

1949 MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY 1954

PERMANENTLY ATTACHED

5th Infantry Regiment

19th Combat Inf. Bn. (Philippines)

1st Bn. 62nd ROKA Inf. Regt.

555th Field Artillery Bn.

955th F.A. Bn.

Three Btrys./ 155mm Howitzers

53rd Counter Fire Platoon

2nd Plat. C Btry. 26th, AAA, AW, Bn. (SP)

2nd Plat. D Btry. 145th, AAA, AW, Bn. 45th Div.

740th Ord. Co. 40th Inf. Div.

Heavy Mortar Co.

Hvy. Mtr. Co. 20th ROKA Div.

5th Tank Company

1st Plat. Co. D 6th Med. Tank Bn.

5th Medical Company

Co. D 3rd Plat. Ambulance Co.

25th Medical Bn.

1st Plat. 568th Ambulance Co.

52nd Ambulance Bn.

72nd Combat Engineers

Co. D 3rd Combat Engrs.

724th Ordinance Section

2nd Platoon 92nd Engineer Searchlight Co.

5th RCT Light Aviation Sec.

Tactical Air Controller "T.A.C."

TEMPORARILY ATTACHED

10-11 August 50-Bloody Gulch

A Btry. 90th F.A. Bn. 25th Div.

One Btry./ 155mm Howitzers

12-14 Aug B&C Btry 159th F.A. Bn

105mm Howitzers

Sept. 50 C. Co. 70th Tank Bn.

Jan. 51 A Co. 72nd Tank Bn.

B Co. 2nd Chemical Mtr. Bn.

52nd F.A. Bn.

25 April 1951 - Death Valley

955th F.A. Bn.

8th Ranger Co. 24th Div.

Co. D 6th Tank Bn.

14 October 51

1st & 2nd Bn. 21st Inf. Regt. 24th Div.

February 1952

3rd RCT Bn 27th Inf. Regt. 25th Div.

24 June-1 July 1952

4th Plt. 14th Tank Co.

1 July 1952

3rd Plt. D Co. 89th Tank Bn.

23 Jan 51-July-October 1952

42nd Scout Dog Platoon

26th Inf. Regt. 1st Div.

Spring 1953

Tank Co. 180th Reg. 45th Div.

11-14 June Outpost Harry 1953

14-15 June 53

3rd Recon. Co. 3rd Inf. Div.

14 July 53

Hvy. Mtr. Co. 179th Inf. 45th Div.

17-18 July 53

Co. A 14 Bn. Combat Team 45th Div.

18 July 53

2nd Bn. 180 Inf. Regt. 45th Div.

25-28 July 53

3rd Bn. 180th Inf. 45th Div.

KOREAN 25 June 50 ★★ Campaign Streamers ★★ 27 July 53 WAR

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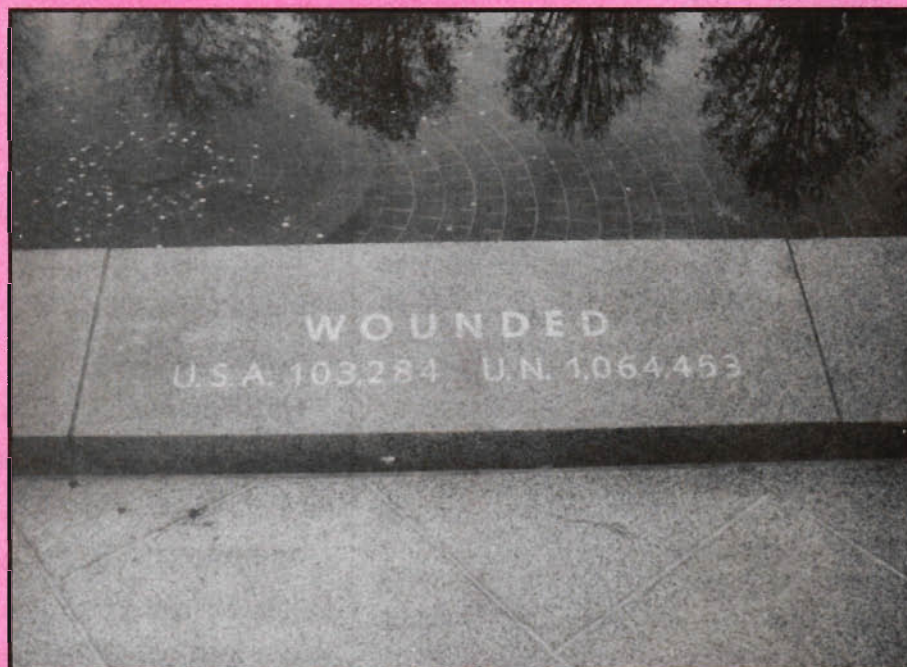
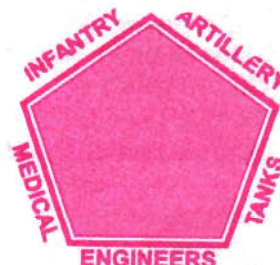
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The Queen's Guarding Angels Of All



Killed in Action 949
Wounded in Action 3,188
Taken as Prisoners of War 151
Missing in Action 86
2 Medal of Honor Recipients
34 Distinguished Service Cross
408 Silver Star w/Valor Device
7 Legion of Merit
1390 Bronze Star w/Valor Device
5 Soldiers Medal
Presidential Unit Citation (Army)
Streamer Embroidered Chin Ju
Distinguished Unit Citation
9-13 August 1950
3rd Battalion 5th Inf. & Attached Units
3rd Platoon Tank Co. 5th Inf.
3rd Platoon Medical Co. 5th Inf.
2nd Platoon 72nd Engineer Co. C
555 F.A. Liaison Party
25 May 51 - Captured 1,268
C.C.F. POWs

Distinguished Unit Citation
12-13 June 1953
Co. A 5th Inf. Regt. 5th RCT & Attached Units
1st Sec. Machine Gun Plat. Co D 5th RCT
2nd Sec. Machine Gun Plat. Co.D 5th R.C.T.
F.O. Team 555 F.A. Bn. 5th RCT
72nd Engineer Co. C 5th RCT
Republic of Korea Presidential
Unit Citations Streamer Embroidered
Korea 1950-52,-1950, 53,-1952-54



Hawaiian

Island's

1949
"Doc"

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Al McAdoo Assoc. Founder 5 Mar. 1990

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From Your Editor

The color chosen for the Newsletter will rotate monthly to honor the various service branches. Pictures, when available, will do the same.

The front cover will include information about the 5th and attached units. The back cover will include information about who we were attached to in sequence as that information becomes available.

Infantry. Light blue. The Queen of Battle. The Infantrymen are the Pawns, her sons in baby blue. Ground Pounders.

Artillery. Red. The Queen's Thunder when all turns red. The Artillerymen are Bishops, her umbilical cord to her sons. Red Legs.

Tankers. Yellow. The Queen's Terrible Swift Sword. Armored Cavalrymen, Knights, her wrath. Iron Horsemen.

The Medical. Maroon. The Queen's Guardian Angels of All. Corpsmen, King, her heart and soul. Doc.

Engineers. Red and white checkerboard. The Queen's Fortification Builders. Combat Engineers, Rooks, her wisdom. Castle Builders.

Headquarters. The Queen's rein. Headquarters Personnel, Chess Board, her mind and intelligence. Desk Jockeys. HQ will be inclusive in all branches of service.

All material in this Newsletter is submitted by members, the Editor, or interested persons. **No advertising, political, or other materials not pertaining to this Newsletters time frame 1949 – 1954.** Will not be put to print, but retained in the Editorial Files! The Editor should receive information for Jul., Aug and Sept Issue by the second week in June.

