



24th Infantry Division Association
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The Start of WWII at 8:10 AM on December 7, 1941. The USS Arizona exploded, having been hit by a 1,760-pound armor-piercing bomb. In less than nine minutes she sank with 1,177 of her crew on board. The End of WWII on September 2, 1945 in Japanese waters, Bay of Tokyo, Military Leaders of the world gathered on the deck of the USS Missouri to witness the signing of the Surrender by the Japanese.

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Thank you, thank you very much.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent the 24th IDA. It is a great honor to be President of this Association, and a privilege to serve another year. Thank you for your trust. I will do my best.

Thanks to our Everyday Volunteers. These are the members who keep this Association alive and well. We are growing stronger. We have many new members; Frances Wittman recruited several of them. Frances took Quartermaster mail call and phone messages while Harry was in the hospital and sent membership information along with each order. Harry is proud of her, and so are we!

To Joe Sweeney, our Historian, Wallace Kukner, Membership Chairman, Wes Morrison, Reunion Coordinator, Norman Treadway, Webmaster, and our Chaplain, Glen Carpenter, I want to say that the volunteer time you give to the Association is what keeps us going strong. It takes all of us working together to keep the Association running smoothly. To Dutch: Your determination and dedication to this Association is an inspiration to all of us.

Special volunteers like Johnny Rodriguez, who was on-site Chairman for the KC Reunion and to Norm Dixon who has accepted responsibility for the Tucson 2003 reunion are invaluable. Howard Bruno has volunteered to help Norm in 2003.

A few of the volunteers who stepped in to help Johnny are; Dot and Don Lloyd, Dot said that registration was made easier by John Trinka keeping the line in order while Dot took the information. Thanks also to Frank and Nancy Geraci, Lee and Wilma Dennis, Francis Heller, Rodney Stock, Helen Greenwalt, Dot Finney, Beverly Rickert, Shirley Morrison, who helped Bob and Jean Lawhon at the Quartermaster table. There were many others helping, we missed getting all the names. Our thanks go to each of you. You are all appreciated. This great Association is Volunteer driven. There are no paid positions. A reunion takes a lot of work to set it up and keep it going every year. Remember to say "Thanks" to a volunteer when you pass them in the hallways.

A few members have questioned office expenses of our Association, saying that they are too high. If you have questions, the place to bring them for answers is to the membership meeting or to one of the Executive Officers. Hallway discussions cause misunderstandings. Come to the meeting and sound off! That is good for the Association. All members need to keep informed; members who are officers need to supply answers. We try to make your fifteen dollars go a long way. We are open to suggestions.

I will announce the Nomination Committee in the next Taro leaf. If you wish to be a part of it, let me know. Also be thinking about who you would like to represent you in the elected offices next year. It should be someone who comes to the reunions.

Dutch will provide comments for the Artillery Units and Don Lloyd will send information for the 3rd Engineers. Who will write for the rest of the Regiments, Battalions and Company's? Is there a volunteer?

Billy

Happy Holidays

*We dedicate this issue of the Taro Leaf to our WWII Veterans.
The photo on the front cover shows WWII from START to FINISH. The USS Arizona Memorial
and the 16" guns of the USS Missouri. You guys did a great job. Thank you from all of us.*

Ephesians 2:21) In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Wow, what a weekend. It was so nice to see old friends and to meet new ones. After everything got going it all came together. As the verse say's, we are all one. That is what it takes to make everything run smooth. Thanks to everybody who helped. We are one family and need to treat each other with love and respect. I felt such a pride for the 24th and myself to be able to give the memorial service. I thought about those who went before us, and those soldiers who will go after us. It was a blessing to see so many people out to the memorial supper. Thank you.

In Christ

Chaplain Glen Carpenter

The Price of Liberty

The price of liberty, as quoted, is eternal vigilance. It is more; it is universal vigilance. Nobody can be free unless everybody is free.

Which point I wish to sharpen and hammer in.

The trouble with most people's notion about liberty is that it is too individual.

When each person does as he pleases, has no law but his own will, there results such a clash and confusion that in the end the only one who gets any liberty is the strongest. In carrying out his will he reduces the others to slavery.

The only possible way for many to get liberty is for them to unite so as to compel the substitution of justice and the general good for the will of the strongest.

This explains why the whole world became involved in a war with Germany. It was because German liberty means liberty for nobody else—Belgium, for instance.

It is also the reason why the United States went into the war. Some simpleminded ones asked why we over here could not go along minding our own business and keep out of the European imbroglio. The answer is that there would not be liberty in this country very long if there were liberty nowhere else in the world.

German policy had already begun to cause the sinking of our unarmed ships upon the high seas.

It also explains conscription, why the congress was justified in requiring every male between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one to take up arms.

At first blush this seems a wanton, arbitrary interference with individual rights, compelling by force even ultra-pacifists and German sympathizers and anarchists to be soldiers when they thought soldiering in this instance or soldiering in general to be wrong. But little reflection will convince one that if there's to be freedom for all everyone must cooperate to secure it.

This also shows why democracy can be successful only when every individual in it discharges his public duties.

Any group of non-voting persons in a democracy is a menace.

All women should have full civic rights, because women being disfranchised accept the protection yet avoid the responsibilities of government. Women should vote, not because some want to, but because all ought to.

Slavery is a danger to any nation, because it makes a politically non-active group of inhabitants.

Any group or class, for whatever reason, that does not participate in public responsibilities is dangerous—including slaves, women, the idle rich, the highbrow who despised politics, and the anarchists who don't believe in government.

And the same principal holds true of the world. The world will never be "safe for democracy" until the last autocratic government is removed.

Liberty is a boat we are all in. A leak anywhere will sink it.

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Dr. Frank Crane

This was written by a black guy in Texas.....so funny.....what a great sense of humor!

When I born, I black. When I grow up, I black. When I go in sun, I black.
When I cold, I black. When I scared, I black. When I sick, I black.
And when I die, I still black.

You white folks..... When you born, you pink. When you grow up, you white.
When you go in sun, you red. When you cold, you blue. When you scared,
you yellow. When you sick, you green. When you bruised, you purple.
And when you die, you gray. So who you callin' colored?

Secretary/Treasurer's Page(s)



1. Rather than report financial and membership numbers as of this day (21 Nov 02) I think it is of more interest to the membership to show what was reported to the men at the annual Business Session at the Kansas City reunion. Those attending got to see my Annual Report, so you should also. The next two pages are copies of the report I handed out -- each Member got a copy. Following my Annual Report are the Minutes of the Business Session.

2. The above, notwithstanding, our status today is 2,883 Members and \$37,882.08 in the Checking Account and a CD worth \$58,617.03 if it were cashed today. This is the best financial condition our Association has ever been in, and a steady increase in member numbers -- at least I think so. The Association files and records from various sources, such as Kenwood Ross's office, have been shipped to me -- 36 boxes so far. With Margo's help I have been plodding through them weeding out duplications, etc, and systematically filing the rest. None of the records I have examined so far show anything like the \$96,499.11 that we have now.

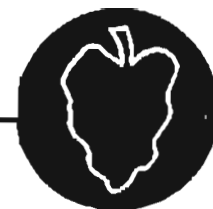
We have had larger member numbers, but many of these were invalid -- long since deceased, had not paid dues in many years, etc. With the help of Wally Kuhner and Dick Hubbard our membership is now made up of valid, paying members. Dick Hubbard has sent out 933 membership renewal notices, and this has really, but REALLY, paid dividends. I am going to try to get him to run for Sec/Tres, *but don't say anything because I haven't talked to him about it.*

3. There were no questions from the floor regarding my Annual Report, but I did get wind that there was some "grousing in the halls" about the amounts spent for "Postage" and "Executive Expenses." Bear in mind that we are not running a Boy Scout Troop here -- we have 2,883 guys, widows and family members to take care of. There are membership cards to be sent, letters to be answered, phone calls to be made. It cost \$297.66 in postage just to send Taro Leafs to the new members this year. The "Executive Expenses" go to about 15 or so members who seem to do all the work in this outfit. In addition to long distance phone calls and postage, there are also trips to ship launching and ceremonies in Washington. If you can do better for less money step forward, we need you. There is an old adage: *"If you ain't part of the solution, you are probably part of the problem."*

4. Very good news -- our Quartermaster Harry Wittman (also known as "Harry The Gimlet") is out of the hospital and home again. In spite of losing a foot he was still able to send in \$3000.00 profit from the QM operation, **and** remain our number one recruiter -- even signed up men while he was flat on his back in the hospital. Also, our sincere thanks to the Lawhons for filling in at the reunion.

5. "A Page For Red Legs" this issue is a copy of sheet music of The Artillery Song I had given to me by a "Cannon Cocker" friend. Inside it is dated "1937" although the song is older than that. (Note the Cannoneers riding the limber & piece, and the men on the "near side.")

24th Infantry Division Association



Secretary/Treasurer Report

55th Annual Reunion, Kansas City, Mo

21 September 2002

Membership:

Total number of members: September, 2001 = 2,947
September, 2002 = 2,852

By Type:

Annual: 1,418 (all pay dues)
Regular: 1,360, Associate: 58
Life: 1,385 (46 are paying dues)
Regular: 1,377, Associate: 8

Complementary: 51
Honorary: 3 (Petrick, Vonnie Mullins, Harp)

Dues = \$21,390.00 per year
Total of 162 new Life Members since I took over Sec/Tres

By Area/Time of Service: (Many served in more than one)

WWII, 836	Desert Storm, 22
Korea, 1,459	Riley, 11
Japan, 945	Pearl Harbor, 56
Germany, 177	TF Smith, 37
Stewart, 34	POW, 27

By Unit: We have 64 units reported. A weak area. Many report no unit at all, or something like: Anti Tank, 2nd platoon, Battalion Hq, or "24th"

Largest units are:	19th	660	13 FA	78
	21st	629	24 Sig	69
	34th	369	52 FA	55
	5th	195	63 FA	46
	3 Eng	108	6 Tnk	42
	11 FA	80	24 Med	38

By State: We have men in all states. The ten largest are:

CA	250	IL	118
FL	210	NJ	100
NY	170	GA	83
OH	147	MA	82
TX	139	MO	69

Financial

All banking is done at The Bank Of Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, where we have a Checking Account and a Certificate of Deposit.

As of 12 September 2002 they are:

Checking Account: \$20,449.39 (Last Taro Leaf cost \$9,091.62 and is paid)
CD: \$58,387.90
Total: \$78,837.29 (Last year's figure was \$72,987.62)
(Ten year's ago figure was \$53,127.66)

In addition to the above, we can expect an additional \$22,000.00± from Corky Peters for the Drawing.

One Year Picture - Reunion to Reunion (1 Sept 2001 - 31 Aug 2002)

Inflows:

Dues & Donations: 36,682.20
Drawing: 21,420.53 (22,530.53)
QM: 3,000.00
Total: 62,102.73

Outflows:

Donations: 1,050.00
Drawing: 1,180.21
Executive Expenses: 5,664.91
Merchandise 798.58
Misc 210.00
Office 2,240.21
Postal/FedEx 1,817.10
Printing-not TL 655.10
Dues Notice Program 500.00
Reunion 5,200.00
Shipping 1,098.31
Storage 225.00
Taro Leaf 27,748.05
Total: 48,887.47

Respectfully Submitted:



Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen
Sec/Tres
Past President

9/13/02
Dutch,
What a bang up job
you & the other movers
& shakers are doing!!
Keep up the good work.
The "Taro Leaf" magazine
is something to be very
proud of also. TXX
Corky Valstad
Oct 34th

24th Infantry Division Association



Business Meeting 55th Annual Reunion Saturday, 21 September 2002 Adam's Mark Hotel, Kansas City, MO

1. The meeting was called to order by President Billy Johnson at 1000 hours.
2. There were 193 Association Members present, which is a quorum.
3. Pledge to the flag was made, and Chaplain Carpenter gave the Invocation.
4. President Johnson introduced Mr. John S. Wight, a Professional Registered Parliamentarian of the National Association of Parliamentarians. Mr Wight will rule on all matters of procedure. Mr Wight had also studied our Constitution and By Laws and would be able to rule on matters pertaining to them.
5. Sec/Tres/Editor Dutch Nelsen read the minutes of the last business session. They were approved as read.
6. A copy of the Sec/Tres/Editor report had been given to each member present. There were no questions from the floor regarding it. (Copy attached)

Concerning the Office of "Secretary/Treasurer/Editor," Dutch announced that the Parliamentarian at last year's reunion, and the Parliamentarian present today, agree that these three things constitute one office, and that "Editor" cannot be appointed separate therefrom. However, the Sec/Tres/Ed can seek whatever help he may want to get these jobs done. He can, for example, hire professional accounting services, or additional secretarial help. As Editor he can engage whatever help he can find to get the job done.

7. The next reunion will be in Tucson, Arizona 24-28 September 2003. Norm Dixon and Howard Bruno gave a brief description of the Hotel we will use and the events they have planned. They urged us all to attend. Their presentations were acknowledged with a hearty round of applause.
8. President Johnson said that the Executive Committee did not have enough members at it's meeting to constitute a quorum, thus any actions by The Committee must be considered as recommendations only.
9. Reunion Coordinator Wes Morrison gave presentation recommending that the 2004 Reunion be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 22-25 September. It would be in the downtown Hyatte/Regency hotel with a room rate of \$85.00 plus tax. Wes outlined some of the activities that were planned. President Johnson said that this location is also recommended by the

Executive Committee. A motion was made from the floor to have the reunion in Albuquerque as described. It was seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion was carried without dissent.

10. President Johnson announced that we would now have the election of officers. From the floor the question was raised concerning Section 2, Article 3 of our Constitution. This Article provides that the term of office for the President be one year. The question asked is whether this allows, or prohibits, the President from being reelected and succeeding himself in office. The Parliamentarian, Mr Wight, took the stand and announced that this provision of the Constitution clearly allows the President to be reelected and to serve consecutive terms of office.

Past President Jim Hill, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, took the stand. He introduced the members of the committee, and that they selected for nomination:

President; Billy Johnson
V.P.; Wes Morrison
Sec/Tres/Editor; Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen

11. For the office of President, Bill Kane, 5th RCT, was nominated from the floor. Sec/Tres/Ed Dutch Nelsen announced that voting would be by secret, written ballot. Under his supervision ballots would be distributed, collected and counted by a team of Associate Members that he had assembled for this purpose. It was noted that Associate Members are not allowed to vote. Dutch invited any member present to come forward to the table where the ballots were to be counted and observe the procedure. Two members from the floor did come forward and observe. Ballots were distributed, collected and counted. The result was:

Bill Kane: 43
Billy Johnson: 95

12. For the office of Vice President there were no nominations from the floor, and Wes Morrison was elected by acclamation.

13. For the office of Sec/Tres/Editor there were no nominations from the floor, and Dutch Nelsen was elected by acclamation.

14. There being no further business the Chaplain gave the Benediction and the meeting was closed at 1103 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen
Sec/Tres/Editor
Past President

"My name is Don Mitchell. I was in Co I, 21st. On page 17 of the last Taro Leaf is a picture of a landing at Dutch New Guenia. I remember it well. Just beyond the palm trees was a large swamp. We went in it early in the morning and got out of it in the afternoon. I was on the larger ship.
Don Mitchell

New Members

Ammons	David P.	11th	58 Loyola Ave	Ventura	CA	93003-2314	805-642-4217	
Andrews	Ron	187 Abn	1840 State Hwy W	Marshfield	MO	65706-9594	417-859-7791	Svc in Germany and Lebanon.
Barnett	Carol J.	19th	226 CR 791	Brookland	AR	72417-8572	870-934-0503	Life; Kin of E. L. Lewis
Blackburn	Wade E.	11th	274 E. Heatherwood	Barberton	OH	44203	330-745-4667	
Brewer	Doyle H.	34th	2371 Hwy 196 West, #43	Hinesville	GA	31313	912-368-5408	Also Div Hq. Life Member
Cain	Michael W.	34th	3602 E. University Ave	Urbana	IL	61802-7044		Father is Paul J. Cain, WWII
Canady	James E	21st	9227 Colorama Way	Lakeside	CA	92040-5107	619-443-6168	
Cole	Paul T.	2/9 Cav	1316 Whispering Hills Cir	Hartselle	AL	35640-8722	256-773-8437	
Conant	Norbert	Unk	647 Morgan Road	Salisbury	VT	05769	802-352-4488	Germany, 59-62
Connally	Raymond	24th Med	410 South Guam	Ridgecrest	CA	93555	760-375-2938	
Curry	Harold J	3rd Eng	6911 W 101 St	Overland Park	KS	66212	913-649-1871	
Cyphert	James F.	34th	Rd 1, Box 583	New Wilmington	PA	16142	724-948-2196	
Deline	Allen L	3rd Eng	7789 Jose Lake Drive	South Branch	MI	48761	989-257-3571	
Elow	Kenneth L	19th	32 Chestnut Hills	New Hartford	NY	13413-2911	315-733-9562	
Fleming	Robert S	724th	2730 Dorothy Dr	Lincoln	NE	68507-2931	402-464-4700	
Fulks, III	William N.	34th	115 Yale Drive	Rockwood	TN	37854-4213	865-354-2392	Father, Lt William N. KIA Mindanao 194
Garceau	Alfred J	3rd Eng	79 Elm St	Watervliet	NY	12189-1757	518-273-8875	
Goedeke, Sr.	John F	34th	29381 Woodbridge Dr	Easton	MD	21601-4621	410-822-7286	
Greely	Archie	11th	119 Liberty Drive	Bogalusa	LA	70427	985-735-9865	
Hall	Duane L.	26th AAA	1637 Blackfoot Ct	Leesburg	FL	34748	352-728-5754	Life Member
Hanner	Donald M	34th	PO Box 1017	Arcata	CA	95518-1017	707-839-8611	Also 21st Regt
Helmick	Col. Frank G.	24th Inf Div	100 Schofield Loop	Fort Riley	KS	66442	785-239-2407	Asst Div Cmdr
Henry	Don L.	40th Div	1801 62nd St	Des Moines	IA	50322	515-279-3030	Leyte, Mindanao
Hession, Sr	Paul J.	3rd Eng	33 Thayer St	Belmont	MA	02478-1302	617-484-0414	Brother, KIA, Korea, 19th
Horne	SFC Billy F.	24th Abn Bde	542 S. Lehigh St	Baltimore	MD	21224-4423	410-534-8031	Also 187th Abn Inf
Johnson	James Edward	3rd Eng	1910 Faber St	Fayetteville	NC	28304	910-424-9198	Grandson of Billy Johnson
Johnson	Julle Lynn	3rd Eng	1910 Faber St	Fayetteville	NC	28304-4504	910-424-9198	Assoc Life; Daughter of Billy Johnson.
Johnston	Edward E	19th	135 Riverside Drive S	Oshawa	Ontario	L1H6P1	905-576-45284	Lives in Canada
Kendall	James J.	19th	2024 50th St, N.W.	Canton	OH	44709-1108	330-494-1597	
La Stella	Carl J.	63rd	PO Box 314	Shaver Lake	CA	93664-0314	559-841-7744	Life Member
Laabs	Merlin	5th RCT	1202 E. Madison St	Colorado Springs	CO	80907	719-633-4727	555th FA Bn
Lewis	Tommy	18th	2918 Hwy 73-E	Hope	AR	71801-6003	870-777-8575	Life; kin of Eugene L. Lewis
Lowe	Richard L	34th	PO Box 311	Baileyville	ME	04694-0311	207-427-8587	
Maher	CW4 Robert	3rd Eng	14419 Holiday Dr	KPN	WA	98329-5126	253-884-4392	Served 1938-1940
Maurin	Dan	19th	635 N. 28th St.	Kansas City	KS	66102-3933	913-342-3751	
McIntosh	Elvin R	21st	5481 Mildred Circle	Cypress	CA	90630	714-827-7718	Also 6th Div MP's
Mowry	Gerald L	Div Hq Co	2414 Ave F	Scottsbluff	NE	69361	308-635-3551	
Neverovich	Charles E.	3rd Eng	4733 Cliff Breeze Dr	N. Las Vegas	NV	89031-3287	702-657-0075	
Oster	Kenn	3/15 Inf	21817 7th Pl. West	Bothell	WA	98021	425-488-3958	Desert Storm, "Kenn" is correct.
Peterson	Ralph V,	21st	38 Brian Drive	Rochester	NY	14624-3620	585-594-0809	21st Band in Japan
Pierce	James E	21st	12705 E. Bowen St	Independence	MO	64055-2409	816-2520-0735	j pierce529@cs.com

