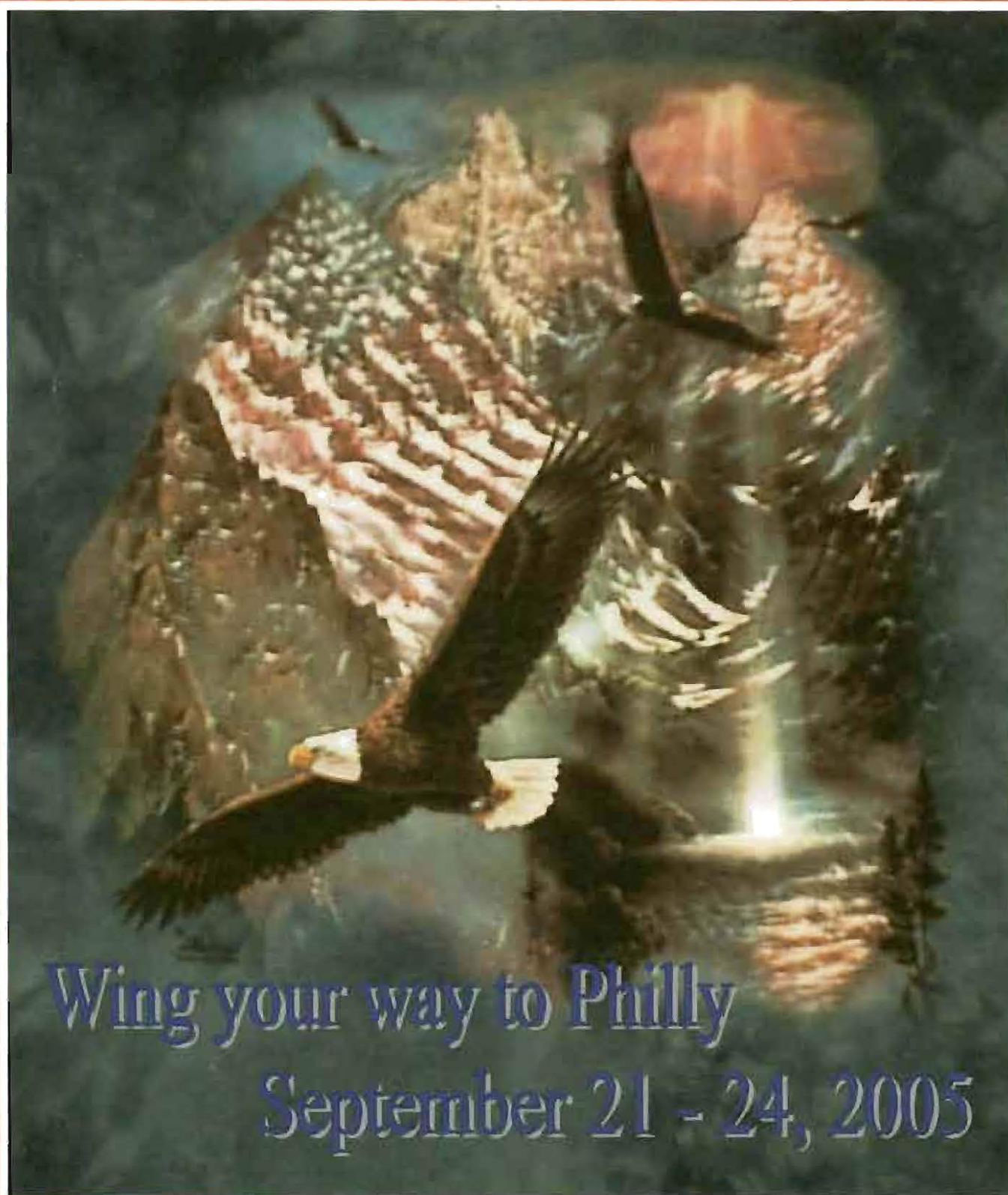


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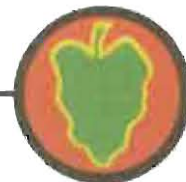
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The Front Cover photo was taken from a t-shirt by The Mountain. It will be given away at the Saturday Night Raffle at the Reunion in Philadelphia.



Letter from the President

Soon my term as your President will be coming to an end and I want to thank the membership for the support they have given me while I was President. Even though I will no longer be President, I will continue to support the Association and the membership in every way possible. With the blessing of the new President, I will continue to disseminate information and process any request for information the membership sends to me and if the President and Secretary/Treasurer agree, will continue to process request form outside the Association from family members for information on fathers, grandfathers, etc.

In reference to the Open Letter to all members about the Verbeck Bowl Award published in the Spring 2005 issue, I would like to briefly clarify the change in procedures. In 2003, a proposal was submitted to all members of the Executive Committee recommending a change in procedures to allow all members of this great Association to be able to participate in the nomination and selection of a potential award of the Verbeck Bowl. This proposal was approved by the majority of the participating Executive Committee Members in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution and implemented this year. This change enable any member to submit a recommendation to the Chairman of the Committee for consideration and also enable the President to appoint a committee consisting of 6 members of the Association of which 3 must be past recipients of the award with the Vice President as the permanent Chairman. This was duly noted in the Minutes of the Executive Committee, 25 September 2004.

One more item, this year I asked the Membership Chairman Jim Cooper to do a one time mailing to all members reminding them of their dues payment. To those who received this notice after paying their 2005 dues, I apologize. For those who paid their dues as a result of the notice I sincerely appreciate your payment. For each Annual Dues payment, approximately \$13.00 pays for your 4 issues of the TARO LEAF each year. To maintain this outstanding Association Magazine, all timely dues payments and donation are greatly appreciated. Over the past years, I have received many compliments from members of other branches of the Services on the outstanding publication being put out by our Editor, Billy Johnson. Let's not let this outstanding publication deteriorate due to lack of funds.

Wes

The Need For Accurate Information

Recently, I received a request from a TV Production Company that is doing a 7 part series for the History Channel for names of individuals who serve with 19th Infantry, 34th Infantry during the landing on Leyte and individuals who were at the battle for Breakneck Ridge. To process request for information, the Association must rely on information that was initially furnished by you and maintained by the Association. I sent out e-mail but I only had a few e-mail addresses of WWII Veterans. I screened the Association Roster for members who fit the appropriate time frame. Many of our members did not have a listed telephone number; many had change of Area code or had a new number. But the biggest problem was identifying those who could have been involved but lack the information indicating the period they served with the Division. I telephone all those I could identify but with over 900 WWII members, I couldn't call everyone so I know I missed many who were involved. This is the second time something like this happened. The first was a call for individuals from the 34th Infantry to be interviewed by Ollie North for a program on the battle for Leyte. Another time, I had received 20 tickets for the Dedication of the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. Therefore, I am asking all members who have unlisted or changes in telephone numbers to furnish your correct area code/number to the Secretary/Treasurer to be entered on the roster. Information is available only to other Association members and if a request is received from other than an Association member, you will be contacted about the request. I also ask all members to update their period they served with the Division and if you have e-mail, send your e-mail address to me to be entered into the Address Book. Now, I expect this television company to produce more History Channel programs in the future. They just completed, and it has been shown on The History Channel, "D-Day, The Lost Evidence" now they are in the process of doing a 7 part series on the war in the Pacific for the History Channel. Who knows what could be next, Korea, Desert Storm maybe even Granada. Lets help keep the Association Records up to date. There are many inquiries every year from Children, Grandchildren and other relatives of former Division members looking for information about their father, Grandfather or relatives. ~ *Wes*



24th ID Hawaiian Memorial

I designed this memorial for my grandfather, Daniel Rickert, and all the men and women of the 24th Infantry who were "First to Fight". I wanted the Taro leaf to be the most prominent part of the design. This symbol of the protection is lifted at approximately 20 ° and in full color enamel. The Victory Division banner is also elevated off the foundation of the memorial. The lines of the banner draw you eye inward, focusing again on the Taro leaf emblem. There are three hibiscus flowers, one for each war, growing from under the emblem. The hibiscus flowers blooming symbolize the life that survives war. The acorns and oak leaves in the bottom corners reiterate this idea of life renewed. The memorial is for those men and women, our protectors, in appreciation for the sacrifice they have made so that we may carry on. ~ Danielle Rickert

Attention:

Dear Taro Leafers,

Our Fund to place the 24th Infantry Division Monument in the Hawaiian Punch Bowl is in need of your support. The Monument is in honor of our WWII, Korean War and Gulf War Veterans and all others who have worn the Taro Leaf. Each of you reading this is represented. We need your help if this Monument is to become a reality. Hawaii is the home of the 24th ID and the Punch Bowl is the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It is only fitting the 24th ID have a permanent monument in this sacred and historic location.

Now is the time to honor those who have gone before us as well as those of us that remain. If we do not act now, the opportunity to honor our brothers in arms may be lost forever.

Please send your donations to:

William F. Boyden, Committee Treasurer
P.O. Box 114
Norton, MA 02766-0114

Please make checks payable to:

24th IDA Memorial Fund

The following is a list of Association donors who made donations specifically for the Punch Bowl Memorial.

Bill Boyden & Family
Wes Morrison
Ben Wahle

Bill McKenna
Billy Johnson
Eric Diller

Thank you for your contribution the 24th ID, 24th IDA and to the Memorial Fund,

Billy Johnson

Billy Johnson, Taro Leaf Editor and Past President

HQ 24th Infantry

"Here are some photos taken in Korea sometime during the first of the war. (June 1950- July 1951.) Most of the photos are members of the 24th Division, G2 Section, and Interrogation of Prisoners of War Team (IPW), doing their work with prisoners."

Bob Shiroishi, G2 Section



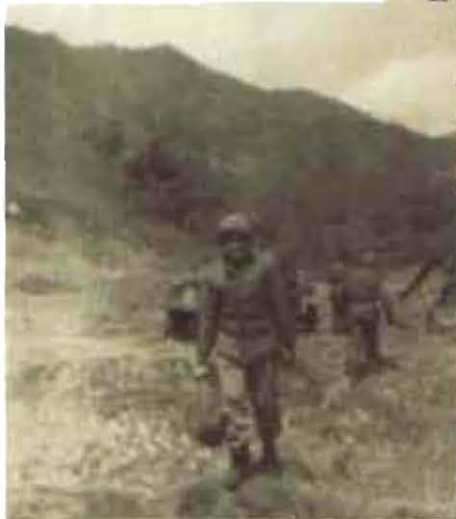
G-2 SECTION

Lost & Found on the Editor's Desk

Dear Taro Leafers,

What to say...Sometimes the envelope gets separated from the photo's. If you can identify the photos on this page please write in so we can give you credit. These photos were sent with others through Email. Originally, there were three sheets with several pictures to a sheet, dated 11 January 1997.

~ Billy, Editor of the Taro Leaf



A Page For Artillerymen

(All others please ignore)

So, in the history of the world, what was the biggest cannon ever made???

Big Bertha -- no; The Paris Gun -- no; Anzio Annie -- no; The US Atomic Cannon -- no; The Great Bombard of Ghent -- no. Alright, then, what was it??

It was a 300mm (31½ inches) Railroad Gun built by the Germans in WWII. It was called "Dora" and here it is:



It was made to attack the fortifications of the Maginot Line, but the Germans flanked the Maginot Line and it was never needed. It was shipped South with the idea of attacking the British stronghold at Gibraltar, but neutral Spain would not let it come into their country.

It took 25 trainloads to transport and 6 weeks to assemble. The Battery had 2,000 men and was commanded by a One Star General. Two Infantry Companies were "attached" as well as two Anti-Aircraft batteries. Its "active duty" career -- that is time when actually assembled and ready to fire -- was 13 days, during which 48 shells were fired. All its targets were large fortifications, and all were "reduced" with one or two shots.

Throughout its life "Dora" was never attacked by the Allies. And, like the famous "*Paris Guns*" was never captured. All information we have of it is from German files.

With guided missiles being what they are today, it is unlikely that the world will ever see a cannon like this again.

Dutch Nelsen

Thank you, Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen for this great Page For Artillerymen!

Thanks also for all the stories, pictures, photos and interesting articles that you have contributed in the past. This Editor believes that the Taro Leaf is always better because of your contributions, and would not be complete without the *Dutch Touch* ~ Billy

The Forgotten War --- Indeed

We have a Committee working to erect a monument in the Punch Bowl military cemetery in Hawaii. This monument is to honor the 24th Men buried there who died fighting in WWII in the Pacific and the Korean War. (See cover of the Spring 2005 issue of the Taro Leaf.) It is to be made of bronze and mounted on a piece of granite from Korea.

Dan Rickert heads this Committee.

Dan is working with a foundry in Hawaii to get the brass work done. He mentioned that we will need a piece of granite from Korea to mount it on. The foundry said they didn't know if they could get granite from Korea, but they could surely get a piece from China – *and at least half of the men from the Korean War buried there were killed by Chinese soldiers.*

~ Dutch Nelsen

WE ARE NOT GOING TO USE ANY GRANITE FROM CHINA. ~ Billy

Reunion 2005 Holiday Inn Philadelphia PA

I have called the hotel and our Association Room block for Wednesday (Sept. 21) and Thursday, (22) have been filled and have exceeded what we had originally requested. There are still rooms available for Friday (23) and Saturday (24). When the 24th IDA request's a block of rooms, it is based on the attendance at the reunion over the past three years.

I did discuss with them about the misinformation, being passed out by the reservation clerk, that the whole block had been filled they will correct that.

I hope that all of you who were planning to arrive on Wednesday but could not get reservations will make reservations for Friday and Saturday so that you can attend the Unit Breakfast and the General Membership Meeting where items of this nature can be discussed and of course our banquets.

Wes Morrison
President



Norm Dixon, Jim Cooper and Don Maggio, in AZ 2004



Dear Billy,

This is to compliment you and to thank you for the rear cover of the winter 2005 Taro Leaf highlighting Pvt. Moon. Pvt. Moon was a member of L. Co. 34th prior to becoming a member of G Co. As a member of L Co., I knew him casually. He was not a "GI" soldier but he was a fighter! Consequently, he was often in trouble with Army regulations. I have vague recollections that he was Cpl. Moon and was "busted" by Capt. Johnson.

