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Cover Picture - From T-Shirt by Anvil - Shirt will be part of raffle at the Albuquerque, NM Reunion

24th Infantry Division Association



FROM THE PRESIDENT

2004-2005

Nomination and election of the Association Officers for the term 2004-2005 will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting held at the Association Reunion in Albuquerque, NM on Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 10:00 AM. Only an Active Member as defined by our Constitution and Bylaws may be nominated. There are three (3) positions open for election each year. They are:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer

All nominations for the elected offices will be made to the Nomination Committee for consideration. Any nomination made from the floor will be referred to the Committee for consideration and if found qualified will be referred to the membership for vote. Nominations should be made on the basis of the individual's contribution to the welfare of the Association, his participation in Association activities, his ability to communicate with the membership and his ability to perform the duties for which nominated. All nomination including those from the floor will be in writing and will be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee and their acceptance of the nomination. Any Active Member may make a nomination and any Associate Member may make a suggestion; but only Active Members may vote on any nomination.

All nomination should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee not later than 1 September 2004. Your committee is the following:

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Reminder: It is requested that all Obituary Notices be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer Norm Dixon. Notices should contain as much information as possible so members may send condolences to the family in a timely matter. Information should include the date & time of death, where & when service will be held and where condolence cards may be sent. All notices will be published in the next TARO LEAF after receipt. Notices may also be sent out to all who have listed an e-mail address with the Reunion Coordinator, Wes Morrison. For those who haven't been receiving e-mail notices in the past and would like to receive future notices, send your e-mail address to wesm8@aol.com and he will add it to his list.

Wes Morrison

President

VERBECK AWARD & COMMITTEE

MG William Jordan Verbeck, onetime Regimental commander of the 21st Infantry and Division Chief of Staff demonstrated in myriad ways and consistently from his Division days of 44 and 45 to the day of his death on November 4, 1965 an unparalleled love for and devotion to the Division and our Association.

The William Jordan Verbeck Award had its genesis in the mind of the late Edmund Henry, one of the Associations founders. He presented his concept to the Executive Committee in 1966 and agreed to furnish the silver bowl, which was to serve as indicia for the Award.

The Executive Committee established the guidelines with respect to the standards upon which presentation was to be based. It was to be presented, not annually, but from time-to-time as justification indicates. It was to be presented to that Association member who best displayed the ideals of Bill Verbeck, an unabashed love for Division and its Association. It was to be awarded to the member best showing real effort in furthering the best interests of the Association and the Division. It was not intended to reward mere popularity and the like. It was intended to reward sleeves-rolled-up hard work in helping to make the Association into a successfully organization.

As President of the Association, I am honored and privileged to name the following Association members to the Committee to review nominees for the award and, if appropriate, selection of the most qualified nominee who best represents the criteria established by the Executive Committee.

CHAIRMAN

Harold Corky Peters
Verbeck Award Winner – 2002

MEMBERS

John E. Klump	1985 Verbeck Award Winner
Warren G. Avery	1989 Verbeck Award Winner
Eric Diller	Life Member #1185
Edward S. Farmer	Life Member #378

Nominations are to be received not later than 1 September 2004. Mail nominations to:

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DUES REMINDER

Annual and Life payments dues are due not later than 60 days after the Expiration Date located in the address label of your TARO LEAF. Any annual dues not received within that time frame will result in the removal of your name from the TARO LEAF Mailing List. Life payments will be pro-rated and a new Expiration Date will be issued. Failure to make a new Life payment or an annual payment within 60 days of the new Expiration Date will result in the removal of your name from the Mailing List. Mail due to: Norm Dixon, Secretary/Treasurer, 16849 W. Villagio Dr., Surprise, AZ 85387-7565

Secretary/Treasurer's Report As of Mid-July 2004

Financial Accounts:

Spending:	<u>24th IDA Checking</u>	\$8,101.57
	<u>Bulk Mail Account</u>	168.18
	<u>Petty Cash Account</u>	1.14
	Subtotal	8270.89
Savings:	<u>Money Market</u>	30,101.20
Assets:	<u>Time Account (CD)</u>	30,000.00
Total:		<u>\$68372.09</u>

Membership At the moment I do not have a CPA but am relying more and more on computer software such as Quickbooks for day to day bookkeeping and reports and I am about to commit to tax software for our profit exempt status. And I look forward to organizing this paper work into a place where anyone can locate what they need. The Membership Roster is still being cleaned up as to a few who haven't kept up to date with dues or mailing addresses. As of mid-July, the number is at (2,852) including a handful that are temporarily off the mailing list.

Recent Donors

Bobby Nunley	\$ 5	Winford Carr	5
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Vince Rybe	20	Thomas Hearn	5
Gordon Behrel	20	Allen Brooks	5
Edward Harrison	10	Elmer Davidson	10
Stanley Gilbertson	10	Raymond McGuire	25
		TOTAL	\$470

"THANKS"

New members

Abel (Assoc)	Timothy M	24 th Signal	Peterson	Alfred L	Div HQ
Brown	Roy H.	19 th Regt	Rawson	Clark E	19 th Regt
Corona	Frank	59 th FABn	Ricci	Dante	21 st Regt
Cullers	William M	21 st Regt	Romero	Edward C.	24 th Adm
Dally	Gordon W	24 th ID	Sawyer	George K.	3 rd Eng Bn
Davis	Ray G.	19 th Regt	Scruggs	SSG Hershel W.	118 Regt
Graham	John	19 th Regt	Shiroshi	Robert K	Div G2
Kirkman	Maurice L	21 st Regt	Shuster	Michael	Div HQ
Lang	Elmer	34 th Regt	Siler	Arthur E.	21 st Regt
Lockwood	Steven W.	63 rd FA Bn	Sinsel (Assoc)	Alan L	34 th Regt
Luna	Flor T	6 th Tank	Sullivan	Thomas J.	21 st Regt
MacKay	Sir Earl	19 th Regt	Szopinski	Thomas R.	19 th Regt
Marke	Gerald	21 st Regt	Tashiro	Kenneth A	19 th Regt
Mayo	Hubert	24 th HQ	Temple	Alfred Sr.	Div G-2
Mix	Arthur J.	24 th Signal	Trueluck	James W	19 th Regt
Mullins (Assoc)	Lois	13 th FA Bn	Valdez	Bernie D	21 st Regt
Munoz	Jose L.	19 th Regt	Verhulst	Fred	
Paterno	Gerard	24 th Recon	Vinitsky	Vincent	34 th Regt
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Peck	Arthur J	34 th Regt	Weinstein	Mitchell	21 st Regt
Pecha	Frank J.	21 st Regt	Yeakel	Albert M.	Div Med

New Life Members

Vergara	MSG Andres	Div HQ	Tuten	Mary Jane	Div Adm
Vitale	Donald J.	19 th Regt	Brewer	Doyle H.	34 th Regt
Wack	Arthur R.	19 th Regt	Montclam	Russell	19 th Regt
West	Max L.	21 st Regt	Neverovich	Charles	3 rd Eng
Quintero	Robert	19 th Regt	Eberly	William J	21 st Regt
Richison	Charles	19 th Regt	Baird	John K.	34 th Regt
Vlasic	Robert	21 st Regt	Appler	Thomas M.	Div HQ
Henry	Donald	40 th ID	Rybel	Vince	Div G2

The below comic strips were part of a 9-11 / Thanksgiving Day Tribute published in papers around the country.





Chaplin's Corner

For loving us – even when we are not lovable...

I like to make my own way in life. I want to deserve God's goodness. But I can't always do it. I'm not that noble and He knows it. That's why, even when I'm the least worthy of His love, I know that I still have it. When I don't have the strength to reach out to Him, He comes to me. When I don't have the courage to face Him, He puts His arm around my shoulder – and I have to look up.

O God, our father you give us mercy to make us tender towards others: We acknowledge that all too often we let mercy wither to justice, justice to vengeance, which makes us brittle and hard toward other persons. Forgive us our misuse of such treasure. Help us to receive mercy and to be more and more merciful to others.

~David M. Currie

From the Guideposts Handbook of Prayer

How To Live To A Hundred

Of course there is no receipt for living a hundred years. What we mean, in sober and careful language, is how to keep a body machine in such good condition that, barring accidents. We shall round out our appointed term of life in health and vigor.

To accomplish this there is nothing new to suggest, either in nostrum or health program; but we need to be reminded of these established rules that are the result of universal experience, and of the application of intelligence to life. Hence, observe the following:

Eat intelligently. Learn the nutritive value of foods. Eat what you need. Let the diet be simple. Avoid satiety; quit eating before you are sated. Chew well.

Drink only pure water. Water containing certain salts and minerals may be beneficial; ask your physician. Drink a plenty. Water is man's greatest friend found in nature.

Keep clean. Bathe regularly.

Sweat often. If you cannot afford Turkish baths get a bath-cabinet of your own, or make one, and perspire freely at least once a week. Through perspiration is the salvation of the kidneys.

Take regularly no alcohol in any form. There is no use in opening this subject again. The regular drinker of alcoholic beverages is a foolish person. He is purchasing a pleasant glow at the expense of inviting a hundred disorders.

Be out of doors as much as you can. Fresh air sunshine and water are nature's three cure-alls. Sleep with your windows open summer and winter.

Exercise systematically. Modern life is as a rule so routinized that the muscles and organs of the body are not harmoniously developed. There are many books and teachers of exercise; but the principals are few, and

usually the same in all systems. It is regular, not occasional and violent, exercise that counts.

Avoid constipation, one of the most prolific sources of bodily derangement. Take the matter up seriously with your physician.

Avoid excesses of any kind. Be temperate in all things.

Maintaining the body in the state of efficiency is largely a matter of thought training. This truth is being emphasized a great deal nowadays, and rightly so.

Don't worry. It is mostly a matter of habit. Don't get into the way of it. Worry is a prime life-shortener.

Don't indulge in hate. Don't allow yourself to entertain a grudge against any human being. What's the use? Forget it.

Don't give way to regrets for the past nor to premonitions of evil for the future.

Keep the mind cheerful. Play and laugh as much as you can.

Have some part of the world's work to do. Feel that you are earning your salt. Be interested in some constructive and useful activity. Work at your life by day and not by the job. Be satisfied with each day's results.

Marry; have children; the most wholesome class of people in the world are grandfathers and grandmothers.

Believe in the almightiness of goodness and shun any success that involves a troubled conscience.

These probably sound like preachy platitudes to you; they are; but it is necessary to keep repeating them because we are constantly overlooking or discounting them; we need to be reminded that they are the best we know about the art of living a hundred years.

*~Dr. Frank Crane
Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen*

24th Infantry Division Association



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I desire to be enrolled (or) reinstated as a Member (or) Associate Member of the
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and thereby be affiliated with the
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REMARKS _____

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____ Lifetime - \$150.00

1 Year From Date of
Enlisting in Association

Payable in lump sum of \$150.00
or in 5 yearly payments of \$30.00

Please make checks payable to:
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Mail with this completed application to:
Norm Dixon
Secretary/Treasurer
24th Infantry Division Association
16849 W. Villagio Dr
Surprise, AZ 85387-7565

Recommended By: _____

A Page For Artillerymen

(Much too complicated for other branches)

During Service Practice the Div Arty Commander is at the OP. He identifies a target and tells the Battalion CO to fire one round at it and see if they hit it or not. Brimming with confidence, and knowing that his career is on the line, the Bn Co sends the coordinates of the target to the FDC. In less than a minute they hear the shor of the cannon behind them and the radio says, "On The Way." All eyes are glued to the target -- the shot hits -- and it is about a hundred yards off-target. What happened?

Back in the FDC 2nd Lt Mergatroid Numbnutz is the Gunnery Officer -- **and he forgot to correct for Drift**. The rifling in all us artillery pieces has a right-hand twist. The shell spinning around its long axes gives it stability and keeps it from tumbling during flight -- the same way, and reasons, that the football Quarterback spins the ball when he throws a pass. If you aim dead-center at a target the projectile will always hit off to the right, and the greater the range the more to the right it will hit. This is called **Drift**, and it is constant, measurable -- and always to the right. Firing tables show that at 10,000 yards there will be 8 mils of drift; therefore, to hit this target you have to aim 8 mils to the left -- simple! (*With a little training even 3rd Engineer Dan Rickert could do it!*)

Hey! If your 2nd Lt. Could mess up that thing up, I'm sure us 3rd "C" Engineers could mess it up even Gooder. So there! ~B



Now for the Post-Graduate Course in Gunnery.

In reality the projectile's drift does not follow a straight line as shown in the drawing to the left --its actual path is as shown below, with the majority of drift occurring in the downward leg of the flight. Why is this so??? It is a matter of gyroscopic precession. (*Well, there goes Dan Rickert and the rest of the 3rd Engineers.*)

If you push on a you are pushing, rotation. Since spinning rapidly, downward leg of on the nose of This causes the "high angle" fire consideration. At is 8 mils -- for Drift is 36 mils.



gyroscope it will tilt not in the direction but 90° off in the direction of its our cannon shell is spinning, and it becomes a gyroscope. On the its flight there is slightly more pressure the fuse than on the rest of the shell. projectile to precess off to the right. In Drift becomes a very serious 10,000 yards on low angle fire the Drift 10,000 yards in High Angle fire the (No small matter!)

Having mastered the problem of Drift, our next lesson will be on *Rotation of the Earth* and its effects on Deflection and Range. If there is enough space we may also discuss *Coriolis Effect*.

