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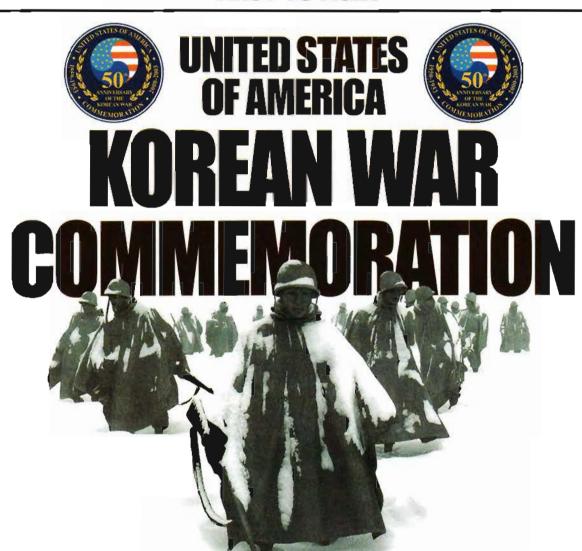
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The Prez Sez

Dear Taro Leafers.

My sincere apologies for the delay of the May 2003 issue of Taro Leaf.

The one you've received by now was actually the third one assembled for printing. We had a few floods in North Carolina in May and one of them got our Printer's shop, and the May Taro Leaf. Most all of the company computers, printers, completed orders and works in progress were lost. The second May Taro Leaf was made up of articles and photos that we had in our computer and mail from members. Dutch resent the Artillery pages and his Secretary/Treasurer pages along with a few good jokes. The disks for that second issue were lost from the shop along with some printed pages. Certainly the shop was not careless, they are an old established business, and a very good print shop. My best guess is that since the shop was still being dried out and cleaned from the flood, our things must have fallen into a wastebasket. However, with the third try, the May 2003 Taro Leaf was successfully printed and is in your homes by now. We hope you are enjoying it.

Good news came to some of our Association Members. The DAV and VFW had a drawing for free trips to Korea for the Celebration of the Cease Fire and the End of the Korean War. Eight of our Members were on the Winners List. Their names are below. I will be in Korea for the Ceremony on July 27, 2003. I plan to bring photos and stories back for the November *Tavo Leaf*.

This is my last Prez Sez page. This space will next be filled by the Active Member chosen as our new President at the September Annual Reunion in Tucson. He will lead our Association through the next year.

To each who has given me your support and cooperation these past two years, I send a grateful "Thank You."

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Tucson,

Billy

Billy,

I have just reviewed the list of the individuals who were selected for the Free Trip to Korea to attend the Cease Fire Ceremonies on 27 July 2003. The following Association Members have been selected.

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Gibson, Joseph, Fulton, NY, Telephone = 315-592-5898, 21st Inf

Not bad, 8 out of 300 or 2.6%.

Some of the others may be former Division members but not with the Association. Would be nice to have their reflections on the trip.

Wes

24th Infantry Division Association





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Checking Account: 19,277.92 CD: 59,369.60 Total: 78,647.52

Accounts Payable:

Last issue of The Taro Leaf, about \$13,500.00 This issue of The Taro Leaf, about \$13,500.00

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Drawing at Reunion usually brings in about \$20,000.00

(Thanks to Corky Peters!)

In addition to the above I have just received 112 dues payment to post. With Life Payments and donations will be about \$20,000.00+

(Thanks to Dick Hubbard)

Membership

Total number of members: 2,933, which is up 27 since the last Taro Leaf. Most of the new members are younger men with recent service.

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1,311 Life Paid Up

15 Associate Life Paid

44 Life Paying

By Area/Time of Service

WW11, 826	Pearl Harbor 59	
Korea, 1,531	POW 28	
Japan, 1,051	Fr. Riley 12	
Germany, 191	′	38
Desert St., 23	Task Force Smith	37

Digging as hard as I can this is still the weakest part of our records. Many men report such things as "B Company" or "24th" or nothing.

By Unit & By State

No change at all. We have men from 62 different units with the largest still being: 19th, 21st, 34th, 5th RCT, 3rd Eng, 11th FA, 24th Sig, 13th FA, 52nd FA, 63rd FA. We still have men from all 50 States with the largest being: CA, FL, OH, IL, MI, PA, NJ, MA, GA, MO.

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David E., Wahl Sr	19th	\$25
Richard H. Miller	724th	\$5
William Livingston	34th	Willled in
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Beryle E. Schlarb	34th	\$10
Lowell J. Neifert	34th	\$10
Richard L. Yarborough	21st	\$10
Francis M. McIntyre	19th	\$10
Donald Jordison	34th	\$5
Wilbut Federwitz	21st	\$10
Gerald R. Tomlin	19th	\$5
Robert A. Olson	34th	\$10
Edward E.Kerkhoff	19th	\$50
Calvin N. Gibson	19th	\$10
Walter L., Gay	19th	\$15
William Clark	19th	\$10
Paul R. McArdle	24 Sig	\$24
Zane Gray Wallace	24th Recon	\$10
	19th	\$25 In honor of
Paul R. Kemper	13111	
Gerald E. Monahan	21st	SMJ Bobby J. Hunt
		\$5
Robert J. Moritz	Div Arty	\$10
John Hargreaves	lith	\$10 in honor of
		6147 Tac Control
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Charles H. Reese	724th Ord	\$10
James W. Lender	19th	\$10
Joseph K. Costello	19th	\$10
Clarence Mehlhaff	13th	\$12.96
Ray A. Nell	21st	\$10
George G. Updike	Div Hq	\$35 \$25
Maurice Quarries	21st 63rd	\$10
Ernest R., Brandon Francis H. Welch	21st	\$100
John Perkuc		\$20
Robert S. Parker	3rd Eng	\$5 \$5
	24th QM 19th	\$5 \$5
Wetterau-Blankerburg Charles Lake	21st	\$10
Joseph Subsak, Sr	34th	\$10
Roger L. Reid	34th	\$10
Dewey L. Coles	13th	\$10 \$5
Charles Johnson	34ch	\$5 \$5
Lloyd Potterton	19th	\$10
Sal Nicoletta	21st	\$10
Chester Jordan	34th	\$5
Lawrence Frand	3rd Eng	\$10
Gerald Vincent	Hth	\$5
Bill J. Smith	26 AAA	\$10
Don F. Drake	5th RCT	\$5
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Bennnie D. Davidson	21st	\$5
Alfred H. Bernstein	21st	\$10
Frank J. Plata	19th	\$5
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3rd Eng

John G. Starr

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Foster, Herb		PO Box 1316, Edgertown, MA 02539-1316	508-627-2456	Was Finklestein in Svc., Japan
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Madryga, Robert E.	19th	5033 Washburn So., Minneapolis, MN 55410-2225	612-922-3595	Japan
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New Life Members

Frank C. Dula	21st	John A. Griffin	19th
Robert E. Nolde	3/15th	Garth H. Holmes	34th Armor
Lila H. Hartley, Assoc.	19th	Willis D. Kingsolver	19th, 21st
William H. Thornton	21sr, 19th	Frank. J. Wuscher	19th
Gerald Rettela	34th	Jerry Groves	92nd
Robert Quintero	19th	Linda J. Johnson, Assoc.	3rd Eng.

Thoughts From The Sec/Tres

- 1. What is to be done about getting our men to use the FULL Zip Code?!? That is nine numbers. The five digits will work OK for First Class Mail, although is requires one more "handling" in the Post Office. But any, and all, bulk mail needs the full nine numbers. And that includes The Taro Leaf. This last issue of the TL cost \$2.44 ro mail 1st Class. So, Soldier, please "Get With The Program."
- 2. The "Dues Renewal Notification Program" headed by Dick Hubbard is working fine. In fact it is working Great. As my time is spent working on the material for this issue of The Taro Leaf I have accumulated a whole shoe box of mail to be processed. There does occur a "glitch" here and there, but if Dick makes too many mistakes we can always cut his pay in half.
- 3. Many, many calls as to where is the next issue of the Taro Leaf. Flooded out, that's where. As big a mess as the flood caused it is good to learn how important. The Taro Leaf is to our guys. A common vexation for radio folks is the question: "Is anybody out there listening to me?" Same with us "Is anybody out there reading this?"
- 4. This is my last issue as Sec/Tres. The reunion in Tucson will be my "Swan Song." Sec/Tres is a great deal of work, but with Margo's help we have been able to keep up with things. And it has been an enjoyable tour of duty. Letters and phone calls bitching at me are rare. And in those few cases that do occur "The Bitcher" is usually right and I have been wrong. But for every "Nasty-Gram" that comes in there are a dozen notes thanking me for the work I am doing, and that is a great off-set. And those wee notes make Margo and I feel good for the whole day.

To sum it up, you are a great bunch of guys to work with.

Chaplain's Corner

To belittle is to be little.

To be grateful is to be great.

(Your choice?)



In God's Name, Glen Carpenter, Chaplain

Election of Officers 2003-2004

Nomination and election of the Association Officers for the term of 2003-2004 will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the annual reunion in Tucson, Atizona on September 20th 2003.

The Constitution of the Association designates three positions as elected offices. They are:

President

Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer/Editor

(Interpretation of the Constitution allows the Secretary/Treasurer to name an individual as Editor of the TARO LEAF.)

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Any Active Member of the Association that desires to nominate an individual for the above listed offices is requested to provide the name of the individual, his or her qualification for the position and concurrence of the individual to one of the above.

It is desirable for the nomination(s) to be made prior to September 5th 2003.

Billy Johnson President

All The Benefits, None of the Politics

Notice to: Widowsand 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.

Va Plans Pittsburgh Cemetery

WASHINGTON - The VA has purchased two land parcels totaling 292 acres near Pittsburgh, PA, for a national cemetery.

VA plans to open a small portion of the cemetery for burials in late 2004. About 19,000 grave spaces will be available when the cemetery's first phase of construction is completed in 2006.

Located 12 miles south of downtown Pittsburgh, the cemetery will serve about 323,000 veterans living within 75 miles. The area covers 13 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania and three in West Virginia.

Sent in by Jim Hill

FRONT COVER:

Korean War Commemorative Poster. Posters may be purchased through AAFES for \$3.95, which includes 2 Posters plus 15 contemporary Korea view postcards. Go to

Jessica Lynch: Modern Myth?

By Mona Charen, July 1, 2003 Sent in by Joseph McKeon, 19th

ave you heard of Army Sgt. Casaundra Grant? Probably not, because her story has been largely ignored by the press. She's a 25-year-old single morher who lost both of her legs during the Iraq War when she was accidentally pinned under a tank. Her 2-year-old son "prayed for her legs" the first time he saw her stumps. Sgt. Grant is upheat and grateful to be alive, reports the San Antonio Express-News, but is this really the way we want to fight our wars, with young mothers coming home in wheelchairs? (By the way, has anyone noticed how many of our women warriors seem to be single mothers?)

In the Middle East, cultural attitudes have remained unchanged for millennia. In the United States, they change dramarically in a decade. Whereas 17 years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that it was fine for Georgia to outlaw sodomy, today, the Court practically throws open the door to gay marriage. So, to,, with women in combat. Democrats swim out pas the buoys, but Republicans, too, are pulled by the cultural undertow. Notice how we're all so careful to refer to the "men and women" in the armed forces (and we can hardly not, since they represent a big percentage) and the "men and women" who give their lives. Yet when we mention the women who give their lives, there is, for some of us, protest lodged with the gratitude. You want to add "But women ought not be asked to give their lives." And, in fact, it is not official U.S. policy to put women in combat.

Still, there is a vocal constituency of feminists (both male and female) who do want to end the military's prohibition on women in combat, and they've been making steady progress. "Reforms" instituted during the Clinton Administration permitted women to serve closer to the front lines with the altogether predictable result that more women were injured and killed in Iraq than in the previous Gulf War.

One of those was Jessica Lynch, whose story has become more opaque with every passing day. We first learned of her when the U.S. military announced that she had been rescued from an Iraqi hospital. The Washington Post ran a gripping front-page story, citing unnamed Pentagon sources, who described Lynch as the Sergeant York of 2003. The plucky gal had emptied her rifle into the enemy, we were told. She'd been stabbed and shot, and had other injuries but kept on fighting. "She didn't want to be taken alive."

NOTE: The Army did not say or report any of the above. A reporter made up those LIES. When the Army released information that she was shot, the public thought it so. When you remove a wounded soldier from the battle area and she has bandages all over, it's natural to think she has been shot. Jessica was wounded in combat! - Billy It wasn't true. The story began to unravel as soon as Lynch was taken to West Germany for medical treatment. Doctors said there were no signs of gunshot or stab wounds, but she did have injuries consistent with a truck accident, and a terrible one at that. Everyone else in her vehicle was killed.

Meaning no disrespect to Private Lynch, who deserves every care her country can offer, why was the Post so eager to paint her as a Rambo-style hero? And why did it take weeks for the Post to acknowledge that the original story was false? Elaine Donnelly of the Center for Military Readiness (http://www.cmrlink.org/) says she's seen it all before. "Remember Captain Linda Bray" She was the military police officer in Panama who took enemy fire and handled herself with coolness under fire. Later we found out that she had been sent to secure a Panamanian dog kennel. Still, that was enough for the feminists to declare that the argument over women in combat should be over." Then there was Kara Hultgren, the Navy pilot who was killed trying to land on an aircraft carrier. Donnelly recalls how the Navy spun the story to suggest that it was mechanical error in order to conceal its double standard on male versus female aviators. But the Navy's own internal investigation revealed that Hultgren had been responsible for the accident, and more damning for the Navy, that she had been certified to fly, though she's twice before made the same mistake that ultimately killed her.

The Post's own ombudsman, Michael Getler (and the Post deserves praise for maintaining an ombudsman; the New York Times doesn't deign to) asked: "What were the motivations (and even the identities) of the leakers and sustainers of this myth, and why didn't reporters dig deeper into it more quickly?" Yet he answered his own question, "This was the single most memorable story of the war, and it had a unique propaganda value. It was false, but it didn't get knocked down until it didn't matter quite so much."

Justly so. Every American knows the name of Jessica Lynch, which suits those who like the image of the fighting Amazon. Very few know that Lynch's story is mostly myth, and that suits them, too.

Time to Pay your Dues



Thanks for the Memories...

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 548-03 July 28, 2003

Department of Defense Statement on the Death of Bob Hope

Today, we mourn the loss of a true American patriot. The first and only American ever to be made an honorary Veteran of America's Armed Forces, Bob Hope holds a special place in the national security pantheon. He called the troops his "best friends," and he made it his mission to be with them wherever they served, regardless of distance or danger.

To many of our forces from across the generations, Bob Hope's visits were a taste of home in a far-off land; a moment of mirth in the middle of war, and a loud and clear message to our military that America honored their service and prayed for their safe return.

Bob Hope's final tour, at age 87, took him to the Persian Gulf and the men and women of Desert Storm.

Although he is no longer with us in life, he will always remain, just as he was, in our hearts -- cracking jokes, boosting morale, and reminding all the world of what it means to be an American.

