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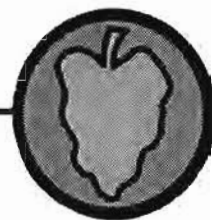


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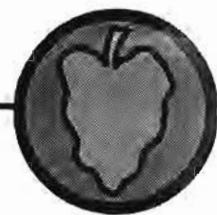
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Letter from the Editor:

January 14, 2000

A very happy New Year to all of you. Thank you all so much for all of the warm Christmas greetings.

Rachel Boatright is the owner and manager of BW Graphics, Inc., the publisher of our Taro Leaf magazine. Rachel is a dear friend of mine and I request your prayers for she and her husband, Larry (Boatie). Rachel was diagnosed with cancer of the breast shortly after finding out that Boatie has a tumor on the brain. Rachel had a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery this week and the good news is that no chemotherapy or radiation treatment is necessary. Boatie had another MRI yesterday and the good news is the tumor is shrinking since he was diagnosed on November 10, 1999. He will continue the treatment and another MRI will be necessary later. Thank God for the good news received.

We have a new name this year for our raffle. You will be receiving your "Contribution 2000" tickets before long. I will send out four tickets to each member. Each ticket will be for \$5.00, a total of \$20.00 for the four tickets. It will cut down expense in sending out the tickets, save you time and energy in writing your name and address only four times rather than twenty and there will be more room in the box where the tickets are held for the drawing. Look for your tickets to come to you in the next couple of months.

I am hoping that there will be an overwhelming response to "Contribution 2000". It takes money to publish our Taro Leaf and your contributions are always appreciated and put to good use. A big "Thank you", to each one. Our general contributions were down last year and anyway you can support our association will be most sincerely welcome.

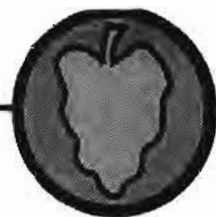
Many letters and articles are received for inclusion in the Taro Leaf magazine. If you do not see your article in this issue, be patient with me and I will do my best to include it in a timely manner. Please help me out with making sure your letter or article is legible. If you want to include pictures, please send originals. No copy machine pictures or negatives. If you are sending newspaper or magazine clippings, please ask for permission, there are copyright laws. I do thank you for your help. I appreciate all of your phone calls, faxes, emails and letters. You are the greatest people I know and I love you all.

May God bless you abundantly.

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December 30, 1999

Dear Members,

As 1999 comes to an end we can say that we have had a successful year. Our great Division was re-activated at Fort Riley Kansas and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Many of us were able to attend the activation and the active personal from MG Freddie McFarren down made us feel at home. I made many friends within our active Division and they will help us in any way they can.

At our reunion in Tulsa the membership established a Scholarship Program and the Association awarded \$500 scholarships to three students. Checks were mailed and so far we have received one acknowledgment. Chairperson Jim Hill, Ernest Terrell, and Robert Smith will receive and screen applications and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Some members have expressed concerns in regard to the operation of the Association, so I have asked Wally Kuhner to chair a by-law committee. Also serving on the committee are Will Schumaker, and Wes Morrison. I do believe some things need to be changed in the manner in which we do business. We will discuss this at the reunion 2000 business meeting.

I have to address the tours in Tulsa. Due to the number of letters, phone calls and faxes I received complaining about the tours I took it upon myself to write Karen Moon and request a refund for the "Allen Ranch Bar-b-que." I also faxed her some of the letters we had received from our membership. She refused to refund the money, she wrote me a letter containing this statement and I quote, *"Allen Ranch was advertised in the Taro Leaf as a working ranch and they went to a working ranch. Many chose not to participate in the activities after dinner, but that was their choice. The food was prepared and served as is typical of a working ranch. I ate last and there was food left and more in the kitchen if anyone wanted more. It is unfortunate that some to the group from the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry was not familiar with what a working ranch is and were not satisfied. However, many people told me they enjoyed it and several asked for a printed brochures about the ranch for further reference."* She also stated that she had been ill due to the stress that she had encountered for the intimidating, slandering, harassing letters and faxes that I had sent her and that she was under doctors care for stress and if she received any further communication about this matter she would be forced to turn it over to her lawyer. At this time I feel that I am not going to proceed any further, and not because I'm afraid of being sued, because I have learned one thing. **CHECK OUT YOUR TOUR COMPANY THOURGHLY!**

Bill Kerns, Reunion 2000 chairperson has really knocked himself out. He has done a fantastic job. He has picked out some outstanding tours, at excellent prices. He seems to be one step ahead of us, every time I call him about something he's already on top of it! Bill we are lucky to have you! You will find reunion information and registration forms in this issue of the Taro Leaf.

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In Tulsa, Joe Sweeney talked about our POW's in Korea. At this time I have asked Joe to Chair a committee to investigate the status of this problem. Warren Avery, Norm Wolak, and Dan Rickert will serve on the committee with Joe and they will report to the Executive Committee at the convention.

From the Fort Riley Post: The Army has announced its plan to rotate active and reserve component units for service in Bosnia as part of the NATO Stabilization Force. The plan includes the three separate brigades of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division headquartered at Fort Riley. The rotation plan is another step in the Army leadership's stated intent to complete full integration of the Active and Reserve Components.

The three units assigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division that will rotate to Bosnia are the 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Enhanced Separate Brigade) for the North Carolina Army National Guard, the 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Enhanced Separate Brigade) from the Georgia Army National Guard and the 218<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Enhanced Separate Brigade) from the South Carolina Army National Guard. These units will be activated for a 6-12 month period.

This brings up the question on how can we support these units when they are activated? As we all know some of these soldiers will lose money when they go on active duty and we need to find ways to become a support group for those families. We have over 100 members in each of these four states. I am looking to you as members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association for sound suggestions of what we can do. I have asked MG McFarren to get back to me and tell us just what needs to be done and he stated that he will check with the brigades and find out just what was needed to be done.

I hope we can all chip in and show our support for these fine soldiers.

Diane and I want to wish each and every one of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and we hope you all plan to attend the reunion in Covington.

In camaraderie.

Harold "Corky" Peters  
President

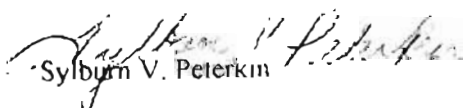
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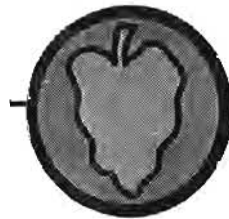
I would like to thank you and the Scholarship Award Committee, on allowing me to be the initial recipient of your scholarship. As required I will send you a copy of my grades at the conclusion of the semester. The scholarship will prove to be highly valuable in helping me to continue on in my educational endeavors. Again, I as well as my father, John W. Peterkin, thank you for allowing me to be the initial recipient of your scholarship.

Sincerely,

  
Sylburn V. Peterkin

# TARO LEAF NOTES

By  
JIM HILL  
19th INFANTRY



Spring 2000

Another year, another Century! Yet our Association continues to grow in numbers. At the latest count we have over 3000 former Taro Leafers as members. President Corky Peters tells me that we continue to obtain new members from the individuals that served with the 24th Division during DESERT STORM and that members of the "new" 24th Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas and the three National Guard Brigades have also started joining our Association. Welcome aboard all you new members to the BEST military association in the entire United States Military System!

Special thanks to Evert (Moose) Hoffman (19th, Hawaii, Japan and Korea) Sunbury, Pennsylvania for giving me a copy of the 19th Infantry Yearbook published in Hawaii in October 1941. Its a classic, Moose! It is most appreciated in that it provides rosters and photos of the pre Pearl Harbor Hawaiian life of our Regiment. Once we find a final resting place for our division archives I'll include it as one of our historical publications.

Appreciate the letter to the Taro Leaf Editor from Marion B. Thacker (26th AAA, Korea) Grand Island, Nebraska correcting an error on my part in the August 1999 issue of the TARO LEAF. Bill provided documentation concerning the 26th AAA Bn. (SP) showing that Battery A of the 26th was a component of the 24th Infantry Division and was not an attached unit. Thanks, Bill, for keeping me straight. The correction has been made in my records.

Recently had a long phone conversation with Ken Bradshaw (E/19th, Korea) Inveress, Florida. Ken was in the firefight in November 1950 where Corporal Michell Red Cloud received the Medal of Honor. Ken was looking for a roster of E Company for October or November 1950. Sorry Ken that I can't be of any help. Best I remember it was hard enough making out the daily morning report in the company and I doubt that a roster exists for that time. As we all remember who were serving then there was inordinate turnover of personnel and most of us were too busy fighting Chinese to maintain a company roster.

Always glad to hear from ex Taro Leafers during the holiday season. Thanks to all of you that took the time and effort to remember your old Association President by sending Sue and I Christmas cards and bringing us up to date on the events concerning you and your family during the past year.

Read in a recent issue of a national news magazine that a museum dedicated to Korean War Veterans will be constructed in Tuscola, Illinois (150 miles from Chicago). The museum is a private endeavor and will not be part of the US Army Museum system. The museum plans to open in June 2000. I would appreciate one of our TARO LEAF readers who lives in the close vicinity keep all of us informed and up to date by submitting updates on its construction to the Editor of the TARO LEAF.

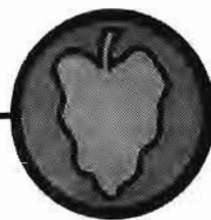
Talked in length over the holidays with a Mr. Lee who works in the Pentagon with the awards section of the Department of the Army. Mr. Lee is working on a major award (possibly a Distinguished Service Cross) for a 19th Infantry soldier who was KIA in November 1950 when the Chinese attacked the 24th Infantry Division. The award was first recommended by his platoon leader who was captured during the same action and spent the rest of the war as a POW. Mr. Lee stated that he would like to attend our 2000 reunion and talk to some of the Association members who were involved in the 6 November 1950 actions. I assured Mr. Lee that he would be most welcome to attend this year's reunion and interview individuals who were present for duty with the regiment at that time.

President Corky Peters informs me that he is working closely with our Division Commander, Major General Freddy E. McFarren, and his staff at Fort Riley concerning the ways the Association can provide assistance to families of our division troops when they are deployed away from their home stations in support of US Army requirements. I understand that units of the division have been tasked to provide troops for limited deployment to an overseas assignment during the next few years. I further understand that the three National Guard Brigades that comprise much of the division's strength will be included in the tasking.

For the past several months I have been doing some research on Corporal Roger A. Dumas, C/19th who was taken prisoner by the Chinese near Anju, North Korea on 4 November 1950. Cpl. Dumas is listed by the Department of the Army as died while a POW on 26 February 1954. Recent declassified CIA reports now indicate that Corporal Dumas may not have died while a POW and may have remained in North Korea after the POW exchange. Once I get all the details sorted out I plan to write an article for the TARO LEAF on what is known about the events surrounding this individual. Many thanks to Joe McKeon (19th, Japan, Korea) Arleta, California and Joe Sweeny (19th, Korea) Delislow, West Virginia for their help in providing input to my research.

Looking forward to our annual reunion 27 September-1 October this year at Covington, Kentucky. I hope our Reunion Chairman has made plans to have an ample supply of wurst, pretzels and beer on hand! See you there!

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NEWS RELEASE

ON SEPTEMBER 26th THRU October 1, 2000 THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS 53rd ANNUAL REUNION AT THE DRAWBRIDGE INN AND CONVENTION CENTER, AT BUTTERMILK PIKE & I-75, FORT MITCHELL, KENTUCKY.

THIS ELITE ASSOCIATION WILL CELEBRATE OUR 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS GREAT COMBAT DIVISION, THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (M) VICTORY DIVISION. WE ANTICIPATE AN ATTENDANCE OF 600-800 PEOPLE. SOME OF THOSE ATTENDING WERE AT PEARL HARBOR DURING THE ATTACK ON DECEMBER 7, 1941, AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT WITH THE DIVISION IN OTHER CAMPAIGNS IN THE PACIFIC DURING WWII. ALSO MANY IN ATTENDANCE WERE VETERANS OF THE BLOODY FIGHTING IN THE KOREAN WAR.

THE "FIRST TO FIGHT" DIVISION WAS UNDER JAPANESE ATTACK AT PEARL HARBOR, FOUGHT THROUGH NEW GUINEA, SPEARHEADED THE DRIVE IN THE PHILIPPINES (LEYTE, CORREGIDOR, ETC.) IT WAS DURING THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN THAT THE DIVISION WAS GIVEN ITS MOTTO "THE VICTORY DIVISION" BY THE PHILIPPINES. THE VICTORY DIVISION WERE FIRST TO LAND AND FIGHT IN KOREA UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM DEAN, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT. ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION WERE THE FIRST TO LAND IN GRENADA. THE "FIRST TO FIGHT" VICTORY DIVISION WAS THE FIRST COMPLETE ARMY DIVISION TO ARRIVE ON SAUDI SOIL AND PROCEEDED TO ANNIHILATE THE IRAQI REPUBLICAN GUARD.

ANYONE WHO WAS EVER ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO A UNIT OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION OR IF YOU SERVED WITH THIS DIVISION IN WORLD WAR II, JAPAN, KOREA, FORT RILEY, GERMANY, LEBANON, DESERT STORM, OR FORT STEWART, GEORGIA, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.

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December 30, 1999

To: Members of the year 2000 Nominating Committee

From: Harold "Corky" Peters

The positions to be nominated for are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Editor

The following will continue in their present positions:

- Historian: Joseph McKeon
- Chaplain: Glen Carpenter
- Membership Chairperson: Wallace F. Kuhner
- Quartermaster: Harry L. Wittman Jr.
- Reunion Coordinator: Wes Morrison

Please mail all correspondence in regard to all nominations to:

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1385 Terri Street  
Keyser, WV 26726-2119  
Tel. 304-788-4463

## **Reunion Coordinator**

Wes Morrison  
21st (F) 9/50-8/51  
452 Gloria Circle  
Marina, CA 93933-4027  
Tel. 831-384-0139

**2000 Reunion**  
27 Sept. - Oct 1, 2000  
The Drawbridge Estates  
2477 Royal Dr.  
Covington, KY 41017-3599  
Tel. 1-606-341-2800  
Toll Free - 800-354-9193

# 24th Infantry Division Association



To: Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association

From: Harold "Corky" Peters

## World War II Memorial

I received a letter from the WWII Memorial Committee asking the 24th IDA to make a donation towards the WWII Monument. I have asked the Executive Committee to make a decision in regard to this matter and to suggest an amount of money they would like to see the Association contribute.

## 24th Division Memorial

I also received correspondence from some of our members about undertaking a project to design and erect a 24th Division Monument to be placed at Schofield Barracks. As far as we know there is only one memorial to our great 24th Division and that is in Korea. The monument should honor our service in WWII, Japanese Occupation, Korean War, Service in Germany, Lebanon, and Desert Storm.

If the majority votes yes we will place it on the agenda and vote at the General Membership Business Meeting at our next reunion. **We need your input!** Please vote on both of these issues! Complete the ballot at the bottom of this page and mail to:

Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen  
812 Orion Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

### BALLOT

I would like the 24th IDA to contribute to the WWII Memorial.

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

I would like the 24th IDA's contribution to be in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for the WWII Memorial.

I would like to see a 24th IDA monument erected at Schofield Barracks.

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**NOTE FROM QUARTERMASTER, Harry Wittman:** We will have the 24th Division flags soon. 24th Division Flag 3x5 Screen Print, for inside or outside use. Price \$45.00.

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Our Secretary/Treasurer, Will Schumaker asked me to let our members know through the Taro Leaf that our Association now has a web page. It is: <http://home.att.net/~assn24ID/index.htm>

(You won't want to miss it. It is fantastic)

WELCOME.....to the official web site of the 24th Infantry Division, the Pride of the Pacific Theater. We are the division the Japanese General of Army forces said broke the back of the Japanese Army, and we are the division the liberated people of the Philippines called, "Victory". Our motto is, "First to Fight." An Act of Congress confirms this. Taromen have always stood ready to defend freedom and the democratic way of life, anytime, anywhere, against all aggressors....in the jungles, through the snow, or on the sands in far off lands. We are fiercely Proud of our heritage, and when our nation calls upon us once again...we will be, First to Fight !!!

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The Web site for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War is:  
<Http://www.korea.army.mil/50anniv/index.htm>

At this web site you will find information and updates on the planning of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorations on the Korean Peninsula to individuals and organizations that have an interest in the planning and execution of these commemorations.

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Our President Harold (Corky) Peters has informed me that any information from the Department of the Army on the Korean War Memorial Taejon will be published in the Taro Leaf.

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Letter from Bill Hosler who served in Korea "F" Company, 19th Infantry Regiment from 409 Sharon Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 writes that he, Gene Spicer, 19th Inf Regt and Paul Walker 5th RCT will be going to Korea on the revisit programs this June 2000. I was very happy to hear from you Bill and hope that you will be the reporter to the Taro Leaf on this trip.

Bill also mentions the forms for the WORLD WAR II VETERAN'S SURVEY PROJECT AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S SURVEY PROJECT. To obtain your World War II or Korean War Survey questionnaires or for further information, please write to the U.S. Army Military History Institute, ATTN: Veteran Survey Coordinator, 22 Ashburn Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008 or call (717-245-3225) or you may contact Bill for additional information.

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**Following are events planned for the first year of the three year commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. For more information or to find out how to get involved, visit the homepage at <http://korea50.army.mil> or write to: DOD, 50 Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Ste 702, Arlington VA 22202-4303 or call 703-604-0831.**

## **KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS FOR 2000**

National Memorial Day Concert	Washington, DC	May 29
Memorial Day Breakfast/Wreath Laying	Arlington National Cemetery	May 30
50th Anniversary Commemoration/Conference	University of Pittsburgh	Jun 23-24
Hostilities Commence (National Ceremony)	Washington, DC	Jun 25
Hostilities Commence (International Ceremony)	Seoul, Korea	Jun 25
Korean Service Women's Commemorative Event	Washington, DC/Arlington National Cemetery	Jun 25
Task Force Smith	Suwon, South Korea	Jul 5
Task Force Smith	Arlington National Cemetery	Jul 7
Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony	Korean War Memorial	Jul 27
40th ID Korean War Memorial dedication	Vanderberg AFB, CA	Sep 1
Breakout of Pusan Perimeter	Taegu, South Korea	Sep 13
Inchon Landing	Norfolk, VA/Inchon, S.Korea	Sep 15-17
Defense of/Breakout of Pusan Perimeter	Washington,DC/Pusan, S.Korea	Sep 15-17
Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir	Washington,DC/Demilitarized Zone Korea	Nov 27
Nations Parade	New York City	Nov 11
Evacuation of Hungnam	Navy Memorial, Washington, DC Pusan, South Korea	Dec 12

# ***Join us in Covington, Kentucky for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Reunion***

Covington Kentucky, the southern side of Cincinnati, is a beautiful city nestled on the banks of the Ohio River in the heart of America. It is uniquely accessible by air, rail or interstate.