Dutch Nelsen

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

Hello,

I understand that you are the editor of the Newsletter sent to members of the 24th Infantry Division. I am looking for anyone who knew my brother before and during the Korean War. He was in California prior to being shipped to Japan and then was sent to Korea. He was KIA on July 14, 1950. I have gotten information concerning his death, but I would like to hear from some of his close buddies while he was in California and Japan. It was suggested to me that you might publish a brief notice in the Newsletter for me. I will be happy to pay.

His name is **Boyd E. Tucker** from Arkansas. He was in the 24th Infantry Division, 63rd Field Artillery Battalion.

I would welcome any info from anyone, no matter how small. I was very young when he died and can barely remember him.

Thank you,

Pat Robbins (Sister)

My Contact Info is:

Pat Robbins

6138 Amity Road

Bonnerdale, AR 71933

Ph - (501) 525-8522

Fax - (501) 525-4868

Email - doycpatr@prodigy.net

June 2, 2004

I received a letter from an **Earl Bronner Jr.** asking for help in finding people who knew his father who served with the 24th ID during World War II. I hope you can run the picture and this short notice:

"**Earl Bronner** served with the 24th ID in New Guinea, Luzon and Mindanao during World War II. A Texan, Bronner was a truck driver in Service Company, 34th Regiment. Service Company. His son, **Earl Bronner Jr.** is anxious to hear from anyone who knew his father.

He can be reached at: **Earl Bronner Jr.**

196 Jacobson Rd #13B

Cathlamet, WA 98642

Phone 360-795-6518

Thanks, Billy. The Taro Leaf is the BEST-thanks to you!

Regards,

Bill McKenna

970 Neilson St

Albany, CA 94706

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Anyone out there who remembers **Zenon Rybel** from basic at Camp Wallace, Coast Guard OCS, AAA/AW, MI Training Center, Photo Interpretation Team 114, 24th ID HQ in the Philippines, or in Japan with the 324 Ord., Please contact his son, **Vince Rybel**, 23541 Greasy Creek Road, Philomath OR 97370-9591 or vrybel@ch2m.com.



Memorial Day 2004

Above is a picture of Master Sergeant **Albert Self** from Peoria, Illinois. The picture was taken in 1947 during the occupation of Japan, at Sasebo, Kyushu. At that time, Sgt. Self was a member of Co. I-3rd Battalion 34th Inf. Rgt - 24th Infantry Division. He was our field Sergeant, responsible for our daily training exercises, rifle range bayonet use training, weapons care and use, squad tactics, platoon and company tactics. He was concerned with the welfare and training of Co "I" as a unit. To me he was the soldiers, soldier.

He cared for us as a unit, and as individuals. If you needed to talk, or advice, he was there. If there was a job to be done, he was there; he wouldn't ask of his men something he wouldn't do. On training exercises, maneuvers, he was there. Sgt. Self would tell us "Learn how to take care of your ass - no one else can do it for you - but don't forget to look out for your buddies."

I was saddened to find out that when the Korean War broke out, Sgt. Self was transferred to the 19th Rgt., sent to Korea, and saw combat there. He apparently was taken captive by the North Koreans, first listed as M.I.A., and then listed as a prisoner. Then apparently died while a prisoner. Not a fitting end to a soldier, a legend in his own way. If anyone knows more about Sgt. Self, add it to his history.

Former: P.F.C. **Oliver G. Christiansen** Co. I-34th Inf. Regt.
9109 River Road
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
(262) 694-3497

Looking for information about my father **Joseph Ferreri** from Staten Island. Served in the Pacific Theatre from 1943 through Japanese occupation in 1946. Discharged rank = a Staff Sergeant. Was with 24th Infantry Division, 21st Infantry. He passed away of natural causes in 1980 at 57 years old. Once said that he operated a machine gun, the type on a tripod. Also said that he was a cook. Said that General MacArthur once ate his pancakes.

Thanks for any help.

Tony Ferreri.

ACFERRERI@aol.com

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES (Cont.)

My name is **Louis F. Zamora**. My brother, **Anselmo**, was a member of the 21st regiment, 24th Infantry Division stationed in Japan in 1950. He was part of Task Force Smith and consequently became a POW. According to information I have been able to obtain, he died in captivity in February 1951. His name appeared on the Johnson list.

At the Annual DC POW/MIA briefing, I obtained your e-mail address. I am writing in hopes that I may get on the Taro Leaf mailing list in an attempt to learn more about the 24th, its members and possibly any surviving members of Task Force Smith and the Tiger March. I would also like to learn about upcoming reunions and if I would be allowed to attend.

Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated and if there are any costs involved in the handling or mailing of the newsletter, I will gladly submit payment. Thanking you in advance I remain:

Louis F. Zamora
5838 Royal Haven Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78239
lanalou@stic.net

Let's have the Reunion
in your city!

I am writing in regard to the picture on page 41 of the Vol. 58, No. 1 of the Taro Leaf.

The picture in questions is that of the 3rd platoon of Co. A., 767th Tank Battalion and the battalion of the 19th 24th Div. The ??? was the 1st wave on Red Beach on Oct 20, 1944. Dueay was to the left and we proceeded in ??? Leyte and headed for ??? on ??? Bay.

I'd sure like to hear from anybody of the 767th. Any hands

Sincerely,

Ed Carpenter
7133 Sunset Avenue
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(616) 457-7019



Below is a copy of a letter written by **Pvt. John Hughes**. It was written on his Birthday. Ray Hughes would like to hear from anyone who served with John.

Raymond G. Hughes
5070 Petersburg Road
Petersburg, KY 41080

Sept 12, 1945
Mindanao P.I.

Dear Mother,

A few lines to let you know I received your letter and was happy to hear from you. I am glad you and Harold are enjoying yourself.

I have been and at the present in the mountains with my platoon guarding a sawmill. While enroute to camp for rations, two GI's a LT and myself captured 8 Japs. Two of them were wounded seriously. We didn't have much trouble as they wanted to surrender. Another boy and myself went along as guards. The other boy carried a weapon but failed to take ammunition with him. The first few minutes were a little exciting and I thought we were trapped, but all turned out okay.

I have lost some weight recently as my stomach is on the fritz. Just a good case of dysentery. I don't want to go to the hospital as we are scheduled to leave the island for Japan very soon in fact a matter of days.

Today is my Birthday as you know. I am 28. I haven't heard from George for a long time now. I guess he is busy.

There isn't anything to do up here in the daytime. We pull guard at night. So far we have had not trouble.

I am going to close for this time sending my best wished to all.

Write when you can.
With Love,
Johnny

Hubert L. Carpenter "A" Co. 3rd ENG Camp,
Crouch, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture,
Japan (+ Korea) Where is he?

Lots of Iraq news here daily, plus Military.com on the net.

Do you use the later? Try to get info out of Norman E. Tredway, but no luck so far. I stay well. Thanks for the Taro Leaf.

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pnewlin@aaahawk

To the 24th Infantry Reunion Travelers;

I am sending a map of Albuquerque, New Mexico where I have marked the approximate location of three of the best R. V. Parks with the telephone numbers. Special Note the Albuquerque Balloon Festival starts about the first of October so if you would like to stay for that, the Balloon Park would be handy.

For our friends coming in by air, I have negotiated with **Sunport Shuttle** for a cheaper price to take you to the hotel. They will have something on their shuttles that will note they are for the 24th Infantry Division Reunion. Their telephone is **(505) 883-4966**. It would be nice if we knew what day & time your flight will come in and I will relay it the information to the Sunport Shuttle. Also the **Albuquerque Cab Company** is part of the Sunport Shuttle and their telephone Number is **(505) 883-4888**. If you prefer to fax your time of arrival to the Sunport Shuttle or the Albuquerque Cab Co. their fax number is (505) 883-3243.

For our friends that are driving to Albuquerque, I located the approximate location of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, which is down town at 330 Tijeras Ave. S.W. on the map.

Hope to see you all in September.
Sincerely,

Walt & Priscilla Newlin

Walt.

3223 Los Arboles NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

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WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

2004 REUNION SITE

Albuquerque is set in the splendor of the Sandia Mountains, which were named by the Spanish Conquistadores for the watermelon splash of color during sunsets. Founded in 1706 as a Spanish Settlement by Fernandez de la Cueva, the 10th Duke of Albuquerque, the city now has a population of over 750,000 and is New Mexico's largest city.

Recognized as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the United States, Albuquerque has much to offer any visitor. A boundless variety of interests and sites to visit include the Isleta and Sandia Indian Pueblos, Historic Old Town, Historic Route 66, the

Rio Grande Zoo and Botanical Gardens, the Albuquerque Aquarium, the Turquoise Museum, the Rattlesnake Museum, the University of New Mexico, Kirtland Air Force Base and the Sandia National Laboratories. The city is also home to the world's largest aerial tramway on the Sandia Peak, as well as the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the National Hispanic Cultural Center and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, which includes the Lodestar Astronomy Center.

For nature lovers, both the Sandia and Manzano Wilderness offer over 70,000 acres of high elevations and 170 miles of forested hiking trails. The Petroglyph National Monument on the city's west side, stretches 17 miles with over 20,000 prehistoric Native American petroglyphs.

Mild or fiery, there's nothing like New Mexican cuisine! Albuquerque offers a variety of dining options from the quaint and casual atmosphere to the elegant ambiance of one of our finer restaurants. Add some spice into your life and order your chile "Christmas" and you'll get both red and green chile on your plate!

Enjoy Albuquerque – a delightful and artful blend of historic rich cultures, natural beauty, spectacular climate and progressive technology! Although the weather should be comfortable, bring a light jacket or sweater as the nights can become chilly.

SPECIAL NOTICE

America West Airlines has again offered their Special Event Travel Discount to the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion in Albuquerque this September. For this special discount, all ticketing must be done by America West Airlines, americawest.com or any ARC/BSP/IATA approved agency. When placing a reservation for ticketing, use CAMS Discount Code: 4371.

DISCOUNTS/FARES:

5% off lowest applicable published fare (as permitted by fare rules)

10% off the Y6, Y6Q, YUP6, YUP6Q or first Class fare. (For those last minute arrangements, use Y6.) There is a 5% Bonus Discount for tickets purchased 60 or more days prior to travel.

Have your Travel Agent call America West for specific ticketing instructions.

Let's have the Reunion in YOUR City!

ANNUAL REUNION
22 - 25 SEPTEMBER, 2004
HYATT REGENCY ALBUQUERQUE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Make checks payable to:
24th Infantry Division Association

Mail to: Walter C. Newlin
28 Canyon Road
Sandia Park, NM, 87047

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Names of Wife/Guest Attending _____

Please list any food allergies/or special diets required. Please be specific!

INFORMATION FOR YOUR IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Nickname _____ First Timer Yes _____ No _____

Company/Battery _____ Unit _____ Period _____ Location _____

REMEMBER

If you have a group of friends and wish to be seated together, **get together and pay together**. Only 10 people at each table. If you want to be seated with your friends at the Banquets, you must mail your registration forms in together in one envelope. If your forms are not mailed in together along with your check, we cannot guarantee that you will be seated together!



Mural from The Albuquerque Indian Pueblo Cultural Center The Fruits of Life by Charles Lovato

WELCOME TO HYATT REGENCY ALBUQUERQUE

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION September 22 – 26, 2004

<u>Room Type Requested</u>	<u>Rate (Single/Double)</u> (Children under 18 stay free)	<u>Number in Party</u>
Queen Size Single Bed _____	\$85.00	_____
Queen Size Two Beds _____	\$85.00	_____
King Size Bed _____	\$85.00	_____

*Note: Current room tax is 10.8125% and is subject to change.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

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

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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 TO ENSURE ROOM AVAILABILITY. (After this date, reservations will be based on availability at prevailing rates.)

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

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

Name (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail this form to: Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, 330 Tijeras NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Telephone Reservation: (505) 842-1234 or (800) 233-1234 Confirmation # _____

BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION CONVENTION RATE.



Mural from The Albuquerque Indian Pueblo Cultural Center The Herd Dance by Pablita Velardéby

24th Infantry Division

Tour New Mexico, Inc. is pleased to offer the following ideas for day tours. Each of these tours includes transportation aboard a mode comfortable motorcoach and a knowledgeable, friendly tour guide who will make each trip a wonderful fun learning experience!

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004 Reminisce on Route 66 1PM – 5PM \$15

Price includes: Tour guide & tax.

THIS IS A WALKING TOUR. Historic Route 66 is located 2 blocks south of your hotel. Join our informative tour guide for a stroll into the past. We'll see artwork, hear the history and visit historic landmarks during our walk. This tour includes a stop at an original Route 66 trading post that sells Indian crafts. Total walking distance is about a mile done at a leisurely, enjoyable pace.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004 Intro to Albuquerque 10AM – 4PM \$38
(Route 66, downtown, Bio Park, Old Town)

Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, Old Town map & tax.

This afternoon we'll enjoy a narrated tour of some of the city's highlights including Route 66 and the revitalized downtown area. The main attraction on this tour is the Albuquerque Biological Park. The visit will include the aquarium, botanic gardens, and our favorite – the butterfly pavilion. Afterwards we'll visit the past at Albuquerque's Old Town Plaza. Established along the banks of the Rio Grande in 1706 Albuquerque has experienced many phases of history from early settlements and Indian raids, to Spanish government, US Military command posts, the coming of the railroad in 1880, the historic Route 66 era to modern times. (There will be a short amount of time on your own to experience the Plaza with your own interests in mind.)