About the Cover: WIA's MIA's

Assoc. Officers 2013 2014.

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Dick Lewis	1989
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From The Sec/Treas



5TH R.C.T. ASSOCIATION



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INFORMATION FROM SECRETARY/TREASURER

I RECEIVE MANY LETTERS REQUESTING THE AMOUNT OF THE DUES FOR THE 5TH RCT ASSOC. AND WHEN THE DUES ARE DUE. THE ANSWER IS \$15.00 PER YEAR, PAYABLE JANUARY 1, OF EACH YEAR. IF MEMBER READS HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD, IT SHOWS AN EXPIRATION DATE. PLEASE SEND ALL DUES AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO ME: FRANK JENNINGS SECRETARY/TREASURER, 5TH RCT ASSOC. P.O. BOX 410337 MELBOURNE FL 32941. MAKE THE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 5TH RCT ASSOC.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND BAD CHECKS. OUR ASSOCIATION HAS RECEIVED 3 BAD CHECKS THIS YEAR. THIS COSTS THE ASSOCIATION MONEY.

WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES. SO CHECK YOUR CARDS AND MAIL YOUR DUES IN. WHEN YOU SEND IN AN ADDRESS CHANGE, PLEASE SEND ME THE COMPLETE INFORMATION INCLUDING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS, ETC.

IF YOU NEED A NEW ROSTER, THEY ARE AVAILABLE. THE COSTS ARE \$9.00 WHICH INCLUDES POSTAGE.

WE NO LONGER HAVE THE 800 TOLL FREE NUMBERS. HOWEVER IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ASSOCIATION, PLEASE CALL ME AT 321-751-9103.

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From Al McAdoo

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1 First newsletter dated March 5, 1990

Pg 3 Outline guide to writing a long letter with your personal history. Subscription of \$ 5.00 goes to Dues of \$ 10.00. Pg 4 part one of six page brief history of the Fifth R.C.T. in Korea, to page nine. (many more to follow.) Pg 10 Co. Roster of Heavy Mortar Co. C= 1949. Pg 11 & 12 VFW Magazine story of Lt. Dodd receiving the Medal of Honor. Copy of 1989 letter published in 24 ID newsletter urging 5th RCT members to get involved. Pg 14, Letter from Joe Mc Keon regarding a computer print out of the 8,000 plus names of MIA and unaccounted for Korea Vets.

#2 Dated May 1, 1990

first roster list. Brief History Repeated, 24th Div. Application published. (The 5th RCT has over 100 Life members in the 24th IDA.) 1st class postage was .25 cents.

#3 dated June 30, 1990

Our 40 prospects have turned into 80 subscribers. urging attendance at the 24th IDA reunion. Pg 2 some supplies being offered. Pg. 5, Charter membership list of Fifth R.C.T. Association listed by battalions. Mailing labels total 80, 24th IDA reunion registration form published on Pg 11 for Buffalo, NY.

#4, dated September 1, 1990,

Page 1, Proposed By- Laws,. Book II almost completed, Dick Lewis has agreed to stop his newsletter and combine his efforts with ours. Troy Webb, dealing with the V.A. found two guys with the same name and serial number, We will search our S.O.'s to see if we can turn up his name. Dick Lewis' last newsletter in this issue.

5, dated October 25, 1990

Page 2, Attendees in Buffalo Elected Al Mc Adoo Vice President 24 IDA., and Vince Gagliardo Hvy Mtr. Co. 5th RCT volunteered to Chair 1991 24th IDA reunion in San Francisco . H.D. Stroter Hd & Hd Co 5th RCT 52-53 Presented a treasure trove of copies of Draft Command reports and copies of the 5th RCT (KOREA) Newsletters from May 52 to Feb 1953, A gold Mine for us at the time. Pg 6 Supply list expanded. Pg 9 Co. "E" roster of 1949 published.

6 Dated Dec. 1, 1990.

THE U.N.ARMY IN KOREA

1. AUSTRALIA
2. BELGIUM
3. CANADA
4. COLUMBIA
5. DENMARK
6. ETHIOPIA
7. FRANCE
8. GREECE
9. INDIA
10. ITALY
11. LUXEMBOURG
12. NETHERLANDS,THE
13. NEW ZEALAND
14. NORWAY
15. PHILIPPINES
16. SOUTH KOREA
17. SWEDEN
18. THAILAND
19. TURKEY
20. UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
21. UNITED KINGDOM
22. UNITED STATES

The Jutlandia Story

At the onset of the Korean War, the Danish government furnished a fully-equipped and staffed hospital ship as its contribution to the UN effort. The government provided the 8,500-ton ship *Jutlandia* in July 1950 to fulfill its requirement and began to assemble a staff.

The conversion of the vessel, which was built in 1934, was completed within three months. After the process was done, the Danes had a modern hospital ship containing 300 beds, 3 operating theaters, a dental clinic, and X-ray facilities. The ship was staffed by a competent medical staff whose average age was forty.

Competition for jobs aboard the ship was fierce. Between 3,000 and 4,000 nurses applied for the 42 positions available. About 200 were selected for interviews. Doctors and/or nurses were allocated four to a cabin.

Jutlandia sailed from Copenhagen in January 1951 and began its service at Pusan in March 1951. (Some reports suggest that it left Denmark in September 1950 and arrived at Pusan the next month.) At the beginning, it served primarily as an evacuation hospital. After a while *Jutlandia* returned to Denmark, where a helicopter deck was installed after its second tour. Then, the ship returned to Korea for its third and final tour. That time it anchored close to the front. As a result, wounded troops could be evacuated to *Jutlandia* directly from battalion and regimental aid stations.

After the treaty ending the fighting was signed in July 1953, *Jutlandia* returned to Denmark on October 16, 1953. It was decommissioned twelve years later.

The Graybeards

CAN ANYBODY PROVIDE US WITH ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES THAT THEY MAY HAVE HAD WITH ANY OF THESE TROOPS OR PERSONELL, DURING THEIR TIME IN THE FAR EAST COMMAND. THIS LIST WAS COMPILED FOR A KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FLORIDA, FOR THOSE SERVICE MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE KOREAN WAR. WE HOPE TO COMPLETE THIS MEMORIAL FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE KOREAN WAR, JULY 27TH 2013.

SEND YOUR REPLY IN A.S.A.P. PLEASE SEND YOUR REPLY AND ANY PHOTOS YOU MAY HAVE TO AL MCADOO 7506 SOUTH MASCOTTE ST, TAMPA, FL 33616.

RUCK,

A guy sent me this when he ordered a book. He served in the 15th Inf. 3 Div. He was in the National Guard 114 Eng Combat BN. (Miss, N.G.) for basic and remained there after basic training. He volunteered for Korea and ended up in Co, C 15 Inf. 3rd Div.

