  
                Of The Pioneers is the oldest.)
- 20 Sept  
Sat.      Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.  
            Regimental breakfasts.  
            Ladies Event; program TBA, AM  
            Business Meeting, AM.  
            Afternoon open; guided tours.  
            Evening is Memorial Service & Banquet.  
                General McCaffrey Guest Of Honor/Speaker.
- 21 Sept  
Sun.      Come to the Hospitality Room for a cup of coffee  
            and a doughnut before you hit the pike.

### Note

1. Registration Desk to be staffed by Association folks from the C/S area. Hospitality Room is "Private," thus under Colorado law we can have our own bar not associated with the hotel. This will be run by the Korean War Veterans, who will also keep us supplied with munchies.
2. Dress: Aloha nite informal, Flying W very informal, Memorial Service & Banquet "Class A" or better.



# Tours

Colorado Springs is renowned as a Tourist Mecca, and for years tourism was the city's major source of income. (With the coming of Fort Carson, the Air Force Academy, NORAD and Peterson Field "Military" now occupies first place.) Your Reunion Committee has arranged through Gray Line for tours (34 in all) to all the most famous sites and attractions. And if that is not enough, we will arrange any custom tour you may want if there are ten or more people.

To accommodate those who were here for the 1993 reunion several new tours are offered: Cave Of The Winds, Cripple Creek, Olympic Training Center, Seven Falls and a city tour to include shopping in Old Colorado City.

A minimum of ten is required for a tour. Gray Line has given our reunion a discounted rate.

All tours leave from the East side of the Hotel, (the side away from the mountains).

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**Pikes Peak:** 4 hours, \$23 (Incl toll)  
Wed, Thur, Fri, mornings 8:45am - 12:45pm  
Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat afternoons 1:00 - 5:00pm

America's Mountain. Up Ute Pass, onto the auto road and on up to 14,110 feet. Two stops along the way for picture taking. If you have time for only one tour this is it. Take a jacket or sweater.

**Air Force Academy & Garden Of The Gods:**  
4 hours, \$18  
Wed, Thur, Fri mornings 8am to 12pm  
Wed, Thur, Fri Sat Afternoons 12:30 to 4:30 pm

Eighteen miles North of Colorado Springs the Academy occupies 18,000 acres of land. Tour includes scenic overlook, Chapel (if not closed for religious service), visitor's center and drive through the grounds. (The Academy Chapel is the most visited single place in the State Of Colorado.) Then through the 1000 acre city park, The Garden Of the Gods. Here 63 million years of geology lay open before you. A truly magnificent site. Many, many photo opportunities.

**Royal Gorge:** 6½ hours, \$30 including entrance fee  
Wed, Thur, Fri 9:00am to 3:00pm

World's highest suspension bridge (at 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River.) Your admission ticket gives you access to everything inside the park. Plenty of time to cross the bridge, take the "incline" to the bottom of the gorge, ride the cable car across, ride the miniature train, see the audio/visual program, enjoy the carousel, etc. Lunch on your own at any of several facilities.

**Cripple Creek:** 8 hours, \$20  
Wed, Thur, Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

At one time the World's largest gold strike. Up Ute Pass and around the "backside" of Pikes Peak. A magnificent 50 mile trip. First to Victor where the really big mines were -- boyhood home of Lowell Thomas and where Jack Dempsey trained for his first fights. Now mostly a ghost town. Then on to Cripple Creek with two options. Stay there and try your luck in the many casinos, or go the The Molley Cathleen mine, where you will be placed in a "nine man cage" and lowered to the 1000 foot level. There you will see first-hand how they did it one hundred years ago. Lunch and the Molley Cathleen not included in the \$20 tour fee.

**City / Shopping:** 7 hours, \$20  
Wed, Thur, Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

A driving tour of the original parts of the city, the Broadmoor Hotel complex, North Cheyenne Canyon & Helen Hunt Falls. Then to Old Colorado City, Colorado's first Territorial Capitol, now a Historic District with many varied and interesting shops. Lunch on your own (many eating places to choose from), shop and browse.

**Olympic Training Center:** 3+ hours, \$14  
Wed, Thur, Fri mornings 8:15 - 11:00 am  
Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat afternoon 1:15-4:00 pm

Headquarters for the United State Olympic Committee, and "home base" for 15 individual sports. Tour includes movie, walking tour lead by a member of the Center Staff and Gift Shop.

**Cave Of The Winds:** 3 hours, \$22 including admission  
Wed, Thur afternoons 1 to 4 pm

Up Serpentine Drive to the entrance high above Manitou Springs and down into the cave. A jacket (54 degrees in the cave) and walking shoes are a must. Some types of formations in this cave are found nowhere else in the world.

**Seven Falls:** 3 hours, \$22 including admission  
Fri, Sat afternoon, 1 to 4 pm

A box canyon in the foothills west of town is home to this mountain stream as it tumbles from the upper rim 181 feet to the bottom bouncing seven times off the rocks on its way down. You can climb the 241 steps to the top or go 170 feet into the mountain side and an elevator will take you 130 feet up to a viewing platform. Either way it is a beautiful, beautiful sight. Also, feed the trout, chipmonks and other assorted "wee beasties." Gift Shop

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A word about tips -- Gray Line Guides are professionals. If you enjoyed your tour a tip is in order, normally \$1/person minimum.

# Tour Schedule

17th, Wednesday	18th, Thursday	19th, Friday	20th, Saturday
<u>Morning Departures</u>			
#1 Pikes Peak 8:45am-12:45 \$23	#11 Pikes Peak 8:45am-12:45 \$23	#21 Pikes Peak 8:45am-12:45 \$23	
#2 AF Acad/GOG 8-12am, \$18	#12 AF Acad/GOG 8-12am, \$18	#22 AF Acad/GOG 8-12am, \$18	
#3 Royal Gorge 9:00am-3:00pm \$30	#13 Royal Gorge 9:00am-3:00pm \$30	#23 Royal Gorge 9:00am-3:00pm \$30	
#4 Cripple Creek 8:30am-4:30pm \$20	#14 Cripple Creek 8:30am-4:30pm \$20	#24 Cripple Creek 8:30am-4:30pm \$20	
#5 City/Shopping 9:00am-4:00pm \$20	#15 City/Shopping 9:00am-4:00pm \$20	#25 City/Shopping 9:00am-4:00pm \$20	
#6 Olympic TC 8:15-11:00am \$14	#16 Olympic TC 8:15-11:00am \$14	#26 Olympic TC 8:15-11:00am \$14	
<u>Afternoon Departures</u>			
#7 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23	#17 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23	#27 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23	#31 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23
#8 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18	#18 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18	#28 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18	#32 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18
#9 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14	#19 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14	#29 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14	#33 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14
#10 Cave of Winds 1-4pm \$22	#20 Cave of Winds 1-4pm \$22	#30 Seven Falls 1-4pm \$22	#34 Seven Falls 1-4pm \$22



# Tour Order Form

<u>Tour</u>		<u>Number Going</u>		<u>Cost Each</u>		<u>Total Due</u>
<u>Wed, 17th:</u>	#1 Pikes Peak, AM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#2 AF Acad/GOG, AM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#3 Royal Gorge, *	_____	x	\$30	=	_____
	#4 Cripple Creek, *	_____	x	\$20	=	_____
	#5 City/Shopping, *	_____	x	\$20	=	_____
	#6 Olympic TC, AM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#7 Pikes Peak, PM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#8 AF Acad/GOG, PM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#9 Olympic TC, PM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#10 Cave of Winds, PM	_____	x	\$22	=	_____
<u>Thu, 18th:</u>	#11 Pikes Peak, AM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#12 AF Acad/GOG, AM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#13 Royal Gorge, *	_____	x	\$30	=	_____
	#14 Cripple Creek, *	_____	x	\$20	=	_____
	#15 City/Shopping, *	_____	x	\$20	=	_____
	#16 Olympic TC, AM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#17 Pikes Peak, PM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#18 AF Acad/GOG, PM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#19 Olympic TC, PM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#20 Cave of Winds, PM	_____	x	\$22	=	_____
<u>Fri, 19th:</u>	#21 Pikes Peak, AM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#22 AF Acad/GOG, AM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#23 Royal Gorge, *	_____	x	\$30	=	_____
	#24 Cripple Creek, *	_____	x	\$20	=	_____
	#25 City/Shopping, *	_____	x	\$20	=	_____
	#26 Olympic TC, AM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#27 Pikes Peak, PM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#28 AF Acad/GOG, PM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#29 Olympic TC, PM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#30 Seven Falls, PM	_____	x	\$22	=	_____
<u>Sat, 20th:</u>	#31 Pikes Peak, PM	_____	x	\$23	=	_____
	#32 AF Acad/GOG, PM	_____	x	\$18	=	_____
	#33 Olympic TC, PM	_____	x	\$14	=	_____
	#34 Seven Falls, PM	_____	x	\$22	=	_____

\* All day tour

Mail To: 24th Inf Div Assoc  
PO Box 6066  
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

**Total Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to: 24th Inf Div Assoc.

# **19TH INFANTRY**

## **REGIMENTAL BREAKFAST**

**Where:** 50th Reunion  
Colorado Springs

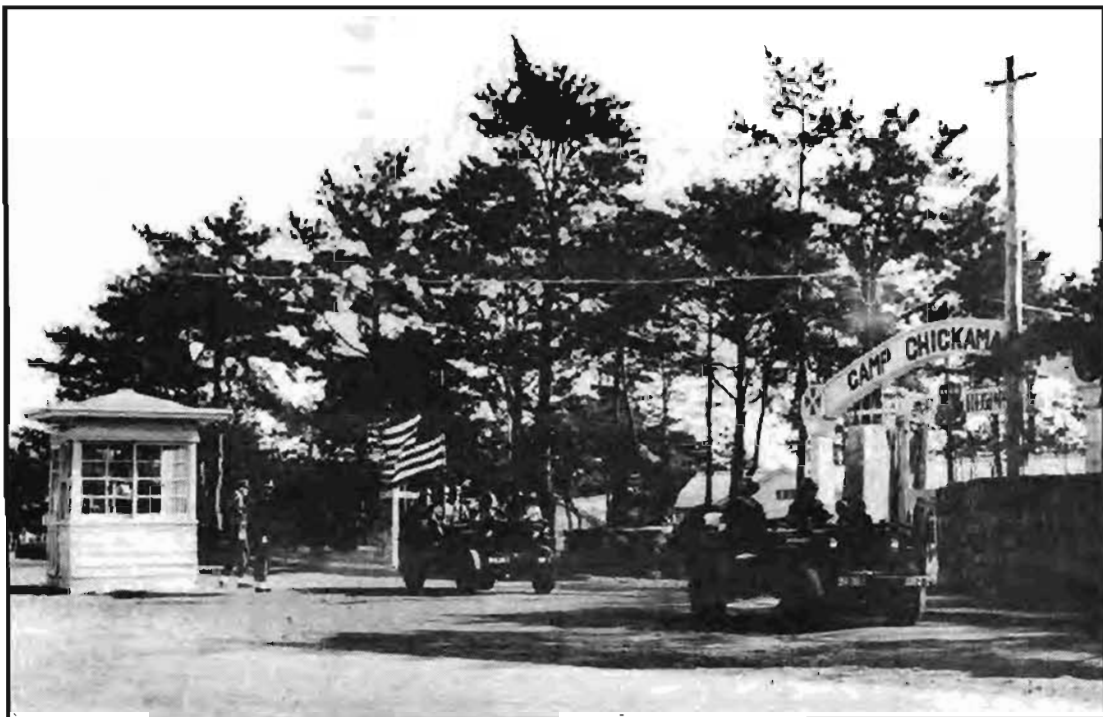
**When:** 0800 hours  
Saturday, 20 Sept '97  
Gold Camp Room, Sheraton Hotel

**What:** Good Chow  
Even better camaraderie  
**Program:**

"The Battle Of Chickamauga"

By historian Mike Thomason, BA, MLS

**How:** Simple! Send a Check for \$10 to:  
Marvin Johnson  
15545 Archer Ter  
Elbert CO 80106-8844  
719-495-3588  
Co "B" 19th ('48-'50)



# 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENTAL BREAKFAST

WHERE: 50TH REUNION  
COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEN: 0800 HOURS  
SATURDAY, 20 SEPT '97

WHAT: A REAL BREAKFAST (NOT CONTINENTAL)  
LOTS OF ACROSS-THE-TABLE TALK (PERSONAL/  
FAMILY NEWS AND PERHAPS A FEW "WAR  
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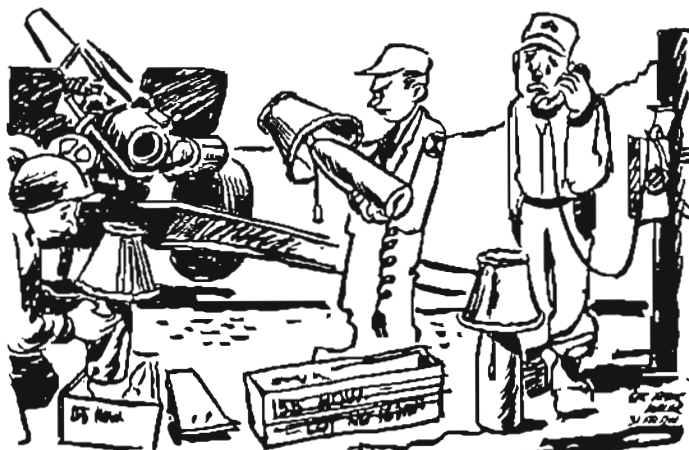
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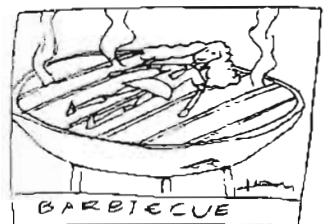
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*"Hello service battery? You better get hold of some ord-  
nance people and come on up here. Somebody's fouled up  
somewhere!"*



### Korean POW Comes Home

In July of 1993 North Korea returned the skeletal remains of 17 Americans. Dental records proved one set of remains to be that of SFC Walter L. Hood, who had been captured at Hoengsong in February, 1951. Identification took years to accomplish.

When the POW's were exchanged at the end of the war, men who were imprisoned in the camp called, "The Mining Camp," near Changbong-ni, said that Sergeant Hood had been starved to death by the North Koreans because he had "talked with a reporter."

On a cold January 8th, Sergeant Hood was buried in Colorado Springs with full military honors. Twenty members of the Korean War Veterans Chapter attended, including Merlin Laabs (555th), Marvin Johnson (19th) and Dutch Nelsen (13th) of the our Association.



"... the cai-ssons go roll-ing a-long.' Hey, I've always wondered—what's a caisson?"