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004 Acoma Indian Pueblo 10AM – 4PM \$48

Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, lunch & tax.

About a dozen Acoma families live on the 70-acre mesa without electricity or modern plumbing as their ancestors did. Here we follow our Acoma Indian guide as we walk through the earthen streets, past adobe homes. This village is the only living World Heritage Site. We will be able to enter their old adobe church and there will be opportunities to purchase handcrafted items and home baked goods on the mesa top. **Wear comfortable walking shoes, the mesa top tour is roughly one-hour, slow pace, almost ¾ mile, and is uneven rock and sand and may be difficult walking for some. Bring a hat for shade. Photography is limited; camera permits are \$10 additional at the Pueblo, no video, certain digital cameras allowed.**

Friday, Sept. 24, 2004 This is Albuquerque! 10AM – 4PM \$42
(Veteran's Memorial & National Atomic Museum)

Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, lunch, tax.

Our first stop is at the New Mexico Veteran's Memorial – a timeless memorial, not dedicated to one specific era and also serves for future members of the armed forces. This relatively new project has made tremendous progress in a short time and has wonderful plans. This afternoon we'll visit the National Atomic Museum. This museum, run by the US Department of Energy and features a comprehensive look at the development of nuclear weaponry. They have a mini-theater which shows the documentary "10 Seconds That Shook The World" and, of course, they have a gift shop! The New Mexico Museum of Natural History is located across the street from the Atomic Museum and those interested are welcome to purchase admission if time and energy levels permits. Lunch is included today at a buffet that serves New Mexican foods and a wide variety of American favorites.

Friday, Sept. 24, 2004 Experience Santa Fe! 10AM – 4PM \$38

Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, admission, Santa Fe Plaza map & tax.

A trip to New Mexico is not complete without a trip to our historic, photogenic, capital city - Santa Fe. Known for its bright clear skies and high desert climate, the Santa Fe tour is a treasured memory for all visitors. Our knowledgeable guide will entertain as well as inform during the one hour ride. Once at the Santa Fe Plaza there will be an orientation tour of the immediate Plaza area pointing out historic churches, shops, museums and restaurants. Loretto Chapel Museum is included in the tour (famous for its "miraculous staircase"). Many restaurants will be recommended and there will be approx. 3 hours of free time.

NOTE: The average elevation of Santa Fe is 7,000' above sea level.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004 Sandia Indian Casino (with optional Tram Ride) 12:30PM – 4:30PM \$30

Price includes: Transportation, tour guide, lunch buffet & tax.

The beautiful Sandia Indian Pueblo Casino is New Mexico's finest. It features abundant natural light, a non smoking area that really is smoke free, a large patio with bronze artwork, a large lounge (alcoholic beverages available on a cash basis) and Las Vegas-style gaming including penny slots. **OPTIONAL TRAM RIDE \$13** Sandia Mountain dominates the east-side of Albuquerque with its 5,000' vertical rise. The 15-minute tram ride carries 55 passengers through 4 biological life zones and reveals deep canyons and an awe-inspiring view not soon to be forgotten. **Note: Due to the elevation at the upper tram terminal, 10,378', individuals with heart conditions or respiratory problems should consult their doctor. Please add \$13 if you would like to ride the tram after lunch at the casino.**

WALTER & PRISCILLA NEWLIN

28 CANYON ROAD
SANDIA PARK, NM 87047

24th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION MEALS – 2004

FRIDAY NIGHT PLATED DINNERS

Garden Salad
Mixed Greens with Julienne
Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Carrots and Cherry Tomatoes
Served with Honey Mustard Dressing

Garlic Roasted Pork Loin Served with Sauce Perigourdine and Garlic Mashed Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and International Hot Teas \$29.00 inclusive of Tax & Gratuity	Blackened Norwegian Salmon Fillet with a Peach, Jicama and Chipotle Salsa and Rice Pilaf Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and International Hot Teas \$35.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity
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Turtle Cheesecake With a Fudge Swirl and Caramel Topping

SATURDAY MORNING TRADITIONAL PLATED BREAKFAST

Fresh Orange Juice
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Served with Crisp Bacon Strips,
Breakfast Potatoes, and Choice of Red or Green Chile Salsa (both served on the side)
Bakery Basket served with Fresh Fruit Preserves, Honey and Butter
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and International Hot Teas
\$18.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity

SATURDAY NIGHT PLATED DINNERS

Regency Salad
Seasonal Greens Topped with
Mandarin Oranges and Almonds
Served with Cabernet Vinaigrette Dressing

Chicken Roma With Artichoke Hearts, Pine Nuts and Mediterranean Seasonings With Wild Rice Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and International Hot Teas \$31.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity	Classic Filet Mignon Seared with Crushed Black Pepper served with a Creamy Peppercorn Sauce with Twice Baked Potato Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and International Hot Teas \$39.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity
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Chocolate Raspberry Rumble
Ripe Raspberries and Creamy Truffle Cheesecake,
With Crunchy Chocolate Crust,
Whipped Cream, And White Chocolate Shavings

CASH BAR PRICING

Call Drinks	\$4.75
Premium Drinks	\$5.25
Imported Beer	\$3.50
Domestic Beer	\$3.25
House Wines	\$4.50
Mineral Waters	\$2.75
Soft Drinks	\$2.00

IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

***YOU MUST MAIL YOUR CHECKS ALONG WITH YOUR REGISTRATION TO THE FOLLOWING:**

*Hotel Reservation
*Registration, Meal & Tour Form

Mail to Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
Mail to Reunion Chairperson

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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.

*Any table seating arrangements received after September 7, 2004 will not be guaranteed seating assignments.

ONCE TABLES ARE ASSIGNED THEY WILL NOT BE REARRANGED.

THE CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 7, 2004.

There will be no refunds or seating changes after that date except in cases of emergencies.

NOTICE:

Taro Leafers;

Below is a press release pertaining to our reunion in Albuquerque, NM. Regardless of whether or not 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. I would be nice if we can blanket the country with this announcement and let all former 24th Infantry Division members know there is an active association in existence.

In 2003 Jim Cooper sent the Tucson Announcement to fifteen newspapers. We gained a few members from his efforts. Now, if each of us would do the same thing, we could cover the 50 States. Jim used Email at no expense to him, however; regular mail would have been about \$5.25. Please let me know who has been contacted.

*Somebody else is **not** going to do it, so **you** do it please!*

For immediate release.

On September 22 - 25 2004, the 24th Infantry Division Association will hold its Annual Reunion honoring the Veterans of the Division. 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 Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel, 330 Tijeras NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. For further information contact: Association President & Reunion Coordinator Wes Morrison, Telephone # 831-883-2156, Email: wesm8@aol.com, or Reunion Chairman Walter J. Newlin, Telephone # 505-281-5149, E-mail Address: pnewlin@aaahawk.com or Vice-President Don Lloyd, Telephone (905) 965-3231.

TOUR AND MEAL REGISTRATION

<u>Activity & Date</u>	<u>Per Person</u>	<u># Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Wednesday, Sep 22</u>			
1. Reminisce on Rte 66	\$15.00	X	= \$
<u>Thursday, Sep 23</u>			
1. Intro to Abq-10 AM – 4 PM	\$38.00	X	= \$
2. Acoma Pueblo-10 AM – 4 PM	\$48.00	X	= \$
<u>Friday, Sep 24</u>			
1. This is Abq 10 AM – 4 PM	\$42.00	X	= \$
2. Exp Santa Fe 10 AM – 4 PM	\$38.00	X	= \$
Social Hour 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM			
Aloha Banquet 6:30 PM – 11 PM			
Garlic Roasted Pork Loin @	\$29.00	X	= \$
Blacken salmon Fillet @	\$35.00	X	= \$
<u>Saturday, Sep 25</u>			
Ladies Breakfast 9 AM – 12 AM	\$18.00	X	= \$
Unit Memorial Breakfast 8 AM – 10 AM	\$18.00	X	= \$
1. Sandia Casino 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM	\$30.00	X	= \$
Social Hour 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM			
Memorial Banquet 6:30 PM – 11 PM			
Chicken Roma @	\$31.00	X	= \$
Classic Filet Mignon @	\$39.00	X	= \$
 *Registration Fee			\$15.00
TOTAL:			\$

*Spouse and Guest do not pay a registration fee. All Association members, former and current Division Members must pay.

Remember those who pay together stay together

Make checks payable to: 24th Infantry Division Association

Mail checks to: Walter C. Newlin, 28 Canyon Road, Sandia Park, NM 87047-9334

**ATTENTION
ALL UNITS**

There is a change in the procedure for the Unit Memorial Breakfast. Starting with this reunion and all future reunions, the Memorial Breakfast will be treated as another Association event. Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 25, 2004, 8:00 AM at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM. The Unit Mess Hall location for each unit will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$18.00. Since the Association's Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 AM, it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfasts be punctual so we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 AM.

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UNIT MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

UNIT BREAKFAST TO
ATTEND _____

Unit Mess Hall
3rd Engineer Battalion
19th Infantry/29 Infantry
21st Infantry
34th Infantry
All Artillery Units

Headcount
Dan Rickert
James F. Hill
Norman Wolak
William J. McKenna
Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen

Members of units not listed above may, if they desire, sign up for a breakfast with whatever unit they feel comfortable with.

No one, NO ONE, will be allowed into the Mess Hall with out the proper identification showing they had paid for the Breakfast. Headcounts may at their discretion, accept payment at the door but must list each payee for accountability.

Send this form along with your Association Registration Meal & Tour form.

LADIES BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2003 AT 9 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 PLATED BREAKFAST

Fresh Orange Juice
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Served with Crisp Bacon Strips
Breakfast Potatoes, and Choice of Red or Green Chile Salsa
(both served on the side)
Bakery Basket served with
Fresh Fruit Preserves, Honey and Butter
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee
And International Hot Teas

Make checks payable to: 24th Infantry Division Association

Mail checks to: Walter C. Newlin, 28 Canyon Road, Sandia Park, NM
87047-9334

LADIES BREAKFAST

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY AND ZIP
CODE _____

COST: \$18.00

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Send this form along with your Association Registration Meal & Tour Form

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Our visit, (my wife and I), to Washington, D.C. to become part of the WWII Memorial Dedication was a never to be forgotten event. Our seats and accommodations, thanks to Wes Morrison, were excellent and the weather on Saturday, the dedication day, was perfect. Finding other 24thers was difficult. Eventually I did meet Angelo Montagnone, a foxhole buddy, and bumped into Ed Farmer and several others. During my seven day stay, a lot of patriotism and emotion was displayed by all ranks, including veterans, their families, and the general public. I received many handshakes and Thank-You's from people I did not know. I'm sure that other veterans were treated similarly. Apparently we were not forgotten, and that was much appreciated.

Eric Diller

I met Charles C. Robinson at the Memorial Dedication. He knew nothing about our 24th I.D.A. Please send him a T.L. copy. He's anxious to join AND come to the Albuquerque reunion. Thanks,
Eric Diller

Thanks Eric, I sent the Taro Leaf. Hope to See Charles's name on our New Member List. ~Editor

ATTENTION

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday!

As you may already know, it is a sin for a Taliban male to see any woman other than his wife naked, and that he must commit suicide if he does. So on the second Saturday at 4 p.m. eastern time all American women are asked to walk out of their houses completely naked to help weed out any neighborhood terrorists. Circling your block for one hour is recommended for this anti-terrorist effort.

All men are to position themselves in lawn chairs in front of their house to prove they are not Taliban, and to demonstrate that they think its okay to see nude women other than their wife and to show support for all American women.

And since the Taliban also does not approve of alcohol, a cold 6-pack at your side is further proof of your anti-Taliban sentiment. For good measure, have various pork products cooking on your BBQ grill.

The American government appreciates your efforts to root out terrorists and applauds your participation in this anti-terrorist activity.

God bless America!

May 3, 2004

Dear 24th Infantry Division Association Members,

Former president James F. Hill wrote on 17 October 2000 that I was one of the recipients of the association's \$500.00 scholarships. Last weekend, on 1 May, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. This week, I accepted a position as a policy analyst for Missouri Governor Bob Holden.

My time at Northwest was a balance between student government leadership and academics. My professors' helped create an appropriate balance between the two vital elements for a successful experience. As a student leader I took advantage of opportunities that enhanced my overall experience by working with University and higher education leaders across Missouri. As a young scholar my primary focus was on learning. My advisors and mentors shared their wisdom and taught important lessons.

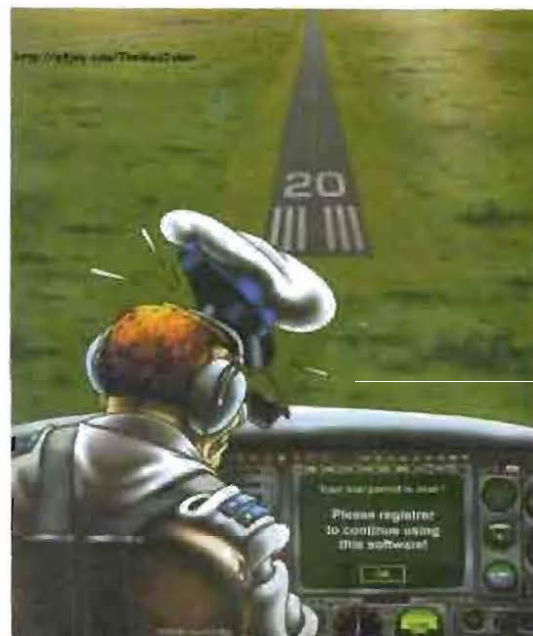
Again, thank you for your financial aid during my undergraduate career at Northwest. The journey, not the end result of receiving my degree, was the most valuable asset gained during my undergraduate career. My grandfather, John C. Thomas, a 24th Infantry Division Association member was among family present during my commencement exercise.