New Members

Pino	Enrique R.	3rd Eng	3252 W. Holliday St	Tucson	AZ	85746-2136	520-883-0578	
Pyle	Ron	21st	PO Box 849	Altaville	CA	95221-0849	209-736-4392	
Quinn	John J.	24th Sig	276 Temple Hill Rd #16	New Windsor	NY	12553-6870	845-562-6358	
Reis	Alvarino	13th	7117 SW Archer Rd #31	Gainesville	FL	32608	352-380-9028	Also 40th Div
Richardson	Thomas K	5th RCT,	5557280 Medicine Bow	Fountain	CO	80817	719-390-8928	Also Viet Nam
Rutherford	William	34th	6301 Evelyn St	Harrisburg	PA	17111-4208	717-584-3259	
Ryan	Charles R.	1st Repl Co	5569 Longstreet Drive #	Fort Riley	KS	68442	785-239-8560	Active Duty @ Ft Riley
Santos	Frank J.	21st	600 Woodlark Dr.	Suisun City	CA	94585-2244	707-425-1884	
Sass	Frank R.	13th	10902 Deanne Drive	Sun City	AZ	85351-4312	623-974-8162	Life Member
Schmidgall	Gary	34th	11930 County Rd 3040	Rolla	MO	65401-6828		Son-In-Law of Paul J. Cain, WWII
Schowengertdt	Kenneth O	52nd	13407 E. 35th St	Independence	MO	64055	816-254-7174	
Schulz	Marvin R	63rd	4591 W. Rutland Road	Brooklyn	WI	53521	608-455-2435	Also 13th Field.
Shope, MD	William B	5th RCT	109 Racquet Club Dr	Greensburg	PA	15601-9000	724-433-5465	Navy in WWII
Shved	Norman M.	21st	PO Box 276	Augusta	GA	30903-0276	706-228-4133	Also Div PX
Smith	Charles J.	19th	754 Rayonier Road	Jesup	GA	31545-8401	912-588-0051	
Snyder	Joseph J	24th Med	4724 Yukon Ct	Carson City	NV	89706-8108	775-882-5523	Life Member, Also 3rd Eng
Sommerfield	Robert W.	34th	3752 Willett Road	Pittsburgh	PA	15227-4538	412-882-4088	
Stefanucci	Vincent F	19th	2304 S. Bancroft St	Philadelphia	PA	19145-4314	215-468-2174	Korea, WWII other Div
Taylor, Jr	Charles C.	724th	HC 71, Box 78D	Asbury	WV	24916	304-645-3780	Life Member
Trendell	George M.	5th	28 Diamond Drive	Hartselle	AL	35640	256-773-6935	Also svd in 19th
Veranzl	Frank	Band	415 Grandview Ave	Monongahela	PA	15063		
Vlasic	George J	21st	279 Ravennaside Dr NW	Calabash	NC	28467-2168	910-287-5618	
Wickham	Robert T.	3rd Eng	9 Winding Brook Dr	Stratham	NH	03885	603-772-3229	
Wiley	Robert W.	13th	25657 Hill & Dale Ave	Splendora	TX	77372-5356	281-689-8649	
Wilson	Franklin D	6th Tank	430 Doverfield	Houston	TX	77037-4014	281-448-6072	
Woodward	William T	24th PS Co	1960 Smith Drive	Titusville	FL	32780	321-268-9972	Desert Storm veteran
Wright	Lewis A	19th	14528 Wiley St	San Leandro	CA	94579-1151	510-351-5893	Also 29th Inf Regt
Zahn	Darcy F	3rd Eng	8 Kiceniuk Road	Annandale	NJ	08801	908-782-1838	

New Life Members

Charles S. Verret, 52nd
Charles C. Taylor, 724th
Edward J. Tinney, 21st
Carl J. La Stella, 63rd
James D. Pierce, 21st
Carol J. Barnett, 19th
Tommy Lewis, 19th
Norbert Conant, Unk

Duane L. Hall, 26th AAA
Calvin M. Inman, 13th
Frank R. Sass, 13th
James E. Johnson, 3rd Eng
Associate Life
George C. Ingalls, 5th RCT
Julie Lynn Johnson, 3rd Eng
Associate Life
Doyle H. Brewer, 34th/Div Hq
Joseph J. Snyder, 24th Med

Want to talk about "The Old Army?"

Ed Farmer sends this in:

TRIVIA QUESTION

What is USC's largest margin of victory in football?

Trivia answer: 80-0 over Pomona in 1925. The lowest winning score is 3-0 over 21st Infantry in 1917.

Donations:

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Harold Dunken, KIA, Corregidor.
\$25, Sue Klokis, in honor of her uncle,
Pvt Warren E. Heim and all Korean
War Veterans.
\$50, Scott L. Defebaugh, 24 Med, to
help with Taro Leaf.
\$10, Duane L. Conway, 21st
\$25 Daniel Mecca, 13th
\$150, Nunzio L. Silicato, 19th and
Band.
\$20, Arvel Riddle, To keep The Taro
Leaf going as good as it is.
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of Joseph McCarter.
\$10, Wendell H. Tuoy, 509th
\$20, Robert Ruane, 21st
\$5, George P. Morris, 21st
\$20, William P. Sampson, 34th

\$15, Wilbur L. Fedwerwitz, 21st
\$10, Charles L. Horton, Sig Co
\$20, Paul J. Cain, 34th
\$20, Frank E. Skinner, for Ammo
Handlers, 11th FA, Korea.
\$100, Frank H. Welch, 21st
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\$5, Kenneth R. Popovich, 21st



Top: Tagolags Natives, July 1945.

Bottom: Hq Co, 2nd Bn. 21st Inf
Medics handling wounded near
Mintal Mindanao, June, 1945.

Photos by John J. Goldpaugh

Irish born U.S. Soldiers

By Joe Sweeney

Brian McGinn, a Vietnam Veteran, who is involved in a project to identify and honor those men born in Ireland and who were killed in Korea while serving with U.S. Forces, contacted me recently concerning **Pfc. Patrick McEnery**. **Patrick McEnery** was killed in action on November 13, 1951, and his body has not been recovered. This is his story as taken from the County Limerick weekly, *The Limerick Leader*, and from records of the 19th Infantry Regiment.

Born in 1927, **Patrick** was the son of **Con** and **Bridget McEnery** of Turaree, Glin, Ireland. He had two brothers and two sisters. Work was scarce in Ireland when **Patrick** grew up so when the U.S. immigration laws were relaxed in the late 1940's he decided to emigrate to the U.S. An aunt, **Bridie Sullivan**, called him to Chicago in January 1949 where he went to work for a milk bottling company. **Patrick** was drafted in early 1951 and after basic training was ordered to Korea where he joined Company I, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division on October 27, 1951. Sixteen days later **Pfc. Patrick McEnery** was KIA in North Korea at the age of 24.

Pfc. McEnery's family did not know that he had been shipped to Korea, so it was a terrible shock to receive the news of his death in December 1951. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously, and **President Harry S. Truman** sent the family a letter of sympathy and a certificate in honor of **Pfc. Patrick McEnery**; the citation reads: *He stands in the line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it he lives- in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men.*

During the month of October 1951 the MLR (main line of resistance) had moved 10 miles north as a result of the heavy fighting spearheaded by the 19th Infantry Regiment. During the first part of November Eighth Army engaged in strengthening positions and carrying out strong combat patrols to keep the enemy off balance. On November 13 the 19th Infantry planned a patrol to an objective located about seven miles east of Kumsong, NK; its purpose, to capture prisoners and destroy enemy positions. Two platoons of Company I infantry and a company of tanks would conduct the patrol. One platoon served as the assault platoon and the other was used for support, and to protect the tanks. The support platoon remained with the tanks throughout the ensuing action. The assault platoon departed at 0730 hrs. and engaged the enemy at 1145. An estimated two squads of enemy were deployed on the objective and resisted with hand grenades, small arms, automatic weapons and heavy guns. At 1300 hrs. the platoon from Item Co. forced the enemy to abandon their positions and the objective was secured. The patrol remained on the objective and came under heavy automatic weapon fire from the north and east from enemy in well concealed bunkers. Then 82-mm mortar fire was placed on the friendly patrol, and artillery and mortar fire placed on the tanks and support platoon. This resulted in the assault platoon being pinned down and about 15 casualties. At 1730 hrs. the assault platoon withdrew under very heavy fire, and the enemy reoccupied the positions. Two bodies were left at the base of the objective during the withdrawal because of the heavy barrage of enemy fire. One body is believed to have been that of **Pfc. Patrick McEnery**. After breaking contact the patrol returned to their base, closing there at 1930 hrs.

During the night the enemy utilized the two bodies to set up an attempted ambush of friendly forces. They moved the bodies to a location where they could be easily seen and placed them in a semi-sitting position. Their ambush failed because the first attempt by friendly patrols to recover the bodies occurred soon after dark on November 14. The enemy was still preparing positions when the patrol arrived. Friendly elements were forced to withdraw after an intense firefight that the enemy supported with heavy mortar fire. Three attempts were made to recover the bodies, but only one patrol was able to reach the location of a body and recover it. The recovered body was not that of **Pfc. Patrick McEnery**.

Land gained in the actions of October-November 1951 returned to North Korean control when the truce was signed on July 27, 1953; as a result **Patrick McEnery's** remains have not been recovered.

We hope that someone of our readers will remember **Patrick McEnery**, or the actions of Nov. 13, 1951 and get in touch with me so that I can pass the information to **Brian McGinn** and **McEnery's** relatives in Ireland.

Stephen Murphy writing in *The Limerick Leader*, May 18, 2002, states that 28 Irish-born soldiers died while serving with U.S. Forces in Korea, four are listed as MIA. Two bills before the Congress and Senate have widespread support and are expected to pass; they will honor among others, all 28 Irishmen and make them eligible for posthumous U.S. citizenship. "This they deserve!"



Muster in DC July, 1995

> Barracks Door
 > A man walked into a supermarket with his zipper down.
 > A lady cashier walked up to him and said, "Your barracks
 > door is open." This is not a phrase men normally use,
 > so he went on his way looking a bit puzzled. When he
 > was about done shopping, a man came up and said, "Your
 > fly is open." He zipped up and finished his shopping.
 > He then intentionally got in the line to check out where
 > the lady was that told him about his "barracks door. He
 > was planning to have a little fun with her. When he
 > reached her counter he said, "When you saw my barracks
 > door open did you see a soldier standing in there at
 > attention?" The lady (being smarter than a man)
 > thought for a moment and said, "No, no I didn't. All
 > I saw was a disabled veteran sitting on two duffel bags."

Subject: Lee Marvin

Some have been a bit offended that Lee Marvin is buried in a grave area of and 4 star generals at Arlington. His marker gives his name, rank (PVT) and service (USMC). Nothing else. Here's a guy who was only a famous movie star who served his time, why the heck does he rate burial with these guys?

Well, following is the amazing answer:

I always liked Lee Marvin, but did not know the extent of his Corps experiences. In a time when many Hollywood stars served their country in the armed forces, often in rear-echelon posts where they were carefully protected, only to be trotted out to perform for the cameras in war bond promotions, Lee Marvin was a genuine hero. He won the Navy Cross at Iwo Jima.

There is only one higher award...the Medal Of Honor. If that is a surprising comment on the true character of the man, he credits his sergeant with an even greater show of bravery.

Dialog From The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. His guest was Lee Marvin.

Johnny said, "Lee, I'll bet a lot of people are unaware that you were a Marine in the initial landing at Iwo Jima ... and that during the course of that action you earned the Navy Cross and were severely wounded."

And you know how Lee was ...

"Yeah, yeah ... I got shot square in the ass and they gave me the cross for securing a hot spot about halfway up Suribachi ... bad thing about getting shot up on a mountain is guys gettin' shot hauling you down. But Johnny, at Iwo I served under the bravest man I ever knew ... We both got the Cross the same day but what he did for his Cross made mine look cheap in comparison.

The dumb bastard actually stood up on Red beach and directed his troops to move forward and get the hell off the beach. That Sergeant and I have been lifelong friends.

"When they brought me off Suribachi we passed the Sergeant and he lit a smoke and passed it to me lying on my belly on the litter ... 'Where'd they get you Lee?' ... 'Well Bob ... if you make it home before me, tell Mom to sell the outhouse.' Johnny, I'm not lying ... Sergeant Keeshan was the bravest man I ever knew ... Bob Keeshan

...You and the world know him as Captain Kangaroo." From: Jim and Sue Hill

Thanks for your interest in my book and your consideration of listing it in Tara Leaf. The book can be found at: www.amazon.com (\$15.75), www.barnesnoble.com (same price), www.1stbooks.com (\$12.75 - this is the publisher) or from me. The above prices do not include postage. I normally charge a bit more; but would sell to 24th Division members for \$16.50 (which INCLUDES postage - I send out Priority mail - my cost is \$3.80 postage) (hence a good price).

The title of the book is: **Sleeping Dragon**

Brief intro of the book: It is now, just a bit more than forty years since the Korean War. Intelligence experts stumble upon a strange radio message. Someone wants to "come home." Is it a prank? Then again, some think it is a communist agent trying to defect. Then it could be something else. Could it be the strangest of all possibilities? Maybe it is the voice of an American pilot declared dead after his plane was shot down. The problem: his plane was last seen in burnt rubble? There was no parachute before the crash. The military leadership must break the rules to identify the "caller" each night; but the "caller" has a greater risk - his life. It was a plan that might lead him into a bloody fight in the truce village of the demilitarized zone. To the "caller," success will be either death or freedom.

A short bio: M. Pete Peterson grew up in Columbus, Nebraska just a couple of hours from Omaha. As the war in Vietnam raged and with the draft on the horizon, he enlisted in the Army to service as a Korean Linguist in the Army Security Agency. After spending almost a year in Monterey, California learning to speak Korean at the Defense Language School, he moved to Korea. Since then he has spent almost half of his adult life in Korea filling various intelligence and administrative positions. In the midst of this, he has also graduated from the University of the State of New York with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Christendom College - Notre Dame Graduate School with a Master of Arts Degree. He now resides in Seoul, Korea with his wife and two grandsons. He is a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a life member of Disable American Veterans.

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Author of "Sleeping Dragon"

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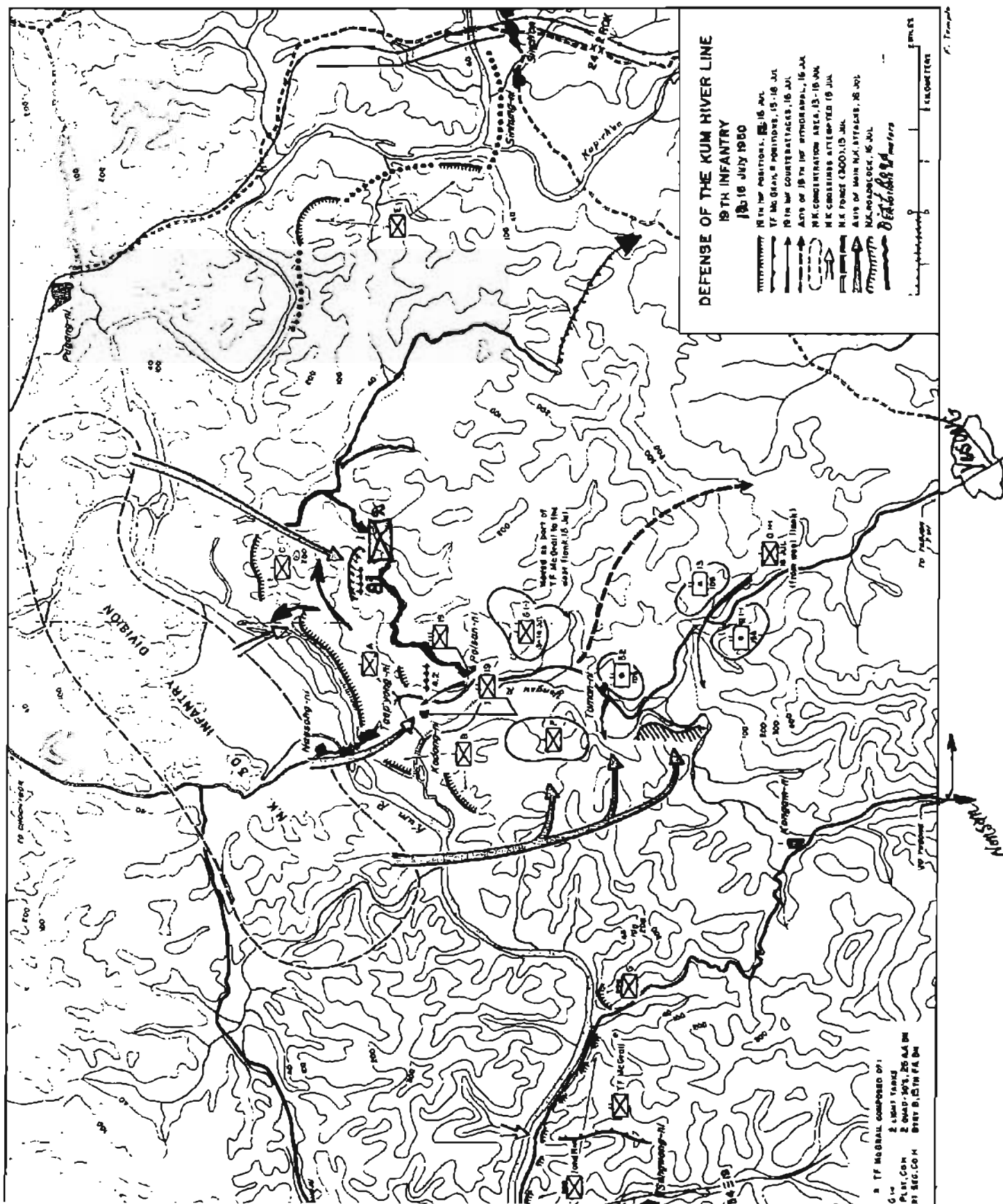
19th Inf. Squad 1951



Swamp By Gary Clark

Back Story

Thomas W. Hardy, 19th, went to Korea last year, 2001, and came back with photos of streets and battle areas.





Old Taejeon

This is the street, through which the 34th withdrew to Nangwol-ni, at around 1600 to 1700 hours, 20 July 1950.



The old (MSR) National Highway One Bridge over the Kapchon River.

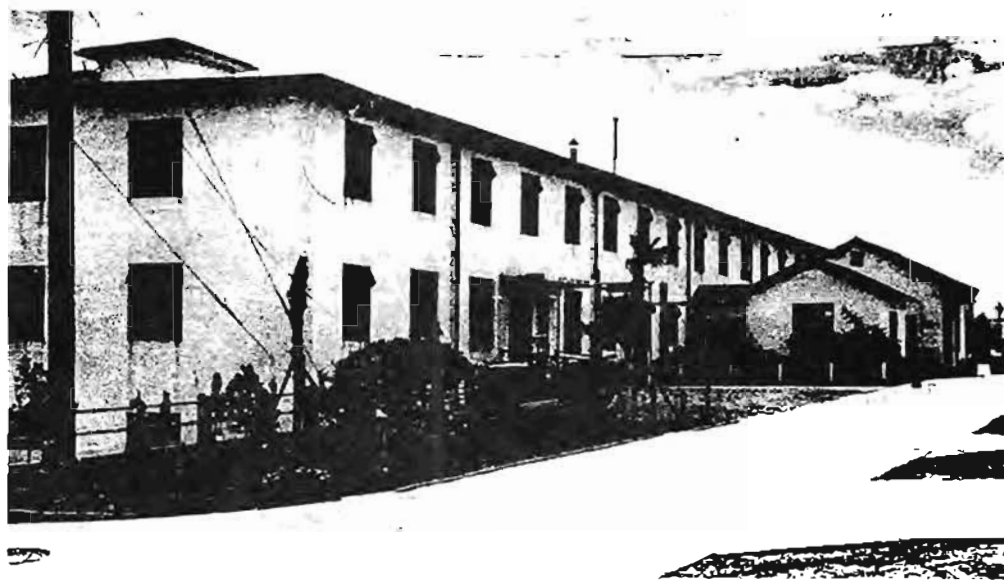
The 34th and 19th Infantry Regiments took up positions on the South side of the Kapchon River.