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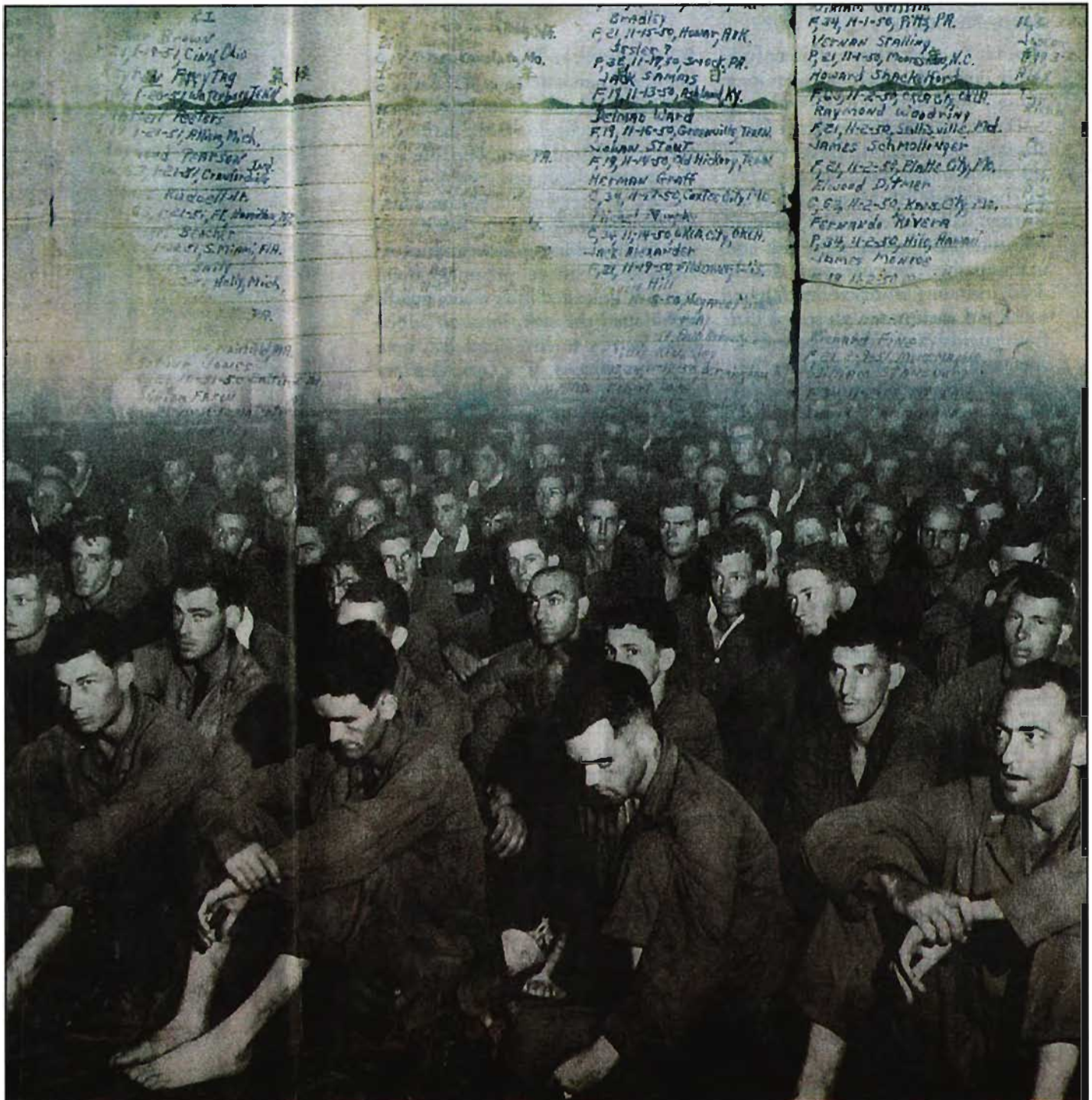


*The American POW's courage - and compassion - remained a secret for 40 years*

# Johnson's List

BY MALCOLM McCONNELL

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*American POWs from the 24th Infantry captured in Korea, July 1950*

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The sign on the banquet-room door read "Tiger Survivors." The 30 men who gathered that July evening in Evansville, Ind., could have been retirees, perhaps a bowling club. But the tales being told transported them back four decades to freezing mud, starvation, the sickening smack of rifles.

They had been American prisoners of war who lived through three years of captivity, some of it under a brutal North Korean army major the prisoners called The Tiger. In October 1950, he took command of 758 sick and dejected POWs. When repatriation came in August 1953, only 262 were still alive.

At one table the men recalled The Tiger's infamous death march along the Yalu River. They struggled to remember just when one buddy had died.

A quiet man with a careworn face named Wayne "Johnnie" Johnson, 57, rose from his chair. "I'll tell you *exactly*, when," he announced.

The others exchanged quizzical glances as Johnson, a newcomer to their reunions, produced a smudgy photocopy protected by clear plastic. Both sides of 2½ pages of narrow note-pad paper were crammed with columns of tiny, neatly printed block letters and numbers.

"This is my list," Johnnie explained. He scanned the rows, then said that the man had died in a freezing cornfield pen outside Manp'o, North Korea, before the death march.

Larry Zellers, 66, a Methodist missionary prisoner in the Tiger group, was intrigued. "Where on earth did you get this list, Johnnie?"

"Well," Johnson replied with a soft Southwestern twang, "it's along story..."

PFC Johnnie Johnson, From Lima, Ohio, was just 18 when his division, the 24th Infantry, was thrown into combat in the summer of 1950. Their mission: a desperate attempt to slow the massive communist invasion of South Korea.

On July 11, 1950, less than three weeks into the war, Johnson was captured. A few nights later American planes accidentally strafed a building where he and other POWs were being held. Several men were killed. *Somebody might forget these guys*, Johnnie thought. *But their families have the right to know where and when they died.* Using a pencil stub, he carefully wrote down on a scrap of paper their names, units and date of death.

By late October the North Koreans were

pushed north by American-led allied forces. Huddled in a pen in the village of Manp'o and fed wormy, half-cooked millet, most of Johnson's POW group were sick and malnourished. Seventy were already dead, including seven executed. Johnson listed each name on scraps torn from guards' discarded cigarette packages and a strip of wallpaper he'd ripped from a schoolhouse. *We'll be home soon*, Johnnie hoped, *and the families will know the truth.*

Then The Tiger took command. "We are going on a long march," he announced. A priest protested that the POWs were too weak. "Then let them march until they die," The Tiger replied.

For nine days the POWs marched across 120 miles of steep mountain terrain. Despite bitterly cold November weather, the prisoners wore only summer fatigues. The guards promised that the sick who fell out would be picked up by ox cart. But as the POWs climbed the next ridge, they heard gunshots.

The Tiger threatened to execute American officers for failing to keep the column moving quickly. They protested. He exploded in a rage. "Then I will shoot only the officer whose group lost the most men." Army 1st Lt. Cordus H. Thornton stepped forward. The Tiger put his pistol to Thornton's head and fired.

Then he ordered the stunned POWs to turn in their dog tags. "Forget dead men," he shouted. Risking execution if he was caught, Johnson managed to jot down the names of over a hundred men who died in the snowy mountains.

That winter, in the prison camp on the ice-choked Yalu River, was one of the coldest in Korean history. Almost 300 more prisoners died, many in unheated huts where guards abandoned the sick. Johnson added their names to this secret list, now kept on dozens of scraps of paper stuffed into a small cloth pouch.

In October 1951 the surviving prisoners were transferred to Chinese control. After hearing rumors of a prisoner exchange, Johnson began compiling a master list on paper he'd stolen from a guard's note pad. Working each night for months by the light of a crude oil lamp, he made two identical lists and hid one in the mud-hut wall, the other in the dirt floor.

One sleety morning Chinese guards discovered the list after digging out the patch of wall where it was hidden. "You keep this criminal propaganda list for your government," charged the Chinese major.

"It's not propaganda, sir," Johnson replied, trying to subdue his fear. "It's for the families."

The commandant began to beat Johnnie's face with a thick leather riding crop. "Who helped you?"

"I'm acting on my own."

For an hour the commandant methodically whipped Johnson, repeating the questions. But Johnson didn't break. Finally the commandant thrust the muzzle of a .45 -caliber pistol against Johnson's head. "Eventually you will tell me the truth," he said, cocking the gun. Inexplicably, he didn't fire.

When he returned to his hut, Johnnie knew he should destroy the second list. Then he pictured his closest friend, Raymond Alford, who died of beriberi at a camp in An-dong and was buried without dog tags in an unmarked grave. No, his list must reach the hundreds of families like Alford's. It remained hidden in the floor.

In August 1953 the 262 Tiger survivors were ordered to prepare for repatriation. Johnnie dug up his list. At the processing camp the POWs received Red Cross relief packages that included toothpaste. Peeling open the tube, he cleaned out the interior as best he could and sealed the list inside.

Not until he was safely on a troopship home did he bring the list out. Intelligence officers asked the POWs to write the names of buddies who had died in captivity. Johnnie sat at a table, his precious list spread before him. An officer approached: "What have you got there?"

"It's my list, sir," Johnnie explained. "I kept it for the families." The officer held up the thin sheets of note paper crammed with the tight columns of names. Quietly Johnson added, "There's 496 on the list."

A lieutenant made a brief note in Johnnie's debriefing report: "Subject very cooperative - has recorded names, dates & places - should be commended." But as America tried to forget the tragedy of Korea, the record of Johnson's list slipped into bureaucratic oblivion.

FREEDOM did not bring peace to Johnnie Johnson. Haunted by nightmares, he sought solace in alcohol. He moved from one job to another, and four marriages ended in divorce. Not until the 1980s, when he was treated for post-traumatic stress disorder, was he able to resume a normal life. In all that time, the military never sought out his list.

The men at the reunion listened, shaken. "Your list is important, Johnnie," said Wilbert "Shorty" Estabrook, one of his buddies from the camp and founder of the Tiger Survivors. He had tried for years to reconstruct an accurate roster of dead Tiger group members. "Can you work with us?" he asked.

"I'd be proud to," Johnson replied.

But residual toothpaste had faded the ink on several columns, blotting out almost a quarter of the names. The men asked for help from forensic document examiner Howard Birnbaum at the Arizona Department of Public Safety in Phoenix, where Johnnie lived.

Birnbaum gently placed the 40-year-old list in an infrared scanning device, and phantom images began to emerge. "Roger...Hart...man," Johnnie read. It was 1st Lt. Roger W. Hartman, an artillery officer, who had died at the An-dong camp in February 1951.

Working tirelessly, Johnson and Birnbaum were able to reconstruct more than 1-- of the previously illegible entries. By the summer of 1991 the restored list contained most of the 496 names Johnnie had compiled.

Johnnie, Estabrook and retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Casey compared the names against official records. They were astounded to learn that most of the men were still officially classified as missing in action. What's more, in 1953 the communists had given the U.N. Command the names of 147 POWs who they claimed had escaped from captivity. In fact, Johnnie's list showed that most had been executed. Still, they couldn't contact the next of kin because the Privacy Act prevented the Pentagon from releasing their addresses.

MARY LOU HOOLIHAN, 47, of St. Cloud, Minn., flew to Denver the summer of 1991, torn by optimism and anxiety. Her father, 1st Lt. George Kristanoff, had disappeared while leading a reconnaissance patrol in July 1950. As a child, she had spent hours studying fading press clippings about her dad.

The Army sent a presumptive finding of death in 1954, but uncertainty remained. The communists claimed that Kristanoff was one of the 147 American POWs who had escaped. Mary Lou's family believed he may have been recaptured and was being held hostage. Decades passed, but the aching wound of her father's fate was unhealed. Then, by chance, she heard of the 1991 Tiger Survivors reunion in Denver.



Johnnie listened intently to Mary Lou's story. He then sorted through his papers and handed her a photocopy of his list. "His name is here," he said tenderly, his finger gliding to the upper right-hand column: *George Kristanoff 1L, 24 Rec. 4-29-51.*

First Lt. George Kristanoff of the 24th Reconnaissance Company had died in An-dong prison camp on April 29, 1951. Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she felt a release she had never before experienced. "I had to find out what really happened to my father," she told Johnnie, her voice growing strong.

Now Johnnie's deeply lined face was wet with tears. He took Mary Lou's hand. "After 40 years I've been able to help one family," he said, his voice breaking. "Risking my life was worthwhile."

Johnson, Estabrook and Casey were able to help a dozen other families as well. At a 1993 Tiger Survivors reunion, retired teacher Gerald Doyle, 68, gave an anguished account of his youngest brother, Austin. A Navy reservist in 1949, Gerald had persuaded their mother to allow Austin to enlist "so he'd have a chance to grow up." When Austin's unit was thrown into combat, Gerald asked to be activated and sent to Korea. He was processing for overseas when the family received news that Austin was missing. "If I hadn't asked Mom to let him enlist, he'd still be alive," Gerald said.

In 1953 the Army wrote that Austin had died in 1951 but that the information was unverified. "Even after all these years," Gerald Doyle said, "I need to know how he really died."

Estabrook handed Doyle a roster. "You can trust this list," he explained.

Doyle read the words he had both dreaded and longed to find. PFC Laurence Austin Doyle had died in the pen at Man'p'o on October 28, 1950, just before the death march began.

The survivors explained that Austin had been among the sick separated from the group. Most of these young soldiers understood they would be executed after the column left. They readily gave their boots to the comrades who needed them. "I've never seen braver men," a survivor told Doyle.

IN AUGUST 1995 Army Reserve Sgt. Victoria Bingham of the Defense Department's POW/MIA Office attended the Korean War Ex-POW Association's reunion in Sacramento, Calif. She

was electrified by accounts of Johnson's heroic action and touched by the comfort his list was bringing. She embarked on a crusade to have Johnson decorated for valor.

A search of intelligence archives yielded Johnson's original debriefing report and other POW reports that corroborated his story. At long last the names are being incorporated into the POW/MIA Office's database. Analysts confirm that the list is incredibly accurate.

On August 3, 1996, America finally thanked Johnnie Johnson for his "exemplary courage and selfless determination to provide a record of deceased soldiers, even in the face of death by a hostile enemy." Pinning the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest medal for valor, on Johnson's chest, Lt. Gen. John E. Miller said, "I'm very glad to see you receive this award, even though it has taken a very long time for you to be recognized."

Johnnie Johnson's comrades-in-arms exploded in applause.

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*Families with inquiries or information regarding a missing serviceman can write: Defense POW/MIA Office, 2400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-2400.*

*The Tiger Survivors list is now available on the Internet through Reader's Digest Interactive at <http://www.readersdigest.com>.*



Johnson, wearing the just-awarded Silver Star, with Sgt. Bingham PHOTO: © LARRY GREER

By John Means

# Only a select few merit a 21-gun salute

*Seven riflemen firing three shots each is not, and I repeat NOT, a 21-gun salute. The arithmetic may be right, but the ceremonial terminology is way off.*

Some folks in the Air Force do not know their rifles from their ruffles

At a recent military honors ceremony at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, the official program listed a "21-gun salute," in the sequence of events. A press release plugging the event promised "an F-16 flyby and a 21-gun salute."

The same week, to begin the yearlong celebration of the Air Force's 50th anniversary, public affairs officials at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio wrote: "A missing-man formation will be flown by T-38 aircraft ... followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps."