Sincerely,

James M. Thomas
Janson M. Thomas
15816 Northeast 174th St.
Holt, MO 64048



James Johnson, 3rd ENG (Life Assoc. Member) & Jim at WWII Memorial Dedication in Washington, DC.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

Note from the Editor: I received a message on my answering machine to call Murphy in Boston. I did but your line was disconnected. Please call again with your new number.

~Billy

I am a life member of 24th Division Assn., joined the 19th Infantry on the island of Latie then Midanow then Japan I was wondering if there is a book of the history of 24TH Division I was discharged with the rank of staff sergeant. I was in anti tank company. I am 89 years old now have many health problems A.L.S. arthritis and of course foot problems. Am in a nursing home and have a lot of time to read. Included is a picture of the staff of anti tank company would you see that it gets into the 24th magazine would like to know if any of them are living their last names are on the back of the picture..

My best regards to you Stan.

Herman C.Hartman
United Christian Home
520 N.Route 934
Annville PA 17003-9039

Herman. "Children of Yesterday" and "24th Infantry Division - The Victory Division". I think they are out of print

~Billy

*Thanks for all your kind words
after the death of my Dad.*

*Please accept this \$20 donation
to the Association. It came
from Glen Hargens of Nebraska.
He served in Div H.Q. with my
dad in the Philippines and Japan.*

Best regards

Vince Ryba



ATTENTION: 3rd ENGINEERS COMBAT BATTATION 2004 REUNION

19, 20 & 21 September 2004, Albuquerque, NM.
Contact Don & Dorothy Lloyd at any of the following:
6804 Occidental, Yakima, WA 98903
(509) 965-3231 or dotanddon@nwinfo.net
Registration forms to be sent to you after contact.
Reservations are to be made directly to the Hotel at
(505) 885-8723.

Hope To See You There!!!

My Old Box of Memories Scholarship

For the fifth year in a row William "Bill" Allen, Ex-Prisoner of War Korea, has given \$1,000 scholarships from the sale of his book *My Old Box of Memories*. Pictured is this years winner Joel Lombardi. Bill plans to give scholarships through the year 2006. If anyone is interested in The Book can contact Bill at

421 4th Ave N.
Tierra Verde Fl. 33715
Wallen2 @tampabay.rr.com

Book is sold on donation basis all money goes for scholarships

Cost of the book is \$13.00 + \$2.00 postage

**Let's have the Reunion
in YOUR City!**

At our Korean War Veteran meeting on Saturday several of the 24th guys said they enjoyed my letter to Artillery Johnson about the honor of the scars. I had doubts about you printing it, but it seems to be a hit. Again, "you done good."

~Dutch

(Hear Ye - Hear Ye Continued on Page 29)



June 20, 2004
1385 Turin St.
Keyer MO 26726
304 788-0465

Dear Billy:

I want to thank everyone for their cards, notes, and flowers during Harry's illness and passing away.

I'm very grateful to all our wonderful friends for their response. We've met a lot of beautiful people since 1976 at the reunions. God bless everyone, and good health and good luck to all!

Sincerely,
Frances Wittman
Wife of Harry for 53 years

Story of Smithsonian Exhibit and Sword can be found in the 34th Regiment Area



Photos Submitted By - Jack Baker, 34th



Sword enlarged for better viewing.

West Coast - Mini Reunion

Held 18 April 2004 in Laughlin, NV



Hi,

Photos of West Coast Reunion in Laughlin. As you can see it was first class all the way. The Ramada Express was very happy we shall be back next year.

Bev thinks the dinner was one of the best we have ever had

Dan

Joe & Virginia Herecilia to the right of Dave Murray.

"This will give you a little idea about the big dinner. Wine on the tables red, white & blue."



Color Guard and Attendees



*"A great group and that Color Guard is the best. All paratroopers."
R to L*

Jack Calderon (24th, 5th), Tony Sandoval, Pat Lopes, Fernie Arevalo

Photos & Comments Submitted By ~ Dan Rickert, 3rd ENG

Two Old Relics In Front Of A Legion Hall The "One-Oh-Five" & The "BC"



Photo and Commentary Submitted by ~ "Dutch" Nelsen, 13th/19th

Backbone of the Artillery in three wars and very likely the finest Artillery Piece to ever come down that Dusty Trail. How many young Red Legs have cut their teeth on this one -- how many "Second Looies" studied her until every nut, bolt and strut was etched into their minds forever? Back in the 50's the men of one Battery mounted a Jeep rear seat on the trails, and on his Wedding Day they hauled their "BC" and his young Bride around the City of Bad Nauheim. But in its relentless march Time moves on, and both that "BC" and his beloved Gun are now but Relics of days that are, sadly, forever gone.



Front Row - L to R - Tony Apodaca, Dutch Nelsen, Keith Hagen Back Row - L to R - Jesus Sanchez, Dan Rickert

Photo Above Submitted By - Dan Rickert, 3rd ENG

WWII Memorial Dedication

Washington, DC
29 May 2004



Ed Farmer with his daughter, Sue at WWII Memorial Dedication in Washington DC

Ed writes ~ "Earlier that morning Carolyn, Sue and I had breakfast in the Sec of Army Mess Special."



*L to R – Angelo Montaglione, G Co. 34th & Eric Diller, H Co. 34th
At The WWII Memorial Dedication in Washington, DC, May 29, 2004
Photo Submitted By ~ Eric Diller, 34th*



Ed Farmer writes ~ "The Chinese Delegation from Taiwan pinning a Medal on me and thanking me for helping to get the Japanese out of China. The Japanese withdrew several division out of China to fight us in Leyte. Also gave my story to the National Archives."

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We, are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who, die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow in Flanders fields.*

~John McCrae

Poppies have been the traditional flowers of remembrance for fallen soldiers since World War I.

3rd "C" Engineers

Frank Barnes
Arnie Berge
Glen Colegate
Joseph "Shorty" Conoyer Jr.
Owen Lewis
W.W. Shortsleeve
Dean Strellner
Wayne F. Wright Sr.

19th Infantry Regiment

Homer E. Daily
Carl L. Doran
Richard L. (Dick) Hubbard
William H. Lambert
Gus Orr
Wayne E. Smith

21st Infantry Regiment

Philip S. Day
Cleon C. Eckler
Edward D Fitzgerald
Floyd Samuel "Gib" Gibson
Walter E. O'Neill
Ron Pyle
Leon Selonke
Smith, BG Charles B.

24th Div HQ

Marvin L. Pfeiderer
Zenon Rybel
Eric Weber

34th Infantry Regiment

O'Connell Patrick D.
Robert S. Pere
Dana G. Wallace

52nd Field Artillery

Paul Fraser

24th Signal

Glenn E. Behrends
Edward E. Dishman
Leroy M. Northrop

24th Medical

Frank Lopez

5th Regimental Combat Team

Colonel James T. Root
Edward Stanik

13th Field Artillery

"Honest" John Finley Jr.
Charles L. Hamer Jr.

11th Field Artillery

John H. Hargreaves

3rd "C" Engineers

Frank Bames died on June 20, 1999

Arnie Berge died on September 26, 2000

Glen Colegate passed away October 7, 2003. Glen was with "B" Co from 1945 – 1946 and was a S/Sgt.

Joseph "Shorty" Conoyer Jr. (82) WWII died on June 7, 2004.

Cards may be sent to: 912 N Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366-1746

Owen Lewis passed away January 25, 1998

W.W. Shortsleeve died on January 15, 1989

Dean Strellner passed away December 13, 2003

Wayne F. Wright Sr. passed away February 19, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 525 Olive Place, Woodbridge, NJ 07095-3415

5th Regimental Combat Team

Colonel James T. Root died on May 7, 2004 at age 80. He was a West Point graduate, class of '45. He was an infantry combat veteran of the Korean War (5th RCT) and the Vietnam War (1st Cav Div., Air Assault). Col. Root was awarded 2 CIB's, the Silver Star, # Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star, 8 Air Medals, the Purple Heart, 2 Army Commendation Medals, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and 3 Presidential Unit Citations from the Presidents of The United States, Korea and Vietnam.

Edward Stanik passed away September 5, 2003



11th Field Artillery

John H. Hargreaves passed away March 20, 2004

13th Field Artillery

"Honest" John Finley Jr. died on April 17, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 9422 Sea Brighy Avenue, Elberta, AL 36530-5014

Charles L. Hamer Jr. passed away February 19, 2003

19th Infantry Regiment

Homer E. Daily died on May 14, 2003

Carl L. Doran died on October 5 2003. Carl was a POW from 11/4/50 to 8/12/53

Cards may be sent to: 34518 99th Avenue Court S., Roy, WA 98580-9287

Richard L. (Dick) Hubbard passed away June 3, 2004

Dick was Membership Chairman for the 24th IDA and contributed many hours to this important office. Dick will be missed by all of our members

Cards may be sent to: 5524 Chateau Lane W., Bradenton, FL 34207-3706

William H. Lambert, WWII, died on June 5, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 270 S W 3rd Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432

19th Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Gus Orr was buried at Fort Sam Houston cemetery May 3, 2004. A 1948 graduate of Texas A&M, he came to the 24th ID in Beppu, Japan as a 2nd LT. Gus went to Korea with the 19th on July 16, 1950, where he earned a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He retired as a LTC. Gus was a loyal association member who will surely be missed at our annual reunions.

Cards may be sent to: 410 S. 11th, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834

Wayne E. Smith

21st Infantry Regiment

Philip S. Day died on December 6, 2003

Cards may be sent to: 327 Cascade Road, Columbus, GA 31904-2811

Cleon C. Eckler passed away in March 2004. Note from Keith Hagen. *"He walked point numerous times for 'I' Co. 1st platoon and was one of the six men I met at our reunion that I had served with in Korea."*

Cards may be sent to: 570 Blackbird Landing Rd., Townsend, DE 19734-9138

Edward D Fitzgerald passed away January 19, 2004

Cards: 523 Osceola Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729-2413

Floyd Samuel "Gib" Gibson died on April 29, 2004

Col. Gibson, a Veteran of WWII, was one of the few who survived the Battle of the Bulge. He was CO of "I" Co. during the Korean War and a military adviser in the Vietnam War.

James A. Land passed away October 11 2003

Walter E. O'Neill died on June 17, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 3905 Cutting Horse Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89030

Ron Pyle passed away June 25, 2004

Cards may be sent to; P.O. Box 849, Altaville, CA 95221-0849

Leon Selonke passed away June 1, 2003. Leon died in the house where he was born almost 74 years ago, and where he lived with his wife Florence. June 11th would have been their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

Cards may be sent to: W1869 Hwy. 8, Hawkins, WI 54530-9704

BG Charles B. Smith died on May 23, 2004

General Smith headed the first American ground forces to fight to delay the attacking North Koreans in June 1950. This group was later known as **Task Force Smith**

No other information is available at this time.

Cards may be sent to: 8354 E. Via De Los Libros, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-3202

24th Div HQ

Marvin L. Pfleiderer passed away February 9, 2004

Zenon Rybel died on June 13, 2004 in Corvallis, OR at the age of 92. Zenon entered basic in '42, followed by Coast Guard OCS and duty with an AAA/AW unit. When the unit was deploying to England, Zenon received classified orders for MI training at Camp Ritchie, MD. He left there as part of Photo Interpretation Team 114 to join the 24th ID HQ in New Guinea in the summer of '44, participating in campaigns on Leyte, Mindanao, and Mindanao. Zenon served with the 324th in the postwar occupation of Japan under the direct command of Col. Kenwood Ross.

Cards may be sent to: 23541 Greasy Creek Rd, Philomath, OR 97370-9591

Eric Weber died on March 21, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 1119 31st Avenue, Bellwood, IL 60104-2449

24th Medical

Frank Lopez passed away May 25, 2003

24th Signal

Glenn E. Behrends passed away February 3, 2003

Cards may be sent to: 306 E 5th Street #3, Monticello, IA 52310-1237

Edward E. Dishman died on April 29, 2003

Leroy M. Northrop

34th Infantry Regiment

O'Connell Patrick D. Passed away June 25, 2004

Cards may be sent to: 7127 N 79th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-4135

Robert S. Pere died at 85 years on April 2004. He was a WWII Veteran

Cards may be sent to: 4228 Thyme Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89110-4535

Dana G. Wallace passed away Oct 27, 2003

52nd Field Artillery

Paul Fraser

It Is The Veteran...

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN,
Who salutes the Flag,

It is the veteran,
Who serves under the Flag,

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

~ Author Unknown

"It is the VETERAN" was submitted by Jim & Sue Hill

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

It was a great pleasure talking to you today in regards to the Clippings of the Stars & Stripes which were published on July, August and Dec of 1950. The picture I none of the clippings came out on or about the first week of August 1950 and there were five soldiers. The one with a towel, Cig, and rifle in had that person is me {Jose Luis Munoz} They misspelled my last name Menoz, instead of Munoz.