At a 24th Reunion L.C. Hicks, a former L. Co Sgt, and I were talking to General Newman. He told us when we were getting ready to leave for combat, he was at that time a Colonel, told Capt. Johnson that he had a man in the stockade and he would have to get him out and would have to take him with us. Capt. Johnson said that he did not want him. Col. Newman told him he would ask the other Commanders if anyone wanted him. If not, he told Capt. Johnson, "You will have to take him with you." That is how Moon got into G. Co. The Capt. Of G. Co. told Col. Newman, "It looks like Moon is looking for trouble and there'll be trouble where we are going, so I'll take him." L.G. Hicks then told me of the time he and Moon went to town, with the usual drinking, Moon got into an argument with another Sgt. who called Moon "Yellow". Hicks broke it up and took Moon back to camp. All the way back to camp, Moon, with tears in his eyes, kept saying over and over, "I am not yellow." Moon was very angry and upset at being called "Yellow." I believe this is what he was proving on Leyte. He was a truly brave "FIGHTER." Those of us in L. Co. who knew him were very proud of him.

As you know, L. Co. also had a fighting morning that same day on Leyte. We had killed 107 enemy in front of our position, which was just across the swamp from Moon's position. We could hear the shouting and the shooting from Moon's position. At one point, two G. Co. men climbed out of the swamp to our position. One was badly wounded and was being helped by the other.

Billy, this is a story I had to tell before it was lost. It explains what caused Moon to do what he did to become such a hero. I know he was not thinking of a medal, but to prove he was not yellow. I don't think there are many L. Co men left who remember Moon, but this Old Soldier is grateful that you have honored Pvt. Moon,

"A damned good fighting soldier!"

Perhaps you may wish to pass this on to our Historian, or if you wish to print or use any part of it you may do so. Again, I say thank you.

Nick L. Marasco,

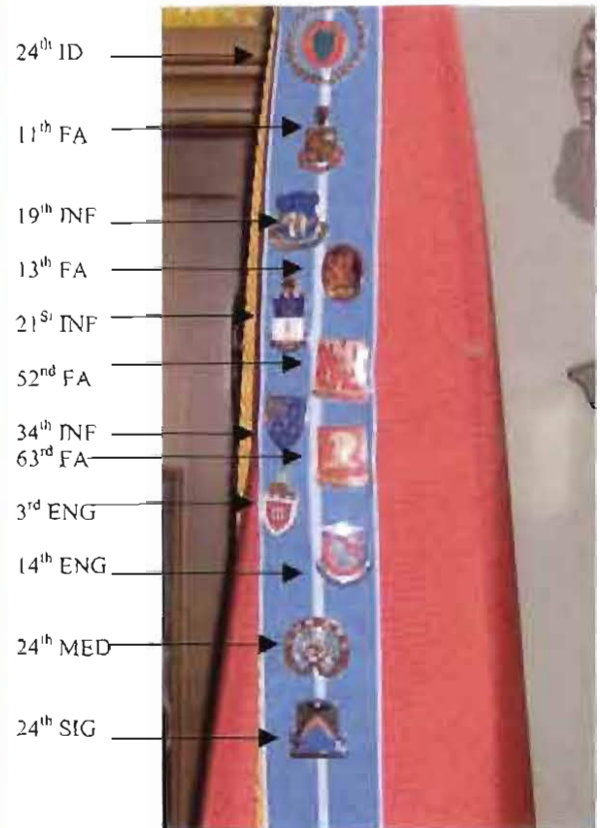
Former S/Sgt. L Co, 34th, 1941-1945.

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You will be interested to know the Capt of G. Co., mentioned above, was none other than our own beloved Ben Wahle. ~ Billy, Editor

52nd Field Artillery Regiment



*These photos are from **John H. Sanchez**, Life Member. John served with the HQ's Battery, 52nd FA 1949 – 1951.*



The top photo and blow-up above are of his memorial to Task Force Smith and all members of the 24th ID. John writes he wishes he had all the crests. If you have a spare, send one to John at:

John Sanchez, S30 W31854 Hwy E, Waukesha, WI 53189-9541



John Sanchez

The flag under the swords is North Korean and the bottom flag is Russian.

John also recently made a donation in memory of William C. Mann member of HQs. Btry. 52 F.A. BN., became a POW July 5th 1950, along with Capt. Nugent, Lt. Peppe and a Cpl. (name unknown) all from HQs Btry. William was from Tennessee, a cook, was at Osan, as a bazooka team member.

24th Infantry Division Association



Secretary / Treasurer's Report

Jul 31, 05

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10	Checking Wells Fargo	374.20
10-1	HomeTrust Bank	26,737.67
11	Money Market	25,128.94
12	CD Savings	30,000.00

Total Checking/Savings 82,240.81

Other Current Assets

18	Reunion Account	2,500.00
181	Quartermaster	3,200.07
182	Drawing Account – McClure	3,000.00

Total Other Current Assets 8,700.07

Total Current Assets 90,940.88

Other Assets

13	Petty Cash Asset	21.05
14	Prepaid Bulk Mail Asset Account	77.22
15	Computer Equipment	54.24

Total Other Assets 152.51

TOTAL ASSETS 91,093.39

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

3000	Opening Bal Equity	121,775.41
3900	Retained Earnings	-16,807.32

Net Income -13,874.70

Total Equity 91,093.39

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 91,093.39

New Life Members

Name	Unit	Company	Date
Armstrong, Joseph	19th Regt		
Balchitis, Paul	3rd ENG	H & S	28-Jun-05
Bell, Joseph	19th INF	HQ	2-Jul-05
DiMenno, Philip J.	34th Inf	F	10-Jun-05
Feller, Richard D	3rd Eng		
Gayton, F. H.	24th Sig		1-Jul-05
Ghormley, Richard	19th Regt		
Harrel, Stephen W.	19th INF		28-Jun-05
Lofton, Clayborn M.	19th INF	H	1-Jul-05
McPartland, Frank M.	19th INF	E	5-Apr-05
Moncur, Robert	19th Regt		
Newlin, Walter C.	19th INF	Svc	27-Jun-05
Rumbaoa, Prudencia	19th Regt		
Shipley, Robert G.	21st Regt		
Sozzoni, Pete	3rd Eng		
Stark, James W.	19th INF	HQ	28-Jun-05
Valenzuela, Ernest E.	21st Regt		

New Members

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Ackerman, Walter A.	3rd Eng	H/S & C
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Dampier, Lou E.	Assoc	
Danhoff,	James W	13th FA Bn
Dillon, Harry S., Sr.	555 FA	
Duran, Luis	3rd ENG	
Falconi, Ralph	3rd ENG	D
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Holfrichter, Shirley (Assoc)	34th Regt	
Hughes, Raymond (Assoc)	21st Regt	
Kiernan, John	13th FA	A
Koontz, Eric B.	5th RCT	
Lee, Tae Won	5th RCT	F
Leerkamp, Henry	34th Regt	
Mitten, Roger Charles	34th Regt	
Nicolson, Carl	724th Ord	
Owens, Jim	34th Regt	
Peloquin, Joseph E.	34th Inf	
Putham, William E	19th Regt	
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Tamura, Akira	34th Regt	
Tucker, William E.	19th Regt	
Vega, Richard	724th Maint	
Yagura, Katsumi	21st Regt	

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Behrel, H. Gordon	19th INF	\$10.00	
Boger, Richard W.	21st INF	\$10.00	
Brault, Charles	21st L	\$5.00	
Brooks, Allen	19th INF	\$5.00	
Carpenter, Hubert	3rd E	\$50.00	
Cauble, Jackie A.	24th Admin	\$5.00	
Chavez, Alfonso	21st INF	\$10.00	
Clark, William	19 th INF	\$10.00	
Coles, Dewey L.	13th FA	\$5.00	
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Davidson, Bennie D.	21st INF	\$5.00	
Davidson, Elmer R.	21st INF	\$5.00	
DeMoss, Alan	Div Arty	\$100	In honor of Ben Wahle
Duhon, Edsel	21 st INF	\$5.00	
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Evarts, Robert	19th INF	\$5.00	
Fecko, John J.	3rd ENG	\$15.00	In memory of 3rd ENG
Fijol, Stanley	21st INF	\$10.00	
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Musselman, William	24th Repl	\$20.00	
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Oklaire, Earlwin	21st INF	5.00	In Memory of Our MIA
Olson, Robert	34th INF	\$10.00	
O'Sullivan, John J.	34th INF	\$15.00	
Owens, Roderick	26th AAA	\$10.00	
Peer, Theodore	24th Admin	\$10.00	

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Russello, Nicholas A.	34th INF	\$5.00	
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Santoro, Anthony A.	24th Sig	\$5.00	
Schaaf, Val	21st INF	\$20.00	
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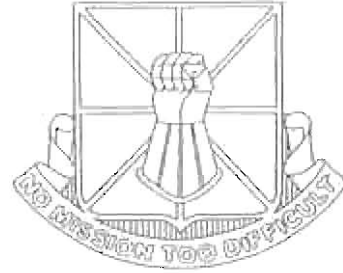
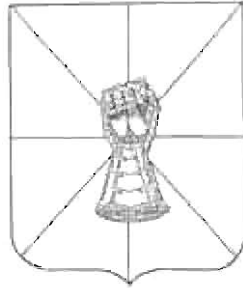
?? Whereabouts Unknown ??

Below is a list of people removed from the current roster because their current address is unknown. If you know how to contact one of the people below please have them get in touch with the Secretary/Treasurer with their current mailing information.

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Doyle, Mrs Ralph F.	Freeland	MI	19th
Flanagan, Charles J.	Holyoke	MA	34th
Haywood, Major G.	Madisonville	KY	21st
Jeffrey Jr, Mrs. William R.	Davenport	IA	21st
Keller, Col. Jeff	Huntsville	AL	52nd
Partida, Walter E.	Las Vegas	NV	21st
Rodriguez, Raul M.	Carson	CA	21st
Snyder, Harry M.	Lutz	FL	24th Sig
Marcocci, Robert	Abita Springs	LA	13th FA
Hall, James W.	Hebron	OH	19th
Neaveill, Philip L.	Chicago	IL	21st
Patchin, Sr., Mrs. Robert S. (Sandra)	Westminster	CA	Assoc
Gardner, William D.	New Canann	CT	19th Inf.



78th TANK BATTALION



Constituted 13 January 1941 in the Regular Army as the 74th Tank Battalion (Medium). Re-designated 8 May 1941 as the 754th Tank Battalion (Medium). Activated 1 June 1941 at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Inactivated 31 December 1946 at Seoul, Korea. Re-designated 78th Heavy Tank Battalion, assigned to the 24th Infantry Division and activated at Kokura, Kyushu, Japan, 20 March 1949 (only Company A organized). Re-designated 78th Tank Battalion, 5 August 1950. Relieved from the 24th Infantry Division and inactivated in Korea, 16 October 1950. Re-designated 754th Tank Battalion, 14 August 1951.

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS

World War II
North Solomons
Luzon

Korean War
UN Defensive
UN Offensive

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered KOREA (78th Tank Bn cited for period 2 Jul-15 Sept 1950; DA GO 45, 1950)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (754th Tank Bn cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered PYONGTAEK (78th Tank Bn cited for period 2-22 July 1950; DA GO 35, 1951) -

COAT OF ARMS

SHIELD: Gyronny of eight, argent and vert, a dexter gauntlet clenched palewise proper.

CREST: None.

MOTTO: No Mission too Difficult.

The colors, green and white are those of the Armored Force. The mailed fist symbolizes the striking power of tanks with which the battalion is armed. The motto "No Mission too Difficult" is an appropriate expression of the sentiments of the organization.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The Insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

A Fighter Pilots Response

A sarcastic letter of complaint to the editor of *The Arizona Republic* and the response:

A letter to the Editor:

Question of the day for Luke Air Force Base: Whom do we thank for the morning air show?

Last Wednesday, at precisely 9:11 a.m., a tight formation of four F-16 jets made a low pass over Arrowhead Mall, continuing west over Bell Road at approximately 500 feet. Imagine our good fortune!

Do the Tom Cruise-wannabes feel we need this wake-up call, or were they trying to impress the cashiers at Mervyn's early-bird special?

Any response would be appreciated.

Tom MacRae, Peoria3

The correspondent received a response from Col. Robin Rand, commander of Luke AFB's 56th Fighter Wing, in the pages of that same newspaper the following day:

Luke Air Force Base was asked to respond to a letter writer's question about a "Morning air show" he observed recently ("A wake-up call from Luke's jets," Letters, Thursday):

The "wake-up call" witnessed the morning of June 15 was a formation of F-16 jets from Luke Air Force Base lining up for a memorial service in Sun City at the gravesite for Air Force Capt. Jeremy Fresques, an officer assigned to Air Force Special Operations. Fresques gave his life in defense of our country while serving in Iraq.

It is unfortunate that at a time when our nation is at war someone would believe we have less than honorable and professional reasons for such a mission.

The commander of the fighter squadron, Lt. Col. Pleus, was given the difficult duty of informing the family of Capt. Fresques on Memorial Day that the officer, a husband, son and Arizonan, had died in Iraq.

On behalf of the men and women at Luke Air Force Base, we continue to keep Jeremy and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Col. Robin Rand
Luke Air Force Base4

Four days later, the newspaper also published a response from Lt. Col. Pleus himself:

Regarding "A wake-up call from Luke's jets":

On June 15, at precisely 9:12 a.m., a perfectly timed four-ship of F-16s from the 63rd Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base flew over the grave of Capt. Jeremy Fresques.

Capt. Fresques was an Air Force officer who was previously stationed at Luke Air Force Base and was killed in Iraq on May 30, Memorial Day.

At 9 a.m. on June 15, his family and friends gathered at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City to mourn the loss of a husband, son and friend.

Based on the letter writer's recount of the flyby, and because of the jet noise, I'm sure you didn't hear the 21-gun salute, the playing of taps, or my words to the widow and parents of Capt. Fresques as I gave them their son's flag on behalf of the president of the United States and all those veterans and servicemen and women who understand the sacrifices they have endured.