The Dec. 9 issue of *Air Force Times* reports an incident in which a wing vice commander said "the Air Force refused to provide a color guard, a 21-gun salute and a flyover" for a pilot-comrade's funeral service. Members of the wing "formed their own color guard and 'found an American Legion group willing to do the 21-gun salute.'"

Tattoo this on your forehead and paint it on the bathroom mirror, Air Force: Seven riflemen firing three shots each is not, and I repeat NOT, a 21-gun salute. The arithmetic may be right, but the ceremonial terminology is way off. The 21-gun salute is fired one shot at a time, by ordnance a lot bigger than rifles.

On Jan. 20 of every fourth year, the president stands on a podium at the Capitol, turns to the chief justice with his right hand

held high and swears to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. And at that moment, a nearby battery of field artillery pieces fires a series of cannon shots, at precisely timed intervals. Their rhythmic booms echo across Capitol Hill, 21 times.

That, according to the State Department's office of protocols, is a proper 21-gun salute. It is reserved exclusively for the president and visiting heads of state.

## Final honors

On the other side of the Potomac River in Virginia, when a serviceman or woman is laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, seven members of an honor guard from the 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) regiment from nearby Fort Myer raise their rifles to their shoulders and fire three volleys on command. Then a bugler sounds taps. That, according to the regimental sergeant major of the 3rd, is called final honors.

The error in rifle vs. gun terminology is not unique to the Air Force. In last season's TV drama series "JAG," the mother of a Navy pilot killed in an accident says she wants none of the traditional rites for her son, "no missing-man flyover, no 21-gun salute, no playing of taps." This is a series that prides itself on its technical advisory staff of high-ranking Navy veterans.

And just to deal in the Army, its favorite author, Harold Coyle, is one of the most

knowledgeable, accurate and popular of all writers of military fiction.

In Coyle's "Code of Honor," Army Brig. Gen. Scott Dixon tells his wife he does not know "... whether it is the 21-gun salute, or the playing of taps, or when the officer in charge hands the widow the folded flag that breaks wives."

In traditional military speak, a rifle is not a gun. Because most people in the Air Force know little or nothing about big guns, this may account for their confusion about such things. The Army, Navy and Marines supposedly know better, counting among their ranks various gunner's mates, gunnery sergeants, tankers and artillerymen.

The tradition of gun salutes is a legacy from the British navy, which honored its kings and viceroys, dukes and admirals with fire from the deck guns of its frigates and dreadnoughts. The reason for the number 21 is lost in antiquity but may have something to do with the number of toasts one officer could drink out of one wine bottle, as the guns overhead echoed the toast in the wardroom. Whether or not, the maximum number was 21, and that was reserved for the king.

Then and now, the navy knew on which side its kings were buttered.

John Means, a retired Air Force senior master sergeant, is a copy editor for the *Express-News* in San Antonio.



But, sooner or later, the enemy must open fire, and casualties result. A company aid man (left) gives a stretcher case a welcome cigarette.



AN ITEM OF INTEREST TO OUR VIETNAM VETERAN MEMBERS  
(From the Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Association)

**TWO SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGES IN  
AGENT ORANGE  
REGULATIONS**

**R**ecent legislation has changed the dates of the Vietnam Era for Agent Orange purposes. The beginning date is now January 9, 1962 (changed from August 5, 1964). The ending date remains May 7, 1975. If you had an Agent Orange claim denied by the VA because you were in country prior to the 1964 date, you may want to reopen your claim. Our Family Assistance Department just reopened the claim of a member who died of lung cancer. He had served in Vietnam in 1963 and the widow's claim for death benefits was denied because of his early date of Vietnam service. We have requested reconsideration of the claim and expect it will now be granted.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now processing claims for prostate cancer and peripheral neuropathy (a nerve disorder). New regulations were published in mid-November adding these conditions to the list of disabilities considered service connected for Vietnam veterans.

Our previous newsletters contained lists of the other Agent Orange disabilities. They include lung cancer, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, and multiple myeloma. The Association has assisted members and widows with over 500 Agent Orange based VA claims.

If you had duty in Vietnam or in the waters offshore during the period of January 9, 1962, through May 7, 1975, exposure to Agent Orange is conceded. Subsequent diagnosis of any of the conditions listed above will be considered service connected by the VA and compensation or death benefits may be paid.

The Association will be happy to assist you in filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs ★

*Greetings  
from  
The Chinese People's  
Volunteers*

KOREA 1951

Whatever the colour, race or creed,  
All plain folks are brothers indeed.  
Both you and we want life and peace,  
If you go home, the war will cease.

Demand Peace!

Stop the War!



PICKED-UP IN NO MANS LAND  
BY MIKE RADOSEVICH, 3D ENG  
(1951-1954)

# Pentagon launches new studies into Gulf War illnesses

By Douglas J. Gillert  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced Dec. 10 it is soliciting private studies on the effects of low-level exposure by humans to nerve agents.

Officials believe up to 20,000 Americans may have been exposed to fallout from Iraqi chemical weapons U.S. soldiers destroyed in March 1991. The Pentagon learned only this May of the presence of chemical weapons at Khamisiyah, Iraq. The information surfaced in reports from the United Nations Special Commission investigating causes of illnesses reported by Persian Gulf War veterans.

"We're soliciting proposals ... for epidemiological studies in human subjects, including those we think were at or near Khamisiyah at the time," DoD spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. "We've also asked for proposals on animal studies. Both of these [will focus] on the impact of low level exposure."

No proposals have been submitted by Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, but Winn Army Community Hospital is continuing programs already in place.

"Winn Army Community Hospital is continuing the comprehensive clinical evaluation program of Gulf War illness directed by the surgeon general of the Army," said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Chastine, Preventive Medicine noncommissioned officer in charge.

The Pentagon announced June 21 U.S. troops had blown up ammunition

bunkers at Khamisiyah. After learning of the presence of chemical munitions in the Iraqi bunkers, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. Stephen Joseph ordered reviews of earlier research. As a result of findings by the Armed Forces Epidemiology Board and the National Academy of Science, Bacon said, DoD decided to initiate new studies.

The department has allotted \$15 million to the new studies, Bacon said. Some of the studies will use laboratory animals, while others will involve actual gulf war veterans and control groups of veterans who did not serve in the war. Bernard Rostker, DoD special assistant for gulf war illnesses, said the department has three priorities in investigating. "The first and most important [priority] is to make sure that anybody who is sick is getting treatment," Rostker said. "We want to make this as easy for them as possible, to make sure that they have no long term health consequences."

Second, Rostker said, DoD wants "to get at the bottom of the cause. We talk about gulf war illness because right now we can't find a consistent pattern, but we are looking. We've increased the resources ... and we owe it not only to the veterans — those who served in the gulf — but to future generations of soldiers and Marines and sailors and airmen so that we can remove any possible factor that could lead to illness."

Finally, DoD needs to "make sure that we have the right doctrine and...the right systems" to foster a healthier deployment environment," Rostker said.



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Clarksville, TN 37042-3651



Dear Editor:

Sir: As membership chairman for the 11th Airborne Division Association, I would deeply appreciate it if you could please place the following articles in your paper so that we may reach all ex-members of our division. Request is made as a public service.

The 11th Airborne Division Association is looking for all ex-veterans of the division starting from activation in 1942 until deactivation 1 July 1958. Again, members of the 11th Air Assault Division 1962 to 1965 at Fort Benning, GA.

Membership in the association is open to all ex-veterans of the above units. If you served in any capacity you should contact James E. Hembree 11th Airborne Association, 125 Lexington Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-3651; Phone 615-552-7761. Our membership chairman will send you information on membership and our next reunion in Omaha, NE, 4-7 September 1997.

James E. Hembree  
Membership Chairman

Seeking U.S. Army members who served with KMAG in Korea from 1948-60, and have knowledge of infiltration efforts on behalf of the Far East Command. Also, anyone who has a copy of "A STRING, A HUG, AND A SILENT KNIGHT," said to be a Government Printing Office publication from the same period. Blood relatives who are acquainted with facts on these subjects and are holding orders and books, or other items related to the above, please come forward. This has been a 40-year search. Contact D. SCHREIBER, 7290 Ponto Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92009; 619/438-2140. 7-1296

There have been some changes for those that need a copy of their DD-214 (discharge). Send request to: Commander, ARPERCEN ATTN: VSD Team, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5299. The VSD Team number depends on the last three numbers of your Social Security number. Team #s: #1- 000-142; #2 143-285; #3 286-428; #4 429-571; #5 572-714; #6 715-857; #7 858-999. All requests must be made in writing or by FAX (314-538-3851).

Request for medals - Standard Form 180 - is no longer used. A letter of request accompanied by a copy of your DD-214 (discharge) should be sent to: U.S. Army Reserve Center, ATTN: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63121-5100. Include your Social Security number or service number, VA claim number, date of birth, full name, address and telephone number, when submitting your request. If the request is being submitted by surviving spouse, he/she must include the veteran's date of death, surviving spouse's full name, address and phone number. For further information, call 1-800-325-8311.



The following is from the May, 1970 issue of **Ideals** magazine and thought it worthy of being passed on?

### **Faith, Hope, and Charity**

Author Unknown

Patriotism isn't marching behind a band and puffing out your chest. Patriotism isn't a flash of fireworks one day of the year, and then submerging one's emotions the rest of the year. Patriotism isn't found in the whooping of the crowd or maudlin flag-waving.

Patriotism is the sum of the three cardinal virtues, faith, hope, and charity ... Faith in the principles of our government, hope in the future of our country, charity toward all and malice toward none.

Patriotism is that spirit that makes us help our neighbors when they are in distress, and extend sympathy when they are stricken.

Patriotism is the tugging at our heart-strings and a sincere kinship with those who toil in field or shop or marketplace.

Patriotism is the emotion that makes a lump rise in the throat when some intrepid spirit strives to achieve something that no human being ever before achieved.

Patriotism is to be unashamed at the moisture that comes welling up into our eyes with the passing of some great and noble soul, who unselfishly devoted his life to the cause of mankind.

Patriotism is loving one's country, respecting its traditions, and honoring its, people, high or low, rich or poor.

Patriotism is standing firm and unselfish for the right, for the common good, for the peace and well-being of all; sacrificing self, if need be, and standing tall and unafraid against all opposition.

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"Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself." — Anonymous



Years ago, we ran a much-abridged version of Alexander Wollcott's delightful story titled "Entrance Fee". We thought then, and we continue to think, that it is a must for inclusion into any anthology of military writing. It is a story much told in the smoky barracks of French army posts. We feel like telling it anew.

It is the lovely story of Mlle. Cosette and the little cadets of Saint-Cyr Military Academy.

At the turn of the century, the talk, in France, was sure to turn, sooner or later, to Mlle. Cosette, regarded by common consent as the most desirable woman in all of France, and available too, if one would but meet her price.

Her photographs, usually showing her sitting piquantly at a cafe table, were cut from L'Illustration and pinned up in every barracks, certainly in every footlocker.

She lived in St. Cloud, in a tiny, vine-hung villa surrounded by a high garden wall. And even those for whom that wall was hopelessly high took morbid pride in a persistent detail of the legend which said that no man was ever a guest there for the night who could not bring 5000 francs with him.

The story of Cosette filled the cadets at Saint-Cyr with a gentle melancholy. In their twilight hours of relaxation, they talked it over, and all thought it a sorrowful thing that, so wretched is the soldier's pittance, not one of those who must some day walk into battle would even carry with him a memory of the fairest woman in all of France. For what cadet could hope to raise 5000 francs? Very sad. And yet, cried one of their number, there were a thousand students at Saint-Cyr, and not one among them so lacking in resource that he could not, given time, manage to raise at least 5 francs.

And thus the Cosette Sweepstake had its genesis. There followed the varied efforts to raise the money, and by the appointed time, the last man had his 5 francs.

The 5000 francs were piled high in one of the company dayrooms.

A drawing of the lucky number of some bright-eyed cadet was the next

order of business.

The drawing was well underway when a perplexed instructor stumbled on the proceedings. He, at once, reported his discovery to the Commandant who was so profoundly moved that he was keen to cooperate. He laughed at the thought of one of his starry-eyed youngsters arriving at Saint-Cloud with only his youth and his entrance fee.

The innocent budget had made no provision for the trip to Paris, none for a carriage, a bouquet, perhaps even a supper party. The Commandant vowed as to how he would wish to meet this margin of contingency from his own fatherly pocket. No cadet should leave Saint-Cyr for Paris on such an errand without being completely prepared.

Finally, the big day for the chosen cadet arrived. Very trim in his red breeches, blue tunic, white gloves, and jaunty white cockade, he was off to Paris. The Commandant stood at his window, moist-eyed and chuckling, to watch until the white cockade disappeared down the avenue of poplars.

The sunlight was making a gay pattern on Cosette's carpet the next morning, when she sat up and meditated on the day ahead. Her little cadet was cradled in a sweet, dreamless sleep. It touched her rather to see how preposterously young he was. As she gazed upon him, he awoke.

"Good morning, my old one," she said, "and now that you're awake, I must ask you how a cadet at Saint-Cyr ever got hold of 5000 francs?"

Thus abruptly questioned, he lost his head and blurted out the tale of the sweepstake. Perhaps he felt it could do no harm now. Anyway, she listened so avidly, with such flattering little gasps of surprise and such sunny ripples of laughter, that he quite warmed to his story. When he told her of the Commandant's part in the story, she rose and strode up and down, tears in her violet eyes.

"Saint-Cyr has paid me the prettiest compliment I have ever known", she said, "and I am the proudest woman in France this day.. But surely I must do my part. When you are an old, old man in the Vendée, you shall tell your grandchildren that, once in your youth, you knew the dearest favors in France, and they cost you not a sou. Not a sou."

At that she hauled open the little drawer where he had seen her lock up the lottery receipts the night before.

"Here", she said, with a lovely gesture. "I give you back your money".

And she handed him his 5 francs.





Fellow Warriors,

Do you need a better reason as to why we shouldn't attend every reunion from here on out?

ss Ben Wahle

### Being There

When will the last witnesses to the 20th Century's most memorable events pass from the scene? Sampling:

#### Estimated Death of Last Witness

Cubs win the World Series	2013
WWI Veterans	2005
'29 Stock-market crash	2035
FDR's First Inauguration	2039
Holocaust Survivor	2052
Brown V. Board of Education	2063
JFK Assassination	2074
Woodstock festival	2080
Vietnam veterans	2062
O.J. Simpson Criminal trial	2108

(Sources: Social Security Administration, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. Research by Dante Chinni-Newsweek)



"I don't mind tellin' ya, Beecher—you, as high shooter in this outfit, make me sick!"

## 'I CAN'T REMEMBER'

By Wm. J. Russell  
LST 695  
Survivor's Assoc.

Just a line to say I'm living  
That I'm not among the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And sometimes mixed up in the head.

I got used to my arthritis  
To my dentures I'm resigned  
I can manage my bifocals,  
But God I miss my mind.