I was in H Co. 19th Regt 24th Inf. Div. I got to the 19th since early 1949 and left for Korea on the 4th of July 1950. We were stationed in Champ Chickamagua, Beppu, Kyushu, Japan. We participated all the way from the Pusan Perimeter, and North to the Yalu River and back to the 38th Parallel.

Sir I do have the Regimental yearbook of the 19th, which was published in September 1949. Any one that got to the 19th after Sept 1949 will not be in the yearbook. I know there are still some G.I.'s left from the 19th and I would be proud to furnish them with a copy of their Company at no cost. I am sure that there are G.I.'s that were replacements to the 19th in Korea and by seeing the Company photo, maybe they will recognize some old buddies.

Yours truly,

Jose Luis Munoz

9011 Lady Di Loop

Laredo, TX 78045-8043

Time to check your Dues Date!

I appreciated the content you chose for the Spring 2004 issue more than any Taro Leaf that I have received since joining the association a couple of years ago.

I served as Capt. Medical Corps and was BN Surgeon for 6th Tank BN in Korea Jan 1951 – August 1951 when I was transferred back to the Occupation of Japan.

I particularly liked:

1. Letter from Gen Bryan on Commending the Engineers (Gen Bryan was our Gen at that time and I realized he was a superb officer.
2. Honoring The Fallen Quietly by Evans
3. The Letter to you from Lt. Gen (Ret.) Rowny!!! (at least a "3 star" letter – *my comment ~N*)

Best Wishes,

Nat Smith

Hi,

The last time I wrote to you and sent some computer copies from Korea you said you couldn't use them because they were too poor. So I've been thinking my kinds wouldn't care for them so I made copies of them just in case they decided to keep them

I can't put names on some of (the) places because I didn't know where we were half the time. I know one thing. I learned a new expression or term – Called Bug Out – Real fast when we were overrun – anybody who said they weren't scared is a liar or crazy – and now I'm getting along in years, My wife of 53 years has past away. All I've got left is Frost bitten but arthritis bad memories

In close ny dues & donation

Ed Bouzan, 19th INF.

Note: Ed's photos can be seen in the 19th Reg. Section of this edition of the Taro Leaf

~Billy

June 6, 2004

I was very pleased that you saw fit to use my note and two photos in the Spring 2004 Taro Leaf.

In the next two weeks my oldest son is being promoted to O-6 Armor and I have been invited to pin him, he also will complete his studies at the War College. Then he and his family are back to Germany with a further deployment to Afghanistan. So it will be an up and down emotion swing for me and the Taro Leaf lifted my spirits.

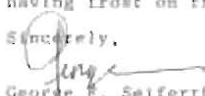
Is it possible to obtain three additional copies for my sons and grand kids? If nothing else it will show them that I was skinny at one time in my life. Would really appreciate it if possible.

I am enclosing a contribution to the Association which you may use for any purpose.

Saw the WW II memorial last month before it opened and was very impressed that those folks were finally recognized. I was fortunate to inspect the Korean War memorial while under construction several years ago and that brought back memories.

Once again - thanks and have a good summer. We are still having frost on the golf courses up here.

Sincerely,


George F. Seiferth Jr.
Col, Inf. Ret'd
Life Member

Association Members. There is a site for all 24th ID members to pass messages back and forth. There is no religion, political or vulgarism allowed on this site. Individuals who subscribe receive postings from other members of the group. Most of the postings are informational, but occasionally there is a joke or something of interest to veterans or retirees. Occasionally there is also a posting from a member in Iraq that lets us know what is happening there. Subscription is free. To sign up for this e-group just send a request to: subscribe@yahoo.com

Wes

Hear Ye, Hear Ye (Cont)



Thank you for your reply, and I appreciate any mention you give us in the Taro Leaf. I'd be happy to donate a sterling silver ring for your drawing. We do this with a few other veterans groups. We'd send you a gift card with a photo of the ring, along with a ring sizer, so the winner could contact us to make the ring in his size. If you'll send me a reminder as we get closer to the reunion I'll take care of this.

There's information on our 24th ID ring on this page of our website:

<http://www.classicrings.com/Army/ar59.htm>

Sincerely,
Mitchell Lang

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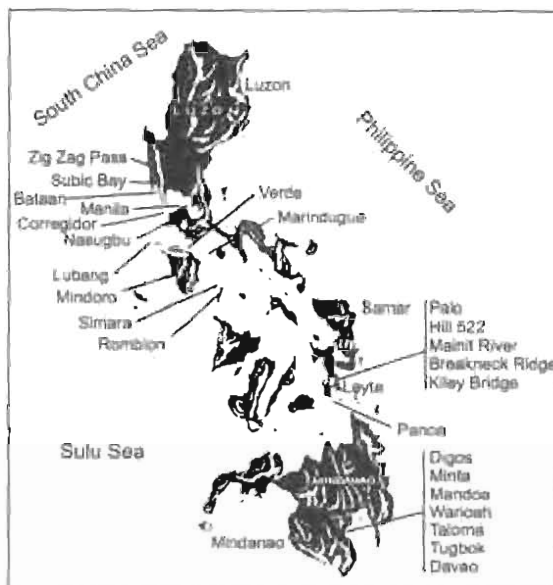
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The Plaque Dedication to be
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All 24th Members and their
families are invited to attend the
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Point, Tx 75472-7181
(903) 447-2664

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

June 2, 2004

Therman (Stub) Cossairt
31908 Decker Road
Colon, MI 49040

I thought this might be of interest to our members. The leading candidate for National Commander of the American Legion, **Tom Cadmus**, is a paid for Life Member of the 24th. Tom was with the 24th in Germany, during the 1960's. **Bob Spanogle**, National Adjutant of the American Legion was also in the 24th Div. Tom is to be installed National Commander on Sept. 2, 2004 in Nashville, Tenn. (Photo on Below)

I am Life Member #759. I joined 24th B Battery 11th Field on July 4. We arrived in Korea 6 July at Pusan and trained to Taejon. We, Battery B, were attached to 52 ABN. Ordered to fire position north of the Kum River. I was Battery Recorder F.D.C. at 18 years of age. Joined the army 1948, Boot trained at Fort Jackson then went to Fort Sam Texas, Camp McGill, Japan 1949 July. July 4th 1950 Camp Hakata left Fukuoka Harbor July 5th 1630 hours. Left Korea July 15, 1951, was one of the lucky ones. Somebody up there must have liked me. Discharged Ft. Bragg, N.C. March 1, 1952. Had 4 years in at 20 years and one month of age.

Thanks for the great magazine you put out.

Sincerely,

Therman Stub Cossairt



Thanks for informing the Taro Leaf about the loss of Gus Orr. In her phone call to us Jean stated that Gus was to be buried at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery on Monday May 3rd. As you know Gus was a dear friend of both Sue and I and we always considered him to be one of the heroes of the Kum River Battle. Someone also needs to inform Texas A&M of his death. I am positive Jean will but we need to make certain they are informed.

~Jim Hill

Just recently, I met **Wes Morrison, Dutch Nelson**, and several other Taro Leafers at Laughlin, NV. I was not a participant of the reunion but was there for other reasons. While walking around the Ramada Hotel/Casino, I met several other reunion attendees and really had an enjoyable time talking to them.

Wes was kind enough to send me a copy of the Taro Leaf and my application for membership is in the works. I knew of the existence of the 24th Infantry Division Association for several years now and have even ordered some things from the Quartermaster.

I had no idea that just being a member could be so enjoyable and informative. I have read and re-read many of the articles in your magazine and it brings back many memories of the past. One of the primary reasons of this letter is about the article of the 29th Infantry Regiment.

I was with the 24th Division since October 1948 until July 1951. When the Korean War started, I went to Korea with the 19th Regt, arriving there on the 4th of July 1950. After the shellacking we took at the Kum River/Taejon areas, we were sent to an area near Masan to re-equip and re-group.

It was during this period we heard that the 29th RCT from Okinawa had come to help us out. They were assembled in the same area that we were in but soon they were gone again. Then shortly thereafter, rumors were being spread around that the 29th had gone north and had just about got completely wiped out. Your "Fact Sheet" tells it all, where, when, and how many.

Since I am new to the Association, you may have printed fact sheets before and I was wondering if you have something similar for the 19th, 21st and 34th Regiments, immediately after the Kum River/Taejon disaster?

Thanks,

Bob Shiroishi
6468 Sombrero Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-5328
Email address: Bob Whiterock @ aol.com

The Four-Way self-test you ask yourself before you repeat a rumor or gossip.

Asking ourselves these questions before we inflict verbal venom on our brothers and sisters, makes us better and more fail-minded human beings. ~ B. Erassinelli

Four-Way Test of things we think, way or do:

- (1) Is it the truth?
- (2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- (3) Will it build good will and better friendships?
- (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

3rd Engineer Combat Battalion

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Billy writes ~ "We never lost a man during mine clearing"



Your Editor "playing" in the minefield.

Dear Friends:

Last Sunday we lost a friend dear to all of us, **Delores "Dee" Finney**, the wife of **Don Finney** has passed away. If anyone wishes to send a remembrance, Don has requested it to be sent to Northern Arizona Hospice, 269 S. Candy Lane, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 or to the VFW in Cottonwood. Veterans of Foreign Wars - 7400, 705 E Aspen St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326. The people at the Hospice were very good to Dee, and are worthy of recognition in her name.




Billy writes ~ "Check the difference in the mine uniform later in the war."


Photos Submitted By ~ Billy Johnson, 3rd ENG



LIFE AS WE KNEW IT!



Ed Bouzan, 19th 

"We just shot it. It's the new Bazooka we used on T34 tanks. Boy what a help." ~ Ed Bouzan, 19th 



SOMEWHERE IN KOREA



6-23-04

SORRY I COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE WORLD WAR II INAUGURAL.

MY WIFE WAS NOT FEELING TOO GOOD. I WAS LOOKING IN MY ARMY FOOT LOCKER, AND I CAME ACROSS ONE OF MY 19th REGIMENTAL BOOKS, BACK IN 1940.

IF YOU RECALL "RED" NEUMAN, THAT'S GENERAL NEUMAN. HE WAS MY CO. COMMANDER IN "D" CO. BACK IN THOSE DAYS, RATES WERE HARD TO COME BY. SO I TRANSFERRED TO "C" CO. 2nd BN. FOR A PRIVATE 1st CLASS

WAS WITH "C" CO. TILL I THINK 1944-45. I CAME BACK TO THE STATES. ENDED UP IN "I.R.T.C." FT. McCLEEN ALM. 6th REGIMENT TRAINING TROOPS. I HAD THE 299th AND 298th FROM OAHU. BOY WAS THAT SOMETHING, I KNEW A LOT OF THEM. THEY KNEW MORE THEN THE KIDS IN THE CADRE. THEY SURE MADE A GOOD NAME (FOR) THEMSELVES OVERSEAS.

HOPE YOU CAN USE THESE PICTURES. MAYBE SOMEONE WILL SEE SOMEONE THEY KNOW.

ROSS L. SHUELER
90 CARFIELD DR.
CARLISLE, PA. 17013-9175



Little Bertha

COMPANY D

COMPANY D is not a one man outfit—we are an organization. Our strength comes from the combined efforts of every man in the company.

In the past year we led the other machine gun companies of the regiment in machine gun marksmanship. In this fundamental phase of training each man must come through when the chips are down: If the individual fails, then the Company fails too. The men of Company D came through in marksmanship as they have in other and less spectacular achievements.

First Sergeant Marshall E. Bullock left us in March, and hard-working Sergeant John Christopher has been our Top Kick since that date. Corporal Gerald J. Angelo continues as our efficient company clerk.

Sergeant Robert A. McMillan is famous throughout the Regiment for the mess he runs. When other mess sergeants need advice they come to him.

In the Supply Room Sergeant Ernest J. Hart has taken over from Sergeant Boyington M. Womack. When the supplies are passed around we get our share and they come.

Some individual accomplishments are:

Sergeant John Christopher—outstanding competitive pistol shot.

Sergeant Robert S. Jones—regular member of the Regimental baseball team.

Pfc Ernest W. Rickenbacker—track athlete and Regimental base painter.

Pfc Chester B. Westervelt—orderly buckler par excellence.

Pfc Patrick A. Chambers—who saved a man from drowning in a heavy surf.

Pfc Robert A. Teal—all-around athlete and member of the Division Championship basketball team.

Pfc Charles S. Smith—a record score of 191 in his first snipe season.

We are proud of them, and of our Company.