A super highway has replaced the old road. The ridgeline is where the 2nd Btn. of the 19th held positions on 19 July 1950



24th INFANTRY DIVISION



Xmas Day : Dec. 25, 1947

KOKURA, KYUSHU, JAPAN



Military Police Platoon Roster

COMD'G OFFICER—MAJOR ELMER L. VAN ZANDT, *Div. Provost Marshal*

EXECUTIVE OFFICER—1ST LT. JAMES G. YANKOSKY

MESS & MOTOR OFFICER—1ST LT. EARL SPEED

PLATOON SGT.—FORTUNA, STANLEY F., S/SGT.

SUPPLY SGT.—S/Sgt. Hansbrough, J. A.

MESS SGT.—S/Sgt. Reno, F.

DUTY SGT.—Sgt. Smith, H. R.

SGT. GUARD—Sgt. Hanners, W. T.

PROVOST SGT.—Sgt. Metzger, O. H.

MOTOR SGT.—S/Sgt. Fiori, G. E.

PM OFFICE DESK SGT.—Sgt. Lawrence, G. C.

CHIEF INTERPRETER—Sgt. Yamamoto, T. T.

SGT. GUARD—Sgt. Scott, W. A.

CHIEF MECHANIC—T/4 Winkler, S. C.

S/SERGEANTS

Henrion, R. H.

SERGEANTS

Bickel, R. A.

Kubota, K.

Knoebel, P. R.

Torres, J. F.

Yockey, B. M.

Crumpler, S.

CORPORALS

Bakker, M. L.

Conn, J. E.

Doerter, J. F.

Haydon, E. J.

Kaneshige, T.

Marr, B. E.

Miller, W. A.

Tomishima, E. T.

Fitzgerald, E. T.

Reavy, J. K.

Lim, T.

T/5's

Frey, C. H.

Jansky, R. E.

PRIVATES 1ST CLASS

Anderson, D. E.

Aubuchon, J. R.

Ballard, J. H.

Barber, J. H.

Barclay, J. D.

Bayconich, W.

PFC.'s (Cont.)

Braunius, P. C.

Brennan, J. P.

Breunling, E. O.

Brock, C. L.

Cantalupo, J. F.

Carne, F. H.

Carroll, E. H.

Centers, J. N.

Christiansen, O. G.

Collis, G. J.

Conley, W. E.

Cornett, H. L.

Dalrymple, G. R.

Diamond, I. M.

Dishler, H. M.

DeWaeles, R. J.

Embler, D. L.

Estep, K. J.

Fisher, W. T.

Frank, M. W.

Franklin, W. E.

Fritzshall, R. S.

Fromm, H. L.

Gallagher, J. C.

Gavaghan, J. J.

Gladem, D. M.

Graham, D. R.

Greve, W. F.

Hague, J.

Hermann, E. A.

Hier, R. C.

Hobbs, G. W.

Holodnak, E. R.

Howe, D. L.

Jespersen, O. H.

PFC.'s (Cont.)

Jury, M. J.

Kane, R. W.

Kanellis, B. P.

Kateridge, E. J.

Kennedy, R. G.

Kerrh, J. K.

Koch, H. J.

Kohler, R. B.

Kolvek, M. J.

Kragh, J. W.

Kral, J.

Kuhra, W.

Kurdziel, R. L.

Leaming, H. J.

Lesnick, H. R.

Lindberg, R. N.

Little, B. E.

Lockrow, S. G.

Lockwood, D. V.

Lovasz, E. T.

May, W. J.

Maynard, L. B.

Michalak, F. J.

Miller, H. L.

Mitsch, M. J.

Mueller, E. J.

Murphy, A. G.

Nelson, A. N.

Oxenreider, D. R.

Petersen, H. E.

Peterson, E. H.

Porter, E. E.

Poulos, T. J.

Putman, W. E.

Rhodes, K. R.

PFC.'s (Cont.)

Rogerson, C. H.

Sereda, M.

Sowder, D. H.

Strabenau, T. C.

Stewart, E. B.

Stroumbis, G. C.

Strocky, E. D.

Sullivan, R. J.

Tebbutt, C. V.

Tubbs, J. B.

Ukena, V. H.

Walker, T. H.

Weaver, V. J.

Wilcoxon, J. L.

Williams, D. H.

Woodall, J.

Yris, E. J.

PRIVATES

Albrecht, R. E.

Brenza, J. J.

Conarton, M. D.

Dall, R. C.

Engel, L. O.

Gryczka, J. E.

Harp, A. M.

Hofer, H. E.

Kelly, G. D.

Negrelli, J.

Rhodes, J. R.

Romero, A. C.

Schaeffer, W. J.

Simpson, J. A.

Slemp, B.

Strumpf, R. A.

Christmas Dinner

CRAB MEAT COCKTAIL	OYSTER STEW
ROAST YOUNG TURKEY	
VIRGINIA BAKED HAM	
CHESTNUT DRESSING	CRANBERRY SAUCE
	GIBLET GRAVY
	SNOWFLAKE POTATOES
BUTTERED PEAS	ASPARAGUS TIPS ON TOAST
	HEARTS OF CELERY
MIXED SWEET PICKLES	RIPE AND GREEN OLIVES
PARKER HOUSE ROLLS	BUTTER
MIXED NUTS	HARD CANDY
COFFEE	TEA
PUMPKIN PIE	FRUIT CAKE
MINCE PIE	ICE CREAM
CIGARETTES	CIGARS
VAN ZANDT PUNCH	



The 24th Military Police Platoon

In the original organization of the 24th Infantry Division on 1 October 1941, a Military Police unit was included in Headquarters Company, which was known as Headquarters and Military Police Company. However, in June 1942, this arrangement was changed and the 24th Division Military Police Platoon was organized. This unit is active today, with headquarters at the Division Headquarters, City of Kokura, Kyushu.

When the newly organized 24th Division was assigned the task of island defense on Oahu following Pearl Harbor, the Military Police unit was on constant patrol duty, watchful for indications of sabotage and enemy activity. Following the move to Australia in May, 1943, to Camp Caves, Qld., regular military police duty was supplemented by extensive training for combat. Upon leaving Australia, the Platoon moved to Goodenough Island and Hollandia.

Throughout subsequent combat action of the Division, the men who wore the MP brassard proved their worth time and time again. They were constantly on the alert. At the landing in Tanahmerah Bay on New Guinea, where it will be remembered a deep swamp greatly impeded landing of men and supplies alike, the Military Police worked day and night to keep order along the narrow strip of beach.

At Leyte, Mindova, and Mindanao, these men set up traffic control points and were instrumental in keeping vehicular and troop traffic moving with a minimum of congestion. They also had charge of setting up Prisoner of War stockades and handling the numerous administrative problems in connection with this phase of operation.

Leaving the Philippines, the Platoon landed at Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan, and for four months policed the island. Then the unit was moved to Okayama, Honshu Island. There the Platoon served another four months. On 7 June 1946, the MP Platoon moved to its present site at Kokura, on the southernmost island in Japan.

Occupation duties have been numerous and complex for the Military Police Platoon. All through the occupation to date they have been engaged in traffic control, smashing black markers, keeping order and assisting in the important jobs of building a peaceful Japan.





Walter C. Bunso 5th RCT (after and before)



Leo Glass and Walter



Lon and Mrs Cary Grant playing Ping Pong
at the hospital



57RR



John Lemons and Heavy (Hee-V)



Bartondace - Holiday and Yoshi Hivose



All the benefits, none of the politics

Notice to: Wives, Widows and Family Members

You are invited to become an Associate Member of the 24th IDA.

Many of you come to our reunions, and indeed, without you, the reunions would not be as wonderful as they are. At the 2001 General Membership meeting it was decided to open Associate Membership to family members. The Active Member, (anyone who has served with or has been attached to the unit) will need to send a request for Associate Membership and registration information to Dutch Nelson, our Secretary/ Treasurer. There is an Application for Membership in each Taro Leaf. Widows may write or email directly to the Secretary/Treasurer, or may send in the Application for themselves. Associate members will have all membership privileges, except a vote on IDA business matters. An Associate Member can be appointed by an Officer of the Association to assist with duties, as the Executive Board deems appropriate. Dues will be the same for all memberships.

STARS & STRIPES SEPT 1950

24th Div Holds Open House

Reds Welcomed

By Forrest Kleinman

WITH 24TH DIV IN KOREA

—The 24th Division celebrated its ninth birthday by holding open house for North Korean Reds in the vicinity of Taejon Sunday.

A few of the "guests" became belligerent and had to be subdued. For the most part, however, it was quite a peaceful affair. They came out of the hills clutching surrender invitations.

FOR SOME of the guests it was a surprise party. A Red patrol reported into the 19th Infantry regimental CP, under the impression their own CP was still there, and asked a ROK soldier to be relieved of their outpost duty. They were!

Some guests came waving with Korean flags but the only South Koreans among

the onlookers quickly spotted the phonies. Many brought presents, such as "burp" guns, sniper rifles and machine guns. The list even included three T-34 tanks in excellent running condition.

THERE WEREN'T any candles on the "C" ration biscuits the division ate at this birthday party, but there were plenty of illuminations to the scenery. They consisted mainly of knocked out Red guns, Red tanks—and Reds.

It was a great day for the division historian, too. He proclaimed that the victory at Taejon would go down in history.

Doughboys of the 24th weren't worrying too much about history on the birthday—they were too busy making

top 10 things you never say to a woman during an argument. Most of them are a bit beyond the parameters of this column, but some of the printable ones are:

(10) Who are you kidding? We both know that thing isn't loaded.

(7) Whoa, time out. Football is on.

(5) Are you sure you don't want to consult the Great Oprah on this one?

(3) You're just upset because your butt is beginning to spread.

(2) You're so cute when you're all ticked off.

And, tops on the list is: (1) Don't you have some laundry to do or something?

A warning. Should you use these, may your soul rest in peace.

■ How about a \$3 million Fayetteville lottery? Winner gets \$3 a year for a million years.

If You've Served, You'll Save

VETERANS, ten but! You may qualify for these special benefits:

Drugs. Vets are eligible to pay just \$7 for a month's supply of any medication. Prescriptions must be written by a Department of Veterans Affairs doctor

and filled at a VA pharmacy. 877-222-8387.

Health care. Vets save on inpatient, outpatient, long-term and hospice care. www.va.gov/health_benefits/.

Burials. Every vet and spouse are entitled to a free plot and grave

marker at a national veterans cemetery. www.cem.va.gov.

Home loans. Prove you can pay the mortgage you're seeking and VA-approved lenders will often waive the down payment. Homeloans.va.gov.

LOREN MOONEY

BLONDE ON THE SUN

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day.

The Russian said, "We were the first in space!"

The American said, "We were the first on the moon!"

The Blonde said, "So what, we're going to be the

first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other

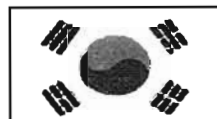
and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn

up!" said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied, "We're not stupid,

you know. We're going at night!"



50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice Ending the Korean War



US Forces Korea is collecting names of Korean War Veterans wishing to compete for several hundred free trips to attend the Commemoration Ceremonies in Korea (25-27 July 2003).



<http://www.korea.army.mil/50anniv/html>

To thank Korean War Veterans, a Korean business organization will bring Veterans to Korea during the week commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the signing of Armistice (27 July 2003). Transportation will be provided from New York, Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles (travel to these airports is at individual expense). While in Korea the sponsors will provide the veterans free lodging (double occupancy) and meals (five nights and six days). Should you wish someone to accompany you, travel by separate aircraft at your expense will be required. The accompanying traveler will be provided lodging with the veteran and meals. **Note: Selection for the free trip is at the sole discretion of the Korean donor; USFK plays no part in the selection process.**



Mail to:

**Director, 50th AKWC
PSC 303, Box 90
APO AP 96204**

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) - _____

Service / Unit in Korea War: _____

Dates of Service in Korea: _____

I certify that I have not returned to Korea since 27 July 1953.

Request for travel is for Korean War Veteran Only. Will another individual travel to Korea at personal expense?

If you have any physical, dietary or other special needs, please explain on a separate piece of paper.

Father Herman Felhoelter * Distinguished Service Cross * Purple Heart * Posthumously

July 23, 2002

I am writing on behalf of the family of Chaplain Herman Felhoelter (1913-1950) to share some important news with you and all members, veterans, and friends of the 24th Infantry Division. The Kentucky Historical Society has recently authorized a state historical marker in remembrance of Chaplain Felhoelter and his heroism in the Korean War. It will be placed in the Louisville, Kentucky neighborhood where he was born and raised. Presently we are raising funds for the marker's installation with the expectation that it will be dedicated in November 2002. Any donation you might make to this Marker for Chaplain Felhoelter would be deeply appreciated. Chaplain Felhoelter was serving with the 24th Infantry Division, 19th Infantry Regiment at the time of his heroism.

Donations may be sent to: Tom Loudermilk, 1623 Deerwood Avenue, Louisville, KY 40205

Mr. Loudermilk is a Felhoelter In-law and US Navy veteran

Herman Gilbert Felhoelter was born in Louisville, July 17, 1913. Ordained a Catholic Priest by Order of Franciscans, 1939. Commissioned a Captain in Chaplains Corps of US Army, 1944. Awarded Bronze Star for service under fire, World War II. He was appointed an assistant pastor in Cincinnati after the war and recommissioned in the Army, July 1948.

Sacrifice in Korea

During the Korean War battle for Taejon, Father Herman Felhoelter volunteered to stay behind with the wounded of the 19th Infantry. These men were soon overcome and killed by the enemy on July 16, 1950. Father Felhoelter was posthumously awarded Distinguished Service Cross. Honored by National Chaplains Memorial in Arlington, Father Felhoelter is buried in St. Michael Cemetery, Louisville, KY.



EM Club, Camp Chickammuga, Beppu, Japan
The Chicks departing on a Special Services trip.
Circa 1949

Wilson Mizner (1876-1933):
"A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something."

Mother's day away

Dorothy DeBolt, mother of six and of 14 adoptive children, on receiving the 1980 National Mother's Day Committee Award:

"Of course I don't always enjoy being a mother. At those times my husband and I hole up somewhere in the wine country, eat, drink, make mad love and pretend we were born sterile and raise poodles."

The following is said to have been written by a dentist in Australia

"You probably missed it in the rush of news recently, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness. An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When the Soviet army overran Afghanistan 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

Americans welcome the best, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists. So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself, because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

Up Front with Willie & Joe

Obey All Laws, Registered - The Gun and Street Courtesy of Bill Maltby



"We calls 'em garillnopers. They're too far forward to wear ties un' too far back to get shot."



Med. Tank crossing Kumho River en route to the Naktong

WALLET THEFT

Protecting your identity – Credit card theft

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.

Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed us in your name, address, SS#, credit, etc. Unfortunately I (the author of this piece who happens to be an attorney) have firsthand knowledge, because my wallet was stolen last month and within a week the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know. As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. But also file a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one)

But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never ever thought to do this) Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost 2 weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done.

There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then no additional damage has been done. It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285.

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271



Near Taejon,
A 24th BAR man and a South Korean soldier

OLD SOLDIER COMPANY
COMPANY C 3RD ENGINEERS COMBAT BN
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS MAHI HAWAII OCTOBER 1941

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Company "C", 3rd Engineers, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, October 1941

Photo sent in by Old Soldier Ales Bronsberg, a member from the Hawaii Division. The 3rd Eng. "C" Bn. was from the 3rd Eng. Regt. C Co was the F Co.

Remembering Hank Gomez

Henry (Hank) Gomez, who died last week at 75, was a friend, fellow veteran and patriot. We both served in Korea, although at different times, and we marched together in Veterans Day parades on Main Street. Last Monday, I joined 500 of his other friends and associates from throughout the community for a memorial service at St. Augustine Catholic Church celebrating his life.

Most of us who knew Hank had a favorite story or two. Mine is how often he broke ranks in marches down Main Street, either to personally greet veterans along the parade route who couldn't join in the march, or to shake hands with the scores of well-wishers who came up to greet him as we walked along. After the Gulf War, vets came back from Operation Desert Storm to a parade in Hacienda Business Park sponsored by Tri-Valley cities. There was Hank on the sidelines - wearing his old World War II Navy uniform and saluting the passing troops. Then, one of the formations halted, turned and saluted Hank as a group. It was a memorable tribute from one generation of fighting Americans to another.

Patriotism and loyalty drove Hank in almost everything he did. He wore the flag on his heart, serving on the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga in the Pacific in WWII, and then in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division. Injured in a firefight with Chinese troops on Oct. 9, 1951, he recovered and was rotated back to the front lines. It wasn't until 18 months later that he came back to the U.S. to see his wife Dorothy and their first-born, son Frank who was born that same Oct. 9. Dorothy and Hank had another child, Debbie. They were married 51 years and lived the last 36 years in Pleasanton.



Hopefully they have a better life now.



The rear was a place you could relax.



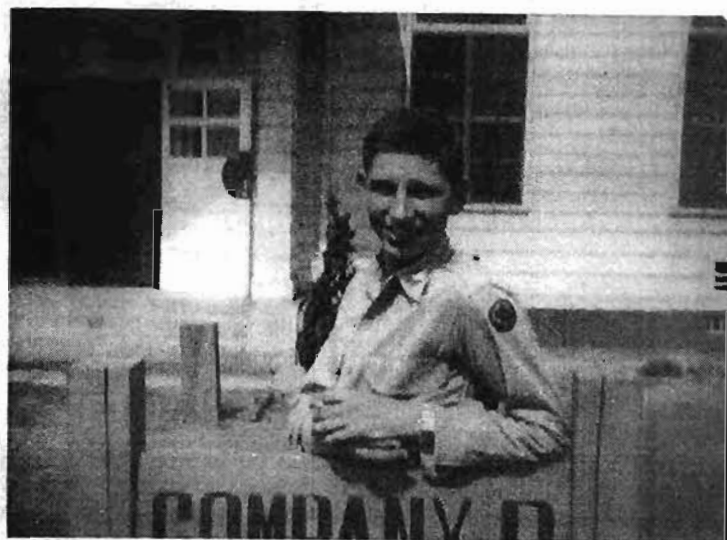
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Arthur & Ann Kitson



Jasper & Dora Pinyan



Donald Andersen



Wilbur & Mildred Hull



Charles Bissett



Alvin & Monica Fritz



Francis & Dolores Welch



Lee & Wilma Dennis



James Doyle



Edward & Marcia Wenrick



Stanton & Betty Verret



John & Billie Tester



Bill & Sue McClure

Hampton Virginia
2002

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.



Robert & Geri Evarts



Roy Sexton



Robert & Lila Hartley



James & Jean Ray



Thomas & Edna Gore



Carmello Frank & Nancy Geraci



Eric & Joyce Weber



Robert & Ruth Edson



Johnny Rodrigue



Harold & Carol Foley



Herbert & Pat Thompson



Robert & Judy Becker



TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES



Lester & Margie Johnson



William & Patricia Hosler



Robert & Lucille Childers



Frank & Dorothy Wilczak





Rue & Mary Fields



Kappy & Cecil Vanderbilt



Herbert Fordyce



Don & Bettelou Perrin



Jack Mason Sr.



Carl & Mary Sue Gamel



Joe & Louetta Payne



Max & Aileen Garland



Douglas & Eileen Jay Jr.



Robert & Verna Osborn



E.P. & Phyllis Burke



Ed & Carolyn Farmer





Robert & Erma Hilbert



John & Catherine Scharf



Raymond Colton



Arthur Kemp



Robert & Hiroko Lawhon



Wes & Julie Lynn



Chester & Virginia Petzey



Lee & Mary Kay Toninato



Sidney Mathes



Walter & Gerry Dworak



Dutch & Margo Nelsen



Binnie & Pam Peay



TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

Memories from Hampton Right to Left,
John Ragland and Milton Eager with Bill Kane
and friends.



Freddie & Rose Luchteichand



Harvey & Barbara Zimmerman



Bill & Lorraine Boyden



Richard & Mary Jane Drais



James & Sue Hill



Yvonne Mullins



Robert & Treva Stratton



G. & Louis Fischetti



Frank & Louis Martin



Bill & Helen Kane



Basil & Virginia Donovan



Matthew & Agnes-Jennie Slowik



Billy, Minie, James, Linda,
Owe, Sue, Yong, Julie

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

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Speaker at our business meeting.



Wm. Rapien and wife



Gen. and Mrs. Metz with two old soldiers.



Minie and Linda Johnson, Evelyn Seebo,
Bill McClure and Julie Johnson



Philip and
Yvonne



I love the
flag lady,
Bev
Rickert.



Ladies'
Breakfast,
Minie and
Julie Eull at
Podium.