In the year 2000 the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion will be held at the Drawbridge Inn & Convention Center. The Drawbridge Inn is conveniently located at I-75 & Buttermilk Pike, just 5 miles from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and 5 miles south of downtown Cincinnati and Covington's Riverfront. There are 398 rooms in the main section and 100 rooms are located within a separate motel style building, across the parking lot, called *The Garrison*. All general hotel facilities and services are available to Garrison guests except for room service. *The Garrison* has its own outdoor pool & snack shop. They offer: complementary airport shuttle service, 24 hour room service (in the main building), same day laundry service, gift boutique, shoe shine, and repair, and express check out. The rooms are spacious and clean. There is adequate complementary parking. If you are driving your own motor home or camper you may park in the hotel lot at no cost.

This is a great place to renew old acquaintances and meet and make new friends.

If you are driving to Covington and you need more information on sites to visit you may contact the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The hotel will go to any length to make your stay pleasant!



# WELCOME TO THE DRAWBRIDGE INN & CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

## 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

September 27 to September 30, 2000

### PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Room Type Request	Rate	Room Type Request	Rate
Main Building - Standard Single - \$72.00		Garison Building - Standard Single - \$62.00	
Main Building - Standard Double-\$72.00		Garison Building - Standard Double-\$62.00	

\*NOTE: Current room tax is 10.24%, and is subject to change

### • SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Smoking\_\_\_ Non-Smoking\_\_\_ Connecting Room\_\_\_ Disabled Room\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired Room\_\_\_

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

### RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 26, 2000 TO ENSURE ROOM AVAILABILITY

The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior and 3 days after your reunion.

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

Date of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_ Time of Arrival\_\_\_\_\_ Garrison Building (\$62.00)\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Nights\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure\_\_\_\_\_ Main Building (\$72.00)\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_ Tel.No. (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_AMEX\_\_\_ VISA\_\_\_ MC\_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE\_\_\_ DISCOVER\_\_\_ DINERS CLUB

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

**For Additional Info. Call: 1-800-354-9793 (outside Kentucky) 1-800-352-9866 (inside Kentucky)**

### MAIL THIS FORM TO:

**Drawbridge Estate  
2477 Royal Drive  
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017-3599**

**24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REUNION**

September 27 - 30, 2000  
Drawbridge Inn & Convention Center, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

**MAIL TO:**

Diane Peters  
14030 Xanthus Lane  
Rogers, MN 55374

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

24th Infantry Division Association

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Please **PRINT** legibly

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code)

Name of Wife/Guests Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please List Food Allergies and/or special diets required. **Please be specific!** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Information for your identification badge**

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer: Yes No  
(circle one)

Unit served with the 24th Division (**Please only list one**)

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember!**

If you have a group of friends who wish to be seated together  
get together and pay together. **Only 10 people at each table.**

**If you want to be seated with your friends at the Aloha and/or Memorial Dinner you  
must mail your registration forms in together. If your forms are not mailed in together  
along with your check we will not guarantee that you will be seated together!**

# 2000 Tour & Meal Registration Form

	Per Person	No. Attending	Amount
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## Tuesday, September 26

1. <u>Grand Victoria Casino</u> (Gaming Riverboat).....	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
6:45pm to 10:00pm			

## Wednesday, September 27

2. <u>Cities On Tour</u> .....	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
8:30am to 3:00pm			
3. <u>Argosy Riverboat Casino</u> .....	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
6:15pm to 10:00pm (2-4 hrs.)			

## Thursday, September 28

4. <u>Wright Patterson Air Force Museum</u> .....	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
8:30am to 3:30pm			
5. <u>Cincinnati Zoo &amp; Botanical Garden</u> .....	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
8:30am to 4:00pm			
6. <u>Fort Thomas VA Hosp. &amp; Newport Aquarium</u> .....	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
12:30pm to 5:30pm			
7. <u>BB Riverboat Dinner &amp; Cruise</u> .....	\$43.00	_____	\$ _____
6:30pm to 10:30pm			

## Friday, September 29

8. <u>Kentucky Horse Park</u> .....	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
8:30 am to 3:30pm			
* <u>Aloha Dinner</u> .....	\$24.00	_____	\$ _____
5:30 am Social Hour - 6:30 Dinner & Dance			

## Saturday, September 30

* <u>Ladies Breakfast</u> .....	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
9:00am-11:30am			
* <u>Memorial Dinner</u> .....	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
5:30pm-Social Hour - 6:30pm Dinner			

<u>Registration</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
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**\*Spouse and guests do not pay registration fee**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____
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## ATTENTION

### 19th, 21st, 34th, 3rd Engineers & all Artillery & Miscellaneous Units

Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 30, 2000, 7:30 A.M. at the Drawbridge Inn. The rooms where each breakfast will be served will be posted at the registration tables. The cost for each breakfast is \$15.00. Since the 24th Infantry Division Association Annual Meeting follows at 10:00am, it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfast be punctual so that we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

#### Breakfast Menu

*Hash Brown Potatoes, Chilled Fruit Juice, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Freshly Baked Danish Pastries, Biscuits, Butter, Jams and Preserves, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Tea & De-caf.*

#### Please mail your registration & check to the chairperson of your Unit listed below

##### 19th Infantry - Mail Registration To:

Gene Spicer  
8937 W. 750 N.  
Commiskey, IN 47227  
(812) 873-6548

*\*Make checks payable to:*

Gene Spicer

##### 3rd Engineers - Mail Registration To:

Daniel Rickert  
PO Box 418  
Pinon Hills, CA 92371-0418  
(760) 868-6634

*\*Make checks payable to:*

Daniel Rickert

##### 21st Infantry - Mail Registration To:

Harry Wittman  
1385 Terri Street  
Keyser, WV 26726  
(304) 788-0465

*\*Make checks payable to:*

Harry Wittman

##### All Division Artillery Units - Mail Registration To:

Robert Smith  
7720 Deer Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
(715) 325-5057

*\*Make checks payable to:*

Robert Smith

##### 34th Infantry - Mail Registration To:

Marvin Wallace  
405 Locust  
Ardmore, OK 73401-1772  
(580) 223-8452

*\*Make checks payable to:*

Marvin Wallace

##### Miscellaneous Units - Mail Registration To:

Robert Lawhon  
49 Township Road 88, #1152  
Proctorville, OH 45669-9067  
(740) 886-6935

*\*Make checks payable to:*

Robert Lawhon

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#### UNIT MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of breakfast \$15.00 each

**Tuesday, September 26**

**Grand Victoria Casino Gaming Riverboat**

**Cost \$15.00**

**6:45pm - 10:00pm (evening)**

Are you hungry for something new?

Over 1,400 loose slot machines, including Video Poker and Video Keno. 78 exciting table games-Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Caribbean Stud and Let It Ride. Live Poker-Seven Card Stud, Hold'em and Omaha Hold'em, Fine dining, sumptuous buffet and sports bar. Boarding begins at the start of each gaming sessions and continues for 25 minutes.

**Wednesday, September 27, 2000**

**Cities On Tour**

**Cost: \$20.00**

**8:30am- 3:00pm**

Experience the major highlights of the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, past to present, with one of their professional, uniformed tour guides. You will see their most famous landmarks, rich cultural heritage and architectural highlights. Complimentary Cincinnati chili recipe cards.

**Argosy Riverboat Casino**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**6:15pm-10:00pm (evening)**

Argosy Casino offers world-class gaming aboard their riverboat casino and fine food and live entertainment in a 200,000-square foot entertainment pavilion. There's always plenty of room to play and plenty of opportunity to win. Over 2,000 slots and 108 gaming tables spread out over three easy-to-navigate decks, each bigger than a football field! With three thrilling levels to explore, you'll discover the spectacular theming of the Passport Buffet and specialty restaurants, plus lively lounges and live entertainment.

**Thursday, September 28, 2000**

**Wright Patterson Air Force Museum**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**8:30am-3:30pm**

Located in Dayton, Ohio the US Air Force Museum is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum with over 300 aircraft and missiles and thousands of artifacts from the Wright Brothers to the present. IMAX theater and gift shop, bookstore and Café.

**Thursday, September 28, 2000**

**Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden**

**Cost: \$20.00**

**8:30am-4:00pm**

The world famous Zoo and Botanical Garden is home to more than 750 species of rare and endangered animals and more than 3,000 varieties of exotic and domestic plants. This is the second oldest zoo in the United States and best known for white Bengal Tigers, walruses, Komodo dragons, and lowland gorillas and many more. The Cincinnati Zoo has one of the finest bird exhibits in the nation. Come and explore the 68 acres and you will find the new African and Asian Rain Forest exhibit, ancient ruins, mountain forests, arid deserts and rolling plains, each home to exotic animals in their natural habitats.

**Fort Thomas VA Hospital & Newport Aquarium**

**Cost: \$20.00**

**12:30pm-5:30pm**

We will tour the V.A. Hospital & Nursing Home at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky and then we will go the Newport Aquarium. At the Newport Aquarium, we will take you around the world to the ocean's depths, the river's edge and the fringe of the Antarctic frontier. You will be introduced to more than 11,000 of the world's most beautiful, colorful, bizarre and dangerous creatures. This exhibit showcases both freshwater, exotic saltwater, aquatic life, including floor-to-ceiling tanks, a touch pool, a 300,000 gallon shark tank, an Amazon tank, a "human fish bowl", and an Arctic sea life exhibit.

**BB Riverboat Dinner & Cruise**

**Cost: \$43.00**

**6:30pm-10:30pm (evening)**

The oldest and largest riverboat company in Greater Cincinnati. This cruise features a 3 hour trip on the Ohio River and a dinner buffet featuring: Carved roast prime rib served with either one-half Cornish game hen with blend of wild rice or baked boneless marinated chicken breast with parsleyed new potatoes, chef's choice of green vegetable, Caesar salad, fresh tossed salad with choice of dressing, assorted dinner rolls, coffee, tea and cheesecake.

**Friday, September 29, 2000**

**Kentucky Horse Park**

**Cost \$20.00**

**8:30am-3:30pm**

The only park in the world dedicated to mankind's relationship to the horse is showcased by museums, galleries, theaters, live horse shows, and over 40 breeds of horses.

# Ladies Breakfast

Saturday, September 30, 2000  
9:00am



Be sure and sign up for the Ladies Breakfast, it's something you won't want to miss. The program is planned at the same time the Unit Breakfasts & the 24th Infantry Division Association Business Meeting are taking place.

*The menu consists of:  
Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Hash browns, Biscuits, Juice, Danish,  
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Tea, & De-caf.*

Our featured guest will be Don Deming. Don's presentation "*The History of the First Ladies Comes to Life,*" will leave you spellbound. He has an infectious good humor that will delight you! Don describes how behind every American President has stood a courageous, and influential First Lady!



What more could you ask for! A scrumptious breakfast, good friends, & an all around very enjoyable morning for only \$15.00.

Send your reservations in early, this is one Ladies Breakfast you won't want to miss!

# **IMPORTANT!**

## **PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**

**\*You must mail your checks along with your registration to the following:**

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|---|--|
| <b>*Hotel Reservations</b>                                  | <b>Mail to the Drawbridge Estates</b>              |
| <b>*Unit Breakfasts</b>                                     | <b>Mail to the chairman of your unit breakfast</b> |
| <b>*Registration, meal, tour &amp;<br/>Ladies Breakfast</b> | <b>Mail to Diane Peters</b>                        |

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## **REUNION BANQUET SEATING**

**If you have a group of friends who wish to be seated together,  
GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER**

Send your Registration Forms in one packet (envelope). Only ten (10) people can be seated at each table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person (or couple) and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money, by check or money order, to whoever is designated. That person (or couple) will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to Diane Peters who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person or couple by receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the Drawbridge Inn & Convention Center. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt. So start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

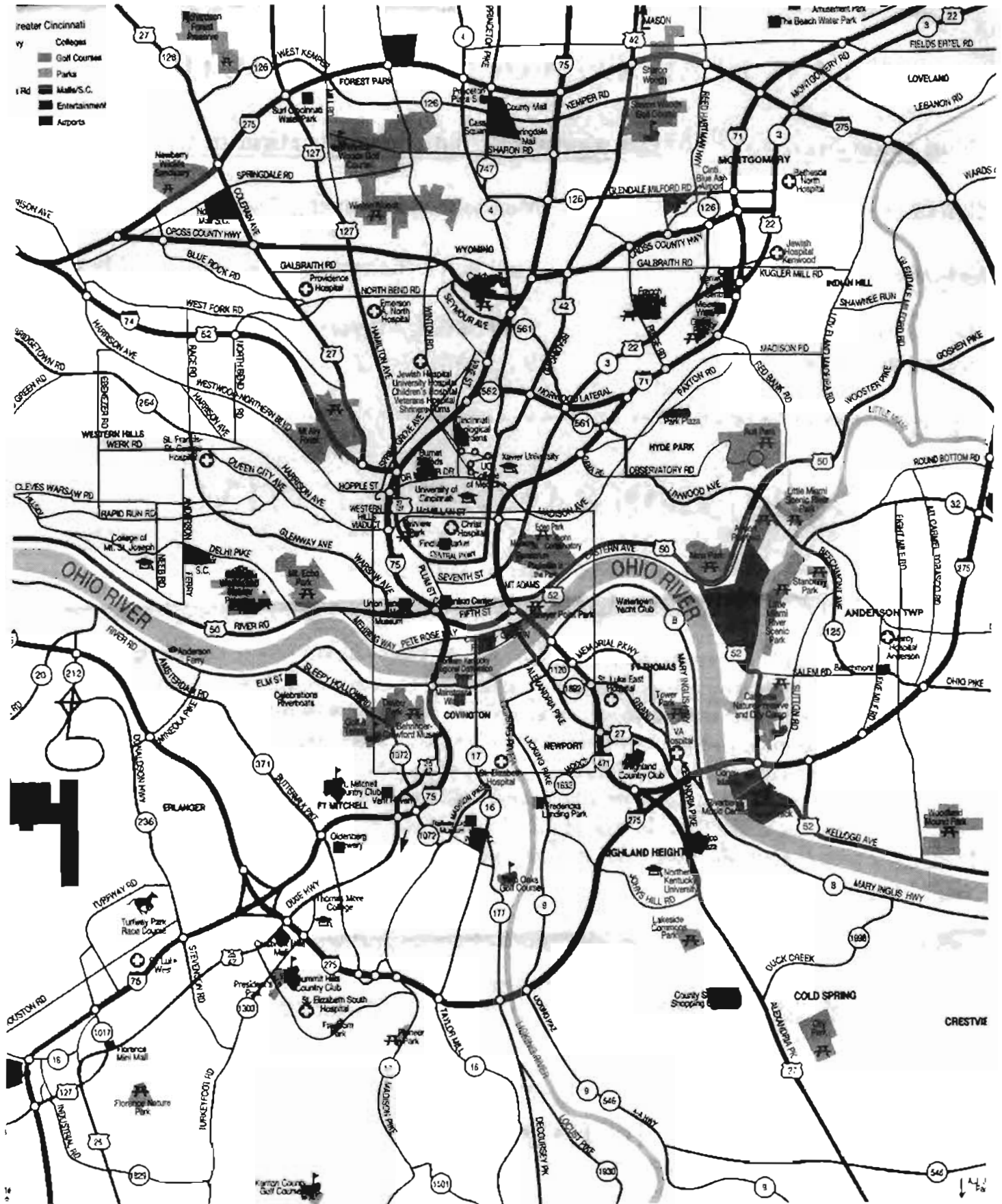
\*Any table seating arrangements received after September 5, 2000 will not be guaranteed seating assignments!

**\*PLEASE NOTE - Once tables are assigned they will not be rearranged.**

**\*Remember door prices are 10% higher so be an early bird and register early!**

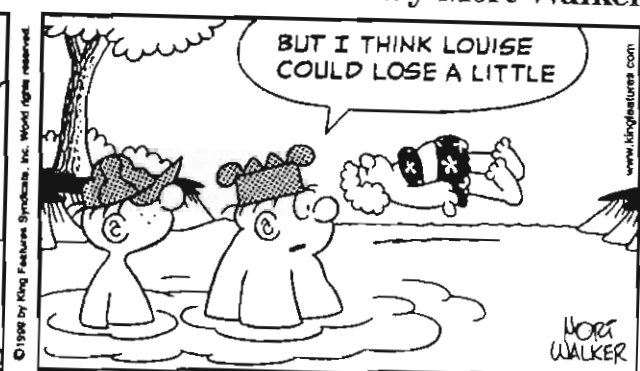
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THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OR SEATING CHANGES AFTER THAT DATE!**

# Map of Greater Cincinnati



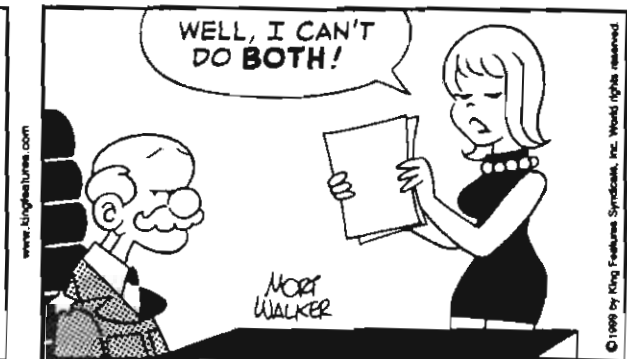
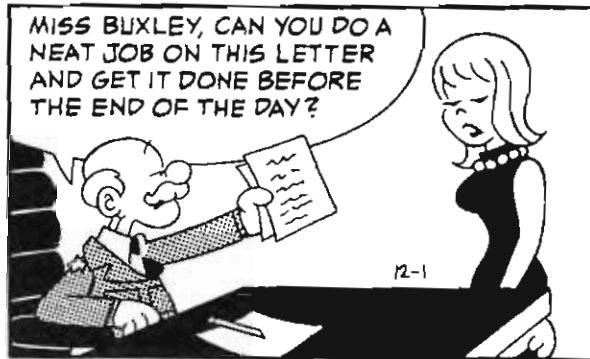
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By Mort Walker



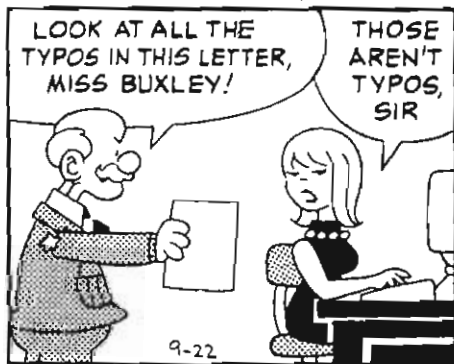
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#### BOOK SALE

Hurdis Wise has written a book entitled, **"THINK MAN THINK"**. This book is the WW II era. Please fill out the form below to order.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send Check or money order for \$10.00 to  
Hurdis Wise  
724 W. Seline Circle  
Benton, AR 72015

Eric Diller's Second Edition of **"MEMOIRS of a COMBAT INFANTRYMAN"** by an Enemy Alien is available. additional information has been added. To order fill out the form below and send with \$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. This book is WWII material.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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

To: Eric Diller  
504 Via La Selva  
Redondo Beach CA 90277-6505

Eric Diller has created a Web Site. The address is:  
[Http://home.earthlink.net/~eddiller/](http://home.earthlink.net/~eddiller/)

#### BOOK SALE

**"DOCTOR AND SOLDIER IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC"**, recently published by Philip H. Hostetter, M.D., tells of the author's first-hand experiences as Battalion and Regimental Surgeon with the 24th Infantry Division in the Philippines and Japan in WWII. A trained observer and front-line participant, he brings the humor, comradeship, sacrifice and valor of the American soldier to the reader as never before.