Al

THE KOREAN WAR (25 June 1950 through 27 July 1953)

①

The Rose of Sharon (known in Korea as the "Moo Gung Hwa") is Korea's national flower, and has great significance to its people as their symbol of freedom and liberty. This flower also has a special significance to those of us who fought the "Forgotten War". Its blue and white colors remind us of the United Nations Forces who fought with great resolve and determination to stop Communist aggression against a country of the Free World, resulting in fatal cracks in the Iron Curtain and the end of the Cold War. The ten stamens in the center of the flower represent **the ten major battle campaigns of the war:**

1. UNITED NATIONS DEFENSIVE----- 27 June 50 thru 15 September 50
2. UNITED NATIONS OFFENSIVE----- 16 September 50 thru 2 November 50
3. COMMUNIST CHINESE FORCES INTERVENTION---- 3 November 50 thru 24 January 51
4. FIRST UNITED NATIONS COUNTEROFFENSIVE----- 25 January 51 thru 21 April 51
5. COMMUNIST CHINESE SPRING OFFENSIVE----- 22 April 51 thru 8 July 51
6. UNITED NATIONS SUMMER-FALL OFFENSIVE----- 9 July 51 thru 27 November 51
7. SECOND KOREAN WINTER----- 28 November 51 thru 30 April 52
8. KOREA, SUMMER-FALL 1952----- 1 May 52 thru 30 November 52
9. THIRD KOREAN WINTER----- 1 December 52 thru 30 April 53
10. KOREA, SUMMER 1953----- 1 May 53 thru 27 July 53 (the Armistice)

Twenty-two nations of the Free World united into one powerful United Nations Force commanded by the United States of America. The war in Korea consisted of 37 months and 2 days of continuous fierce, bloody action. The result was 54,246 U.S. dead (33,651 killed in action); 103,284 U.S. wounded seriously enough to require hospitalization; 8,179 U.S. missing in action; and almost 7,000 U.S. prisoners of war, of whom 51% died in prison camps as a result of wounds, disease, starvation, exposure, and brutality. The U.S. Army suffered more than 80% of total U.S. battlefield deaths (27,257). The U.S. Marines lost 4,004 men killed in action. The U.S. Air Force and Navy lost more than 2,000 planes. Eighty-two U.S. Navy ships were hit--5 were sunk, including 4 mine sweepers. Of the more than 200,000 Illinois servicemen who served during the Korean War, 1,744 lost their lives. Republic of Korea casualties (both military and civilian) totaled 1,037,000. North Korea and China lost an estimated 1,500,000 soldiers killed in action, and 1,000,000 wounded in action. The war effort cost the U.S. more than \$20 Billion, more than all of WWI. American servicemen were awarded 132 Medals of Honor for extraordinary heroism in battles of the Korean War.

FIRSTS OF THE KOREAN WAR

1. The first military action by the United States of America to thwart the spread of communism
2. The first United Nations combined military force ever mobilized under the banner of the U. N.
3. The first shooting war for the newly independent United States Air Force (from Army Air Corps)
4. The first aerial combat among jet fighter planes
5. The first large-scale use of rotary-wing helicopters to evacuate wounded, and to deploy troops
6. The first full racial integration of African-Americans into all U.S. branches of the military
7. The first use of body armor by combatants in war since Medieval warfare
8. The first mass evacuation of remains of men KILLED IN ACTION while hostilities were still in force
9. The greatest implementation of trench warfare since World War One
10. The most intense use of artillery fire in the history of war

LASTS OF THE KOREAN WAR

1. The last time any communist nation ever militarily attacked another country
2. The last true "Foot-Soldiers" war
3. The last, and only, time large numbers of piston-engine and jet-engine planes shared war skies
4. The last United States major war without at least some space support
5. The last time large formations of B-29 Superfortresses flew on strategic bombardment missions
6. The last war, when America's well-being was challenged by other country's threats, their young men and women answered the call to service--not only with a sense of duty, but also with pride--without question, and with a willing attitude to put their country's welfare ahead of their own.

THANK YOU for helping us remember and honor all those who served to battle Communism from the end of WWII to the present day, in Korea and elsewhere.

SFC Curtis M. Pilgrim, 3d Infantry Division,
15th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army, Korean War

From Al McAdoo

ALLIED FORCES IN THE KOREAN WAR

Country	Combat Forces	Army	Navy	Air Force
Republic of Korea	590,911			
United States	348,000			
Australia	2,282	2 Inf. Bns.	9 vessels	1 Fighter Sqd.
Belgium	900	1 Inf. Bn.	none	none
Canada	6,146	1 Inf. Brgd.	8 vessels	1 Trans. Sqd.
Colombia	1,068	1 Inf. Bn.	6 vessels	none
Ethiopia	1,271	1 Inf. Bn.	none	none
France	1,119	1 Inf. Bn.	1 vessel	none
Greece	1,263	1 Inf. Bn.	none	1 Trans. Bn.
Luxembourg	44	1 Inf. Plt.	none	none
Netherlands	819	1 Inf. Bn.	6 vessels	none
New Zealand	1,389	1 Arty. Reg't.	4 vessels	none
Philippines	1,496	1 Bn. C. Team	none	none
South Africa	826	15 soldiers	none	1 Fighter Sqn.
Thailand	1,294	1 Inf. Bn.	4 vessels	1 Trans. Unit
Turkey	5,455	1 Inf. Brgd.	none	none
United Kingdom	14,198	2 Inf. Brgds.	50 vessels	none

FOREIGN MEDICAL UNITS

Country	Beds	Medical Staff	In-Patients
DENMARK	360	200	15,000
The hospital ship "Jutlandia"			
INDIA	1,000	345	20,000
60th Field Ambulance Unit			
ITALY	150	131	17,041
Red Cross Hospital #68			
NORWAY	200	106	14,755
Mobile Army Surgical Hospital			
SWEDEN	450	160	900
Red Cross Field Hospital			

COUNTRY	DEAD	MISSING	CAPTURED	WOUNDED
Australia	339	39	29	1240
Belgium	95	5	1	350
Canada	291	21	12	1072
Colombia	140	65	29	452
Denmark	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	120	0	0	0
France	288	18	11	818
Greece	169	2	1	536
India	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg	2	0	0	0
Netherlands	111	4	0	389
New Zealand	33	0	1	79
Norway	0	0	0	0
Philippines	92	57	40	299
Republic of Korea	570,947	460,428	84,715	950,073
South Africa	20	16	6	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0
Thailand	114	5	0	794
Turkey	717	167	219	2246
United Kingdom	1109	1263	766	2278
United States	54,246	8177	7140	103,284
TOTAL	628,833	470,267	92,970	1,084,453
KATUSAs	7,471	1,799	1,566	22,843

U. S. MILITARY CASUALTIES IN PRINCIPAL WARS

War	Deaths			Nonfatal Wounds
	Total	Battle	Others*	
Total	1,155,000†	649,421	506,300†	1,580,000†
Revolutionary War (1775-83)	4,435	4,435	N.A.	8,188
War of 1812 (1812-15)	2,260	2,260	N.A.	4,505
Mexican War (1846-48)	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
Civil War (1861-65)				
Union Forces	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
Confederate Forces	133,821	74,524	59,297	N.A.
Spanish-American War (1898)	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
World War I (1917-18)	116,708	53,513	63,195	204,002
World War II (1941-45)	407,316	292,131	115,185	670,846
Korean War (1950-53)	54,246	33,629	20,617	103,284
Viet Nam War (1961-74)	58,737	46,397	10,340	303,569

Source: Office of Secretary of Defense. *Includes deaths from disease, accidents, etc.
†Rounded. ‡Incomplete and rounded. N.A. Not available.

During The Korean War, 120,000
American Women Served On Active Duty.
12 Navy Nurses - KIA
1 Army Nurse - KIA
1 US Air Force Nurse - KIA
4 Women Died Non-Hostile Deaths
Korean War Deaths: US Army = 37,133
Marines = 5,528 USAF = 7,084 Navy = 4,501



Staff Sgt. Ruckeschel spending his 20th birthday, 28 July 1952 on Hill 930 North rim of Punch Bowl. less than two months to being my 3rd year in the Army.

It was seventeen years ago this month that the Association President, Anthony Polemeni, appointed me the Editor of our newsletter.