With profound gratitude for his decades of service to our country, we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Dr. Morrissey's 34th Infantry Journal

15 Nov. '44

An "A" Company five man patrol walked onto 30 Japs this a.m. killed five scattered the rest.. "D" Company tried to get their mortars in on positions across the valley that are on the reverse slope to the rest of Divisions artillery. Raining like hell all day.

The 2nd BN. 19th Infantry, the outfit that was to make the left flanking move of this great two day operation is opposite us now and we are trying to make contact. From the sounds coming up out of the valley I judge they are having quite a fight. C 47's dropped rations to them but it looked like they fell in Jap territory.

The Filipino boys with us ear their share of the M10 rations and then pound up a tremendous batch of tice and put it down the hatch.

16th Nov. '44

I've got my foxhole pretty comfortable now but have to get up on the side a couple of times at night because of diarrhea and cramps.

First thing this morning word came in that 19th had easualties yesterday, were cut off, and that this BN, would have to ger to them so they'd have a chance for evacuation.

"B" Company left here and reached a point two ridges over before running into opposition. They had a bit of a fight and had to pull back and dig in on the ridge just across from this one. We ran out of litter squads right away and had to improvise with wood and ponchos. Five soldiers helped to do a lot of the carrying.

A good sized carrying party came in this afternoon bringing some medical supplies – fortunately. The shack was full of wounded tonight. Some bad cases, too. Still raining. Quite a few men down with fevers. Diarrhea and had feet are normal conditions.

There is a rumor that the 32nd Division will relieve the 24th Division. Lord, I hope it's soon.

17 Nov. '44

"B" Company now dug in on 1st Ridge in valley opposite us. They can see many Japs on slopes opposite rhem and through field glasses over on Red Scar Hill where they are holed up deeply. Out machine guns and mortars are working on them and the Division artillery observers with us are directing fire.

Capt. Walker "B" Company led patrol clear thru Jap lines to 2nd BN. 19th Infantry. They want to return the way they came instead of coming through to join us.

"B" Company called for medics at 1400. Just as they entered the perimeter the Japs put it under heavy machine gun fite causing quite a few casualties. Sgt. Pat Davis of my Detachment was shot thro the thigh but continued to care for wounded.

Raining constantly. Our litters improvised of poles, ponchos, and wires don't hold up on these rough muddy trails, Wounded are hard to get out of perimeter and hard to carry here. Are in bad shape on arrival at BN. Aid Station.

Shack full of wounded again tonight. We cook meals for them and keep them comfortable. Plasma cans and waxed cartons from M10 ration used for body wastes.

Out boy Greg Bote, from Bellen, washes up a casualty's jacket when we get one and trades it for a chicken when carrying party comes up. Patients like the broth.

One of patients tonight has brain laceration, in bad shape

and hard to take care of.

"B" Company can hear Jap vehicles on Ormoc Road below them at night.

18 Nov. '44

Every day we sweat out the arrival of the carrying party from Consuegra so we can get the wounded out. These little dark men are fantastically strong of their size and earry the litters through all the mud and hills five miles back to Consuegra with hardly a jar or jolt and rarely a break. From Consuegra it is a whole day by a rough ride on L.V.T. down the river and coast to Capoocan. Takes just about three days for a man to get to 1st Surgery after being wounded. We've got to get surgery closer to us.

Two more killed and more wounded in this afternoon, including one belly case who is strictly behind the eight ball the way things are now.

19 Nov. '44

More wounded in by 1000. "B" Company has withdrawn to this same (Kilay Ridge). A.B.C. now hold strong points with intervals in between. The intervals are too great. We are trying to hold too much ground with too few men. BN. strength now 450. Men are in aid station all day with macerated feet, tropical sores and diarrhea.

One whole month in front line fox holes has taken heavy toll of us in every way.

C 47s came over at noon to make a big air drop of things we need badly; litters, blankets, ponchos, plasma. Now we can keep these thoroughly soaked and chilled casualties warm and dry here and on the way to Consuegra.

A bunch of 81 mortar ammunition swinging on a parachute crashed thru one side of the aid station partially destroying our blackout.

"B" Company was hit hard this afternoon and the last of the casualties came in at 8 p.m. in rain and pitch black. Pvt. Stewart, one of my litter bearers, was wounded in the chest and shoulder while trying to get a wounded man out of a foxhole where he had lain three hours.

Our artillery now crashing down on the Japs seems to quiet them down for the night. I'm staying in the aid station tonight.

Japs now hold a position on Kilay Ridge. No reinforcements available. However they won't send anyone up to look over the situation. Col. Clifforn believes that possession of Kilay Ridge is the key to the Limon-Ormoc Valley battle.

20 Nov. '44

Rained all night and still raining hard. Like one of those two typhoons we had before. The ground is a deep gooey churned mixture of mud, urine, fecal matter, garbage. The floor of our aid station is three inches deep with caked mud which Greg is scraping out.

Had good luck when the first carrying party came in early and carried out five of the litter cases by 1000. Also brought more medical supplies and word that 7th Portable Surgical Hospital has set up at Consuegra and has already treated some casualties.

We run a sick call practically all day long. Men are in poor physical shape, but I can't send everyone back. I have to keep enough in the line so that if we do have to evacuate we can all get out and get casualties out too. Some of these macerated feet smell almost gangrenous.

Much of the fighting is now at very close quarters. Bayonet and sabra wounds are included in our casualty log. Grenades and knee mortar shells are landing directly in fex holes too frequently.

21 Nov. '44

Rained like hell all night and still raining. Slept inside shack again last night. Artillery banging around close to us all night. No relief or reinforcement of this BN, although rest of 24th Division relieved two days ago by 32nd Division. Long sick call. Sent 15 medical cases back to Consuegra that just had to be evacuated.

Don't have diarrhea an more, but can't work up much of an appetire. M10 everyday. The best of the field rations, but gets tiresome after a week or so.

Everyone is either in a dull, stale, apathetic state or jittery as hell. The latter because proximity of Japs and proximity of our own artillery bursts go hand in hand. I gravitate from one state to the other, but usually just sit and stare. Smoke three times as much as usual.

Wanting to get off this hill is one of the greatest wants I've ever had. At times it even surpersedes wanting to go home,

22 Nov. '44

Japs in strong force came in hetween "A" and "B" Companies this afternoon. There was a hig fight at close quarters beginning in the rain as usual. "A" Company held its position so "B" Company could pull out and back. Both suffered many casualties.

Because we lost 300 yards of ground today I had to send all the walking wounded (including some arm fractures) back down the trail to another shack with a technician.

The BN, strength is about 380 men and we may have to let a good chunk of the ridge go.

Litter patients in the aid station get norvous and worried because the firing is so close and they feel so helpless. I try to help everyone from talking about combat while in the aid station. They are just driving each other nuts.

We pin our hopes on reinforcements now, rather than relief. But still we get the word, "None available."

All my litter bearers are doing a wonderful job getting casualties back in the dark, tain, and must it's getting a little hard to get them started out of here for the firing line, but I don't blame them.

As usual the company aid men are really heroes and take a beating.

Matiano Russo has turned out to be a wonderful help in the aid station both as a technician and nurse. He puts in about 20 hours straight of work each day.

A huge log lying across the trail on this slope of the hill "B" Company lost was a hot spot today with opposing troops lying on each side of it using grenades.

23 Nov. '44

Sounded like a terrific battle was going on around Limen last night. For 1 1/2 hours a constant barrage and fire fight continued.

Those of our dead that have been recovered have been buried in this Headquarters Company area. As water is struck quickly when digging they are buried in shallow graves and there is a rather putrid smell in the air. Several bodies have nor yet been recovered.

No mail in or out. My biggest worry is not communication with mother, dad, and Ellen for so long. Will try to get a letter

out soon.

24 Nov. '44

More rain and mud. Just waiting and hoping.

About nountime a round of smoke from artillery landed 50 yards to the left of us. We all jumped into our fox holes just before two time fire shells burst right over the area wrecking a lot of ponchos and rifles. I buried my face in the dirt then as four rounds of H.E. whistled right over the aid station to burst on the hill in back of it gradually working down to within 30 yards of the station. That was all and we haven't found out yet who did it. Probably some observer, could have been, for tanks on the Timon Road spotted us moving around on the skyline and thought it was Japs.

My own feet are losing skin and getting pretty sore. I'm cleaning them and bandaging them regularly.

Our water supply comes from shallow cloudy pot holes in the ravine and undoubtedly accounts for much diarrhea. We disburse a lot of sulfaguanadine every day.

32nd Division units making some progress around Limon and are already past it on one side. They will probably push a lot of Japs on us. They are taking considerable of a shellacing from Japs artillery as we can see from here. Japs are also zeroed in on some of American rear installations on other side of mountains and cause casualties daily, mostly among civilians.

There Jap field pieces are skillfully located and protected. They fire when our shells burst and thus cover up their own noise and smoke.

Still no reinforcements or relief for us.

26 Nov. '44

Just at dusk last night the Japs started with mountain guns and heavy mortars, many shells landing close to here. Their noisy wood peckers opened up and they made a "Baryail" charge on "A" Company. They had a machine gun on the tidge in the valley opposite us and used it to cover the trails leading to "A" perimeter. There was a constant cracking of bullets past the aid station and zipping of them overhead, but it was all pretty high.

"A" Company took several casualties but held out, I spent the night in the aid station again.

About 1000 today a 3 man "B" Company patrol ran onto a strong Jap patrol in a gulch 200 yards to our right. Sgt. Wierg sprayed his tommy gun killing 4 Japs and his small patrol had to pull out. He returned an hour later with more men and was instantly killful by a sniper when he reached the spot.

It looks as if the Japs are endeavoring to cut our Consuegra supply and evacuation trail. The only one we have.

Everyone is digging deeper. They are on three sides of us now and if they cut the trail it's all over.

No loud talking or laughing around here these days. People converse in low voices as at hedside of a sick patient. I need a good laugh – not a nervous one – badly.

27 Nov. '44

Patrols out on all sides report to Japs on right flank today and supplies still come through by carrier. "C" Company is now out in front in a series of platoon strong points. Platoons of rifle companies have 12 to 15 men at most. Company strengths between 60 and 70 men. These are jittery days.

If you would like to be sure your buddie is on the list, fill this out...



THE KOREAN WAR HONOR ROLL

Additional Data Casualty:		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth/_/ Mo Day Yest	Home Town	State
Branch of service (Circle) A	my Navy Marine Corps Air Force	Rank
Serial Number (if known)		
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Circumstances surrounding the	death (If desired)	
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Fallen Comrades

This message is a short one extracted from the email of a professional soldier serving in Afghanastan over 18 months ago. He was deployed with forward elements of centcom.

- Quote -

"If I was unsure up until now why I am over here, the answer became crystal clear to me yesterday. I would like to share with you a moving event I experienced over here.

In the middle of yesterday afternoon, we took time out to commemorate two occasions: The three month anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, and to render tribute to three fallen Special Forces Soldiers recently killed in Afghanistan. The military has a unique talent at making ceremonies special, and yesterday was no exception.

On a rainy afternoon, perfect "Soldier's Weather", hundreds of us voluntarily gathered around the flag pole.

We formed in columns and dressed ranks, standing amongst many strangers. Ironically, I ended up next to a Green Beret, a tall young Captain about 6'5" and some 230 pounds, the kind of guy you want next to you in combat.

As the rain drizzled down, the ceremony commenced. By tradition, a senior Sergeant called roll to the assembled Green Berets. Those present sounded off with a "Here" at the call of their names. When the Sergeant called out those who had died, a somber silence greeted their names, Again, Sergeant "Missing" was called, and again no answer. Finally, a third time, and this time with formal rank and full first and last name.

There were no doubts that the soldier was missing from the formation. Through the entire unit, the roll call proceeded, repeating the process for those no longer present. That sequence really drove home the point that those missing will never be with us again.

A narrator then made a [short] speech about the three men; I never personally knew any of them, but could definitely identify with them. The following quote was woven into the speech:

John Stuart Mill: "War is any ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight' nothing he cares more about than his own personal safety; is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions and blood of better men than himself."

I pondered the meaning of [this] quote; first, we should be thankful that there are guys out there like those Green Berets who are willing to strap it on and go into the thick of it anywhere in the world at any time of day or night.

And second, there must be a higher cause than self-preservation. Then the narrator read the Special Forces Prayer.

As the Bugler slowly played taps, and as we stood there at rigid attention rendering crisp salutes to our fallen comrades, I could not help but reflect on the steep price that those three [soldiers] paid to secure our freedom. [Freedom is not free.] "It is truly an honor serving amongst those who are willing to leave behind their families and pay the ultimate price for Freedom."

"I hope I did not bore you with my musings. I have only time over here. Have a nice day, and once again – God Bless America."

Looking for Family Members, Buddies and Friends

My name is Darrell E. Hansen. I was a SSG Supply NCOI with A Co. 3rd Bn 24th Inf Div during Desert Shield/Storm. I arrived with the main party on or about 27 Aug 90 in Saudi. We stayed in Cement City until our vehicles arrived by ship. Then departed to the desert. While serving as the Supply NCO, I had the chance to spend much time on road looking up supplies and just earning my keep. The Raiders moved a number of times, never really with other units. We had a bunch of great guys. The cooks and the rest of the support guys really earned their keep. We have a very good ISG in Uncle Roy Owens. Our A & B ply was always on the road. While the time we had to train was great, I really learned a lot about both myself and the people I was assigned with. The holidays were really special because of the people back here in the USA. They did a great job in getting us the things that make the holidays special. I was very happy when seeing the first planes flying north to Iraq. It meant that we would soon be on the road that led home. When the ground war started, of course, I was with the Supply Trains, still things were a might scary at times. We saw land mines and other related things while we made the trip across the border. Also during the short ware, we had many times when the gas alarms went off and the same before the war started. Since I was with an Engr Bn my guys were assigned to blow up many a bunker that was filled with Iraqi weapons and other related stuff. I had the chance to visit many a bunker complex and even some small outposts and other areas where Iraqi soldiers slept and stuff. Was able to see many strange things such as brand new Sears shirts and such. Went also into a very deep bunker that was like a house placed under ground.

Also during this time/after the war ended, or unit stayed in Iraq for a time. I have photos of driving through the oil fires and such. I have some medical problems that I feel are war-related. Very hard to deal with the VA and others on this. Had the chance to attend conference in Atlanta this spring. Very good. Would like contact with others from the 24th Inf Div to see what problems they are having.

Contact me if I can help or if you can help me. So much more to say. Email: darrellehansen@hotmail.com

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Leon Davenport of A Co. 21st WWII remember that someone was looking for Elisor Pope of A/21st. If your still looking for him call Leon at 706-745-4445.

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Dear Billy:

We talked with J. D. Clevenger about his brother. He is looking for someone who knew his brother or was in Korea when he was there.

Corporal Leon Eugene Clevenger Co. K 3rd Btn., 21st Regt.

24th Infantry Division

He came to the port of Pusan from Japan on July 5, 1950, and was moved to N.W. to a battle on the Kum River. It is thought that there was two battalions with his group, but only 1/2 or less got back across the river. He also received an for anything on Field Search =6.