The 200 page book contains 29 cartoons from the war years, 136 battle-area photos, mostly by the author, never before published, 15 tactical military maps, Japanese propaganda in English, and our respectful propaganda with English translation.

To order send \$22.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling to: Dr. Philip H. Hostetter

2045 Jay Court  
Manhattan, KS 66502-3640

Phone: 785-539-2913

Or to: Yvonne Mullins  
31150 See View Dr  
Rocky Mount, MO 65072-2903

Phone: 573-365-1007

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### 3rd Engineer's Reunion

May 18-21, 2000

Best Western Thunderbird Hotel in  
Bloomington, MN.

Interested contact: Donald and Dorothy  
Lloyd

At 509-965-3231, Yakima, WA or on our  
email [dotandon@nwinfo.net](mailto:dotandon@nwinfo.net)

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by Philip H. Hostetter, M.D. )

## CHAPTER 12

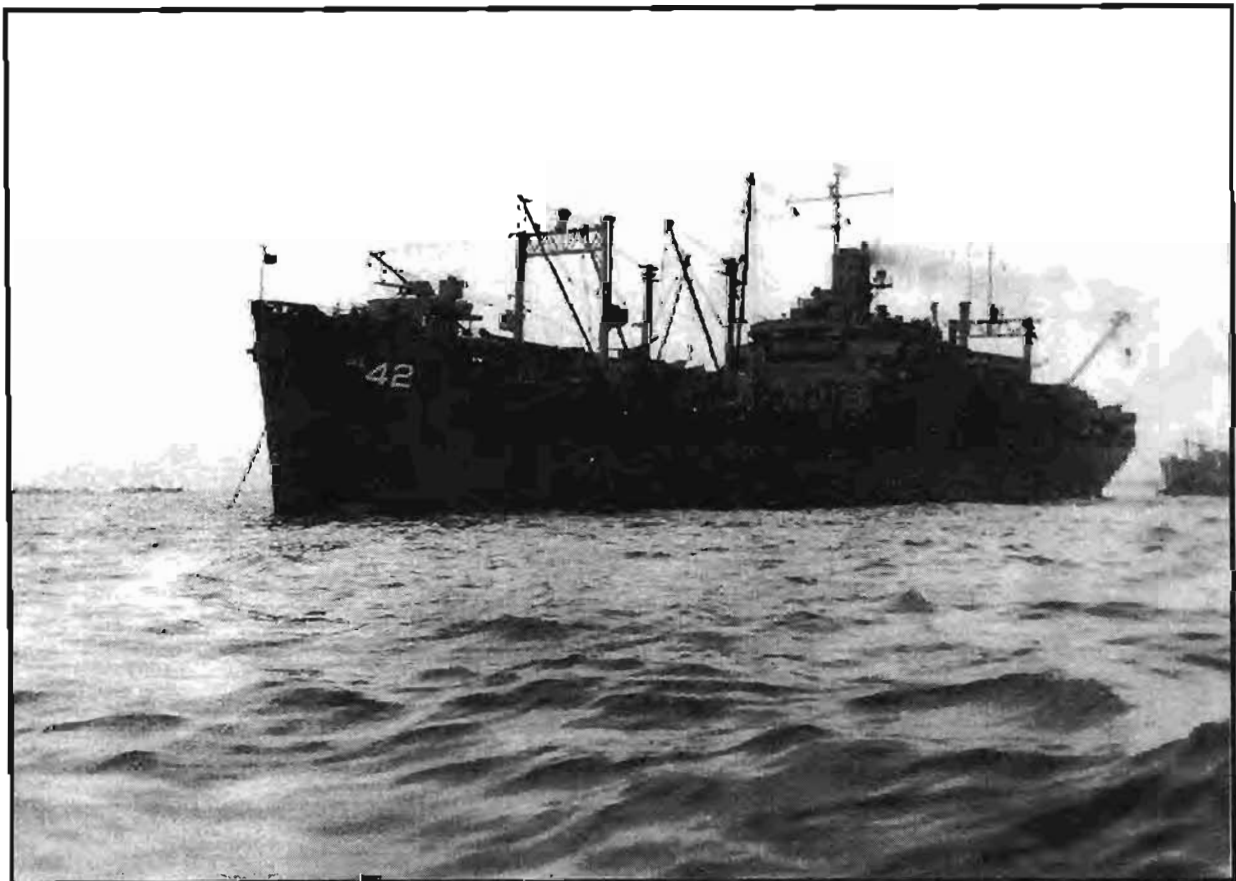
### JAPAN, THE "YOUNGER BROTHER"

#### BURIAL AT SEA

The trip to Japan was a pleasant one until someone discovered a pet monkey. We were ordered to bring no pets. No one wanted the job, so a quick check of those aboard produced no veterinarians and the discovery that I was the ranking Medical Officer and therefore had the responsibility. The owner of the monkey was near tears.

"Couldn't we just put him in a box?" he asked. I tried to be as gentle as I could.

"The order is 'No pets'," I reminded him. "It makes sense because a monkey would die of pneumonia in Japan. The climate is entirely different there." I administered ether to the intelligent little animal, pinned it into a towel, and buried it at sea.



The U.S.S. Elmore (A.P.A.) which carried us from Davao, Mindanao,  
to Matsuyama, Japan.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OCTOBER 11, 1999 TO JANUARY 17, 2000

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Samuel P	Albrecht	3rd Eng	(D)	\$5.00	3rd EN
Preston J	Bailey	19th	(HQ)	\$10.00	
Gen Dwight	Beach	Div Arty		\$10.00	
Melvin J	Behuen	3rd Eng	(C)	\$10.00	
Charles E	Brault	21st	(L)	\$5.00	
Allen	Brooks	34th	(L)	\$5.00	
Paul J	Cain	34th	(I)	\$20.00	Rudy & Ken
Alfonso	Chavez	21st		\$25.00	
James F	Conway	24th Inf Div	(HQ G-2)	\$10.00	
John T	Curran	21st	(I)	\$5.00	
James C	Davis	19th		\$5.00	
Eric	Diller	34th	(H)	\$20.00	
Stanley	Fijol	21st	(D)	\$10.00	
James W	Flynn Jr	3rd Eng	(H&S)	\$10.00	
John W	Haist	21st	(D)	\$20.00	Charlie King Dco 21st
Mrs William C	Hedberg	5th RCT		\$500.00	William C. Hedberg, M.D.
Frank R	Horvat	63rd	(Btry B)	\$5.00	
Andrew	Jackson	26th AAA	D	\$10.00	
James D	Jeffrey	34th	(K)	\$10.00	
Col James B	Jones	19th		\$15.00	
Chester	Jordan	34th	(Medics)	\$5.00	
Vincenzo J	La Rocco	21st	(HQ)	\$5.00	21st
Charles E	Lake			\$10.00	
Reginald A	Le Blanc	19th	(B)	\$5.00	
Robert J	Marantic	5th RCT	(SVC)	\$5.00	
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### 19<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry, affectionately known as the "Chicks" was first organized, 4 May 1861, and got its motto "Rock of Chickamauga" for a battle in the Civil War. They were later used to quell riots in New Orleans and to engage Indians in Kansas and Nebraska. They were also engaged in police action along the Rio Grande in Texas. The regiment has been stationed in Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Vera Cruz, Mexico. In 1922 the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry was ordered Hawaii and has not returned to the US since that date.

### 21<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT

Nicknamed the "Gimlets", the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry was organized on 4 May 1861. It has engaged in battles during the Civil War, in the Indian Wars, in the Spanish-American War (in which it assisted in the capture of San Juan Hill), in the Philippines and on patrol duty on the Mexican border. In 1921, it returned to the Pacific and was stationed at Schofield Barracks and has remained overseas since that date.

### 34<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT

Organized on 3 June 1916, the 34<sup>th</sup> Regiment participated in World War I as a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. It fought with distinction and was cited by the French government with the Battle Honors of Lorraine. The regimental motto is "Always in Front". After the Armistice the 34<sup>th</sup> was on occupation duty in Germany. Returning to the United States in June 1919, it became our first motorized regiment. "The Dragons", as the regiment is known, were cited as the outstanding unit in the Carolina maneuvers of 1941, just before the outbreak of World War II. This regiment sailed for the Philippines on 7 December 1941 but because of the Japanese attack, landed in Hawaii. It has remained in the Pacific since that date.

### 11<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Activated on 3 June 1917, the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion chose for its motto the words, "On Time". The battalion fought with distinction in World War I and is officially credited with firing the last artillery round on Armistice Day. The battalion remained in Europe before going to Hawaii in 1920.

### 13<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The 13<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion was activated shortly after the United States entered World War I and went to Europe where it was engaged in the heaviest fighting of the war. The battalion was once part of the field artillery used by Alexander Hamilton in Revolutionary War days. At the end of World War I the battalion remained on occupation duty in Germany for a short period, after which it returned to the United States. In 1920 it was transferred to Hawaii and has continued to remain in the Pacific.

### 52<sup>ND</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion was organized on the same day as its Division - October 2, 1941. Throughout its 12-year history, the 52<sup>nd</sup> has lived up to its motto: Habile et pret. (Able and ready). The battalion served with the Division all through the Pacific campaigns of World War II, and landed at Okayama, Honshu, in the occupation of Japan.

### 63<sup>RD</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, like the 52<sup>nd</sup>, is of the younger generation of Division Artillery. In commemoration of its origin in Hawaii, on October 1, 1941, the 63<sup>rd</sup> took for its motto the Hawaiian phrase "Hanau is no Ke Kaua", which means "Born to Battle". Two of the three men of the Division killed on Pearl Harbor Day were members of the 63<sup>rd</sup>. The Battalion swore vengeance, and settled its score with the enemy many times over during the war in the Pacific. Kyushu was its station during the Japanese occupation.

### 26<sup>TH</sup> ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AW) BATTALION (SP)

The 26<sup>th</sup> AAA (AW) Bn dates back to 1898 when the parent unit was constituted as the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Artillery on 29 March 1898. This old regiment was activated and deactivated many different times and was finally named the 26<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) Battalion (Self Propelled) on

13 October 1948 and assigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 20 March 1949 at Camp Hakata, Japan.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> TANK BATTALION

The 6<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion was organized in England as 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Tank Center on 24 April 1918. The battalion was assigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> Division on 26 August 1950, shortly after the division arrived in Korea. It returned to Korea with the division for the second time in July, 1953, and in September, 1953, it was again ordered back to Japan. The battalion motto is "We Say, We Do".

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

At Fort Totten, New York, on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1901, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion was first organized. Its motto is "Essayons" (Let us Try). Long years of duty in the Pacific have earned it the title of "Pacific Engineers".

### 24<sup>TH</sup> MEDICAL BATTALION

The motto of the 24<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion is "Curare". (To Care For) and in two wars it has shown the motto has meaning. The battalion was born of the 11<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion on the same day as the 224<sup>th</sup> Division, 1 October 1941.

### 24<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION SPECIAL TROOPS

First organized during the Battle of New Guinea in August 1944, the purpose of 24<sup>th</sup> Division Special Troops was to coordinate administrative functions for the units of the division, which were to come under its jurisdiction. These units originally were: Division Headquarters Company, 724<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Maintenance Company (now 724<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Battalion), 24<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company, 24<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, 24<sup>th</sup> Military Police Platoon (now Company), and the Division Band. Later the 24<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (now 24<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Company) was also placed under administrative control of Special Troops.

This publication is by Ex. Sgt. Joe H. Sowders  
S-3 Operations Draftsman 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. 1953-54

*Thanks to Gerry Gribble (A&R) NCO for the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt.  
1953...this might have disappeared. He preserved it for all  
these years. This History is circa 1954*

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In Memory of two great  
Soldiers we served with

Hiag Gopoian  
34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regt.  
S-3 Operations Draftsman

Richard "Dick" Lemon  
34<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt.  
S-1 Legal Clerk

## **RISK**

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool  
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental

To reach out for another is to risk involve-  
ment  
To expose feeling is to risk exposing your  
true self  
To place your ideas, your dreams before the  
crowd is to risk their loss

To love is to risk not being loved in return  
To live is to risk dying  
To hope is to risk despair

To try is to risk failure  
But risk must be taken because the greatest  
Hazard in life is to risk nothing

The person who risks nothing, does nothing.  
Has nothing and is nothing

He may avoid suffering and sorrow but he  
cannot learn, feel, change, grow or love

Chained by his certitudes  
He is a slave, he has forfeited freedom  
Only a person who risks, is free.

(Fairview Hospital, Bloomington, MN  
October 1980)

## THE NAKTONG RIVER CROSSING AND HILL #1157

By **Joseph J. Drozd** (Druss) Cpl. "B" Co. 21st Inf. 24th Inf. Div.

My unit was trucked to a staging area near an orchard adjacent to the Naktong River around 2:00 a.m. on September 15, 1950. All three Battalions of the 21st Inf. made the crossing. We were to have air and artillery support. Men spread out in the orchard to await the crack of dawn; jump off time. The Engineer Unit had an assault boat with an engineer for each squad of infantrymen.

As we began to move out, our Forward Observer from the 52nd Field Artillery and his driver were killed by a direct mortar hit on their jeep. We picked up our assault boat and engineer at the edge of the orchard and started carrying it towards the water. The sandy section of the dry riverbed was tough walking with machine gun bullets whizzing by and mortar rounds exploding nearby. At about 40 feet out into the sandy dry riverbed, I glanced to my right front and saw a burst of machine gun fire hit very close to another squad carrying their assault boat. The men panicked, dropping the boat and crouching in the sand behind it. Instantly, a Sergeant barked out an order "pick up the boat and keep moving". After carrying our boat for about 50 feet, I noticed another boat at the waters edge just sitting there, no one near it. I yelled to my squad leader, Sergeant Gilbert, "lets drop this boat and board that empty one". This we did, and ran amid machine gun bullets to the river edge. Two R.O.K. (Republic of Korea) soldiers were in our squad, they were up front in the boat. I was in the rear of the boat with Sergeant Gilbert and the engineer. We paddled out into the river and saw several boats floating down stream with dead Americans lying in them. Suddenly machine gun and mortar fire hit very close to us. The R.O.K.'s dropped their paddles in the boat and crouched down. I immediately moved forward and moved the R.O.K. soldier aside. I took his paddle and started to call cadence so we all could paddle in unison. Sergeant Gilber took over calling cadence. The boat slowly started to move across the portion of the Naktong with the swift current. Machine gun fire raked the water about 10 feet to our left front and mortar rounds exploded in the water to our right front, splashing water on the men. This is when I started to pray intensely to God for protection. It seemed like forever, but we finally got to the enemy side of the Naktong River. The river bank was about three feet high with about two feet of land to stand on. The boat hit the shore, with men jumping on to the small shoreline. Our B.A.R. man, P.F.C. Raymond Wirth, of Buffalo, New York, jumped into the water at the rear of the boat, thinking it was shallow.

He got a shock, the water was still way over his head. Two men quickly grabbed his wrists and pulled him up into the boat; he would have surely drowned. His B.A.R. got clogged up with water and silt. The engineer had a brand new B.A.R., and I ordered him to exchange his with our B.A.R. man (seeing that he was to go back across the river and we needed a good working one).

The men spread out along the river edge, machine gun fire and mortar rounds raking the water behind us. I judged the angle of fire coming from the mountain and we fired a fusillade in that direction. In a few minutes a First Lieutenant came over and asked if we were "C" Company, we said no we're "B" Co., 1st Platoon. He ordered us to attack the mountain. We moved out through a corn field, bullets whizzing through the corn stalks, and up the hill. We came across a young North Korean soldier, he looked about 16 years old. He was hit in the stomach, lying in a gully. By his glassy eyes, I could see he was dying. A few moments later, one of our Platoon Leaders, a 2nd Lt. came by saying "I got me a gook"; he had killed the wounded and dying boy.

Our squad advanced up the hill, and came across a Russian built automatic weapon with a bipod, similar to our own B.A. R. with blood all over the butt stock. I think this was the result of the rifle fire I had directed on the hill from the river edge. We continued to advance up the hill, all this time without artillery or air support. About three quarters of the way up the hill, I looked back and could see the Combat Engineers building a pontoon bridge across the Naktong, they also took a direct hit from enemy mortar fire. Looking beyond the river I could see the elements of the Battalions marching forward in a column of two's with Patton tanks. I saw a mortar round hit directly on the Infantry tank column; men hit the dirt. The column moved forward, several men lay there, either dead or wounded. Finally, a flight of Navy Corsair's flew over us and the enemy mortar fire ceased. When the flight flew away, the enemy mortar fire started up again.

When we finally reached the top of the hill, a North Korean sniper fired at me, but the bullet hit the dirt about five feet to my right, about waist high. The squad took cover immediately. Thank God for his poor eyesight. A sniper had been in hiding somewhere behind us. The strange thing is, he didn't fire at us again.

The combat engineers completed the pontoon bridge and the tanks came across with the Infantry. The enemy mortar crew must have retreated, for the firing stopped. This squad and one officer was assigned to go on a combat patrol riding five tanks from Co. A, 6th Tank Battalion. I rode on the fourth tank in the column. We headed north along the mountain road and came to a bad section of road. Four tanks made it through, then the edge of the road collapsed sending dirt and rocks cascading down the mountainside. The fifth tank had to turn back. The mission of this patrol was to link up and make contact with elements of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division. This was done late in the afternoon of September 15, 1950. In this combat episode, not one man from our squad was lost.

Unbeknownst, we bypassed some 5000 North Korean troops, sitting along the mountain tops. These troops later surrendered.

The 21st Infantry Regiment, the "Gimlets", continued northward.

This is the end of my experience of the Nakdong River Crossing and Hill #1157 on September 15, 1950.

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Letter received from Gerald Tomlin of 2700 South Choctaw, El Reno, Oklahoma 73036. "I have been trying for sometime to locate any member of "D" Company 19th Inf Regt who served in Japan and Korea during the years 1948 to 1950. There was notice of that in the TARO LEAF. I know that a large number of the members were killed during the early days of the Korean War. I am sending you a couple of pictures with the hopes that you can print them and someone may remember me. The other (2) guys were my best friends, more like brothers. I stayed in the Army for 21 years retiring in 1968 as a 1st Sgt but never served in a outfit more dear to my heart as the 19th Inf Regt 24th Division.

Beppu Japan 1949

Joseph Pinkham  
KIA 16th July  
1950

Gerald Tomlin  
24th Div  
Member



Beppu Japan 1949

Andrew Miner  
KIA 16th July 1950





### BOOK SALE

My Old Box of Memories, Thoughts on the Korean War by William Allen. "I had this old cardboard box that was full of information that has been stashed away for over forty years. Anything that I had from the day the 24th Inf Div went to Korea in July 1950. My father started a scrap book and kept it updated right until the time that I was released as a POW after 32 months. Over the years anything that I received went into this old box. I didn't want anything to remind me of my past experiences. But for some reason I kept the box and all the information that it contained. Over a period of time that old box was filling up. When they were getting ready to dedicate the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. I got thinking of that old cardboard box shoved away in a corner.