Through the years, the newsletter grew and so did the membership. Although there may have been one million personnel that passed through or were attached to the Fifth Regimental Combat Team from 1949 – 1954, the membership never reached the 1,800 mark. The newsletter is 23 years old and on July 28, I'll be 81.

Our history is outstanding. There are 10 campaign streamers on the 5th Infantry Regiment colors for the Korean War. We had so many Lendies Landings, we lost count, yet every one ended in missions accomplished!

We are represented at the Korean War Memorial as is the regiment I proudly learned my trade, the 26th Infantry Regiment, "Blue Spaders", 42nd Scout Dog Platoon.

We also have three monuments in cemeteries; Arlington, (near the Unknown), Punch Bowl, Hawaii and Springfield, MO.

My mission as Editor has been achieved so I bid you farewell. The July-Aug.-Sept. Issue will be the last for me and Battle Stars.

"I'll Try Sir". Salutations,



From The Editor

Chaplain's Corner

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HHC 5th RCT 51-53

Eugene W. Salisbury, attorney, v

March 20, 1931 – March 27, 2013



Eugene W. Salisbury, of Blasdel, an attorney and village justice who was a mentor and role model for municipal judges across the state,

died Wednesday in Sisters Hospital after a short illness. He was 82.

Mr. Salisbury was Blasdel village justice for 50 years and was a leader in judicial organizations locally and statewide.

He was a member of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, where he was the first

a judge than anyone," Auroi Town Justice Douglas W.

Markey said when Mr. Salisbury retired from the bench.

He was a past president of the New York State Magistrate Association and received its Magistrate of the Year Award in 1967. The award was renamed in his honor when retired in 2001.

Among his many other honors, he was named Jurist of the Year in 2001 by the Erie County Judges and Police Conference and Citizen of the Year by the Western New York Chapter of the Industrial Relations Research Association.

Mr. Salisbury was a poli

3/29/2013

Richard DASH Death Notice: Richard DASH's Obituary by the Buffalo News.

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Richard F. DASH

Published in the Buffalo News on March 12, 2013

DASH - Richard F. Of Hamburg, NY, March 9, 2013, beloved husband of Justine M. (Leco) Dash; loving father of Richard (Maura), Robert (Laura), Marilyn (Kent) Jeffery and Diane Dash; brother of Chester Dash and Evelyn Braymiller; also survived by six grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Friends may call Thursday 4-7 PM at LOOMIS, OFFERS & LOOMIS INC. HAMBURG CHAPEL, 207 Main St. Funeral services private. Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorials to Hospice Buffalo Inc.

Chaplain's Corner

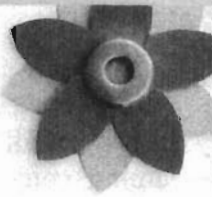
Dear David + Sherri -

Dad died unexpectantly
after a brief illness
Oct 31st. He passed fairly
quick to honor + respect
he deserved.

He was a great father
+ friend, and will be
very much missed.

Pat Matten
(daughter)

Life is a blend
of love and loss,
but love is always
stronger...



Of all the gifts
life could send-
the best is
knowing
you're my friend!



Robert Lewis Johnson

Hello Ruck, 4-24-13

I'm writing to inform you
of the passing of Robert
Johnson on Oct. 31ST, 2012.
He was in B Co., and was
Platoon Sgt of the 4th
Plt. He was a good
Soldier and Friend
and will be missed by all
who knew him.

David Lomax
1540 Hayworth Rd
Port Charlotte FL 33952-2708

Dave Lomax

Chaplain's Corner

May 1, 2013

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Re: Arnold W. Heino

Hugh Ruckdeschel,

I am writing to inform your readers of the passing of our dad, Arnold W. Heino, on Friday, April 26, 2013, who we discovered was a paid up member of your 5th RCT Association. He never talked about the war, but from what we've been piecing together, it sounds like we have a lot to be proud of.

Thank you all for your service.


If anyone remembers my dad, or can fill me in on where he was deployed while in Korea, I would greatly appreciate learning more. He has several pictures of himself in front of a mortar and was in Korea over 10 months sometime between 2/2/52 and 1/23/54. This info is on his Honorable Discharge: PFC(E-3) Arnold W. Heino, ER 17 352 807, Inf, USAR; Most Significant Duty Assignment: C. M 5th Inf Regt APO 301; United Nations Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, ROK Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Svc Medal w/2 Bronze Svc Stars, Good Conduct Medal.

The obituary enclosed can also be viewed in the 4/29/13 edition of the Fargo Forum and St. Paul Pioneer Press.



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Arnold W. Heino

 Sisu!



- Succumbed April 26, 2013 to CHF at age 86

- Proud Finnish American born August 11, 1926 to John and Ida, Sebeka, Minnesota

- Caring brother to Kaino (Arne), Hazel (Arvi), George (Marty) and John (Joan)

- Loving husband to Bea for 66 years

- Supportive father to Jan (Michael), Glen (Jane), Dale (d.), Dar (Katie)

- Grandfather to Corey Larson (Andra) and Chris Larson

- Great-grandfather to Shayla

- Fond memories from the farm, relatives, fishing/family time at Pine Lake

- Values learned by Arnie's living example

- Generosity providing for

our every need

- Fraternity of Greyhound drivers - over two million accident-free miles

- Trips to deliver buses

with Bob Nash - somehow always routed through Las Vegas!

- Twins fan

- Chihuahua lover

- Korean War veteran 5th RCT, 2 bronze stars

- America's Greatest Generation

- Body donated to The U of M

- No flowers, no memorials, no service - wouldn't want to trouble anyone!

- Instead - put on a Polka tune and have a toast to Arnie - Kippis!

5-1pd

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# Chaplain's Corner



CPL LARS I. TJELTA  
KOREA 1952-53

Lars was born on June 11, 1932 in Garden City, Iowa to parents Lars T. and Myrtle (Lura) Tjelta. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War. Lars married Fran Skrovig on May 22, 1955. He worked for the US Department of Agriculture as an Egg and Poultry Inspector. He lived in Story City since 1972. He was a member of St Paul's Lutheran Church, American Legion, VFW and 5<sup>th</sup> RCT. He enjoyed gardening and discussing political issues. He loved going to Branson, he loved being with his family and loved his dogs.

Lars J. Tjelta passed away on March 30, 2013 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife, Fran of Story City, two sons: Jeff (Lisa) Tjelta of Story City and Mark (Teresa) Tjelta of Highlands Ranch, CO; two grandchildren: Amanda and Zachary and two great grandchildren: Aden and Avery; sister, Jerry (husband, Terry) Greenfield of Story City and brother, Myrle (Ann) Tjelta of Ames.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to: Story County Freedom Flight 2013, Israel Family Hospice Home or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Blessed be the memory of Lars J. Tjelta**

# Chaplain's Corner



**LAQUE**

Juanita S. Laque age 80 passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2013. She was a long time member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Her family remembers her as a wonderful Mother who was always very supportive. Her friends will remember her as a special person. Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio C. Laque, her son, Ricardo Laque and her daughter, Irma Laque. She is survived by her children, Ruben (Eva), Ray (Rosa), Leroy (Rachel), Sylvia (Adrian), Gloria (Larry); her special companion, Louis Velez; her grandchildren, Denise (Michael), Billy (Donna), Vanessa (José), Steven, Christopher, Ana Lisa, Jennifer, James, Adrian, Heather, Anthony and Daniella (Juan); her great grandchildren, Mackenna, Patrick, Brennen, Taylor, William, Anaylisa, Rylee, Matthew, Emily, Isabelle, Olivia and Charlotte; and her numerous brothers, sisters and their families.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 1:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 P.M. at Brookehill Funeral Home. A Procession will depart the Funeral Home at 8:30 A.M. for a Funeral Mass on Wednesday, April 11, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with interment to follow at First Memorial Park. You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

May 25-2013

Hugh W. Ruchdeschel

Please Put this in the next Battlestar

The Obituary of Juanita Laque

Passed April 6-2013

Published in the San Antonio Tx.