For sometimes I can't remember  
When I stand at the foot of the stair,  
If I'm going up for something  
Or have just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often  
My poor mind is filled with doubt  
Have I just put food away, or  
Have I come to take some out.

And there's time when it is dark  
With my nightcap on my head  
I don't know if I'm retiring, or  
Just got out of bed.

So, if it's my turn to write you,  
There's no need for getting sore,  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.

Here I stand beside the mailbox,  
With a face so very red.  
Instead of mailing you my letter,  
I just opened it instead.

24th DIVISION ARTILLERY  
(CAMP HAKATA ASSOCIATES)

Mr Rodolph Mullins  
24th Inf Div Assoc  
Secretary/Treasurer  
HCR 3 Box 191  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072-9014

Dear Rodolph:

In the next edition of the 24th Infantry Division Association News will you give us a squib about our 10th Annual Reunion to be held in Lawton, OK. May 28 - June 1, 1997.

This reunion is open to all personnel who served with the 24th Division Artillery and its units or were stationed at Camp Hakata, Kyushu, Japan during 1946-50.

They may contact me for further details at 2827 Private Road 3776, Wills Point, TX 75169 or telephone 903-560-0206.

Sincerely,

ss Art Travis

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STRENGTH  
PAY YOUR DUES  
TODAY!**



An Irish  Blessing

Do not resent growing old.  
Many are denied . . .  
The Privilege.





524 Halyard Lane  
Longboat Key, FL 34228

TED ADAIR

Telephone 941-383-2227  
E-Mail tfgada@aol.com  
February 21, 1997

Dear Mr. Lawton,

As a former member of the 19th Inf Regt, I am sending you this report on several former soldiers who might be known to the Division Association members who served with the "Rock" in the period from November, 1945 to July, 1948.

These soldiers, numbering fourteen at one time, were classmates from the USMA Class of '45. The first of us arrived in Koeti, Shikoku, in mid-November and the stragglers were mostly in over the next month. By the time we had completed the move to Beppu, Kyushu in the early summer of '46, a couple had transferred in from deactivated divisions. By that Fall, our number constituted almost half the officers strength of the regiment. Companies, except one maintained at full strength, were down to a handful of soldiers. In mid-Fall the regiment began receiving replacements; almost all had enlisted for eighteen months. They had received an abbreviated basic training program and were a great bunch of recruits. Being eligible for the GI Bill benefits, most of them were motivated by the college assistance it offered. We ended up about 10% above TO&E strength in privates, two NCO's per company and two companies per lieutenant! That situation lasted until early in 1947 when we began receiving NCOs and officers to bring us to full strength.

Training facilities were slim given the land shortage prevailing at the time, but we did complete individual and small unit programs through the summer. By late Fall, 1947, the majority of our soldiers were rotated home and we again became a skeleton; only one company near full strength. That situation prevailed when we began rotating home the next summer. If you are interested in the issues and later experiences of this group, here they are:

Adair, Theodore F.G. - resigned CAPT '54  
Armstrong, Richard C. - Two tours VietNam, ret LTC '71  
Bell, Earl W. - Korea, ret LTC '65  
Crary, William B. - Korea, KIA 9/14/50, 1st LT  
Drake, Thomas D. II - Korea, VietNam, ret COL '74, died CA 5/25/96  
Limpus, Charles E. - Korea, ret LTC '57  
Mantey, Robert F. - resigned CAPT '54  
Morrow, Jared W. - Korea, KIA 9/1/50, 1st Lt  
Pavia, Frank N. - ret LTC '66  
Reese, Robert M. - Korea, ret LTC '66  
Spragins, Charles E. - Korea, two tours VietNam, ret Maj Gen '77  
Stone, Milton D. Jr. - resigned CAPT '55 died AL 7/18/69  
Wood, William C. - Korea, VietNam, ret COL '73  
Yerkes, Austin J. - ret LTC '65, died FL 2/26/69

In May 1995 nine of us with our ladies enjoyed an exuberant dinner during our Class '59th reunion at West Point. Our rendition of the song "The Rock of Chickamauga" left something to be desired in musical quality, but not in volume nor enthusiasm. We exchanged many warm memories of the men and times of the 19th US Infantry Regiment.

Sincerely,

ss Ted Adair

In Indonesian waters, a British submarine fires on a Japanese cargo ship. The crew abandons ship leaving 50 Indonesian women and children aboard. The submarine commander orders the

cargo ship wired with explosives and blown up with all aboard.

## WORLD WAR II

### FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

NOV. 25

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Japanese kamikaze planes damage four U.S. aircraft carriers off Luzon in the Philippines; American planes sink two Japanese cruisers. American troops repel Japanese counterattacks on the Philippine island of Leyte. Japanese forces abandon the Pinwe area in Burma. In Europe, German and Hungarian soldiers throw back a Soviet assault on Csepel just south of Budapest.

Source: "2194 Days of War," W. H. Smith Publishers Inc.; "World Almanac Book of World War II," Bison Books Corp., 1981

Adm. "Bull" Halsey orders his Task Force 38 to Ulithi in the Carolines, ending an 84-day cruise that wrecked the Japanese Navy.

But carrier Intrepid is hit by kamikazes for the second time in four weeks, killing and injuring more than 100 crewmen.

In Europe, a V-2 missile kills 160 in London.

## WORLD WAR II

### FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

DEC. 14

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Warplanes from 13 U.S. aircraft carriers

strike at Japanese airfields across the main Philippine island of Luzon as an American invasion fleet approaches nearby Mindoro. Britain's 8th Army steps up attacks on the east end of the Italian front, while heavy fighting rages at Tossignano in the west.

U.S. troops control the area between the Inde and Roer rivers in western Germany.

Source: "2194 Days of War," W. H. Smith Publishers Inc.; "World Almanac Book of World War II," Bison Books Corp., 1981

Japanese troops butcher 145 U.S. POWs on Palawan island in the southern Philippines.

The POWs are led into deep air-raid shelters where buckets of gasoline are thrown on them; they are then set afire with torches. Burning men trying to flee are shot, bayoneted, and clubbed to death; others are buried alive. Three escape.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

A terrible ordeal begins for 1,650 American, British and Dutch POWs captured early in the war. Locked below decks on a prison ship with almost no water, 40 die and hundreds go mad in the first two days.

When a U.S. bomber fatally damages their ship near Luzon, angry guards machine gun 200 POWs in the water. The other POWs are picked up, but 1,000 will die when their rescue ship is bombed in Takao harbor, Formosa. Only 450 will reach Japan.

The U.S. Senate approves the promotions of Henry "Hap" Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall to the five-star rank of General of the Army and the nominations of William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King and Chester W. Nimitz as Admirals of the Fleet.

COMPILED BY K.E. MCGURN

## WORLD WAR II

### FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

DEC. 15

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American soldiers invade Mindoro Island and meet little resistance near San Agustin, south of the main Philippine island of Luzon; Japanese kamikaze planes hit a U.S. escort carrier and two destroyers. The besieged Japanese garrison at Bhamo, Burma, escapes. On the Soviet front, Red Army troops cross the Ipey River north of Budapest, Hungary, and push into Czechoslovakia at Sahy.



"Over the top...over the top...over the top of what?"

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### 24th Division History Book Update

TO: Members 24th Infantry Division Association

We are entering the last leg of our journey toward producing a 24th Division history. There are three more steps before Turner Publishing Company completes the publication.

(1) April 21 - Design-page proofs. This is a rough draft of the book, incorporating all the changes the history committee has made to the several drafts of the narrative. This proof will show how the captioned photographs will be positioned. This is the time to make all necessary final changes. Changes beyond this point are expensive.

(2) June 2 - Blue line proof. This proof will look like the final version of the book. If the committee has done its work well, there shouldn't be any errors in this proof. Changes can be made after the blue line proof, but they are expensive and should be avoided if at all possible.

(3) July 1 - Printing and Mailing one week later. The book should be in the hands of the purchasers by August 1.

Thank you for your patience over many years waiting for the history of the Taro Leaf Division. We think you will be well satisfied and proud of the final product.

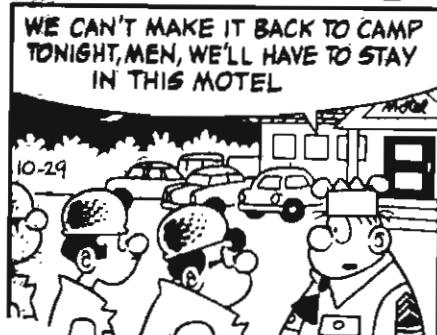
### The 24th Division History Committee

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Boerie Bailey



## PHILIPPINES

The following story was written by Col **James B. Green (USA Ret)** 735 Alvina Ct Los Altos, CA 94024-5410 (13th F.A. Bn Oct.'41-Mar'45). Col Green would like to hear from the sergeant who called him in the fire direction center or maybe anyone who might remember the incident described as follows:

One day when I happened to be the fire direction officer we got a telephone call. "This is Sergeant--(Inf). I've tapped a telephone line hoping this was an artillery line." "Yes, sergeant, this is Kewpie." --"I'm on a hill overlooking a bridge on the Lemon road. Jap units cross every once in a while. Could you adjust on it and let me tell you when they will be on it?"

"Yes, sergeant, I'm looking at the map, the 3rd bridge south of Lemon. Is that the one?"

"Yeah, probably."

"Look for one round of H.E. On the way."

"I saw it. Go 400 yards this way."

"Cannot see your hands, Sergeant Give me a compass direction."

"Sort of southeast."

"On the way."

"You need to go 150 yards north."

"Going 200 yards north. On the way."

"Saw it about 50 yards east. Will you wait 'til I see the Nips coming."

"Our flight time is 28 seconds. Make an estimate 60 seconds ahead of time when they will cross, and tell me how big a unit."

"Okay, Wait."

"Roger."

Ten minutes later he rang up again:

"This is Sgt---, Jap infantry company marching north about three minutes away."

"Keep the line open. Tell me when 60 seconds away."

"One minute away."

"Battalion two volleys, on the way."

"Beautiful, beautiful, you got them, you got them."

"Anytime, sergeant. and please call again."

This was a most unconventional fire mission. We don't know who that sergeant was but certainly hoped he survived the war.





## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

When sending in his 1997 dues **Richard J. Muir** from E 60 Elde Lyme Rd, Shelton, WA 98584 (B Co. 34th '41-'45) says he hopes to see some of us at the Mini Reunion in Albuquerque.

**SGM Robert W. Strouse** 1012 W Fir Ave LoPoc, CA 93436-7633 (13th F.A. Bn) would like to say hello to all the great people of the 13th Field.

Letter from **Andrew Davis** (A Co. 3rd Engr, Med Det 3rd Engr also AT&M Platoon 19th Inf Oct '51-May '53) 3401 Village Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304-4551. Andy is looking for a David Sheldon. David is not a member. Can anyone help Andy? If so, get in touch with him.

**Sandy Young**, 717 W 7th St S, Newton, LA 50208-4404 (Co K 21st Inf Regt 1951) is asking our help in locating "Capt Lucas" Co K 21st Inf Apr-Jul 1951.

From **Glen Spence**, 522 Sheridan St Chenoa, IL 61726-1435 (Co C 6th Tk Bn 8/50 - 8/51). Glen writes "In some of the pictures you showed M/Sgt William "Bill" Mooneyham. He had a twin brother M/Sgt Bob Mooneyham who served in the 6th Tk Bn. He was wounded in Korea. They also had another brother Jerry Mooneyham who served in the 6th Tk Bn at the same time. All three were very brave and born leaders of men that helped make the 6th Tk Bn what it was. If anyone knows the whereabouts of those brothers, I would like to know".

From **Dennis MacAulay**, 25 Sweeney St Naugatuck, CT 06770-3819. (C 2/19 '64-'65) Dennis writes "Enclosed please find by 5th payment for Life Membership in the finest Division in the US Army. I am happy to join so many others of the guys as a life member. Enclosed is an extra \$24.00 for the 24th, as I can imagine it takes a lot of extras to run and maintain the great job all of you officers of the Association do. I will surely keep in touch". Thanks, Dennis, we appreciate your kind words.

From **Joseph Mieleszko** 339 West St, Box 103 North Hatfield, MA 01066-0103 (C Btry 13 F.A. Bn '40-'44) Joe writes that he "enjoys reading the Taro Leaf, but its leaning too much on the Korea Era. What happened to WW II? The most significant of all wars." Joe, we publish what our members send in and the stories vary with each issue. For instance I have asked for stories from pre WWII members on several occasions and so far I haven't received any. Joe, by the way, have you heard about the logging camp cook in Oregon??

From **Bill Allen** 421 4th Ave N Tierra Verde, FL 33715-1730 (Co C 19th Pow, Camp 5 Korea Jan '51-Aug '53). Writes that he will be at Colorado Springs and hopes to see a good size group there from Charlie Co.

## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

From **James O. Marshall** 1185 Saratoga Rd, Roswell, GA 30075-3850. (Co M 19th Inf Regt '44-'45) wants to send his regards to and wish to hear from anyone he served with.

From **Eugene H. Wells**, 5727 Southland Blvd, Louisville, KY 40214-1235 (HQ 24th Inf Div Finance Office Jan'43-Dec'45) Gene writes that he was on Goodnough Island, Hollandia Leyte, Mindoro, Mindanao and occupation troops in Japan. He would like to hear from anyone who remembers him.

From **John M. Wagner**, 1246 Via Ponticello, Unit 1, Florence, SC 29501-6258 (Co E 19th 1/51 to 9/51) "So I won't be late on my dues, please sign me up for a life membership. If we move again, I'll keep you informed. For your record I was with the 71st Division, Co. B., 66th Inf in WWII in France, Germany and Austria where we met the Russians the day before the war was over. I signed up for the inactive reserves and President Truman saw fit to call us ER's up for the Korean Police Action. I joined the 1st Platoon, Co. E. 19th Inf in January 1951 to September 1951."

From **Steve P. Jager**, 1722 Horne Blvd, New Kensington, PA 16068-4309 (24th Sig Co 10/41 - 8/44). "I wish to thank you in advance for your efforts and also the continued interest, you and all other officers and members, have in the promotion of the 24th Victory Division of which I helped to create at Schofield Barracks on 1 October 1941, just before the attack. I participated in its activities at Australia, Hollandia, and in New Guinea. Having spent 5 1/2 years in the service, Mar 29 1940 until July 1945 of which four years and 3 months was with the 24th." He further writes that he served in the old 11th Signal Co. which became part of the 24th Sig Co., "so there is much interest for me in receiving the Victory Division News".

**Willard Lippman** 167, 380th Ave Grinnell, IA 50112-8220 is looking for a J.P. Brooks of Brownsville, TX. Says the J could be John or James, he doesn't remember. They served together in '54-'55 in Korea.