A four-ship flyby is a display of respect the Air Force pays to those who give their lives in defense of freedom. We are professional aviators and take our jobs seriously, and on June 15 what the letter writer witnessed was four officers lining up to pay their ultimate respects.

The letter writer asks, "Whom do we thank for the morning air show?"

The 56th Fighter Wing will call for you, and forward your thanks to the widow and parents of Capt. Fresques, and thank them for you, for it was in their honor that my pilots flew the most honorable formation of their lives.

Lt. Col. Scott Pleus
Luke Air Force Base5

To his credit, the complainant, Mr. MacRae, tendered a written apology, which was published in The Republic on 9 July:

Regarding "Flyby honoring fallen comrade" (Letters, June 28):

I read with increasing embarrassment and humility the response to my unfortunate letter to The Republic concerning an Air Force flyby ("A wake-up call from Luke's jets," Letters, June 23).

I had no idea of the significance of the flyby, and would never have insulted such a fine and respectful display had I known.

I have received many calls from the fine airmen who are serving or have served at Luke, and I have attempted to explain my side and apologized for any discomfort my letter has caused.

This was simply an uninformed citizen complaining about noise.

I have been made aware in both written and verbal communications of the four-ship flyby, and my heart goes out to each and every lost serviceman and woman in this war in which we are engaged.

I have been called un-American by an unknown caller and I feel that I must address that. I served in the U.S. Navy and am a Vietnam veteran. I love my country and respect the jobs that the service organizations are doing.

Please accept my heartfelt apologies.

Tom MacRae, Peoria

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

Thank you for the nice piece about Joe with accompanying photo, which appeared in latest issue Taro Leaf. I hope the photo is the way the men of the 11th FA Bn would remember him at that time and in that place, so many years ago. A couple of people have called to tell me about it, and the children will enjoy having it. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hodges.

Al Freeman was listed in the May 2005 TAPS.

One of Al's doctor's, Juli Weitzen, has a memory she would like to share with all of us. *"When I think of Mr. Freeman, I immediately picture his spirit of country, spirit of community, love of family, and pride that is topped by humility". ~ Juli*

This is the type of email I like to receive. ~ Jim Hill

This appears to be true - I took out the names except for the writer, BSilvey

Young Marines

I thought you would like to hear a good story that happened last night at Lindberg Field. Ann and I were returning from our vacation and were standing in the Taxi line about 11:00pm with about 40 odd people behind us, and two young Marines, seabags in tow in front of us waiting to get a cab. While waiting, I struck up a conversation with the young Marines and found out that they were fresh out of training in North Carolina and were reporting to their units at Camp Pendleton the next day. They mentioned that they could not find a cheap hotel for the night. All the inexpensive ones were booked up and they did not have much money for the more expensive ones. About 20 people in line overheard this and offered to take them home with them for the night, including Ann and I. I told them that they could stay in our extra room for the night and I would drive them to Camp Pendleton in the morning since I work in Carlsbad anyway.

It was heartwarming to see so many people willing to step up and help one of our young servicemen. This is the way it must have been in WWII. It made me feel good that so many folks recognize what these kids are doing for us!

P.S. One guy behind me happened to be an executive with Hyatt hotels. He made a quick phone call and got them a nice room at the downtown Hyatt at no charge plus a free limo to take them to Camp Pendleton in the morning. I wonder what the MP at the gate will think when these two PFC's arrive at the main gate in a limo.

Ha! Ha! **Semper Fi**

Kenneth E. Bozigian
5950 Priestly Drive
Carlsbad, Ca. 92008
760-929-6418

Legislation of Interest

S.407 (Tim Johnson, D-SD) Keep Our Promise To America's Military Retirees Act would allow military retirees and their dependents the option to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP); waive Medicare Part B premiums for retirees who entered service before December 7, 1956; and provide drug reimbursement at TRICARE network rates to beneficiaries who do not have access to a pharmacy in the TRICARE retail network. Compliment of H.R. 602. **S.484 (John Warner, R-VA)** would allow certain insurance premiums such as Tricare Prime enrollment fees, Tricare Standard supplement

Insurance, Tricare dental, and Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP) premiums to be paid with pre-tax

Hurdis Earl Wise was listed in the Spring 2005 Taro Leaf with limited information. Eric Diller, 34th H. Co wants all of you to know more about one of our heroes.

Hurdis joined the 24th Inf. Div. as an 18 years old replacement in F.Co.34th Reg't. Rifleman, in Feb. 1944. He served almost continuous combat time until the end of WWII as scout, Platoon Sgt. In New Guinea, Biak Island, Leyte, Bataan/Luzon, Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands. By this time he had risen to Tech Sgt., been wounded twice, and earned a Bronze Star. Those of us who knew him, including Co. Commander Paul Austin agree that he never received the recognition he deserved for the many lives he saved in performing his duty. In my mind, Hurdis was the Audie Murphy of the Battalion, and definitely of F Co. His family should be very proud, as are many of us who have known him.

Robert Hysell sent a note to the Taro Leaf to be passed on to his many friends. It was printed in the Spring 2005 issue. As we failed to include Robert's address, his note and address are below ~ Billy

Hi to all my 24th DIV Friends,

I just learned today that I have cancer in my right and left lung. My right lung is gone and only a 3rd of my left one gets air.

Too many smokes I guess.

Tell all I said Hello and I have lived my life the way I wanted to live it.

Most of my friends were killed the 6th and 9th of July 1950.

Night All.

Robert Hysell, A 34th Man

914 Pike St., Parkerburg, WV, 26101-6266

Phone: (304) 483-3232

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont)

Billy,

Please inform your wife and daughter their work on the TARO Leaf is #1/ First Class. I am most impressed. Their devotion, dedication, determination and skills are most obvious.

It's a top quality professional production that will be a tough act to follow.

My primary email: jcoop14@comcast.net

Alternate address: taegu@iwon.com

We are connected to high-speed cable that handles documents, photos, etc.

My current cell # (505) 977-0042 / (505) 977-0042

Jim Cooper, 24th IDA Membership Chairman

Jim, Thank you so much for your wonderful message. The Taro Leaf is like a child. It gives far more than it takes. A time consuming labor of love!

~ Minnie and Linda Jeanne

Dear Taro Leafers,

It was brought to my attention that I included an ethnic slanted joke in the Spring 2005 issue of Taro Leaf. I apologize to Joseph A. Miesleszko and to all others that were offended by the Polish/Jewish joke that appeared under the cartoon on the back inside cover.

~ Billy Johnson, Editor, Taro Leaf.

Dear Billy,

Just a note to let you know that the picture on page 21, bottom right, is a picture of myself (R) and Fuji (L) a medic from Hawaii. I called Les Johnson. 21st: he said he did not submit the picture. I then called Les Johnson, 19th, and he did not submit the picture either. Is there any way to find out who did submit or who took the picture? I, Murl Marsh was a medic for George Co. 19th Inf.

Will see you in Philadelphia.

Regards, Murl Marsh, 2180 Pioneer Rd,
Delta, CO 81416-2767. Ph: 970.874.7098.

We need someone to help us with Murl's question. If you sent this picture, or know who did, let us know and/or call Murl. If you can identify any of these soldiers, let me know and I will put their names in a future Taro Leaf.

~ Billy, Editor, Taro Leaf.

Sent to: Don Maggio-Secretary/Treasurer

Don,

Here are my dues for the year. The "Leaf" is a great way to keep in touch so pass my thanks to the people who do such a great job.

Fred Hess, 19th, 1451 Courtyard Pl.,

Dayton, OH 45458-3975. Ph: 937.296.1933.

Dear Billy,

There are several items in the Spring 2005 issue of the Taro Leaf that I would like to comment on.

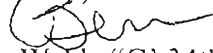
1st. The Memorial designed by Dan Rickert's Granddaughter. It is truly outstanding. I have visited the Punch Bowl in Honolulu several times as several of my soldiers are buried there. I only hope I have a chance to see it in place.

2nd. A great soldier passed on when Hurdis Wise died. I had several occasions to observe his keen ability as a lead scout when we were advancing up the Leyete valley. Wounded twice, Hurdis probably spent as much time "Out on the point" as anyone I know. In this capacity he saved many situations that could have resulted in an ambush and the loss of quite a few lives.

3rd. The article on the Battle of Hill 522 describes one of the battles which shaped the outcome of the first few days after landing on Leyete. Dick Dallas and I talked several times about the battle. I believe there were three events that happened that insured our holding the beachhead during the first 48 hours. One was the "turn around" by part of the Jap Navy in the battle that went on in the gulf. Second the defeat of the Jap force outside of Pawing the first night by the 34th, and third, the defeat of the Jap force on Hill 522 by the 19th.

I regret Peg and I will not be attending the next reunion. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Say hello to everybody.

Sincerely,


Ben Wahle "G" 34th

1132 Killarney Lane, Burlingame, CA 94010-3349.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go
back to youth, think of Algebra.

82nd amputee redeploys

1.2.4. Statistical Analysis

FORT BRAGG — An 82nd Airborne Division soldier who lost part of a leg in Iraq and then regained jump status has redeployed to Afghanistan with the division.

Spec. George Peres of Cartersville, N.J., left Monday to join his unit, WRAL-TV reported.

In Maryland, he made his second parachute jump since a roadside

Leahy detonated in 2003 and forced amputation of his left leg below the knee. Paratroopers are required to jump every few months to stay qualified.

Perez is one of at least four amputees from the elite 82nd Airborne Division to re-enlist in the past two years.

During a visit to Fort Bragg last month, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld singled out Perez for praise.

Sp. Perez is a 24th kind of soldier. We wish him well.

Old men can still think fast

An elderly man in Texas had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice--picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built.

One evening, the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, to look it over. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked. Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

Moral: Old men can still think fast.

SWORD TRIVIA

Contributed by
Art Goggin

One of the most memorable moments of 19th-century history was the joining of the rails of the first U.S. Transcontinental Railroad in Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869. The laying of the last rail was a media sensation, completed by "driving in" a ceremonial Golden Spike. What is often forgotten today, however, is the extensive involvement of the U.S. Army in this project, which was seen as a military necessity. There were hundreds of soldiers at the Golden Spike Ceremony, including the entire 21st Infantry Regiment. What may be of particular interest to sword collectors is that the officers actually participated in the ceremony by **pounding in the spike with their sword hilts**. Lieut. John C. Charles Carrier, for instance, reported that "I [was] permitted to give a stroke — I used my sword hilt. Our regiment marched up and stood at parade rest while snapshots were taken, then our regimental band played "The Tenthman" and the other officers and their sword hilts in giving their ceremonial blows to the spike; too, perhaps, six blows of different strength struck the spike sufficiently hard to leave marks on the hilt. In 1955, the Smithsonian Institution actually did tests confirming that sword hilts did, indeed, make the marks seen on the top of the famous spike today.



Dear Sir,
 Thanks for what I have got
 I note that you had understood
 the importance of 27th October 1967
 in place of 28. I thought the
 correct date was 27th October (from
 a series of letters. I had in the margin
 had suggested).
 I am a moderate Gordon Smith was
 one of the thirty but somewhat
 I think a sincere answer will
 appear for the action
 I believe better than for my part
 to Graham & the fact is a number of
 George Smith.
 27th October was awarded the
 first prize (unofficial) for the
 best solution received the Little Giant
 Library.

Robert De Frain is a Lifetime member #00466. He is currently receiving the Taro Leaf and thoroughly looks forward each and every issue. What he doesn't have is too many pictures, so always enjoys others' pictures. His only comment is that when the Taro Leaf comes with all those wonderful pictures, he would like the names of the people in the picture along with their units. They all seem to have changed in looks since they were teenagers in Korea.

Robert J. DeFrain, 24th Div. 19th Inf. Company G.
Aug 1950 - Aug 1951.

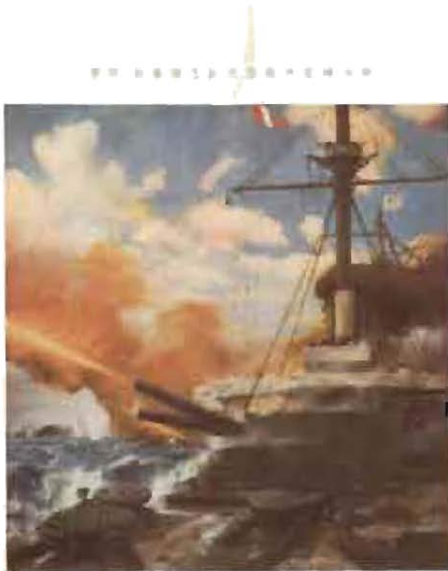
Reply to Robert DeFrain

Robert, We Try!

When we get names with the photos we make every effort to add them to the Taro Leaf. Sometimes we just get a stack of photos, unidentified, and rather than leave them out, we print them and hope someone will write Saying, "Hey, that's me." It has happened. Sometimes we get an ID on a Buddy. Thanks for writing, and for the idea. See new Lost & Found Section ~ Billy

Again an outstanding issue. I like the MOII stories and hope to have an interesting story for you in that regard soon. I got an e-mail from a member that while they were cleaning an old cemetery in Biloxi, MS, they found the overgrown weed infested grave of a 24th Infantry Division Medal of Honor winner from the Philippines. He wanted to get a copy of the citation for the award as they were going to rededicate the grave. The MOII winner was PFC James H. Diamond of Gulfport, MS. I asked him to give us a story on the dedication for publication in the TL.