I started going through the stuff that was in there and decided to write a journal for my children and their children. After writing about Korea I decided to write what I called After Thoughts. This consisted of anything that I considered of importance to my family. It is a continuation from the day I returned home up until November 1998.

I get the same response from everyone on the statement that I wrote: I didn't have to do too much research in writing this journal. Why? Because I lived it as so many other veterans did."

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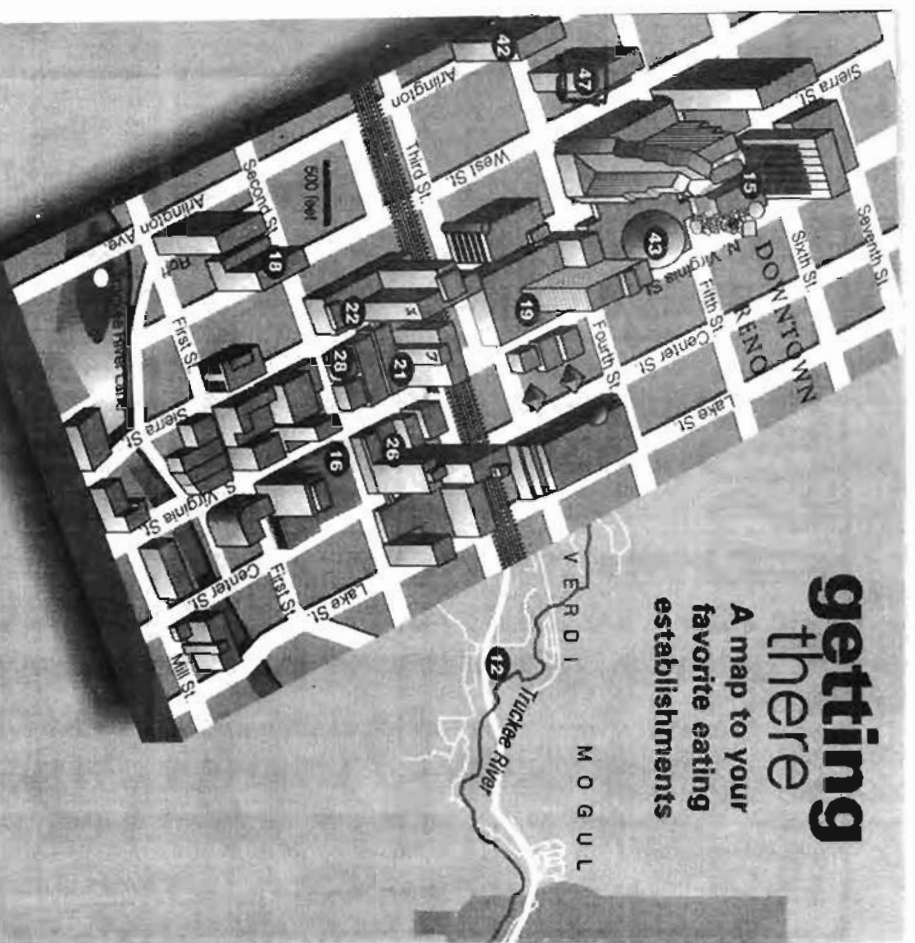
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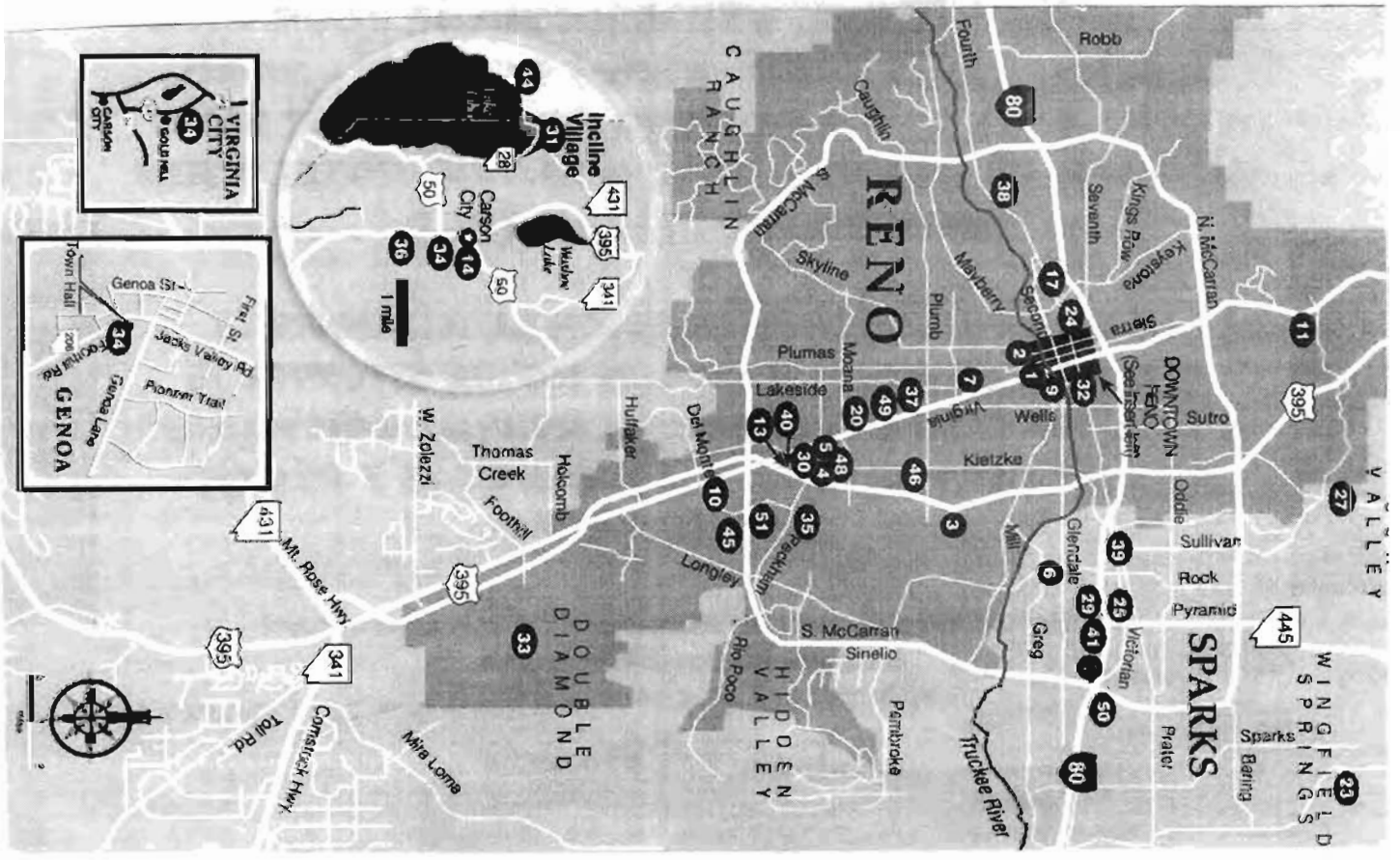
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### Only A Suggestion!

A man makes a suggestion to his wife, "Honey, what do you say that tonight we change positions?"

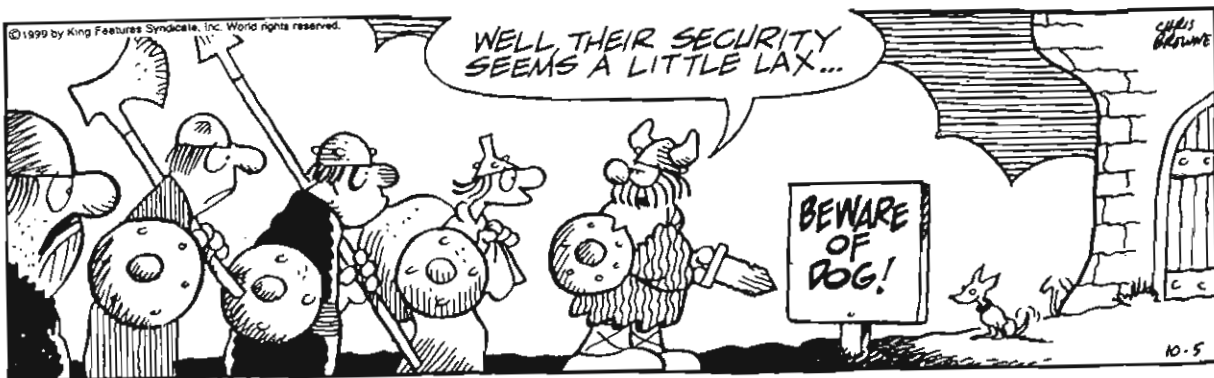
His wife responds with, "Yes, I would really like that. Tonight, you stand by the ironing board and I'll lay on the couch and watch T.V.."

### TWO FROGS (OR KEEP SWIMMING)

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,  
One was a pessimistic soul;  
"I shall drown," he cried, "so will you."  
So with a last despairing cry,  
He closed his eyes and said, "Goodbye."  
But the other frog, with a merry grin  
Said, "I can't get out, but I won't give in!  
I'll swim around till my strength is spent,  
For having tried, I'll die content."  
Bravely he swam until, it would seem,  
His struggles began to churn the cream.  
On the top of the butter at last he stopped,  
And out of the bowl he happily hopped.  
What is the moral? It's easily found -  
**If you can't get out, keep swimming around!**

### HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Brown





November 15, 1999

Dear 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association Members:

In the past year we have learned that at the close of the Korean War, 1,000 men, who were captured by the enemy, were marched North into China. These 1,000 men were never heard of again.


We have now learned that, Dwight D. Eisenhower, then the President of the United States, knew of this atrocity, but did not tell the American people about this, nor did he do anything about it. Some of these men were our comrades in arms.

The accompanying letter I sent to my United States Senators in Washington is in opposition to their naming an office building with his name as an honor to him.

Some of you may feel the same as I do and would like to contact your legislatures and let them know how you feel.

The letter I wrote to my Senators is not meant to be an endorsement by the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association, but only to be used as an example if you wish to contact your legislators.

Your Vice-President

  
Robert H. Smith

as

7721 Deer Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-9119  
October 25, 1999

Dear Senator Russel Feingold &  
Senator Herbert Kohl

CNN has reported that our Senate is about to name a Washington Office building the Eisenhower building in honor of the 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

I strongly oppose this and ask that you oppose this also.

In the past year it has come to light that 900 to 1,000 prisoners of war held by the North Koreans and Communist Chinese were marched north, and were never heard from again.

It now appears that the President knew of this and did nothing about it. These Men were American soldiers and citizens of the United States who were fighting to stop the flow of Communism and Mr. Eisenhower, who knew of this atrocity, did nothing about it, but kept it a secret from the American people.

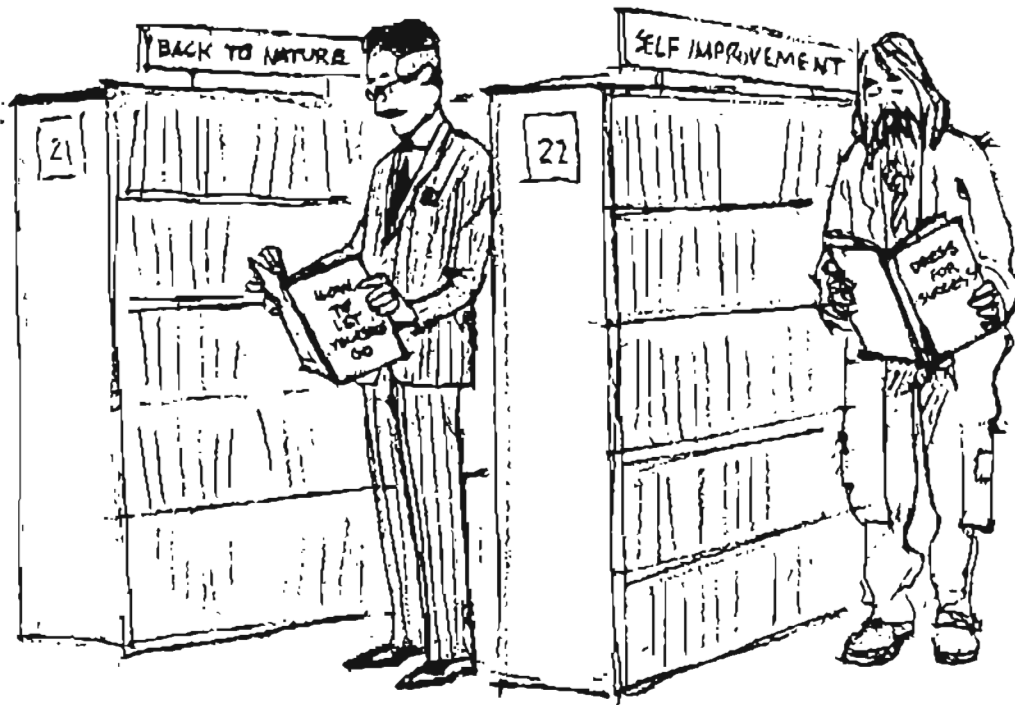
I fought with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Korea. Our motto is "First to Fight" and in Korea we were. Many of my buddies were killed or captured during the first few days we were there. I'm sure that some of them were with the group that was marched north and never heard of again.

Therefore, Mr. Eisenhower may have been a good president in some respects, but an office building named in his honor, I strongly oppose because of the 1,000 men who were never heard of again.

Yours truly,

  
Robert H. Smith

## STAND AT EASE -MORE FROM HAL AND SAUL



**JOKE** A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside. Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move. "Oh, Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish... please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!" That very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet. "Dear God, bless this food I am about to receive."

**JOKE** Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. They loaded up Jack's minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farm house and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night. "I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained, "and I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house." "Not to worry," Jack said. "we'll be happy to sleep in the barn, and if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light." The lady agreed and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared and they got on their way and enjoyed a great weekend of skiing. About nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he met on the ski weekend. He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked: "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north?" "Yes, I do." "Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and have sex with her?" "Yes," he said, a little embarrassed about being found out, "I have to admit that I did." "And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?" Bob's face turned red and he said, "Yeah, sorry buddy, I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?" "No need to apologize, Bob. She just died and left me everything!"

## CHRISTENING OF USNS RED CLOUD

By  
James F. Hill

I recently had the distinct honor to represent the 24th Infantry Division Association at the launching of the United States Naval Ship RED CLOUD in San Diego, California on 7 August 1999. As many Association members know the ship is named in honor of Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., a former member of Company E, 19th Infantry, 24th Division who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Korea on 5 November 1950.

The RED CLOUD is classified by the Navy as T-AKR whose mission is to deliver roll on/roll off (RO/RO) and lift on/lift off (LO/LO) military cargo in either a prepositioned mode or a combat mode anywhere in the world. The RED CLOUD is the fourth of seven like ships all named after US Army Medal of Honor awardees. The RED CLOUD and its sister ships are 950 feet in length, have a beam of 106 feet and a draft of 34 feet. They have a total cargo area of 393,000 square feet and are designed to hold the equipment for an Army mechanized brigade. The RED CLOUD, after sea trials, is scheduled to go into position off the island of Garica Diego, in the Indian Ocean.

The ship was christened jointly by Annita Red Cloud, daughter of Corporal Red Cloud and Marilyn Clemens, wife of Admiral Archie Clemens, Commander in Chief of the US Pacific Fleet. The respective Matrons of Honor were Tris Yellow Cloud, daughter of Annita Red Cloud and Rebecca Clemens Lewis, daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Clemens.

Several thousand individuals attended the launching in that the builder of the ship, the National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO), held an employee appreciation day in conjunction with the launching. The United States Army was officially represented by Lt. General James M. Link, Deputy Commanding General of the US Army Material Command, Washington, DC. Past 24th Infantry Division members in attendance were Ken Bradshaw (Inverness, Florida), Darrel W. Miller (Letts, Iowa), Donald Hahn (Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin) and James Cooper (Albuquerque, New Mexico), all members of E/19th that were in the same action as Corporal Red Cloud.

Although the launching was primarily a Navy function there were three bus loads of members of the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin (Red Cloud's home state) that attended and during the christening ceremony provided tribal chants and drumming in honor of Red Cloud. In a personal conversation with Annita Red Cloud by this writer after the ceremony she expressed her sincere appreciation that Corporal Red Cloud's Army Division was represented at the function and that individuals who fought with him were present in his honor.

**Correction: James Cooper, Albuquerque was in G Company, 19th Infantry.**

# USNS Red Cloud

## Launching Ceremony • August 7, 1999



Jim Hill,  
The Official  
Representative  
of our Association.



US Naval Ship "RED CLOUD"



Ken Bradshaw (E/19 - Korea)  
Inverness, Florida and  
Robert Faicone (21st - Korea)  
Newton Square, PA in attendance.



The Honorees with an official  
of the Shipyard.



The Mixed Honor Guard -  
Army, Navy and Marine.



Annita Red Cloud  
and Tris Yellow Cloud  
with leaders of the  
Ho-Chunk Nation.



Annita Red Cloud and Mrs. Clemins  
christen the RED CLOUD.



The  
USNS  
RED CLOUD  
on the  
launch pad.



The  
RED  
CLOUD  
slides  
into  
the water.

## MINDORO 1944 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The 19th Regiment 24th Division was pulled out of Leyte. We made a beach assault landing on the Island of Mindoro in the Philippine chain. We landed without too much resistance. We moved inland and ran into several pockets of Japanese Soldiers in bunkers and caves and we proceeded to flush them out until the Island was secure. We set up positions all around the Island. My name is Charles E. Blunt (nick name Chuck), I was the Squad leader in charge of a squad of riflemen and a machine gun squad. We set up a bunker for the machine gun with material that was supplied to us and sand bags. We strung barbed wire on both sides of the machine gun bunker and proceeded to dig in behind the bunker and then we set up tents for our sleeping quarters. All the time maintaining guard duty. Sgt. Mendoza was my Assistant Squad Leader. The Island of Mindoro had become a supply depot for the Division, and they were landing all kinds of landing craft with supplies and equipment being unloaded on the Beach. There were ships anchored off shore loaded with hi octane gas and bombs, etc. We were being attacked by Japanese Zeros almost constantly, flying from Manila which was still held by the Japanese. As near as I can recall about four or five times a day. One day while being attacked we noticed one of our fighters chasing a zero flying over the tip of the Island. The zero evidently was a Kamikaze Pilot, as he headed straight for one of the ships anchored in the bay that was loaded with hi octane gas and bombs and proceeded to dive right into the center of it. This created an implosion as the ship went down. I observed a couple of minutes later this wall of water forming where the ship had gone down. It was at least twenty feet high. I alerted the machine gun squad and my rifle squad to move away from the beach double time. We were running as fast as we could and pieces of metal were falling all around us. After the tidal wave hit the beach we went back and discovered that the machine gun bunker and all the barbed wire had been washed away and destroyed. We ended up doing everything over.