News Paper April - 9 - 2013

My Companion for over

25 years. thank you very much

Louis Velez Jr.



Louis Velez Jr  
PO Box 14636  
San Antonio TX 78214-0636

20 Boylston Drive  
Delmar, NY 12054  
May 25, 2013

Mr. Frank Jennings  
Secretary/Treasurer  
5<sup>th</sup> R.C.T. Association  
P.O. Box 410337  
Melbourne, FL 32941

RE: Membership # 3378 0152

Dear Sir:

I wish to report the passing of my husband, Robert F. Elze, on May 14, 2013 in the Hospice Inn of St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, NY.

Bob was cremated and his remains placed in a Columbarium Wall at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, NY following a military service. He is located in Section CB2, Site B-21.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth M. Elze*

Elizabeth M. Elze





**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 6 APRIL 2013 - CLC TRIPLER HAWAII**

**Front Row: Shoji Kuroda - General Irwin Cockett - Martin Inocelda - Mike Inouye - Richard Matsuda - Larry Acosta - Bill Kapaku - Hibbert Manley** Back Row: **Vincent Souki - Aolara Vendiola - Richard Duarte - Martin Pestana - Arsanio Vendiola - Stanley Nakasone - Frank Velligas - William Kau.**

*Letters To The Editor*

# Letters To The Editor

May 17, 2013

FROM: John W. Sonley

TO: Hugh Ruckdeschel

This letter pertains to the cover picture on the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT magazine of Jan. 2013 issue. I saw that picture just as I was getting the magazine from my mailbox, and suddenly everything came flashing back to me.

I, along with others who were with me, witnessed the exploding vehicle and the death of Capt Sutherland, CO of M Co., 5<sup>th</sup> RCT.

We had walked up a small hill and since it was just about noon, one of the Sgt.s' said to take a break as we were stopping for lunch. This was on or about 3 April 1951 when the following took place.

I had sat down, with my back leaning against a large flat rock and proceeded to open my rations, and as I did so, two of my friends walked up to me and said "don't move an inch". Naturally, I asked, "what is up" and was told to pick up my mess kit and told not to make any sudden movement. I just sat there, wondering what was going on, when each of them grabbed me by my arms and pulled me up with all three of us now on the reverse side of the hill. I asked, "what is going on?" when they said, "didn't you see that bomb in back of you?" They showed me that a 50 lb bomb was wedged between the flat rock I was leaning against and another rock holding the bomb off the ground, as the fins were keeping it from moving. The nose of the bomb was about an inch off the ground and that was what kept it from exploding when it was dropped. I later asked a Sgt. Just where are we and he replied that we were sitting on the 38<sup>th</sup> Par. and a few of us said, that means the war is over, except the Sgt. said, get ready to move out and North. He told us we were moving out to capture a Tungsten mine in N. Korea and it was to be a 5<sup>th</sup> RCT object.

Just then another Sgt. came by and told everyone to line up on the hill and face the road just below us, as Capt. Sutherland of M Co. (My C.O.) was coming to say good bye as he was rotating home. The Capt was sitting on the hood, passenger side of the vehicle and his feet on the bumper, as he waved to us and we waved to him.



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As we were waving, the right front wheel hit a mine in the road, which threw the Jeep up and the Capt. flying up, who then landed on the road. (There were two tanks on the side of the road and the Jeep had to drive on to the shoulder in order to pass the tanks. When the mine went off, some of the tank crew were leaning out of the tank hatches and were wounded by shrapnel flying up.)

One of our medics went running down to the Capt. but gave us the sign that the Capt. was dead as well as a few of the soldiers who had been standing on the side at the time. *(The Capt. was later awarded the Silver Star for bravery, in that he was inspecting his unit before turning it over to a new C.O.,) He was a World War II Vet.* My LT. had turned down a ride in the Jeep to the rear, because of deciding to walk down, since he was to leave on R. & R.

We were then given the order to move out North into North Korea. Months later, the 5<sup>th</sup> captured the mine, which the U.S. is still in control of in North Korea.

The picture in my mind of the Capt. being killed has never left my memory of what happened that day in 1951.

Chapter

John W. Sonley



490 W. Cherrywood Drive

Sun Lakes, AZ 85248-6324

1958 Military Order of the Purple Heart

John W. Sonley

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Sonley".



April 6, 2013.

Mrs. Hugh W. Buchdeschel:

First of all, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for your dedication to keep us informed of the events and accomplishments of our group of members.

Which as in my particular case I depend on you to keep me in contact with former members of the 5th R.C.T.

I also wish to request your help in obtaining my issues of the News letter I am up to date on my dues.

And perhaps due to an error in our roster of January 2013.

Which appears on page 30, as "Lupe Perez Carrasco" and the correct name is "Lupe Carrasco Perez" 3195-1549.

Sincerely,  
Lupe Carrasco Perez

#### Editor's Note:

Upon receipt of your letter I contacted the Sec/Tres.!

He said he would contact you!

*"Ruck"*

Dear Ruck I found this in a on line condo news letter. Web site is [http://www.condonewsonline.com/veterans\\_news.htm](http://www.condonewsonline.com/veterans_news.htm) I hope this of some interest. look under veteran

My name is Charles Koppelman and I have been recently recognized by the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War (KW60) Commemoration Committee as your KW60 Ambassador here in the Condo News area.

The Committee, a three-year program initiated in 2010, seeks to honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans about the Korean War's significance.

The Korean War is often referred as "The Forgotten War" As a KW60 Ambassador, I hope to propel Korean War Veterans and their contribution to greater public awareness. I will focus on establishing a local voice of sincere appreciation for the selfless service and sacrifices that Korean War Veterans made on behalf of all Americans. I look forward to incorporating Korean War Veterans history and Veterans into local activities such as community festival events, school programs and commemoration ceremonies.

As part of the program, I plan to thank and honor as many of our treasured Korean War Veterans (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) as possible in a heartfelt and meaningful way. I hope that working together locally and reaching across the Palm Beach community, we can partner, collaborate and achieve more to acknowledge our valued Korean War Veterans.

If you are a Korean War Veteran (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) interested in being recognized with an official Certificate of Appreciation sent to you by the Department of Defense and signed by the Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, you may Email me at: [KWV148@yahoo.com](mailto:KWV148@yahoo.com).

The following information is requested: **(PLEASE PRINT)** Rank, First and Last Name, Service Branch, Street Address, City, State and Zip Code. Email address optional.

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Letters To The Editor

# Letters to the Editor

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## ... AND OUR 100,000<sup>TH</sup> DONOR IS ...

**S**FC Robert L. Reed (USA-Ret.) of Augusta, Ga., has been identified as the 100,000th individual donor to the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army.

Reed's gift, contributed in response to a direct mail packet inviting him to become a Museum Founding Sponsor, was recorded by the Foundation on November 24, 2012.

"We are just as grateful to SFC Reed for his recent gift as we are appreciative of the generosity of all earlier donors whose gifts have helped us reach this historic milestone," said Richard Couture, Deputy Executive Director for Donor Marketing. "It's a telling signal that the generosity of our growing list of founding sponsors will ensure the ultimate success of the Museum project."