Keep up the good work. ~ Wes



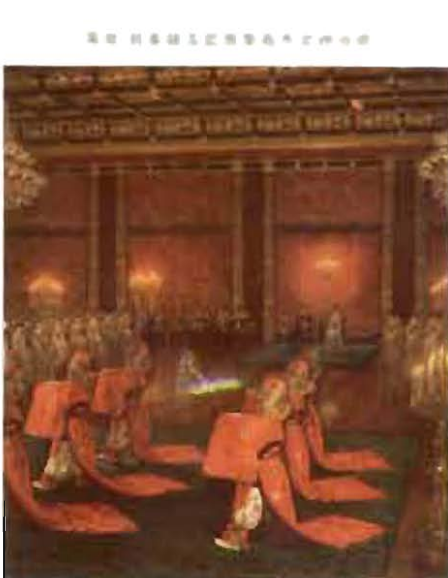
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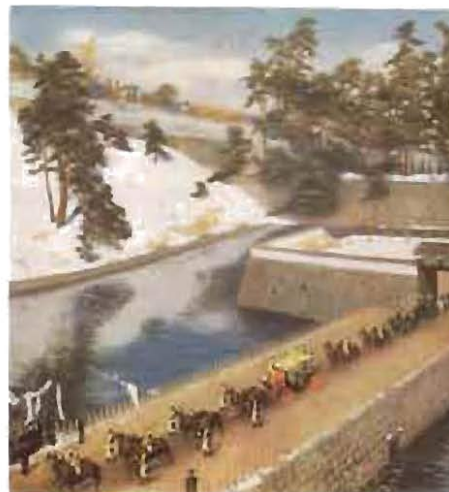
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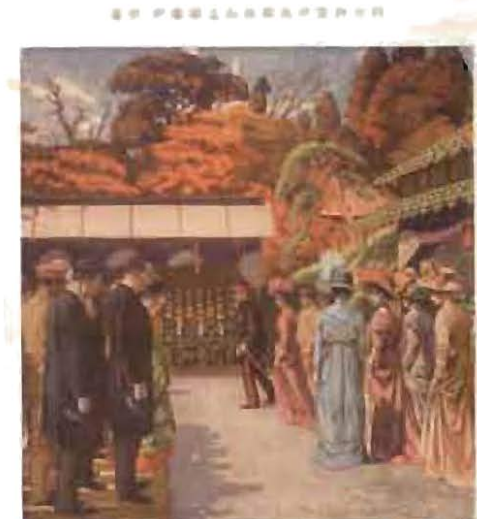
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Antique postcards of pre-WWII Japanese Imperial Army

Submitted By ~ Donald Drake, 5th RCT

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

In the Spring 2005 Taro Leaf, Doreen Schibbelhute was looking for information about her father **Joseph Gagnon**, 21st INF. Doreen's current contact information was not available when her request was first printed. If you remember Joseph Gagnon, please contact Doreen at:

Doreen Schibbelhute

222E Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037

Phone #: (603) 463-5998 / Cell #: (603) 231-3613.

In the May 05 issue of the Taro Leaf, (And in this one on page 47 there were some pictures sent in by Clyde Matlock for the 3rd "C" Eng. Mrs. Matlock would like for anyone who recognizes themselves or a buddy, to please get in contact with her at the following address.

Mrs. Clyde Matlock, 6511 Macks Hill Road, Imperial, MO 63052

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I'm looking for information on my uncle who went missing in the Korean War. I went to a Family update meeting in March and have tried all the web sites they gave me and have sent to St. Louis for his records but they burnt in a fire. I left a message on the Korean War Project Unit pages and JJ McKeon sent me your email. A lady I meet in March said I needed to get his daily reports or the muster roll. Our family has done DNA but I'm at a dead end of anything else to do. I'm looking for any kind of information on my uncle or what happened to him. Corporal **Robert Sherman Dampier** (went by RS Dampier), service # RA14337372, MIA on Nov. 4, 1950, presumed died Dec. 31, 1953 Company D, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division

He did his basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. Jan. 20, 1949

Thank You,

Lou Ellen Dampier

850 Hwy 88 W

Pencil Bluff, AR 71965

1-870-326-4626

Betty Campbell Porter is looking for anyone that knew her uncle, **MSG Rosco Campbell** of the 21st Inf. Regt. He may have been wounded 11 July 1950 or captured. You may contact Mrs. Porter by phone. (423) 542-8667

Dear Editor,

My name is Robert Hartelt. My grandfather, **Robert 'Bob' Hartelt**, served with the Taromen in WWII. I don't know which unit he served with. I am very proud of him and the Taromen's service in the 2nd World War. Grandpa doesn't talk about the war at all, but I would like to know more about the Taromen.

I have started doing research and I am curious if I could get the newsletter? Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert

pureredwhiteblu@yahoo.com



I am trying to find out my father's military history. His name is **James R. Kloentrup**. I was told by a JJ McKeon that a lot of people read the Taro Leaf. If you think you can help, let me know and I will send the information.

This is a part of his life he never talked about. He passed in 1989. I would like to learn all I can about his military history. I have more information and a ton of pictures. Thank you for your time.

Here is the information.

My Father's Name: James R. Kloentrup (Jim, Jimmy)

Rank: PV2 - S #: US52062447 - Branch: Infantry

Unit: 19th INF REGT. - Division: 24th INF DIV.

Military Occupation Speciality: 0475

S.W.A: 51-10-20 - by a missile

Returned to duty: Far East Command

OK. now my information

Scott Kloentrup, 3904 Huntington Ave, Covington KY 41015, Email: zippo_ky@yahoo.com

With this email I sent some pictures of my Dad some pictures from the front line some time around Sep. 15 1951 I think.

Any info I get would mean a lot to me, as this was a time in his life he never talked about. I know something very bad happened on a hill. What hill I don't know.

Thank you, Scott

Please see Scott's other photos on page 29.

~ Billy, Editor

Mr. Johnson.

I read in the Internet that you headed an association of former members of this great unit. I was in the 3rd stationed in Munich during the cold war, after Korea and before Viet Nam. I would like to look at a roster of those soldiers that served in the 3rd when I was there, from 1958 to 1960. Can you help me?

Thanks and God Bless,

Ralph Falconi

122 Route 210

Stony Point, NY 10980

(914) 522-5122

Remember If sending photos by regular mail, please send copies. We do try to return photos, but would not want to make a mistake and fail to return originals. If you have other 24th memorabilia, and you are unsure what to do with it, we will one day have a 24th Infantry Division Museum, and would appreciate you sharing your memories with us. Thank you. ~ Billy, Editor

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES (Cont.)



Marcus Jones is looking for information on his Uncle **Verlin Howard** who served with the 24th ID during the latter part of the Korean War possibly with the 19th Infantry sometime between 1951 and 1954. At one point he was

returned to the States but then shipped back to Korea to guard POW's. Any information of identification of the accompanying pictures would greatly be appreciated. Contact Marcus Jones at mrjthe1st@hotmail.com.

Buddy of Verlin Howard



Verlin Howard



Paul Narson is a member of the 24th IDA. He served with the 1/21st in Munich, Germany from March 1960 to September 1962 with Delta Co. Paul would like to contact you if you served in Munich during the same time frame. He is trying to track down some of the guys he knew there. Paul is also looking for members from the 3/21 that served in Viet Nam and took part in the last combat patrol of the war in June of 1971 or 1972. Ph (718) 357-8048

Donald L. Duerk, MD (8/49-9/50 HQ 24th 21st Japan/Korea, IX HQ 121st EVAC) noted mention of **Maj. Wade Heritage** would like to have current status plus phone # if possible. Also looking to locate **Alton J. Brauda** 21st Med Co. '49-'51 and others. He lives at 115 Cove Ct., Columbia, SC 29212. (803) 732-1746 / Fax (803) 732-0864. Donald is a retired Physician



Elmore C. Bates

Edinburgh, TX Born 1922

US. Army

Sergeant First Class

Serial Number 06289434

Killed in Action

November 5, 1950

Sergeant First Class Bates was a veteran of World War II, fighting in Italy. In Korea, he was a member of Company B, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was killed in action while defending his position against massive Chinese forces at the Yalu River, North Korea on November 5, 1950.

For his leadership and valor, Sergeant First Class Bates was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Commendation Ribbon, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS HONOR ROLL

Above is a copy of a page from the Korean War Veterans Honor Roll about SFC Elmore C. Bates, E Company, 19th Infantry who was KIA on the same day that, best I remember, that Red Cloud was cited for the Medal of Honor. I am certain that some of our Association members that were in E/19th at that time will remember Sgt Bates. I did send Joe Sweeney a copy.

The copy was furnished to me by M/Sgt Stewart H. Bates, USA Ret., his younger brother. Stewart was with the 187th Airborne at the same time Elmore was in the 19th. He stated he would like to hear from any veteran that knew Elmore. His address is:

M/Sgt Stewart H. Bates, 515 Native Oak, Ingram, Texas 78025-3539

Bacil Steed, who served with the 3rd Platoon, 24th Recon, is looking for **Lt. Col. Hubert L. Carpenter** (USAR) A. Co. 3rd "C" Engineers. Is he still around? Wife? Current email address?

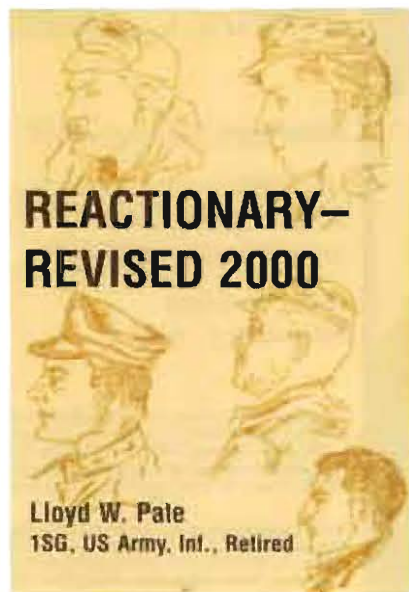
Bacil is also still looking for **Norman Hammes**. You can contact Bacil at: 46 Chewing Street, Page A.C.T. 2614, Australia or BacilBSteed@netspeed.com.au

Let's Have The Reunion
In YOUR City!

Books of Interest

The Taro Leaf Books of Interest section is for Members who have written of their experiences with the 24th and other who have written about the Warriors of the 24th ID.

We look forward to having many more books to share with our Membership. ~ Billy, Editor



Reactionary was the tag the Chinese put on Lloyd W. Pate when he was captured during the Korean War. It was a badge of honor for the young soldier. Placed with others in a Reactionary Squad, he did his best to torment the enemy, as was his duty. Looking back from a half-century afterward, 1SG Lloyd W. Pate, Ret. Inf., tells his story of combat and his term as a POW in frank, honest language. Torture and attempted brainwashing were the rule of the day and he depicts this in unflinching detail. Sabotage, misery, and the pain of seeing one's own countrymen collaborate with the enemy all had their part to play. *Reactionary-Revised 2000* is a gripping and important work.

1SG LLOYD W. PATE, RET. INF, served as an Infantryman for twenty-three years. In addition to his Korean service, Pate pulled two tours in Vietnam in the Second Battalion, Twelfth Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (1965-66) and in the Reconnaissance Platoon First Battalion, 505th, Eighty-second Airborne (1968-69). Now retired, Pate enjoys coin collecting and metal detecting. He is a resident of Georgia.

The following was found in Burbac's book about the 21st Infantry.

General Orders WAR DEPARTMENT

No. 68 Washington 25, D.C., 14 August 1945

19. CANNON COMPANY, 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, is cited for outstanding heroism and gallantry in supporting the drive of an airborne division from Nasugbu to Manila, Philippine Islands, 31 January to 5 February 1945. On 31 January the Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, landed at Nasugbu, Luzon. It was the only armored unit in support of the airborne division at that time. When heavy resistance was encountered at Cayungan on 1 February, this company moved forward under hostile artillery and automatic weapons fire to cover the advance of leading units across a deep ravine. By direct fire, promptly and accurately placed, this company neutralized enemy automatic weapons permitting the seizure of the position with minimum losses to our forces. On 2 February at Aga the division advance was held up by another strongpoint. Despite the fact that its vehicles drew heavy hostile artillery, mortar, and automatic fire, this company advanced rapidly to forward positions and again by direct fire neutralized the enemy positions. On 3 February, during the advance on Tagaytay Ridge, from an area subject to enemy artillery, mortar, and small-arms fire, the Cannon Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, delivered direct fire on enemy replacements, greatly facilitating the seizure of the area. On 4 February, with assault units of the division, this company surprised and destroyed hostile groups in four stone houses guarding approaches to the Imus River Bridge. This action enabled the mined structure to be secured before it could be destroyed. By aggressive action at Las Pinas the same day, the self-propelled mounts reduced pill boxes near the Las Pinas Bridge, permitting this bridge, also mined, to be secured before the charges could be detonated. [...]." (Verbeck 109)

Verbeck, William J. THE STORY OF REGIMENT IN ACTION.

The 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division secured the Island of Mindoro, Leyte on 15 Dec 44. This island is located just south of Luzon. I have not taken the time to follow the story on a map, but will follow up later because of lack of time. The above quote from Verbeck agrees with Warren Johnson's account. A units from the 24th Infantry Division did provide armor support to an airborne division on Luzon during the time in question.

Submitted By ~ **Norm Dixon**, 21st from an Email from Larry who says, "There is a guy living in SCW who was in the Cannon Company of the 21st. He was a referral from you. Let me know if you need more."

BATTERY 'A'

26TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BATTALION
APO 24

UNIT HISTORY

1 Movement

a. When this organization was alerted at Camp Crouch: Yamaguchi Honshu: Japan on 30 June 1950 the 1st platoon was on amphibious maneuvers with the 19th Infantry Regiment at Camp McGill; Yokohama Japan. The 1st platoon commanded by 1st Lt. John R. Grimes and had all of its TO/E equipment. Equipment other than that in the 1st platoon, except 2½' ton trucks and one 50 cal. machine gun were inoperative due to lack of parts. The organization was short many items of equipment, such as a water trailer and one-ton trailers. The Division ordnance immediately issued the necessary parts for arms and half track vehicles and it took a major effort by all concerned to get vehicles and anti-aircraft guns in a satisfactory operation condition before boarding on an LST for Korea.

b. Battery 'A' minus the 1st Platoon departed Camp Crouch at 2000 hours, 2 July 1950 by motor convoy for Kokura where we met by the 1st platoon on 4 July the organization left Kokura Japan on LST R11 for Pusan, Korea, arriving on 5 July 1950. On 9 July we began moving by rail to Taejon, arriving on 10 July, c. On 12 July 1950 the 1st section, 1st platoon was attached to the 34th Infantry Regiment and the 2d section, 1st platoon was attached to the 21st Inf Regiment. The mission was close support of Infantry troops and the enemy was engaged at 1500 hours 4 miles West of Songdam-ri Korea. Yak fighter planes strafed troops.