A few days later we were alerted that a convoy of Japanese troop ships were headed our way from Borneo and the rumors were that they would make a landing on

Mindoro and try to retake it. We were put on alert and every one manned their positions. That night we observed flashes of gun fire several miles at sea. I had a pair of night binoculars and I was able to see what was going on. We had a PT Boat Base on the Island and what I saw was our PT Boats attacking the Japanese escort ships with convoy offshore and doing a great job. The battle lasted for several hours. The next day I saw that the convoy had sailed right by Mindoro but the PT Boats had done quite a bit of damage to the convoy. Things were quiet for a few days and then we got some good news. A Liberty Ship with, I believe, 50,000 cases of beer had finally caught up to the troops. We had been promised, I believe, six cans of beer a week. The bad news was the Infantry was going to unload it from the ship. It was done in ships. One crew was assigned on the beach, one crew on a barge anchored along side the ship and a landing craft acting as a shuttle taking the beer ashore. Each crew had a Sgt. In charge. I was the Sgt in charge of a crew in the hold of the ship loading the beer into cargo nets, then dumped on the barge and on to the landing craft and taken ashore. I sent two of my crew to the reefer to get two buckets of ice each which we filled up with beer to chill while we worked. The soldiers were moving really slow at the beginning and picking up a case of beer and walking slowly to deposit it in the cargo net. After a few beers the cases of beer seemed to become lighter and the soldiers were tossing the cases of beer into the cargo net from about six or seven feet away. The soldiers drank their share of beer for the next few days working around the clock. This is how we finally caught our promised beer ration.

Memories of Mindoro, Island  
In The Philippines

Charles E. Blunt (Chuck)  
Sgt. Squad Leader  
1st Squad 1st Platoon  
Co. C 19th Regt..24th Division

**11th FIELD ARTILLERY/26TH AAA  
REUNION**

January 4, 2000

Dear Army Reunion Attendee:

Reunion time is drawing near again. Be sure and mark the dates of April 26, 27, 28, 29 and check out on the 30th. The Grand Ramada Hotel in Branson, MO. If you haven't been to Branson there is just so much to see and do. We do a lot of visiting and reminiscing. For you folks that have been there in the past, I'm sure you will enjoy yourself again.

Enclosed is a room reservation form and hotel brochure. Please fill them in and send them to the hotel as soon as possible. We have rooms reserved for our group. What rooms are not reserved by **March 26th** will be given up to the public. The rate is very reasonable at \$60.00 a night. The hotel may be a Holiday Inn by reunion time but no problem to us.

Friday we will have a bus for use from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm for shopping, sight seeing or whatever.

Friday we will be taking a dinner cruise on the Branson Belle Boat. This includes a nice sit down dinner, show and cruise. Tickets are \$64.00 per couple which includes tax and tip. I do need this money in hand by **April 1st** as we have to give a count and guarantee to the boat at that time. We will go by bus out to it with the first group leaving the hotel at 2:45 and the second trip 3:30. We will be back early enough they tell me and you will be able to catch an 8:00 or 8:30 show elsewhere.

Saturday evening is our Grand Banquet and picture taking. We will dress up Saturday night for the banquet but other than that dress is casual the rest of the week.

Everyday starting the 27th of April we will have a Hospitality Room where we will serve snacks and soft drinks. No liquor or smoking. We will have a Continental Breakfast at the hotel each morning if you want one. No extra charge. Bring your army pictures and there will be plenty of room for lots of visiting.

There is a Mall within walking distance and two other bigger ones in town. Lots of shows you can go to. They have these in the morning, afternoon and evenings at different theaters. Lots of little shops, helicopter rides, duck rides and most anything you can think of. Silver Dollar City is a short distance away r which takes you back in time with old things and craft items, etc.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Branson. Please plan on attending and enjoying yourselves with the rest of us. We will all have a good time I'm sure. The Visitors Bureau will be sending you a free packet of the show schedules and all attractions in the area. This will probably not come till February.

Sincerely,

Howard & Arlene Buckles  
1108 6th ST P.O. Box 267  
Keosauqua, IA 52565  
Phone 319-293-3012

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

How do you want your name listed on your name tag? \_\_\_\_\_

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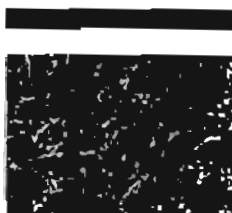
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CHECK-IN DATE: APRIL 26, 2000 AFTER 3.00 PM

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RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE: MARCH 26, 2000

PLEASE MARK BELOW THE DATES YOU WILL BE STAYING

DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
DATE	30-Apr-00	01-May-00	25-Apr-00	26-Apr-00	27-Apr-00	28-Apr-00	29-Apr-00
# ROOMS							

ROOM RATE: \$60.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX

INDIVIDUALS MUST MAIL A CHECK OR VISA, MASTER CARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, OR  
DISCOVER CARD FOR ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT ALONG WITH THIS RESERVATION FORM  
OR RESERVATION WILL NOT BE MADE.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER:

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SIGNATURE:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

BRANSON GRAND RAMADA  
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ATTN: RESERVATIONS

**(This is an email from Eli Culbertson, L Co, 21st Inf sent to Ray Estabrook, B Co, 19th Inf, both POW's in what is known as the Tiger Survivors. It tells the story of a day in November 1950, when Lt Thornton was murdered by a North Korean Major. Eli has given his permission to print this account in the Taro Leaf as follows:)**

It was November 1, 1950 when Lt Thornton was killed. The names of the officers he saved that day are Dunn, Adams, Stavrakes, and myself. Adams went berserk from the experience and wouldn't do anything. He died a few days later. These names were the five officers called top the hill that day by the Tiger.

I was deep in my Hail Mary's when the Commissioner (Commissioner Herbert Lord) pushed me off the mound and told me to go back to my section. He said that the Tiger had asked Section Leader of Section seven to step forward. I, in retrospect, believe that he used the number 7, because that was the section directly in front of the Mound as confirmed by Johnnie Johnson and Inkie Chance. My section was number six and Adams was number eight. I don't recall what Section Stavrakes had. But again, in retrospect, these were the sections that were within viewing distance of what was going on. I believe to this day that the Tiger had planned this from the beginning in his effort to gain full control. The fact that I saw two guards come to the hill carrying shovels after Thornton had been shot indicates that it was planned. The placement of the section in front of the mound must also have been planned. As you know we had 13 sections and number 7 is smack dab in the middle of that numbering sequence. \*

Since I had started my Hail Mary's I can't recall the dialogue that others described, but that also makes

sense in that it was a staged execution. I will believe this to my dying day. That event is and has been indelibly inscribed in my brain. Unfortunately, I can't forget. Perhaps that is also part of my PTSD. The Commissioner did really talk the Tiger out of killing all of us. I can recall the Commissioner telling us that we were to be executed for allowing men to drop out of our sections. He also said that during the rest of the March he would kill the section leader of any section that permitted drop outs. During the next nine days, as you know almost 90 men were shot by the guards. I remember the number 90 because that is the number of miles of the "Death March". I think the actual number was 88, Colonel Dunn says 104, but that number includes those killed at Kosan and in the cornfield before the march began.

As you know the Commissioner was an inspiration to all of us. We often asked him of any news of being liberated. If you recall there were times when we could hear the noise of the rifles, artillery and other sounds of battle. One night, around the middle of the march the Commissioner came into the building in which we were staying. It had a stove and a fire and was somewhat illuminated. As the Commissioner entered the room someone asked him for the news. He said the news tonight is "Good News" and then repeated the 23rd Psalm. I will never forget that. It gave us all a lift. Whenever I hear it or say it, even to this day, I recall that incident. I don't think I have ever told you that, but I have mentioned it before to other officials of the SA here in the States. One was a classmate of mine in Pocatello, Idaho who became a career officer in the SA. He now lives in Sacramento. He has told me that he has repeated this story many times in his sermons or lectures at the SA Halls. So now you know it. Perhaps this should be passed on. Mike Tsutsui's Medal of Freedom

Was accomplished by a very strong and coordinated effort by Peppe. He asked several of the officers to give him sworn statements for Mike. I was one of the several who made such a statement and supported Peppe's effort with a donation, as did some of the other officers.

I can recall the first day when the Tiger took over, he had Mike cornered and shouting at him. I thought then that he was going to kill Mike. For some reason he did not. Mike said the reason for that tongue lashing is that he used the wrong form of Japanese when talking to the Tiger. Mike knew that he did, but to save his neck he switched over to the polite form to be used when talking to a superior. Again Mike saved my life when the Korean Doctor (at the Japanese Camp) followed me out of the "Hospital Building". He wouldn't give me any medicine and I told him to take the medicine he had and stick — — —

— — —. I think he was about to kill me then, but Mike saw what was happening and intervened in my behalf and told the Doctor that I was really sick and needed medicine. The doctor then admitted me to the hospital. That was when I became aware of you and Stearns. You two worked together and I think he eventually made an officer. It was there where I recovered sufficiently to be sent back to the main group, around Mid August 1950. I think you also should have an award for the work you did in cleaning up after those who were sick and those who were dying. If it were not for Wolfe, who became my friend in the hospital, I might have died there also. Wolfe included me on the food we stole from the fields nearby and from the warehouse. I was caught by the guard names "The Bull" and he made me stand at attention with my arms held straight out to the side while he proceeded to beat me over the head with corn cobs. Some of which I stole. He continued on until I almost collapsed

from that beating. I went in the store-room when I was told that the Bull was sleeping inside on the pile of corn, just brought in by the farmers. He woke up as I was filling my pant legs with corn. Oh well, we all had our share of that. I haven't thought of that for some time.

Shorty, I think your story of how you and Stearnes helped the doomed men who were in that hospital should also be recognized.

Love to you, Eli



I get all the 24th Infantry Division news from the TARO LEAF

When you go to bed at night  
And you can't sleep, don't  
Count sheep, give your  
Troubles to God. He'll be  
Up all night anyway!!

## CHRISTMAS DAY 1950 IN KOREA BY LACY BARNETT

Sunday, December 26, 1999

Tonight as I was traveling home from Indianapolis, I made a couple of stops. The temperature plus the wind chill brought it down to one degree above zero. It was flashed into my mind the many Christmas Days that I have spent away from home. The most dominant memory is Christmas Day 1950. As we had been near the Yalu River just a couple of weeks before and almost froze due to the extremely cold Siberian air, we were sitting on the frozen and extremely cold hills just below the 38th Parallel. On that 25th of December, our artillery was firing around the clock at the expected location of the Chinese Communists troops. There was a great deal of apprehension. General MacArthur had promised us just before Thanksgiving that we would be home by Christmas. Our Army had not been able to issue us adequate cold-weather clothing. We knew that the Chinese would soon launch a massive and vicious attack against us. We wondered whether or not we would be pushed into the sea. Many of us thought that we would not live to see another Christmas. Our lack of faith in our Creator and Master above was clearly evident. We did have a modified church service and every single man attended it. Your 21st Regiment was east of our 19th Regiment and I am sure that the situation that existed with us also existed with your unit. Certainly not all of our men lived to see another Christmas and there were many Chinese soldiers that did not live to see another Christmas.

OH, THE UTTER NON-SENSE OF WAR. Why do adult men have to go out on a battlefield and try to kill each other? It is horrible enough in the summertime but as you know, it is ten times more horrible when the temperature is below zero and the wind chill factor takes it to 20 to 40 below zero. The Chinese did launch their expected vicious attack against us on New Years Eve, 31 December 1950. I saw more fireworks that night than I ever want to see again.

Those of us that survived the terrible winter of 1950-51 plus the hot steel that the Chinese were throwing at us, have many things to be thankful for. Two days following 25 Dec 1950, you were fortunate enough to depart Korea for seven days of leave in Japan. About 3 weeks later, I was medically evacuated to Japan with a kidney ailment. One thing I have to be thankful for is that I did not have to return to Korea after hospitalization. Even though we are now fading into the twilight of our lives, our health is still relatively good. We have our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all born subsequent to Dec 1950. Each one of us have individual things to be thankful for.

You and I can reasonably feel secure from ever having to endure anything like the winter of 1950 again. However, it is incumbent upon us to pray that our descendants do not ever have to go through anything like that.

### THE BEAUTY OF LOVE

I must conquer my loneliness alone. I must be happy with myself,  
or I have nothing to offer. Two halves have little choice but to join;  
And yes, they do make a whole.  
But two wholes when they coincide.  
That is beauty. That is love.

Lillian Darr

.Received a letter from J.E. Leyba of Trinidad, Colorado. November 1, 1999

Dear Editor:

It would please me very much if I may be allowed to share My Dream with the 24th Infantry Division Association. At the present I have been suffering daily with colon cancer and I have recently learned from my doctor that my cancer has spread to my liver, which means that it is only a matter of time now. I can honestly say that I was and still am very proud to have served in combat with our 24th Infantry Division from day one, June 1950 through June 1951, with the 34th Infantry Regiment and our 21st Infantry Regiment.

May our Lord watch over each of you and keep each of you in very good health.

Sincerely,

J.E. Leyba  
M/Sgt Retired  
P.O. Box 370  
Trinidad, CO 81082  
719-846-4881

Received from.

J.E. Leyba, "F" Co '50-'51 2nd Plt/2nd Sqd

This morning I had awoken from a very beautiful dream at 04:10 am and with your permission would want to share with you:

#### MY DREAM AND ONLY MY DREAM

"In my dream, which was as clear as it could be, I saw myself dressed in full uniform at the Arlington Cemetery, sitting on the grass and leaning against a large tree. I was there looking at the tombstones of our fallen buddies. I felt someone kick my boot, as I looked up, a Security Guard from the Arlington Cemetery was looking down on me. As I looked up to him he told me that I had to leave. As I stood up I was face to face with one of my fallen men in my Rifle Squad. He looked over his shoulder and said, "Hi guys, look who is here, Sargent Leyba. About that time I said to my men to Fall in, we're moving out. About that time I woke up. I can assure you it was a beautiful feeling to once again be with my men after such a long time being apart. I believe in my heart that I will treasure my dream until the end."

#### NOTE FROM EDITOR

When sending newspaper clippings that you wished printed in the Taro Leaf, please show that you have received permission from the Newspaper in question. I regret that I cannot reprint articles unless permission is received. (This does not apply to obituaries.)

Yvonne Mullins  
Rocky Mount, MO

Dear Yvonne:

I have enclosed a letter I have sent to Mr. And Mrs. Wittman thanking them for the photographs taken at the National Cemetery.

To my astonishment they had photographed the grave marker of one of my buddies killed in Taejon on the 20th of July. You can see by the letter I sent to the Wittman's the events that took place on that day. That photograph alone was worth all the years of subscriptions to the "Taro Leaf" for me.

Thank you for printing it in the November issue of the Taro Leaf. Thank you and all the others in working and caring for the members of the 24th Division. Living and dead! You have no idea how I look forward to receiving each issue.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Slaney, 34th Infantry

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Mr & Mrs Wittman  
Keyser, West Virginia

Dear Harry and Frances,

I hope you don't mind my writing to you like this. But I just have to thank you for your pictures taken at the National Cemetery and sent to the Taro Leaf monthly. I was just about knocked off my feet when I took a look at it.

49 years ago I was with the 34th Infantry in Korea. With PFC Graham! We were part of a bazooka team fighting in Taejon on the 20th of July 1950. There were four of us. Graham, Stevens, Griffe (Grife) and myself. We were attempting to fight the Russian supplied T-34 tanks in the city. Using the outdated 2.36 bazooka, which had no effect on the T-34 unless you were able to get above it and fire into the top of the turret.

We had been able to destroy one T-34 like that and were in the second floor of a school building, close to a bridge looking for more to come across. A tank fired a shell right into the schoolroom we were in. I was blown out the window by the shell blast and the others were killed. To this day I'm not sure just how I got medical treatment for the shell fragments through out my body and head. I don't remember how I got out of Taejon and Korea to the Tokyo Army Hospital but somehow the medics did it.

Seeing that photograph and finding out it is not too far from where I live was astonishing to me! Each year on the 20th of July I have a little ceremony remembering my three friends who never got the chance to live on. Now I can at least carry out the ceremony next year at Graham's graveside. I don't think there could have been two Graham's in the 34th Regiment killed on the 20th of July so I'm sure it must be him.

Again thank you for your kindness toward our dead comrades and the respect shown them. Would that the congressmen from West Virginia show the same respect toward them and the disabled veterans from that war. The no vote toward the Veterans medical treatment in the VA hospitals will be remembered by me and others come the next voting years.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice (Bob) Slaney  
34th Infantry Regiment  
24th Infantry Division

No God, No Peace.  
Know God, Know Peace.

# 21st Infantry Gimlets Regiment KOREA

(Pictures below submitted by Robert G. Shipley of Knoxville, Tennessee)



McCORMICK F/21 KOREA 1956



McCORMICK, BAGBY CO. F21



SPEC. MAGEO, SGT. MASON  
F/21/24 1956



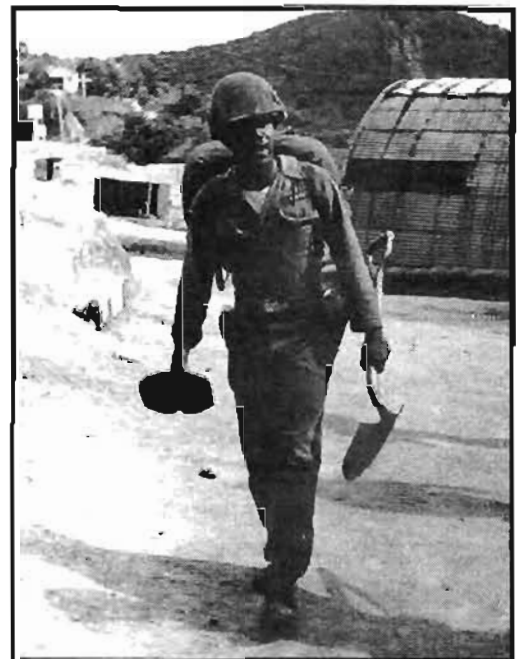
LOOKING NORTH OVER THE IMJIN RIVER



SHIPLEY F/21 KOREA 1956



ENTRANCE TO 2nd BN,  
21st. INFANTRY REGIMENT



DOC HOWELL KOREA 1956

## ***THE FIRST DAYS***

***By***

***Robert H. Smith***

June 25, 1950—I had been in Japan for about six months stationed at Camp Hakata, on the Island of Kyushu, the Southern most island of the Japanese archipelago. It was formerly a Japanese seaplane base in World War II. It was a beautiful place to be stationed while with the Occupation forces. The Bay of Fukuoka on one side of us and the Sea of Japan on the other.

Summer was a fabulous time for us G.I.'s. We swam in the ocean, biked in the country side and went to dances in the cabarets. We did train and during the six months I had been there, we had been on maneuvers twice; once up at Morrey and once at Beppu. There was also some day and night time maneuvers near the base. This was a beautiful place for me to because I had never seen plant life so abundant and flowers so beautiful.