He was K.I.A. July 11, 1950 near Pyongt'ack on the Kum River!

If anyone has any information from April 1950 to August 1950 on Cpl. Leon Eugene Clevenger, Co. K 3rd Btn. 21st Regt., please notify me.

J.D. Clevenger, 12424 N.E. 7th St., Gainesville, FL 32641 or call 352-375-0225 Sent in by Henry L. Wittman, Jr., Quarternuster 24th I.D.A.



Dear Billy Johnson,

We've got your address from Christie Vanover, Fort Riley.

We are looking for two former (or still?) staff members of the 24th Division. 1989's G2Lt. Col., Billy Peterson and WO Jeff Weddal.

This is a research for a documentary film about the James W. Hall Case in 1989 and the cold wat here in Berlin, Germany during the 80's.

We would be pleased if you would tell us how and if we could contact them. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best Regards, Markus Thoess



I noticed a posting indicating that you are helping with the 24th ID reunion. Please refer this to a general listing of "do you remember." My father was Lt. Jim Perkins, 24th ID, 19th Inf Ref, Company K. He was wounded in action October 15 (?14), 1951 (a mortar round blew his arm and chest apart). His papers indicated a town called Chidoom, Korea (possible N. Korea). He rarely talked about the service and died in 1975. I am trying to find information about "Chidoom" (I suspect it is a typo as maps do not list it) and any guys from those battles. At 53, my main reason for this is to pass along information to my kids about what others did for them. Thanks, Randy Perkins, Jamestown, ND. 701-252-6828 (evening) / 701-253-3811 (daytime).

- Sent in by Jim Hill



Clayton Karnigan, 6th TK, sent this photo of himself and the loader, Karnigan. TK 29 was his tank and his is the one without a helmet. Their tank commander was Steve Clayton from Beckenridge, MN. Clayton would like to hear from any of the old tankers. He was up in the Iron Erange and Rumwa Valley. You did good work Corporal. Contact Clayton at P.O. Box 73, Benson, MN 56215-0073. Ph (320) 483-4962.

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I was given your email by a gentleman who said you might be able to help me. I am trying to locate someone who either knew of my grandfather, or at least, the group of men he fought with in WW2. He passed away 30 years ago and his records were destroyed in the 73 fire. I have a little information on him.

Boyer Leaster Davis, Corporal, Cook, 42-45. Born in Arkansas. 24th Infantry Division, 34th Infantry Regiment, Company B.

I do have a few pictures of him and some of his friends, but there are no names on the backs, so I have no clue who they are.

I think you for your time and any assistance! Sincerely, Robin Wilson

2767 Old Anson Road, Abilene, TX 79603, Phone 325-518-9289.

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Earl Bronner, Jr. sent this story about his Dad during WWII. If you knew Earl, let his son know. Email: bronneg@direcpc.com

Private Earl Bronner of Grow, an infantryman with the 24th Division in the Philippines, figured in an exciting experience the day his unit invaded the Jap-help fortress.

According to a press release sent from the battlefront, he and two other soldiers, Corporal Donald Neff and Private Jerry Finklestein volunteered for a rescue job.

A Filipino guerrilla approached their company commander and explained that his family was stranded in the inner part of the island, He asked for the aid of some riflemen to go with him to rescue his family.

Bronner, Neff and Finklestein volunteered to accompany the man through the hazardous Japanese held jungles. They traveled thru six miles of swamp and thick jungle vegetation to the native village. There they found one hundred frightened Filipinos and led them back thru the Jap territory to the American lines.

The road back was long and redious as the women and children fell in the swamps and had to be rescued. Japanese snipers fired on them and added to the peril of the adventure. They reached the beach just as it was growing dark and turned the natives over to their company commander.

The Filipinos were so grateful that they hugged the three men and chattered thanks with so much gusto that the men were glad to slip away to the front lines and find the comfort and peace of their foxholes.

Private Bronner is the husband of Mrs. Eva Ruth Bronner. She is now living with her sister in Louisville, KY.

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Dear Sir:

As you can see I was given you address by Mr. McKeon to whom I am very grateful for the knowledge he has given me of the chaos during that time with the 29th. I am looking for information on my uncle PFC Douglas Stanley Kuechler, a 19-year-old, blue-eyed, red-headed kid out of Fort Campbell, Kennicky. We only know that he was wounded and later killed in action. Just hoping to find someone who might have known or met him and could give us a few details. He was dead before I was born in 1954, but the eldest of my father's family and, of course, their hero. My father, I guess, was about 16 when his brother was killed. They are haunted by the experience, as when my uncle's body was returned to the U.S., no one in the family ever viewed the body. They were given the choice, but declined, trusting whole-heartedly in the United States Army. I think now, because he died overseas and, of course, nor actually seeing the body, that someone who was around when he was killed or wounded or fought with him, could ease their frustration...whatever information you could share would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Christy Haddad (christyhaddad@msn.com)

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First of all, Billy, I would like to thank you for sending me a copy of the magazine I was missing. I am beginning to think I am the last person left from M. Co 19th Regt. From the 75th recoilless rifle section. I sent pictures to Graybeard and Taro Leaf magazines with my address, hoping for someone I knew to get in touch with me. I also sent a note in the Winter 2003 issue with my address. Here is my phone number: 1-510-351-5893

Here are some names that I remember, in case you have any people who might recall them: Bray, Duncan, Hammond, Davis, Rogers, Keller, Weigman, Nance, (Nick) Vowell, Waters, and Stacy.

Billy, I am sending you a copy of something I wrote, some people might get a kick out of it, you may see a little humor in it. Although I am still trying to forget all the sad things we went through.

In regards to the book, Telling the Folks Back Home, I would like to buy one copy of the book, but it didn't say anywhere how I can order it. I hope you are feeling better,

and keep up the good work!

Looking forward top a letter from, Ex. Sgt. Lew Wright, 14528 Wiley St. San Leandro, CA 94579

Dear Mr. Johnson,

My name is Norman Harp. I e-mailed you yesterday about my cousin, Richard. I'm sending a picture of myself in hopes that one of my old buddies might pick up on it and contact me. I live in CA, but I used to live in Syracuse, NY. My Co. in Korea was the 24 Inf Div 2n Bat 21st Inf Reg Howe Co, Koje-do Island end of 1953 then up to Yanggu Alley N.E. of Seol until 1955 then relieved the 1st Marines at Moonsan N. of Seol. Came home April of 1955. My e-mail to give out is winner@dxlextreme.com. THANKS MUCH, maybe I'll see some of you in September in AZ.

New member Arnold Synesael 22 Bn 29 Inf sent this photo of a Saturday morning inspection while in Okinawa, He's a retired mail carrier. He and his wife, Susan, now live in Newark, NY. You can write to Arnold at 1004 N. Main St. Zip 14513-1032 or call him at (315) 331-3507.



Randolph is looking for information about his cousin, Calvin Bennett I Co 21 In. Calvin was 15 years old at the time of his death, July 12, 1950. His mos may have been 2745. Calvin may have joined L Co., Dec. 1949.

West Coast Reunion 11th Anniversary

Approximately fifty-five members, families, and guests attended our April 28 to May 1, 2003 West Coast Reunion in Long Beach, California. I should point out that joining our group is not limited to the West Coast. any 24th Division member from ANYWHERE is welcome and has always been.

Considering a late start, due to the much too early demise of Don Barrett, our very capable Chairman, it became urgent to "get going quickly." Dan Rickert accepted the Chairmanship with help from Eric Diller and Tony Apodaca. Beverly, Dan's wife, was instrumental in making the Memorial Dinner arrangements, and organiz-

ing our Hospitality Room.

The Chairman of the West Coast 2004 Reunion should be "installed" before our National 24th IDA Reunion, in September, anyone interested, please contact Dan Rickert (phone 760-868-6634), Tony Apodaca (phone 310-831-6653), or Eric Diller (phone 310-375-2024). Wes Morrison, Vice-President of the 24th IDA, updated us on the state of our Association and answered many questions in the process. This was of much help to those of us who were unable to attend the 2002 Kansas City National Reunion. Howard Bruno, Co-Chairman of the 2003 National Reunion in Tucson, Arizona, prepared us for what to expect there. There will be much to do and enjoy.

The highlight of the Wednesday evening dinner was provided by Chief Chaplain Goodwin, a retired Naval Commander from Loma Linda, California. His stirring, inspirational sermon forever memorialized four of our departed comrades: Joe Wicinski, wife Phyllis attending; Don Barrett, wife Joan, son Bob and wife Barbara attending; Hank Gomez, wife Dorothy, son Frank, daughter Debra attending; Mike Morales, wife Linda, unable

to attend.

Our 11th Reunion was successful and enjoyed by all.

God Bless, see you in Tucson, Eric Diller

Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment

General Orders) : No. 68 WAR DEPARTMENT Washington 25, D. C. 14 August 1945

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BATTLE HONORS.—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (Sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (Sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), citations of the following units in the general orders indicated are confirmed under the provisions of section IV, WD Circular 333, 1943, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction:

19. Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, is cited for outstanding heroism and gallantry in supporting the drive of an airbome division from Nasugbu to Mila, Philippine Islands, 31 lanuary to 5 February 1945. On 31 January the Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, landed at Nasugbu, Luzon. It was the only armored unit in support of the airborne division of that time. When heavy enemy resistance was encountered at Cayungan on 1 February, this company moved forward under hostile artillery and automatic weapons fire to cover the advance of leading units across a deep ravine. By direct fire, promptly and accurately placed, this company neutralized enemy automatic weapons permitting the seizure of the position with minimum losses to our forces. On 2 February at Aga the division advance was held up by another enemy strongpoint. Despite the fact that its vehicles drew heavy hostile artillery, mortar and automatic fire, this company advanced rapidly to forward positions and again by direct fire neutralized the enemy position. On 3 February, during the advance on Tagaytay Ridge, from an area subject to enemy artillery, morrar and small-arms fire, the Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, delivered direct fire on enemy emplacements, greatly facilitating the seizure of the area. On 4 February, with assault units of the division, this company surprised and destroyed hostile groups in four stone houses guarding approaches to the Imus River Bridge. This section enabled the mined structure to be secured before it could be destroyed. By aggressive action at Las Pinas the same day, the self-propelled mounts reduced pillboxes near the Las Pinas Bridge, permitting this bridge, also mined, to be secured before the charges could be detonated. Capturing these two bridges intact was of greatest importance to the 31-mile advance made by the division that day. At Paranague 5 February, encountering main defenses of the heavily fortified Genko Line guarding approaches to Manila and Nicholas Field, the company pushed through streets covered by hostile artillery and antirank guns and mined with 250 KG aerial bombs, destroyed numerous pillboxes and large road-blocks, and materially aided the breaching of out defenses. Throughout, this entire series of actions, the Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, subordinated personal safety to aggressive action despite heavy casualties, and by its gallant action earned the admiration of all units it had supported. (General Orders 69, Headquarters Eight Army, 24 June 1945, as approved by the Commander in Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific.)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

G.C. MARSHALL Chief of Staff

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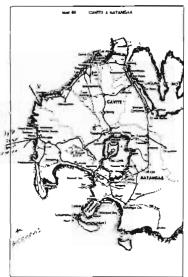
/s/

EDWARD F. WITSELL Major General Acting The Adjutant General

Raymond R. Dutorius RAYMOND R. DUTORIUS 2d Lieut, A U S Actg Acct Adj Gen

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

C. E. ARNDT, 2nd Lt., 21st Infantry, Assistant Adjutant.





Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your kind informative letter and copies of the Tara Leaf. I had no idea of the membership distribution. Interesting to learn about half or more of the membership had Korea Service.

This is to let you know I have mailed my membership application to your Secretary/ Treasurer in Colorado Springs. I plan to send one of the applications to my medical school room mate. We were in ROTC together, in medical school and by happenstance of overseas assignment we both served in Korea the winter and spring of 1951 where he was also assigned to the 24th Division where served as a surgeon in the Division Clearing Company. In civilian life he later became a distinguished surgeon in Augusta GA, but we still keep in touch with each other.

Tucson too far for a reunion for me, but trust you will have a fine gathering.

Thanks, Dr. Nat E. Smith

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A guy goes on vacation to the Holy Land with his wife and mother-in-law. The mother-in-law dies.

They go to an undertaker who explains that they can ship the body home but that it'll cost over \$5000, whereas they can bury her in the Holy Land for only \$150.

The guy says, "We'll ship her home."

The undertaker asks, "Are you sure? That's an awfully big expense and we can do a very nice burial here."

The guy says, "Look, 2000 years ago they buried a guy here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

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Let's give a Taro Leaf welcome to Col, Darold R. Freeman (Ret) AKA, Pfc. Freeman, Raisin Jack Extraordinary. The Col. reminded me that the 1st and 2nd Bn., Inf. Regt. on Okinawa was sent into the meat grinder under strength and under trained, and received their baptism along side of the 19th Inf. Regt. at the notch. It turned out to be one of the biggest battles. The 29th was decimated, much like our 34th Inf. Regt. Wem, the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association are glad to help all you guys get together again.

Dear Col.:

I have been meaning to write and thank you for the warm welcome letter you sent me upon my registration as an Assoc. Life Member of the 24th Infantry Division Association. Believe me when I say that the honor is all mine. I think that it is particularly important today that we honor all those presently serving in the armed forces and all those who previously served and sacrificed so much.

As a recipient of the Purple Heart, men like you manifestly deserve our gratitude. Again, thanks for the warm welcome and I look forward to a life time of honor, history and fellowship.

Regards, Martin J. Milíta, Jr.

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Hello Dutch,

It's time again to pay my dues. Enclosed is \$20.00 - add the \$5.00 as a donation.

Health does not permit me to go to any of the reunions, but I do enjoy the Taro Leaf very much.

Gerald Tomlin "D" Co. 19th Regt.

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Writing this letter with a pen I received at the 1999 Reunion in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Going through some Korean pictures I came across some of a Bailey Bridge started by A. Co. 3rd "C" Engineers Bn. who built the piers. Dog Co. assembled the bridge. The bridge was assembled in North Korea around Kumsong. Being Engineers we never knew where we were. We dedicated the bridge to Richard Ramsier who was killed October 14, 1951 while clearing a mine field. The North Koreans fired 21 Mortar shells at the Ramsier Bridge, missing every time. Thanks Richard.

Being attached to the 5th RCT at that time, I wonder if anyone can remember going over that bridge.

After coming off line, getting some hot water from the Korean Cooks, (thanking them of course) I washed. I felt like I was going to R&R. No such luck! We moved out in February 1952 with the 24th Infantry Division.

See you in Tucson. Walter (Slick) Marszalek Master Bridge Builder Dutch.

Received the beautiful card today. Thanks a million! I'm still proud to have served in the division even after almost half a century.

Joe Leach, 19th (New Life Member)

ATTENTION ATTENTION

6th Tankers and 3rd Eng. "C" Bn.

Your replacements are keeping the standard you set

VII - ARMY SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD, BV

direction of the Secretary of the Army, under AR 672-5-1, paragraph 9-28-1, the Army Superior Unit Award is awarded to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States for meritorious service in connection with difficult and challenging missions during peacetime.