Spooks 'em Up



Captain Newman

Captain A. S. NEWMAN, Commanding

First Lieutenant Arthur H. Jones

MSG Pfc Sergeant John Christopher

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Sgt Robert A. McMillan, Mess Sergeant
Sgt Ernest J. Hart, Supply Sergeant
Sgt William Burton, Room & Board Sergeant
Sgt John LeBlanc, Transport Sergeant
Cpl Gerald J. Angelo, Company Clerk
Pfc G. L. Smith, Bugler
Pfc Robert S. Wirthlebach, Bugler
Pfc Tom Donald, Armorer & Artificer

Pfc Walter T. Hunter, Chaplain
Pfc Edward B. Montgomery, Mess Steward
Pfc Ray Matthews, Cook
Pfc Fred H. Murphy, Cook
Pfc Joseph D. Patten, Cook
Pfc Matt F. Chomok, Mounting
Pfc Daniel E. Larkin, Mounting

FIRST PLATOON (30 CAL MACHINE GUNS)

Sgt Harold W. Munner, Platoon Sgt
Cpl Frank J. Brumhardt, Sgt & Inst, Corporal
Sgt Joseph B. Viles, Transport Corporal
Pfc Willie H. Williams, Corporal

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Sgt Joseph A. Perreault, Section Leader
Pfc Steve Blanton, Chaplain

SECOND SECTION

Sgt Paul J. Murry, Section Leader
Pfc Don B. Williamson, Chaplain

FIRST SQUAD

Cpl James B. Bakewell
Pfc James W. Walker
Pfc Harold M. Price
Pfc Samuel Orlan
Pfc Charles H. Thompson
Pfc Amos H. Price

SECOND SQUAD

Sgt Frederick J. Kay
Pfc Fred H. Miller
Pfc Harry B. McMillan
Pfc George Fugate
Pfc Harry Ransom
Pfc Ralph H. Thompson

THIRD SQUAD

Cpl John B. Patton
Pfc Patrick A. Chambers
Pfc Robert J. Smith
Pfc Raymond Brown
Pfc Walter A. Fox
Pfc Harold J. Munter

FOURTH SQUAD

Cpl George B. Thompson
Pfc Charles Smith
Pfc Alfred Moore
Pfc William Moore
Pfc Bill L. Smith
Pfc Paul W. Papp

SECOND PLATOON (30 CAL MACHINE GUNS)

Sgt William M. Haskett, Platoon Sergeant
Cpl Eugene V. Bennett, Sgt & Inst, Corporal
Cpl Donald R. Thompson, Transport Corporal
Pfc William H. Mosley, Chaplain

THIRD SECTION

Sgt Bruce A. LaPointe, Section Leader
Pfc Eugene O. Lee, Chaplain

FOURTH SECTION

Sgt Walter Roberts, Section Leader
Pfc Charles Williamson, Chaplain

FIFTH SQUAD

Cpl James B. Thompson
Pfc William D. Allen
Pfc William Thompson
Pfc Charles Smith
Pfc Charles H. Thompson
Pfc Harry J. Smith

SIXTH SQUAD

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Pfc Bruce M. Haskett
Pfc William H. Haskett
Pfc Charles Smith
Pfc John B. Haskett
Pfc William H. Haskett

SEVENTH SQUAD

Cpl Frederick R. Thompson
Pfc Robert J. Haskett
Pfc Paul F. Phillips
Pfc Paul F. Phillips
Pfc Lawrence W. Thompson
Pfc William H. Haskett

EIGHTH SQUAD

Cpl James J. Haskett
Pfc James J. Haskett
Pfc Donald B. Haskett
Pfc William H. Haskett
Pfc James J. Haskett
Pfc William H. Haskett

30 CAL M1 PLATOON

Sgt Alvin H. Thompson, Platoon Sergeant
Pfc George B. Thompson, Chaplain

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George R. Bartlett (Photo Left) came from the 1st BN 180th INF 45th INF Division to our 19th INF in Summer of '53. Small world...I left "G" Co 180th INF about the same time for home.
~Billy

Chet Bator, 19th INF writes about Photo on R ~ Group Picture including **Warren Hamilton** in Front Row & Myself behind him (cannot recall names of other comrades). Sure would like to hear from any of them that have served with me in Japan.

Chester Bator
19078 Coral Gales
Southfield, MI 48076
(248) 356-8448
VFWCootie@ameritech.net



Chet Bator, 19th INF
Writes about Photo on R ~
3 Comrades, middle one
Warren Hamilton



"Soldier, you are supposed to stand when you salute!"

WWII Memories

I am not much of a shopper, so the charge that Memorial Day has been transformed into nothing more than an opportunity to buy linens on sale after the morning parade does not resonate for me. I generally spend that day off from work applauding the parade on Raritan Avenue in the morning and in the afternoon I run errands with a back-of-my-mind consciousness that we are remembering the Armed Services men and women who fought to preserve the freedoms I enjoy today.

But this Memorial Day will be different for me. This Memorial Day my father is gone. He died four months ago of complications from diabetes. He actually died in pieces over six years, which is what diabetes does. He lost toes, nerves, capillaries. The worst of it was that he lost his personality. My robust, movie star handsome, prankster father had shrunk to a gray-haired, passive, wheelchair bound senior. It broke my heart to think I would remember him that way, rather than as the six-foot-two giant who bestrode the world like a Colossus, with his ten-gallon-hat.

Thankfully, my hearty, youthful Dad has been restored to me in a miracle of timing. Three weeks before he died, my father's Army unit tracked him down on the Internet. When I raced home to Silver Spring three days before my father died, I came across a World War II photo of my Dad's team that I had never seen before. At first I thought the hunk second from the left was my brother, but my brother has never been in uniform. My mother showed me the envelope the photo came in, and I phoned. Hours later, I received this e-mail:

"Barb, I just heard that you tried to call me at home. It has only been a month since I located the surviving members of Photo Interpretation Team 140 (later redesignated 114), Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division. They are Zenon Rybel (my father), Paul Vance, James Mimms, and your father, Hyman S. Baras. John Miller and Curtiss Packard have passed away.

"My dad and I tried to call Hyman on Sunday Feb 9 at his hospital room but he was not well enough to speak with us. He was able to say "Hello," though.

"Some things about your dad that I was able to get from my dad and James:

- he really liked opera and classical music and would listen to it every chance he had;
- he had a real passion for baseball and kept up with the box scores whenever news would reach the front;
- he was the only soldier on the team who had any appetite for army chow. Amazing, considering the tropical climate and diseases that were around."

Since that first email, Vince Rybel and I have shared anecdotes on the phone and sent WWII photos from 1944 Philippines back and forth. He and James Mimms told me about the bombs that fell all around for weeks - things my father never mentioned. In fact, he hardly spoke at all about that period of his life. Vince said that until now, his father had never divulged many details either, except to say that he did his duty and wanted to move forward, not back. But now, these many decades later, he is willing to give a legacy of memories to his family.

This exchange of information has restored pieces of my father to me. I am so proud of his contribution. I am so relieved and grateful that his vitality and humor and life force are coming back to me, just when I had lost him.

This Memorial Day will be a very literal one for me - it will be a day of memories of my father, the veteran, and his buddies, whose photos sit before me now - brave kids half a world away from home, half a century away from today, immortalized and lovingly remembered every Memorial Day and, for me, from now on, every day.

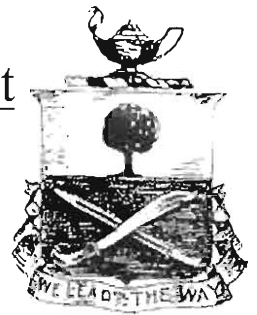
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29th Infantry Regiment

BAPTISM TO COMBAT

The 3rd Battalion 29th Infantry at Hadong Pass, July 1950.

By James F. Hill



The first day of July 1950 dawned bright and clear on the island of Okinawa. Only a few years before American forces had, at a great sacrifice, taken the island in bitter fighting from the Imperial Japanese forces during the final stages of World War WW II. Now the island had reverted back to its pre-war way of life as an agricultural economy and was still a part of the "spoils of war" and had not been returned to Japan.

For the men of the 29th Infantry Regiment stationed on the island there was no hint that in a very short time the way of life they knew would be no more and the peaceful routine of overseas occupation would suddenly change into a horrible fight for survival in a county that most of the young troops stationed there had ever heard its name much less knew its location.

On 25 June 1950 when the North Korean Army crossed the 38th parallel and began their invasion of South Korea the only forces to combat them was the small US trained Army of South Korea and a small contingent of US military advisors. The nearest US combat troops available were the forces of the 24th Infantry Division stationed across the Korea Strait on the Japanese island of Kyushu.

When the United States realized that the South Korean forces could not stem the influx of the North Korean army units of the 24th Division were sent from Japan to Korea to stop the invasion. History has only too well recorded the events involving the 24th Division but the events involving the 29th Regiment are not as well known.

Once the 24th Division was committed to Korea the Far East Command (FEC) in Tokyo realized that more US troops were required to combat the NK forces. The 29th was selected because of its proximity to Korea and its manpower availability. Although FEC had promised the Commander of the 29th that the regiment would have six weeks training before deploying the movement orders were received on 15 July. Since the 29th, like all the US Occupation Forces in the Far East was understrength, the regiment was reorganized in two battalions: the 1st Bn. commanded by Lt. Col. Wesley C. Wilson and the 3rd Bn. by Lt. Col. Harold W. Mott. The regimental headquarters was directed to remain in Okinawa to create a new regiment to replace the troops of the 29th.

The original deployment orders were for the 29th to go to Japan and train and then move on to Korea. However, on 20 July the regiment found out that they would go directly to Pusan and not land in Japan as scheduled. In fact, on the same day a US troop ship arrived in Okinawa with over 400 recruits directly out of basic training in the United States. The recruits were off-loaded at the port of Naha, driven to the regimental area, issued arms and field gear, assigned to the 1st and 3rd Battalions and sent back to the port where they were on-loaded on two other transports and sailed for Pusan on 21 July.

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It is to be noted that the men did not have any training other than their basic training and many had never fired the crew served weapons that were issued. Although Eighth Army had promised that the regiment would have at least three days in Pusan to get organized, upon landing on 24 July Eighth Army issued orders for the regiment to proceed to Chinju and to be attached to the 19th Regiment of the 24th Division.

On the 25th of July the 3rd Battalion of the 29th received orders from the 19th to proceed to the village of Hadong, about 35 miles southwest of Chinju. Intelligence had reported over 500 NK troops were moving toward Hadong and the 19th CO, Colonel Ned Moore, directed the 29th to block the enemy advance. In Chinju was Major General Chae Byong Duk, former Korean Army Chief of Staff, who had been relieved from his position by the President of Korea after the fall of Seoul to the North Korean forces. Colonel Moore agreed for General Chae to accompany the 29th and to serve as a guide since he was familiar with the area and did not have any official duties with the South Korean Army at the time.

Colonel Mott, commanding the 3rd Battalion, ordered the unit to move during the night of the 25th so as to arrive in Hadong before dawn of the 26th. Leaving around midnight and being guided by General Chae the unit took a round about way because the direct route had an impassable ford due to recent monsoon type rains. Much delay was caused by the narrow road and the frequent miring of vehicles in the rice paddies that were on both sides of the road. After daylight, and still not to Hadong, the battalion met a Korean vehicle with numerous wounded South Koreans. The survivors told Colonel Mott that they were all of what was left of the local militia and that the North Koreans were already in Hadong and had been identified as the 6th North Korean Division. Based on this information Colonel Mott halted the battalion and set up proper security.. In that the battalion did not have radio communications with the 19th Regiment he sent Major Tony Raibi, Executive Officer of the 3rd Bn. back by jeep to inform Colonel Moore of the situation. Mott requested that the battalion be allowed to prepare a defensive position west of Chinju to be able to cover the Chinju-Hadong road. Colonel Moore directed that the battalion continue on with its initial order to seize Hadong. Based on Moore's order Mott continued on towards Hadong and by dusk was at the village of Hoengch'on, three miles from Hadong. During the night an Air Force Tactical Control party joined the battalion to direct the next day's air strike on Hadong but upon trying to establish communications back to Chinju discovered that their radio was inoperative.

To Be Continued...next Taro Leaf



34th Infantry Regiment



Photo below Submitted by ~ Gilbert Hoogendoorn.
34th

Gilbert writes ~ Myself standing to the left. Dobson in the Center. Stanley Grubin from Denver, Colorado on the Right. This was taken while on Cheju Island.



TWO MAN ARMY--With 40 anti-Red refugees, some rifles and ammunition, Pvt. Chester B. Walker of Cincinnati (left) and Pvt. Charles W. Campbell of Seattle, liberated three towns only ten miles from the Manchurian border. The two were on a patrol into Charyongwan when they lost contact with the main body of their outfit. With the little band they collected along the way, the two, with Chinese Communists in hot pursuit, made it back to their 24th Division unit near Pakchon. (Acme Photo)

Jim Hill writes about above photo ~

Association member **Chester B. Walker** of Versailles, Indiana recently sent me the attached clipping from the Stars and Stripes newspaper with an unknown date but from the article it is assumed to be from an issue dated in November or December 1950. Chester requested that I provide it to you for inclusion in a future issue of the TARO LEAF.

Chester was originally with the 34th Infantry in Japan and after the 34th was deactivated in Korea he was transferred to the 21st Infantry. It has maintained contact with some of his old buddies but hopes that his picture in the TL will allow others who knew him to establish contact again.

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SWORD, RETIRED SOLDIER MAKE LONG JOURNEY MONTEREY MAN FOUND IT IN KOREAN WAR

By Kevin Howe
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John Baker's connection to the Smithsonian Institute began on a cold November day in Korea 53 years ago.

Baker, who has lived in Monterey for 36 years, recently got his Russian sword back after lending it to the Smithsonian for the 50th anniversary exhibit commemorating the Korean War. It was just the latest chapter of the sword's long journey.

Baker was scouting with his squad ahead of the 24th Infantry Division's drive from Inchon to the Yalu River when a Russian-made weapons carrier drove up and Baker's bazooka man blew the vehicle up with a 3.5-inch rocket.

The explosion knocked the vehicle on its left side and Baker ran up, popped the passenger door open and climbed in to find a Chinese officer and his driver dead in the cab.

After cutting the buttons off the officer's jacket and rifling his clothing for documents, Baker said, he saw a handle at the dead man's side, pulled on it, and drew forth a three-foot saber.