Now what was said to get this reaction
at the Ladies' Breakfast?



Glen
Carpenter,
wife and
sister-in-law.



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A member speaking to us at our business meeting.

A new and old soldier talking in the hospitality room.



(Bill) Wm. R. Rapien, (Bob) Robert Heise and Clark McMinn.



(L-R) Donald Hahn, Winton Smith and Emil M. Sowards. 34th Dco. You three guys never looked so good!



Norm and Milly Woluk going to the hospitality room.



Edward Jarmuszka, Ann Jarmuszka, Bill McClure in the hospitality room.



(L-R) Jack and Gayle Bruns guest of Helen and John Ragland. 21st. Enjoying Aloha Night.



(L-R) David Lopez, Victor Sabala and Pete Arroyo. After 50 years old buddies back together again! 19th Inf.



First timers. Hope to see you next year. Clinton and Polly Littleton, Newport, NC 28570.



(L-R) David Spencer, Rudy Weher, Bill McFarland, Don Williams and Jim Lemon. Enjoying the hospitality room.

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Margo, Dutch, Minie and Billy



Members enjoying the Memorial Dinner.



Bill McClure and Gen. Metz, we should charge to get photo with the Gen.



Corky with his Verbeck Bowl.



Enjoying the Aloha Dance.



Three of our volunteers hard at work getting everyone signed in.



Dutch presenting the Life Membership Card to Norm Harp.



Ed Farmer. Ed is one of the "old" soldiers.

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Les and Margie Johnson (St. Louis, MO)
John and Mattie Shank (Tucson, AZ)



Norman and Dodie Dixon
Aloha Night!
Norm is our on-site chairman of Tucson, AZ, 2003.



CSM Pete Arroyo



Margo Nelsen and Minie Johnson.
Minie showing the gift the Association gave to the Johnson Family for editing the Taro Leaf.



Julie Eull (daughter of Corky),
Corky Peters and Greg Eull



Billy Johnson at business meeting.



Corky with the Verbeck Bowl and Sr. Msg. Sgt. Joe McArthur (son)

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Wes giving us information about our 2004 location.

The dancers were a big hit! Would you believe their Kansas City Natives?



Aloha Night



Aloha Band.
The best I've seen!



Corky Peters Grandsons, Daniel Eull and Jacob Eull.

Go-Go Hula Girls!!



Shirley Morrison and Jean Lawhon working the OM Table.



Bob and Jean Lawhon our 2002 Quartermasters. They did a great job sitting in for Harry & Frances Wittman.



Clark McMinn and wife



Minie and Billy Johnson, Warren Avery and Diane Peters



Minie Johnson and Margo Nelsen



Johnny playing with the band in the hospitality room.

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Vicki (daughter), Corky and Diane Peters



Members waiting to load for a tour.



Linda Johnson, Evelyn Seebo, Julie Johnson and her son James.



Norman and Millie Wollak



Diane Peters, Wes Morrison and Millie Wollak



Dutch speaking as the members received their 50-year Anniversary Medal.



Corky Peters, speech after receiving the Verbeck Bowl. Billy, Gen. and Mrs. Metz watching.



Diane Peters, Bill McClurg.
All right Bill what did you do?



Spero, Corky and Jim Hill

Sr. Msg. Sgt. Barb Creighan (daughter-in-law), Corky and Diane, Sr. Msg. Sgt. Joe McArthur (son)





Norm Dixon made this page for us. Thanks Norm.



2002 Aloha!

Kansas City

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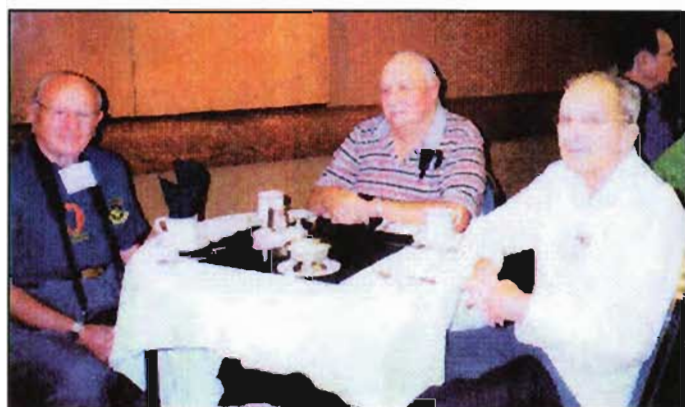
Gus Orr and The Hartleys (19th) enjoying Aloha Night.



Former President **Jim Hill** and his wife **Sue** welcome members to the KC Reunion.



Johnny Rodriguez, KC Onsite Reunion Coordinator visiting with friends.



Phil Hostetter and **Darrel Miller** enjoying the 19th breakfast with a friend.

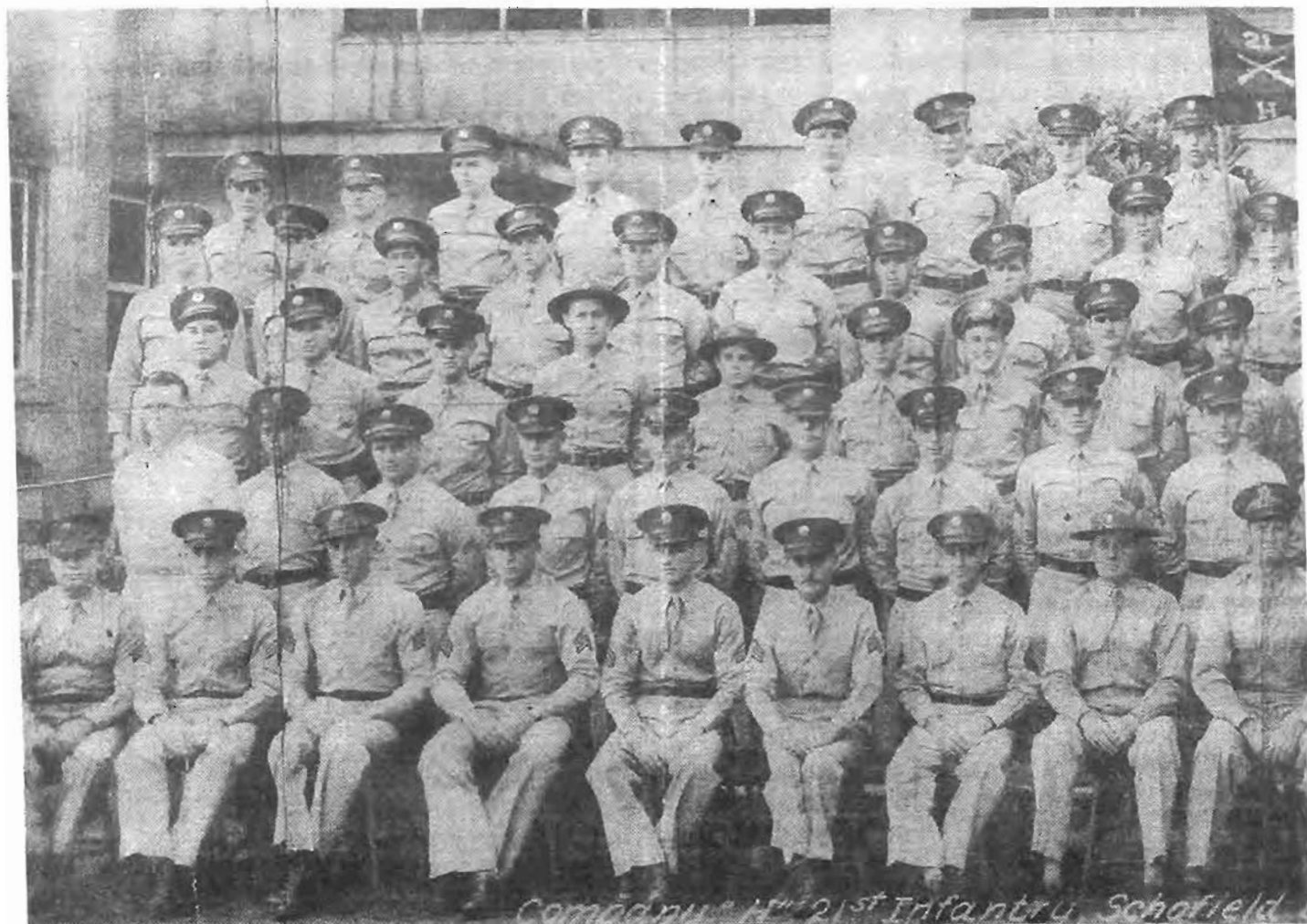


Old friends from Beppu, **Sue Hill** and **Gus Orr**.



Henry and Mary Gosztyia (34th Inf.) enjoying the Memorial Dinner in KC.

Crack U.S. Defense Uni



COMPANY "E," TWENTYFIRST INFANTRY — Captain Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., First Lieut. Eugene A. Dees, Second Lieut. Niels M. Dahl, First Sgt. V. S. Fulghum, Mess Sgt. D. C. Downs, Staff Sgt. R. J. Murphy, Supply Sgt. J. W. Skipper, Co. Clerk H. L. Ginn.

SERGEANTS—A. S. Clark, H. Coleman, E. S. Farmer, W. L. Odle, P. A. Rogers, G. E. Smith, R. L. Waldrop, T. J. Yacurcio.

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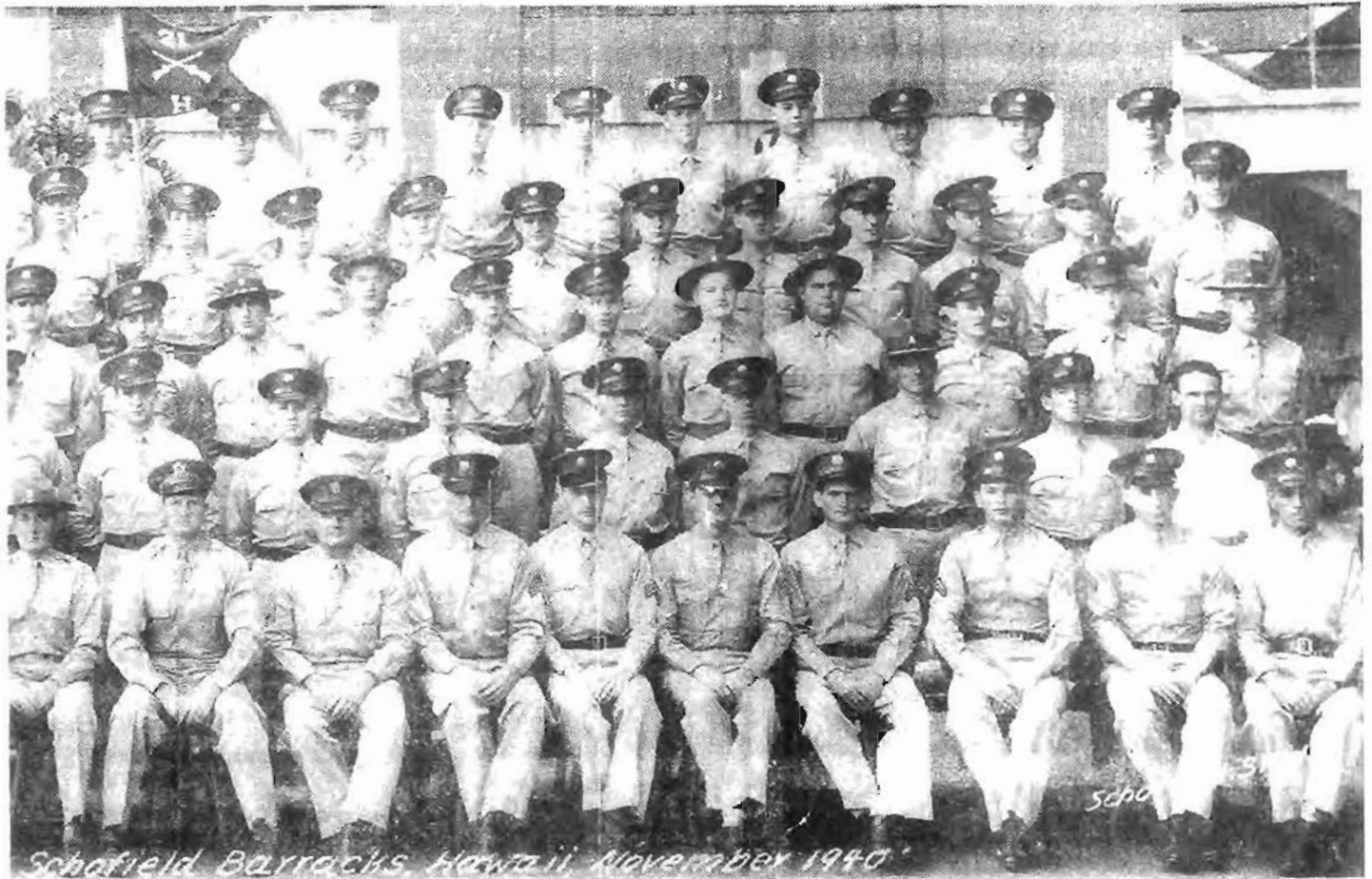
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PRIVATES FIRST CLASS—L. V. Allen, P. H. Clinton, H. E. Cowart, C. E. Crowell, J. T. Dranko, J. R. Fleming, S. A. Fordyce, J. Gomez, F. W. Grembl, R. W. Heintzleman, E. A. Haller, G. Hensley, R. Herbert, W. L. Hoover, J. Hughes, Jr., J. Humphrey, S. L. Kling, A. Kopacz, A. C. Krotulski, E. Lockhart, Jr., V. P.



Ed Farmer, 21st, sent this photo of his old company. Ed is the 4th Buck Sgt. From the left. (Note the CO's name) Later as Bn. CO he made the new LT. Edward Farmer his HQ CO.

Units Stationed On Oahu



Lovely, M. Magyar, A. R. Merva, M. F. Mlynarski, W. E. Oltiff, L. Patterson, M. A. Petrongola, J. Romanovich, H. A. Russell, F. S. Slcina, M. H. Simmons, J. J. Tomel, A. D. Townsley, L. G. Waldroop, J. C. Walker, J. E. Wheelless, W. P. Williams, J. M. Yerusavage, J. F. Yoo.

PRIVATES—W. B. Adams, S. A. Aranosl, R. J. Bailey, L. A. Ballo, B. C. Baker, M. H. Carr, H. E. Carter, J. E. Collier, H. D. Cook, T. T. Crowlingsfield, C. E. Denlinger, H. H. Dunlap, F.

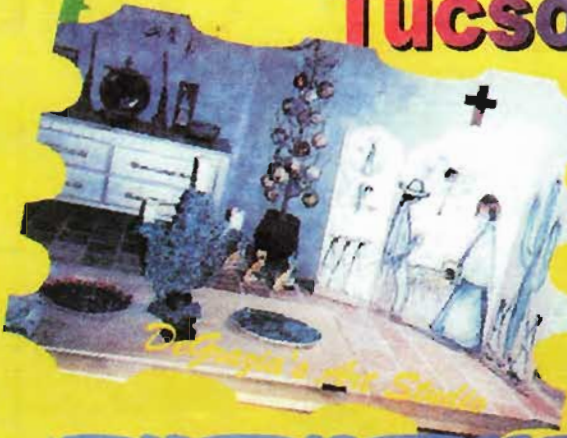
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NEWS FLASH.....REPORTERS NEEDED

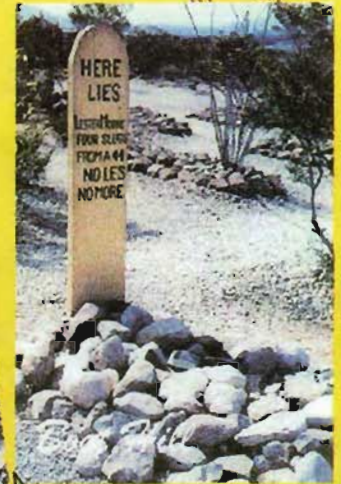
We need a section of the Taro Leaf dedicated to each unit. I know some units have a newsletter, and that is great, others do not, and would enjoy knowing what is happening with their unit. Please select someone from your unit, or volunteer to collect and forward your units news to me to be published in the Taro Leaf. Mail or Email your unit news to me, and we are off and running. Think about it. Billy, TL Editor

The 5th Regimental Combat Team Association will hold it's 11th annual reunion May 14th through May 17th, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel Jacksonville, Florida, Room Rate \$85.00 per night including tax. For additional reunion information, contact Bill Kane, Reunion Chairman (407-275-7450).

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Sabino Canyon



Pima Air Museum

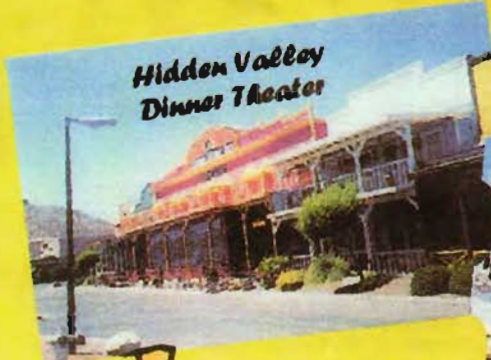


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Plan Now!!!



Hidden Valley
Dinner Theater



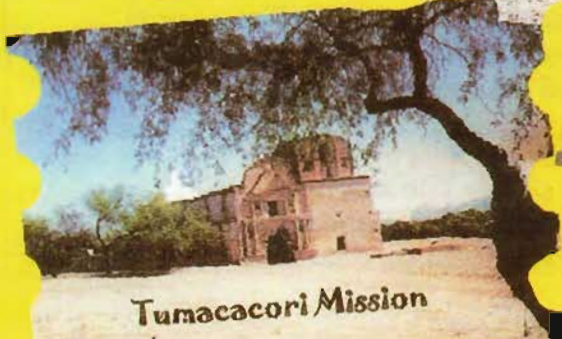
Mission San Xavier Del Bac



Old Tucson Movie Studio



Tumacacori Mission



Norm Dixon made this page for us. Thanks Norm.

To belittle is to be little. To be grateful is to be great. (Your choice?)



"Occupation" Christmas Card
sent in by
Leo Lange, 34th

THE VACUUM

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on "Science & Nature." Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

*No one can go back and make a brand new beginning,
but anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*



These Lovely Korean Ladies were a part of the Memorial Service. Washington DC July 27, 2002.



R-L: Robert Yernell, Wes Morrison, Charley Cole and David Jensen



Pioneer Restaurant in Versailles, MO, Jct. Hwy. 5 & 52. Great Pie!!! Margo Nelsen took this photo..



SHOWING OUR COLORS
12-27-2002 in Washington DC
Bill McClure and Billy Johnson



The American Legion carrying colors Mindenmines, MO. June 29, 2002.

Bill McClure carrying 24th Inf. Div. Flag.

■ Recruiting billboard near Elizabethtown depicting warships at sea: "Life. Liberty. And the Pursuit to go after anyone who threatens it. Navy."

"One is never as fortunate or as unfortunate as one imagines."

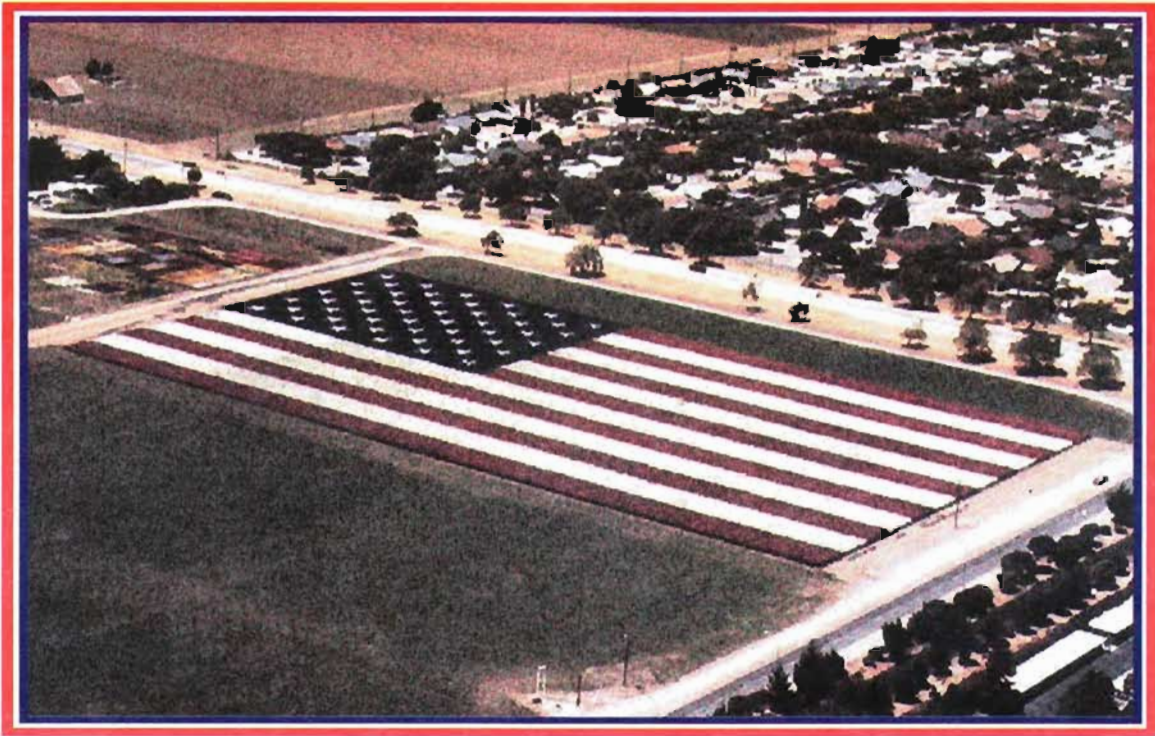
— Duc de la Rochefoucauld

Flag of Flowers

This beautiful place is near Vandenberg, AFB. In Lompoc, CA.