COMPANY C, 6TH BATTALION, 159TH AVIATION REGIMENT

Federal Republic of Germany 15 November 1988 to 6 September 1989

EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY TUNNEL NEUTRALIZATION TEAM

Headquarters, United States Forces Korea 1 December 1989 to 31 March 1990

3D ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT), 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED)

Fort Stewart, Georgia 1 April 1989 to 31 March 1990

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Dear Mr Nelsen,

I regret to inform you that my husband, Bill, died on June 27, 2003.

He never failed to tell anyone who asked about his military service in World War II that he was always a member of the 24th Infantry Division (and of the 34th regiment) throughout the war.

He was proud to have been a member of the Association.

He had a military funeral in The Lexington Cemetery attended by 10 Ft. Hood, KY soldiers. He received a 21-gun salute from them as well as taps.

His family misses him.

Sincerely,
Dale W. Allen
(Mrs. W.S.)

Hi Dutch:

Enclosed dues and a donation to help with your postage bill. At my age all these dates seem to be weeks apart rather than months. When I was working Fridays seemed to be weeks apart now Friday seems to be every other day. Kindest Regards, keep up the good work.

Bill Clark 19th L Co., Korea

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New Member Harold L. Gamble, 29th, has written a book, "Korea, 1 Was There." It is soon to be released in Book Stores. If you would like an autographed copy send \$22 which includes shipping to:

Harold L. Gamble, 445 7th Ave. Pleasant Grove, AL 35127-1365



Hello. My name is Ruth Brown and I am the youngest daughter of Otis Rasnic. The reason for this letter it to inform you that on August 31, 1999, my dad passed away. I apologize that you were not informed of this sooner. My sister and I assumed that our mother had taken care of these matters. Unfortunately, we lost her in April of 2002.

We loved our dad dearly and he is sorely missed. I recall the fond memories of the countless hours that dad would talk to me about his infantry division and of all the countries that he visited while serving in the war. It is unfortunate that the "kids" now a days don't have a clue of the bravery and the selflessness that our veterans went through for our country. I just pray that one of these days they will realize exactly what they did for us. I just hope it isn't too late for the remaining survivors to hear how proud that we all were of them.

If I can be of further help, please contact me at their address: RR#3, Box 55, Orleans, IN 47452-9414.

Otis was a member of the 19th Inf., WWII

Sincerely, Ruth E. Brown

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Bacil Steed, 24th Recon, wonders if anyone remembers the 78 Heavy Tank Bn. at Camp Crouch.

Mr. Bacil Steed, 46 Chewings St., Page Act 2614, Australia

Dear President Johnson:

I just received your invitation to join the 24th ID Assoc. Yes I will send in my dues and hope to see more ex 29th Korean Vets join.

First lets begin by saying that my first name is not Donald, but Darold, and the 29th is not the 29th Inf. Div. as you state in your letter, but the 29th Infantry Regimental Combat Team RCT. Now is known as just 29th Regiment, Ft. Benning, GA School Cadre. 1st and 2nd Battalions. There is a 29th Regiment in the Hawaiian National Guard, and lest we never forget, the 29th Inf. Div. fought in Europe in WWII.

I want you to know that we were sent from Okinawa to Korea in July, 50, with two very understrength and untrained battalions and were attached to the 1st Bn/19th Infantry Regiment, and sent into the meat grinder. The 29th RCT was destroyed and ended up with less than 1/3rd of its strength in Aug. 50.

You can read the details and relationship with the 1/19 in Fighting On the Brink, by BG Uzal W. Ent (Ret.). Details on Ed. Balbi, John Kirby, myself and many others can be found in this very accurate and excellent book. Another very good book is "Korea. I Was There," by Doc Harold Gamble, a 29th Member and good friend of mine, however, he says in his book that I was busted from PFC for running a still in Battalion, Pg. 213, the truth is I was making raisin jack in 50 gal. OE30 oil drums. Where I come from, Raisin Jack is not running a still.

I have a few photographs and would be happy to send you some.

Sincerely, Col. Darold R. Freeman USA (Ret) 2213 Labrador St. Concord, CA 94520-1547 1-925-685-3143

COMBAT

The Literary Expression of Battlefield Touchstones

A new reader's magazine, entitled COMBAT, the Literary Expression of Battlefield Touchstones, published its premiere issue in January 2003, and subsequent quarterly issues are being release don its website: http://www.combatmagazine.ws.

This electronic periodical (e-mag) is dedicated to superlative writing expressive of wartime insights and experiences for entertaining a general audience. COM-BAT magazine perpetuates the tradition of its predecessors, and seeks to fill this now vacant niche. The tenor of published issues serve as exemplars of this sensitive and complex subject.

The mission of COMBAT magazine is to impart the historical reality and to disclose the psychosocial effects of warfare to the general reader. Each quarterly issue of this heterogeneous publication will contain original essay, story, and poetry compositions entailing basic battlefront and homefront themes on the ordeal of spiritual sanctification wrought by the crucible of war. Motifs will express how combat can forever alter ordinary lives, inform their extraordinary outlook, and render authentic voices on the exigencies of human conflict.

Readers are also welcome to visit the ancillary and supporting material sharing the COMBAT e-mag website. Editorial policies and sample writings are presented for public information. Authors and artists may submit relevant work to the staff by e-mail: majordomo@combat-magazine.ws.

National Records Center

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded form the online web site.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential fro NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Veterans and next-of-kin may access this application at http://vetrecs.archives.gov. Please note there is no requirement to type "www" in front of the web address.

-Sent in by Jim Hill



Graduation Day

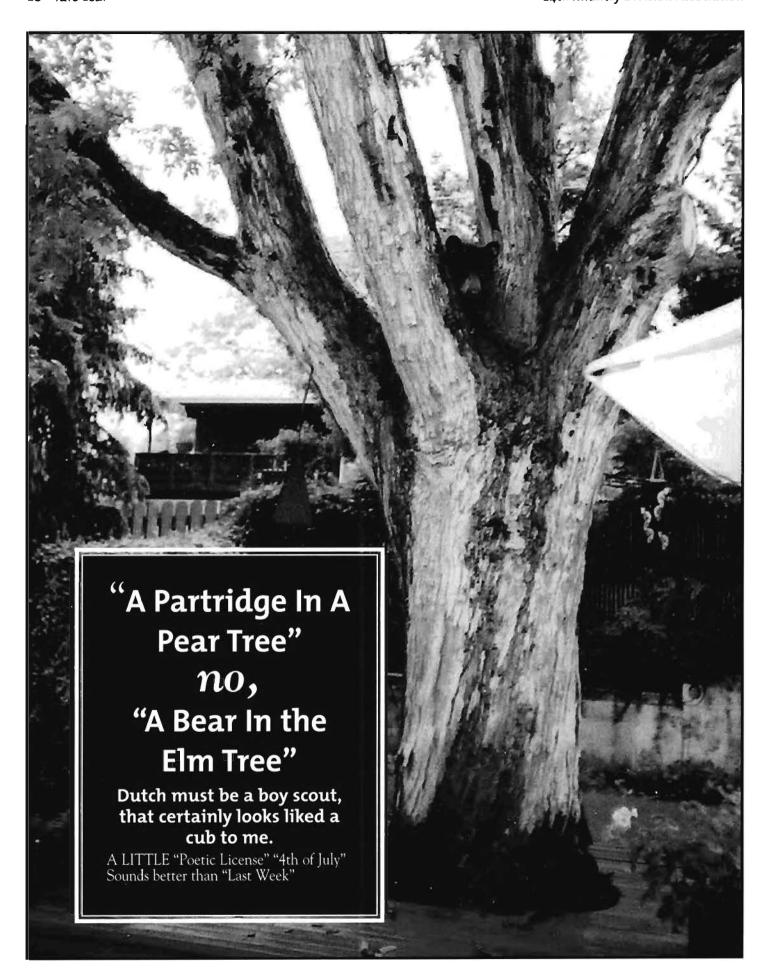


Graduation Day for Associate Member Charles W. Bissett of Fort Eustis, Virginia as he proudly shows his MBA Degree. Next to him is wife Debra who is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army. She got a degree in P.H.T. ("Putting Hubbie Through"). The Old Codger on the left is Father-Of-The-Clan, Charles P. Bissett, 21st & 11th, Korea. The Bissetts are a definate Plus to our Reunions.

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.

TL Editor





Due to enhanced technology with computer graphics, we can display the veteran's official awards and decorations in color on the certificates to include the veteran's name, rank and unit in which he served. This is all printed on 8 x 10 glossy photo paper suitable for framing.

Johnnie Walls will donate one of these to a winner at the drawing. You do not send him your medals, just the name of them. He'll do all the rest. You can order by phone or by mail.



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Commanding General Speaks to News Media On Current Affairs

Several members of the local and international media attended a press conference held by Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Riley, July 16.

The purpose of the press conference was to introduce the new commanding general to the surrounding communities and area media.

Hardy began by addressing the freedom enjoyed by Americans.

"As the operations the last couple of years during the War on Terrorism have demonstrated, freedom doesn't come without a price,' he said. "In fact, you have got to defend that freedom, and you have got to take you defense, possibly to foreign soil. There is a cost in terms of human life. After 227 years of America's history, we are still out there defending. We remain very much engaged around the world today."

Hardy also spoke about the soldiers now deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This has been a combined fight; not only with the other services, but for the Army perspective, we have active Army, Army Reserves, and Army National Guard involved," he said.

Hardy mentioned some of the Reserve forces that have returned home, as well as the active duty soldiers who were recently welcomed back to Fort Riley.

"On the 4th of July, we got the 226th Engineer Company back from operations in Iraq in support of the 3rd Infantry Division, which lead the attack for Army forces into Baghdad and also supported the 1st Marines Expeditionary forces," he said. "We have some of our active soldiers home to fort Riley as well, such as the 1st Maintenance Company and the 82nd Medical Company. Just last Sunday we started bringing back the first major combat forces from Fort Riley. The first contingent from 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, about 300 soldiers, returned from Iraq to their families. It's important to us to be able to rejoin the soldiers that have done an important mission for the nation with their families."

Hardy also talked about the soldiers who are still in Iraq.

"Unfortunately, we still have a lot of soldiers deployed," said Hardy. "I say unfortunately, not because they are not doing a great job, they are doing a wonderful job, but because it is a tough situation in Iraq: If you ask soldiers on the street, their first question is when are the soldiers coming back. Truthfully, I don't know the answer to that... We ar assuming that we are going to be deployed for quite a while. Quite a while, to me, means at least a year...if the situation continues as it is today. We know we are the nation's Army. We know that we are the only ones who can do what we're doing, and we accept it. We are professionals."

Hardy also addressed what our soldiers are doing while deployed

"We are accomplishing some good things in Iraq – some things our soldiers are very, very proud of," he said. "Not just the warfight, but in terms of shoring up the Iraqi people. They are restoring freedom to the Iraqis, something they haven't had for 30 years. On a daily basis, progress is being made with regard to setting up the Iraqis to eventually govern themselves of that we can get out of thete and bring our soldiers home."

After his opening remarks, Hardy took questions from the media from Junction City, Manhattan,m Topeka and Paris, France. The local In Step with Fort Riley program was also on hand.

Hardy said he has had a great impressing of Fort Riley since his arrival.

"It's a wonderful post," he said. "If you talk about what our responsibilities are to the nation in term of readiness, this post is delivering. We have provided not only the active forces from Fort Riley, but also the Reserve components have mobilized here. This fort has made an important contribution to the warfight."



24th ID Assumption of Command Flag Exchange – B.G. Dennis Hardy accepts the Colors from Lt. Gen. Joseph Inge. B.G. Frank Helmick stands to the right.

How families are getting information to and from deployed soldiers was an issue he discussed.

"The first question on everyone's minds is, when are the soldiers coming home. The second question is, how can I talk to them?" he said. "Given the lack of infrastructure to support something as simple as e-mail or telephone calls, this is something we are trying to work through right now., Commanders have made extraordinary efforts, both downrange and back here at Fort Riley, to provide the soldiers the opportunity at least once a month, if not more frequently, depending on where they are located. We take it serious. There are improvements that are being worked on by the Army and by the Department of Defense to help further the infrastructure in Iraq."

He also talked about how the soldiers are doing in Iraq and how they are being taken care of.

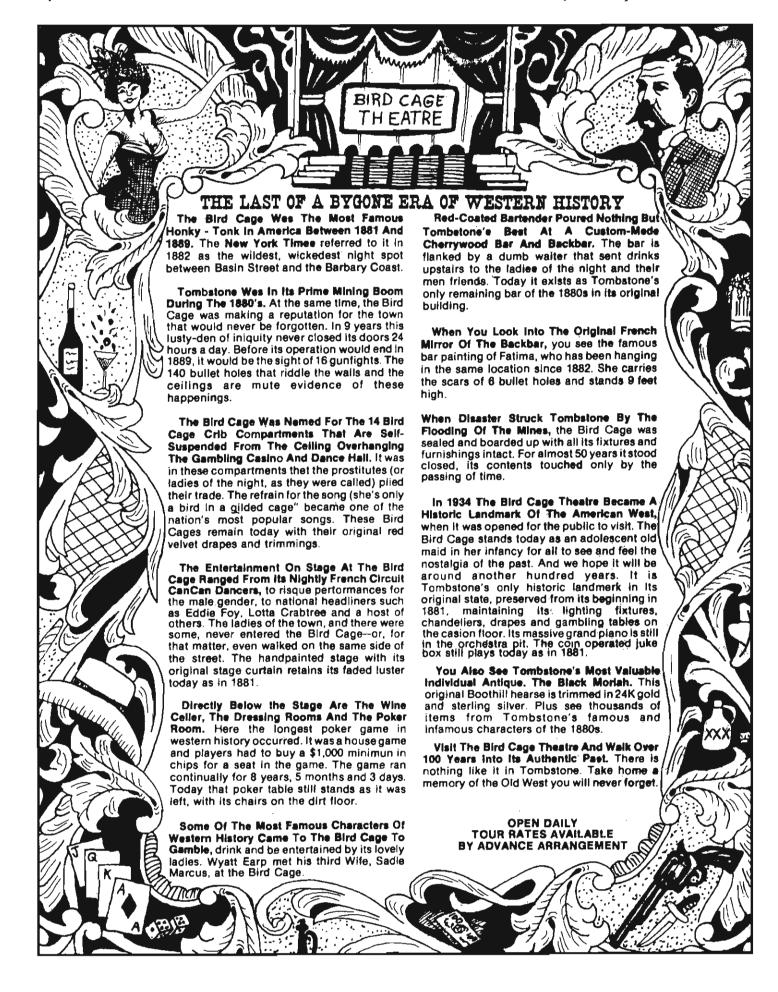
"Most of our soldiers are doing quite will down here," he said. "They are still living every day in harms way, but they are getting quite a bit of cooperation from The Iraqi people. Facilities are improving for our soldiers. (The soldiers) are well fed, and they are well watered, the base camps that are being set up are getting air-conditioned. Even our scouts, who are usually out front and brag that they don't need air-conditioning, are getting air-conditioning. We are taking care of our troops downrange. The commanders down there are doing it."