From **Paul McArdle, Sr.** 311 E. Hazard St, Summit Hill, PA 18250 (24th Signal BN 1/64 - 6/65 Germany). Sent in his money for raffle tickets but forgot to enclose the stubbs. Paul writes "I'm getting old too soon, smart too late". He sent good wishes for St. Patrick's Day. Paul also enclosed a donation of \$24.00 for the 24th in memory of Pablo Luna (24th Sig Flak Kaserne, Augsburg, Germany '64-'65.)

Note from **Dana Wallace**, 3172 Heather Glynn Dr., Mulberry, FL 33860-8688. Dana writes that he hopes to make the 50th Golden Reunion in C.S. He is still coaching football after 46 years and loves it just like the 24th Div. "I joined the Division in January '44 Co. F 34th Regt and departed from the Division Dec 23, 1945 for Japan." He remembers that Capt Paul Austin was its Co. Commander.



This will bring back memories  
 Photo taken at Camp Wood, Kur

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to former Hq. Co. Gimlets.  
amamoto, Japan approx. Feb or Mar. 1950.

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## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

From **Michael K. Lipka**, 46 Stella Dr., North Providence R.I. 02911-1318. (24th M.P. '76-'78) Michael writes that he had two brothers in Desert Storm/Desert Shield at the same time. Daniel was a Captain in the MP's and Andrew was a Captain in the Marines. Both came home safely. They both read the Taro Leaf in the Gulf. Mike is employed with the US Postal Service and is happily married to Mary and have three lovely children, Michael age 10, Timothy age 6 and Mclleney age 4.

From **Eugene Carreta**, 148 Beach St., Jersey City, NJ 07307 (SV Co 19th Inf Regt '49-'51). Gene writes that he also served with the 7th Inf Div during WWII. he is still active with the VFW and marches in parades with St. Vincent's Cadets, who won national honors. He has had to discontinue his participation due to his job and health. His son Glenn is in the Army and served with the 24th. He is currently at Fort Carson, Co.

**Bubby Montgomery**, PO Box 768 Salyersville, KY 41465-0768 (B Btry 13th F.A. BN June '50 - June '51) would like information on a picture taken with General McArthur during the early days of the Korean War. He would like to obtain a copy of the picture. Also he would like information on good friend Stanley Oberhiem from Indiana.

**PFC Delmar Ray Ward**, (Hq Co 1st Bn 19th Inf Regt) PFC Ward died in POW Camp in Korea. The family is asking for information about him. If you can help them in any way, however small, please contact: Bob Hurley, The Greenville Sun Newspaper, P.O. Box 1630 Greenville, TN 37744; Ph: 423-638-4181 or FAX 423-638-3645.

From **Margaret Allen**, 7701 NW 76th Way, Kansas City, MO 64152. Is seeking information on her Uncle, Sgt Wayne J. Feldmann, US 55051520 who was a member of (Co A 6th TK BN 1951-52) If there is anyone who knew him or can verify that he was a POW for a short time, please let Ms Allen know.

From **Michael R. Bailey**, 982 Rd, Reading, PA 19606, Ph: 610-370-1825. "I am seeking information concerning your organization on behalf of my father, Robert D. Bailey Jr. He served in the U.S. Army retiring after 20 years. He served in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division, 19th Inf Regiment, Heavy Weapons Company. He received two Purple Hearts and was later made a POW by the North Koreans. I am greatly interested in obtaining information concerning the history of the 24th Division and the 19th Inf. Regiment. I have enclosed 5 dollars to assist in postage. Any information or direction you can provide me would be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

From **SFC(Ret) William C. Ballard**, 4518 East 10th St, Indianapolis, IN 46201. Mr Ballard is interested in finding out what happened to 1LT Raymond C. Drury, Jr CESN057109. (West Point) Lt Drury was a member of Co C 3rd Engr (C) BN. and was reported MIA on 28 or 29 Oct. 1950.



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

A note from **Col Thomas F. Stewart**, (Hq 17th Aviation Brigade Unit 15270, APO AP 96205-0043). Col Stewart writes, "Here in Korea almost every Korean Veteran of the Korean War recognizes the 24th I.D. patch I wear on my shoulder. Veterans of the 24th I.D. are still here defending freedoms frontier". Col Stewart says feel free to drop him a line if he can be of any assistance in any way. Col Stewart is Life Member #1646.

From **Maurice Hill**, 1810 Lonesome Bend, Gadsden, AL 35903-7641 an Honorary Member, writes that his brother James E. Hill was a member of Co G 19th Inf Regt and was killed in action November 16, 1944 in Leyte during the battle at Breakneck Ridge. Maurice would like to hear from anyone who served with James. He also writes that his older brother Jesse was in the 24th in Korea in 1955 and that Jesse retired with 29 years service after serving with the 1st Cav in Vietnam. His father was a veteran of WWI and served in France.



**James E. Hill**

**Joe Cenga**, 206 Cedric Rd, Centerville, MA 02632 (Anti-Tank Co 19th Inf Regt '40-'44) writes that he forgot to pay his dues and thought he might be coming down with, whats the name of that forgetful disease -Al Heimers?" says he knows him. Says he is hanging in there dancing every week end, walking and jogging.

From **Bob Smith**, 7721 Deer Lane, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-9119 (11th F.A. Bn '50-'51). "Just a note to advise you and hopefully the rest of our 24th Division Association that one of our new members, Jerome Rassmussen of Waverly, Minnesota (11th F.A. Bn '49-'50) has suffered a very severe stroke sometime during the latter part of January. Korean War wounds to his right side and now the stroke have left his left side paralyzed. He is confined to bed and a wheel chair. While he does have problems speaking, his mind is very clear. I have been to see him at the Veterans Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. We had a long and happy chat about things we did together in Japan and the first part of the Korean War. I write this note with the hope that you will have it published in the TARO LEAF and that some of our members will send him a note or a card. His address is: **Jerome Rassmussen**  
**Bldg. 49, Room 146**  
**Veterans Hospital**  
**St Cloud MN 56303**

## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Any member having items of memorabilia pertaining to the 24th Infantry Division and would like to donate it to the Association, send it to Dutch. He has a storage building where he is storing items of memorabilia being shipped to him by Ken Ross.

For our next issue of the Taro Leaf Volume #51 Issue #3 (August) I would like to have stories appropriate to our 50 years of reunions. I have designed a front cover page and back page. Plus there will be a centerfold surrounded by a collage of photographs of Past Presidents. Suggestions Welcome!

We continue to hear from many, many members every day sending back raffle stubbs and money. Our raffle, date of the drawing, September 20, 1997, is definitely going to be a huge success. We have been busy and many times only have the time to send you more tickets without any written word. We appreciate each one of you and thank you so much for supporting our great Association.

Many of you who have sent in changes of address, sent in only a 5 digit zipcode. When you are sending in changes of address, please be sure to include your new zip plus 4 (9 digit zipcode.) Failure to send in a change of address costs the association approximately \$300.00 per year so please notify us of your new address when you move.



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15	11th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
16	13th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
17	19th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
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23	21st Inf Lapel Pin		\$5.00
24	34th Inf Lapel Pin		\$5.00
25	CIB (1st Award)	Mini DRESS MESS	\$5.00
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October 29, 1996

Mr. Robert L. Lawhon  
Editor  
*Taro Leaf*  
24th Division Association

Dear Robert,

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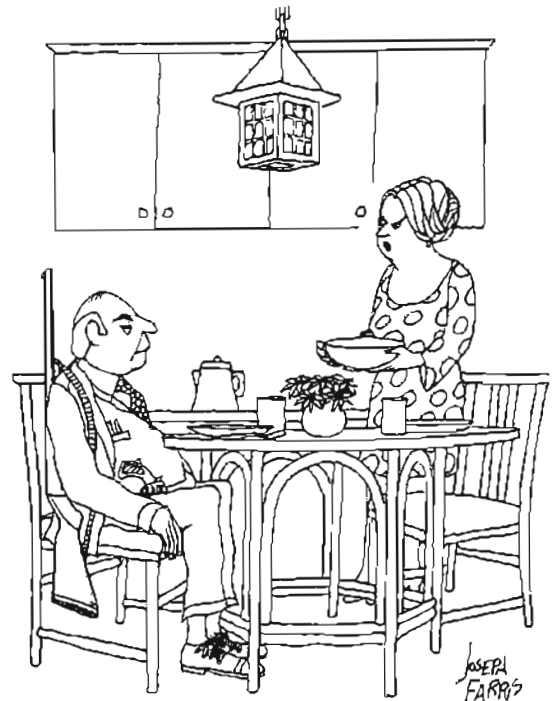
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*[Signature]*  
TOM COCHRAN



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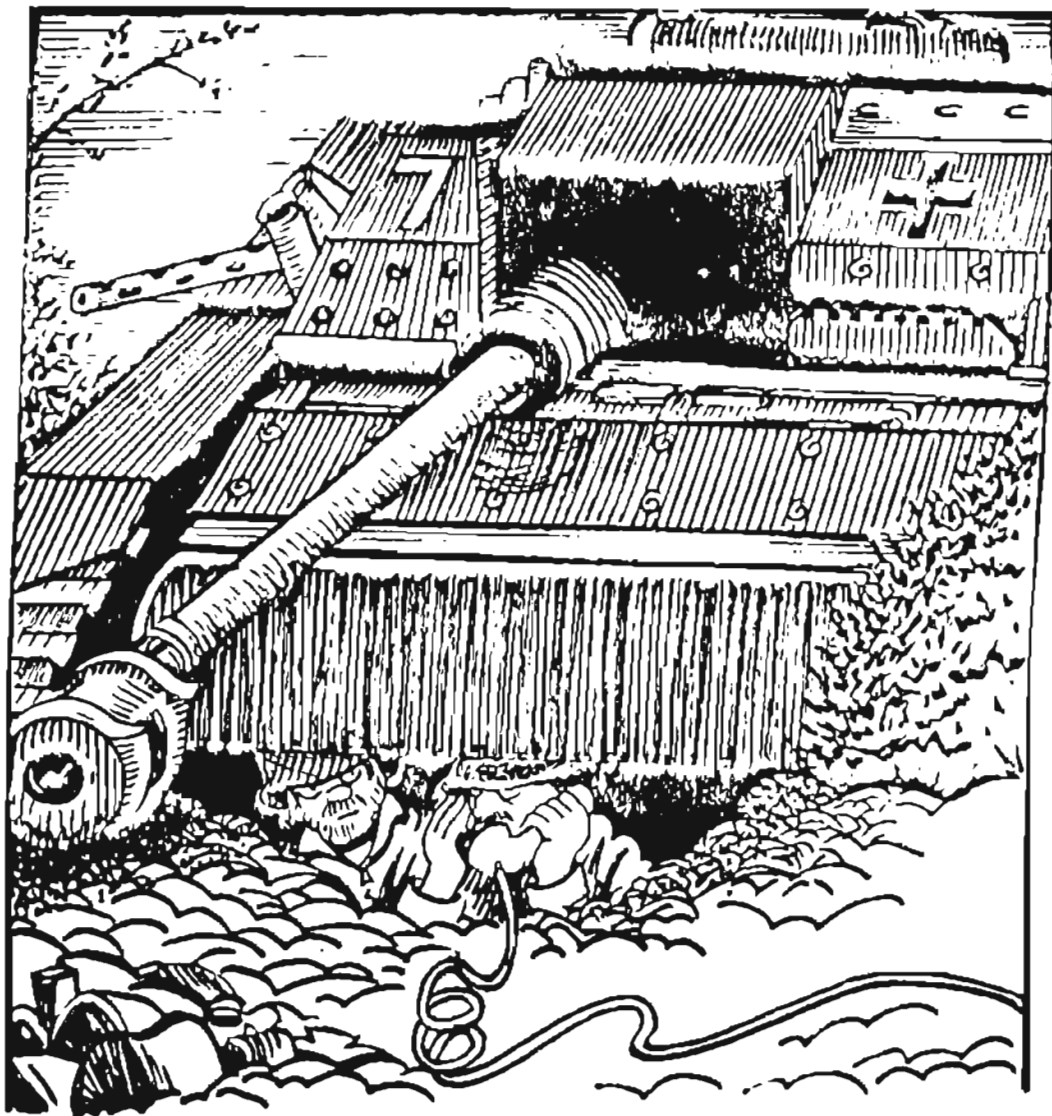
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During the past three issues of the Taro Leaf I'm sure you've noticed the artwork of Mike Petrick. Mike served with the 87th Infantry Division but has long been a good friend of Kenwood Ross and the 24th Infantry Division. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mike for his contribution to our Victory Division news magazine the Taro Leaf.



"MIKE ONE TO MIKE TWO. I GOT A TARGET, BUT YA GOTTA BE PATIENT!"

— PETRICK —

ADDED TO: D.M.



Troops of the 24th - they were to move up North. This is just north of Seoul. Sep-Oct 1950  
Picture courtesy of Gerald Goulet "C" 19th Inf Regt.



Company "K" of the 21st held a reunion in O'Fallon IL just east of St. Louis on the 20th and 21st of September, 1996. There were 23 members attending. We had a great time trying to recognize each other as most of us hadn't seen one another since 1951 or 1952. It was an interesting two days and we have plans for another in 1997. It will be in Burlington, WI September 19th and 20th. Anyone interested can contact Steve Frahn at 33825 Lynn Ln., Burlington, WI 53105; Telephone (414) 539-3532.



**Seated:** Koleta Jinkerson, Janet Frahm, Deloris Sweet, Lavon Arnold & Barb Eckelberg.  
**Standing:** Margaret Elliott, Mary Lou Pattermann, Ann Graham, Irene Steben, Barb Behnke, Nell Eliason, Ernie Finnegan, Kay Fordice, Pat Mitchell, Gertrude Frey, Marion McFarland, Barb Stansell & Pat Williams.  
**Missing:** Jane Green and Helen Wilson.



**Seated:** Francis Frey, Mel Eliason, Virgil Yates, Tony Pattermann, Verdis Williams, Leroy Finnegan.  
**Standing:** Don Elliott, Ralph Jinkerson, Lou Fordice, Tom Stansell, Walter Duke, Eugene Eckelberg, Don Arnold, Stan Mitchell, Billy McFarland, Leeman Sweet, Marvin Steben, Steven Frahm, Don Grabam, Bert Behnke and Harry Smith.  
**Missing:** Bill Green and Edgar Wilson. (Article Submitted by Walter Duke)



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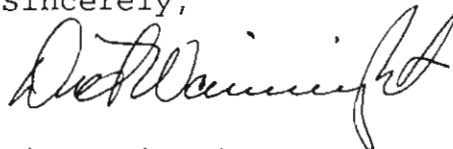
24th Infantry Division Assn  
% Rodolph Mullins, Sec/Trea  
HCR-3, Box 191  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072

Dear Rodolph:

Another year has slipped away and I would like to continue receiving "The Taro Leaf" if possible. Please find enclosed my check of \$20.00 for a donation to your association.

Best to you and the 24th.

Sincerely,



Dick Wainwright

Incl: Check #2160

Information sent 5/5/96

Rodolph Mullins, Sec/Trea, 24th Inf Div Assn, HCR 3 Box 191, Rocky Mount, MO 65072 February 5, 1996

Dear Rodolph:

I was not a member of the 24th Infantry Division. I did serve in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division.