Beyond the field where the flag is planted, there are nine plus miles of flower fields which go all the way to the ocean. Seed Companies planted and maintain these beds of flowers. The 2002 Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions as described in Executive Order #10834. This flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; Each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower stems each for a total of more than 2 million flowers. You can drive by this flag on V Street south of Ocean Ave. in Lompoc, CA.

Thanks go to Wes Morrison for this wonderful picture



Lou Repko, 5th RCT Lou, you haven't changed a bit, maybe you are smiling more.....



David Lopez, 19th.
Enjoying Aloha Night!



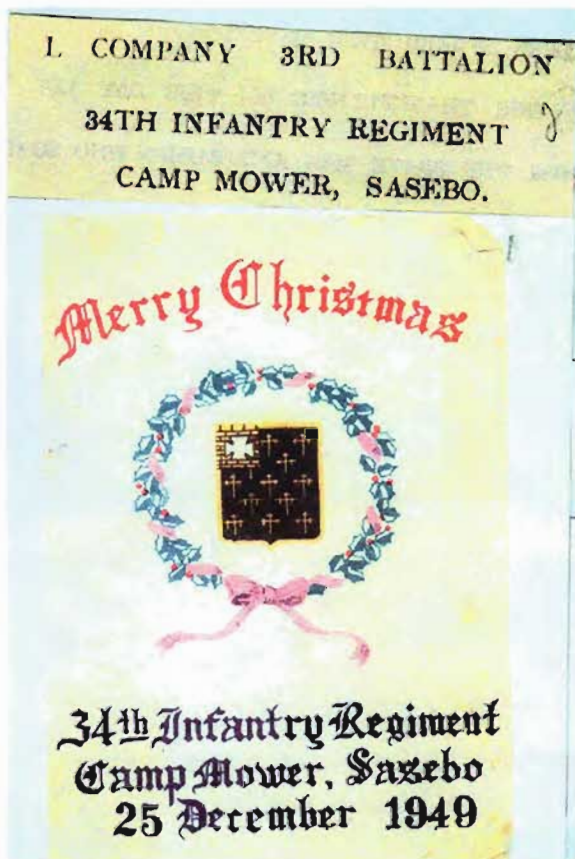
Margo Nelsen, Veteran's Day Ceremony Korean War Memorial Colorado Springs



Hank Pino of Tucson sent this photo of The Korean War Memorial dedicated to the Country's KIA. It looks like they had more than their share of sorrow. See you in September Hank.



Part of the Vietnam Memorial taken in 1995.
Our 21st Inf. was in Vietnam



SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

CLUB LORRAINE

25 DECEMBER

BREAKFAST HOUR	1000 HOURS
OPEN HOUSE	1400 HOURS
TEA DANCE	1600 HOURS
VARIETY SHOW	1700 HOURS
SANTA'S PARTY	1930 HOURS

26 DECEMBER

BREAKFAST HOUR	1000 HOURS
OPEN HOUSE	1400 HOURS
BINGO	1930 HOURS

CLUB TARO

25 DECEMBER

BREAKFAST HOUR	1030 HOURS
TARO RAMBLERS	1400 HOURS
BINGO	1800 HOURS

26 DECEMBER

BREAKFAST HOUR	1030 HOURS
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES	1400 HOURS
VARIETY SHOW	1800 HOURS
INTERNATIONAL DANCE	1900 HOURS

MOON THEATER

25 DECEMBER	ANY NUMBER CAN PLAY (CLARK GABLE, ALEXIS SMITH)
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POST THEATER

25 DECEMBER	YOUNGER BROTHERS (WAYNE MORRIS, JANIS FAIGE)
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STABLES

0900 HOURS — 1700 HOURS

Lawrence B. Plaatje, 34th sent this 1949 Christmas Dinner Menu Cover, said, "You know where dinner was the next year."

KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULLOVER!"

"NO," the blonde yelled back, "ITS A SCARF!"



Retired Lt. Col. Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen, left, pins the Korean War Service Medal on Frank Broadman at the commemoration ceremony marking the anniversary of the Korean War's end.



Attendance of the Ladies Breakfast was Wonderful! Ninety-Three were signed up; one hundred twenty-seven breakfasts were served. There was a wait for coffee but in the true spirit of the 24th Julie Eull, (daughter of Corky and Diane) JulieLynn and Linda Johnson (daughters of Billy and Minie) and others were there to save the morning and serve tea, coffee and whatever else they found in the kitchen! Thanks to each of you.

**"For those who fight for it, freedom has a flavor the protected will never know."
(Author unknown) From: Jim and Sue Hill**



Calvin N. Iman
(13th FA)
Australia,
Hollandia, Leyte,
Mindanoo, Japan,
43-45. Purple
Heart on
Mindanoo, sent
this photo of the
South Dakota
WWII Memorial
to the men and
women who
served.
*That's Calvin in
the middle.*



"M" Co, 21st Infantry
firing 81mm Mortar during
Hollandia campaign, June 1945.
Sent in by John J. Goldpaugh





Harry Wittman received his Taro leaf while in the hospital. He is home now after a four month stay in the hospital and in rehab. He is taking physical therapy and is improving.
Hang in there Harry we need you!



Johnny hard at work!

*24th Infantry Division Association
 President Billy Johnson*

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and telephone calls during my 4 month stay in the hospital.

Also, a special thanks to Joe Sweeney, Bill and Sue McClure, Bob and Jean Lawton, and Billy and Minnie Johnson who visited me in the hospital.

I returned home 10-23-02, and doing well.

*Good health and good luck to all!
 Harry L. Wittman Jr*



George & Sandy Allard
 Newly Weds



THIS FLAG

*This flag...the symbol of the hopes of man.
This cloth of dreams for freedom, justice and
opportunity. Its stars are like beacons guiding
us through the shoals of adversity. Its red stripes
like wounds of struggle. The good in it cannot
be had for nothing...like any garden, it must be
tended...like any loved one it must be held.
Hold this flag high and keep its promise bright,
for in it lies the best hope for all of us.*

MORT
WALKER



American Flag Tribute by Beetle Bailey -- First Published July 4, 1976

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21st Infantry Breakfast

Our breakfast was attended by 49 members. We missed our chairman, Harry Wittman, he was recuperating in the hospital.

We introduced our selves before breakfast was served.

Our breakfast speaker was USAF Chief Master Sergeant Joe McArthur. CMS. McArthur had just returned home after a tour of duty in Oman and gave great talk on the problems the service is having in the Middle East. He let the members know as much as he could. CMS. McArthur told us that moral was high and some of the military had extended their tour so others could go home to be with their families.

He told us about the living conditions that included: air conditioned tents and mess tents, Burger Kings, gymnasiums, bowling alleys, volleyball and basket ball courts. Not the same overseas duty any of us had remembered.

It was interesting to learn about the weapons that the military has at their fingertips.

The members asked a number of questions and all they all said that they enjoyed his talk about today's Military.

CMS McArthur presented Harold "Corky" Peters with a flag that was flown during a AC130 Gunship mission over Afghanistan on July 9, 2002, in support of *OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM*.

CMS McArthur deserves a pat on the back...for we all know if we are deployed anywhere in a combat zone...it could become a hot assignment at any moment. We should all be very proud of CMS McArthur.

Long time Association member **CSM B.J. Hunt** (19th Infantry) has had several medical problems the past few months. BJ is unable to live alone at his home and now lives with a sister in the same community. I know he would appreciate a "Thinking of You" card from the Association members. His address is: HCR 3 Box 508, Payson, AZ 85541-9708



TARO LEAF TAPS

But they that hope in the Lord shall
renew their strength, they shall take
wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40 : 31

19th

Richard F. Beyer
Raymond D. Cooley
Henry "Hank" Gomez
Vance A Hightower
William M. Maloney
Laurence Paul
Richard L. Reuillard

21st

George Jones
Daniel L Laughlin
Joseph McCarter
Bernard Pazzig
William H. Sharp
Larry L Wallace

34th

Frank J. Falbo
Kenneth J. Phillips

13 FA

Frank A. Kroll
Laurence J Rasmussen

5th RCT

John Hardiman

24th Med.

James Mickel

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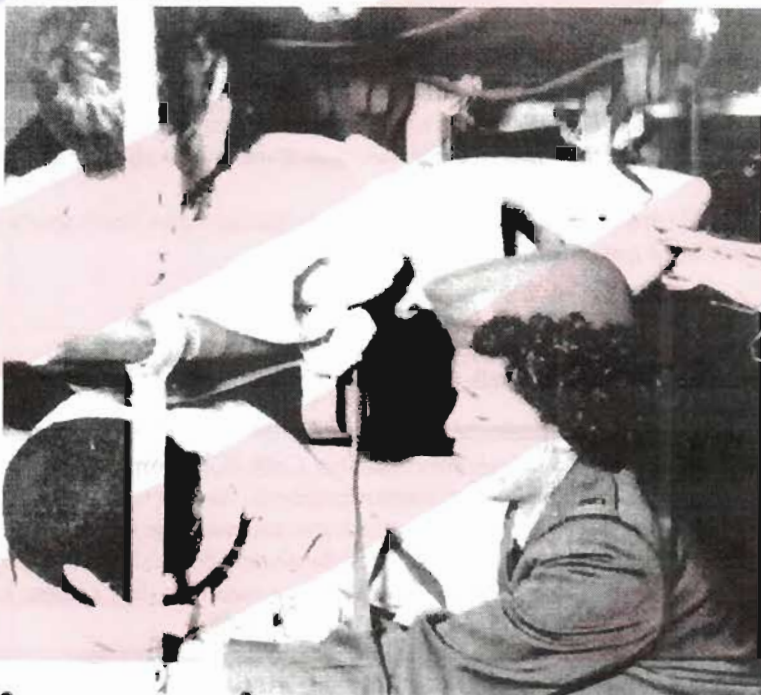
William S Smead

24th Ord. Coast Guard

Charles W. Sills

WW 1 and WW 2

BG Charles C. Blanchard



Richard Reuillard

19th

Richard F. Bever

From Pamela Sullivan: My father, Richard E. Beyer recently passed away and left a note asking me to send a copy of his obituary to the Taro Leaf. He was very proud of his military career serving both in WWII and the Korean War. He was a credit to his country and he will be dearly missed.

Cards may be sent to: Pamela Sullivan, 25 Shore Drive, Upton, MA 01568.

Raymond D. Cooley

Raymond passed away on July 28, 2002. Raymond served in the US Army from 1948 to 1952, serving in Japan and Korea in 1950-51. Wounded in 1950, he received the Purple Heart, and CIB.

Cards may be sent to: Evelyn Cooley, 1 Teakwood Ct, Tiffin, OH 44883.

Henry "Hank" Gomez

Ben Wahle writes: "The West Coast lost a very active member when Henry (Hank) passed away, he will be missed." Henry passed away October 2, 2002. He was 75 years old. He served in the Navy during WWII and in the Army during the Korean War, earning a Purple Heart. His wife of 52 years, a son Frank, and a daughter Debra survive Henry.

Cards may be sent to: Dorothy Gomez, 7501 Rosedale Ct., Pleasanton, CA 95288-3762

Vance A. Hightower

Notice was received that Vance Hightower has passed away February 12, 2002 in Grovesprings, MO.

No further information is available at this time.

William J. Maloney

William passed away April 24, 2002. A life member of the 24th IDA, he was with the 24th in Korea.

Cards may be sent to: Teresa A Maloney, 26 Clinton Street, Galetton, PA 16922

Laurence Paul

Laurence Paul has passed away in Evansville, IN, in 2000.

No further information is available at this time.

Richard L. Reuillard

Richard, a member of E. Co. in 1951-52 while serving in Korea, died 12-7-2002. Richard was a 30-year resident of Las Vegas, and a member of Zelzah Shrine and Culinary Union. His brother Robert of La Palma, CA survives him.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to: Zebulon Shrine Widows and Orphans, Las Vegas, NV.

21st

George Jones

George Jones, MD, served as a Platoon Leader in the 24th during the Korean War and was Deputy G-4, S & M in Viet Nam. He earned the Purple Heart and CIB in Korea and numerous other medals while serving in Viet Nam.

Memorial donations may be sent to: Carlisle Area health and Wellness Foundation, 274 Wilson Street, Carlisle, PA 17013, or to Disabled American Veterans Department of Pennsylvania, 4219 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011-5728.

Daniel L. Laughlin

Daniel, 21st, WWII passed away October 8, 2001. His son Steve tells us that his father flew the flag every day and displayed the Taro Leaf in the window of his car. Steve says, "Take Dan Laughlin's name off your mailing list but don't ever forget what he did."

Cards may be sent to: Stephen Laughlin, 2112 W. Alkea Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-2365.

Joseph McCarter

Bob Campbell sent this obituary of his Squad leader and later Platoon Sgt. Joseph McCarter. Joe died May 22, 2002. Joe served in WWII and Korea, earning five Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and a WWII Victory medal. His wife Cornelia, a daughter and son-in-law, four sons and daughters in law, survives him.

Cards may be sent to: Connie McCarter, 555 McCarter Trail, Lexington, SC 29073.

Bernard Pazzig

We have learned that Bernard passed away in Mount Vernon, OH in 1999

No further information is available.

William H. Sharp

This word from Jim Fine, William joined L. Co. 8-27-50 as a Squad Leader and was later a Platoon Leader. He was wounded 2-6-'51 along with Fine and "A lot of other guys." All were evacuated. After Korea he taught ROTC at a couple of High Schools in Dallas and finished his career with a 4-year hitch in Ketchikan, AK. Jim says, "He was a soldier all his life."

21st

Larry W. Wallace

Larry passed away 30 April 2002. Larry served with the 21st in Japan.

Cards may be sent to: 1207 W. Second Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125-4115

34th

Frank J. Falbo

Frank passed away August 29, 2002 in Tiltonsville, OH. He served with D. Co. in Korea and was very proud to belong to the 24th IDA. Frank was a Life Member. His wife, Jane, survives him.

Cards may be sent to: Jane Falbo, 214 Mound Street, Tiltonsville, OH 43963.

John J. Mrowca

John Passed away on 22 September 2002 at the age of 78. John was a veteran of WWII in the Pacific and also fought in Korea with Co.K, 34th. John is survived by Florence, his wife of 43 years, five daughters and one son.

Cards may be sent to: Mrowca Family, % Mike Louer, 2735 Canyon Drive, Aurora, IL 60504.

Kenneth J. Phillips

Kenneth died in August 2002. No further information at this time.

Cards may be sent to: 1122 Kirby Street, Palatka, FL 322177.

13th FA

Frank A Kroll

Calvin Inman wrote to let us know that Frank died March 26,2001. Frank, a 1st Sgt., joined B. Battery in Hawaii. He served in Australia, Hollandia, Leyte, Mindanao and Japan.

Laurence J. Rasmussen

Laurence passed away September 13, 2002. LT Rasmussen was Battery Co. of B. Battery during the Philippine Campaign.

Mary, his wife of 60 years, survives him. Thanks to Cal Inman for this information.

Cards may be sent to: 7521 Pillsbury Avenue, Richfield, MN 55423-4118

5th RCT

John Harriman

Mail from John Trinka to John Hardiman, Life Member, was returned marked Deceased.

Cards may be sent to: 15167 Starbuck Street, Whittier, CA 90603-2254

24th Med.

James Mickel

James passed away in 1999. His home was in Owensboro, KY

No further information available at this time.

Division HQ

William S. Smead

William was with the 24th Division in Kokura Japan. On July 1, 1950, he was with the first troops sent to Korea to fight a delaying action until other divisions could be sent from Japan and the US. He was awarded the Combat Medic Badge, Bronze Star and Korean Campaign Ribbon with five battle stars.

Cards: No address is available at this time.

24th Ord. Coast Guard.

Charles W. Sills

Charles passed away August 18, 2002.

No further information at this time.

BG Charles C Blanchard

A Taro Leafer who served our Country in WWI and WWII has passed away.

Henry Gomez was awarded Purple Heart in Korean War

PLEASANTON — Henry "Hank" Gomez, a 36-year Pleasanton resident, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002. He was 75.

Mr. Gomez was born April 15, 1927, in Tracy and served in the Navy during World War II and the Army during the Korean War. While serving in the Korean War, he was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in battle.

He worked as a supervisor for Pleasanton Garbage service for 20 years and was a member of the Pleasanton Lions Club, VFW Post 6298 Pleasanton and the 24th Infantry Division Association.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy; son, Frank Gomez of Pleasanton; daughter, Debra Gomez of Livermore; brother, Lawrence Gomez of Vacaville; sisters, Helen Lucero of Martinez, Angie Hamill of San Pablo, Amelia Hernandez of Fairfield, Alice Aleman of Richmond and Rebecca Ramirez of San Pablo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

William S. Smead

William S. Smead of Owings Mills, MD, formerly of Bellefonte, State College, and Harrisburg, PA, died of cancer on August 10, 2002.

Upon graduating from Bellefonte High School in 1949, he entered the U.S. Army. After completion of Basic Training at Fort Dix, NJ, and Surgical Technician School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he was stationed with The 24th Infantry Division in Kokura, Japan. On July 1, 1950, he was with the first troops sent to Korea to fight a delaying action until other divisions could be sent from Japan and the United States. While serving in Korea, he was awarded the Combat Medic Badge, the Bronze Star, the Korean Campaign Ribbon with five battle stars.

Richard F. Beyer, 75

Richard F. Beyer, 75, of Ipswich, died May 30 at his home following his extended illness. He was the husband of the late Beverly (Morning) Beyer.

Born March 29, 1927 in Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. Beyer was the son of the late Fred C. and Pauline (Kircher) Beyer.



Richard F. Beyer

He was a graduate of Buffalo High School and attended the University of Lowell before enlisting in the Army.

Mr. Beyer was stationed in China with the signal corps during World War II and re-enlisted to serve with the Army infantry during the Korean War.

Following his honorable discharge as a sergeant, he spent 20 years serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He went to work as a mechanic for American Airlines in Buffalo and later was employed as a telemetry engineer at Bell Aircraft Missile Division. He then worked for American Optical's

Medical Division as a manufacturing engineer, and was transferred to Boston. He was a partner in Plastics Engineering in Ipswich and was a plant manager at Unex plastics in Danvers before becoming a self-employed cabinetmaker.

Mr. Beyer was a member and past commander of the Ipswich VFW Post 1093 and was a member of the Ipswich Bay Flotilla USCG Auxiliary and the Ipswich AMVETS Post 2011. As a part of his service with the VFW, he read prayers graveside at countless veterans' funerals. He was a member of the First Church in Ipswich and enjoyed spending leisure time boating in Ipswich Bay.

Mr. Beyer is survived by two sons, Richard Beyer and his wife, Susan of Buffalo, N.Y. and David Beyer of Clarence, N.Y.; four daughters, Holly Dressler of Manchester, Conn., Gail Beyer of West Valley, N.Y., Pamela Sullivan and her husband, Steven of Upton and Tracy Ramsdell and her husband, John of Haverhill; a daughter-in-law, Tiffany Rygiel of Wilmington; 23 grandchildren; his sister, Dorothy Selle of Hamburg, N.Y.