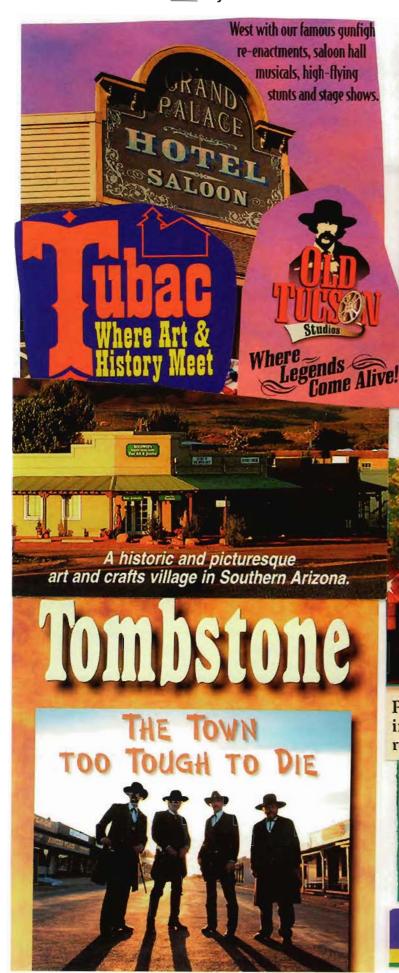
Hardy finished the conference by saying he is proud of everything everyone has done. He talked about the several missions of the Fort Riley soldiers while deployed.

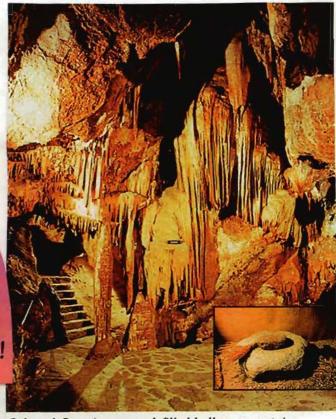
"They operated for four or five different positions in Iraq," he said. "It may take some months to unravel exactly; what all they did accomplish. They are a great demonstration of the capabilities power projected out of Fort Riley."

Hardy also thanked the surrounding communities for their support.

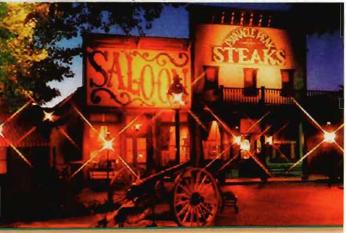
"We appreciate everybody's help... There is nobody here who has done this by themselves."







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Remarks by General Leon J. LaPorte

istinguished statesmen and diplomats, fellow general and flag officers, ladies and gentlemen, and especially, the admirable veterans of the Korean War to whom we pay tribute tonight, good evening and welcome.

The famous Korean poet Kim Chun-Son once wrote, "We all want the same thing, to find an unforgettable meaning."

We are gathered here tonight in recognition of the unforgettable meaning and indelible memory of the patriots from 21 different nations and the thousands of South Korean Soldiers and citizens who stood together half a century ago in defense of freedom.

Tonight, we honor a generation of warriors – whose sacrifices and collective spirit resonates loudly today within the very foundation of this great and prosperous nation.

Their stories are forever embedded in the annals of history and we speak of these battles with great reverence: the Inchon Landing, Chipyong-ni, the battle of Glosterh Hill, Heartbreak Ridge, the battle of the Hook, the delaying action of the 24th Inf., and Korean Division fought so desperately and heroic until reinforcements could get ashore and set up a perimeter to stop the advance of the enemy, and so many more.

"My memory shall never expunge the scenes of Korean soldiers, soldiers sacrificing their lives to place explosives on enemy tanks in the first days of the war, soldiers who fought with grenade and bayonet and died in the rugged mountains within the Pusan perimeter, soldiers who fought desperately to gain every possible inch of ground... these heroes will live always in my heart."

The legendary Korean fighter, Gen. Paik Sun Yup, carries this memory with him to this day, and his recollections have helped us understand – at least to some degree – the totality of the life-and-death struggle for South Korea's Freedom. I am equally certain that the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from the republic of Korea and the 21 Nations that constituted the United Nations Command who fought along side you, and gave their lives, live in your heart as well. They do in ours.

Your victory as proud warriors of the United Nations Command set the conditions for the freedom and prosperity you see all around you in this great country and guaranteed your generation's distinguished place in history.

In the three years of intense fighting that marked the Korean War, you, and your comrades in arms, unified in purpose under the U.N. Command, defeated North Korea's sudden, violent, and unprovoked artack on the republic of Korea. For the first time in its existence, the United Nations used its military strength in war. You were that strength.

Indeed, what you and your fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines were called upon to do here a half-century ago is now rightfully considered in its true historical

context as one of the most significant events of the 20th Century.

A "Forgotten War?" Sometimes this term is mistakenly used to describe your efforts here 50 years ago. A "Forgotten War?" For the countless thousands of Korean non-combatants and coalition servicemembers who died in this great struggle? – For the displaced Koreans and those families torn apart because of what transpired in those three brutal years of conflict? – A "Forgotten War?" Given recent world events, no war could be more vivid in our memory.

Just as important to the security of the world as democracy's fight against fascism in World War II, no less was the free world's stand against communism in the Korean War.

And the names and places of your stand not only echo in our hearts and in the history of war, but thunder where free men live, and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice lie. Let us revisit some of those Places.

The Defense of the Pusan Perimeter. Are there any warriors here this evening who participated in this epic struggle to stem the tide of the North Korean Momentum? I know of one ROK Officer who said, "look at those troops over there. They're fighting because they trust the ROK Army, and if we retreat, we bring shame down on [ourselves]. Let us fight for this land. We are going to kick the enemy off our ridge, and I shall be at the front. If I turn back, shoot me."

That same officer later went on to say, "The Tabu-Dong Victory belonged to the ROK Army, our allies, and to the Korean People themselves." Are there any warriors here that could ever forget this epic battle?

The Battle of Kapyong. Here a brigade of British, Australian, and Canadian Battalions, a U.S. Tank Company and backed by the mighty New Zealand Field Artillery, under the command of Brigadier B. A. Burke of the United Kingdom, defeated the chinese communist Forces' 118th Division, stopping the communist thrust toward Seoul.

The Australians and Canadians fought close and hand-to-hand bartles and the New Zealanders, commanded by Ltc. J.W. Moodie, fired 2,300 round in 40 minutes in support of the Canadians. This combined operation epitomized the U.N. Team effort. Are there any warriors here that could ever forget this epic battle?

The Battle of Changjin-Chamin Reservoir. Are there any warriots here tonight who fought and froze in the bitter cold during this battle? Col. Myers, who is here with us this evening distinguished himself during this historic fight as the 1st Marine Division executed what has become a classic military example of a retrograde operation. In the end, the chinese people's volunteers had seven divisions virtually destroyed, rendering the 9th

Army group non-mission capable for several crucial weeks.

Of this vicious encounter, U.S. Navy Lieutenant Henry Litvin said, "the only way we got out of the frozen chosin is because a lot of young guys know how to fight, God Bless the Chosin Marines. They are my brothers for life. My thoughts go drifting back to those youngsters who never came home. I can still see them as they were then. They'll never grow old." Are there any warriors here that could ever forget this fight?

No, ladies and gentlemen, this war, your sacrifices, and the impact the outcome has had on the history of mankind is not forgotten, nor lost, nor relegated to a footnote in history.

And were your sacrifices in vain? Did you make a difference? The answer is obvious. Just looking at the world order and how it has changed since 1950 is proof enough. There are more free people in the world today than ever before. You are responsible for initiating this tremendous gift of freedom and liberty.

And here in the Republic of Korea? Well, if you've traveled here recently, you know the answer. If you haven't been back since the war, not a word need be spoken. Just take a walk outside. You don't have to go far to see what our allies, the citizens of this great nation have built here.

The Republic of Korea you see today is a true democracy with all the freedoms that you fought to preserve. Religious freedom. Political Freedom. The right to vote. Freedom to assemble. Freedom of speech and the press. It is a new democracy that embodies the values you defended.

Economically, who could be more proud of the Republic of Korea than you, the rest of her coalition partners? This great nation has the 13th largest economy and has assumed an economic leadership role in the world.

We don't need to remind you what this war-torn nation looked like a half-century ago. No, it is quite to the contrary. You can tell us how much this great nation has prospered in the years since. The citizens of Korea are in your debt.

Since the war, the Republic of Korea has hosted the Summer Olympics, the World Cup, the Askin Games, and a host of other international events. The Republic of Korea is in the world's top five in producing steel, automobiles and semi-conductors, and is second in the world in ship building.

So, as we commemorate the signing of the Armistice that suspended the conflict on the peninsula 50 years ago, I submit to you, the heroes of the Korean War, that your efforts ensured the prosperity and vitality of the Republic of Korea – you made a profound difference.

The commitment of those same member-nations of the United Nations Coalition under which you fought, as well as the ongoing efforts of one of the greatest alliances in history, will preserve and continue your legacy.

We all know freedom is not free. As you look around this Great Republic, as you look upon the political landscape of the world, you see that what you did was not in vain. You see that the warriors you were forced to leave behind did not die in vain. You bravely paid the price for what more people in the world enjoy today than ever before – Freedom, Democracy, and Prosperity.

As history looks back, your accomplishments are judged as some of the most important contributions to world peace and stability. You made a difference and you are indeed regarded as heroes, as well you should be.

I close by saying on behalf of the entire United Nations Command, we are proud to be able to continue what you so bravely began a half-century ago.

Kam Sa Ham Ni Da.



In 1906 Wright Flyer is going North on 1-95 Bus. under its own power. The Flyer flew in a demonstration in Fayetteville, North Carolina June 2003.

Taro Leaf Taps

The Eagle's Flight

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm.

While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.

The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm. When the storms of life come upon us—and all of us experience them—we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God.

The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them.

God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy,

failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm.

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles."

(Isaiah 40:31)

21st

William Jewell "Red" Mitchum

19th

Otis Rasnic George M. Rudy Raymond D. Cooley Paul A. Diers 34th

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24th Unit Unknown Joseph P. McCrudden Sr.

24th Div. Ransdall LeBlanc

63rd FA Vann G. Todd

Taro Leaf Taps

24th Infantry

Ransdall LeBlanc

"Good Morning to you all. It is sad news I bring you this day. Ransdall LeBlanc who so desperately was trying to make the reunion in Valley Forge was hospitalized in Washington, DC and was promoted to Glory on 4 August 2003. He was with Headquarters Battery, 63FAB/24th Division. Any cards can be sent to his Wife and family at: Rose LeBlanc, 216 Crest Circle, Youngsville, LA 70592-5466

34th Infantry

Sgt. Walter E. Bray, Jr.

Walter entered service from Atlantic Co. New Jersey. He was assigned to the 34th Infantry Regiment in Japan and went to Korea with his unit in July 1950. He was assigned to the 19th Infantry Regiment on September 1, 1950 and was wounded, then captured by the Communist Chinese on November 4, 1950. Sgt. Bray was repartiated during "Operation Little-Switch" in April 1953. He died on April 29, 1998 at the age of 67, his story is told in Chinnery's book.

William Garrison Allen

Mr. Allen, husband of Dale Wallace Allen, died Friday, June 27, 2003. Retired general counsel of Island Creek Coal Company and chief of staff to Senator Albert Gore.

Mr. Allen was a World War II Army Major who received the Bronze Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and a Purple Heart for his five years of service in the Pacific with the 34th Infantry.

21st

William Jewell "Red" Mitchum

Red was a platoon sergeant in L Co. of the 21st, under Captain Franklin in 1946 and 1947 at Camp Wood, in Kumamoto, Japan. Red passed away May 18, 2003.

19th

Paul A. Diers

Paul, 79, of Colesburg, IA died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center, Dyersville, due to complications of diabetes.

He was born February 6, 1924 in fufal Colesburg to Isadore and Alma Diers. He received his education in a country schoolhouse.

He was united in marriage to Eunice Koeneke on August 26, 1948 in Colesburg. Three daughters were born to this union.

He was in the army in WWII in the 24th Infantry Division 19th Regiment Anti Tank Co.

Sgt. George M. Rudy

George (12 078 437) served with the 1st Battalion 19th Infantry Regiment HHQ Company. He died in Whitman, Arizona on June 24th, 2003. George was a "Squad Leader" in charge of seven men in a demilition dquad. Taught demolition techniques to 300 men. Awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations and two battle stars.

Cow Palace.

Welcome to Tucson, AZ

Reunion Site for 2003

Tucson, known as the "Old Pueblo," is the oldest continually inhabited settlement in the United States dating back to the Cienega period (800 BC to 150 AD) and offers visitors a striking blend of contrasts shaped by a distinctive heritage and accessible natural wonders.

Founded 20 August 1775 by Irishman Hugh O'Connor, who served in the Spanish Army, as the Presidio of San Augustin de Tucson in what is now in the heart of downtown Tucson's historic El Presidio neighborhood. Once known as a rowdy frontier town, Tucson has evolved into a modern metropolitan city that blends a laid-back lifestyle with world-class culture.

A city of approximately 800,000 that feels like a sleepy desert town, Tucson has plenty to offer outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, urban cowboys and culture vultures alike. Tucson is located in a valley surrounded by five mountain ranges and gently rolling hills and is a true southwest city with character, history, cultural diversity and charm with sunshine 350 days a year.

It is hoped that we can plan more exciting activities for the ladies this year, especially the ladies breakfast. In addition to our other interesting activities, Tucson has many sights to see and tours to take. Those tours planned for our reunion are as follows:

Wednesday, 17 September

Tour A South to Apache Land**

Price per person: \$50.00 9:00 am—3:00 pm Tumacacori National Historical Park, Tubac Presidio State Park, Lunch at Cow Palace and Mission San Xavier Del Bac. This is one of the more comfortable and beautiful tours of the reunion. Heading south, we soon enter the area of the old Apache Wars. Tumacacori is a massive adobe structure that was built around 1880 but was soon gutted by Apaches and abandoned. From Tumacacori we head north and soon come to the Tubac Presidio, the site of Arizona's first newspaper and school. Jesuit priest Kino entered the area in 1691, and by 1738, it had been established as a village. In 1751 the Pima Indians revolted against the hared Spanish and caused widespread destruction. Spanish troops put down the revolt and established a fortress or presidio. It is a great place to shop for gifts, arts and crafts. Following lunch at the Cow Palace, the tour will head back toward Tueson and stop at San Xavier, which is one of the most beautiful spots in the Southwest. No surface is left unadorned. Every nook and cranny is meticulously painted. Missionary priest Kino first visited the site in 1692 but the present building was built somewhat piecemeal from 1783-1797. The mission is still in use today. Includes lunch at the

"AND TO THINK I GOT A TICKET ONCE FOR RIDING THREE IN A SEAT."