In 1992 I was one of twelve to form a Korean War Veterans Chapter in Tucson. We decided to name our chapter in honor of Edward W Rhoads, Jr who had been a member of Company L, 19th Infantry. His name was chosen from the list of casualties on the Arizona Korean War Memorial because he was the first casualty from our county. He died in a POW camp. We knew very little about Rhoads. The closest relative was a niece who had some information.

In our search for information we were in contact with Roy Rob, Shorty Estabrook, Bill Roseboro and many others. Though these contacts we have been developing Rhoads biography.

When I found out about the 24th Infantry Association and it's newsletter, I contacted Ken Ross about receiving the "Taro Leaf". He was kind enough to add me to the roster. Dutch Nelsen did likewise.

A Korean Vet Still Searching for Answers, 





March 8, 1997 at Fells' home in Mesa, AZ.  
 Bill Vickers Jr. (in vest) and Bill Willis Fell.  
 Both were in the 34th together. Fell in Anti-Tank  
 and Vickers in Communications.

<b>ATTENTION 6TH TANKERS!</b>	
Lt. Brad Laauwe called from Fort Hood, TX, to inquire about information on the 6th Tank Bn, it's history and info during Korea. I had none but asked Rudy to send him a copy of the last issue of the Taro Leaf and I told him that I would put a notice in the next issue so other 6th Tankers could send info to him.	
Address:	Lt. Brad Laauwe 367 Armour 4th Inf Div Fort Hood, TX 76544 Ph: 817-288-5905

Dear Bob,

I have been a member of the 24th Inf Div Assoc the past three year. I would like to have mentioned that I was in "E" Co 19th Inf 1939-1940-41 at Schofield Hawaii Barracks. I would like to hear from anyone who was there in the 19th Inf during that time. I still have my 19th Inf yearbooks and would be glad to send copies of rosters of any Companies and also Company pictures. Would appreciate your efforts to get this in the Taro Leaf. Thank you!

Robert M. Martin  
 N 512 Pines Rd, Apt. D4  
 Spokane, WA 99206-5181

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How many of you World War 11 types who remember coming upon camps where Jap soldiers had been bedding down and had found evidence that perhaps there had been ladies present at one time or another.

I can remember, especially along the trail after our landing at Hollandia, coming upon shacks that had been hastily abandoned and the occupants had left some of their clothing behind. Ladies clothing. Enough said?

## Private compensation for Japan sex slaves asked

TOKYO (AP) — A committee recommended today that Asian women forced into sexual slavery for Japanese troops in World War II should be compensated, but from a private fund, not government coffers.

The committee, made up of ruling party members, also avoided taking a stance on whether Japan should apologize directly to the women, and backpedaled from an earlier recommendation that the government should contribute as much as possible to the fund.

Historians say as many as 200,000 women, mostly Koreans but also Chinese, Filipinos and other Asians, were forced to work as so-called "comfort women" in brothels for Japanese soldiers.

Former sex slaves and their supporters quickly denounced the group's conclusions.

"We are not going to accept any private fund unless the government accepts its war responsibility," said Keiko Usuki, head of a Japanese group supporting the former sex slaves.

The report recommended additional study on "how to express the country's sense of remorse," and said the government should do as much as possible in settling the issue,

"including contributing to the fund."

On Tuesday, the chief government spokesman, Kozo Igarashi, said the most the government could do was to provide clerical expenses for the fund. Private donors would provide the rest.

Kyodo News Service said the fund would total \$100 million, and would make payments of about \$20,000 to each surviving former sex slave.

Last month, an international commission of jurists in Geneva recommended Japan pay at least \$40,000 to each of the women.

Japan had hoped the issue would be settled by a plan for a 10-year, \$1 billion war atonement fund announced in August that would finance educational and welfare projects.

### *A Gathering Of Soldiers*

*A gathering of old soldiers  
thats what reunions are  
all about*

*Its when we raise our glass  
to a toast you'll hear our  
loudest shout*

*But I don't think its our  
proud manhood we are  
putting on display  
I think it's thanking God he  
let us live to see this day*

*Although our youth has  
passed and there is no  
longer bounce in our step  
Attending a gathering of  
soldiers will make you feel  
young and on that you can  
bet  
And if you sit and listen it  
won't be war stories that  
you'll hear  
For we come to be with our  
comrades and not to be  
immersed in tears*

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Dr. L. Kent, President  
808 South Conway Rd., Suite G  
Orlando, FL 32807-1044083

J.A. Langone  
Feb. 1997

## WE HAVE BECOME SOLDIERS

We have become soldiers, conditioned to time of war  
secure in our uniform shell and established rank,  
knowing whom to salute and saluting, regarding the blank  
accredited days as gaps to be filled with obedience and nothing  
more.

The men we were before have vanished on  
parade grounds, troopships, beachheads. In far places  
with strange irrelevant names, we have left faces  
behind of those we knew and slept beside, irretrievably lost and  
gone.

When there is time to think of our lives-  
during nights when the air in tents grows close and thick  
and the louse bite of remembrance drives us sick  
for the old orbits, for objects left behind, sometimes for wives.

Meanwhile we live as soldiers, patiently  
awaiting the day when the radios all shout  
the signal for us to come sailing out  
of the prolonged dream from all the corners of the sea,

To march back to free beers in bars, to lights  
blazing on the housetops as before,  
to hear the shouting rise to a great roar,  
and find the town of our own for several glorious consecutive  
nights.

But when the bells have all been rung, the girls gone home,  
we shall be standing in the squares,  
lost upon the public thoroughfares,  
mustered out into the world we saved, and having to go back alone.

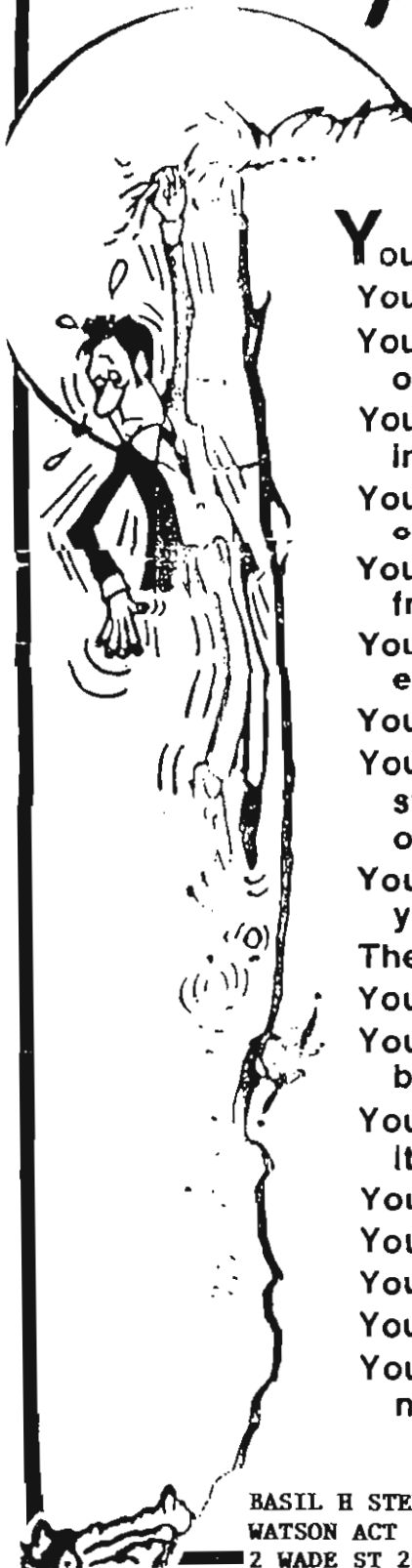
We shall lean against the railings with our hands in our pockets  
and watch the streets being cleared of ticker tape,  
and bunting being burned, the flags put away,  
kicking our listless feet at the spent cardboard hulls of rockets.

Soldiers, strangers; something in us will have died.  
After the drills, the passes for furloughs, and  
the maneuvers, the convoys and landings, planned  
with orders explicit and definite, nothing implied,

how can we make decisions who have so well learned to undecide?

Author unknown.

# YOU CAN TELL IT'S GOING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY WHEN...



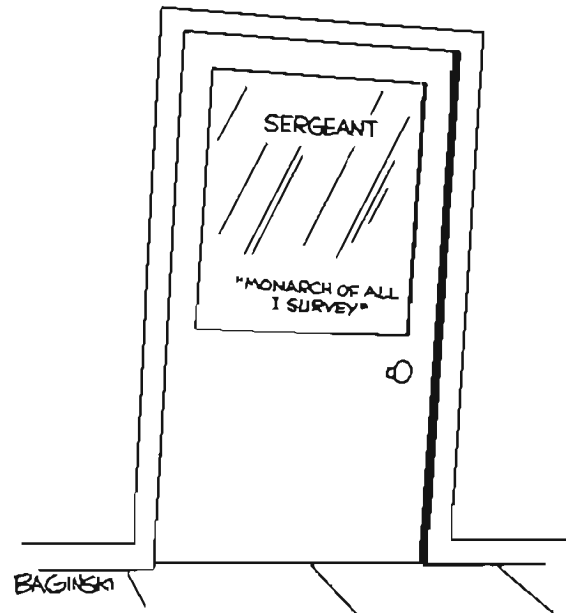
**Y**ou wake up face down on the pavement.  
You put your bra on backward and it fits better.  
You call Sulcide Prevention and they put you on hold.  
You see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.  
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.  
You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.  
You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.  
Your twin sister forgot your birthday.  
Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.  
Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your hat.  
The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.  
You wake up and your braces are locked together.  
You walk to work and find your dress is stuck to the back of your pantyhose.  
You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.  
Your blind date turns out to be your ex-wife.  
Your income tax check bounces.  
You put both contact lenses in the same eye.  
Your pet rock snaps at you.  
Your wife says, "Good morning, Bill" and your name is George.

*Author unknown . . . but troubled*

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Main Gate Jono area Kokura, Japan.  
Tom Kilfoyle AKA Tom Doyle



Tom Kilfoyle standing on the right next to the Korean Bell inside the Korean Memorial Phoenix, Az.



"IT'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED  
... BUT NOT VERY MUCH"

# REMEMBERING KOREA

## At long, long last, veterans of Korea have their parade

BY HOLLY WESTER  
CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA BEACH — It had been a long time coming, but Korean War veterans finally got the homecoming and thanks they deserved.

More than 40 years after returning from the other side of the world — only to be shipped back to work or school without a celebration — 1,000-plus airmen, sailors, soldiers and Marines were honored with a "Welcome Home Parade" Saturday at the Oceanfront.

The event was part of the second annual Korean War Veterans National Reunion — four days of dinners, dances and gatherings that began Tuesday.

"Better late than never," said retired Army Master Sgt. Richard Gallmeyer,

who organized the reunion from his Kempsville home with other local vets — and who had to cancel the parade last year because of weather. "We've been waiting for this for 43 years."

They hadn't just been waiting for a party or parade, or recognition for their service. Many came from as far away as California, Washington and even Luxembourg to get together with their war buddies, to swap stories and business cards — with hopes to never lose touch again.

"We talk about so many things," Gallmeyer said. "So many things went on." Co-organizer and retired Marine Corp Sgt. Floyd Newkirk added: "There are a lot of funny stories."

Like the drunken stupors and makeshift

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Saturday's parade along the Oceanfront ended decades of aching silence for many veterans of the three-year war that ended only in a stalemate.

## Parade: Korean War veterans get their celebration at last

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toilets in the woods. And that time in '51, the year missed Christmas because he crossed the International Dateline on Dec. 24, and skipped right over Dec. 25.

There was time for the not-so-funny stories, too. Ones about the more than 33,000 who didn't make back from the war against communism, a war that ended in a stalemate in July 1953.

They were recognized in a service Friday.

The Korea vets had been ignored — neither honored as were those who served in World War II, nor reviled as were those who served in Vietnam.

"Nobody ever knew what we went through, because we didn't talk about it," Gallmeyer said. "It was pressing. Here, we can open up. We're family. It's time to talk about it."

After the laughter, and after the tears, Saturday's parade was the grand finale — the big bang that organizers wanted everyone to remember.

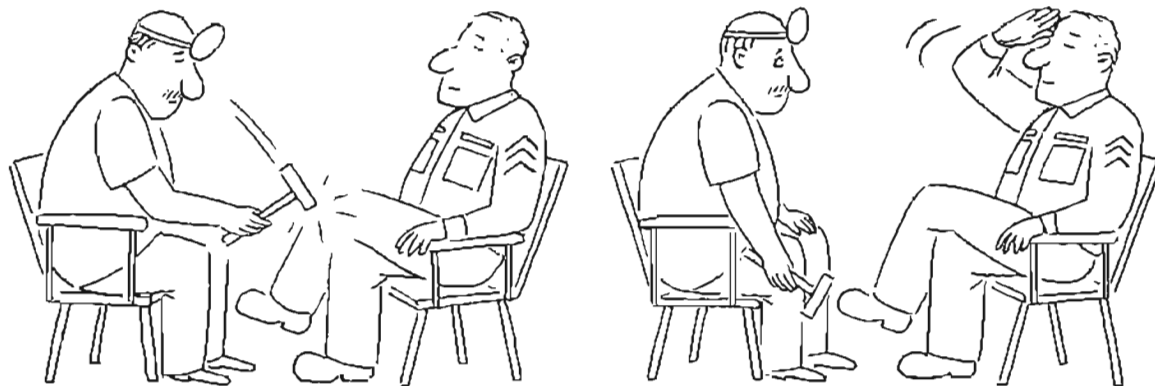
Under a clear sky — but against a fierce wind — hundreds of spectators, vets and nonvets, lined Atlantic Avenue to watch the bands, active duty and retired personnel, and modern and war-era military vehicles — from the old "mules" to newer Jeeps — make the way down 19 blocks.

Although this year's reunion party is over, its work marks the beginning for organizers. It's back to the computers, phones and letters for a half-dozen or so local vets, who plan to continue collecting names, addresses and phone numbers to add to their database.

They already have more than 2,000 listings.

"I just hope it grows and that Korea is never forgotten," added co-organizer Philip Egert, who served in the Army for 24 years. "We'll never forget."

To reach co-organizer Dick Gallmeyer, call 469-1233 or (800) 523-4715, or write him at P.O. Box 8946, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464.



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# UNIT HISTORIES

## The U.S. In Lebanon The First Time

While U.S. involvement in Lebanon has been in the news for years, the landing of Marines there in 1983 was not the first time this nation sent troops into that troubled land. Few recall the landing of over 10,000 U.S. troops by sea and air at the Beirut International Airport in five days during the summer of 1958.