COMMANDING Officers Were

Commanding Officer. Capt. Charles W. Harrison
Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Daniel J. Garvey
Platoon leader, 1st Platoon, 1st Lt. John R. Grimes
Asst Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon, 2d Lt Frank S. Mikulski
Platoon Leader, 2d Platoon, 1st Lt. Daniel L. Boone
Asst Platoon Leader, 2d Platoon, 2d Lt. Douglas W. Blalock
1st Sgt, M/Sgt. Joseph W. Harder
Platoon Sgt, 1st Platoon, Sfc Fred Jorgenson
Platoon Sgt, 2d Platoon, M/Sgt Clifford R. Nelson

2. Osan to Kum River

a. The 1st platoon attached to the 21st Infantry Regiment engaged the enemy 2 miles East of Kongju on 13 July. No casualties were received.

b. On 14 July the 1st platoon rejoined unit and organization minus 2d platoon, given mission of protecting the Taejon Air strip. The 2d platoon assigned the mission of protecting the 24th Infantry Division Command Post in Taejon.

c. On 15 July the 1st platoon was attached to the 19th Infantry Regiment with the mission of close support of Infantry troops and on 16 July engaged the enemy at Toman-ri.

d. Casualties were as follows.

Killed (1)
Pfc Lloyd Batten

Wounded (8)
1st Lt. John R. Grimes
Sfc Fred Jorgenson
Pfc Guy Banner
Pfc William Earley
Pfc Marion Thacker
Pvt Kenneth T. Vannett
Pvt Francis E. Ward

Missing (4)
Cpl Edward F. O'Neil
Pfc Beryl G. Smith
Pvt Curtis A. Henderson
Pvt Robert E. Schaefer

3. Kum River Defense.

a. The 1st platoon due to damage to numerous half-track vehicles as a result of enemy action on 16 of July and was attached to the 24th Division Ordnance for extensive repairs. Division Ordnance was located at Kumchon.

b. 1st Lt. John R. Grimes, platoon leader 1st Platoon, was wounded in action on 16th of July and assistant platoon leader, 2d Lt. Frank S. Mikulski took command of the platoon.

c. Three (3) half-tracks anti-aircraft Vehicles, 1½ ton and three (3) trailers were destroyed by enemy on the 16 July 1950.

d. On 18 July the 2d Platoon was attached to the 34th Infantry Regiment with the mission of close support of Infantry troops Engaged enemy on 19 July at Yusong-mya. Two enemy planes shot down

4. Taejon

a. On 20 July the 2d platoon engaged the enemy along the Kum River and in Taejon. Two (2) half-tracks anti-aircraft vehicles destroyed by the enemy.

b. At 1800 hours on 20 July the organization was ordered to withdraw along the route west of Taejon where an enemy roadblock was encountered. The enemy destroyed two (2) 2½-ton trucks, one (1) 1½-ton vehicle and 3 half-track vehicles.

c. The following EM were casualties as a result of enemy action on 20 July:

Wounded: (7)
Pfc Elmer C Dell, Orfano
Pfc Harold F LaBrosse
Pfc William R Stegmann
Pfc Carl T Stout
Pvt John A Galloway
Pvt Russell J Harvey
Pvt George F Turner

Missing. (9)
Sfc Francis L Gerard
Sgt Neal Morris
Cpl Charles B Stanphill
Pfc Jack E Byers
Pvt Richard B Bolles
Pvt J.W. Bright
Pvt Rufus G Huffstickler
Pvt David S Rossler
Pvt Paul Schrecengost

Headquarters Battery, 52d AAA AW BN (SP) was activated 20 Oct. 1950 and joined the 24th Division 13 Dec. 1950, serving as Headquarters for the various batteries until 10 November 1951 when personnel were transferred to HQ & HQ Btry, 26th.

Battery 'A', 21st AAA AW BN (SP) joined the 24th Division in Jan. 1951. It came to the Division a well-trained and highly efficient unit. It's record in Korea is outstanding and is a tribute to the officers and men who made up the battery. The personnel of Battery 'A', 21st were transferred to Battery 26th on 10 Nov 1951 I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the 26th for the cooperation, hard work and courage which has gone into the building of this organization. And further to say as I am sure that all of you can say, that I am proud to be a member of a battalion with such an outstanding record of achievement and honor.

ROY A. TATE
Lt Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

Concord Hymn

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

*By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled;
Here once the embattled farmers stood;
And fired the shot heard round the world.*

*The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps,
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream that seaward creeps.*

*On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We place with joy a votive stone,
That memory may their deeds redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.*

*O Thou who made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free, —
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raised to them and Thee.*

Sung at the Completion of the Battle Monument, April 19, 1836

19th Infantry Regiment

Richard L. Gaskin
Harry H. Heiland
Roy L. Hill

Charles C. Polacek
George L. Powers
Robert Reising

Joseph Sagami

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52nd FA

Frank Zukowski

24th Signal Company

Joseph C. Kopic

11th Field Artillery

James J. Snyder

11th Field Artillery

James J. Snyder

James' wife Rochelle has reported that James, 11th FA C Co. WWII, died in 2004. She did not the date of his death. Cards may be sent to: 9430 E Desert Lake Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248-7422, Phone: (480) 802-7396

19th Infantry Regiment

Richard L. Gaskin

We have lost another one. ~ Bill Hostler

Life Member Richard L. Gaskin, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, died 30 June 2005. Dick was a member of B Company, 19th Infantry in Beppu and Korea. He was a regular attendee of our reunions and had already registered for Philadelphia. Cards may be sent to his family, 110 E. Kline St., Lebanon, PA 17046-3032.

Harry H. Heiland

Harry H. Heiland, died March 29, 2002.

Cards may be sent to: 1685A Devers Rd., York, PA 17404-1949

Roy L. Hill

Roy L. Hill died May 7, 2005. Roy served in Korea. Jean, his wife, writes, "*We both love to read the Taro Leaf. The things he talked about most was the time he spent in Korea and Japan.*" Cards may be sent to Jean Hill at 4581 Herman Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948-9635, Ph: (813) 625-3751



Charles C. Polacek

In the "Taps" section of the July/August issue of the Uniform Services Journal (published by the National Association for Uniformed Services), there is a listing for MSG Charles C. Polacek, USA (Ret). Charles was a member of G Co. 19th Infantry Regiment in 1950-51. My rosters for 31 July 1950 and 31 Jan 1951 list him as being present on those dates. In July he was a SGT and in Jan a SFC. Regards, Bill Roseboro, G Co. 19th Inf, 1950-51

George L. Powers

George passed away 2 March 2005. He served with the 19th INF/AT.

Cards may be sent to George's wife Philomine. 13333 Powers Lane, Crivitz, WI 54114-9042, Ph: (715) 757-3137

Robert Reising

Bob's wife Dorothy sent a note to tell us of his passing on 9 June 2005. Bob was a member of Task Force Smith. He entered the Army in February 1948 and served with K. Co. He received a Purple Heart for injuries received in September 1951 while with the 19th in Korea. "*He loved the reunions.*"

Cards may be sent to: 2460 Persian Drive, Apt. 54, Clearwater, FL 33753

Joseph Sagami

Joe Sagami's daughter, Barbara, called to inform us her dad passed away 14 July 2005. Condolences/memorials may be sent to Allison Sagami, 1026 Castilian Court, Apt 103, Glenview IL, 60025. ~ Merry Helm

21st Infantry Regiment

Charles F (Fred) Dickerson

Fred, a Platoon Leader and Company Commander of Fox & George Companies, 21st Infantry Regiment, passed away Saturday, June 25th, 2005. Cards may be sent to his wife Virginia, 1528 S Jamaica St, Aurora, CO 80012-5020

David E. Ramsey

David E. Ramsey, WWII. Co. M, died March 29, 2005. Cards may be sent to: 512 Morrison Street, McMinnville, TN 37110-3056

John Warner

John's wife Carol has notified us that John died 27 Mar 2005. Cards may be sent to 70843 Hwy 3 South, St. Maries, ID 83861-8189 or phone (208) 245-5299

24th Division Headquarters

Vic Holloway

Vic was with 24th Division Headquarters, 1951-52, he passed away May 31, 2005. He had a love for his Division. Vic was a Life Member, he never failed to let others know of our history in the Pacific. Cards may be sent to Betty Holloway, 1656 Rowland Drive, Santa Maria, California 93454 ~ Sent in By ~ Jim Dever

Donald P. Frie

Donald's wife Rosalie has written to let us know that Don died 8 December 2004. Cards may be sent to Rosalie Frie, 205 Meadowlark Lane # 1, Melrose, MN 56352-1506.

24th Medical Battalion

Walter R. Parrish

Mrs. Parrish writes: Walter, my husband of 64 years, passed away on 24 April 2005. He would have been 87 years old on 24 May. Walter got his basic training in Hawaii, and went on to Japan where he served with A. Company from 22 October 1942 until 5 December 1945. Cards may be sent to: Frances E. Parrish, 91 Ruel Ave., Hanover PA 17331-3424

24th Signal Company

Joseph C. Kopic

Joe died 9 October 2004. Cards may be sent to his wife Irene: 13327 Drayton Drive, Spring Hill. FL 34609-4440.

29th Infantry Regiment

Ronald H. Hanson

He was in the hospital and was supposed to stay another day, but insisted on going home that morning. Ron walked on his own from the car to his bedroom, where he sat on his bed and waited for his wife Bernita to come into the house. She sat next to him on the bed where they embraced. *"Dad passed with mom there beside him."* Memorials can be sent to: Hospice, 212 Main Ave. N., Bagley Mn. 56621, the address for Ron's wife Bertina, P.O. Box 34, Bagley, MN 56621. Ron's Web Site: <http://home.comcast.net/~cwff1/wsb/html/view.cgi-home.html-.html> Please stop by and sign the guest book..

34th Infantry Regiment

Samuel G. DeBellis

One of our most participating members has passed away. Our ranks grow thinner every day.

I'm sorry to report the passing of my father, Sam DeBellis on June 10th. He would have been 75 years old on July 20th. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce DeBellis. Two sons, Sam DeBellis, Jr. and Frank DeBellis. Dad dearly loved my wife Julie and his three grandchildren: Lindsey DeBellis, Matthew DeBellis, and Tyree Johnson. He was stationed in Japan with the occupation army in 1946. Sincerely, Sam DeBellis Jr: Cell: (541) 912-7104
Email: Sam_DeBellis@quadrachemicals.com

Charlie Card

Charlie passed away on Wednesday, July 6, 2005. He served with Company B. from 6/44 to 1/46...in the New Guinea...Philippines...campaigns and in Japan and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal W/OLC, for heroism on Kilay Ridge, Leyte, in 1944. In the early fifties through the sixties, Charlie was quite active in the Association, privileged to work closely with, and to be among the closest friends with one of the Association's founding fathers and long time Secretary Treasurer, Kenwood Ross. Surviving are Charlie's wife of 59 years, Martha Card, 2115 Crystal Hills Dr., Houston, TX 77077, his son Bill, Viet Nam Vet, two Granddaughters and four Great Grandchildren.

Jack S. Phillips

Jack passed away June 2001. A Life Member, Jack served with the 34 during WWII. Last available address: 1334 Brookedge Dr. Hamlin, NY 14464-9360, Phone: (716) 663-3044

5th RCT

Carl Medlin

A message from Carl's wife Ruth tells us that Carl died 4 February 2005.

Cards may be sent to: 14199 Apple Creek Dr, Victorville, CA 92392-4652, Phone: (760) 952-2254

52nd FA

Frank Zukowsky

Frank Zukowsky, 85, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2005 at Wishing Well Manor in Fairmont. He was born April 1, 1920. He served the U.S. Army from 1939 – 1945, serving in WWII in the 'A' Battery, 52nd Field Artillery. He was present at Schofield Barracks at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1944 he was sent to the China – Burma – India Theater where he traveled on foot through the Burmese jungle and through India and China. He earned the Bronze Star for a job well done in combat.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Zukowsky. As well as three sons, Frank Jr., Phil and John, a daughter, Christine Kisner, and nine grandchildren.

63rd FA

Marvin R. Schulz

Marvin served with the Service Co. 63rd FA & 13th FA. His wife Lenore reports that he died 25 April 2005. Cards may be sent to 4591 W. Rutland Road, Brooklyn, WI 53521-9424, Phone: (608) 455-2535

Edward L. Wilson

Edward died 25 Feb 2005. He served with the 63rd FA in Korea.

Cards may be sent to his wife: Joan, 16 True Lane, Seabrook, NH 03874

MOMENTS IN LIFE

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real!

When the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one, which has been opened for us.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of every thing that comes their way

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

"WE ARE ONLY PASSING THROUGH THIS WORLD TO GET TO A BETTER PLACE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO HELP SOMEONE ALONG THE WAY"

THE SAGA OF KIYOHITO (MIKE) TSUTSUI

Mike was the only Japanese National captured during the Korean War. He was born February 17, 1930, in Southern Japan. At the end of the Second World War he gained employment at a nearby US Army Base. He soon became the head of the kitchen police at Headquarters Battery, 63rd Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division at Camp Hakata, Japan.

When the unit was alerted to go to Korea to fight the Communist invasion from the North, Mike was asked by the Battery Commander, 1st Lt. Herman W. Starling to accompany the unit. He said yes and was given uniforms, a weapon and ammunition.

The 63rd FAB departed Japan on July 4, 1950 and arrived in Pusan the following day. On July 14, 1950, Mike and others from his unit became Prisoners of War. Mike was given a rank and serial number to remember lest the North Koreans find out he was actually a Japanese civilian and in Korea illegally. He could have been shot as a spy had the North Koreans found.

In those days all Koreans spoke Japanese because of the 40 year occupation by Japan.

Mike was pressed into service as the head interpreter and was severely beaten on a daily basis. He would interpret in such a way as to save the Americans being interrogated from beatings or even death. Mike did all this with complete disregard for his own life and was awarded the Medal of Freedom with Palm, the highest medal the United States could bestow on a foreign national at that time.

Mike was repatriated on August 17, 1953 and sent home to Japan. He had no back pay coming or benefits and the Japanese government was investigating him because he left the country illegally.

Some of the POW officers of the 24th Division brought Mike to the states on a student visa. Life was hard for Mike as he had no formal education in English. He had to drop out of college and went to Maine to live with Shorty Estabrook (B/19/24) who was a POW with him.