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**Richard Couture, Deputy Executive Director for Donor Marketing**

Reed enlisted in the Army in 1951 and completed his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., before shipping to Korea, where he served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team, initially as an infantryman and earning the Combat Infantryman Badge. Because he had been a preparations cook in Fresno prior to enlisting, he was eventually tapped for duty as a cook for front line troops.



*An early photo of then-PFC Robert Reed (left) as a member of the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea, 1951.*

He remained in Army food service until assigned to Germany in 1956. Seeking promotion opportunities beyond E4, he decided to retrain as a communications specialist and spent the remainder of his Army career in the Signal Corps. Assignments included a second tour in Korea with the 7th Infantry (Bayonet) Division; a year in Vietnam with the 53rd Signal Battalion, II Field Force, as a system control sergeant; and an assignment to the Signal School at Fort Gordon, Ga. before retiring in March 1971.

After retiring, Reed and his wife Alice remained in the Fort Gordon area, where he converted an old hospital ward building into a TV repair and rental business, operating it until 1985.

"At that point I got itchy feet and we headed northwest where I worked until 2004 as a tour guide at Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks," Reed said during a recent telephone interview.

Now back in Augusta, Reed was surprised to learn that he had been identified as the Museum's 100,000th donor. Until he received his Founding Sponsor invitation, he wasn't aware of the Museum project and the fact that it will include a Korean War exhibit.

"I really like the idea of the Museum. It's important to me and my fellow veterans, especially since it will have a Korean War exhibit to inform people of the 'Forgotten War' we fought in Korea, just like the Korean War Memorial in Washington does," Reed noted. "I'm glad my gift will help keep the National Army Museum project going."



**Army Museum Bricks  
Available Now!  
See pp. 4-5**

CALL TO DUTY

VOLUME 8

ISSUE 1

Hugh,  
Don't know if you've seen this, but it's good advertisement for the 5th RCT.  
Regards, Dick Wheeler  
555 FA BN Fo "E" Company

# Letters to the Editor

Editor Hugh W. Ruckdeschel  
Battle Stars  
112 123rd Ave E  
Treasure Island, FL 33706-5152

January 15, 2013

Dear Ruck,

I read Frank Jennings' note in the Oct / Nov / Dec 2012 issue of Battle Star, in which he had urged members to submit more stories or material for publication. His comment prompted me to dig in my nostalgia file of the Korean War, where I found drawings and cartoons which I had made while I was assigned at the Hq Co, 3rd Bn Operations.

I am also submitting a letter written in March 1999 by Sgt Robert Otte, which may be of interest to some of the RCT veterans, because he remembered the names of many soldiers who had served in Hq Co, 3rd Bn. His letter was in response to mine, a letter I had sent to reconnect with men who could have known me, as "Frenchy", a nickname given to me because of my obvious French accent.

Sgt Otte saved a portrait I had made of him which is enclosed with his letter. At the Hq Co I had acquired a reputation as an artist, which indeed I was, and during that time I had sketched many of my comrades. Perhaps some veterans may still have those portraits, like the one which Sgt Robert Otte had saved.

Sgt Otte also sent me many propaganda pamphlets dropped by both sides, which were found in the vicinity of Kumsong near our lines. There is also some other interesting documentation that Sgt Otte had saved and sent to me. Ruck, if you plan to publish those items, credit should be given to Sgt Otte who had found them.

Incidentally, I wrote a book titled "Frenchy" which was published in 2005 by Fithian Press. It is a memoir about my experiences as a newly arrived immigrant from France to the U.S. When, after only a year and a half, I was drafted and sent to Korea, even though I was not yet an American citizen. For the book, I used the many letters which I had written and sent to my sister, as a reference for writing the small details of my everyday life in combat and off the lines with the 5th RCT.

Would it be possible for you to include in Battle Stars the enclosed Book Order Form for "FRENCHY" for the veterans who might be interested in reading about the 5th RCT during the period from November 1951 to January 1953, when I was finally rotated back to the States. Please note that with the autographed copy of my book there is also a free color print of one of my Korean War drawings.

I always enjoy receiving Battle Stars. Thank you, Ruck, for all your work and for the dedication you put in publishing this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone involved with publishing Battle Stars, a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Simon Jeruchim  
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Tel: (845) 354-1069  
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I March 27 1999

Greetings Simon!

I was quite surprised and pleased to receive your letter and talk to you on the phone! After all 48 yrs is quite a long time.

Enclosed are some items that may refresh your memory. The picture enclosed is yours truly and Marvin Keeler of McNeal Arizona — also taken in the fall of 1951, in front of our " bunker " on top of the hill our ("MLR.") either Hill 770 or 1073 can't remember which? I don't know where he is or whether he is still alive?

The only other member of the 5th RCT that I have spoke with is FRANK DOERR who now lives in TRACY CALIFORNIA.

II

Do you remember GEORGE BRINKMAN he worked in S-2 with Major Hagonhurst also Lt. MACK Col. DAVIS who was the BN. Commander?

Outside a few days in reserve or if the company commander wanted to see me — I spent most of the time on the hill with the rest of our platoon.

Do you remember going in reserve in February 1952 to the TUNGSTON MINE AT "SANG DONG SO KOREA" Near a village known as CHI-LONG-NI After a short stay at this mine area we went back to North Korea to a place called INTE NOK KOREA. — I rotated from there in May 1952, I believe the outfit went to HEART BREAK RIDGE after I left. Maybe you could fill me in as my memory is getting a little weaker.

Of Interest

# Of Interest

III

Do you remember any of these names — RENE C. PEREZ.

FRED DEBBARROW, "POP" SIEVERS

BUD COLLETT (COMO SECTION)

LOUIE GABOLDEN — JOHNNIE HARVEY

PAUL BIGGS — "WATNEY THOMPSON"

BRYANT — BULLOCK, — WOODS,

CHIPURKO, HATHAWAY, (CHAS) HERMAN

RHEIN, WILMAKER, FINE,

CAPT. BERAND — CO HQ CO. 3<sup>RD</sup> BN.

RAY TEKAWA (COMPANY CLERK JAPANESE

AMERICAN) KOREAN SOLDIERS → "MUNG"

"KIM" — "HONG" ALL IN OUR PLATOON

CLIFF, FELTY, — This is just a few names I can recall maybe you can refresh my memory.

I'd like to see some of your cartoons from Stars & Stripes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> news letter could use some too.

I'll be wanting to hear from you and Domino BLUE 3<sup>rd</sup> BN

Bob Otte



In front of their bunker; from left to right  
SGT Marvin Keesler — McNeal, ARIZONA  
SGT Bob Otte — Covington — KY  
"Ammo" platoon HQ Co 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 5<sup>th</sup> RCT  
Fall 1951 — Hill 770

# Of Interest



*Mr. Moneybags is in Florida this Christmas.*



*Where are you? In Korea!*

*You risk your life, Big Business rakes in the dough.*

*WINTER 1951-52*

**Chinese People Volunteers propaganda**

*- Found near our lines in Kumsong - winter 1951-52-*



미국군 장병에게!  
적군과 싸우는 명예로운 일이다.  
전국에 급파해서 저항을 종용하  
지 않으면 죽는 것이 도로리가 없어  
졌으면 귀순하는 일만 말로 이 사  
태를 솔직하게 인정하는 것이다.  
그러지 않으면 많은 귀순자는  
상대 매우 적대적이다. 귀순해서  
사나, 소용없는 저항을 계속해서 죽  
는다는 말만, 끝까지 들어갔을 때  
말로는 귀순으로서 격한 핏맛한 일이다.  
추천에 있는 구절과 설명을 자세히  
보고 유엔군 진지에 안전히 도달  
하도록 하라. 음식 치료 기 타  
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**안전보장증명서**