"I thought it was a Chinese sword," he said, and turned it in with other captured weapons to his unit supply sergeant. Months later, after the United Nations forces retreated before the human wave attacks launched across the Yalu by the Chinese People's Volunteers coming to the rescue of their North Korean comrades, Baker was due to rotate back home to the United States.

He had been in Korea since the beginning - July 1950 and left a year later.

He came to his supply sergeant asked for his "Chinese" sword, and was told there were no Chinese swords, "just a Russian sword."

When he brought it out, Baker said, he recognized it as the blade he'd captured weeks before.

The supply sergeant, he said, pointed out the Soviet Red Army markings: the date 1945 and the Cyrillic letters CCCP on the brass hilt.

When he got to Pusan, Baker said, a Russian-made submachine gun and sniper rifle he'd, also claimed as war trophies were taken away from him, but he was able to keep the sword.

He was relieved of that weapon in Tokyo, however, but two years later, while waiting orders in Indiantown Gap, Pa, Baker received "a big wooden box" containing the sword and documents; to its legitimate capture and Baker's right to keep it.

The original brass buckle for the sword belt had "disappeared," he said; but he fabricated another from a Red Army badge soldered to a brass GI buckle.

A private first class who had been a cabinetmaker by trade made, Baker a plaque to mount the weapon, a Combat



Infantryman's Badge and a Korean Service Medal ribbon with campaign stars as a memento.

~Photo by Vern Fisher / The Herald

"I used it one time, in 1959, to cut a cake at a big military, Wedding," he said. Otherwise the sword lay forgotten in a closet.

Baker, 75, retired from the Army in 1966, as a sergeant first class after 20 years, and has lived in Monterey for the past 43 years.

He "discovered" Monterey in January 1947, he said, when the bus taking him and other newly graduated basic trainees from Fort MacArthur to Oakland Army Terminal had to divert to Monterey because of engine trouble.

"He left Pennsylvania where 'the temperature was minus, 10 degrees and snow was on the ground.

In Monterey, "it was 70 degrees - I had to unbutton my Eisenhower jacket - and flowers were blooming. It was so beautiful. I thought, "This is paradise."

A curator at the Smithsonian contacted him in May 2000, asking for information, on or Mementos of the Korean War, Baker said.

He mentioned the sword, and was asked to lend it to the Smithsonian's 50 Year anniversary exhibit, "Remembering the Forgotten War. 1950-53 to 2000-03; the American Soldier in Korea."

There the sword, along with photos, weapons, medals and other military memorabilia of the Korean conflict, was on display for three years. The Chinese officer's sword, issued to him via the Soviet Union, came back to Baker this month.

"They told me it's the only Russian sword captured in Korea," Baker said. "I didn't know that."

Let's have the Reunion in Your City!

HOMELESS PUSAN WAIFS "ADOPTED" BY 24TH DIV

HEADQUARTERS – The men of the 24th Division this week opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to a whole orphanage of little Korean children, made homeless by the devastating Pusan fire.

This first phase of "Operation Haven" saw a group of homeless, parentless waifs brought from the ruins of their former home to a vacant but fully equipped camp.

When the orphanage burned to the ground on the night of the great Pusan fire, November 27, the orphans had nowhere to turn for help. The Kyung-nam Orphanage was situated on a hill overlooking the harbor of Pusan, and the fire, blown by strong winds, demolished it.

Into this situation came the men of the 24th Division. A camp was assigned to the refugees, and blankets and food were, donated by 24th units. The problem was assigned to Capt. Carlton F. McMillan, civil affairs officer. He was instructed to find them food, clothing, and a home as fast as possible, and he responded by completing the job in one day.

The 24th Goes To Work

Captain McMillan turned to Chaplain (1st Lt) William G. Devanny and M/Sgt Harold M. Jones for help. Chaplain Devanny had already been in contact with the orphanage and was asked to arrange the transportation and find the necessary equipment. Sergeant Jones, a mess sergeant, as given a bare building and asked to make it into a kitchen and find food for one day contacting every nearby army mess, he borrowed stoves, food and mess equipment and readied them for the incoming children.

Chaplain Devanny called on the engineers and asked for trucks. He went to the Pusan waterfront warehouse where the orphans had gone on the night of the fire and told them of their new home. He boarded them on the trucks and transported them to the army camp.

21st Sends Blankets

Blankets which the 21st Regiment salvaged from old POW enclosures and which had been cleaned and baled, were rushed the scene. From the medics the mattresses, and a doctor, 1st Lt Frederick C. McFadden, conducted a medical inspection of the waifs as they arrived at the 24th Division camp.

Meanwhile, plans which the engineers had devised to build a new home for the Kyung-nam Orphanage were put into high gear. The buildings burned by the fire were only rented, and the orphanage had planned to move to a new site next spring. It was in helping them to construct this new home that the 24th had first become interested in the orphanage. Now a twenty-four hour per day schedule was put into effect, and the plans, previously only in the early stages, were quickly completed.

On the morning of November 30, payday for the 24th troops, a collection was taken up to insure the completion of the division plans. It met with success everywhere.

Hearty Thanks

Mr. Han Eung Joo, superintendent of the Kyung-nam Orphanage, was bewildered and grateful. He said, 'When the fire came to Pusan, we felt as if we were in some place dark. We did not know what to do. Then came unexpected help. We now have food and clothing and a place to sleep. I do not know how to feel. We are very sorrowful because of the fire, of course, but we have hope and gladness because of what the 24th Division is doing for us. Now with their help we will be the best orphanage in Korea.'

One Child Lost

Mr. Han said partial sorrow came mostly from the one truly tragic incident. One of the youngest children was lost in the commotion following the fire. Mr. Han stated that this child was loved by one of the staff as if it had been her own and that he shared her great grief.

The children will be guests of the 24th Division until their new home is completed. With the constructors working around the clock, this is expected to be from ten days to two weeks, although the engineers expect to be through in a shorter time.

The above article was submitted by ~ Gilbert Hoogendoorn, 34th

Sadly I report the Promotion to Glory on Wed 26 May 2004 of Pat Leerkamp, beloved wife of Hank. They were married 50 years.

Hank Leerkamp

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WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man grandmother.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also Why we shouldn't step on "cracks."

They don't say, "Hurry up."

Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

6th TANK Battalion



Photo Submitted By ~ **Frederick Baker**, 26th AAA



Photo Submitted By ~ Frederick Baker, 26th AAA



Harold writes ~ "Enclosed are some photos of the triple nickel on a fire mission. Also of the 5th and 6th Tanks with some of the 2nd Platoon "C" Battery, 26th AAA.

←
First Winter 1950 – 1951
On the way back up.
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Photo Submitted By ~ **Harold Aberle**, 26th AAA



HEADQUARTERS
26th AAA AW Bn (SP)
APO 24

26 December 1952

SUBJECT: Historical Dates of the 26th AAA AW Bn (SP)

TO: Commanding Officer
24th Division Artillery
APO 24
Attn: PIO

In compliance with verbal orders your headquarters, the following information is hereby submitted:

a. The history of the 26th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion dates back to 1898, it was a little less than one year ago today that the Battalion came into its present status and was made organic to the 24th Infantry Division.

b. Redesignated and activated in Japan March 20, 1949. Battery "A" of the 26th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, was the only Anti-aircraft Battalion to engage the enemy in the early days of the Korean conflict. The lone Battery not only gave Antiaircraft protection to the 24th Division but also contributed greatly in ground support missions.

c. Slowly the Battalion grew in size and strength. Headquarters Battery of the 52d AAA AW Bn (SP) was attached to the 24th Division December 13, 1950. In January 1951 Battery "A" 21st AAA AW Bn (SP) was added, and in the summer of 1951 Batteries "C" and "D" were activated with personnel from the other Batteries filling key positions.

d. The Battalion quickly made a reputation of being a fighting unit, Battery "D" in its first major encounter with the enemy fired nearly one million rounds of caliber .50 ammunition in close ground support to the 19th Infantry Regiment and the 13th Field Artillery Battalion.

e. In its action against enemy aircraft, Battery "A" has three (3) Yak fighter planes to its credit. Members of the Battalion have been up and down the Korean peninsula from the Pusan perimeter to the broad stretches of the Yalu River. They have crossed the 38th parallel no less than four times, going over the battlescared roads time and again.

SUBJECT: Historical Dates of the 26th AAA AW Bn (SP) 26 November 52

1. With more replacements and equipment arriving, C Battery came into being on 6 June 1951.

m. D Battery, 26th AAA AW Bn (SP) was activated on 6 July 1951.

n. The battalion, with its various numerical designations, was made organic to the 24th Division and designated as the 26th AAA AW Bn (SPO on 10 November 1951.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

KENNETH A MOSHER
Captain Arty
Adjutant

Quartermaster 24 IDA

Supply Price List

Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea	Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea
1	24 ID Colored Patch		\$3.00	41	19 th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
2	24 ID Colored Patch		5.00	42	24 ID License Plate (new) w/TL		6.00
3	24 ID Black Cap w/Patch		10.00	43	Desert Storm Cap - Black		12.00
4	24 ID White Cap w/Patch	First to Fight	10.00	44	Desert Storm Hat Pin		3.00
5	24 ID Window Sticker	2" x 3"	2.00	45	WWII Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	12.00
6	24 ID Decal	4"	3.00	46	Korean War Veteran's Cap	Black w/CIB	12.00
7	Bolo Tie w/TL Gold		15.00	47	Bumper Sticker-CIB		3.00
	W/Gold or Black Chain			48	Bumper Sticker -		
8	Bolo Tie w/TL Silver		16.00		Proudly Served w/TL		3.00
	Silver w/TL Silver			49	6 th Tank BN Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	5.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	50	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			51	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
10	29 th INF Cloth Patch (Color)		5.00	52	Good Conduct Medal	HP-927	3.00
11	24 Sig BN Unit Crest		5.00	53	Korean Service Medal	HP-929	3.00
12	19 th Ing Crest		5.00	54	Natl. Defense Service Medal	HP-957	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			55	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21 st Inf Crest		5.00	56	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			57	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
14	34 th Inf Crest		5.00	58	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			59	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	60	CMB 1 st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	US Flag Clutch Back	HP (V-37)	3.00
17	19 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	62	24 th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21 st Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	63	Pacific Campaign Medal	HP-963	3.00
19	34 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
20	11 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
21	13 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	66	Meritorious Service Medal	HP-056	3.00
22	24 ID Crest		5.00	67	UN Service Medal	HP-059	3.00
23	21 st Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	68	Philippine Liberation	HP-361	3.00
24	34 th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	69	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
25	CIB (1 st Award) I-1346 (Mini)		5.00	70	Air Medal	HP-925	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			71	DSC Hatpin	HP-308	3.00
26	CIB (2 nd Award) I-1347 (Mini)		6.50	72	Bring 'Em Home/Back	HP-214	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			73	American Defense Medal	HP	3.00
27	CIB Lapel Pin		5.00	74	Vietnam Service Medal	HP	3.00
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31	34 th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	78	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
32	24 IDA Cap Dark Blue w/Patch		10.00	79	Army Commendation Medal	HP	3.00
33	Cap w/TL, Red or White GERMANY		12.00	80	Soldiers Medal	HP	3.00
34	24 IDA Red or White Caps		10.00	81	POW Medal	HP	3.00
35	24 ID Green Cap (Patch)		10.00	82	Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
36	24 ID White Mesh Cap		10.00		1 st Decal 24 ID		.10
37	3 rd Eng. Crest		5.00	83	Sell 12 for \$1.00		
38	14 th Eng. Crest		5.00	84	24 th Christmas Cards	10 ea. Packet	8.00
39	5 th RCT Pocket Patch		5.00	85	World War II Tapes (starts Australia)		15.00
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THE AIRBORNE EYES OF THE TARO LEAF

The Japanese commanders on the Philippine island of Mindanao had good reason to feel secure. Their headquarters bunker was well hidden on the slopes of Mt. Apo, the dormant volcano on the island's east coast. Although they had been completely surprised by the backdoor landing of the 24th Infantry Division (ID) and their rapid advance across the island to Davao, the Japanese were now well prepared for a long battle of attrition. From their mountain vantage point they could observe the Division Headquarters on Talomo Beach, naval vessels in the Gulf of Davao and to the south, flight operations at Libby Air Drome.

The over flight the previous day by an unarmed photoreconnaissance P-38 caused no concern; nor did the approach of a flight of Zamboanga-based Marine Corp Dauntless dive-bombers that morning. Not until those planes pushed over into a screaming dive and their 500-pound bombs were released, did they realize the danger. Days later, the 24th ID G2 daily report would routinely mention the confirmed destruction of a hidden enemy command and observation post, along with the elimination of several high ranking enemy officers. The enemy were victims of the 24th Infantry Division's eye in the sky. Their seemingly invisible position had been detected, analyzed, plotted and targeted by the sharp, well-trained eyes of the 114th Photo Interpretation Team.

The history of this unusual unit can be traced to the early days following the Pearl Harbor attack. General George C. Marshal, U.S. Army Chief of Staff saw an urgent need to improve the intelligence training of the U.S. Army. He ordered that all military intelligence training would be centralized at one facility. This became the Military Intelligence Training Center (MITC) located at Camp Ritchie MD, about 50 miles northwest of Washington DC. The post occupied over 600 acres in the Catoctin Mountains in northwest Maryland, just below the Pennsylvania Stateline. With its forested rolling hills, mountain slopes surrounding twin lakes, Camp Ritchie was one of the most beautiful army posts in the country.