Tour B

Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum*

8:00 am—12:00 noon—Price per person: \$35.00

Nestled in the Tucson Mountain Park, 14 miles west of downtown Tucson, the Desert Museum exhibits the living, outdoor world of nature found in the Sonoran Desert Region. On the way to the Museum, you'll drive through Saguato—National—Park, which preserves the most magnificent Saguaro Forest in the world. The Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum provides a unique opportunity to see a comprehensive collection of the plants, animals, mini-coverns and geology of this area. Rest stops and water are available along the trail but this is an outdoor experience that requires comfortable walking shoes. So don't forget your sunscreen.

Tour C Hidden Valley Inn Dinner and Show

5:00 pm—10:00 pm Price per person: \$57.00 Located at the foothills and near Sabino Canyon, The Hidden Valley Inn is a dinner and show theater where you can dine and be entertained by look-alike actors. The current primary show is "A Portrait of the Chairman," a fantastic show that will have you clapping your hands and tapping your feet to the beat of all "Frank's" Favorite Tunes with friends dropping in from Nancy Sinatra to Dean Martin. Included meal offers several choices.

Thursday, 18 September

Tour D Tombstone and Fort Huachuca*

8:00 am—5:30 pm Price per person: \$35.00 The tour will enter Ft. Huachuca first and tour this fort which was established to protect settlers and oversee routs of hostile Indians. High points include the museums, cemetery and the old quarters. Tombstone can boast of being one of the most authentic tourist spots in the country. Its residents take pride in this authenticity, and many of them trace their ancestry back to the "bad of days." It is suggested that each visitor jump on one of the horse and buggy tours as they will see more of the town and understand the high points. The visitor can have a snack or dessert whenever and wherever they want. Interesting points include many things such as the Courthouse with its Gallows, the Bird Cage Theatre, the OK Corral, Boot Hill and The Tombstone Epitaph.

Tour E
Pima Air Museum,
Saguaro National Park East**

7:30 am—1:30 pm Price per person: \$45.00 Display of old US Air Force and US Army equipment as well as enemy planes. Experience aviation history at Pima Air & Space Museum. There are more than 180 aircraft on display at the museum—which represents America's aviation history, from a full scale replica of the Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer to the SR-71 Blackbird, the world's fastest aircraft. Also on the grounds is an original WWII/Korean War Barracks

with displays. Price includes a box lunch. Sixty-four reservations have been made for those who desire a narrated tram tour of the Pima Air Grounds. Cost is an additional \$4.00; first come first served basis.

Tour F

Sabino Canyon and De Grazia Studios**

8:00 am—1:00 pm Price per person: \$35.00 Sabino Canyon: Twelve thousand years ago, Colombian mammoth roamed in Sabino Canyon. Hohokam Indians built irrigation dams in the creek about 1200 years ago. In the 1870s, pony soldiers from Fort Lowell enjoyed excursions to the swimming hole, which is still in use today. Many varieties of birds, deer and other animals make their home here in the Coronado National Forest. The landscape makes this a super place for cameras. De Grazia Art Studio—Ted De Grazia's classic depictions of native Indian and Mexican children have become icons of the southwest and a testament to his work. The studio here also includes a great gift shop.

Tour G Dinner at Pinnacle Peak

5:00 pm—9:00 pm Price per person: \$45.00 Here within Trail Dust Town at Pinnacle Peak, several menu items are offered and are included in the tour price. Also available around Trail Dust Town are shops and galleries. From time to time there are Western events and other entertainment activities.

Friday, 19 September

Tour H Old Tucson Studios**

9:30 am—1:30 pm Price per person: \$38.00 The Old Tucson Movie Studios are noted as a fun family place to wander around, snack and wait for the next bit of entertainment, such as the next gunfight. It has been home to more than 300 western movies and television series such as John Wayne's greatest classic movies and TV series such as High Chaparral and Little House on the Prairie. Tombstone is one of the best, Price includes entrance fee.

Tour I BioSphere 2**

9:00 am—2:00 pm Price per person: \$49.00 See the Upper and Lower Rainforest, Upper and Lower Desert, the Ocean and its function in the formation of reefs and lagoons. This display can be viewed through the glass of a 676,000 gallon tank with 21-foot lagoon. Many other interesting displays of the life zones and what must be done to preserve them. Also, the elaborate control rooms. Tour includes Cafeteria Lunch at BioSphere 2.

Saturday, 20 September Tour J

Historic Downtown Tucson**

1:00 pm—4:00 pm Price per person: \$25.00

See the Downtown Presidio area including Old Town Artisans and the Barrio. This downtown redeveloped area of territorial Tucson is part of the original Barrio Libre, the oldest part of the city located south of the walled Presidio. It includes the famous El Triadito Wishing Shrine. Old Town Artisans, located within the El Presidio Historic District, consists of an entire city block of adobe structures, housing a wonderful choice of shops and wares with a southwest flavor and a restaurant with relaxed courtyard dining. Also included is a visit to beautiful Mission San Xavier.

All tours are by Deluxe Air-Conditioned Transportation.

* Indicates iced soft beverages on board. ** Indicates knowledgeable guide and iced soft beverages on board.

Bonus

There are several Casinos in the area and at least one has offered a shuttle to pick up groups in the evening at the hotel. No arrangements are made by this committee but all that is needed is a phone call.

News Release

Taro Leafers:

Below is a press release pertaining to our reunion in Tucson, AZ. Regardless of whether you plan to attend, please cut this out and mail to your local newspaper for publication in either their military section or "Letters to the Editor" section. It would be nice if we could blanket the country with this announcement and let all former 24th Infantry Division members know there is an active association in existence. Your initiative in this matter is appreciated.

(Date) 24th Infantry Division Association, US Army

For immediate release.

On September 17-21, 2003, the 24th Infantry Division Association will hold its annual reunion honoring the Veterans of World War II, Korean War, Desert Storm, Grenada and Lebanon. All former and current members of the 24th Infantry Division or members of any unit that has been assigned or attached to the Division at any time are welcome. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85714. Telephone (520) 746-1161. For further information contact: Association President Billy Johnson, Telephone (910) 424-3840, e-mail: bj24sf45@aol.com; or Reunion Coordinator & Association Vice President Wes Morrison, Telephone: (831) 883-2156, e-mail: WesM8@aol.com.

Important!

Please Read

You must mail your checks along with your registration to the following:
Hotel Reservation:

Mail to Holiday Inn, Palo Verde

Unit Breakfast Mail to the Chairperson of your unit breakfast

Registration, Meal & Tour Form
Ladies Breakfast

Mail to Reunion Chairman Norm Dixon, PO Box 7056, Surprise, AZ 85734

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Reunion Banquet Seating

IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF FRIENDS WHO WISH TO BE SEATED TOGETHER, GET TOGETHER AND PAY TOGETHER Send your registration forms in one packet (envelope). Only 10 people can be seated at each table. Reserve one table, two tables or as many as needed to accommodate your group. Designate one person and send in your registration forms along with the appropriate amount of money, by check or money order, to whoever is designated. That person will put it all together in one envelope and forward it on to the Reunion Chairman who will then complete the paperwork and notify each person by receipt. A packet in your name will be waiting for you at the pre-registration desk at the reunion. Tables will be assigned in order of receipt so start your planning early and get your reservation and registrations in as early as possible.

America West Airlines is offering a discount of up to 10% on airfare, plus other travel discount options to and from the 24th Infantry Association Reunion in Tucson, AZ, 17-20 September 2003. Use the Convention and Meeting Services (CAMS) Code AP 4038 to receive your discounts. There are three options for making your discounted reservations:

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24th Infantry Division Reunion Meals 2003

Traditional Breakfast

Fresh Orange Juice • Fresh Scrambled Eggs • Crispy Bacon • Breakfast Poratoes Broiled Tomato • Assorted Breads and Pastries • Fruit Jams, Honey and Butter • Coffee, Decaf and Hot Herbal Teas

Friday Night Dinners

Garden Green Salad and Apple Caramel Granny

Roast Pork Loin Smothered in our Apple Jack Brandy Sauce Cubed Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetable

Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf Baked Cod Topped with Fresh Fruit Salsa Rice Pilaf Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf

Saturday Night Dinners

Garden Green Salad and Boston Cream Pie

Sliced London Broil with Merlor Demi Glaze Roasted Red Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetable

Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf

Telephone Reservations: (520) 746-1161

Breast of Chicken with Chiporle Demi Glaze Wild Rice Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Rolls and Butter Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaf

Welcome to Holiday Inn Palo Verde

Hotel Reservation Form 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion 17-20 September 2003

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Confirmation Number_

If you have raised kids (or remember being one), and gone through the pet syndrome (including toilet-slush burials for dead gold-fish), the story below will have you laughing out LOUD!

Overview - My son's hamster just got back from the vet. Here's what happened:

Just after dinner one night, my son came up to tell me there was "something wrong" with one of the two hamsters he holds prisoner in his room. "He's just lying there looking sick," he told me. "I'm senous, Dad. Can you help?"

I put my best hamster-healer statement on my face and followed him into his bedroom. One of the little rodents was indeed lying on his back, looking stressed. I immediately knew what to do. "Honey," I called. "come look at the hamster!"

"Oh my gosh," my wife diagnosed after a minute. "She's having babies."

"What?" my son demanded "But their names are Bert and Emie, Mom!"

I was equally outraged. "Hey, how can that be? I thought we said we didn't want them to reproduce," I accused my wife.

"Well, what do you want me to do, post a sign in their cage?" she inquired. (I actually think she said this sarcastically!)

"No, but you were supposed to get two boys!" I reminded her (in my most loving, calm. sweet voice, while gritting my teeth together).

"Yeah, Bert and Ernie!" my son agreed.

"Well, it's just a little hard to tell on some guys, you know," she informed me. (Again, I think with more sarcasm.) By now the rest of the family had gathered to see what was going on. I shrugged, deciding to make the best of it. "Kids, this is going to be a wondrous experience," I announced. "We're about to witness the miracle of birth."

"OH. Gross!" they shrieked. "Well, isn't THAT just GREAT! What are we going to do with a litter of tiny little hamster babies?" my wife wanted to know. (I really do think she was being snotty here, too. Don't you?) We peered at the patient. After much struggling, what looked like a tmy foot would appear briefly, vanishing a scant second later. "We don't appear to be making much progress," I noted.

"It's breech." my wife whispered, horrified.

"Do something, Dud!" my son urged. "Okay, okay." Squeamishly, I reached in and grabbed the foot when it next appeared, giving it a gingerly tug.

It disappeared. I tried several more times with the same results.

"Should I call 911?" my eldest daughter wanted to know. "Maybe they could talk us through the trauma." (You see a pattern here with the females in my house?)

"Let's get Ernie to the vet," I said grimly. We drove to the vet with my son holding the cage in his lap. "Breathe, Ernic, breathe," he urged.

"I don't think hamsters do Lamaze." his mother noted to him. (Women can be so cruet to their own young. I mean what she does to me is one thing, but this boy is of her womb, for God's sake.) The vet took Ernie back to the examining room and peered at the little unimal through a magnifying glass. "What do you think, Doc, a C-section?" I suggested scientifically.

"Oh, very interesting," he murmured. "Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, may I speak privately for a moment?" I gulped, nodding for my son to step outside.

"Is Ernie going to be okay?" my wife asked. "Oh, perfectly," the vet assured us. "This hamster is not in labor. In fact, that isn't EVER going to happen...Ernie IS a boy." "What?" we gasped in confusion. "You see, Ernie is a young male. And occasionally, as they come into maturity, like most male species, they um...um...masturbate. Just the way he did, lying on his back." He blushed, glancing at my wife.

"Well, you know what I'm saying, Mr. Cameron." We were silent, absorbing this. "So Ernie's just...just...Excited?" my wife offered

"Exactly," the vet replied, relieved that we understood. More silence.

Then my vicious, cruel wife started to giggle. And giggle. And then even laugh loudly. "What's so Junny?" I demanded, knowing, but not believing that the woman I married would commit the appropriate affront to my flawless manliness.

Tears were now running down her face. "It's just...that...I'm picturing you pulling on its...its...teeny little..." she gasped for more air to bellow in laughter once more. "That's enough," I warned.

We thanked the veterinarian and hurriedly bundled the hamster and our son back into the car. He was glad everything was going to be okay. "I know Ernie's really thankful for what you've done, Dad," he told me.

"Oh, you have NO idea," my wife agreed, collapsing with laughter.

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24th Infantry Division Association

Annual Reunion 17-20 September 2003 Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson, AZ

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A Page For Artillerymen

(QM, MP and Medics need not read)

Field Artillery Qualifying Examination (You cannot call yourself a "Red Leg" unless you can pass this test.)

- 1. In what war did Artillerymen get the name "Red Legs?"
- 2. Name the four functions of any Recoil System.
- 3. Name the three basic types of Breech Blocks.
- 4. What breech mechanism was used by the 75, 105, 155 Schneider, 155 Mll.
- 5. Of WWI, WWII, Korea, which gun's ammo was not "bore safe?"
- 6. What are "trunnions?"
- 7. What kind of "equilibrator" is used in both the 105 and the 155?
- 8. How is "obturation" accomplished in the: 75mm, 105mm, 155mm?
- 9. How many "charges" in a 105 shell case?
- 10. What two "bags" did the 155 use?



10. White Bag and Green Bag.

9. Seven.

the 75mm & 105mm it is the brass case. In the L55 it the mushroom head, split rings and obturator pad.

- coiled spring lifters. In heavy guns compressed gas pushers at used.

 8. Obturation is the sealing off of gas. When you fire the piece what keep the propelling gas from shouting out the breech? In
 - But to allow high-angle fire modern guns have the trunnions way to the rear. This makes the piece extremely muzzle heavy. To offset this a system of springs or compressed gas is used to pull or push up the muzzle. Both the 105 & 155 use
 - guns the tube is fastened to the cradle and the cradle has the trunnions.

 7. In old muzzle-loading cannons the trunnions were slightly ahead of the point of balance making the piece breech-heavy.
- many cannoneers would be killed per thousand rounds fired.
 - screw.

 5. In WWI the first French 75 ammo had fuses made of porcelain and were not bore safe. There were charts that told how
- 4. The 75mm first had a Nordenfelt Eccentric, but since it snipped off so many fingers it was replaced with a sliding wedge.

 The 105 = a hotizontal sliding wedge; the Schneidet had an interrupted screw, and the 155 M11 had a stepped interrupted
 - accomplish all of the above without shocking the piece. 3. Eccentric, sliding wedge, interrupted screw.
 - 2. Stop the piece in recoil; return the piece to battety; hold the piece in battety at all elevations and while traveling;
 - I. Revolutionary Wat. They had red stripes running down the sides of their trousers.

Answers:

Attention

All Units

Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, 20 September 2003 at 8:00 am at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Tucson, AZ. The room where each breakfast will be served will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$15.00. Since the Association's Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 am, it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfast be punctual so we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 am.

Unit Memorial Breakfast Registration Form

Name (Please Print)			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Total Amount Enclosed: \$	(Cost of breakfast \$15.00 each)	<u> </u>	

Please mail your registration and check to the Chairman of your unit listed below.

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(510) 525-7902
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(928) 639-1526
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All Other Units
Robert Lawhon
49 Township Road 88, #1152
Proctorville, OH 45669-9067
Make checks payable to Robert Lawhon

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday, 20 September 2003 at 9:00 am

Be sure to sign up for the Ladies Breakfast—you don't want to miss it. It will take place at the same time the Unit Breakfasts and the 24th Infantry Division Association General Meeting takes place.