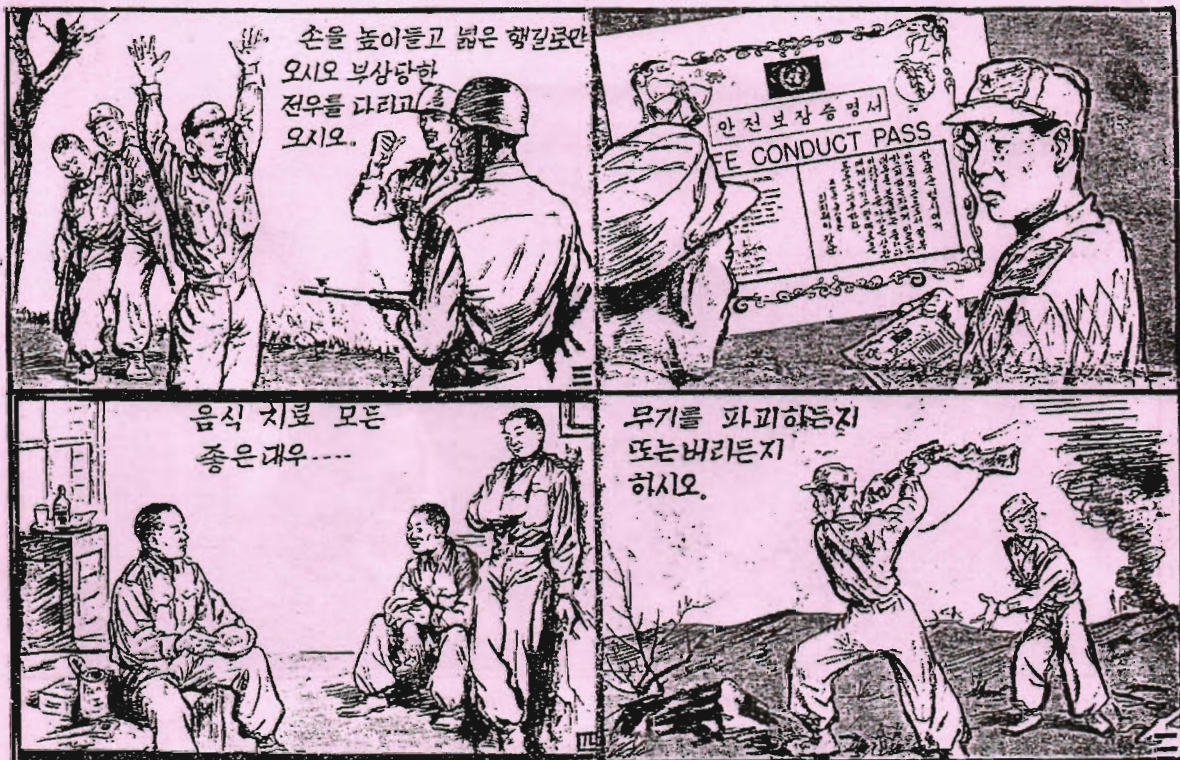
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MAJORITY 3, 10, 10, 10  
Commander-in-Chief  
United Nations Command

**SAFE CONDUCT PASS**

한국의 법에 의해  
이것은 전적으로 안전을 보장  
하며, 어떠한 불이익도 주지  
않고, 모든 것을 존중한다.  
이것은 30일간 유효하며, UN  
군에 의해 발급된다.  
이것을 가지고 UN군에  
포로로 잡히거나  
포로로 잡힌 후  
우리의 안전을  
보장한다.  
이것은 UN군에  
의해 발급된다.



American "Safe Conduct" passes dropped on Chinese lines.  
- The wind carried many of them in the vicinity of Kumsong -  
- close to our own lines -



# Of Interest

Some excerpts from my book "FRENCHY"

Page1

November 1951

Arriving at the 5th Regimental Combat Team

The very next day I was sent with other replacements to the 5th R.C.T., a two-day ride by truck to an area near Kumsong in eastern Korea. Along the way other men joined our convoy. However, they were not replacements but veterans from the 5th R.C.T. who were returning from Japan.

I struck a conversation with two of those combat veterans who had been hitching a ride from Seoul airport back to their unit. They were machine-gunners who had seen lots of action in the past, yet they didn't seem terribly concerned at the prospect of returning to the front line. I was impressed by their cheerful attitude, which in turn bolstered my courage to face the danger that may lie ahead.

As we rode further north the terrain became more inhospitable, changing from farm land to steep craggy hills rising sharply over the horizon. Snow and ice coated the narrow and slippery roads built by U.S. army engineers, but thanks to the heavy chains wrapped around the wheels of our trucks we managed to make it without any incident to the base camp of the 5th R.C.T., where the 555th Field Artillery Battalion was located. As we arrived several batteries were in the process of firing at the enemy positioned beyond the ridgeline facing us. An ear-splitting noise greeted us, booming and reverberating against the snow-covered hills from the long guns pointing skyward against the wintry landscape.

We stopped to eat and joined a chow line which had formed outside. While waiting my turn to be served and chatting with a fellow about how thankfully we had made it over the icy roads, our attention was diverted by the screeching sound of brakes from a three-quarter ton jeep driving down the road at the top of the hill across the valley where we had just come from. As though in slow motion in front of our very eyes, the jeep skidded off the road, then bounced off the sheer slope, plunged to the bottom of the hill and crashed on the ground with a fiery explosion of smoke and orange flames, propelling the jeep into the air and instantly killing all the men inside.

Their lives had been needlessly snuffed in an instant. After witnessing such a horrible accident we rode up the hill for the last leg of our trip to the front line with foreboding for things to come.

Dozens of replacements and I arrived at the crest of the hill when a salvo of incoming rounds of artillery landed at close range. The first thing I heard was the whining of shells before they hit the ground, then booming explosions which shook the earth next to us. We barely had time to jump from the truck and dive to the ground to avoid shrapnel and debris flying through the air. It was a close call. We were all shaken, except the veterans who seemed to take the whole thing in stride. We arrived at the 5th R.C.T. and no doubts the regiment had orchestrated that event to welcome us.

# Of Interest

Some excerpts from my book "FRENCHY"

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November 1951

Arriving at the 5th Regimental Combat Team

Our large contingent of replacements had been split into smaller units and directed to the various battalions to receive permanent assignments. About a dozen men and I were sent to the 3rd battalion headquarters for processing. I was still clinging to the hope that my quartermaster training would land me a job in my specialization, but I was told by an officer at battalion headquarters that my M.O.S. (Military Occupational Specialty) was officially changed to 1814, which meant that I was now classified as an infantryman.

I was stunned and still reeling from such shocking news. I could hardly believe that eight weeks of my training had been totally for naught and that, to boot, I was assigned to Company L, second platoon. I had been assigned to share a bunker with three other men from Company L, who had grudgingly welcomed me because there was already hardly enough space to squeeze in another cot and extra gear. We slept in sleeping bags, but because of the extreme cold we had to keep our socks, underwear, sweater and wool cap on to conserve body heat. Even though it was only November the temperature was already dipping to sub-zero.

I was grateful though that upon arriving I finally received all my winter gear, which consisted of a parka, fur-lined field cap, a wool sweater, wool shirts and trousers, gloves and mittens, both with trigger-fingers, and insulated rubberized combat boots, nicknamed "Mickey Mouse boots."