Joseph McCarter

LEXINGTON — Services for Joseph Warren McCarter, 78, of Lexington, will be held



at 4 p.m. today at Thompson Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel, conducted by the Reverend David Setzer and the Reverend James Barker, with burial in Celestial Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Centennial Associate Reformed

Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McCarter died Wednesday, May 22, 2002. Born in Duncan, he was a son of the late Gilliam Benson and Rose Mae Hadden McCarter. He served in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict, during which he received five Bronze Stars, one Purple Heart and a World War II Victory Medal. He was a member of Centennial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Sinclair Masonic Lodge #154 and the Purple Heart Associations. He was a former employee of R. C. Motor Lines and had retired from Ryder Truck Lines.

Surviving are his wife, Cornelia R. McCarter; daughter and son-in-law, Gail M. and Mike Rogers of West Columbia; sons and daughters-in-law, Chester and Nancy McCarter of Owasso, Okla., Robert and Diane McCarter of Chapin, Franklin and Jessie McCarter of Lexington and Bill and Mary Lou McCarter of Lexington; 15 grandchildren.

Men's Breakfast

19th, 21st, 34th INF., 3rd ENG, ALL ARTILLERY and NON-REGIMENTAL UNITS

Our annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 20, 2003, 8:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson, AZ. The rooms where each breakfast will be served will be posted at the registration tables. The cost for each breakfast is \$14.00. The 24th Infantry Division Association Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 a.m., 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

Choice of Orange or Grapefruit Juice, Homemade Biscuits, Butter and Preserves, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Home Fried Potatoes, Coffee, Tea & De-Caf.

Please mail your registration and checks to the Chairman of your Unit as listed below

19th Infantry

Mail Registration to:

Joe Sweeney
PO Box 506
Dellslow, WV 26531
304-292-7266

*Make checks payable to:

Joe Sweeney

21st Infantry

Mail Registration to:

Harry Wittman
1385 Terri Street
Keyser, WV 26726-2119
304-788-0465

*Make checks payable to:

Harry Wittman

34th Infantry

Mail Registration to:

William J. McKenna
970 Neilson Street
Albany, CA 94706
510-525-7902

*Make Checks payable to:

William J. McKenna

3rd Eng. will host All Non Regimental Units/Artillery, Tanks, MC, HQ, MP, Signal, etc.



Mail Registration to:

Donald K. Finney
P.O. Box 506
1230 Thompson Road
Cottonwood, AZ 86236-5611
520-639-1526

* Make checks payable to:

Donald K. Finney



MEN'S MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): _____ UNIT _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (Cost of breakfast \$14.00 each)

WELCOME TO HOLIDAY INN PALO VERDE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION
September 17 – 20, 2003

<u>Room Type Requested</u>	<u>Rate (Single/Double/Quad Occupancy)</u> (Children under 18 stay free)	<u>Number in Party</u>
Queen Size Single Bed _____	\$75.50	_____
Queen Size Two Beds _____	\$75.50	_____
King Size Bed _____	\$75.50	_____

*Note: Current room tax is 7.5% and is subject to change.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Smoking _____ Non-Smoking _____ Connecting Room _____ ADA Room _____ Hearing Impaired _____

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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY August 18, 2003 TO ENSURE ROOM AVAILABILITY
(After this date, rooms will be on a space and rate availability only.)

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

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____ Number of Nights _____
Date of Departure _____ Arriving by: Air _____ Car _____ Train _____ Bus _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

AMEX _____ VISA _____ MC _____ C/Blance _____ DISCOVERY _____ OTHER _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail this form to. Holiday Inn, Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85714

Telephone Reservation: (520) 746-1161 or 1-800-465-4329

Confirmation Number: _____

Kwitcherbitchin!



Looking For Buddies



Karl A. Harlinger sent the above photograph to the Taro Leaf. It was taken at Zentsuji, Shikoku, Japan, sometime late October of 1945. It shows all of the officers of the 3rd Bn. 19th Inf. Regt, 24th Inf. Div. He says he has long since lost the names of the officers shown, and would appreciate hearing from anyone who recognizes himself or anyone in the picture. Karl is the second man from the right, first row, he was a 1st LT at the time and serving as BN.S-4.

Does anyone out there remember **Patrick McEney**? Patrick was with I Co 19th. He was KIA October 27, 1951. If you have any information or if you remember Patrick, please contact our Historian, Joe Sweeney. Joe's contact information is on the inside front cover of the Taro leaf.

Karen Brooks is looking for any information about her Uncle Jack. **Jack E. Brooks** was with the 19th. Pvt.(E-2) Brooks Died in 1950 from wounds suffered while on duty with the 24th. His service number, 12114345 and his MOS, 04745 are about all the information Karen has for us. Karen's Email address is: odie@msn.com

John M. Wolf from Little Rock, AK was with the 24th in WWII. His son, Joe Wolf, knows his dad was with the Hawaii Division, that he received two Purple Hearts. Maybe those who knew him called him Johnny, it is possible that he carried a BAR, may have been a medic at one time. If you have a book called The Pictorial History of World War Two, you will find a photo of John with some Philippine Guerrillas. John's records were destroyed in the Records Center fire. Joe will be grateful for ANY information concerning his Dad. Joe's Email address: joe@csgo.com



Looking For Buddies



MagdaElena (Mona) Ramirez has written asking for any information concerning her father, **Jose L. Ramirez**. She has a DD214 listing the Army Occupation Medal, Bronze Star, Dist. Unit Cit., Purple Heart, and Korean Service Medal

W/3 Bronze Stars and one O/S Bar. She knows he was in Korea in 1948 to '51. Her father talked very little about his time in Korea before he passed away two years ago. She needs to know more. Was Jose L. Ramirez in your Unit? If you have any information for Mona, her email address is Mg58@aol.com

Marcel Benoit was KIA 9-19-1950. He was a member of E. Co., 19th **William McWha** was Buddies with Marcel in WWII. William is trying to locate any family member and Marcel's gravesite. He has photos that he would like to share.

William address is: 7538 Sea Mist Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33918. Email is McWHA@aol.com

BILLY JOHNSON—MY NAME IS PAUL HESSION, I AM A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN ERA. I SERVED WITH THE 24TH IN KOREA IN '55 & '56. I WAS WITH THE 3RD ENGR. BTN, HQ. CO. ASSIGNED TO DESO YARD ISSUING QUONSETS TO THE ENTIRE DIV.

I HAVE JUST RECENTLY JOINED THE 24TH IDA, AND HAVE A REQUEST TO BE PLACED IN THE 'TARO LEAF' MY BROTHER, **PFC. JOSEPH F. HESSION JR.** WAS IN KOREA FROM JULY '50 TO 1 DEC 50 WHEN HE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY A MORTAR. AT THAT TIME HE WAS IN THE 19TH INF REGT. CO B, I DO REMEMBER THAT EARLY IN HIS TOUR, HE WAS IN ANOTHER OUTFIT OF THE 24TH, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE. JOE WAS RETURNED TO THE US, TO VALLEY FORGE ARMY HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION TO HIS WOUNDS, HE WAS IN SHOCK, AND COULDN'T TALK VERY WELL. JOE DIED ON 5 MAR 51, AND ON THE RECORD THAT I OBTAINED FROM THE COMM. OF MASS. IT STATES HIS SERVICE WAS TERMINATED BY REASON OF DEATH/ACUTE NEPHROSIS OF THE LIVER. HAVING BEEN IN KOERA MYSELF, I'M AWARE OF THE RAMPANT YELLOW JAUNDICE THAT PLAGUES THE AREA, AND THE FACT THAT JOE APPARENTLY RECEIVED A BLOOD TRANSFUSION; I ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS THE CAUSE.

FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER IS THAT JOE HAS NOT BEEN RECOGNIZED AS DYING FROM WOUNDS. HE WAS SEPARATED, HONORABLY BY DEATH FROM A DISEASE.

I DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO TURN TO GET THIS MATTER STRAIGHTENED OUT. APPARENTLY HIS RECORDS WERE DESTROYED IN THE ST. LOUIS FIRE. ANY SUGGESTIONS? IF ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 24TH IDA THAT MAY HAVE KNOWN JOE I'D BE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THEM. MY ULTIMATE DESIRE IS TO DETERMINE WHAT RIBBONS HE MAY HAVE HAD SO I CAN PASS THEM ON TO MY SON JOSEPH, AND HIS SON, JOSEPH F. JR.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE — PAUL "JERRY" HESSION, 33 THAYER ST, BELMONT MA 02478

Billy, your name has been passed on to me as one who might help me. I am working on a book about the Korean War and my Battery Commander there was Col. Garnett S. Dick who also served with the 11th F.A. of the 24th Div. in WWII. While Dick died in 1978, I was hoping I could locate a vet who served with him in WWII and to give me a bit of background info on his service there, the battles they were in etc. My goal is to have at least one decent paragraph on that phase of the military life. He was a real jewel in Korea and a caring person. Footnote: many of our citizens don't know it but much of the Korean war was fought by retreads (like myself and Dick) plus recent ROTC grads sent off to Ft. Benning and then Korea, draftees and National Guard Units recalled to duty.) If any of your readers can provide any info on Dick and his service in WWII I can be reached at 4770 Whitney Ct., Bellingham, WA 98229 or Richstarb@Prodigy.net or (360) 733-1464. Thanks!



Looking For Buddies



Cpl. Maurice Benson, known, as "Babe" to his family and maybe to his Army Buddies, was first listed as MIA on January 1, 1951 after his capture. Later, the family learned that Maurice is now listed as KIA. Cpl. Benson's brother, Gerald, who was with the 39th Inf, 9th Div. was KIA in Viet Nam. Their brother Laurence has written to ask if any members from Maurice's unit remember him. Laurence wants to know what area, near where and any other information our members can give him concerning Maurice's time in Korea and the circumstances of his death. His mother, who had heard from a couple of his friends from his Unit, has passed away and there are no papers there to search. Take a look at the photo of Maurice, maybe you will remember him. You can contact Laurence at: 1978 Seagrove Street NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905 after 20 November 2002. He and his wife are moving from IN. this month. You can reach Denise Benson, their daughter, tel. 321-726-3901 at any time. Maybe they won't have to wait until moving day to hear from y'all

Bacil Steed received an email recently from a woman whose husband was with the Engineer Company at Camp Crouch, Yamaguchi-city, Yamaguchi-Prefecture, Japan. She was letting Basil know that she had driven his Plymouth while he was in Korea. Basil has lost the address, so if you drove Basil's black Plymouth while he was busy in Korea, he's looking for you! He also wants information on George A. Smith (WIA), Norman Hammes, maybe from Hot Springs, AK. LT's USAR Davis, Jones and Belcher and Ex-Marine (RA) LT. Bragg. If you are looking for (Pfc) now retired LTC. 3rd Eng. Hubert L. Carp, Basil has his email address. Basil's address is: 46 Chewings Street, PAGE A.C.T.2614, Australia. Email: BacilBSteed@aol.com.

Cindy Nelson is writing a biography about he Grandfather **Charles Raymond Ashley**, Life Member of the 24th IDA. Charles was with the 21st Infantry Regiment, Co. D. If any of you guys served with Charles, were pinned down trying to cross the Davao River or involved with some other action with the 21st in WWII, please take the time to send your story to Cindy. Your stories will help to fill in some military history of the 21st and help Cindy with her Grandfathers biography.

Heros all! There are a million stories from WWII and Korea as well as other wars we have fought. There are moments so mind crushing that some of us have tried putting them away forever. Times when we *knew* we were at the right place, doing what had to be done, and praying for the grace of God to get us through it all. These stories need to be written, must be written. A year of editing the Taro leaf has helped me to better understand how much a part of history we are. With your photos, mementos and memories, stories and phone calls you have helped me to know that our families need to hear us tell them that we were (and we are) a part of the greatest fighting team the United States of America has ever known. From the beginning of WWII to the active duty troops at Fort Riley, we are a vital part of this great country's history. For every name that is in TAPS, there are stories lost. Families of the Taro Leafers who have passed away are still looking for answers. Often we can help them by finding War Buddies and asking for the story. Please take the time to answer some questions for your families so that they may better appreciate *who you were then*, and *who you are now*, because you served our country and kept it safe. Also please share those stories through the Taro Leaf. The issue of the Taro Leaf you are now reading will be mailed to nearly 3000 members. Someone may need your help or you may need to hear from an old friend. Send us a note.

Cpl. Benson was reported missing in action on January 1, 1951, but it was not until last week that the Department of the Army officially listed him as dead.



He had attended Darlington high school and enlisted in the army in 1949. After his training he was sent overseas and was assigned to the 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division. This was the division which was on the front lines when the North Koreans first attacked in June of 1950.

"I don't have names, wish I knew who these guys are."
 Can someone or the 24th find out for me?"
 These words from Thomas W. Hardy, 19th
 He doesn't remember the names or whereabouts.
Please help if you can.

Looking for Buddies



"D" Company 1st Bat
 Bepu - en route to load out
 June 30 1950



On LST for Korea
 19th Inf Regt.
 June 30 1950



119 Liberty Drive
 Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427

October 4, 2002

Dear Veteran:

I am a Veteran of the Korean Conflict and looking for someone who may have served in the Army during the same time. I enlisted in the year 1953 and was discharged in the year of 1958. While performing my duties, walking guard my feet were frozen and I need someone who can remember and was in the same Division at the same time. I was in the 24th Division, 11th Field Artillery, A or B Battery 105 or 165 Howitzer. I was later assigned to the 25th Division.

I am enclosing a picture of myself by myself and another one with some other Veterans; I am the first one in the group. Please review and if you recognize any of them, please call me at (985) 735-8865 or write to the above address.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanking you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Archie Greeley

Archie Greeley

Looking for Buddies



1949 SOWARDS D/34



SASABO 1949 LT. R. SOWARDS



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McMANN SOWARDS



*Time To
Pay
Your Dues*

Daniel F. Donovan, who served with **Captain George E Morrissey, MD** during the Philippine Campaign, sent a copy of Dr. Morrissey's Journal to me and has given me the liberty to print excerpts from it in the Taro Leaf. Dr. Morrissey was the Battalion Surgeon, and was on the front lines with the 1st Bn. 34th Inf. Regt. 24th ID. The Journal was written in 1944-1945.

THE BEACHHEAD

Dr. Morrissey's Journal

20 Oct. '44

Everyone up early as Philippine Islands come in sight. The sky last night was full of intermittent red glows and flashes. No noise, however.

0700 - daylight - rays of sun shine directly against sides of hundreds of vessels reflecting outlines clearly. Battleships have joined us over night. Shore looks low and green. Hill #522 a prominent rise from the flat. All transports begin loading men in small boats. Precarious climb down not necessary on these new transports. Boats brought to rail.

Seen from the deck; a lone Zero skims in and out through the whole convoy, zig zags in and out drawing fire from all ships, disappears unharmed. Only enemy air opposition.

0800 - My detachment and I are now on the water making those interminable circles before going in. We have to have an hour of the circling. That's what takes the edge off your excitement. Battleships steaming sedately, apparently in flat S parallel to shore. They are firing a lot with much red flame, smoke and rooking of the ship, but the cruisers closer in are putting out a much greater volume of fire, one turret after another without pause. The lack of bombardment of shore by our aircraft disappointing. Either it took place very early in the A. M. or it wasn't necessary.

0840 - Our wave starts in. So far it's the usual amphibious exercise. Radio gives sobering news, good progress but there are some Japs there as casualties prove. Captain Borrow, Co. Commanding Officer, 3rd BN., Killed in Action; Captain Wai, Regt. S 2, Killed in Action, before we reach line of departure. Eight hundred yards from shore enemy mortar shells begin dropping. Noise of boat drowns out crack of burst and everyone stares blankly at black smoke puffs. Then there is a sudden scurry for helmets and ducking to bottom of boat. Mortars drop around all the way in.

0910 - Beach is short and we land right on edge of jungle. One L. S. T. beached and burning. A mortar shell burst in front of one L. C. V. P. just as ramp dropped and "A" Co. men ran out. Three killed and seven wounded. Wm. Turner, one of my aid men, was severely wounded in leg and evacuated.

We re-formed and moved 1/4 mile inland to dig in where wooded area ended and flat fields began. Naval gunfire hasn't done much apparent damage in this area. Scattered bodies of both sides but no scenes of great carnage. Rain begins as I prepare my fox hole.

22 Oct. '44

Moved out this afternoon through heavily wooded area. Full of snipers. Hit the dirt many times. Finally came out in shell blasted area not far from shore. A "C" Company platoon was up ahead with some tanks trying to clear snipers and pill boxes out of dense underbrush. We are working with one BN. of 19th Infantry. Snipers kept popping away while we dug our holes. Two were shot down out of palm trees within 100 yards. Rain began as we try to eat before dark.

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

III. THE LEYTE VALLEY

26 Oct. '44

Terrific rains last night. Flooded all foxholes. I awoke once to find a huge black caribou sniffing at me. I half rose and he snorted and reared back half scaring me to death.

About 10 A. M. we began marching toward Palo. At my end of the column it was understood that we would stop there or just outside for a day. However, the column went on through and down the main road into the country, destination unknown. Major Goshiaux had relieved Major Edris as BN. Commander the day before, and neither one could be considered the acme of leadership. Our jeeps got separated from us in a traffic jam. We had no Collecting Platoon, and we were at the end of the column wondering where we were going.

The road was packed with refugees with all their possessions and caribou by the hundreds going back to Palo. Palo looked to be in good shape, but disappointing as a city. Japs failed to blow a high and long bridge over the rapid river.

We kept moving down the road until about 4 P. M. and then sure enough came the cry "Medics" from way up in front. Major Goshiaux and four men had gone 1/4 mile ahead in a jeep, then got out and 200 yards further ran into a machine gun. One man was killed, one wounded, and the jeep abandoned. We waited while a platoon went up there and secured the ground.

The road was now entering the Leyte Valley. The high hills were on the left only. They came right down to the road edge in most places. The 19th Infantry was evacuating a lot of wounded from deeper in the hills to the left into this road and back to Palo.

Formation of a perimeter this night seemed rather complicated. "C" Company was right on the road. The other companies stretched along a series of peaks and ridges. After climbing up and down the hills it was decided we should go to "C" Company as they were furthest forward. We were walking up the main road toward them when heavy firing broke out.

The sun was down as we found "C" Company dispersed on the level about one hundred yards from the base of a very steep hill probably 200 feet high. The approach to the hill and the sides were covered with thick brush.

Just as we arrived, seven men of the detachment and myself, a platoon of "C" Company came straggling back from the hill with three severely wounded men, one a belly case. Some Division Officer had ordered the attack at that late hour with no support because reports said no Japs were there.

We had a busy time caring for wounded and getting them evacuated as it grew dark. Had them in a ditch and a tank on the road next to us was trying to back out and get away without running over mines. It rained hard. No supper. Dug in with "C" Company while Japs were up there looking down our throats.

Many air raids and much A-A barrage all night down around beach.

Awoke feeling lucky that Japs hadn't attacked at night. They could have had fire on us all the time down in that pocket while they attacked.

"C" Company had some more casualties trying to reach top of the hill first thing this morning. About this time Major Goshiaux's short term as BN. Commander ended and Colonel Clifford, formerly with the 21st Infantry, took his place.

At 1030 all our mortars and heavy machine guns were in place and extremely heavy fire was placed on the hilltop. The mortars were deadly accurate. Several times dirt and heavy logs went high in the air. With the heavy machine guns all vegetation was sheared off the crest leaving it so barren that firing slits of bunkers could be seen.



Beppu Japan - 1st Bu. 19th Inf. - 1950

Standing, Left: Sgt. 1st Class Theo Derrick (KIA Nov. '50) Right: LT Jim Hill
Kneeling, Right: Pfc. Pedro Arroyo (Retired as CSM)



CARLISLE

Jason Minick/The Sentinel

Incoming commander Lt. Col. John Koivisto Jr., left, is handed the unit colors from Maj. Gen. Robert Ivany during the U.S. Army Garrison change of command

SENTEINER Bill Hosieck 19th

Christmas is just plain weird. What other time of year do you sit in front of a dead tree in the living room and eat candy out of your socks.