June 25, 1950 was a Sunday like many others. I had risen early and went to church services. A Missionary had the service and I remember his sermon on how we G.I's should contribute money to the missions. He said, "Give 1, 2 and 3 and not 10, 20, and 30, to the missions". Eventually it was clarified, he meant \$100, \$200 and \$300. Me, a private, I could not even have given him 50 cents let alone a \$100.

After the church services, I went back to the barracks and wrote some letters home. It was then near dinner time so a number of us went down to the mess-hall for our noon meal. A couple of us decided we would go to the movies later on in the afternoon I don't remember what the name of the movie was.

The movie was about half over when everything went dead and a voice came over the loud speaker, "All men of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion report back to your barracks immediately". At that moment I didn't give much thought to why. A few minutes later another call—"All men of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion return to your barracks". Some more of the men got up and left. Now I began to wonder what was going on. Thoughts going through my mind were there was a fire or a storm coming.

If memory serves me correctly, no more men were called out. After the movie was over, We went back to our barracks. There was an M.P. standing on the steps and his first words to us were, "You are restricted to the barracks". We asked what was going on and were advised that North Korea had invaded South Korea. We were also told to pack our gear, draw our rifles and ammunition; and this we did. It was thought by the troops that the "higher-ups" thought maybe the Russians were going to invade Japan.

The following day we were instructed to dig fox holes on the parade grounds and sand bag them. We set up 50 caliber machine guns in the fox holes. We also mounted a 50 on the top of our barracks and surrounded it with sand bags. Some of us were assigned duties on the guns.

I do not recall how many days later when ships loaded with refugees started to come into Fukuoko harbor. We were then given the job of unloading the refugees. If I recall correctly, the men of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion were moved into tents on the parade grounds and as the refugees were brought into camp, they were housed in barracks of the Battalion.

It is my understanding that many cargo ships operating in that part of the world were diverted to South Korea where they took on as many of the displaced persons as they could and brought them to Japan. We, the men stationed at Camp Kykata, would go on board the ships, gather a family groups together and bring them ashore and then process them through the Red Cross who provided them with coffee and donuts, hygienic supplies, and a telephone call home. They then boarded a bus which took them out to our camp. This procedure went on for several days.

Very few ocean-going ships came into our harbor and as I remember, these could only come to the dock at high tide and then only two could dock at one time. I remember looking out in the bay one morning and seeing lines of cargo ships at anchor waiting to come into the dock to unload their human cargo of refugees. There had to have been over fifteen big ships at anchor.

As I have stated, this went on for several days and then it stopped. Then one day I was working in the motor pool on a three-quarter ton truck (A-4) when I looked out the door and saw Second Lieutenant Terrell coming toward me. He said, "Smith, come with me, I want to talk to you". I followed him outside and we squatted in the shade of the building, with his permission, and he said, "I have some good news and some bad news—the good news is that the truck you have been working on will be running tomorrow". I said, "Now what is the bad news". He looked me in the eye and stated, "Tomorrow you and I will be part of the advance party. we will board LST's tomorrow and go to Korea". He further told me to pack all my belongings and turn in what I did not need, to the supply room for storage.

To shorten this article, we did board an LST and landed in Pusan the next day. A number of crazy things happened to us on the way to Korea. Some I did not know about until a couple of years ago when I again met, Second Lieutenant Terrell, who is now retired as a full Colonel, and is a member of our organization.

What I have written is my recollection and as you know this happened 50 years ago.

Blairsville, PA  
December 8, 1999

Dear Bob,

As an old Veteran of World War 2, when I typed the date it made me think of Pearl Harbor on the 7<sup>th</sup>. How many people pay attention or forget?

The reason for this letter—just got my “Taro Leaf” and I do read every bit of it. Saw your name as Vice President from Btry A, 11<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bn.

I was a member of Battery A from May, 1942 until August 8, 1945; a groups of 13 of us “draftees” were the first replacements into this regular army outfit; they called us recruits. We went straight to the field positions on the North shore of Oahu. From there, on July 1, I left for Australia, part of an advance party, the rest came a few weeks later. From Australia to Good Enough Island. Then to Dutch New Guinea at Tannermah Bay and Hollandia air strip. Out next operation, landing on Leyte of the Phillippines, we opened and secured the beach for General McArthur’s return. January 18th, I attached to 38<sup>th</sup> Division to Luzon and across Battan Peninsula. Then to rest camp on Mindore.

After a few weeks we went to Mindanao, where on August 8<sup>th</sup>, I left my outfit on the point system. The first atomic bomb was dropped the 6<sup>th</sup> and the next one on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I was discharged September 15, 1945. I was with my outfit over three years.

I have a log of dates of moves and ship names and LST numbers.

I have a history of the 11<sup>th</sup>, FA from 1917 until 1951.

You fellows in Korea had it rough, part of your action is in the book I have. Do you remember Porter Walker, Cpl, he drove an M5 tractor picking up stragglers when your position was overrun. I was on K.P. with him and he stepped into the sump, just as the first Sgt. was going by, Walker hollered “Put Matviya in for a medal”, as I reached my hand out. Another time on New Guinea I had Walker on a detail digging post holes for a clothes line. He said that is all the deeper they dig holes in Carolina. I convinced him to dig them deeper like we do in Pennsylvania.

On page 74 of the “Taro Leaf”, is the obituary of Ed. Ellinghausen. He was our Btry Lx.. Spent time with him in the CP section half of the time I was out with the forward observers.

Nicholis (Mickey) Matviya

## THIRD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

1901-1952

### HISTORY

(FROM: Walter F. Marszalek, 3rd Engr. Combat Bn. Dog Co. )

The 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion was organized, as the 3rd Battalion of Engineers on 25 March 1901 at Fort Totten, New York. During the next fifteen years the Battalion was employed, by companies, in all the foreign service stations of the U.S. Army. Units served in Cuba, Panama, the Philippines, and the Hawaiian Islands, as well as in the United States. It was during this period that General Douglas MacArthur served with the Battalion from 1909 to 1911, first as Commander of "K" Company and then as Battalion Adjutant.

On 1 August 1916 the Battalion was expanded and reorganized as the 3rd Engineer Regiment with components in the Philippines, Hawaii and Panama. In April 1921, the Regiment assembled in Hawaii and became the Engineer component of the Hawaiian Division. During the ensuing twenty year period most of the military construction on the Island of Oahu was accomplished by the 3rd Engineers. The Battalion earned for itself the proud title "Pacific Engineers" with a present day record of 40 consecutive years of overseas service in the Pacific Area.

On 1 October 1941 the Regiment was reorganized to form the 3rd and 65th Engineer Combat Battalions. On the same day the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions were formed with the 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion becoming one of the original components of the 24th Division. In July 1943 the Battalion left for Australia where it engaged in extensive training along with other units of the Division. Leaving Australia in 1944, the Battalion served in the Tenamerah Bay and Hollandia operations in New Guinea, and in Leyte and Mindanao campaigns in the Philippines performing many difficult feats of engineer work; chief of which was the construction of two roads across Leyte in the face of tremendous natural difficulties. "C" Company was later attached to the 34th Infantry for the assault on Corregidor, with the 3rd Platoon winning the Distinguished Unit Citation for this action.

Following the cessation of hostilities with Japan, the 3rd Engineers moved with the 24th Division to occupy Japan, landing in Shikoku in November 1945 and moving first to Honshu in January 1946, then to Kyushu in June 1946 where the Battalion took up station in Kokura. During the early occupation period from 1946 till 1949, the Battalion was mainly concerned with occupation duties such as the supervision of erection of troop and dependent housing at the various stations of the 24th Division.

In July 1950 on three days notice the Battalion moved to Korea with the rest of the 24th Division to stop the onrush of the Communist Forces into South Korea. The Battalion furnished Engineer support throughout the Kum River Campaign with "C" Company being cut off and suffering heavy losses in Taejon. Later, the 3rd Engineers lived up to the combat portion of their designation when committed as infantry along the Naktong River for a period of three weeks.

During February 1952 the 3rd Engineers returned to Japan with the 24th Infantry Division and have been actively engaged in continuing engineer support to the Division while training the numerous replacements who have joined them.

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### **VETERANS REMEMBERED**

*A paper of peace was signed long ago, not many alive to recall,  
the 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month, shells stopped,  
the horror of it all ended forever and ever was told us all.*

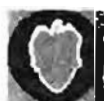
*The "Great War" was at an end none to be ever again, again,  
ghosts of them rise their heads now with surprise and disgusts,  
they gave all they had to insure this peace, and entrusted to us,  
there is no great war after all, for evermore another comes, again.*

*Flags remind us now of what they gave, but who they were and when,  
ask a child of school they'll not recall meaning of 11/11/11 at all.  
Few if any march to refresh it all, if they had not then we'd fall,  
ghosts will rise again should we forget to remember where and when.*

*War, after war, fathers and sons, uncles and even aunts heard the call,  
all but a very few gone to a better place, waiting for you and me.  
They will ask of us; How is it now, better for you, true for it is ?  
How can we answer this question, to dishonor, they gave for you and me.*

*Images of friends long since gone, flash again, again into minds eyes,  
a stretched hand that can't be touched lost for all time, but in memory's,  
deepest caverns to rise again as fall gives way to winter's storms,  
faded distant tunes are played, hummed from old soldier's memories.*

*Have all forgotten, and been forgotten for what they gave for who, when ?  
I for one recall with nightly darkness, each and everyone, now till I am one.  
All the ghosts are a part of us, in you and me for now and forever then,  
Raise your hand to your heart and pay respects owed, over due, to them.*



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James L. Postma 1945 Camp  
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Dear Rosalea and Peter:

Sally has urged me for some time to record my World War II experiences for you. Considering you tracked the calendar with my adventure on Breakneck Ridge, I thought this might be an appropriate time to report what happened following November 6, 1944.

This account covers the period from our withdrawal from Breakneck Ridge to November 13, 1944, the date of my departure from Leyte Gulf on the hospital ship "Mercy". It details the most harrowing experience of my life, a three-day period in the hold of a ship during recurring "Kamikaze" attacks by Japanese aircraft.

#### I.

The latter part of October, 1944, the American Navy had engaged Japanese Naval Forces in what has become known as the greatest Naval battle of all time which virtually destroyed the enemy fleet. [I had had the opportunity to observe this battle at a safe distance, but that is another story]. In addition, American and Allied Air Forces had virtually destroyed Japanese air power. As a result, the Japanese homeland had become vulnerable to American and Allied assault and the Japanese were desperate for any measure that might save their homeland and bring them what they hoped would be ultimate victory.

Part of their strategy was to retake Leyte Island and drive the American Forces out of the Philippines. Accordingly, the Japanese had re-enforced their forces on Leyte Island, and to support this re-enforcement it was necessary for them to destroy the American and Allied shipping in Leyte Gulf.

Without any semblance of a Navy, and with limited air power, they decided to attack American Allied and Naval Forces in Leyte Gulf with suicidal aircraft attacks: that is, one pilot in one plane was assigned a mission of diving his plane into one Naval unit.

It was the Japanese hope that this tactic would destroy our Naval Forces, make it possible for their Army to retake Leyte, and would drive American Forces out of the Phillipines.

The Japanese pilots assigned this mission were known as the "Kamikaze", or "divine wind", so named because some time in the distant past Japanese armed forces had been saved from an enemy Naval attack by a "divine wind" which had scattered and destroyed the enemy Navy.

## II.

On November 6, 1944, following our withdrawal from Breakneck Ridge, I reported to the battalion aid station assuming they would put some sulpha on my wound, bind it up, and return me to duty. I had been hit in the upper left thigh during the engagement on Breakneck Ridge, but the impact imparted only a slight stinging sensation of short duration which in no way disabled me at the time. I was able to proceed with the withdrawal without any difficulty and actually without any awareness of the injury after it occurred. However, by the time I reached the aid station (which was perhaps a mile from Breakneck Ridge) I did feel some stiffness in the thigh, but did not think it required any further attention. Nonetheless I was taken by an ambulance to a field hospital (probably 5 or 10 miles from Breakneck Ridge) where I was operated on sometime after dark. I remember being in a tent with a surgeon who gave me the impression of being highly organized, and who proceeded to lay open my thigh for the purpose of removing whatever it was that was imbedded next to a bone. He was unable to remove the object, and then decided not to close the surgery (or whatever they call it) saying that it would be better for the wound to heal from the inside out, so as to avoid infection (which was the reason for the operation in the first place). I remember sitting up after the operation and seeing my thigh laid open, which was quite a surprise to me as I had no idea this was going on. I also remember the surgeon as being one of the gentlest, kindest persons I had ever encountered. I never knew his name and often wondered about who he was, where he came from, and where he went from Leyte. It was just one of those chance encounters with one individual whom you never saw before, nor again, but who made an impact on your life.

After the operation, I was taken to a Catholic Church at Palo, a small village on Leyte not far from Red Beach (which had been converted into a hospital). [Life Magazine carried a picture of the interior of the Church, approximately from the

position of my cot. Lew Ayers, the movie actor, a conscientious objector, was a chaplain's assistant on duty while I was there.]

### III.

On November 11, 1944, I was taken from the Church to a hospital receiving ship in Leyte Gulf off Red Beach, where I remained for three days awaiting transfer to a regular hospital ship which would take me to a general hospital at Hollandia, New Guinea.

At this time, I was immobile as a result of the operation. (I did not become mobile again until a couple of weeks later). With many other wounded, I was given quarters (one bunk) in the hold of the ship.

It was during this period of time that the Japanese launched their Kamikaze attacks.

At the time, Leyte Gulf was crowded with Allied shipping, thus many targets were presented to the Kamikaze. Every hour on the hour, or oftener, for a period of three days, day and night, we were subjected to these attacks.

First came the ship alarms, shrieking, penetrating, blood-curdling screams warning of impending attacks and calling the Ship's crew to battle stations. Then the continuing concentration of anti-aircraft fire seeking to destroy the enemy planes hurtling toward their targets. The anti-aircraft barrage was repeatedly punctuated with exploding enemy aircraft striking their targets or simply hitting the ocean. Relief came with the all-clear signals, following which our Navy friends would give us an account of damages received and inflicted.

During an attack, we in the hold could do nothing but just lay there and tremble. I was impressed with the bravery of my fellow patients, none of whom gave any indication of fear, which I admired and envied. Then I realized that they were all probably as scared as I was.

Of course, our ship was not a prime target for the Japanese, because we were not a fighting ship, a troop or supply ship. Nonetheless, we had concern of mistaken identity, or that the enemy would not care whether we were or were not a valid military target.

After three days of this, we were transferred to the "Mercy", a Navy hospital ship. I remember being placed in a bunk with clean sheets, which moved me to tears.

We steamed out of Leyte Gulf during the dark, our lights on as notice to the Japanese that this was a hospital ship, but nonetheless they did bomb us during our departure. We escaped with no direct hits.

It took five days or a week to go to Hollandia, during which time we were safe from enemy attacks.

#### IV.

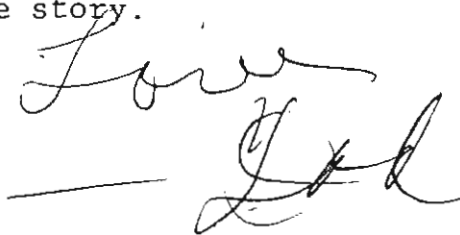
I was in the hospital at Hollandia from perhaps November 20, 1944 until January 18, 1945, when I was returned to the United States, which is another story.

But during my convalescence at Hollandia, I panicked whenever airplanes passed overhead. I remember one occasion, having been alerted by hospital authorities that a flight of A-26's (a very distinctive American plane) would be passing over at a designated time, I remember hearing the noise as they approached, watching then as they passed over, being fully aware that they were friendly and there was no possibility of any danger, and yet my sense of panic at the event was uncontrollable.

Since this was a recurring reaction, and completely illogical, I thought I had better get some medical assistance so I talked to the hospital psychiatrist. He told me that the reason for this uncontrollable reaction was the three days I had spent on the hospital ship during the Kamikaze attacks: that whenever one is placed in danger, his adrenaline begins to flow which energizes him (her) for action; that ordinarily, one who is in a place at time of danger is able to react physically which releases the energy generated by the adrenaline; that being incapacitated, I was unable to take action which would release that energy, and that as a result something (I don't know now what it is) broke down which accounted for the unreasonable reactions of panic that I was experiencing. I might say that this continued for a period of several years after the war. I remember being in Lawrence, Kansas, and hearing an airplane overhead, and then experiencing the same sense of terror and panic as I had in the hospital on New Guinea. Eventually, of course, this wore off, so I no longer have that problem. Incidentally, the only nightmares I had after leaving combat, and which continued for several years, were dreams in which an airplane would fly straight at me and just before it hit me it would explode without causing any damage.

This ends tonight's bed-time story.

James L. Postma died April 18, 1998.  
His wife, Sally sent this letter which  
Is now in the Kansas University  
Libraries in his memory.



## **NO ATHEISTS IN FOXHOLES**

BY

William T. Llewellyn

During World War II occurred one of the most significant events of my life. I was 19 years old at the time, and our Infantry Regiment had just recaptured the town of Olongapo and the Subic Bay Naval Base in the Bataan Corridor north and east of Manila on the Island of Luzon in the Philippine Islands. Three miles from Olongapo a narrow road called Highway 7 wound upwards through dense jungle and twisted back and forth through rugged terrain. This stretch of twisting road was known as Zigzag Pass and the ensuing battle of Zigzag Pass changed my life. The jungle was so thick that there was no visibility five yards from the road, and yet the Japanese could observe every movement coming up the road from observation posts high in the hills ahead and were dug in with well camouflaged positions connected by tunnels. From the moment our Battalion entered the Zigzag, it came under intense heavy mortar and artillery fire that seldom let up for the three days that we were there. We advanced 200 yards up the road, fell back 100 yards, advanced 150 yards, fell back 200 yards each time digging new holes or falling back into old positions. At one of these positions I shared a hole with an 18 year old replacement who had joined us after the Leyte campaign and was in his first battle. We could hear the thump as the Japanese dropped their mortar shells in the tubes and the interlude of several seconds while the shells were in the air, and then the explosion in the trees around us and the

whine of shrapnel as they would land. Many combat veterans have experienced the same agonizing fear and know this feeling. The suspense while not knowing whether you live or die while the shells are in the air can be unbearable, and the replacement was sobbing next to me in the hole, and I suddenly started saying the Lord's Prayer over and over which I had done many times before. I didn't know what else to do, but here was something I could relate to because of my background. I grew up in the LaGrange Congregational Church but never believed I would ever need the Lord at such an early age. The praying I did calmed and strengthened me, and I put my arm around the sobbing soldier and tried to comfort him. I would like to think I helped him but believe I did. I found out later he had never been to church. He had not become acquainted with the Lord as I had in Sunday School, and he had nothing to grasp onto. He didn't know how to pray, yet I had felt God's presence as soon as I started praying.

Our battalion was relieved on Zigzag Pass after three days and suffered 50% casualties, including 90% of the officers and non-commissioned officers of Battalion Headquarters Company. During that war I found that people with a strong faith in God were the strongest people in difficult situations. I have called on the Lord many times since. He has never let me down, and he didn't in Zigzag Pass, the most intense three days I will ever experience, where I put him to the ultimate test.