Traditional Breakfast

Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Crispy Bacon • Breakfast Potatoes and Broiled Tomato
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Guest Speaker

Meet Sharon Riester, Senior Sales Director of Beauty Products. She can give you "new" ideas on looking healthier and younger in a timely fashion. Sharon has many ideas, tricks and much more to share with you.

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Memories of South Korea

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It was late July 1951. I was sitting under a tree in South Korea, enjoying a smoke and ad just finished my lunch from a can (chicken & vegetable). I was thinking at last I have it made. I was brought down off the front lines because I was among the next five people from my outfit to go home. I had been in Korea one year and had some pretty rough times, but all that was behind me now. The Company runner came over and said, "Sgt. Wright, the Captain wants to see you in his tent." Boy, this is it, good news is here, so I thought.

I went in the tent, said hello to Captain Muncer. He said, "Have a seat. This is Lt. Young. He is the paymaster and is here because tomorrow is payday. I asked you over because you and the Chief are the only two men who know where our men are up in the hills with L Company. They must be paid too. I would like you to take Lt. Young up there tomorrow. I know it is a big decision for you to make because you are in line to go home soon. I could ask the Chief but he is just back from the hospital for the second time and I hate to ask him. I will not order either one of you to go, but..." I thought about it for a minute and, damn, I didn't want to do it, but I couldn't say no and look like a coward, so I said, "Chief has been hit twice and I am not going to let him go up there again, because the third time is a bad omen."

I suggested to Lt. Young that we pay the men around the Co. area first, then we could go up on Hill 1051 where the machine gun platoon and 75 recoiless rifle platoon were with L Co. I thought we could drive to the foot of the mountain and walk to the top, pay the men and be back before dark. Now, for some reason, L Co. men on line were not being paid. Why anyone was being paid while they were on the line was a mystery to me, but so were a lot of things the Army did.

The next day everything went smoothly. We were at the base of 1051 about noon and it was only about an hour's climb to the top, with rest stops about halfway up. Everything went OK going up. I explained to Lt. Young how we had taken the hill and we followed the trail the men used carrying rations and ammo up to our men. About halfway up the hill was a beautiful running stream...cold, clear, clean water. We sat down for a few minutes, smoked, and filled our canteens.

We continued on to the top, spoke with the L Co's Lieutenant and told him why we were here. He had a pretty good laugh and said that there's not much to buy up here and since you pay off in script, it doesn't even look or feel like money. He didn't understand why M Co. was being paid and L Co. wasn't. M Co. was a support company and I guess they thought we were in reserve.

I found Sgt. Kane who had taken my place when I left; also talked to the machine gun Sgt. who had taken

the Chief's place. Everything was going good until the machine gun Sgt. told me six of his men were out on patrol with men from L Co. He said they were out on one mound, a hill we called "Jane Russell." (There were two hills shaped jus talkie and were about two miles out in noman's land; we could see them with our binoculars.) The Sgt. said the men would not be back until late evening. I asked Lt. Young if we could just skip them. He said his orders were to pay all the men in M Co.

Now I had been out on the hill they were on. Evidence showed we went there during the day and the North Koreans went there during the night. Some days the patrol drew sniper fire and some small artillery fire. I sure didn't want to go out there at this time. I knew it would be dark before we returned, and coming up a hill from the enemy's side after dark could rearrange the numbers of the five people who went home. In other words, I might not be there.

The Lt. said, "Let's go." So we started off. We went down the porth side of 1051 (Hill number) and down to a small ridge that led out toward where the men were. Of course, we walked along the skyline of the hill like all G.I.'s did. About halfway out, I heard a small artillery round coming in. "Kneel down," I told the Lieutenant, "until we can figure out who they are shooting at." The shells were about 37mm, not very big but they could kill you just the same. The shell hit in the woods behind us. That didn't tell us anything since the shell had passed over the patrol and us too. Then came another one and it hit between us and the patrol. "Are you sure we have to pay those men today?" I asked the Lt. "You know," he said, "maybe we could get them later, or next month." Now I was getting him on my side. The North Koreans had no range finders and no spotters so they didn't know where their shells hit. They fired one more and quit. "Well, if we are going, let's go," I said.

We made it to the men and they were on the alert but they didn't expect us to come from the rear. I knew one gunner real well and I hollered out his name and told him who we were. Cpt. Kyes said he didn't expect to see me. He asked if I had extended my stay in Korea so that I could make Master Sgt. I told him, "I wouldn't extend id they gave me a General's Star." They, too, had a good laugh when I told them why Lt. Young was there. Well, we lined them and paid them. I also gave them some advice, "You know what you were taught in training. Stay five yards apart at all times. That artillery might luck out sometime."

I talked to the leader of the patrol and he told me, orders or no orders, as soon as it was dark enough so they could not see him from Hill 1051, he was starting back. I told him that was a smart idea since they were talking

peace, it wasn't worth getting killed now. He also said a larger patrol was coming out right after dark and they were going to set up right at the North foot of Hill 1051. This was to be an ambush if any North Koreans came in closer to our lines later tonight.

Lt. Young and I started back just as the sun was setting behind the mountain. I knew we were going to have to hurry if we made it up the hill before dark. We got on the skyline again because it was easier to walk and we stayed there and walked fast and did not take a smoke break that time.

It started to get dark early down where we were. When we got to the bottom of the hill, we met the larger patrol coming down. They said you can't go up because they closed the wire behind us. We had concertina wire in places that looked easy to climb. I looked at It. Young. Good thing he couldn't read my mind. "Well, Lt., looks like we have to spend the night here." I was a little bit unhappy, but being the leader that I was, I could not show my disappointment. Oh yeah, I felt it enough. The Lt. from L Co patrol set up his perimeter and I cleared off enough toom on the rocky ground for the Lt. and me.

When we started out from base camp, I had put two packs of meals in my backpack. I always looked out for food. In fact, I drew rations from L Co. for my men each day so I knew when we left camp, I should have food. I gave Lt. Young one pack consisting of three meals. What we usually did was pick out the good stuff like beanie weenies and the fruit. We ate that and saved the other stuff until we were really hungry. We ate and smoked because this would be our last one until daylight unless we covered our heads with a blanket. We didn't have any drugs in the army while I was there, so we got our high by covering up our heads with a wet blanket and inhaling deeply.

It was dark and quiet in the rocks and trees. Half of the men were on guard and half were allowed to sleep. The other patrol came in and set up with the larger groups, so we had about twenty-five men in an area. We got settled down in the O.P.L. (Outpost Line of Resistance).

I had dug out a small hole to rest my hipbone in like I always did and I was just going to sleep. Lt. Young, being a tear echelon and always sleeping on a cot, was having a little trouble going to sleep. It was about 2:30 or three o'clock in the morning. We heard a thrashing and thumping in the underbrish behind us. It got louder and louder, sounded like several people coming up behind us. I rolled over and pointed my carbine down toward the noise. All of a sudden, all hell broke loose. Someone had thrown a hand grenade at the noise. Then guys started shouting and throwing more hand grenades. It seemed like we had a young War. I fired my carbine and Lt. Young fired his pistol until someone hollered, "Cease firing." We couldn't see anything down there but we all stayed awake from then until dawn. As daylight came on, we sat with weapons pointed down the brush area where we were firing last night, ready to fire again.

When we were able to see, guess what? There was an

old grey mule laying dead. He had so many holes in him, he looked like a screen door. A sad sight to see. I guess someone had been using him as a pack mule and then turned him loose. He must have heard us and was coming up where we were. We all felt sad but relieved at the same time.

I told the Lieutenant it was time to go up the hill. Everyone packed up and we went back up Hill 1051. I said goodbye to the guys in my old outfit and told them this was the last time I was coming up here. They asked if I was starting a new war last night, so I told them what happened. It was a good laugh—they really could use one this time.

Korea itself wasn't that bad, but our job was to root the North Koreans out of the mountains. Where we were, it was all mountains. We were in north central part of South Korea, above We-Jon-Bu, I think.

It was a breeze going back down the hill. We got in our jeep and drove down to where part of the Company was in reserve. I reported back to the Captain and asked if orders had come in for us five men to go home. "Not yet," he replied. As I left, I could hear Lt. Young telling the Captain what had happened to him. It was a great experience. To me, I felt lucky again.

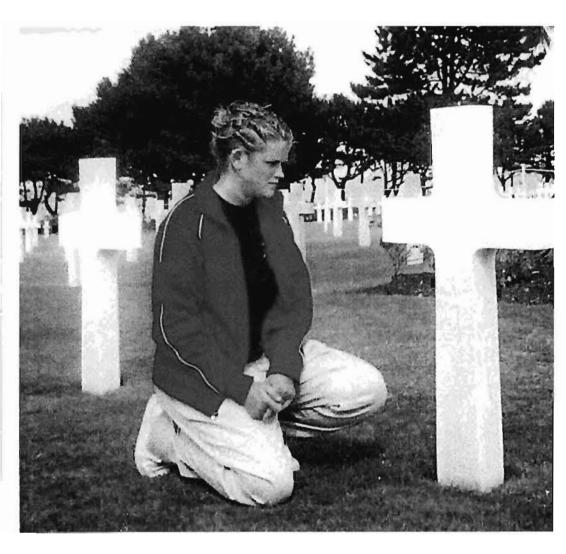
I went back to my shade tree and relaxed the best I could. Our beer ration had come in the day before. I sneaked a six-pack out and grabbed a towel and a bar of soap and headed down to a small stream across the road. I put the six-pack in the cool water and slipped in with it. It was such a good feeling, more so after I finished the beer. Two days later, my orders came in and the Chief and I, and three others, started our roundabout journey to San Francisco and Camp Stoneman, and to my future wife. Still my one and only wife, Alice.



"I've had it, Doct...I've come all the way from Alabama with this danged thing on my kneel"

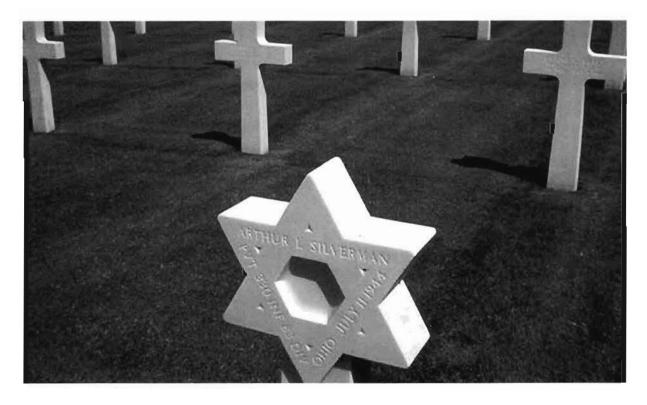
5TH RCT





Nicole F. Garland, graduate and Valedictorian of Schroon Lake High School, Schroon Lake, New York, July 25, 2003. Granddaughter of Paul R. Garland 5th RCT Korea 1952. While on a Youth Reachout trip, she visited France and one of their sites to visit was the Cemetery at Normandy Beach. She was very impressed. While in school, Nicole conducted some research on Korea (war years to present) and her grandfather supplied her with lots of photos and information.

Sent in by Paul R. Garland, Co H 5th RCT Korea 1952, U.S. Army Infantry, Haamburg, NY



21ST INFANTRY

One of the Mysteries of the Korean War Where Did All the Gimlet Cooks Go?

The U.S. Army was able to have many select it for the enlistment opportunities offered by the GI bill of Rights. The Redondo Union High School Class of 1947 sent Sal Ambriz, Cal Bellwood, Dean Bennet, Gene Bibeau, Bill Grantham, Jack Renke and other young men to Fort Ord in Salinas, California including myself Ralph McIntosh for basic training.

Upon completion of training, Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, California became the waiting depot for assignment.

Our Pal Sal became infected with the MUMPS and started a Quarantine that would last off and on for six months clear into Seoul, Korea for me. After spending the year of 1948 with the Sixth division MP platoon in Pusan our group was moved to Kokura, Kyushu, Japan and the home of the 24th Infantry Division. My assignment, the 21st Regiment GIMLETS in Kumamoto, Kyushu on the southern tip of Japan. This would be my new home for the next fourteen months with rotation to the states in February 1950. I was then discharged in March 1950 with 2 1/2 months paid leave and was I happy to be home.

Being a cook (not by choice) I left many happy friends and some not quite as happy at Camp Wood in Japan.

The month of June would change all that with the North Koreans' invasion of South Korea.

Company M of the 3rd Battalion (my Company and All My Friends) would soon be in very serious combat sit-

uations. Our Recoilless Rifles were assigned to Task Force Smith and Two days later the remainder of the company joined them in Korea. History tells the story a little here and a piece there but when ALL the known facts are collected and shown with name, rank and Army serial number it is one sad unaccounted for mystery as to just what happened to all the cooks in Company M and the rest of the SEVENTY men unaccounted for.

The documentation I have is supported with a duty roster supplied by my good friend, Jack Higdon, a Silver Star Combat Veteran who supplied the roster for 1949 and went on to retire after 29 years service. Jack is one of the Task Force Smith Survivors and need I say more.

Thank You Jack and all the REST of our Company M men and the Armed Forces Veterans and Families who have helped secure the Quality of Life we have in the United States.

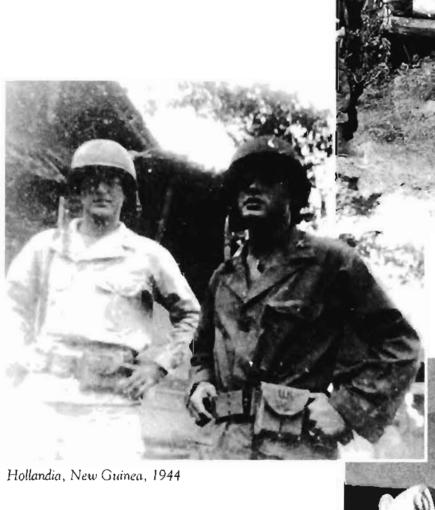
Here are the AFTER THE WAR FACTS known about Company M from my research.

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Gentlemen, any help appreciated. Thank You, Ralph McIntosh



WAA • AWA - Ed Farmers favorite beer hall.



Jap Bunker on Mintol Mendanao, 1945



Ace Malone Mindoro, PI, 1945



Ed in a Geisha House, 1945. I remember we went to the Geisha to get a hot bath??????

34TH INFANTRY

The Landing Mess

The ship rocked gently as we awaited our turn to climb down the nets into the landing craft. When a squad of Marines in their camouflaged outfits suddenly appeared to go over the side somebody said "Hey look. The marines are making another landing." One of them came over to where we were and said, "We are going in as observers smart ass. Watch carefully, you might learn something," he was told.

The beach at Hollandia in New Guinea was erupting with explosions and looked like a wall of fire. The Japs had buried drums of aviation gasoline along the coast and one of their planes was setting it off.

One the way in, I was watching one of the amphibious "ducks" when it suddenly nosed down and went under.