Yvonne Rolland

The Caissons Go Rolling Along

(Artillery Song)



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'Our Hell-Own Dicks'

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Your Place to Speak

George P. Losio wrote to say our information on page 71 (Spring Taro Leaf) was out of alignment. The Campaign Casualties were out of line.... read one line up. Thanks George

FLASH! IMPORTANT! I understand the 3rd Eng. "C" Bn. is going to host all Support Units at the Men's Breakfast in Tucson. In KC they started with 12 for breakfast and ended up with 40 plus. You Eng. are hard to stop! Addresses for sending a check to pay for your Tucson breakfast are in the Taro Leaf. NOTE: Any latecomers, who could find no one to give payment for your KC breakfast, just send a check to Dutch. Check with your ladies, some of them were unable to pay, the excellent turn out caused a little confusion and so many of the ladies were helping to serve, no one was left to collect the \$'s.

Summer Issue, page 44. That is **Lou Repko Jr.** driving.

Bill Hosler 19th said his wife is recovering from surgery, but may have to have more next year. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Alex Bronsberg, 3rd Eng. Regt., Hawaii Division has been busy as a beaver in the VA. He was VFW VAUS for 14 years, Post Commander of Post 283 with 2000 members, Past District Commander with 10,000 members. Alex said he had to give it up, open-heart surgery, bad knee and back, arthritis and other things. Time to retire Alex. Good Job!

Lawrence R. Plaatje L/34 said when he got to Camp Mower 9-'48 there was just L and B Companies. The band from the 19th preformed for the ceremony.

Last year, through this one notice, we gained sixty-eight new members. If every member of the Association would send a notice to their local paper with information about our Association and Reunion, and using your local phone number, I believe we would pick up even more this year. Please give it a try. Send your newspaper copy to me and I will run it in the Taro Leaf. Thanks, Billy A suggested notice follows:

THE NEXT 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION WILL BE HELD IN TUCSON, ARIZONA. WE WILL MEET AT THE HOLIDAY INN ON PALO VERDE BLVD. FROM 17 SEPTEMBER TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2003. SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN ANY UNIT OF THE 24TH, OR ANY UNIT ATTACHED TO THE 24TH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. OUR ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN THE PHILLIPPINES AFTER THE END OF THE WAR. WE ARE SOLDIERS FROM WWII, THE PACIFIC, JAPAN, KOREA, GERMANY, DESERT STORM, FORT STEWART, GEORGIA AND FORT RILEY KANSAS.

Memories from Korea

The cartoon on page 11 of Taro Leaf summer edition brought back memories of my duty in Korea as a Radio Correspondent with the 24th Division PIO from May '51 to April '52.

The cartoonist, **Charlie Meyers** was also a correspondent in the 24th PIO. The character, "Tidy Jim" in the cartoon, I believe was based on another member of our group, **Jim Devers**. The caricature even looks like him even though Jim wasn't a cook. We affectionately knick named him "Tidy Jim" because he was everything but tidy. I think Jim spent most of his time with the 19th writing about the regiment.

We also had a photographer named **Mervin Lew**, that when taking a picture of the Division Commander, **General Blackshear Bryan**, told him "It's one o'clock in Petersburg", because his fly was unbuttoned. The General gave Lew a big grin, and buttoned his pants.

The Taro Leaf is a great magazine. Keep up the good work.

Best Regards,
Dick Mickelson

Carl B. Mason, WWII 3rd Eng. has been trying to raise money to place a plaque at the Admiral Nimitz Museum of War in the Pacific. He has raised \$1, 213.62 thus far. A 20x20 inch plaque will cost \$2,500. Carl needs \$1287 more to put it in place. It is a big museum with over 300 plaques. I think we should let all their visitors know that WE WERE THERE. Come on, 10 bucks, In Tulsa that would get you two drinks. Send Carl that ten spot.

To All Units

Rich O'Hara is a writer who wants to contact WWII soldiers of the 24th ID. He is offering to write recollections of the war from *Your* viewpoint. I have read some of his work and it is very good. This is, of course, *No Cost* to you. Rich will give you a copy and he will use his copy. If you are interested you can call Rick at 1-603-548-1980 or call 1-630-852-4412 evenings and weekends. Rick's Email is: 3LuckyPeople@email.msn.com.

Women Drivers

My name is Jack. Driving to my office this morning on California Interstate #5 near Laguna Woods, I looked over my shoulder to the left and there was a woman in a brand new Mustang, with her face up next to the rear view mirror putting on her eye makeup. I looked away for a few seconds, and when I looked back, there she was halfway over in my lane, still working on her eyeliner. It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the Krispy Creme out of my other hand. In all the confusion, of trying to straighten out the car with my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear which fell into my Starbucks coffee between my legs, splashed and burned Big Bob and the Twins, ruined the phone and disconnected an important call.

Damn Women Drivers!

I want to thank all those who attended the Reunion in Kansas City, MO this past September. From the e-mail's and telephone conversations I have had everyone seems to have had a great time. Many were glad they attended so they could meet friends both old and new. I have to apologize for the delay in seating at the banquets but this was not the fault of the Association. The Catering and Sales Department insisted the seating be changed to include more persons at the tables and this created some confusion on re-seating. I do want to thank Johnny Rodriguez for the time and effort he put into the reunion and from the comments I received, it was a success. I also want to thank Dorothy and Don Lloyd for their assistance in helping Johnny rearrange the seating. I would like to see all of you again in Tucson next September. It looks like it will be another great reunion. Again. Thanks for coming.

Wes Morrison

Reunion Coordinator

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NONFICTION

■ One resource war historians find of inestimable worth derives from works written by eyewitness participants. Richmonder David Mann adds to that storehouse of memoirs with ***Avenging Bataan: The Battle of Zigzag Pass*** (Ivy House, 5122 Bur Oak Circle, Raleigh, NC 27612, \$26.95). With memories of 1942 and the Bataan Death March fixed in their memories, American forces had much to avenge in Bataan in 1945, and Mann was

there to participate in the key Battle of Zigzag Pass on Luzon. A VMI graduate, he served as a platoon leader in the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division, in the Philippines and took part in several major operations. His illustrated account carries the reader through a crucial battle in which the Americans proved victorious. His book has high value as a reference source for its notes, bibliography, and index.

— A.L.M.

Why did we go to the last reunion?

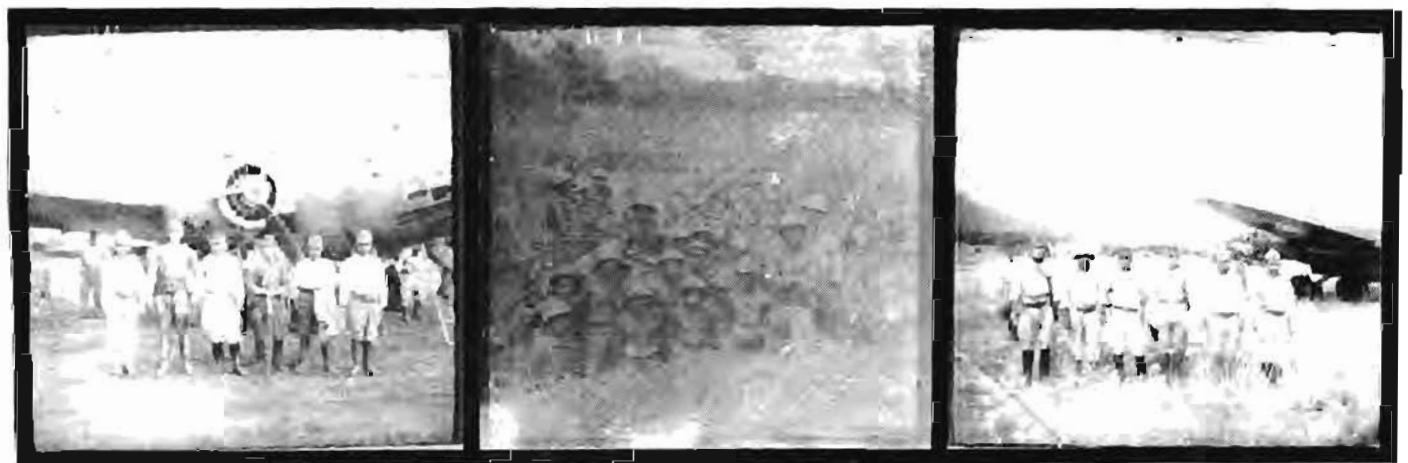
Did we go to get away from our everyday routine? Do we just need a break? Can't be the hotel, sometimes they just don't measure up to the sales pitch. Must be the food. Nope, not the food. Definitely Not The Food! We get better food at home and have a favorite restaurant around the corner. We could visit any city with a couple of friends at less cost so it is not the cities that draw us together. Adventure? Been there, done that! Sometimes more than once.

We go because we have a need, a need to be with those who have shared an important part of our lives? Oh Yeah! That's it.

Why then do we stay in our close-knit group? Why don't we take the time to look around to see if someone nearby is alone? It could be someone we haven't met before. Could be a friend you haven't seen in fifty years. We all look a bit different now and you may not be recognized by your past, best Buddie. Take the time to make friends of those who shared a part of your history when you were so busy winning a war, you didn't have time for a cup of coffee. If we'd had coffee some of us were too young to drink it!

Each of us has an obligation to say hello, to smile, to pause to read a nametag, which is why we wear them. Look around, who welcomed you when you were a first timer? Chances are that same person is still smiling and making other feel welcome to be with us, to be a part of our Association. You probably feel a special bond to the one(s) who made you welcome. Pass that good feeling along to others.

Letters from a gentleman who is a Life Member of the 24th IDA prompted this message. The KC reunion was the first he had attended. We truly hope it will not be his last. Not only did he not feel welcome, he felt unwelcome. Please, don't ever let this happen to anyone else.



During the Hollandia campaign I was a Platoon Leader with M Company, 21st Infantry and after we took over the Airport and were going through the deserted Japanese barracks I found a Japanese camera. I sent the undeveloped rolls to the Army Processing Center and they returned the processed film to me. These appear to be one AntiAircraft and two Bomber crews. John J. Goldpugh, Falmouth, MA. (508-540-7484)

Hear Ye One More Time

Too late to Classify

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Fun Stuff

Phil Meyers took the Front Cover photo on January 10, 2002 while in Hawaii.

The start of WWII at 8:10 AM on December 7, 1941

The USS Arizona exploded, having been hit by a 1,760-pound armor-piercing bomb. It slammed through her deck and ignited her forward ammunition magazine. In less than nine minutes she sank with 1,177 of her crew still on board.

A total loss, and the start of WWII for the United States.

This picture was taken from the USS Missouri's conning tower, her big 16 inch gun turrets below. The Arizona Memorial is straight ahead, with a view of Pearl Harbor and Hawaii. Ford Island is on the left. (Battleship Row.)

On the USS Missouri, on September 2, 1945, in the waters of Japan, The Military Leaders of the World gathered on this deck to witness the signing of the surrender of the Japanese. Now the USS Missouri is in Hawaii.

You have in this one picture, the start of WWII by the Japanese and the finish by the United States of America.

Phil Meyers served in the Navy in WWII aboard the LST 1048. He now lives in Payson, Arizona.

Yours in Patriotism;

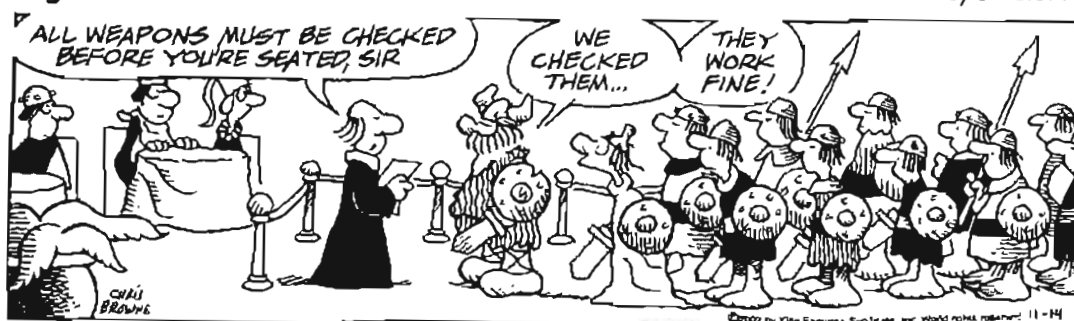
Bud

C.A. (Bud) Collette

Life member No. 162, 24th.

Hagar

By Dik Browne



LONDON, Aug 19 — Want to be more attractive? Then make sure those around you are having a drink.

BRITISH SCIENTISTS have found even modest amounts of alcohol will make the opposite sex appear better-looking.

"We have carried out experiments which show that what is known in the trade as the 'beer-goggle effect' does actually exist," Barry Jones, professor of psychology at Glasgow University, told Reuters on Monday.

The study of 120 male and female students found drinking up to four units of alcohol — about two pints (one litre) of beer or four glasses of wine — increased the perceived attractiveness of members of the opposite sex by about 25 percent.

Jones said alcohol apparently stimulates a part of the brain called the nucleus accumbens, which judges facial attractiveness.

"There is a strong link between facial attractiveness and signals about the quality of a potential mate," Jones said.

The professor said the study had been prompted by the causal link between risky sex and alcohol consumption.

Its findings come at a time when young Britons are increasingly binge drinking, which has serious health risks.



Bob Greene

Bill Mauldin is in need of his buddies now

Someone from the 3rd Infantry Division got in touch and said he thought I'd want to know. He said it was about Bill Mauldin.

What followed was not so good.

I'll get to that in a moment. For those of you too young to recognize the name, Bill Mauldin, who is now 80 years old, was the finest and most beloved editorial cartoonist of World War II. An enlisted man who drew for Stars and Stripes, he was the one who gave the soldiers hope and sardonic smiles on the battlefields; Mauldin knew their hearts because he was one of them. Using his dirty, unshaven, bone-weary infantrymen characters Willie and Joe as his vehicle, Mauldin let all those troops know there was someone who understood. A Mauldin classic from World War II: an exhausted infantryman standing in front of a table where medals were being given out, saying: "Just gimme th' aspirin. I already got a Purple Heart."

Baby-faced and absolutely brilliant, Mauldin became a national phenomenon. Talk about a boy wonder: By the time he was 23 years old he had won a Pulitzer Prize, been featured on the cover of Time magazine, and had the country's No. 1 best-selling book, "Up Front." Yet he remained the unaffected, bedrock genuine,

decent and open guy — his fellow soldiers loved him.

And he stayed that way — right down to the baby face — all the way into his 50s and beyond. I was brand-new in Chicago, 22 years old and a beginning reporter, when I walked by the old Riccardo's restaurant one night, and there was Mauldin having a drink at one of the outside tables with his friend Mike Royko. Mauldin had seen me around the hallways; he motioned me over and invited me to join them. I sat down and tried to act as if this was nothing exceptional at all, as I looked around me at the table and thought to myself: You're six weeks out of Bexley, Ohio. That's Bill Mauldin. That's Mike Royko. This is a dream.

He was always so nice to me; he volunteered to write the foreword to one of my first books. We sort of lost touch after he moved to the Western part of the U.S. full time, and I guess that when I thought of him it was still as the eternally boyish, eternally grinning, eternally upbeat Mauldin.

And then the message came the other day from the 3rd Infantry man.

Bill Mauldin needs help.

He suffered terrible burns in a household accident a while back; his health has deteriorated grievously, and his cognitive functions are barely working. He lives in a room in a nursing home in Orange County, Calif., and sometimes days at a time go by without him saying a word. He was married three times, but the last one ended in divorce, and at 80 in the nursing home Mauldin is a single man.

I spoke with members of his family; they said that, even though Bill hardly communicates, the one thing that cheers him up is hearing from World War II guys — the men for whom he drew those magnificent cartoons.

Which is not what you might expect. Mauldin was not one to hold on to the past — he did not want to be categorized by the work he did on the battlefields when he was in his 20s. He went on to have a stellar

career in journalism after the war, winning another Pulitzer in 1959. Many Americans, and I'm one of them, consider the drawing he did on deadline on the afternoon John F. Kennedy was assassinated — the drawing of the Lincoln Memorial, head in hands, weeping — to be the single greatest editorial cartoon in the history of newspapers.

But it's his World War II contemporaries he seems to need now. The guys for whom — in the words of Mauldin's son David — Mauldin's cartoons "were like water for men dying of thirst." David Mauldin said

his dad needs to hear that he meant something to those men.

He needs visitors, and he needs cards of encouragement. I'm not going to print the name of the nursing home, so that this can be done in a disciplined and scheduled way.



Mauldin in '43. A newspaper colleague in Southern California —

Gordon Dillow — has done a wonderful job organizing this, and he will take your cards to the nursing home. You may send them to Bill Mauldin in care of Dillow at the Orange County Register, 625 N. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92701.

What would be even better, for those of you World War II veterans who are reading these words in California, or who plan on traveling there soon, would be if you could pay a visit to Mauldin just to sit with him a while. You can let me know if you are willing to do this (bgreene@tribune.com), or you can let Gordon Dillow know (gdillow@aol.com).

Bill Mauldin brought hope, and smiles in terrible hours, to millions of his fellow soldiers. If you were one of them, and you'd like to repay the favor, this would be the time.

■ Bob Greene comments on the news of the day Thursdays on the "WGN News at Nine."

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Bill McClure Bill Marx James Mickel
At Camp Breckenridge, Ky. March, 1951
All went to Korea to 24th Inf. Div.



PFC. JAMES W. MICKEL

Owensboro Soldier Awarded Bronze Star Medal In Korea

Pfc. James W. Mickel, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mickel, 1634 1st St. has been awarded the bronze star for heroism in action in Korea, his parents have been informed.

Pfc. Mickel, who entered the army Nov. 24, 1950, is a member of Medical Company, 198th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, and "distinguished himself by heroic action near Hudong-ni, Korea, on 28 June 1951," according to a citation.

Company B, to which he was attached as an aidman, was participating in its third day as part of an operation which carried it behind enemy lines with the mission of attacking and destroying enemy positions and supplies, according to the citation. At this time, the company had just secured a high, steep-sided knoll which had been defended by an estimated enemy company. The company began consolidating the position, and before the platoons were dug in, the enemy opened up on them with an intense automatic weapons and mortar barrage.

"This fire came in from undetected positions located on high ground on three sides of the company," it is related in the order by which the medal was awarded to Pfc. Mickel. "As the fire increased, casualties mounted rapidly. Private Mickel continually exposed himself to this intense fire as he moved from one position to another, treating the wounded. Under cover of this intense fire, the enemy threw a vicious counterattack against the weakened company. Private Mickel, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced in the face of the attacking enemy to comfort and console the wounded. Advancing sometimes to within a few yards of the enemy positions, he treated and evacuated 20 wounded comrades."

Dan Rickert, 3rd "C" Eng. Bn. sent this leaflet we dropped to the Chinese. We must have dropped a million, or maybe a billion!!

明年新春你還能活着嗎？

7120





The Latest Ploy to Drive the Taliban and Al Qaeda Out of the Mountains of Afghanistan is to send in a team of Redneck Special Forces (USRSF). Billy Bob, Bubba, Boo and Cooter are being sent in with the following information about the Taliban

1. There is no limit.
2. The season opened last week.
3. They taste just like chicken.
4. They don't like beer, pickup trucks, country music or Jesus.
5. Some is queer.
6. They don't like barbeque.
7. They were responsible for Dale Earnhardt's death.

SHOULD BE OVER IN ABOUT A WEEK

The head clansman in 1940 was **Col. Deusen**.
Joe Mielezsko, Bty. C 13th FA 1940-41



COLONEL E. R. VAN DEUSEN
HEAD CLANSMAN

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13th FIELD ARTILLERY
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OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

TO THE MEN OF THE CLAN:

Our motto, "Without Fear, Favor, or Hope of Reward," typifies the Esprit and Loyalty which have always prevailed in the personnel comprising the Thirteenth Field Artillery.

On this, our Organization Day, let each one of us silently and devotedly renew in our hearts our pledge of Loyalty to the Regiment and to the Principles for which it stands.

Once a Clansman always a Clansman.

Always "The Clan"! —

E. R. Van Deusen

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Colonel 13th Field Artillery
Commanding



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Joe Mielezsko

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YOUR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS



DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

The 19th Infantry Drum and Bugle Corps which performs at all parades guard mounts, was organized in March 1949 by 1st Sgt. Marvin G. Simpson of Co. A and Sgt 1/c Neal Bevilock of Co. H.