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(Bill died in the hotel fire in the Philippines in 1984 during the 40th anniversary return trip.)

**Letter from Roy H. Welch of 6018 Laketree Ln. #20E, Tampa, FL 33617.**

“Here are the two pictures of Hill 522 I promised to send you. As you probably know very well by now that hill has some real true meaning to the soldiers who ran up that hill (twice) on October 20, 1944. It was on that hill that I saw a Japanese bullet rip Dallas Dick’s carbine from his hands and that same bullet wounded Lt. Dick. He was a real soldier and a very good credit to the 24th (Victory) Division. That is not to take away from any one of the other men on that faraway hill on that bloody night. We didn’t even have time to dig in but lay stretched out on the hill with a Japanese machine gun spraying lead across our backs just barely missing and sometime hitting some of our men. That night hand grenades were rolled over the top by both sides. The hill was honeycombed with tunnels so the Japanese could move about freely in those tunnels until they were finally dug out by our riflemen. I was a machine gunner as I had been put in that position as a replacement in New Guinea at Hollandia.

Memories are vital to a person but I’m sure many men would love to forget those brutal things that take place in mortal combat but those memories linger on and make us realize the futility of killing each other. Loving and trusting each other has much more meaning.



**Hill 522 looking from Palo**



**Hill 522 from the East from the direction  
We attacked.**

## 339th ENGINEER BATTALION (Remembrances of Soldier)

by  
Henry E. Stoen

### Pearl Harbor Attack by Japan until my induction into Army.

On December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked I was employed in the machine shop of Morrison Steel Corporation in Buffalo, NY. I worked on tools and dies, mainly for the Government. On that day I became an "enemy alien", since I had a German passport. I had filed the first papers for citizenship. As an enemy alien I had to turn in my radio, because it had a short wave band as well as my camera to the district attorney office in Buffalo, NY. My residence was in Buffalo. It also made me ineligible to volunteer for Army service as many men were doing. They turned me down because of the "enemy alien" issue. I had to wait until I was drafted. I also had to report to the District Attorney office every time I planned to go out of town.

Sometime late in 1942 I received a letter from the Government asking me to state "if I object to being drafted". I answered that in the negative and sometime later was classified 1A and required to report for a physical examination. This examination was very brief and when I returned home I found a postcard, which had been mailed the day before, stating that I had "passed" the physical. I was thus asked to report to the induction center on January 13, 1943. When I reported, as required, to the District Attorney, to fill out the papers for leaving Buffalo, I could not answer the question "for how long" and "where to". At first they thought I was trying to be cute and understood that I was expected to report to the army at Fort Niagara, NY.

I was sent to Camp Croft, SC for basic infantry training and then on to Fredricksburg, VA to Fort Belvoir for engineering training camp. This last 12 weeks. In late July 1943 one half of the graduate trainees were sent to Indian Gap Point in PA for embarkation to Europe and the other half, including myself were put on a train to Pittsburgh, CA. On August 13, 1943 we were on a barge to Oakland and then on to Australia, which took us a month. We spent one week in Brisbane and then embarked on an LST for New Guinea.

New Guinea I was designated a replace-

ment" and was assigned to the recently arrived 339th Engineering Construction Battalion at an advanced base in Southern New Guinea, which was Milne Bay. I was assigned to "A" Company but noted that Headquarters Company had some machine shop trailers. I spoke to the officer in charge of "A" Company and pointed out that I had a lot of experience in operating those machines. As is typical for the army I never set foot into any of these trailers. I was assigned to building of docks, warehouses, bridges and roads. The climate was humid and we were in tents in the jungle with very little fresh fruit. We occasionally watched natives harvest coconuts. The women were barechested. The tents had space for six soldiers. We took cold showers in an improvised simple shower installation. Except for a couple of days, when I was diagnosed to have dengue fever, I was well. We were issued atabrine tablets for daily consumption against the symptoms of malaria, which were yellow and gave us eventually a yellow complexion.

In April 1944 we were told that we would be part of a force that would bypass several Japanese bases along the west coast of New Guinea and invade the former Dutch New Guinea areas of Hollandia and Tanamera Bay. In between was an airfield and one of our jobs was to build the road connecting the two areas and the airfield. We were assigned shallow wooden boats to land troops, the corral reef would not allow other craft to get to the beach.

One incident remains in my memory. My sergeant was a very strong and muscular soldier and always seen sharpening his jungle knife, which was razor sharp. His buddy was a tall and hairy soldier (I mention this since the Japanese soldiers are neither tall nor hairy). The sergeant and his buddy shared a tent the first night on shore and there was concern about Japanese soldiers infiltrating our area. One of the guards raised an alert in the middle of the night and the tall soldier tried to get out of the tent by stepping over the sergeant. The sergeant used his knife and sliced his buddy to death. Apparently he thought he was being attacked by Japanese. My sergeant was transferred to another unit and we never heard anymore about him.

Henry Stoen (continued)

### The Philippine Islands

In October 1944 General MacArthur made good on his promise to return to the Philippines. We were part of the invasion of Leyte and again loaded an LST. Unfortunately when the armada left Hollandia our LST was too far on the beach and we had to await the new tide before we could leave. We were thus a single ship trying to catch up with a large armada of ships, the largest yet in the Pacific war. We finally found our assigned space in row 2. The landing followed a huge bombardment of the beach area of Leyte and as far as one could see there were ships. When our LST landed the LST next to us was hit and there was a lot of shrapnel, which injured a couple of our men.

In January 1945 we were again on an LST, this time to the main island of the Philippines, namely Luzon. Our destination was a beach near Lingayan Gulf, near where an air strip had been started before the war and we were to get it ready to accept our fighter planes within 72 hours after landing. Our LST had problems and soon after departure we ran out of fresh water very shortly. Also while observing the beach bombardment and related activities we were supposed to be anchored. During that anchoring process our LST lost 3 of the 4 anchors and we were only secured by one anchor. When the word finally came to approach the beach for a landing, our LST hit the back of another LST. Needless to say we were glad to get off that LST. Fortunately there was essentially no resistance to this landing. We began our immediate task to complete the airstrip. The airplanes then used same in the attacks on Clark field, which was taken shortly afterwards.

Our tasks included building roads and there were a few occasions when Japanese soldiers showed up and were taken prisoner. During this time our army also took Manila which was completely destroyed and burned out. Shortly after I was able to borrow a jeep and enter Manila with some food. My mother had given me the former address of a distant relative and also an address of someone known to friends of ours in Buffalo. I was able to locate the later very quickly in a Philippine house and was able to make contact and leave some food. I also found the wife of that relative. My mother had told me about. The husband was on another island and I left some food and established contact.

I had entered the army and was sent overseas as a private. I was promoted fairly fre-

quently regardless of being Jewish. In spite of my unsuccessful encounters with the commanding officer I ended my service as a staff sergeant.

In August 1945 we were told that we would be part of the invasion force of Japan and were assigned to pick up a marine battalion at Okinawa and assist in landing them on the beaches. We were provided new rifles and much new heavy equipment and jeeps and began loading LST's. The atomic bombs were dropped during this period and the war finally ended in late August 1945.

Our 339th Engineering Battalion was deactivated and most of us were temporarily assigned to the 37th Ohio State Division and we were staged in the former Prisoner of War Camp outside Manila, Cabanatuan. We spent about 2 months there exercising, reading, watching movies, and in November 1945 were taken to Lingayan Gulf by train for embarkation. Our ship was a former German Diesel ship which was quite slow and arrived in San Francisco around Christmas time. When we first boarded the ship we were given a quart of frozen milk in a paper carton. We drank it as fast as we could thaw it out. We had no fresh milk in almost 3 years. Another thing I remember is the music they played on that ship. I believe we heard "I am dreaming of a white Christmas" a thousand times, with Bing Crosby.

We arrived in San Francisco while it was snowing and were told we were the last ship they could allow to unload since there was no space to accept the arriving troops. We were sent to Camp Stoneman where the trip had begun. My final destination for discharge was Fort Dix, New Jersey. I met my brother Herman in Fort Dix. It was his job to give the soldiers who were being discharged the final medical shots in their arms. He and I both proceeded to New York City late in the afternoon on December 31, 1945, New Years evening. I was discharged and Herman was on pass.

I attended college under the GI Bill and graduated from the University of Buffalo (now the State University of New York). I received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering, part of the February 1949 graduating class., graduating summa cum laude. Joan and I were married on September 8, 1948.

I did attend a reunion of the 339th Engineers in 1995 at Chattanooga, TN. At the reunion they discovered I worked on nuclear power plants and I was asked to give a short talk on what I had done after leaving the Army.



Hawaii Scenes Before World War II

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## EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter received from Bob Campbell of 1333 Overlook Dr., Manhattan, KS 66503: "In November of '98, I went on line to get what info might be available on the 24th Division. I was shocked, and elated to see a message from a Sgt. (Mack) Joe McCarter, looking for men who served with him in Korea, I shouted, that is my squad leader! I can't adequately describe the emotion. We talked on the telephone, and we knew we had to get together. Four more men were contacted over the next several months, and a reunion

evolved from there. What made this a special reunion is the fact that five of us, Clarence Dadswell being the exception, were in the same squad when we arrived in Korea in July or August of 1950. Sgt McCarter was later elevated to platoon Sgt. We were among the first replacements to arrive, joining the 24th in Taegu, following their first encounter with the North Koreans. After a few weeks of rebuilding, our first action was the crossing of the nakdong river."

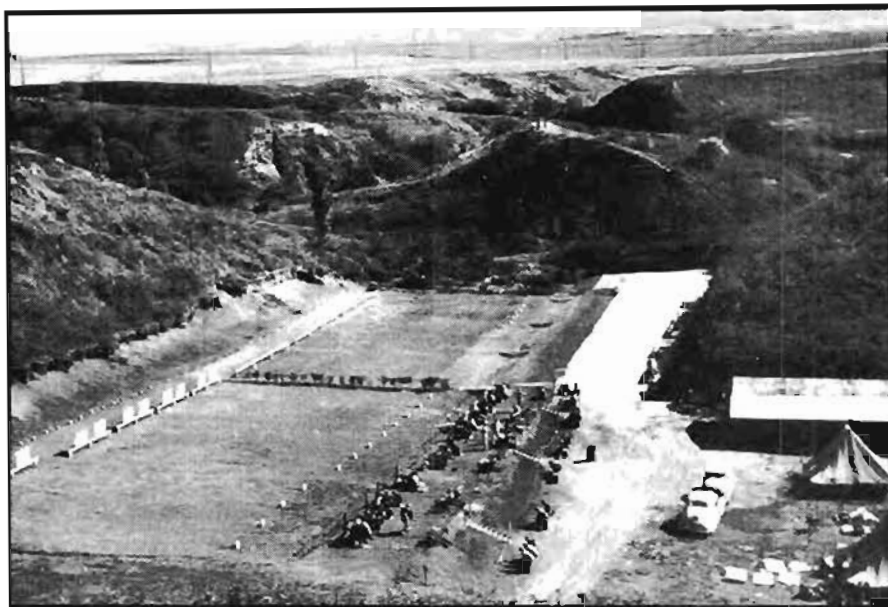
Happiness is good health and  
a bad memory.

Now in the case of paying your dues,  
we hope your memory is good.  
If you have not paid your  
dues, this is our gentle reminder  
to do so.

### KOREAN WAR VETS MEET



Former Korean War Platoon Sargent and Lexington County Courthouse Crier, J.W. McCarter, was able to locate some of the members of his platoon through the Internet. He invited the veterans and their families to his home for a barbeque on august 21. McCarter, along with several fellow soldiers, was injured during the war. The majority of his platoon was killed. Former members of the A Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Division are left to right: Leslie McCarter of Knoxville, TN; Richard Wagner of Sylvania, OH; Robert Campbell of Manhattan, KS; J.W. McCarter of Lexington; Clarence Dadswell of St. Petersburg, FL ; and Thomas R. Gulladje of Rockingham, N.C.



Hawaii Scenes Before World War II

Pictures submitted by James M. Huff or Madison Heights VA 24572-0121

Ray and Betty Bach send Christmas greetings to the Association and want to let everyone know their new address:

R.D. Bach, Pines at the Park  
155 W. Brown RD, Apt. #263,  
Mesa, AZ 85201, Phone: 480-615-7975. "We are adjusting to living here just fine. We swim every day in the pool which is nearby. Of course, it's a tiny pool, we're not setting any swimming records, never did, so it's just fine for us."

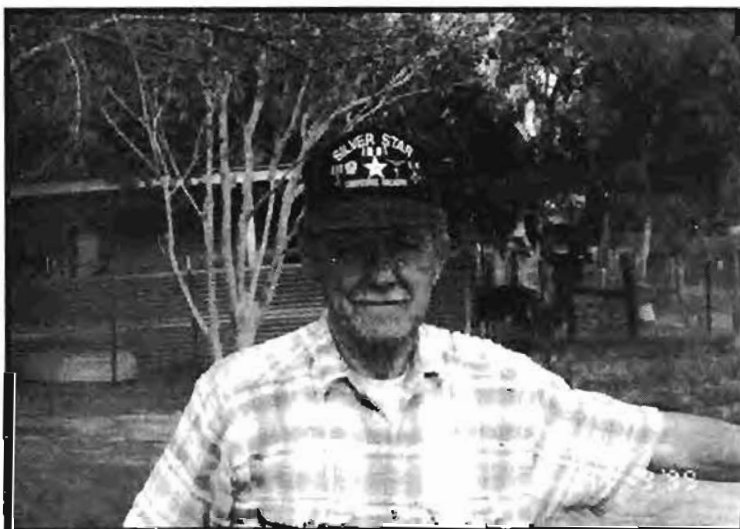


## EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**CORRECTION:** See page 37 of the November 1999 issue of the Taro Leaf. The picture is JD Henley with Fred PUTNAM, 1st timer not Fred Farmer.

A letter received from Basil Steed of 46 Chewings ST, Australia. "M/Sgt Matthew P. Montee was with me in Korea during the early days, 50 years or so ago. He sent me the enclosed photos of the tank and himself. The Australian Korean War Memorial will open in April 2000."

**M/SGT Matthew Montee**



Tank (Korea 1950)



### ANNOUNCEMENT

Two girls from Dordrecht, the Netherlands are looking for information on the Liberation in 1945. Experiences of soldiers during the period 1944-45. They are wanting this information for a school assignment. Any Veterans that would like to assist in submitting such information please write:

Evelien aan de Wiel  
Wittenstein 183  
3328 MV Dordrecht  
the Netherlands

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**Don't forget your dues.:**

**Annual is \$15.00 and  
Life membership \$150.00.**

**Send to:**

**Will Schumaker, 1300  
East Hartley, Ozark, MO  
65721-8437.**

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**Note from Eric Diller:**

"Vonnie, I sent the part in quotation marks to our local paper. The editor added a few comments which I thought were pretty good."

World War II veteran Eric Diller emailed: "Senior citizens, including WWII veterans, can get reduced rates on golf courses on weekdays. On Veterans Day, we not only do not get a reduced rate, but pay more because it is a holiday in our honor. Does that make sense? Why not let veterans play free to really honor us?" I'll go one step further, sir: All American combat veterans should play free on public courses at all times, period. (John Bogert)

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**Note from Ed Farmer:**

"Please put my change of address in the Taro Leaf." This is Ed's new address: 3860 Bryant St., Reno, NV 89503 and phone number: 775-747-2784.

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**EXCERPTS FROM  
LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR**

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A note from Raffle winner Betty Hood: "What a pleasant surprise to open the mail and find a letter from you and a check for \$500.00. Thanks to my good luck and the 24th. I'm sorry I wasn't there, it would have been exciting to receive it there. Maybe I'll get to the next convention – no promise at this time." Betty Hood

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A letter received from  
**Phil Jones of 5987 N. 300  
W., Greenfield, IN 46140:**  
"I was wondering if anyone had any information for a Richard Leroy Jones, he was in the 24th in 1950-1951. He was from Brazil or Staughton, Indiana. Thanks for any help you can give me."

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Received pamphlets from Carl F. Bernard of Alexandria VA about "Soldiers For The Truth." If you are interested you may write to: Soldiers for the Truth, P.O. Box 127, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121 or website: [www.sftt.org](http://www.sftt.org)

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Note from Gary Waterkamp of 70932 Sherman Rd., Edwardsburg, MI 49112-9139. "I took a picture of the back end of our trailer after our last trip to Southern Indiana to show you my spare tire cover. My son and grandson in St. Paul, MN painted this for me as a surprise a couple of years ago and this past summer I had two cars blow their horns as they passed us. I feel they recognized the 24th Division emblem. One was in Northern Michigan and the other was just south of Indianapolis, IN." Picture of Gary's trailer with Taro Leaf emblem below:



William "Bill" Lambert of 270 S.W. 3rd Street, Boca Raton FL 33432, Ph: 561-345-4683, former member of G Company, 19th Infantry, who was present when they moved from the Upper Post at Schofield to their new barracks (in the 1930's), is seeking information about the barracks in question. Are they presently occupied by present-day battalions? Any information would be gratefully received by Bill.

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Note from Linda High of 1209 Reading Road, Narvon, PA 17555, PH 717-445-8246 writes: "My father, Robert L. Haas of Pennsylvania, served in the 24th Infantry in Korea. Any information you can send will be greatly appreciated. My 9 year old son would like to order a POW/MIA bracelet, and we thought it would be more meaningful if he could wear a bracelet from someone in his grandfather's unit. Do you have any info on anyone MIA from this unit? Thank you."  
(Please contact Linda if you can help)

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Children of Joseph H. Ruen (Whitey) are searching for information from any veteran who knew or served with their father in Korea during this time. Their unit was located in the Kumliwa Valley, and was the point unit to push the Koreans back across the Yula River. Also any information you may have on this unit. Email Joann Ruen at: jnr@q1.nrt

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Jim Hillyard writes, "I am looking for information about the 21st Infantry at Schofield Barracks as a Company Commander when the Japanese attacked. We know that he was in New Guinea and other Islands in the Pacific and was gone for four years. Could anyone tell me what he and his unit did during the war?"  
(email Jim at hillyard@maxinet.com if you can assist him.)

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Email from James Jones: papajami@mindspring.com  
Writes: "William A. Crews POW survivor of death march with the 24th Infantry. 6000 at the beginning of the march of which 400 survived. I was a member of I Company, 25th August 1951-May 1952. I would appreciate any information concerning my buddy."

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Email from M. Cook mjc0956@aol.com  
"Do you have any information about the family of William Burroughs (spelling may not be correct). Originally from Lambertville, NJ. My father in law was in the Korean War with him and has been wishing he knew where he was or if the family could give him information. 24th Infantry Division, 21st Infantry Regiment, Company D. Any assistance would be helpful."