The causes of the U.S. Intervention in Lebanon began in 1957 after Lebanon began in 1957 after Lebanon's government accepted the Eisenhower Doctrine, a diplomatic effort to win or regain friends in the Middle East. The doctrine also provided for defense assistance to include, if necessary, armed intervention - if requested by the host country. These efforts were necessary due to the damage to Western influence in that region caused by the British-French invasion of Egypt the year before. Politics in Lebanon had been troubled since achieving its independence from France after World War II, even though its government was attempting to maintain a neutralist policy or to become the "Switzerland" of the Middle East. Its internal religious and tribal disputes prevented such a goal from being obtained. It was sometimes said that "though a Lebanese does not have to carry a gun to the polls, it helps."

The Al-Khuri Government (elected in 1948) had been forced to step down in 1952 by popular demand. The Chamoun Government that followed had accepted the Eisenhower Doctrine not so much to protect the nation from external enemies, but more from internal ones. Support for the Government began to falter in 1957 as the newly formed National Union Front (NUF) began to oppose the government, first by strikes and demonstrations, which before long escalated to bombings and pitched battles between government supporters, the NUF, and other political factions. Syria and Egypt controlled most of these opposition groups as the downfall of the moderate Chamoun Government would be beneficial to their own ideals of political stability in the country. The 6,000 man Lebanese Army remained neutral in the struggle acting as a simple police force, much as they did during the 1952 "Rose Water Revolution". It did not answer to the government, a fact which somewhat baffled the Americans after their arrival.

The U.S. Army had formed the Strategic Army Corps (STRAC, pronounced "strack") in late 1957. This contingency corps, overlaid on the XVIII Airborne Corps, consisted of the 1st Infantry Division at Ft Riley, KS; 4th Infantry Division at Ft Lewis, WA; 82d Airborne Division at Ft Bragg, NC; and the 101st Airborne Division at Ft Campbell, KY. Most of the support units were to be provided by the XVIII Airborne Corps' 5th Logistical Command at Ft Bragg, NC. STRAC's role was to provide a light, easily deployable force for use in a limited war or other emergency. STRAC had only a limited ability for overseas deployment due to airlift limitations, a problem still faced by today's Army Central Command (formerly Rapid Deployment Force), though now to a lesser degree. Without the declaration of a national emergency, the required airlift assets would not be released for troop deployment to Lebanon. It was decided that forces closer to Lebanon would be employed in what, would become the largest troop deployment between the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Both Army and Marine units would provide the necessary forces.



The Army element would be organized into Army Task Force (ATF) 201. Its subordinate units would be derived from several sources. The principal combat element was to be 24th Airborne Brigade. Other combat, combat support, and combat service support units were from the 24th Infantry Division. Service support units were from US Army European (USAREUR) and Seventh US Army assets and were formed into the provisional 201st Logistical Command, which also provided support to the Marines.

The 24th Airborne Brigade was a component of the 24th Infantry Division stationed at Augsburg, West Germany. The division had only recently been formed from the assets of the 11th Airborne Division. It was organized under the pentomic concept with five battle groups (BG). A component of the pentomic division was a small brigade headquarters commanded by the assistant division commander. The purpose of the brigade headquarters was to allow the division to conduct two separate operations if necessary, e.g., the division headquarters would control three battle groups while the brigade headquarters would control the other two for the conduct of a secondary mission. It could also control the division reserve or act as an alternate division headquarters capable of assuming command of the division in an emergency. In the case of the 24th Infantry Division the brigade headquarters was given the task of commanding the division's airborne units. When the 11th Airborne Division was disbanded in July 1958, it was still desired that an airborne force be maintained in Germany. The 1st BG (Abn), 187th Inf and 1st BG (Abn), 503d Inf were assigned to the division and under the control of the 24th Airborne Brigade. In January 1959 the above two units were redesignated the 1st BG (Abn), 504th Inf and 1st BG (Abn), 505th Inf. This was after the brigade's deployment to Lebanon.

The situation was rapidly deteriorating in Lebanon when a popular anti-government newspaper editor was assassinated. There were strikes and counterstrikes, street battles, and barricades erected by the various factions. The Lebanese Army and police were rapidly losing their ability to keep the situation under control. The US Information Service Library in Beirut was burned and US citizens were forced to be evacuated from Tripoli by the Navy. On 17 May ATF 201 was placed on alert to include 1st BG, 503d Inf. Things settled down a bit in Lebanon and the battle group was taken off alert.

Without warning a military coup was executed in Iraq on 14 July by pro Egyptian and Syrian elements. This served to heighten tensions in Lebanon and fighting broke out anew. There was a fear in both Washington and Lebanon that the Soviets might use the new troubles in Iraq and those in Lebanon as an excuse to send troops into the region. The Chamoun Government immediately requested military intervention, the sooner the better. President Eisenhower ordered that the first elements of the intervention force be landed by the 15th. The closest unit was the 2d Bn, 2d Marines aboard LSTs just south of Cyprus. They landed on the night of the 15th and secured the Beirut Airport. They were followed that morning by the 3d Bn, 6th Marines. There was no opposition to the landings and none followed. Two more battalion landing teams arrived by the 19th. One was the 1st Bn, 8th Marines, which landed north of Beirut on the 18th. It had come by sea from Malta. The other was the 2d Bn, 8th Marines, which deployed by air from North Carolina arriving on the 18th and 19th after fifty-four hours of travel. Their route

went from Cherry Point, NC through Halifax, Nova Scotia - Azores - French Morocco - Naples, Italy - Cyprus to Beirut. While some sources state the battalion was quickly moved aboard ship as a floating reserve, the bulk of it actually provided security in the beachhead's southern sector and then the harbour's warehouse area. Here its troops were primarily employed as stevedores off landing cargo ships. There were some Marine artillery units deployed from the Philippines that remained aboard ship and later returned to the PL when it was determined they were not needed. All Marine elements were under the 2d Provisional Marine Force.

In the meantime the 24th Infantry Division was alerted and preparations began to deploy ATA 201. The original planned deployment battle group, 1st BG, 503d Inf, had begun to prepare for a major training exercise and was too far committed to rapidly re-configure for deployment to Lebanon. It was decided to deploy the 1st BG, 187th Inf, Force Alpha, or the first wave of ATF 201. It was airborne on the morning of the 16th launching from Furstenfeldbruck airfield where the 1st BG, 503d Inf, Force Bravo, was to remain as a follow on reserve (which never took place). Force Charlie, the 201st Logistics Command, deployed from Furstenfeldbruck and Rhine Main Airfields and Chatcauroux and Evreux Air Force Bases, France. Forces Delta, heavy support elements, and Echo, 3d Bn, 35th Armor, were to deploy by sea from Bremerhaven, Germany (the personnel were flown). The airflow route went through Italy to Crete and then to Adana Air Base, Turkey, which was to become the Army's forward staging base. The first airlift elements were to arrive at the Beirut Airport on the 19th.

The arrival of US troops had an immediate effect on the city. The night after the Marines arrived was the first in two months without the sound of gunfire. Motorized and helicopter patrols were conducted into the surrounding area, thus freeing part of the small Lebanese Army. This permitted it to seal the Syrian border to prevent the supply of arms to Syrian controlled Lebanese rebels.

Non the less, tensions were high in Lebanon and there were a number of confrontations between the US forces and the Lebanese Army, police, and various political factions. There were incidents of harassing fire against the Americans and one Army sergeant was killed by a sniper on 1 August. In another incident a number of Americans were captured by an unknown force, relieved of their weapons, and released shortly afterwards. There were also tensions among the four American services as there was no previously planned joint command staff and they had to work together through a hastily formed Specified Command - American Land Forces. One problem concerned the arrival of 72 Army tanks of the 3d Bn, 35th Armor, which arrived by sea on 22 July. These were added to the Marine's 10 Ontos (a small antitank vehicle with 6-106mm recoilless rifles), 15 tanks, and 31 LVTPs (amtracs). The deployment of all this armor in what proved to be a not too hostile environment was questioned by the Navy and Force, but since the tanks were sitting in ships, they were landed anyway. They were used as mobile pillboxes to secure the airport and other key points on the 20 mile perimeter, established by the end of the month, around the city. Another source of friction was the deployment of Battery D, 34th Artillery, a nuclear capable Honest John rocket unit. It was decided that this was a bit much firepower considering the situation. Upon its arrival by sea, its personnel were flown back to Germany and the equipment shipped home.

A soldier was wounded by a sniper and the same day the American embassy was shot up, but there were no casualties. The US forces conducted several shows of force and the situation settled down. The US never executed any retaliations for these actions and there were never any outright attacks. The Americans remained neutral throughout the intervention and showed no real inclination to stay for long. Additionally, there was little of the anti-American sentiment present that is so prevalent in the region today. Because of these factors the Lebanese never showed too much animosity towards the Americans. The peak US strength, 8000 Army and 7000 Marines, was reached in early August. A counterrevolution was begun in September and the internal situation greatly improved due to various agreements between the different political factions. A new government was formed from representatives of all factions. On 8 October, the day after President Chehab's inauguration, the US announced its intentions to withdraw. This began almost immediately and by the 15th, all had departed. The US Lebanese intervention had accomplished much even if the country was to remain stable for only a few years longer. The US learned much in the way of its airlift and support needs for global power projection, the need for pre-planned joint commands, and uncounted lessons in limited war and intervention operations. The outcome of the crisis had the added benefit of convincing both the Arab states and the Soviets that the US had the resolve and ability to project power into the region.

The 24th Abn Bde consisted of the following units from the 24th Inf Div.:

- Hq, 24th Abn Bde\*
- 1st BG (Abn), 187th Inf\*
- 3d Bn (Md Tk), 35th Arm
- Trp C (Abn), 17th Armd Cav\* (retained from the 11th Abn Div)
- Bty A, 1st Howitzer Bn (105mm), 13th Arty
- Bty A, 23d Arty Bn (AAA AW SP)
- Co # (Abn) ?, 3d Engr Bn\*
- Det, 11th Pcht Sup & Maint Co\*
- Det, 24th Avn Co
- Det, 24th QM Co
- Det, 24th Sig Bn
- Det, Fwd Spt Co, 724th Ord Bn
- Plt, Co A (Ambulance), 24th Med Bn
- Plt, Co B (Clearing), 24th Med Bn
- Hq, Flight Sec



The 24th Airborne Brigade, ie., its Airborne elements, officially wore the 24th Infantry Division SSI with a gold yellow on black Airborne tab. More commonly worn though was a red on black tab. Both attached and detached tab versions will be found. Gold bullion trimmed SSIs appear to have been popular. These usually had a red tab with the lettering in bullion. Non-airborne units attached to the brigade wore only the SSI.

\*designates Airborne Units

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Federal Way WA 98003

Deceased: 12/95  
Donald R McHale  
19th Inf Regt '39 to '41  
5802 Red Oak Ct  
Palm Beach Gdns FL 33410-

Deceased: 11/96  
Louis L. Moore  
Non-Member  
Rawlins WY

Deceased: 1/96  
Otis Outlaw Jr  
34th Inf Regt 1/45 to 4/46  
RR 1 Box 668  
Sweeny TX 77480-9716

Deceased: 7/95  
Walter T Raisner  
19th Inf Regt 1/40 to 3/43  
44 N Missouri Ave  
Belleville IL 62220-3948

Deceased: 3/97  
Leo K Rogers  
19th Inf Regt '31 to '41  
1410 Corte Bravo  
San Marcos CA 92069-7310

Deceased: 2/97  
Winifred V Vaught  
Wife of Gen Vaught  
Mount Pleasant South Africa

Deceased: 7/96  
Alton A West  
21st Inf Regt  
984 Bob Hannah Cir  
Lawrenceville GA 30244-33

Deceased: 11/96  
Thomas P Zeleny  
24th Med 4/51 to 2/52  
3830 Clinton Ave  
Berwyn IL 60402-3956

Deceased: 2/97  
Donald J Zimmerlin  
21st Inf Regt 5/51 to 2/52  
6001 Rosalie Ct  
Metairie LA 70003-2053

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2-20-97

Dear Mr Lawhon,

I lost a best friend last April and you or one of the members of the 24th I.D. may have known him. His name was, Thomas Dewey Stevens. He was just 19 years old when at Schofield Barracks, on the morning the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He was not hit that day but was wounded three times in the Phillipines, once by artillery fire and twice by sniper fire. He was in both the 19th and the 34th Regiments. Because of the seriousness of his wounds he spent about 2 years in and out of Army Hospitals. He was a M/Sgt by the time he was 23. He was awarded the Bronze star and Purple Heart with two clusters.

Sincerely,  
Leo Maranto  
24th I.D. 21st Regt  
1112 Edmondson Ave  
Catonsville MD 21228-4901

Editors Note: This was condensed from a six page letter.

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Dear Editor-in-Chief:

It's my sad duty to tell you of the death of a Hq Btry 63rd FA man that I served with in WWII 1942-45. His name was Gus Forsberg. He was a one year member of our 24th Inf Div Association. When I wrote to him and chewed him out for not re-upping after I had paid his first year dues, he wrote the following back to me: "Jr" - 1942-1945 were the worst years of my life, I don't want to remember them, I want to forget them. Gus loved his family, his cows, his dairy and his community. He had prize winning cows and a prize winning dairy production. I was not smart enough to tell him that he was wrong.

Bronko Atkinson  
Hq Btry 63rd F.A. ('41-'45)  
Life Member #282  
2716 Beaver Cr Ct #102  
Las Vegas NV 89117

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Thomas P. Zeleny

The 24th Inf Div Assoc has lost one of its new life members (appeared in October 1996 issue). Thomas P. Zeleny, 68, of 3830 Clinton Ave., Berwyn, IL passed away Tuesday, November 26, 1996, at home after a long bout with cancer. Tom was a true Taro Leafer, he put up a tough fight for his life here on earth. It seemed to me that Tom really enjoyed life, family and friends. Besides his wife, Phyllis (DeLeo), whom he married October 11, 1953, he is survived by two sons and daughter-in-laws, Thomas and Elizabeth, Gary and Kelly, one daughter, Karen, three grandchildren, Erin, Kristen and Maggie. Services were Saturday, November 30 at Adolf-Berwyn Funeral Home, with mass at St. Leonard Church, cremation at Woodlawn Cemetary.

Tom was born in Berwyn on August 22, 1928, the son of Blanche and Joseph Zeleny. Tom had graduated from Morton High School and served his country as a motor pool Sargeant, in the 24th Med Bn. Prior to his retirement in 1985 he was employed by Western Electric Company. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, The American Legion and the 24th Inf Div Association. He attended St. Leonard Church. Bowling was a big part of Tom's leisure time, but spending time with his wife, family and friends at the family cottage on Pine Lake, West Field, WI was the time Tom looked forward to most. Tom was a comfortable fisherman, (if he didn't catch 'em, he didn't have to clean 'em) and also enjoyed finding and refinishing antiques for his family. Tom told me that he was looking forward to attending the 1996 24th Inf Div Association reunion in Minneapolis, but his illness kept him from making the trip. Tom did get to attend and fellowship with his Morton High classmates at their 50th year class reunion. Over the past couple of years Tom also got to talk and reminisce with some of the



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to find a girl. Anyway, we started out in about 6 inches of snow and we had snow chains on the jeep. After a few miles we ran out of the snow, but we didn't stop to take the chains off until after some of the cross chains broke and started to beat on the sides of the jeep. Well we got to Chunchon and found Littlejohn, but we never did find a girl for Tucker. In the process of looking we drove through a river and in the middle, the engine died and there we sat, until a rock army truck came along and pushed us out. We got the jeep running, but it wouldn't run when I turned the headlights on. After we got Littlejohn back to his outfit, Tucker and I started back to our outfit, there was just enough moonlight to see without lights, but I had to just creep along. We didn't get back to the outfit until about 5:30 the next morning and we were about froze stiff. Later that morning Sergeant Zeleny caught up with me and really chewed me out for messing up the Old Man's jeep. I don't remember what all he said, but he sure let me know he had enough work to do without some idiots making more work for him. Although that was the first time I talked (or listened) to Tom, we have talked by phone quite a few times over the last couple of years.