Mike would soon have to return to Japan because his visa was going to expire. He could not enlist in our Army but could volunteer for the draft which he did. After his training he was stationed in Yokohama. It was here he was awarded the Medal of Freedom.

Senator Barry Goldwater became interested in Mike case and had him transferred to Arizona and the Senator sponsored him for citizenship in a private bill before Congress. Mike became an American Citizen. Mike was discharged from the Army and traveled to Nebraska where Estabrook was stationed and was sworn in the Regular Army.

Mike served his new country for 20 years with a tour in Viet Nam. After his retirement he went to work for the government at Camp Zama Japan. And finally he retired altogether and takes care of his aged mother in Tokushima Japan.

Mike was awarded 14 medals.

**Medal of Freedom with Palm
Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Army Commendation Medal
6 Good Conduct Medals
National Defense Service Medal**

**Viet Nam Service Medal with four Bronze Campaign Stars
Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal with "60" Device
Meritorious Unit Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster
Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.**

For many years, friends of Mike have attempted to obtain military credit for his time as a POW. All efforts failed. The Department of the Army once said that such action would set a precedent for other in the same circumstances. But this is not possible as Mike was the only one ever so affected.

But Mike is a fighter and never gave up his quest to get credit for his POW time in Korea even though he was not in our Army.

And now for the rest of the story:

On July 29, 2005 the Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary Manpower and Reserve Affairs, issued a Memorandum for the US Army Review Boards Agency Support Division in St. Louis and APPROVAL was granted in Mike's case.

Mike's time as a civilian internee from 14 July 1950 to 17 August 1953 is now considered active Federal service and he will be compensated accordingly. His retirement record will be amended to show an additional 3 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

His retired pay will now be recalculated to reflect the addition 37 months and will be retroactive to 30 October 1975,

There is even more: Mike is now entitled to the POW Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation for his service in Korea.

He can apply for a Purple Heart Medal based on the many beatings he endured while a POW as well as the new Korean Service Medal.

Because of his loyalty to the United States and to his fellow Prisoners of War Mike can now be recommended for the DSC or perhaps a Silver Star Medal. He is also now able to file a claim with the VA for disabilities related to his time as a POW.

Written by:

Shorty Estabrook

23816 Matador Way, Murrieta CA 92562, 951-600-7222

POW Korea 37 Months 13 days

Founder of the Tiger Survivors

19th Infantry Regiment



19th Infantry
Regiment



Ed Hunter and Henry Gurfinkle, January 1945.
Ed writes, "Our camp at Mindoro. Henry's parents were both killed in Nazi concentration camp. They paid top money to have both Henry and his sister smuggled out of Germany. Henry later became my best man. An excellent soldier."



Hollandia, August, 1944

Ed Hunter, AI HQ Co. 1st BN, 19th INF camp on the oceans edge. "HQ Co. was a modest group so we wore our under shorts for swimming. That's 5'6" and 129 Lbs - Today I weigh 135 lbs."



Leyte December 1944

Ed writes, "This is at a town that we finally broke through to since we got off Hill 522. Also, the first time that we were able to get clean. Please notice, unlike the European War, there is no glamour in this uniform; which actually is a work uniform. No rank, insignia or whatever."

From here we went back to Polo, boarded ships and off to Mindoro. The young lady in the photo is not my type. My girlfriend was blonde, blue eyes, thin and shapely."



August 1944, Hollandia

Ed writes, "I liked this camp the best. It was on the beach of the clean, beautiful Pacific Ocean. From here we trained and loaded on board ships for the Leyte landing."



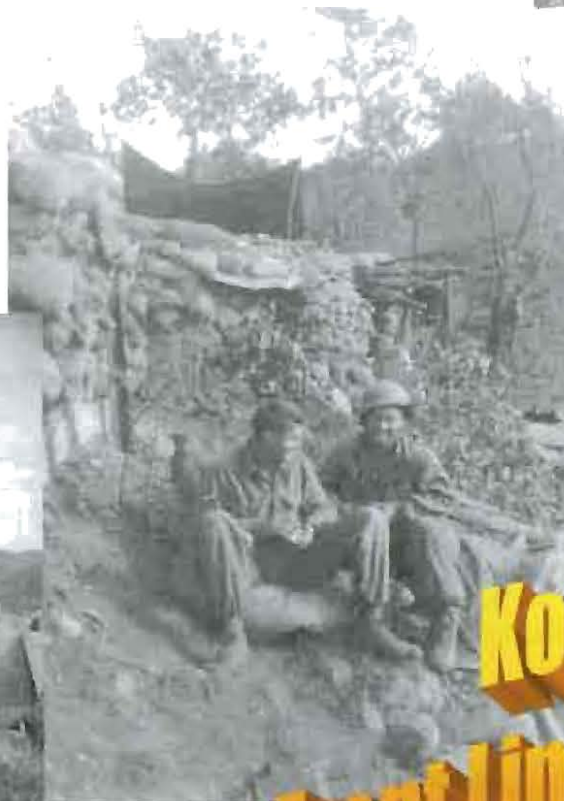
Mindoro, December 1944

Ed writes, "This was the ammo ship."

Photo on left submitted by ~ Ed Hunter, 19th INF



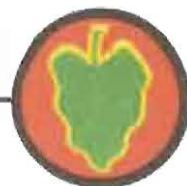
These photos of the Korean Front Line were submitted by ~ Scott Kloentrup, son of James R. Kloentrup pictured below. Scott is looking for anyone who knew his Dad. Scott's contact information can be found in the Looking For Buddies section page 17



**Korea
The Front Lines - Sept 1951**

Do you recognize yourself or a Buddy?
Let us know! ~ Billy, Editor

24th Infantry Division Association



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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 IDA 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 Cap Black	Veteran or CIB	12.00
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	W/Gold or Black Chain			48	Bumper Sticker –		3.00
8	Bolo Tie w/TL Silver		16.00	49	Proudly Served w/TL		
	Silver w/TL Silver			50	6 th Tank BN Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	5.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	51	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			52	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
10	29 th INF Cloth Patch (Color)		5.00	53	Good Conduct Medal	HP-927	3.00
11	24 Sig BN Unit Crest		5.00	54	Korean Service Medal	HP-929	3.00
12	19 th Inf Crest		5.00	55	Natl. Defense Service Medal	HP-957	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			56	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21 st Inf Crest		5.00	57	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			58	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
14	34 th Inf Crest		5.00	59	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			60	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	CMB 1 st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	62	US Flag Clutch Back	HP (V-37)	3.00
17	19 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	63	24 th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21 st Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	Pacific Campaign Medal	HP-963	3.00
19	34 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
20	11 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	66	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
21	13 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	67	Meritorious Service Medal	HP-056	3.00
22	24 ID Crest		5.00	68	UN Service Medal	HP-059	3.00
			5.00	69	Philippine Liberation	HP-361	3.00
24	34 th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	70	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
25	CIB (1 st Award) I-1346 (Mini)		5.00	71	Air Medal	HP-925	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			72	DSC Hatpin	HP-308	3.00
26	CIB (2 nd Award) I-1347 (Mini)		6.50	73	Bring 'Em Home/Back	HP-214	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			74	American Defense Medal	HP	3.00
27	CIB Lapel Pin		5.00	75	Vietnam Service Medal	HP	3.00
28	19 th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		10.00	76	24 ID Hatpin		3.00
29	21 st Cap White/Embroidered Patch		12.00	77	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21 st Cap Dark Blue /Embroidered Patch		12.00	78	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	55.00
31	34 th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	79	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
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33	Cap w/TL. Red or White GERMANY		12.00	81	Soldiers Medal	HP	3.00
34	24 IDA Red or White Caps		10.00	82	POW Medal	HP	3.00
35	24 IDA Green Cap		10.00		Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
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Campbell

2nd Row Left to Right
Guy, Forney, Clark, Papu, Bryant

WWII Photos Submitted By ~ Emilio Guglielmelli, Jr. 21st INF



Billy E. McFarland writes, "Ran across this marker in a very old cemetery in Tubac, AZ, south of Tucson off Interstate 19. Thought it might be of some interest."

Billy served with 'K' Co., 21st INF 1950-1951.



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WWII VET RECALLS UNEXPECTED KINDNESS FROM A JAPANESE SOLDIER

By Jack Silver

CITIZEN-TIMES READER

ASHVILLE - The story about the two Japanese soldiers still in hiding in the Philippines (AC-T May 28), brought back a memory of a Japanese man I met right after World War II. The Japanese formally surrendered in September 1945. My outfit, the 21st Infantry Regiment, was among the first to go in to Japan in late September. I joined them in October.

Everyone was very watchful and edgy because we didn't know if some Japanese soldiers, still loyal to Hideki Tojo, the premier, might try to kill us. Emperor Hirohito had surrendered and Tojo tried to assassinate him. Tojo was later executed by firing squad for torturing his enemies to get information.

My company was immediately deployed to a city up in the mountains to secure a Japanese airfield. We found the airfield still in fair condition, and a large hangar, half destroyed. An American general flew in and landed on the field, and his small plane was placed in the end of the hangar where there was no roof, because the end with a roof was full of old military vehicles and junk.

Two other soldiers and I were assigned to guard the plane for the night. We took turns, two with the plane, and one to sleep in the end of the hangar with a roof. When my turn came to sleep, I built up the big fire we had going and wrapped up in my blanket with my rifle. Sometime later, I was awakened by someone touching me and looked up into the eyes of the ugliest Japanese man I had ever seen.

His uniform was in rags and he was very thin. When he opened his mouth, I could see his big buckteeth had been filled with little specks of silver in a better day, but now his teeth had decayed around them. He wore spectacles that didn't fit over his eyes and he hadn't shaved in many days.

I jerked the blanket off and pointed my rifle at the man. I almost pulled the trigger. I guess the Good Lord stopped me from shooting him when he went down on his knees and started begging for his life, I guess, in Japanese.

Then he pointed to my smoking blanket. The fire had popped out little pieces of burning wood and they had landed on my blanket. He was picking the burning chips off me when I woke.

He had come in from the cold, looking for warmth and something to eat, if I would give it to him. I finally motioned for him to sit down by the fire, gave him two chocolate bars and we sat looking at each other for about two more hours. Then, I relieved one of the other men at the plane. When I returned, the Japanese man was gone.

I have often wished that I could have understood his language and heard his story. And I often wonder what happened to my former enemy who may have saved my life.

Jack Silver lives in Asheville. This is his third submission to "Our Stories."

Article Submitted By ~ Don Maggio, 24th AG

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	<i>or</i>			
8:30am-8:00pm	Washington, DC	\$55.00	x	\$ _____
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8:30am-2:20pm	Battleship New Jersey	\$60.00	x	\$ _____
	<i>or</i>			
9:00am-3:30pm	Fun in Philadelphia	\$60.00	x	\$ _____
6:30pm-11:00pm	Aloha Banquet			
	Pork Cutlet	\$31.00	x	\$ _____
	Filet of Sea Bass	\$31.00	x	\$ _____
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9:00am-12:00pm	Ladies Breakfast	\$19.00	x	\$ _____
8:00am-10:00am	Unit Memorial Breakfast	\$19.00	x	\$ _____
12:30pm-4:00pm	Valley Forge, PA	\$31.00	x	\$ _____
	<i>or</i>			
12:30pm 3:45pm	Historical Philadelphia	\$25.00	x	\$ _____
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Thursday September 22, 2005 Washington, DC \$55.00 per person

Washington, DC is not only the proud home of the nation's capital; it is a sophisticated city in its own right. We will arrive at The Orleans House where we will feast on your choice of Prime Rib, Baked Chicken or Broiled Haddock and a Salad Bar. We will meet our tour guide at 1:00pm for a four-hour tour of our nation's capital including the Monuments such as World War II, Vietnam, Koran along with FDR and Roosevelt Park. We will departure the hotel at 8:30am arrive for lunch at 11:30am – departure Washington DC 5:00pm and arrive back at the hotel approximately 8:00pm.

Friday September 23, 2005 Battleship New Jersey \$60.00 per person

Among the most notable battleships in the Navy's history is the USS New Jersey. Her keel was laid at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1940, and the hull was launched on December 7, 1942. The ship's sponsor was Mrs. Charles Edison, wife of the Governor of New Jersey and daughter-in-law of the famous inventor Thomas Edison. Laying of the Wreath Ceremony will take place upon our arrival at 8:50am. We will tour the Battleship New Jersey until 11:00am at which time we will leave the Battleship New Jersey to set sail on the Spirit of Philadelphia for sightseeing along the Delaware River. Lunch will be provided during the cruise. We will depart for the hotel at 2:10pm and arrive back at the hotel approximately 2:20pm.

Friday September 23, 2005 Fun in Philadelphia \$60.00 per person

The National Constitution Center is an independent, non-partisan, and non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of, and appreciation for, the Constitution, its history, and its contemporary relevance, through an interactive, interpretive facility within Independence National Historical Park and a program of national outreach, so that We the People may better secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. We will arrive at the National Constitution Center at 9:15am for a film at 9:40am. We will depart the National Constitution Center at 11:30am for the Spaghetti Warehouse where lunch will be served. We will depart the Spaghetti Warehouse at 1:30pm to Ride the Ducks of Philadelphia. We will depart at 3:30pm for a short ride back to the hotel.

Saturday September 24, 2005 Valley Forge, PA \$31.00 per person

Valley Forge is the story of the six-month encampment of the Continental Army of the newly formed United States of America under the command of General George Washington, a few miles from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Though no battles was fought here from December 19, 1777 to June 19, 1778, a struggle against the elements and low moral was overcome on this sacred ground. We will depart the hotel at 12:30pm and arrive approximately 1:30pm for a ninety-minute visit. Will we leave Valley Forge 3:00pm and arrive back at the hotel approximately 4:00pm.

Saturday September 24, 2005 Historical Philadelphia \$25.00 per person

Philadelphia is the place where much of our history was born and today, history lives on as Colonial, Revolutionary, and Federal History periods are preserved through museums and exhibits. We will depart the hotel at 12:30pm and meet the Good Wife Mrs. Benjamin Franklin at the Independence Mall for a three-hour tour of Philadelphia. We will depart at 3:30pm for the hotel and will arrive approximately 3:45pm.