In less than a week I learned quite a bit about my outfit. The 5th Regimental Combat Team was dug in and deployed along a ridgeline, holding the high ground and facing Chinese troops who were occupying the next ridgeline across from us, a distance of about three to four miles away. As I was told by old-timers, the 5th R.C.T. had been able thus far to repel sneak attacks by constantly patrolling the no-man's land between the two range of hills. The front line was basically a long meandering deep trench reinforced with beams and protected with sandbags, heavy machine-guns and mortar emplacements, stretching hundreds of yards across and over the rocky hill-top. The bunkers where we slept were also reinforced with beams and sandbags and dug along the slope away from the enemy, next to the main trench called the M.L.R. for Main Line of Resistance.

There were no showers or any other washing facilities on the front line. Water was scarce and a luxury, only available from water trucks. We were only allowed to fill our canteens for drinking water and to fill our helmets for washing or shaving. As for taking a shower, there was a rotation system in place, where once every couple of weeks we were able to go down behind our lines to a rear unit with portable showers.



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Some excerpts from my book "FRENCHY"

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November 1951

Arriving at the 5th Regimental Combat Team

Back in the States we had to be clean shaven, but on the front line the rules were relaxed. We didn't have to shave and if we wished we could grow a beard and mustache. As for the chow more often than not we had to settle for cold C-rations, especially when we came under fire.

I had yet to be sent on an ambush or recon (reconnaissance) patrol. There was a daily rotation, and sooner or later I was aware that I would be sent on such a mission. Each company assigned a squad to patrol a specific area of the no-man's land. To keep my mind off such a daunting prospect I took out my sketch pad and began drawing the guys in my bunker, then other fellows who had heard that there was an artist in their midst and a Frenchman at that!

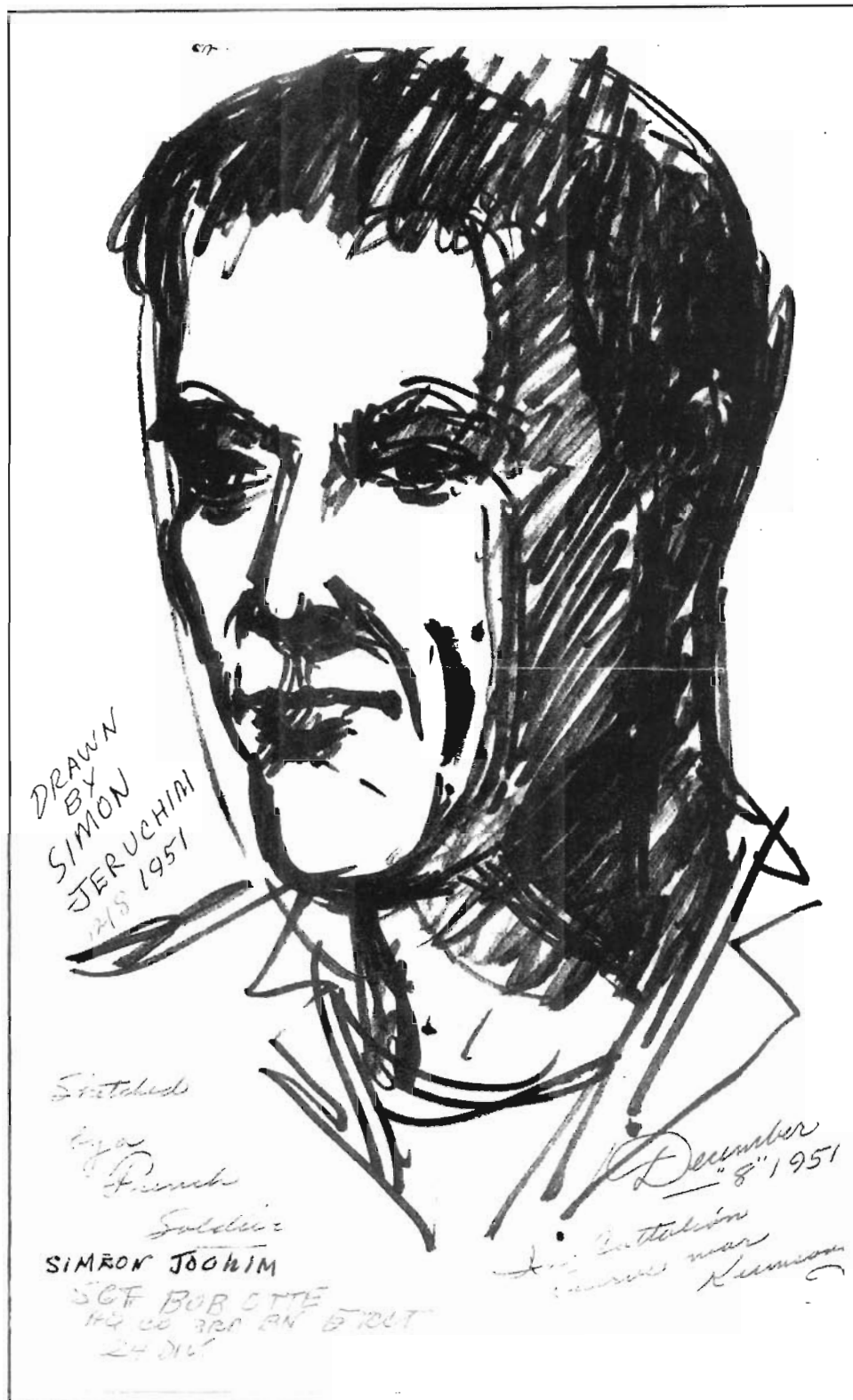
As in basic training, overnight I became "Frenchy" and my reputation spread through Company L. I guess that it was inevitable that someone would ask me to draw a pin-up girl. I obliged that guy with a sexy, scantily-dressed girl which brought a lustful response I had not expected. "Some piece of ass!" he exclaimed. That drawing quickly made the round and soon dozens of guys had lined up to ask me for their very own pin-up girls. Up to that time I had not asked to be paid, but then decided that I would do it only for a small fee. I did not realize that most guys would give anything to get hold of such an erotic vision. I was beginning to enjoy my growing artistic fame when I was told that I was scheduled to go on the next recon patrol. It was a sober reminder that although I might be a celebrity among my comrades, to the platoon leader I was just a private.

We were instructed to follow an exact itinerary in the no-man's land and reminded not to stray from that course, because of numerous known mine fields in the area, and finally not to engage the enemy unless fired upon. Wearing full combat gear, carrying extra ammo and cradling my rifle, I gingerly followed in the footsteps of the men ahead of me and kept thinking that this was no longer a war game but the real thing. Even though it was freezing I was sweating profusely while trying to control my growing anxiety by chewing gum until my jaw hurt. We spoke only in whispers, even though the crackling of ice under foot could be heard at a distance.

The rugged countryside was an eerie site, with boulders and bushes glittering with icicles. There were hardly any trees, and those still standing upright were blackened trunks etched against the white landscape and the brooding sky. Every so often booming explosions of artillery fire echoed across the valley. We covered quite a bit of ground and were returning to our lines when several burst of automatic fire crackled in our direction.

"Take cover men!" yelled our squad leader, as we scrambled for protection behind boulders providentially close to us. He gave us the order to open fire at once at Chinese soldiers who had suddenly become visible at a distance of fifty yards, moving targets we intended to shoot down.

# Of Interest



DRAWING OF SGT BOB OTTE - ONE OF THE MANY  
SKETCHES I MADE OF MY BUDDIES AT THE HQ CO,  
3rd Bn. 5 RCT - FROM NOV 1951 TO JAN. 1953

# Of Interest



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Ed Note: I just can't imagine the reaction of seeing this leaping over the barbwire on the M.L.R.



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