Well Tom, I give you a farewell salute, and I'll add another name to my remembrances when I hear taps.

ss Harvey L. Zimmerman  
PO Box 356  
Christiansburg OH 45389  
PH 937-857-9605

*Letter to Rudy Mullins received from Stephanie Josz,  
wife of Julius Josz.*

Julius Josz was a life time member with the 24th Division, 19th Infantry, in the Pacific September, 1944, to December, 1945. He was born April 17, 1925, and passed away February 24, 1997. Accidental, trauma to the chest, coming home from a meeting. He belonged to VFW Honor Guard, also PLAV Honor Guard. He was very active between these two Posts. He is missed very much by the family and myself.



**JULIUS JOSZ 4/17/25 - 2/24/97**

## WINIFRED V. VAUGHT

Winifred Victoria Vaught of Mount Pleasant died February 2nd in South Africa. A memorial service was held at Christ Our King Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant.

Surviving are her husband, Gen. James V. Vaught of North Myrtle Beach; a son Randall Miller of South Africa; two daughters, Marian Davis of Mount Pleasant and Joy Struwig of South Africa; and three grandchildren.



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The Floyd County Times

8 Wednesday, December 18, 1996

## **Martin G. Halbert Jr.**

Martin G. Halbert Jr., 72, of Langley, died Monday, December 16, 1996, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following a long illness.

Born September 17, 1924, at Maytown, he was the son of the late Martin Green Halbert and Luna Martin Halbert.

He was a retired heavy equipment mechanic, a U.S. Army, World War II veteran, a member of the Maytown Methodist Church at Langley, a member of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, the VFW in Prestonsburg, and the DAV Chapter 128 at Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Slone Halbert; two sons, Martin Gregory Halbert of Inez and Emery Todd Halbert of Langley; one daughter, Deborah Hagans of Langley; one brother, Silas Ray Halbert of Melbourne, Florida; two sisters, Ruth Snooks of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Marie Rogers of Snohomish, Washington; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 19, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergyman Bob Green officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery at Eastern, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

This is to inform you of the death of my husband who was a member of the 24th Infantry. William W. Gregory, Jr of 5 Littlefield St. Inman, SC, expired on Dec. 14, 1996 at age 80. He served with the 19th Inf in the Pacific area from 1944-46. He was a member of the 3rd BN.

ss Mary C. Gregory, Wife.

Dear Mr Mullins.

I felt a need to notify you of my husband's death. Martin G. Halbert, Jr. He passed away on Dec. 16, 1996, after a five year battle with cancer. His optimistic attitude and strong will to live were an inspiration to all of us. He praised the Lord for his recovery after each surgery. Martin was a proud participant of the U.S. Army in WW II. He loved the "Taro Leaf" magazine. He contributed news, occasionally to the magazine. The medals, Martin had earned while serving his country, were displayed at the funeral home during the wake. Martin loved God and Country, his family and friends. I recently read a quotation from a poem entitled "Ye Weary Wayfarer" by an Australian poet. It caught my eye because Martin had served in Australia during WWII and also because I thought it so aptly described his outlook on life.

"Life is mostly froth and bubble, one thing stands out like stone. Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own."

Although he is no longer with us, he will never be forgotten.

Ruby Halbert, Widow of Martin G. Halbert, Jr.

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# IN MEMORIAM



TO THE MEN OF THE 19th INFANTRY REGIMENT WHO GAVE THEIR LIFE FOR THEIR COUNTRY AS PRISONERS OF WAR DURING THE KOREAN WAR. (From the list provided by ex-POW Wayne "Johnnie" Johnson, 21st Infantry, who was taken prisoner on 11 July 1950 and survived over three years as a POW in North Korea.)

Name	Rank	Unit	Home	****
Rubus Mitchell, Jr.	Pfc	Hqrs Co	New Orleans	4 Nov 50
Everett Warren	Pfc	Hqrs Co	Meigs, GA	28 Oct 50
Jamie Corona	Pvt	Hvy Mtr	El Paso, TX	24 Apr 51
Alyosis J. Freund	Sgt	Hq, 1st	Fond Du Lac Wisconsin	5 Jan 51
Wayne B. Macomber	CPT	Hq, 1st	Oakland, CA	19 Jul 51
James C. Ruddell	1LT	Hq, 1st	New York	21 Jan 51
Delmar R. Ward	Pfc	Hq, 1st	Greenville, Tennessee	28 Oct 50
Lloyd A. Choat	Pvt	A	Lonoke, AK	1 Nov 50
Leslie J. DeLuca	Pfc	A		3 Dec 50
Francis Dunn	Pfc	A	Troy, NY	27 Oct 50
Edward C. Edge	Pfc	A	Seaside Park, NJ	20 Nov 50
John D. Franklin	Pfc	A	Salem, NJ	6 Jun 51
Anthony L. Knapke	Pfc	A	Minster, OH	4 Nov 50
Donald McCabe	Pvt	A	Brooklyn, NY	4 Nov 50
David F. Mershon	Pvt	A	Portsmouth, OH	4 Nov 50
Floyd E. Scott	Pfc	A		11 Nov 50
Gerald A. Winter	Pfc	A	Berwick, PA	16 Nov 50
Edward F. Yost	Pfc	A	Pennsylvania	2 Nov 50
Eugene L. Angell	Pfc	C	Wisconsin	25 Sep 50
Larry E. Becham	Pvt	C	Luthersville, AK	1 Nov 51
Zolton Armmmini	Pfc	C	New York, NY	31 Oct 50
John O. Eaton	Pfc	C	Sulphur, IN	8 May 51
William E. Callaway	Pfc	C	Quincy, IL	24 Oct 50
James A. Harrington	Pvt	C	Brooklyn, NY	4 Oct 50
Kenneth L. Hess	Pvt	C	Concordia, KS	7 Feb 51
Victor P. Jimenez	Pfc	C	San Antonio, TX	16 Apr 51
Joseph P. Holencik	Pfc	C	Egypt, PA	16 Mar 51
Otis W. Loomis	Cpl	C	Caledonia, NY	25 Dec 50
John J. Lukitsch	Pfc	C	Allentown, PA	27 Oct 50
Henry T. MacGill	1LT	C	North Carolina	17 Jul 50
Albert Marty		C		17 Jul 50
Edward P. McShane	Pfc	C	Pittsburg, PA	14 Dec 50
James H. Monroe	Pfc	C	Meridian, ID	2 Nov 50
Peter Oles	Pvt	C	Batavia, NY	8 Dec 50
Luciano F. Ollero	Pfc	C	Phillipines	23 May 51
Donivin R. Peterson	Pfc	C	Osakia, MN	5 Aug 51
Bill S. Sumpter	Cpl	C	Kanokatto, MO	7 Nov 50
Richard L. Sweet	Cpl	C	Huntsville, TX	19 Dec 50
Lawrence A. Doyle	Pfc	D	Baltimore, MD	28 Oct 50
Robert W. Kailianu	Cpl	D	Honolulu, HI	23 Dec 50
John A. Martin	Cpl	D	Ridgeway, TX	2 May 51
Eugene Helms	Cpl	E	Pittman, OH	29 Oct 50

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Clarence Ebensperger	Cpl	G	Utica, NY	2 Nov 50
Edward Rhoads	Pfc	G	Tucson, AZ	Jan 52
Jack C. Samms	Pfc	G	Ashland, KY	13 Nov 50
David O. Brown	Pfc	H	Farmington, MI	13 Nov 50
Larry J. Anderson	Pvt	*****	Battle Creek, MI	25 Dec 50
Albert J. Ayo	Pfc		Bronx, NY	10 Jan 51
Herbert R. Barnes	Pvt	H or C	Lonaconing, MD	13 Nov 51
Richard E. Baulk	Pvt	C	Detroit, MI	1 Nov 50
Jack Y. Buff	MSG	1st Bn	McAlister, OK	28 Oct 50
Raymond M. Charles	Pvt	H	Ohio	27 Sep 50
Richard F. Cherry		Hq Co	Texas	26 Sep 50
Harry B. Clarke	Pfc		Dunnellen, NJ	27 Apr 51
Robert S. Fletcher	Cpl	A	Manchester, NC	9 Jul 51
Lavern P. Gohl	Pfc		Williston, ND	21 Oct 50
James C. Hill	Pvt		Detroit, MI	14 Jan 51
Rupert Lantz	Pfc		Beloit, WI	4 Nov 50
Joseph Lebiecz	Pfc		Cambridge, MA	3 Nov 50
Robert W. Liebeg	Pfc		Brainerd, MN	1 Mar 51
Francis P. Malone	Cpl			29 Jan 51
Thomas M. Manross	Pfc	G	Titusville, PA	14 Nov 50
Harvey Oxner	Pvt		Arkansas	28 Jul 50
Ralph L. Parks	Cpl		Caryle, IL	15 Mar 51
Fletcher F. Perry	Cpl		Hilton, GA	7 Sep 50
Gilbert L. Pettis	Pfc	C	Smithville Flats	31 Oct 50
			NY	
Francis Polka	Sgt		Melvindale, MI	1 Nov 50
Amos Scott	Pfc		Rosehill, VA	Jan 52
Roy L. Sunsdahl	Pvt	C	Cambridge, MA	4 Dec 50
Robert E. Titus	Pfc	C	Fairfield, IN	23 Nov 50
Tony F. Yumas	Pfc		Michigan	2 Nov 50

\*\*\*\*\*Date of death is as indentified from the Johnson List.  
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\*\*\*\*\*Units shown below this identifier were obtained from  
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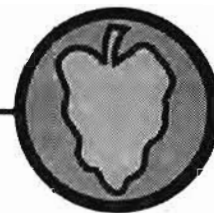


## WHAT UNIT WERE THESE MEN IN?

Adams, Lloyd C.	Pvt	23889033	Schuykill PA	KIA	1950/07/16
Amis, Alfredo	Pfc	10103534	Hawaii	KIA	1950/07/20
Anderson, Leonard W.	MSG	6575726	Alameda CA	KIA	1950/07/12
Anderson, Richard E.	Pfc	19322952	Maricopa AZ	KIA	1950/07/20
Andrews, Shirley B.	Pfc	11191118	Suffolk Cty MA	MIA	1950/07/09
Bowling, Morris A.	Pvt	35783830	Mercer Cty WV	KIA	1950/07/16
Bradford, Edward F.	Pvt	11167803	Hampden MA	MIA	1950/07/20
Brown Jr., Walter	Pfc	14315294	Jefferson Cty AL	DOW	1950/07/10
Burkham, Rodney T.	Cpl	18100522	Grayson Cty TX	KIA	1950/07/18
Charlier, Paul J.	Pvt	13312797	Allegheny Cty PA	KIA	1950/07/12
Cheff, Louis	Pvt	21940543	Niagara Cty NY	POW	1950/07/10
Clark, Walter B.	Cpl	19311051	Los Angeles CA	KIA	1950/07/20
Comeaux, Rayford J.	Pvt	18279100	Lafayette Par. LA	KIA	1950/07/16
Currie Jr., Owen J.	Pfc	18223576	Bexar TX	KIA	1950/07/20
Fox, Richard	Pfc	16264228	Wayne MI	KIA	1950/07/20
Gamble, Eldridge M.	Pvt	16264228	Oakland MI	KIA	1950/07/20
Griffey, Bradley J.	Pvt	15381548	Hopkins Cty KY	KIA	1950/07/10
Hardy, Edgar N.	Sfc	6253104	Le Flore Cty OK	POW	1950/07/12
Harmon, James	Pfc	57303043	Duval FL	KIA	1950/07/21
Holmes, Gilbert E.	Pvt	12324977	Bronx NY	KIA	1950/07/09
Jefferson, James H.	Pfc	15274687	Putnam WV	KIA	1950/07/21
Johnson Jr., Harry W.	Pvt	15294683	Cuyahoga Cty OH	POW	1950/07/12
Johnson, Elijah G.	Cpl	17013124	Ashley Cty AR	KIA	1950/07/10
Johnson, John E.	Sgt	38318946	Okmulgee OK	POW	1950/07/12
Kirkland, Daniel W.	Pvt	16321549	Milwaukee WI	KIA	1950/07/12
Little, John P.	Sfc	6662835	Breathitt Cty KY	KIA	1950/07/19
McCord, Robert C.	Cpl	15251168	Perry OH	MIA	1950/07/20
McElroy, Joseph A.	Cpl	33020437	Lycoming PA	POW	1950/07/20
McGraw, Robert L.	Cpl	13285767	Crawford Cty PA	KIA	1950/07/12
McMillian, Arthur	Sfc	6864812	Los Angeles CA	DOW	1950/07/15
McNary, Walter D.	Pvt	16267760	Wayne MI	POW	1950/07/06
Navarro, Julio Q.	Pfc	10103243	Hawaii	KIA	1950/07/19
Nobles, Wayne O.	Pfc	19323416	Maricopa AZ	KIA	1950/07/16
Nyhan, Dennis J.	Pvt	12123172	Queens NY	KIA	1950/07/16
Peeler, Ernest K.	Cpl	6546096	San Bernardino CA	KIA	1950/07/10
Rothermel, Donald K.	Pfc	13280196	Northumberland Cty PA	KIA	1950/07/19
Sims, Ernest E.	Pfc	15267450	Montgomery OH	KIA	1950/07/21
Smith, Gerald	Pfc	16255580	Cook Cty IL	KIA	1950/07/17
Snyder, Jackson E.	Pvt	13340502	Marion WV	KIA	1950/07/07
Thomas, Howard F.	Pfc	15419610	Wayne IN	DOW	1950/07/21
Tillman, Bernard J.	Pvt	17272597	Ramsey MN	KIA	1950/07/07
Veckov, Joseph S.	Pfc	13315145	Blair Cty PA	KIA	1950/07/16
Wallace, James A.	Pvt	17259317	Crawford KS	DOW	1950/07/14

The 24th Infantry Division Association Historian is working to update our Honor Roll and would like to enlist your help in listing the unit in which these men served. If you knew any of these men who were KIA, MIA, POW or DOW, please inform our Historian Joseph McKeon, 12733 Muscatine St., Arleta, CA 91331-4245. -74-

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