The mission of the MITC was to provide state of the art, specialized military intelligence training to qualified soldiers. The qualification requirements were exceptionally high. Candidates had to have spotless military records, pass an FBI background check and at a minimum, be fluent in at least 1 foreign language. Some could speak as many as 5. Most arrived at the camp individually or in small groups under classified orders. The entire camp was operated under a high level of secrecy. The intelligence training was as demanding and realistic as the military and civilian instructors could make it. While most soldiers in the U.S. Army trained hard to outfight the enemy, these Americans trained to outsmart him.

Students received instruction in all areas of combat intelligence. There were classes in Signal Intelligence, the interrogation of POWs, Order of Battle (the science of tracking individual enemy units), MIS that trained French speaking teams for the invasion of France, Counter Intelligence and Air Photo Interpretation. The students studied the organization and tactics of the axis armies. Later in the war, as captured enemy uniforms, weapons and equipment became available, these were sent to Camp Ritchie and incorporated into the instruction. Long-range patrols were simulated in the neighboring countryside that included intelligence gathering in a mock village. Former students recalled working an aerial photo interpretation problem once, analyzing the various coastal defenses of a beachhead in France, and then learning in great surprise, that it was Omaha Beach in Normandy, and that the invasion was occurring that morning, June 6, 1944. Before World War II ended, over 19,000 intelligence specialists were graduated from Camp Ritchie.

Early in the summer of 1944, and presumably at the request of General Douglas MacArthur, 23 6-man air photo interpretation teams were formed at Camp Ritchie and shipped to the Pacific. The intent was that every Army Division, every Corps and every Army Group would have an Air Photo Interpretation Team attached to

its G2 section. Although the teams were small in size and few in number, history would show they made a major contribution to a string of successful amphibious landings, island campaigns and the reduction of casualties. The 114th Photo Interpretation Team (PIT 114) arrived in New Guinea in July, 1944 and was assigned to the Headquarters of the 24th Infantry Division.

The team was commanded by 1st Lt. John Miller from Ohio. 2nd Lt. Zenon Rybel was the chief photo interpreter and came from Illinois. Both men had been commissioned Coast Artillery officers before assignment to the MITC. The remaining team members were noncoms; M/Sgt. Curtis Packard (Missouri), S/Sgt James Mims (Texas), T4 Hyman Baras (New York) and T4 Paul Vance (Illinois). About 9 months later, Glen Hargens (Nebraska) joined the team as its jeep driver. As typical of that era, all men were "citizen soldiers".

Return to the Philippines

Preparations for the invasion of Leyte were well underway on New Guinea when PIT 114 put on the Taro Leaf shoulder patch. Photo Interpretation Teams were such a new specialty in the Army that no one knew what to do with them at first. The team obtained the only available aerial photos of Red Beach and went to work. What happened next illustrated the value of these teams and gained PIT 114 a solid credibility for the rest of the war. The photos were marked to indicate the location of the Division HQ immediately after landing. A careful study of the terrain features and vegetation showed the area was probably a swamp. Fortunately, the photos showed a better site nearby. The change was made and a major foul up avoided. At the 1989 reunion of the 24th IDA in Fort Worth TX, Division G-3 Colonel Tom Compere told Staff Sergeant James Mims that he personally visited the original HQ site on A-day and found he had to wade to it through chest deep water.



PIT 114/24th Infantry Division in the mud on Leyte, Philippine Islands, Nov 1944. Standing left to right 2nd Lt. Zenon Rybel(IL), T4 Hyman Baras(NY), Staff Sgt James Mims(TX), M Sgt Curtis Packard (MO), T4 Paul Vance(IL), seated team leader, 1st Lt. John Miller(OH)

When the 24th ID landed on Red Beach on October 20, 1944 the first waves found and had to fight through a series of bunkers just inland of the beach. As James Mims recalled in his memoirs;

"The existence of these bunkers was a tragedy. After we got up the Leyte Valley to Jaro, the G-2 people brought us another set of photos of Red Beach that they had just unpacked, taken a week or so after the ones we had at Hollandia. During that interim, lanes of fire had been cut in the undergrowth, making "V's" which pointed directly at each bunker. No one was trained to pick up this clue until we came, but if we had those pictures in time, we could have easily made the identification and the bunkers would have been destroyed prior to the landing."

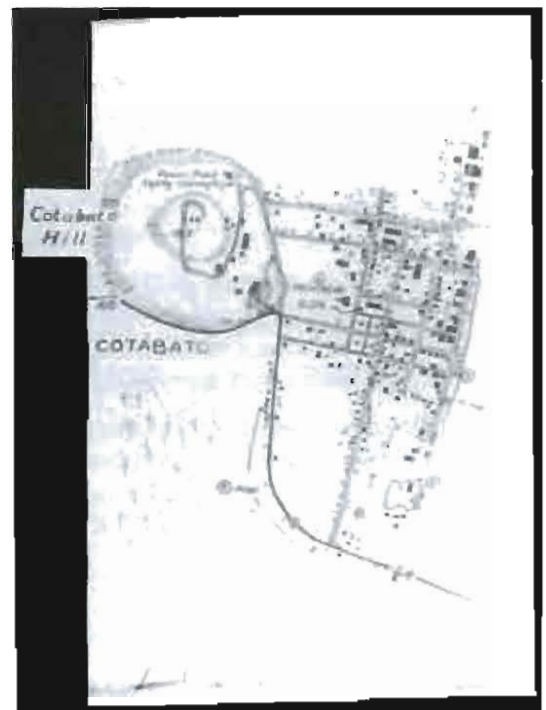
That mistake would not be repeated. From Mindoro, to Corregidor to Luzon to Lubang and especially on Mindanao, recent air photos were provided to evaluate beachheads, and where major coastal defenses could not be destroyed, they would be bypassed, saving many lives.

As the campaign on Leyte developed, PIT 114 settled into a routine. Air photos were usually provided by the Army Air Corps. Special reconnaissance versions of the P-38 Lockheed "Lightning" took most of the photos, although early in the campaign, when the newly captured airfields were not yet operational, carrier-based navy planes flew some missions. The developed photographs were carefully studied by the team.

A device called a stereoscope was used to view photos in 3-D. Photos were searched for any indications of enemy presence. Fortifications, trench lines, storage depots, artillery batteries or any other positions that might make a good artillery target were plotted. Later, during the Mindanao campaign, Marine Corps dive-bombers provide close air support and were often given targets (as noted in the opening paragraph). The team could determine the exact length of bridges or the width of a river for the Engineers. Enemy airfields were a source of special interest and were photographed often until they were destroyed. Using a device called a contour finder, the team could locate a good location for forward observation points for the division artillery. All of this information could be plotted on maps, or the team could make their own maps from the air photos when existing maps were found to be inaccurate, as they always were on Leyte and Mindanao. Whenever the 24th ID made an amphibious landing, beach photos would be carefully analyzed. Occasionally, low altitude aerial oblique (non vertical) photos would be taken from the tail gun positions of B-25 bombers. These photos could not be viewed in 3-D, but because they were taken at such low altitudes, often revealed key information. In one instance, these low altitude photos revealed barely discernable skid marks on the ground leading to thatched huts on elevated stilts. When these huts were targeted, they were found to be concealing spare aircraft engines for "Zero" fighter planes. Often the B-25 would combine a bomb run with the low-level photo missions. The tail gun camera would sometimes catch the parachute-retarded bombs (parafrags) descending on an enemy position and the subsequent explosions.



Para-Frag bombs descend on enemy positions in the village of Cotabato, Mindanao as the tail gun camera of a B-25 captures the image in a combined low level photo recon/strike mission. The concrete building (lower left) is the power plant which was in enemy hands at the time. In the background is the Mindanao River, which the 21st Regiment followed in the drive to Davao. April, 1945. Low level photos like this often provided critical information for planning 24th Infantry Division operations.



Hand drawn map made from air photos of village of Cotabato, Mindanao. Detailed maps like these, identifying key structures, geographic features and enemy positions, were very useful to commanders on the ground. Prewar maps of nearly all the Philippine Islands were found to be inaccurate or lacking in needed detail.

Late in the summer of 1945, the campaign in the Philippines was winding down, the ultimate amphibious landing of the Pacific war was being planned, the invasion of Japan. James Mims recalled a trip to Manila and a visit to one of the two Photo Interpretation Teams for 6th Army. There he saw the photos of the invasion beaches. He took particular notice of the beachhead assigned to the 24th ID. The defensive positions with interlocking fields of fire along with short beaches and steep bluffs reminded him of the classified air photos he had seen of Normandy over a year earlier. The landing, he recalled later in his memoirs "...was frightening to anticipate". Fortunately it was not needed. By September of 1945, PIT 114 was on its way to occupation duty in

Japan along with the rest of the 24th ID. There no longer was a need for air photo interpretation, so the unit was disbanded in Japan, and the individuals assigned to different units.

In today's Army, the science of intelligence gathering through aerial observation has taken on such new dimensions, the members of PIT 114 would hardly recognize their old jobs. Satellites do much of the work, taking images from as high as 100 miles above the battlefield. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's) are now used to over fly enemy positions without endangering a pilot and their images can be seen in real time. Conventional photographs can still be taken, but the cameras are no longer "cameras" in the old sense of the word. Sensors would be a better description. They can show heat, radiation and magnetic fields for starters. They will work in darkness, dust, through clouds and camouflage. Some of the latest UAV's can even engage a target after locating and identifying it.

Despite the changes in the technology, the men and women who are the intelligence specialists of today's Army would find some things have not changed. Acting as the "airborne eyes " of a modern infantry division still requires diligence, perception, a sharp eye, attention to detail and good communication skills; the same things that PIT 114 demonstrated when they acted as "The Airborne Eyes of the Taro Leaf".

A TEST FOR DEMENTIA...

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important that we keep mentally alert. The saying; "If you don't use it, you will lose it" also applies to the brain, below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. So, take the following test presented here and determine if you are "losing it" or are still "with it."

OK, relax, clear your mind and.... begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, "bread," go to Question 2

2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water... If you said "milk," please do not attempt the next question. Your brain is obviously over stressed and may even overheat. It may be that you need to content yourself with reading something more appropriate such as Children's World." If you said "water" then proceed to Question 3

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks," what the devil are you still doing here reading these questions???? It is obviously nap time. If you said "glass," then go on to Question 4

4. Twenty years ago, a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West and East Germany. Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he has time and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany or West Germany or in "no man's land"?

Answer: You don't, of course, bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you must NEVER EVER try to rescue anyone from a plane crash. Your efforts would not be appreciated. If you said, "Don't bury the survivors" then proceed to the next Question 5

5. If the hour hand on a clock moves 1/60 of a degree every minute then how many degrees will the hour hand move in one hour?

Answer: One degree. If you said "360 degrees" or anything other than "one degree," you are to be congratulated on getting this far, but you are obviously out of your league. Turn your pencil in and exit the room! Everyone else proceed to the Final Question

6. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In Loudon, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get in. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember? It was YOU!!

EXIT LAUGHING (or Crying)

Monkey Story

Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, hang a banana on a string and place a set of stairs under it.

Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the other monkeys with cold water. After a while, another monkey makes an attempt with the same result - all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water.

Pretty soon, when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it. Now, put away the cold water. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs.

To his surprise and horror, all of the other monkeys attack him.

After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the

stairs and is attacked.

The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm!

Likewise, replace a third original monkey with a new one, then a fourth, and then the fifth. Every time the newest monkey makes it to the stairs, he is attacked.

Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.

After replacing all the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana. Why not? Because as far as they know that's the way it's always been done around here.

And that my dear friends, is how company policy begins.



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Life Imitates "Christine"

On Jan. 30, as Angel Eck, 20, drove her Pontiac Sunfire on Interstate 70 toward Denver, she suddenly could not slow down. The car was locked in overdrive and climbed to 100 mph; the ignition would not disengage; and the clutch and accelerator were stuck. A half-hour later, two enterprising Denver police officers, having been alerted by cell phone and reprising a tactic from the old CHiPs TV show, slowed the car by allowing it to repeatedly bump the rear of their squad car until it came to a stop. A few days later, idling in the shop at Green Mountain Auto Service, the car jumped gears and pinned a mechanic against an inside wall until a colleague set the emergency brake.

Least Competent Criminals

Kenneth Martin, 44, and Earle Sharpe III, 30, were arrested for kidnapping in Providence, R.I., in December after abducting a 24-year-old man who supposedly owed Martin money. According to police, after taking the man to an apartment, Martin pointed his gun at him but then realized the magazine clip had fallen out. Martin and Sharpe went outside to retrace their steps in search of the clip after first giving the victim a stern warning not to leave. However, he did leave and called police.

And in the Last Month

Convicted underwear thief Ronald Ernst (whose record includes 16 previous lewdness-related charges), filed a lawsuit against a police detective and two attorneys for calling too much attention to his case (Fargo, N.D.). Australia's Federal Court rebuffed the Tax Office and ruled that convicted heroin dealer Francesco Dominico La Rosa could reduce his 1995 taxable income to allow for \$224,000 that he said had been stolen from him in a drug deal gone bad. And officials in Berryville, Ark., were perplexed at a wave of finely crafted counterfeit money passed around town but only bills in the seldom-seen denomination (for bogus bills) of \$1.

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The Pacific Arch of the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. Photo taken 29 May 2004 after dedication ceremony.

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