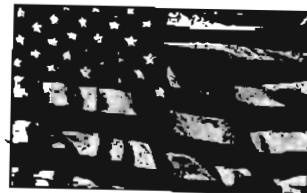
At the present time the Corps is under the leadership of 1st Lt. Richard Alvarez, Los Angeles, Calif. of Serv Co. 1st Lt. Theodore Fry, Deposit, N.Y. is the Drum Major of the outfit. In addition to parades guard mounts, the Corps also plays for honor guards, sporting events and drill every morning. Originally starting with twenty men, the Corps is now down to fifteen and is composed of Jimmie Cox, Henry Poulin, Joseph Stephens, Richard Brunsow, Floyd Wilson, Joseph Jeff, Nunzio Silicate, William Powell, Frank Farrow, Roland Watson, Carmen Cavallero, Perry and Ray Harrington. Smartly attired in blue and gold helmets and white leggings and boots, the Corps presents a fine appearance at all formations.

Clifford G. Sears
924 S. Waterview Dr.
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CoC.21st. Inf. Reg.
24th Division

Hi Guys & Gals!

Here are a couple of photos of men that were taken in Hollandia, New Guinea. They are left to right--Dick Sehenk, Cliff Sears and Almando Rodreguez. Dick Sehenk and Cliff Sears are Pearl Harbor Survivors and belong to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.



Our route was from Oahu to Australia to Good Enough Island and then to our Landing at Tanamera, New Guinea, then to Landings at Ponan Island and Leyte Gulf in the Phillipines, where we fought up through Barugo, Caragara to Pimapaia Ridge.

At this point I had enough points to go home. Dick Sehenk and I still swap Xmas cards. I tried, but never found Rodreguez.

Cliff Sears

Cliff Sears

Clifford Guy Sears
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(1944)



WHAT DID THE DOCTOR SAY?

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office.
After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone.

He said,

"Your husband is suffering from a very severe disease, combined with horrible stress. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die. Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant, and make sure he is in a good mood. For lunch make him a nutritious meal. For dinner prepare an especially nice meal for him. Don't burden him with chores, as he probably had a hard day. Don't discuss your problems with him, it will only make his stress worse. And most importantly, make love with your husband several times a week and satisfy his every whim. If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely."

On the way home, the husband asked his wife.

"What did the doctor say?"



"You're going to die," she replied. -

"Wish those guys at the peace conference would hurry it up, my feet are gettin' cold."

Beppu, Japan, circa 1949

Colonel Guy E. Meloy, CO, 19th Inf. Regt., (later 4 Star General and Ambassador to New Zealand) cutting the Regt's Birthday cake.



Reaching out and touching someone

19th INFANTRY BREAKFAST

The Annual Breakfast of the veterans of the 19th Infantry Regiment was held on 21 September 2002 at the annual reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association in Kansas City, Kansas.

The breakfast was attended by 46 former "Rocks" that were in attendance at the Division reunion. Joe Sweeney, a member of the 19th during the Korean War, hosted the breakfast.

The breakfast this year was dedicated to the memory of Chaplain (Captain) Herman Gilbert Felhoelter, the Catholic Chaplain for the 19th who was killed on the 17th of July 1950 during the action near the Kum River. Father Felhoelter volunteered to stay behind with a group of battle wounded soldiers that were too severely wounded to be evacuated overland after the evacuation route was blocked and was murdered by the North Koreans when they captured the location where he and the wounded were located. For his heroic actions Father Felhoelter was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The State of Kentucky has erected a historical marker near Father Felhoelter's church in Louisville, Kentucky in honor of his dedication to his church and the sacrifice he made for himself and his country. 19th members attending the breakfast voted to donate \$100 towards the cost of the marker from the 19th Infantry Regiment.

Jim Hill, a member of the 19th from 1949 until 1951 was the speaker for the occasion. Jim gave a short history of the 19th from its start during the Civil War until the present time. Many members were unaware that the history of the 19th predates its time as part of the 24th Division. Many were amazed to find out that the 19th was stationed at the numerous Western frontier forts during the Indian Wars and well as having served in Mexico and the Philippines during the late 1800s and the early 1900s. Jim concluded his presentation with a description of how military garrison life was in the Peacetime Occupation Army in Beppu, Japan before the regiment went to Korea. Several years before Major Dallas Dick at the reunion breakfast had described garrison life in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor and Jim compared the similarities of military life in Hawaii and Japan.

It was decided by the members attending that the breakfast each year would be dedicated to a former member of the 19th that had distinguished himself on the field of battle as a true "Rock of Chickamauga".

RIVER WALK

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank. "Yoo-hoo" she shouts, "how can I get to the other side?" The second blonde looks up the river then down the river then shouts back, "You are on the other side."

Q. Why'd the poet Edgar Allan Poe get kicked out of Annapolis?

A. It was West Point. The posted parade uniform for the day was "gloves and saber belts." He strolled into formation wearing nothing but gloves and a saber belt and a brief smile.

Rogers Rangers Standing Orders

In 1756 Major Robert Rogers recruited nine Ranger companies of American colonist to fight for the British during the French and Indian War. Rogers adapted the techniques and methods of the frontiersmen and incorporated them into an organized fighting force. His "Standing Orders" were written in the year 1759. Even though they are over 200 years old, they apply just as well to operations conducted today.

1. Don't forget nothing.
2. Have your musket clean as a whistle, hatchet scoured, sixty rounds powder and ball, and be ready to march at a minutes warning.
3. When you're on the march, act the way you would if you was sneaking up on a deer. See the enemy first.
4. Tell the truth about what you see and what you do. There is an Army depending on us for correct information. You can lie all you please when you tell other folks about the Rangers, but don't ever lie to a Ranger or officer.
5. Don't never take a chance you don't have to.
6. When you're on the march we march single file, far enough apart so one shot can't go through two men.
7. If we strike swamps, or soft ground, we spread out abreast, so it's hard to track us.
8. When we march, we keep moving till dark, so as to give the enemy the least possible chance at us.
9. When we camp, half the party stays awake while the other half sleeps.
10. If we take prisoners, we keep'em separate till we had time to examine them, so they can't cook up a story between 'em.
11. Don't ever march home the same way. Take a different rout so you won't be ambushed.
12. No matter whether we travel in big parties or little ones, each party has to keep a scout twenty years ahead, twenty yards on each flank and twenty yards in the rear, so the main body can't be surprised and wiped out.
13. Every night you'll be told where to meet if surrounded by a superior force.
14. Don't sit down to eat without posting sentries.
15. Don't sleep beyond dawn. Dawn's when the French and Indians attack.
16. Don't cross a rivers regular ford.
17. If somebody's trailing you, make circle, come back onto your tracks, and ambush the folks that aim to ambush you.
18. Don't stand up when the enemy's coming against you. Kneel down, lie down, hide behind a tree.



Don Putnam (L) and Richards HQ & SV 3rd Eng "C"
at the Water Purification Point (3-1953)



159th FA
Firing Support for 24th ID

A crusty old man walks into a bank and says to the woman at the teller window, "I want to open a damn checking account."

"The astonished woman replies, "I beg your pardon, sir. I must have misunderstood you. What did you say?"

"Listen up, damn it. I said I want to open a damn checking account, now!"

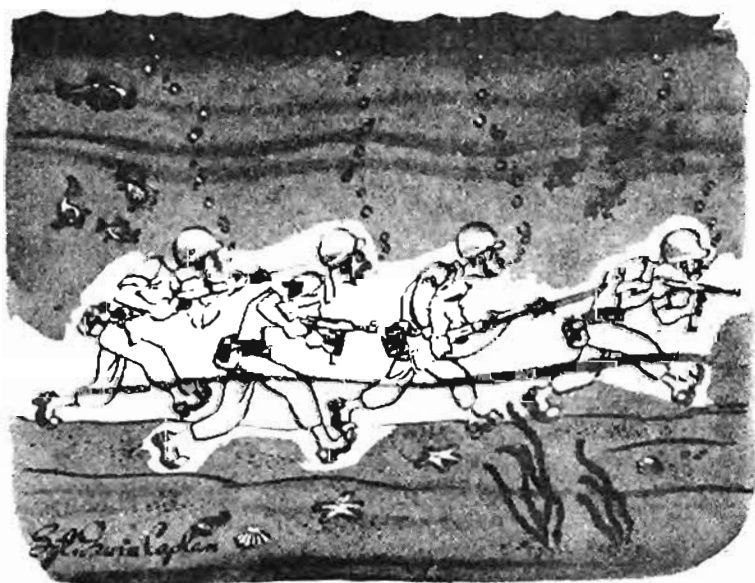
"I'm very sorry sir, but that kind of language is not tolerated in this bank." The teller leaves the window and goes over to the bank manager to inform him of her situation. The manager agrees that the teller does not have to listen to that foul language.

They both return to the window and the manager asks the old geezer, "sir, what seems to be the problem here?"

"There's no damn problem," the man says. "I just won 85 million bucks in the damn lottery and I want to open a damn checking account in this damn bank."

"I see," says the manager, "and is this bitch giving you a hard time?"

■ An Arkansas highway patrolman pulls over a pickup on Interstate 40 and says to the driver, "Got any ID?" The driver says, "'Bout what?"



"I THOUGHT WE WERE GETTING OFF THAT BARGE TOO SOON."

—Sgt. Irwin Caplan



"Killer" Keller, M Co., 19th Regt., 24 Div. March 1951 - Taking a break.



Sgt. Wright, Cpl. Hammond and Cpl. Stacy. M Co., 19th Regt., 24th Div. Spring 1951.



M.Sgt. Earl, (Pete) Vowell, M Co., 19th Regt., 24th Div. March 1951.



Photos by Lewis Wright, 14528 Wiley Street, San Leandro, CA 94579
Tel: 510-351- 5893

Sgt. Lewis Wright, M Co., 19th Regt., 24th Div. March 1951 Well Armed 38 Cal Pistol.

(Thank you Lewis for the great photos. I hope some of your buddies will write to you or see the photos.)

Book Review

The Will to Win, The Life of General James A. Van Fleet, By Paul F. Braim (Naval Institute Press, 2001; 419 pgs., \$42.50).

General James A. Van Fleet (1892-1992) was one of the great generals to come out of the U.S. Military Academy class of 1915 – “the class the stars fell on”. His service spanned three major wars in the twentieth century, WW-I, WW-II, and Korea. His leadership in Greece during the Cold War led to the defeat of Communism in that country. Often overshadowed by more flamboyant personalities, he inspired the men he led with his “will to win” philosophy.

Paul F. Braim has done an impressive job with this only biography written about General James A. Van Fleet. Paul F. Braim also served in three wars, WW-II, Korea, and Vietnam. Some of us remember him from Korea where he joined Company I, 19th Infantry Regiment in November 1950 as a 2LT-platoon leader and progressed to company commander in April 1951. Braim moved over to serve as 3d Bn. S-2 under LTC Wesley B. Edwards in August 1951 and rotated from Korea in December 1951. He retired from service with the rank of colonel and is currently professor of history at American Military University and a professor emeritus of Embry Riddle University. Paul F. Braim has authored four books on military affairs.

Paul F. Braim has written this biography in the style of military history books using numbered references and a bibliography in the back. He has gleaned facts and stories from a multitude of sources to produce this story of a poor boy born in New Jersey, who grew up in central Florida where his aged father moved his family while James was quite young. James Van Fleet only entered West Point because his father ordered him there. After graduation he was assigned to the 3d Infantry Regiment and saw action in WW-I with the 6th Infantry Division on the Western Front. After WW-I he had a series of assignments with the ROTC during which time he coached the football team at the University of Florida. It was during his coaching days at Florida that he developed his “will to win” philosophy.

WW-II was approaching when Col. James A. Van Fleet took command of the 8th Infantry Regiment in June 1941. He led them in the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. His success with the 8th Infantry in the invasion led to a promotion to brigadier general in August 1944 and assignment as assistant division commander of the 2d Infantry Division. Paul Braim writes extensively about James A. Van Fleet’s service in Europe, service that earned a promotion to major general and command of the III Corps. He was with the Third Corps assigned to the 1st Army, and preparing for the invasion of Japan when final victory came with the surrender of Japan.

After WW-II Maj. Gen. Van Fleet was given command of the 2d Service Command, headquartered in New York City. His responsibility was to provide federal supervision for the National Guard, Organized Reserves, and ROTC in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. In 1947 he was assigned to the U.S. Army’s European Command responsible for the occupation of Germany. Late in 1947 Sec. of State George Marshall decided that Gen. Van Fleet was the man to lead the Greek National Army in its fight against a Russian backed Communist insurrection. Acceptance of the assignment brought him his 3d star. Under Van Fleet’s leadership and direction the Greek National Army was rebuilt and trained to fight under cover of darkness. Using the “will to win” and tactics installed by Van Fleet the Greek National Army declared victory in 1949. The Communist expansion of the Cold War had suffered its first defeat.

Korea is the war where many of us remember General James A. Van Fleet. President Truman handpicked Gen. James A. Van Fleet to lead the 8th Army after firing General Douglas MacArthur in April 1951 and replacing MacArthur with 8th Army Commander Gen. Mathew Ridgeway. Ridgeway has been given credit for the building of 8th Army in Korea into one of the strongest forces this country has fielded, but many of us believe that it was Gen. James A. Van Fleet who should be given credit. He gave up command of Eighth Army in February 1953, and retired from service on March 31, 1953. The last part of the book is devoted to Van Fleet’s life after retirement.

I highly recommend this book written by Paul F. Braim for serious history buffs, and those interested in the WW-II European Theater as well as those wanting to know about the war in Korea. I am impressed with Paul Braim’s writing! My copy was purchased in a local bookstore, but for those wanting an address: Naval Institute Press, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402-5034; phone (800) 233 8764; Fax (410) 571 1703; Web address: www.navalinstitute.org

Joe Sweeney

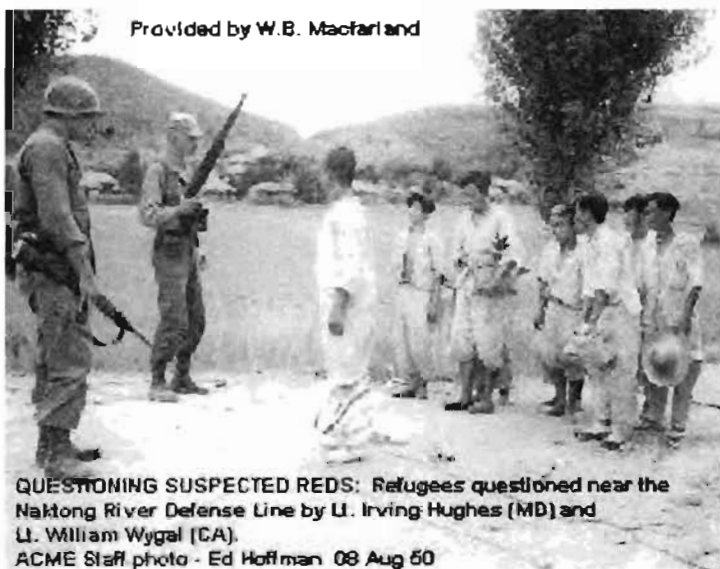


105mm Howitzer gun crew rests beside field piece ready to go.
ACME Staff photo - Ed Hoffman 11 July 50

CROSSING THE NAKTONG: Troops of the 24th Inf. Div. cross south of Waegwan in rubber assault boats in UN offensive.
ACME Staff photo - Ed Hoffman 20 Sep 50



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QUESTIONING SUSPECTED REDS: Refugees questioned near the Naktong River Defense Line by Lt. Irving Hughes (MD) and Lt. William Wygal (CA).
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24th Division Jeep patrol



Dan Rickert sent this photo taken in the Philippines. The years keep adding up, Japan, Korea, Germany.

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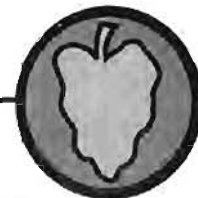
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Police Battalion
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5th Field Artillery Group
92nd Field Artillery Battalion
145th Field Artillery Battalion

Korea

711th Field Artillery Battalion (ROK)
780th Field Artillery Battalion
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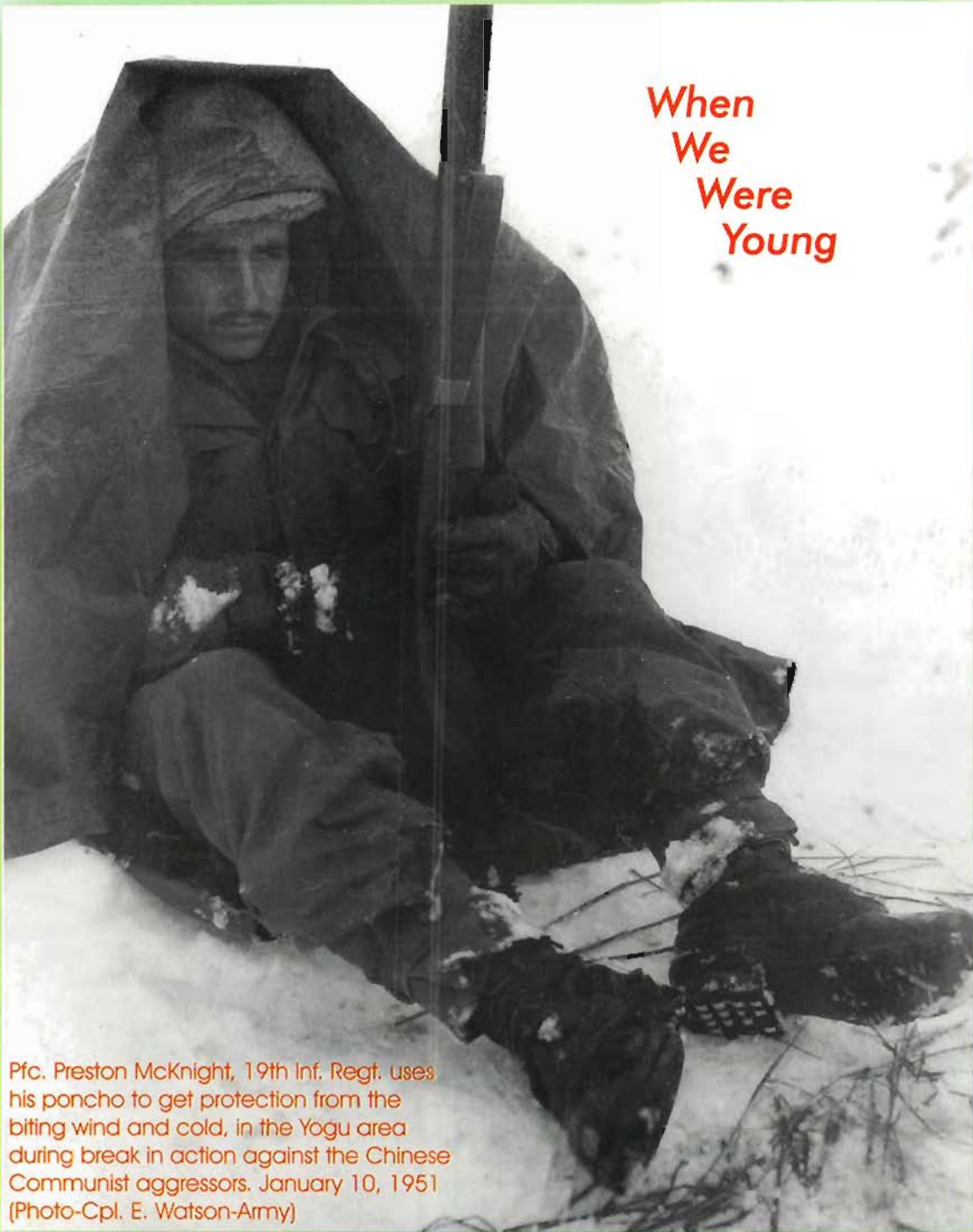
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Support and Maint. Co. (A)
Detachment, 24th Aviation
Company
Detachment, 24th QM Company
Detachment, 24th Signal Battalion
Detachment, Fwd Spt Co., 724th
Ordnance Battalion.
Platoon, A Co., Ambulance, 24th
Medical Battalion
Platoon, B Co., Clearing, 24th
Medical Battalion
Headquarters, Flight Sec.

* Company not known
(A) designates Airborne units

Somalia

1st Battalion, 64th Armor
3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment
1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery
3rd Engineer Battalion
224th Forward Support Battalion
724th Forward Support Battalion
B and D Co., 24th Signal Battalion
A and B Co., 124th Military
Intelligence Battalion
24th Military Police Company
Detachment 2, 18th ASG



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Pfc. Preston McKnight, 19th Inf. Regt. uses his poncho to get protection from the biting wind and cold, in the Yogu area during break in action against the Chinese Communist aggressors. January 10, 1951 (Photo-Cpl. E. Watson-Army)

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