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Email received from: sleds2@aol.com  
"After a 6 month search, I have just reunited two army Korean vets who haven't seen each other in 46 years. Carl Brown and George Domin. They were in the 555 FA BN together. They were reunited at a Madison Hospital on December 15, 1999, complete with news and newspaper coverage. The bad news is that Carl Brown is in the hospital with 40% of his body burned. I have set up a Carl Brown Burn Fund at Tri City National Bank, 6400 S. 27th Street, Oak Creek WI 53154-1097 to help out with the many skin grafts and medical expenses, not to mention transport to and from the hospital when he gets out and a special bed that he needs at home. We need your help. Please

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Donate to this fund to help out an injured vet.

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"Churck" Ashley, 80 years young.

I was radio operator on "300" Field Radio, South Pacific, 1st Platoon, Dog CO, 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

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You are showing excessive optimism when you are waiting for your ship to come in when you haven't sent one out.

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You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

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Michael Pritchard

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*Marriages are made in heaven, but then so are thunder and lightning!!*

**Van Truelove** of 305 Worthview, Fort Worth TX 76114, phone number 817-738-5200, B BTRY, 13th FABN, 24th Div (Taejon, July 1950) is seeking anyone who was there and remembers when he was shot in the face during Korean War.

Dennis Ellison is seeking information about his brother Virgil Ellison who KIA September 5, 1950 while serving with the 24th Div 21st Regt 2nd BN Co H near Pohang, Korea near a village called Sandang-Ni. Bill Wyrick provided me with a wealth of information but both of us cannot locate the village and that is where I need some help. Virgil enlisted May 6, 1949 from Detroit, MI and served at Camp Carson, CO from 1 Nov 1949 until 30 July 1950 and then Camp Stoneman, CA from 31 July 1950 until 10 August 1950. After this assignment he was in and out of various APO's and then finally with the 24th Division. Bill Wyrick, Historian of 21st Inf and TFS indicated that he may have been sent from the 34th to the 21st as the battalion was merged to the 211st. Virgil's MOS was 04812 and from what I understand from a POW in that unit, Virgil was a mortar man. I am asking that if anyone who knew Virgil or even served with his company to please write me at Dennis Ellison, Box 85, Chase, Michigan 49623 or email me D.ellison@carrinter.net. Thank you for all of your assistance.

Letter received from **Urias Hughes** of 106 Canterbury Dr., London, OH 43140-1222. "I received word at Christmas time that John (Jack) Burk HQ CO Japan '45-'46 passed away in Sep-



tember and that John Kohar passed away in 1998. Kohar was in the 19th in the Philippines and Shikoku in Japan. I joined Headquarter Company 1945 in Matsuyama, Shikoku, Oksyama, Honshu then to Kokura, Kyusho. At Kokura I was Major General James A. Lester's jeep driver, orderly dog robber, you name it whatever he needed. I'm enclosing a photo he mailed me in 1954. General Lester is buried at Arlington National Cemetery close to President Kennedy and his wife. General Lester was a very considerate individual. He was like a father to us 19 year olds.

## EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter received from **Gerald P. Deegan** of 337 Millwood Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514. "I was in the 21st Regt. I write to report on the creation of a veterans memorial in Garden Park, a Westchester County Park, in New York State. It is just north of New York City. The Veterans Memorial honors our soldiers in all of our wars, but features two wars in particular, The Korean War and the Vietnam War. I will be happy to answer any questions.



To Hughes, an old comrade.

James A. Lester

Letter received from Tom Cacciola of 25 Skyline Dr., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632-1815. "I am Historian of 955 FA BN. My unit saw action in Korea from April 8, 1951 in North Korea but was in South Korea from mid January 1951 and stayed in Korea till 1953. Early in April 1951 we supported the 24th Division. I remember reading the "Taro Leaf" newsletter. I think it was a 2 page typewritten info letter. In May 1951, the Taro discusses "who we are, boys from Brooklyn NY. A federalized Brooklyn F.A. Bn on 19 Aug 1950 with plenty of experience in artillery. We were the furthest unit to go to Korea, in addition we were the 1st N.G. Artillery unit in Korea. Anyway if not the 1st, definitely the 2nd, since the 204 FA Bn fired April 7 and we fired on April 8, 1951. Since I'm involved, also as a Disabled American Vet National Service Officer, I try to help people get Vet Disabilities (and monthly) money of course."

Dr. Phil Hostetter received a letter from Lloyd T. Potterton of 222 Balsam St., Spooner, WI 54801-1103. "I was a private in E Co 19th. Captain Ebbets was my C.O. I was wounded on Hill Baker. My first surgery was in the Church in Palo. You were very possibly the surgeon that took care of me. I was sent back to Hollandia, then to a hospital in Colorado. I was finally discharged from the Hospital first of November '45. I met you once at on the 24th reunions. I always felt I was in the best Division in the U.S. Army. I wish you well and thank you for taking good care of me in my first of many operations. Enclosed check for your book, "Doctor and Soldier In The South Pacific."



## EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter from Ed Farmer who recently moved to: 3680 Bryan St., Reno NV 89503. "Thought I would send you some pictures of the old days of the 21st Infantry and Hawaiian Division prior to birth of the 24th Division. As you can see from various pictures our army before WWII was that uniform and equipment was still WWI issue types.

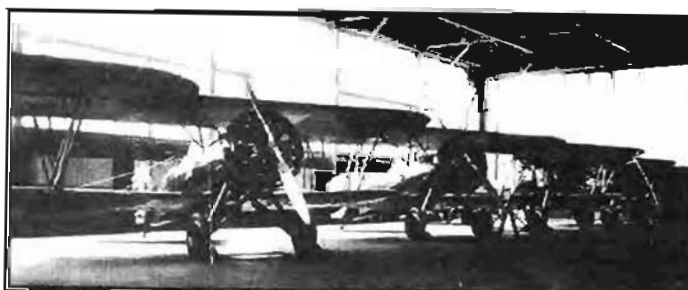
Ed Farmer with lots of hair.



H Co 21st Infantry



1936 Motorized Inf 21st Inf H Co.



1936 Wheeler Field. Air Corp Pursuit Ship.

## DRY TEARS

Red poppies blowing in the wind,  
across fields in far off land..

White markers all in rows, straightly standing,  
among emerald lawns, and cobbled paths..

Again, once more they stand, shoulder to shoulder,  
hand to hand, defending all shores of man..

Bitter cold, rain wind nor snow, summer heat,  
can their bodies feel, from beneath, they rest..

Called to go and serve, do their best,  
duty done, long ago, time is done..

To weep for all eternity would take,  
honor their memory, put to rest our fears..

To cry for all would drain mind and soul,  
pray on bent knee, if you will..

Safely now they lie, they have earned the rest,  
so for them cry only Dry Tears..

By

David Baillie

P.O. Box 5

Elburn, IL 60119

Email: 34thtkco@elnet.com

## A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

Throughout the history of our great land,  
Have been many men and women who took a stand.

Husbands, brothers, fathers and sons  
Marched off to face enemy guns.

How proud they were; their heads held high,  
Not knowing whether they would live or die.

There were women too, who played a role,  
Serving their country, paying a toll.

One goal in common, they strove to preserve,  
Was the freedom ALL people deserve.

Surely, you must know one of these women or men,  
Also known as a VETERAN.

Give them the respect and honor they're due,  
After all, they sacrificed for YOU!

Dear God, please bless each one in a special way,  
For securing the rights we have today.

By Shirley Jones Whanger Copyright 1999

# **"Another Soldier's Coming Home"**



*His back is bent and weary  
His voice is tired and low  
His sword is worn from battle  
and his steps have gotten slow,  
But he used to walk on water  
or it seemed that way to me,  
I know he moved some mountains  
and never left his knees.*

*Chorus:*

*Strike up the band, assemble the choir  
another soldier's coming home  
another warrior hears the call  
he's waited for so long.  
He'll battle no more, but he's  
won his wars, make sure Heaven's table  
has room for at least one more.  
Sing a welcome song,  
another soldier's coming home.*

*He faced the winds of sorrow,  
but his heart knew no retreat.  
He walked in narrow places  
knowing Christ knew no defeat.  
But now his steps turn homeward,  
so much closer to the prize,  
he's sounding kind of homesick and  
there's a longing in his eyes.*

*Chorus:*

*Strike up the band, assemble the choir  
another soldier's coming home  
another warrior hears the call  
he's waited for so long.  
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Received notification from Arlo Peterson of Limon CO of the death of a friend, "Bernard "Curley" Criswell, 65 of Grinnell, IA July 18, 1999. Arlo says, "I met Curly when we were both stationed in Korea 24th Med. BN. I was there from November 1955 till February 1957.

Bill Kerns of 12397 Bowman Rd., Independence, KY 41051 writes, "We lost a man from the Division on November 27, 1999; James W. Clark of Erlanger, KY, HQ Co 21st Inf Regt, 24th Inf Div. Jim was a very good friend."

Received a letter from Rosemarie House of 77 Arrowhead Dr., Waterloo, NY 13165-9493. "My husband Jack passed away on August 6, 1999 after 7 1/2 years with throat and lung cancer. We thought his cancer was a thing of the past after he had surgery when they removed 3/4th of his left lung back in November of '95. It came back a year later. He is sadly missed by his grandchildren, children and myself. This picture is from his scrapbook and captioned "Somewhere in Korea October 1, 1951. He is on the ground, foot on the step."



### Jason A. 'Jack' House

**WATERLOO** - Jason A. House, 70, died Friday (Aug. 6, 1999) at the Clifton Springs Hospital after a long illness.

Private arrangements were by the Mull Funeral Home, Inc., 113 Virginia St., Waterloo, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Bonacci, parochial vicar of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Geneva, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Finger Lakes Community Cancer Center or The Clifton Springs Hospital, both on Coulter Road, Clifton Springs, NY 14432; or to Genesee Region Home Health Care, 94 Main St., Genesee, NY 14454.

Jack was born July 23, 1929, in Waterloo, N.Y., the son of Jason S. and Mary E. Troutman House. He retired after 43 years with Greenwood/Bordens Foods in Waterloo. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a life member of the VFW and Waterloo Fire Dept. He was an avid bowler and sports fan, especially of Waterloo's Little League and school sport programs.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Rosemarie "Renee" Rizzi House; his sons, Frank (Lori) House, J. Thomas House, John (Tina) House; daughters, Jacklyn House and Peggi (Bob Ennis) House-Meyers; and grandchildren, Cassandra, Kevin, Nicole, Justin, Hannah, John, Taylor and Samantha, all of Waterloo. Also, his brother, William of Kingston, N.Y.; sisters, Betty (Konrad) Mertens of Tennessee, Ruth (James) Koopman and Barbara (Gordon) Tricker, both of Waterloo; and sister-in-law, Dorothy House-Clayton of Seneca Falls; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his brother, Donald.

**Lawrence E. Greene**, 52nd FA Japan '48-'49 died January 15, 1999. Survived by wife Eve of 3724 Sherwood Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33445-5631.

**Gerald Krissell**, 21st Hvy Mtr Co. 1950-51 died October 29, 1999. Survived by his wife, Shirley of 24 Winding Way, Binghamton, NY 13905.

### Dan C. Moore

Professor Dan C. Moore, 84, of Oxford, died on October 16, 1999 at Newton General Hospital.

Originally from Hancock County, he was the son of the late George Pierce and Louise Connell Moore and had been a resident of Oxford since 1953. He taught mathematics at Emory University from 1940 to 1942, then served as a captain with the U.S. Army 24th Division in the South Pacific through 1946. After the war, he taught at the Emory Valdosta campus until it closed in 1953, before coming to Oxford College of Emory University, where he taught physics for the next 30 years. After his retirement in 1983, a conference room in Seney Hall was dedicated in his honor, a Dan C. Moore scholarship was established, and the Dan C. Moore Honor Fund raised money to renovate Pierce Hall. Professor Moore received the Association of Emory Alumni Award of Honor in 1985 and over the years had several yearbooks dedicated to him, as well as a chemistry book authored by a former student. A well-loved figure on the Oxford campus, "Emory Magazine" in a recent article said of Professor Moore, "Whatever it is that enables an instructor to inspire students, Dan Moore seems to have it." He will be sadly missed.

He is survived by wife Mrs. Noellene J. Moore of Oxford; sisters and brother-in-law Mrs. Louise M. Rocker of Sparta and Ann M. and Ellwood L. Lines of Atlanta; several nieces and nephews.



# **William Charles Hedberg, M.D.**

1921 - 1999

**"For everything there is a season, and a time...  
To be born, and a time to die..."**

*-Ecclesiastes*

Bill passed on September 30 of this year,  
we loved him - we miss him

Elsa Blum Hedberg, Lake Havasu City, AZ

Robert E. Hedberg and family, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Dr. John Gates and family, Lake Havasu - Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Friends and People whose life he touched..



Attended St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin

Graduate with honors from the University of Wisconsin, Medical School Class of 48.

Physician and Surgeon with Kaiser Permanente San Francisco, CA

May 1954 until his retirement June 1986.

Major United States Army, October 1948 to April 1954, Korea and Japan.

Battalion and regimental Surgeon 5<sup>th</sup> R.C.T Korea.

Awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1950 near  
Pagam-ni, Korea.

" During a severe enemy attack, a soldier fighting from beneath an ammunition truck  
was seriously wounded. Hostile action set fire to the truck, and ammunition began to  
explode. Heedless of the dangers of intense enemy fire and the exploding ammunition  
from the blazing truck, he crawled to the wounded man, administered first aid and  
returned him through the withering fire to a place of relative safety."

- John W. Childs - Colonel GSC Chief of Staff

Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement near Kumchon, Korea , on  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1950.

" He left his position of relative safety and moved into the open in order to more  
expeditiously care for the wounded. Under intense fire from tanks, mortars and machine  
guns, he went about his task with utter disregard for his own safety. His coolness under  
fire instilled courage in the wounded and his heroic actions were an inspiration to those  
fighting about him."

- William J. Moroney - Colonel GSC Chief of Staff

Life Member 5<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team  
Marines Memorial Association  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Disabled American Veterans

Member of American Legion  
24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association

He moved to Lake Havasu in 1990.

Put to rest with military honors, at the family plot in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin



Notification from Mrs. Paul Fritsche of the deaths of three of her husband's friends:

**Charles Ahelee of Burlingame, CA August 1997, Ed Shirley of Chicago, IL October 1998 and Willard (Bud) Poe of Bannock, OH May 1999. All were 24th Division '43-'45 Signal Corp.**

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**Joel Holbrook, 33 of Kansas City, MO died October 12, 1999.** Joel joined the Army Band and served about four years in the 24th Infantry Division Army Band at Fort Stewart, GA and in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He later served in the band at Camp Casey near Seoul for more than a year. He is survived by his parents, Harvey and Sonia Holbrook of Central City; two sisters, Connie Holbrook of Rochester, MN and Kathy Holbrook of Eagan, MN and his maternal grandmother, Tillie Finley of Clearwater.

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**Donald E. Winchell L Co, 21st Korea died September 2, 1999.** This notice was sent in by Steve Eggleston, grandson. Donald Winchell is also survived by his wife, Mary Ellen.

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Email from Shorty Estabrook:  
"My dear friend and a true Tiger, **Charles J. Wolfe** died on Thanksgiving day 1999. Charlie was a member of C Company 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division and was captured on 16 July 1950, same as me. He was released on 14 August 1953. His wife preceeded him in death on 13 July 1999. He is survived by 5 sons and 2 daughters.

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Received notice from Laura Ruth Feltner of the death of her husband, Charles W. Feltner. Obituary follows:

**Charles W. Feltner** passed away on November 7, 1999 at a Topeka Hospital. Charles was born September 19, 1926 in Osage City, the son of Alva and Ester Mae Greenstreet Feltner.

He served with the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Inf Division in Korea '51-'52.

He was a tire curer at the Goodyear Plant in Topeka KS. He had been with Goodyear for 30 years. After his retirement he worked for 14 years as road grader for Superior Township in Osage County. He also did some farming. He was an army veteran of the Korean War.

He married Laura Ruth Reese on January 18, 1951 at Emporia, KS. Charles was a member of the American legion Post 198 of Osage City and a member of the Moose Lodge in Topeka.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Ruth, a son Alva P. Feltner of Osage City, two daughters, Joyce Ann Thornton of Osage City, Barbara Lyn Apps of Emporia, a brother Alva Gene Feltner of Topeka, KS, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral for Mr. Feltner was held on November 10, 1999 at the Osage City United Methodist Church. Burial was at the Osage City Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
God Be With You Forever, Dear.

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**Retired Army Col. Harry G. Summers Jr.**, a decorated Korean and Vietnam combat veteran who wrote a nationally syndicated column that appeared in the Washington Times, died November 14, 1999 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was 67.

Col Summers, who lived in Bowie, was one of the nation's most visible experts on military affairs. In addition to a weekly column distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, Col. Summers lectured, made TV and radio appearances and wrote widely on national security issues.

Col Summers was born May 6, 1932, in Covington, KY. He enlisted in the Army at age 15 and served as a squad leader in Korea. He was commissioned as an officer in 1957, the same year he earned a bachelor of science degree at the University of Maryland.

In 1966, Col Summers went to Vietnam as a battalion operations officer for a combat infantry unit. He was twice decorated for bravery and received the Purple Heart twice.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise Cunningham Summers, whom he married in 1951; two sons, Army Lt. Col Harry G. Summers III, a Reserve officer and Army Lt. Col. David C. Summers; and five grandchildren.

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Note received from Howard Bruno of Tucson AZ of the death of his best buddy **Virgil Maxwell** of Jacksboro TX., January 12, 2000. "We served with the 34th on Mindinao and then in the army occupation.

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**QUARTERMASTER 24TH IDA - SUPPLY PRICE LIST**

<b>Control #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price Ea.</b>
1	24th Inf Cloth Patch	(Colored)	\$3.00
2	24 IDA Colored Patch		\$5.00
3	24 I.D. Black Cap W/Patch		\$10.00
4	24 I.D. Cap White W/Patch	First to Fight	\$10.00
5	24 I.D. Decal 2"	6 for \$5.00	\$1.00
6	24 I.D. Decal 4"	Each	\$3.00
7	Bolo Tie W/TL Gold	W/Gold or Black Chain	\$15.00
8	Bolo Tie W/TL Silver	Silver W/Black Chain	\$16.00
9	Belt Buckle W/TL	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle	\$15.00
10	29th Inf. Cloth Patch (Color)	Cloth Patch	\$5.00
11	24th Sig BN Unit Crest		\$5.00
12	19th Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
13	21st Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
14	34th Inf Crest	Current Issue \$10 Pr	\$5.00
15	11th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
16	13th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
17	19th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
18	21st Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
19	34th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
20	11th FA Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
21	13th FA Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
22	24I.D. Lapel Pin		\$5.00
23	21st Inf Lapel Pin		\$5.00
24	34th Inf Lapel Pin		\$5.00
25	CIB(1stAward)1-1346(Mini)	Mini DRESS MESS	\$5.00
26	CIB(2ndAward)1-1347(Mini)	Mini DRESS MESS	\$6.50
27	CIB Lapel Pin		\$5.00
28	19th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		\$10.00
29	21st Cap White/Embroid/Crest		\$12.00
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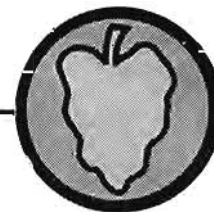
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