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24th Infantry Division Reunion Meals

Holiday Inn Philadelphia Hotel Historic District



Aloha Banquet **September 23, 2005**

Pork Cutlet in an Apple Brandy Sauce
Or

Herb Crusted Filet of Sea Bass topped w/a Mango Salsa

Served with Salad, Rolls & Butter, Fresh Vegetable, Appropriate Accompaniment, Chef
Select Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea.

\$31.00 Inclusive of Tax and Gratuity

Saturday Morning Breakfast **September 24, 2005**



Cinnamon Supreme French Toast
Luscious Slices of Cinnamon-Infused Rolls Dipped
In Egg Batter & Grilled to a Golden Brown
Served with Creamy Butter & Warm Syrup,
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Served w/Fresh Orange Juice, Bakery Basket & Coffee or Tea

\$19.00 Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity



Memorial Banquet **September 24, 2005**

Nine Spice Roasted Rib-eye of Beef served in a Burgundy Demi Glaze
Or

Chicken Mediterranean – Sautéed Chicken Breast topped w/Roasted Red Peppers served
in a Zinfandel Demi-Glaze

Served with Salad, Rolls & Butter, Fresh Vegetable, Appropriate Accompaniment, Chef
Select Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea.

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CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

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 24, 2005, 8:00 AM at the Holiday Inn Philadelphia Historic District, Philadelphia, PA. The Unit Mess Hall location for each unit will be posted at the registration table. The cost for each breakfast is \$19.00. 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 BREAKFAST TO

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Unit Mess Hall
3rd Engr / 5th RCT / 555th FA
19th Infantry / 29th Infantry
21st Infantry / 52nd FA / 11th FA
34th Infantry / 63rd FA / 26th AAA

Headcount
Bill Boyden
Jim Cooper
Wes Morrison
Roger Mitten

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.

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LADIES BREAKFAST

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In Egg Batter & Grilled to a Golden Brown

Served with Creamy Butter & Warm Syrup,

Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon

Served w/Fresh Orange Juice, Bakery Basket & Coffee or Tea

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NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY AND ZIP CODE _____

COST: \$19.00 (Inclusive of Tax & Gratuity)

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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Troopers & Loopers

The following picture was taken from the Wisconsin Korean War Memorial that I visited just a week ago. This is for you 3rd ID vets and any Outpost Harry survivors that may be on this list. ~ Will

Siege of Outpost Harry: in a series of nightly attacks over eight days in June 1953, the Chinese tried and failed to wrest this strategic spot from GIs - Korean War *VFW Magazine*, May, 2003 by Tim Dyhouse

The Americans knew an attack on Outpost Harry was coming. As U.N. and Communist negotiators haggled during the first week of June 1953 in Panmunjoon, U.S. troops fortified defenses around the outpost—a hill that sat some 425 yards in front of the U.S. Main Line of Resistance (MLR) and only 320 yards from Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) positions.

Based on U.S. aerial reconnaissance that showed a flurry of CCF construction behind enemy lines in early June, U.S. commanders were expecting a large-scale attack. And they were right. The CCF offensive began with an intense artillery barrage around 6 p.m. on June 10.

"During the night," Time magazine reported in its June 22, 1953 edition, "20,000 artillery and mortar shells exploded in an area smaller than Times Square."

Heroism Amidst Nightmare

Defending Outpost Harry that first night were 48 men comprising two platoons from K Co., 3rd Bn., 15th Regt. Before the shells stopped exploding, the first of some 3,600 infantry troops from the CCF's 74th Division began swarming into Harry's trenches. For GIs, the situation was grim.

"I thought I'd bought the farm," said Sgt. Ola Mize, who was later awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the early morning hours of June 11. "I just knew I was going to die. I knew it. I accepted it. All I wanted to do was take as many of them with me as I could."

Heroism abounded that first night. Lt. George Richards earned the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device posthumously when he held the enemy off long enough for a forward observer to call in friendly artillery on their own position.

"It's hard to believe I survived the worst nightmare of my life, and I wouldn't have had it not been for men like Capt. [Martin] Markley [commander of K Company], Lt. Richards and the forward observer," said 2nd Lt. Sam Buck of the 39th Field Artillery Battalion, attached to K Company.

By the time two U.S. infantry (C and E) companies and a tank company of the 15th Regiment reinforced Mize's unit around 8 a.m., only 12 Americans in the two original platoons were still alive. But U.S. forces still held the hill.

"When I reached the top of Outpost Harry, the battle was fierce," said Staff Sgt. David "Blackie" Kiska of the Tank Company. "We gathered up the wounded, loaded them on the personnel carrier and went down the hill back to the MLR. We continued this operation for the next several days."

Retrieval of the dead and wounded became a daily occurrence for the next week.

Just after midnight on June 12, with B Co., 5th Regimental Combat Team (RCT) and B Co., 15th Regt., now defending Outpost Harry, the CCF attacked again, moving through their own, ever-present artillery fire.

"We could see them out there near the wire, falling right on top of each other. It just wasn't human," said Pvt. William McLennan, 3rd Bn., 15th Regt. "I guess they wanted Harry. But they didn't get it. They told us to hold it. We did."

As had become the routine by this point in the battle, the CCF withdrew at dawn, and evacuation of the dead and wounded commenced. A Co., 5th RCT then relieved B Company.

Unreal Scene

Like clockwork, CCF artillery and mortar fire heralded an enemy attack around 11 p.m. June 13. Again, CCF troops broke into OP Harry's trench system, and once again GIs drove them out in vicious hand-to-hand combat.

Regrouping, the CCF mounted an ambitious three-pronged attack from the north, northwest and northeast at 2 a.m. U.S. troops from L Co., 15th Regt., rushed to join the fight.

"The scene on the top of Harry was unreal," said Sgt. E. Douglas Jones of L Company. "The smoke, dust, searchlights, parachute flares and flare grenades combined to create a surreal effect difficult to describe. The commo trenches on Harry were, in places, half-filled with bodies—mostly Chinese."

CCF attacked again in the early morning hours of June 14 and 15 with A, C, G and E companies of the 15th Regiment and D Co., 5th RCT defending the hill at various times. The nights of June 15 and 16 were quiet on Outpost Harry. The Greek Battalion held the hill while U.S. infantry units received some much-needed rest. It also allowed B Co., 10th Engineer Combat Battalion and P Co., Greek Battalion, to shore up Harry's defensive structures.

But the CCF had one gasp left. The familiar artillery and mortar barrages began shortly after midnight on June 18, and the Chinese attacked, from the northeast and northwest. After their initial thrust failed, CCF infantry reached the trenches around 3 a.m.

Again, bitter close-up fighting ensued, and N Co., Greek Battalion joined the fight. By 4 a.m., U.S. and U.N. troops drove the CCF from Outpost Harry for good. The 3rd Infantry Division estimated CCF casualties for the eight-day battle at 4,200. U.S. casualties totaled 183 KIA and 606 WIA. (Figures compiled by researcher Michael P. Slater show 174 KIA.)

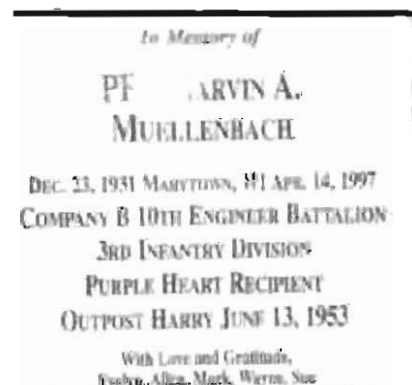
Victorious GIs, though, were weary. Promises of a much-anticipated cease-fire were still unfulfilled.

"If this is getting ready for peace," a wounded rifleman said, "I'd just as soon go back to the old war." Shortly after the battle an Army nurse at a MASH unit a few miles from Outpost Harry echoed his thoughts. As she showed a Time reporter a row of cots filled with bloody, groaning men, she said, "Does this look like peace to you?"

Martin Markley, captain of K Co., 15th Inf., back then and now a member of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association, pointed out: "Of significance is that four infantry companies were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for this battle."

BATTLE CASUALTIES

Killed in Action	183
Wounded in Action	606



THE 19TH INFANTRY FIRST IN CHINNAMPO

By

James F. Hill
19th Infantry

BACKGROUND-

In late October 1950 the North Korean Army was in total disarray and was retreating on all fronts to the Northern part of the country. In close contact with the enemy were combat units of the US Eighth Army. Part of the Eighth Army was the US I Corps commanded by Major General Frank W. Milburn that consisted of the 1st Cavalry Division, the 1st Republic of Korea Division, the British Commonwealth Division and the 24th Infantry Division. The 1st Cavalry was commanded by MG Hobart Gay and the 24th by MG John Church.

After the breakout of US forces into North Korea I Corps was assigned the western part of the country with the 1st Cav and the 24th as the lead elements. The 24th area of operation was the coast inland with the 1st Cav on the right of the 24th. The assigned mission of I Corps was to destroy all NK Forces when contact was made and to capture the capital city of North Korea, Pyongyang. The 7th Cavalry Regiment was the lead element for the 1st Cav and the 19th Infantry Regiment was the lead unit for the 24th Division.

FIRST IN CHINNAMPO

Now for the facts of how the 19th was first in Chinnampo--. General Milburn had informed General Gay and General Church that the first divisional unit to enter the city of Sariwon, south of Pyongyang, would have the honor of capturing Pyongyang. Both the 7th Cav and the 19th were running neck and neck to be the first in Sariwon but the 7th had the advantage in that they were using the major north-south road in the area and the 19th was being forced to use the secondary roads along the coast. In fact, the regimental commander of the 7th had ordered that no other units could go through the 7th's area and he even established roadblocks to his rear to prevent any unit to enter.

By the 17th of October both the 7th Cav and the 19th Infantry troops were traveling by night under blackout conditions. It was difficult in that the units did not have any maps of the area being traveled. The night before reaching the Taedong River estuary the 19th was traveling at a slow speed along an unmarked one-lane gravel road. Suddenly out of a side road came four or five vehicles at a high speed with their lights on and entered into the 19th's convoy. After a few moments of panic on both sides the drivers of the NK vehicles realized that they were in an American convoy and after a small firelight they abandoned their vehicles and ran into the nearby forests. At the time I was in the lead vehicle of a ten or twelve truck convoy. The vehicle that was abandoned closest to my position was a brand new Russian version of our 2-1/2 ton truck and its engine was still running. (I kept it for about two weeks before it was taken away from me by higher authority and given to the South Korean Army!)

Upon reaching the estuary we went into bivouac along the waterfront. The next morning our regimental Piper Cub pilot reported that he had observed across the river in Chinnampo that there was no signs of life in the town but there was what looked like a prison with several bodies in a pit that appeared to be Caucasian. During this time we were finding POWs that had escaped from the North Koreans. There was concern that the bodies the pilot had observed could have been American POWs. Chinnampo was a once a highly industrialized city that served as the port city for Pyongyang. The city had been developed by British interests and had numerous well-constructed buildings, however, the US Air Force had pretty well destroyed the city and the pilot reported that the prison was in ruins.

The morning of the 22nd my battalion commander (Lt. Colonel Mickey Marks, later Major General Marks) tasked me with the mission of taking a squad of 7 or 8 men, mainly from B Company, cross the Taedong Estuary and go to the prison site and determine if any of the bodies the pilot had observed were American or British. I have forgotten the names of the men that were with me except for Lt. Lloyd Smith, Sgt. BJ Hunt, Cpl. Henry Grzeczowski and Cpl. Bob Hartley. We found along the waterfront a small Korean dugout with a small outboard motor. After convincing a very scared North Korean that we meant him no harm and just wanted transportation across the estuary he agreed to take us across.

THE 19TH INFANTRY - FIRST IN CHINNAMPO (Cont.)

After filling the tank with gasoline we crossed the water that was over a mile wide at that point. We were all very tensed because we did not know if some NK stragglers were still in the town and we had been informed that the estuary had been mined with Russian mines. The tide from the Yellow Sea is very strong and was ebbing when we crossed. For a time it was our "Putt-Putt" against the tide but we finally made it across to the Chinnampo side of the water.

Air Force fighters with rockets had hit the town on numerous occasions and we found the town completely deserted. There were no soldiers or civilians to be found. After determining we were the only living individuals in town we proceeded several blocks into the town to the prison compound and verified that all the bodies were Asian and there were no Caucasians. By this time it was late afternoon and with the tide coming in at a rapid speed I wanted to cross back over to the southern side of the estuary before nightfall. I took my small group that were with me back into "down town" and we all decided we needed a break before we tackled crossing the estuary again.

As we were resting along side of what was once a bank building we heard the noise of several vehicles entering the town from the east. Needless to say it put us on edge as we prepared to take on whatever was coming our way. Around the corner of the main street in a cloud of dust came a US jeep with a pair of Buffalo horns attached to the hood and a bugler or air horn playing the cavalry bugle call "Charge". Sitting in the jeep was an US Army Colonel with several GIs that were armed to the teeth. Once he spotted our rag-tag group (we hadn't shaved or had a change of clothes in several days) he ordered his driver to stop his vehicle. After a salute from a very nervous unkempt looking lieutenant he looked me straight in the eye and said words to the effect "Who in the Hell are you?" I explained our mission and informed him that we had been in the town for several hours and there was no one else there. After some more troops from his unit arrived he had his Mess Sergeant provide us with some hot food and fed us before we tackled the river and the incoming tide for our return trip across the river to the south side. I later found out the Colonel was William A. Harris who was the regimental commander of the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Several days later we received a copy of the Stars and Stripes newspaper with the big headlines "THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION; FIRST IN MANILA, FIRST IN TOKYO AND FIRST IN PYONGYANG AND CHINNAMPO". Even if the 19th never received the publicity that Colonel Harris and the 1st Cavalry received 1st Lt. Jim Hill and a small group of soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry will always know that the 19th Infantry was FIRST in Chinnampo,

THE REST OF THE STORY-

The British 27th Brigade attached to the 1st Cavalry Division was the first unit into Sariwon giving the 1st Cav the right to capture Pyongyang as promised by the Corps Commander. However, due to a misunderstanding of orders given by General Gay to Colonel Harris the 7th Cavalry Regiment was denied the honor of capturing Pyongyang. That honor was given to the 5th Cavalry Regiment. F Company, 5th was the first unit into the city on 19 October although the 1st ROK Division entered the city at about the same time from a different direction. The 7th Cavalry was given the task of securing Chinnampo and the official US Army history states that the 7th entered Chinnampo on 22 October after a night march from south of Pyongyang. Sorry history book-on the afternoon of 22 October Lt. Jim Hill and a small group of soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry were sitting down to a hot meal with a very irate Colonel Harris who was still perturbed that a young, immature lieutenant and seven or eight men had arrived in Chinnampo before him. Colonel William Allan Harris was a West Point graduate of 1933 and had served with distinction in World War II. After Korea he served at the highest levels of the US Army and retired as a Major General in 1966. General Harris died in 1986. Jim Hill served with 19th Infantry in both Japan and Korea from 1949 to 1951 and retired from the United States Army in 1975 after thirty-one years of service. He is a former President of the 24th Infantry Division Association.