"Man overboard!" I yelled and pointed to where guys were coming to the surface. We swung around and picked them up. They had nothing. No weapons, no helmets, no packs, no rations. They were almost naked.

The landing craft lowered its ramp and I went into chest high water with a =288 radio strapped to my back. I ended up crawling onto the beach. The only thing missing was a sign reading "WELCOME TO COMBAT." I had no desire to see that.

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Korea 1950 - L-R: Austin Evans, Bobbie Wolfe, Chuch Maribell, Paul 'Pappy' Pennington, Justice Flemming



Johnny J. Frederck, 1949 Sascho

1 Co. 34 – 1949 or 50

Back Row L-R:
Gerald F. Clergyman
Clinton Roberts
John Frederick
Front Row L-R:
Oliver
Jack Davis
Tom Omera





Lt. Spero Calos, 1950 Korea

To: Dutch Nelson From: Charlie Card

Subject: Death of Clyde Burton...

Former B-34th...WW2

utch, Burton's son, Bryan, advised me that his dad, Clyde, passed away on May 2, 2003. He had a very sudden stomach aneurysm and death came quickly. He had a military funeral and was butied in Mill Springs National Cemetery in Kentucky, with a 21-gun salute.

On page 384 of Jan Valtin's "Children of Yesterday"... it is written:

"Private First Class Clyde Burton of Eubank, Kentucky: I was sleeping at night in my foxhole, outside of Davao. My buddy stood guard. Suddenly he nudged me. "Slant eyes a'comin'," he said. I rubbed my eyes and my feet hurt from hundreds of miles of walking and then I realized what was up. Hand grenades were popping all over the place, both Jap and ours. Everybody on the perimeter was blazing away and bullets were flying in on us from all directions. We heard the Japs howl like mad monkeys as they charged us with bayonets. Two of them were coming for me. I let 'em have it. One fell dead, the other plopped

into my foxhole still a little bit alive..." end of quote.

I well remember that attack, for Burton was but two foxholes from me, and a number of us had similar opportunities with similar results...lt was a very memorable firefight. Burton and I were in the first platoon throughout the New Guinea, Leyte and Mindanao Campaigns and participated together in many card games, as well as many patrols and firefights, most memorable, those of "Kilay Ridge" on Leyte...Burton was a good and brave soldier and later in life a devoted father and a devoted Christian parishioner and church supporter.

Another of our mutual buddies was Robert Brown of Philadelphia...Brownie was a Skinny Ennis Orchestra leader fan and used to whistle and hum "Got a Date With an Angel" (made famous by Ennis) while we were on point and we all prayed that none of us would keep such a date, at that time...we respectfully salute Clyde Burton...A GREAT SOLDIER AND A GREAT HUMAN BEING.

- Respectfully Submitted... Charlie Card, B-34, '44/'45





Co. M. 34th Regt., 24th Div. – September 1945, Japan A.L. Siple, RFD 2, Box 308, Fort Ashby, WV 26719

UESDAY EVENING, JUNE 19, 1951

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Korea 'No Picnic' For Brothers



Opt. Thomas O'Meara (left) and Pfc. James O'Meara of Dry Branch, returned from Korea on rotation, are enjoying a 30-day furlough before returning to duty and futher assignment. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. James C. O'Meara.

O'Meara Of Dry Branch, Back For 'Month Off,' Reassignment

Take it from two sons of a Dry Branch coal miner, there's no place like home.

Cpl. Thomas and Pfc. James O'Meara, who returned to the states about a week ago on rotation from Korea, are enjoying every minute of their well-earned 30-day furlough. Both had been in the Asiatic campaign almost from its beginning.

The oldest of a family of five, Thomas, 20, and James, 19, saw each other moving along a thou fine aboard the navy transport General M. C. Meigs - for the first time in three years.

Closest they ever had been on Korea's hattlefield was the extreme ends of a 5.000-yard "hot front."

THE O'MEARA brothers - sons of Mr. and Mrs. James C. O'Meara - were among 3,600 aboard the transport, five days out of Japan, when they spotted each other. Their last reunion had been back home in 1948 when both then were on furlough.

Cpl. O'Meara said his unit was so badly cut up in the early days of Korea fighting that it finally ceased to exist. Remnants of the 34th transferred to the 21st infantry regiment.

WOUNDED AT Kuchong last, September. Thomas was hospitalized in various places in Japan, but returned to active duty two months later.

James, an artifleryman operating a 155mm was on line with his outfit from last July until the rotation plan caught up with him a month ago.

Thomas reports to Fort Meade. Md. and James to Fort Knox. Ky, for further assignment

Both boys befieve the ride lad changed in Korea, but they're not saying when the end of conflict will come. The first days of fighting, however, were periods of desperation and terror.

You can tell the boys have been in the "thick of things" because of a natural reticence to talk.

They'll admit things "yot hat" at times.

HAD IT not been for Chinese troops thrown into battle, the brothers believe Gen. MacArthur's statement of "home by Christmas" might have come true. All statements to the contrary, the O'Meara brother have a great respect for the Chinese Soldier's ability – more so than North Koreans.

About the only thing the boys says of their Korean experiences: "It wasn't any pienic."





The mountains and hills of Afghanistan presented a challenge for American troops as they hunted and battled the Al Qaeda forces in the war on terrorism.

But in came the 120 mm mortar cannons that shoot 33-pound missiles up and over mountainous terrain. These weapons were particularly effective in wiping out the enemy.

Soldiers from the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning were sent to Afghanistan to train the 101st Airborne Division on the proper way to use the 120 mm mortars.

"These mortars were a great asset in Afghanistan," said Capt. Robert Whittenham. "We could shoot over hills with range and accuracy."

And you 4.2 guys thought you were bad.



Proper technique is key when firing the deadly 120 mm mortars.

- More Hear Ye -

15 Aug 03

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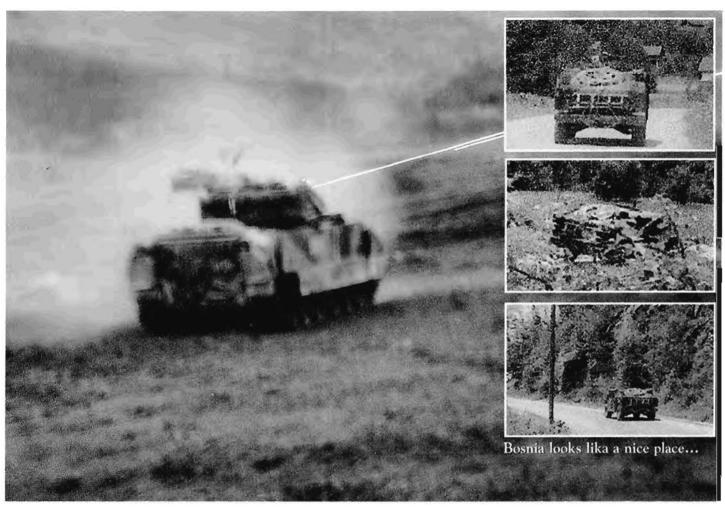
A couple of bucks in memory of a couple of deceased buddies of the 24TH ID – CWO (MSFT) Raymond J. Raszkowski, CPT (1STSGT) Ralph J. Kao Pman, 1ST LT Parker H. Pratt – Hope You Reach Your Goal Soon.

SGM John Baglama 369 Dubya Cr. Flen Burnie, MD 21061-4636

PS

C.U. were in the 3RD ENG? Were you there in Japan with them? I lived in Kitagata Housing area, Kokura, Japan – 1947-48-49-50, than into Korea.

218^{ТН} EHSB



Bradley firing its main gun in Bodnia. A soldier can leearn to drive or fire the Bradley in a computer simulated lab.



Photos from SSG. Hershel Scruggs, Alpha Co. 4/118 (M)



3rd Platoon 4th Sqd. doing air ops.



Hershel & ????_____and a booby trap.

Dear Mr. Johnson.

My name is SSG. Hershel W. Scruggs and I'm a member of A Company 4/118 (M) Inf. 218 eshB 24th ID. I am deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the 35th ID right now because they needed a Heavy Mec. Company for QRF. Thats where I picked-up an issue of Taro Leaf.

You may be wondering why haven't I heard of the 218th chsB. Well thats because we are one of the three Brigades of National Guards that make up the 24th ID that was reactivated.

Let me add that it is a honor for us to carry on the colors of the 24th ID. Our first mission was in July 2000 at the National Training Center as the main element. During our build up we moved our own Humvee's, Bradleys and MI's. It was the biggest movement ever in NG history, as we moved our Company in to the Sand Box. Late around 2am there stood Gen. Brown. Behind him were of Brigade Colors and the Colors of the 24th ID. After everyone filled the room, Gen. Brown grabbed the Colors of the 24th ID and started with a brief history of 24th ID. Thats were we were introduced to the greeting "First to Fight" "Victory". During our first two battles we did OK, but we were no match for the 11th ACR. But we never gave up or held our heads down. During the final battle we showed why we were chosen to carry the 24th ID Colors as we overwhelmed the 11th ACR with alot of DOD officials there. Our General Brown was presented a picture of the battle field. We set the standards for every Guard unit to follow. We were rewarded later that year with new Bradley's (M2 ODS). Yes we were proud, because we received the M2 ODS before most active duty units. Only one other NG unit as this time has the ODS and thats one of our sister Brigade 48th out of GA. That leaves the 30th out of NC and 1 think they may have picked them up late last year.

During our activation last year in Sept, we went to Ft. Stewart for gunner and table 12. We were the first NG to shoot table 12. There were soldiers from alot of states to see how we did. Well we had all crews QI during Table 8 and it was time for us (dismounted soldiers) to meet with the crews on table 12. Yes it was hard, but we received QI's for each Plt. We set the standards for every guard unit to follow. And as we are in Bosnia we are setting the standards for every Guard unit to follow, because with Bosnia becoming a Guard mission, NATO is giving US missions that no other Guard unit has ever received. The only thing about this deployment is we are under the 35th Colors and not our's, but each day we take pride each time a greeting is made. "First to Fight" But make no mistake we know the guys before us set the standards for everyone to follow!

SSG. Scruggs, Hershel W. Aco 4/118 (M) Inf., Eagle Base, OJF, APO AE 09789 email: hershel.scruggs@us.army.mil

We all should feel proud of this fine young soldier that represents us today.

Beetle Bailey





11TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Blairsville, PA June 30, 2003

Hello Dutch, another year and we're still hanging around. Had my 86th birthday on the 20th (last week). Go to doctor on Wed. to get a catatact taken off my right eye, my shooting eye. I still have been participating in "bench rest" shooting matches, 22 cal. rimfire. Have been shooting ground hogs these summer evenings. My wife accompanies me; I'm not

allowed to go by myself anymore.

I'm fortunate and thank our God for sustaining me this far. Then I've been blessed with a good wife and children. Even in my Army days, I only spent 2 weeks in the field hospital on Mindoro with a fungus infection in both ears. Now back to our Taro Leaf Winter 2003, volume 67 #1...on page 32, Dr. Morrisy's journal 28 Oct. 1944. I was in EO. party 11th E.A. raining all afternoon. I was digging my foxhole at the right side of the road. The 105 officer was registering fire in front of our position. I remember him carrying a walking stick and his poncho draped over him. Anyway, the first round was well in front of us, then the next round hit on the middle of the road, as the Doc said. Immediately, a ceasefire was yelled all over the place. The poor man who called the shots was sobbing, "I don't know what happened. What went wrong?"

I know I dug my hole quicker and spent the night in a sitting position with water up to my chest. I had taken my wristwatch (with a luminous dial) and put it in the front breast pocket of my HBT fatigues, covered by water. It wasn't until late the next day I thought of the watch, it wasn't waterproof so I was without a watch until my family sent me

another one.

Another night or jeep driver and I shared a poncho over our slit trench. We had some hot shrapnel from our 155s come through our poncho. When we were at Zig-zag pass, the story was our aerial observer was shot down by Japanese ground fire. I think his name was ?? (I won't say the name, rumors you know). His body was recovered several days later.

I share my Taro Leaf with a fellow from the 3rd Engineers in our town. So long Dutch, from another artilleryman.

Nicholas "Mickey" M





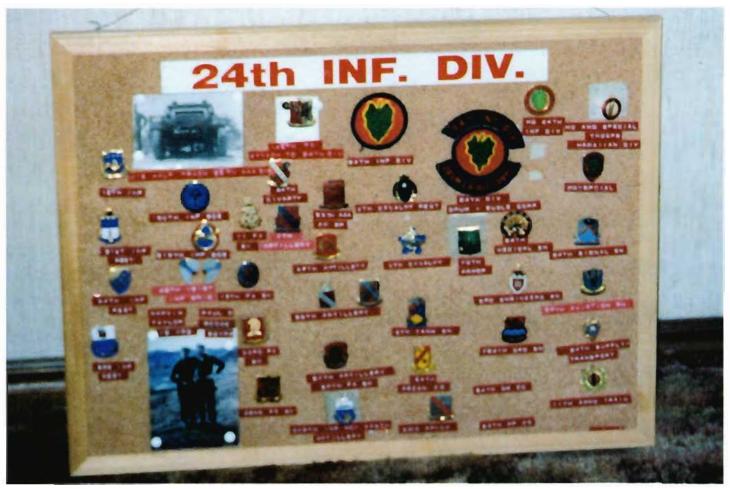
One Fine Army DIVISION! TWO Wars!!!

Dick Lewis in his Local HONOR GUARD Uniform standing at OLD "Parade Rest" (Right Foot behind Left, Rifle turned & both hands clasped over it). At 81 years old, it's a little difficult to do NEW "Parade Rest" with left hand in small of back. Altho, was Artillery does fire M-1 in the Salute Team at the Military Funerals & Ceremonies he participates in.

Was in "B" Btry, 11th F.A. Bn (155m Support, 24th Inf Div) in WWII. In Hq & "B" Btry's, 555th F.A. Bn (105mm support for 5th Inf Regt) in Korea.

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(Left - right) 1st Row: 19th Inf, 21st Inf, 34th Inf, 299 Inf. 2nd Row: 30 Inf, 216 Inf, 46 Brig-121 Inf, 63 FA, 52 FA. 3rd Row: 11 FA, 13 FA, 63 FA, 52 FA. Center: 145 Attch Korea 24 Div Arty, 7 Arty. 5th Row: 26 AAA, 34 FA, 35 FA, 37 FA, 298 FA. 6th Row: 5 Cav, 9 Cav, 6 Tank, 24 Recon, 32

Armor, 70 Armor. 7th Row: 24 Med, 3 Eng, 724 Ord. Above: 24 Bugle, HQ Special Troop, 24 Signal, 24 Avn, 24 St, 11

Ammo Train.

Marvin Taylor, 26AAA,
sent this photo of his collection of
24th Inf. Div. Unit Crests.
He has all of the units except 24th
MP Co. and 24th Quartermaster Co.
Do one of you old QM or MP fellows
have an extra crest?



"Quit beefin' or I'll send ya back to th' infantry."



73 Years & Counting

Sniper Qualifying

Using an M-24 Remington Model 70 with 10X Scope.
Sgt. James Bowen, Alpha Co., 4/118 (M) Infantry
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