Oregon Korean War Memorial



Photo's Submitted By ~ Vince Rybell, Div HQ



34th Infantry Regiment



L.E.P. & friend in Camp Stonman, CA



Leo Poulos & L.E.P. in P.I. April 7 1945



Some of my Platoon in Philippines (2 Arrows are Johnson Twins)

L.E.P., Young from Ohio, Whitlock from W. Virginia in the Philippine Islands

L.E.P. is Lawrence Personeni

Submitted By Paul Cain for Lawrence Personeni





My wonderful wife, Inez, has wanted me to write an article for the Taro Leaf since the Editors encouraged former members to write about experiences while being members of the 24th Division.

I was a member of Company M, 34th Infantry Regiment, later transferred to Service Company Our Regiment was activated at Fort Jackson, S. C. in 1940. In October '41, we received orders for transfer to the Philippine Islands. We sailed from San Francisco, Calif. on December 16th arrived at Honolulu December 22nd. If the attack on Pearl Harbor had been a month later, we would have probably made the Bataan Death March. Anyway, we were assigned to the 24th Division at Schofield Bks. We were quartered in the old 298th Hawaiian National Guard Barracks. They were all wood barracks and one story open type with screens around the buildings. All of us who are living remember where we went and what we did while at Schofield.

After Schofield, we sailed to Australia landing at a small seaport town named Gladstone. We went north, by rail, to Rockhampton. Remember the narrow gage railroads? There, we assembled, trained and went to Brisbane for further beach landing. After which we sailed to Goodenough Island and staged for Hollandia in New Guinea. After our first combat it was Biak Island, back to Hollandia for the Philippine Islands Leyte was first, On to Luzon. (Remember Zig Zig Pass, Bataan, Corregidor, Mindoro and last Mindanao?)

The "Point System" was in effect then and there were fifty-one of ours who made it through were left to rotate. All, having the same amount of rotation points, drew numbers written on scraps of paper. The ritual was conducted by Col. William A. Jenna, our Regimental Commander. (If you remember, the Col. was an accomplished pianist). I predicted that I would draw number fifty-one and I did. So, I believe that I was in the last group to leave the 34th Infantry Regiment.

I retired July 1962 after twenty two years service as a 1st Sgt. I was the Regimental Motor Sgt. for our Regiment. I hope I served well. Let's Pray for our Comrades who may be still living and were members of the Great 34th Infantry Regiment May the Supreme Being Above watch over us who are left. Thank you.

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Dave Mann, 34th taking a photo of Hill 522 in PI
Submitted By ~ Roger L. Reid, 34th



It was in Japan with the 34th Regiment. Sent to Korea June 1950. Hit our first action on July 5, 1950. I was with Medical Co. as a Jeep driver, when we got hit July 20, 1950. That was the end of the 34th for me. After walking the hills trying to find our lines for 21 days, I was sent to the 19th Regt. They gave me a medical bag and said I was a combat medic after showing me how to stop the bleeding and bandaging. I was with 3 or 4 companies, because I was sent back to the rear and never returned to the Company I left.



But I am getting mail from K. Co., so that must have been my last company I as sent back to the States in May of 1951. About the flags: I told my friend Pat Alberts what I wanted to do, in the meantime Wal-Mart had the poles and flags. She worked for them and got the first crack at these. Brought them home and sealed and put them up. So I had to put them before Memorial Day. Because we are the home for Memorial Days it worked out OK. I've had many compliments on them.

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P.S. Waterloo, NY is the birthplace of Memorial Day.

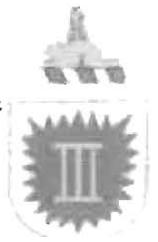
Submitted By ~ A.G. Montaglione, 34th INF



24TH. INF DIVISION



3rd Engineer Combat Battalion



Baker on Point

Randoff & Chico & Smith



Ordinance



HQ & SV Co 3rd "C" ENG
Graham & Chico



Photos Submitted By ~ Clyde Matlock who was with the 3rd "C" Engs, June 1950 – June 1951
Mrs. Matlock has a request in Looking For Buddies on page 18 for anyone who knew Clyde to give her a call.



Submitted By ~ Frederick E. Baker, 26th AAA



▲ 155mm Howitzer of 11th Field
knocked out as we left Taejon, 20
July 1950.
Photo taken by PFC Lang, 24th
MP's, as we re-entered the city 18
Sept 1950
(Note tires burned off)
Submitted By ~
Frederick E. Baker, 26th AAA

Submitted By ~ Harold Aberle, 26th AAA

6th Tank with half-tracks of "C" Battery



EXIT LAUGHING (or Crying)

THE STUPID SIGN

Stupid people should have to wear signs that just say, "I'm Stupid." That way you wouldn't rely on them, would you? You wouldn't ask them anything. It would be like, "Excuse me...oops...never mind, didn't see your sign."

It's like before my wife and I moved. Our house was full of boxes and there was a U-Haul truck in our driveway. My neighbor comes over and says, "Hey, you moving?" "Nope. We just pack our stuff up once or twice a week to see how many boxes it takes. Here's your sign."

A couple of months ago I went fishing with a buddy of mine. we pulled our boat into the dock, I lifted up this big ol' stringer of bass and this idiot on the dock goes, "Hey, y'all catch all them fish?" "Nope. Talked 'em into giving up. Here's your sign."

I was watching one of those animal shows on the Discovery Channel. There was a guy inventing a shark bite suit. And there's only one way to test it. "Alright, Jimmy, you got that shark suit on, it looks good... They want you to jump into this pool of sharks, and you tell us if it hurts when they bite you." "Well, all right, but hold my sign. I don't wanna lose it."

Last time I had a flat tire, I pulled my truck into one of those side-of-the-road gas stations. The attendant walks out, looks at my truck, looks at me, and I SWEAR he said, "Tire go flat?" I couldn't resist. I said, "Nope. I was driving around and those other three just swelled right up on me. Here's your sign."

We were trying to sell our car about a year ago. A guy came over to the house and drove the car around for about 45 minutes. We get back to the house, he gets out of the car, reaches down and grabs the exhaust pipe, then says, "Damn that's hot!" See, if he'd been wearing his sign, I could have topped him.

I learned to drive an 18-wheeler in my days of adventure. Wouldn't you now, I misjudged the height of a bridge. The truck got stuck and I couldn't get it out, no matter how I tried. I radioed in for help and eventually a local cop shows up to take the report. He went through his basic questioning...okay...no problem. I thought for sure he was clear of needing a sign...until he asked, "So, is your truck stuck?" I couldn't help myself! I looked at him, looked back at the rig and then back to him and said, "No, I'm delivering a bridge... here's your sign."

I stayed late at work one night and a co-worker looked at me and said, "Are you still here?" I replied, "No. I left about 10 minutes ago. Here's your sign."

Anybody you know need a sign today?

The next time someone says something stupid ask them where their sign

The real author of the piece is Bill Engvall. Engvall has been performing his "Here's your sign" routine in comedy clubs for many a year, and in 1997 he produced a comedy record of that name. That same year he teamed with singer Travis Tritt on a video entitled "Here's Your Sign," which featured Tritt's vocals over Engvall's spoken-word comedy. It went on to become the best-selling comedy single of the year and, more impressively, finished No. 1 among all country singles.

To be fair, Bill Engvall was not the first to make folks laugh with smartass responses to dumb inquiries. Another popular (and earlier) example of this genre was Al Jaffee's "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions" an ongoing feature of Mad Magazine from the 1960s. The following sample comes from the 1968 issue:

Q: (from a waiter, to a husband and wife) Table for how many?

A: A hundred and twelve — we like to change seats every few minutes.

A: One — my wife will sit on my shoulders.

A: I don't know — I can't count that high, either.

Let's have the
Reunion in Your City!

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

FINE DINING DOWN THE TOILET

Taiwan restaurant's motif takes a bath

In the last few years, Taiwan entrepreneurs have opened restaurants with motifs such as prisons, zombies and Mao Zedong, but the latest is Eric Wang's "Marton," in Kaohsiung, whose theme is the toilet. All seats are what you would think, with food served on a glass tabletop resting on a bathtub, and some of the delicacies are presented in miniature toilet bowls (among them, curry hot pot, and disturbingly, chocolate ice cream).

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

(1) British entrepreneur Colin Dowse recently introduced Sprayonmud (about US\$14 a quart); dirty water chemically treated for greater stickiness, mainly for urban SUV owners to pass themselves off as all-terrain adventurers. (2) The maker of Doggles (which for several years has sold sunglasses for dogs at about \$25) now offers corrective-lens Doggles starting at \$75, which veterinary ophthalmologists can prescribe as alternative to \$2,000 lens-replacement surgery, according to a March report by KMGH-TV in Denver.

SCIENCE ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Recent scholarly findings (reduced to their essence in a May Wall Street Journal column): It's much easier to identify someone if he is physically near you than if he is up to 450 feet away (Psychonomic Bulletin Review, February). People who choose their careers carefully, rather than on a whim, experience greater job satisfaction (Journal of Economic Psychology, vol. 26, no.3). College students tend to drink more alcoholic beverages than they realize (Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research, April). If patients voluntarily tell a doctor about a bad side effect of a medicine, they are more likely to be switched to a safer one than if they don't (Archives of Internal Medicine, January). According to a study by Professor Martin Gibala and others, published in the June Journal of Applied Physiology, people can get the health benefits associated with two hours' cycling in just two minutes. Gibala said that over a two-week period, two hours daily of moderate-speed riding made cyclists no healthier than four all-out, to-the-max 30-second bursts daily (with four minutes' rest in between). (However, all subjects were already at least moderate exercisers.)

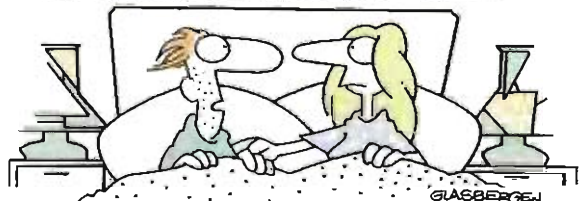
LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

Easy identifications: (1) Awiey "Chucky" Hernandez, 20, was arrested when he went to the 90th Precinct station house in Brooklyn to check on the status of a pal and inadvertently stood directly in front of his own "wanted" poster (on robbery and drug charges). The in-custody pal Hernandez had come to inquire about was Huquan "Guns" Gavin, 18, who appears with him on the poster. (2) Charles Cross Jr., was arrested on the street minutes after allegedly robbing a Fifth Third Bank in Louisville, Ky., in May, because he displayed the effects of having been looking directly into his stash bag at the moment the red-dye device exploded.

MORE THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT

(1) Five Buddhist monks in Bangkok were defrocked in May after a street fight culminating years of hostility between two temples, according to a Reuters dispatch. Said one (who used brass knuckles), "When an ordinary person is given a middle-finger sign, he will be mad. So will I." (2) In May, a 1, 500-pound camel named Poon, roaming around his home at the Mayle Farm in Shinnston, W Va., decided to sit down on top of a woman who was painting a fence. No one could hear her muffled screams, but she managed to call 911 on her cell phone, and help arrived just as Poon had begun to bite her.

Chuck Shepherd,
News of the Weird (Weird News@earthlink.net)



"Let's try getting up every night at 2:00 AM
to feed the cat. If we enjoy doing that,
then we can talk about having a baby."



The Medal of Honor, the nations highest sword for military Valor is given to those who have acted with supreme courage and to disregard their won safety in the face of most hazardous conditions. It is an award that only a comparative handful of men in the world are entitled to wear. It is bestowed by act of Congress and reflects Democracy's gratitude to those who, in moments of risk, offered everything they had in its defense, including life itself. The medal is but a humble token, a gesture of recognition for sacrifices, which cannot be repaid to its honored holders, their survivors, in worldly goods.

Twelve soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division between 1944 and 1951, so distinguished themselves with sacrificial and intrepid acts on the battlefield and received this highest decoration. Three recipients are from World War II and the other nine received their award during the Koran War. Only General Dean Lieutenant Dodd, And Sergeant Adams lived to receive the Medal personally. Sergeant Duke survived combat but died later in a North Korean POW camp. All others were killed in action and along with Sgt. Duke received their decorations posthumously.

Private First Class **James H. Diamond**, New Orleans, Louisiana
C Company, 21st Infantry Regiment
8-14 May 1945, Mintal, Mindanao

Just two weeks before the surrender by Japan, a Japanese sniper arose from his foxhole to throw a grenade at Pfc. Diamond's section. Pfc. Diamond charged the enemy soldier, killing him with a burst from his submachine gun. While delivering sustained fire upon the enemy with his submachine gun, he directed artillery and heavy machinegun fire on a group of enemy pillboxes that were pinning down his and other sections. This allowed two U.S. machinegun sections to set up and bring their weapons to bear on the enemy. He later volunteered to assist in evacuating wounded soldiers from a bridgehead, transporting them to safety through a hail of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Days later, while leading a patrol through enemy fire to evacuate wounded, he was mortally wounded as he secured an abandoned machinegun. Through near death, he was able to draw the enemy's fire, allowing the remaining patrol members to reach safety.

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