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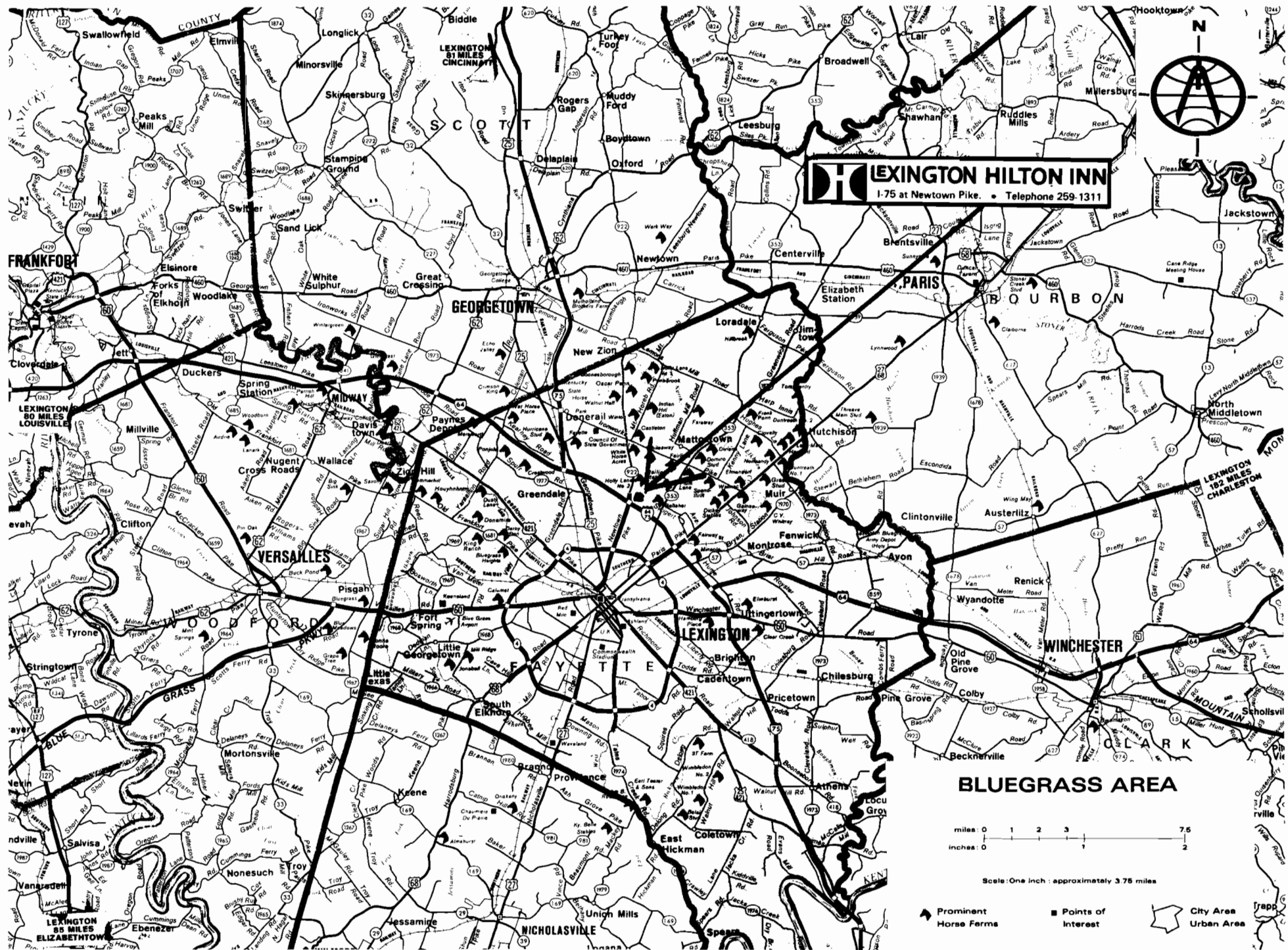
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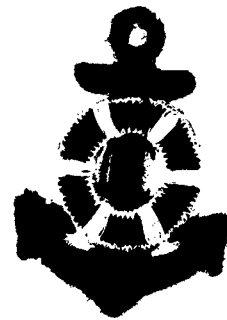
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NAUTICAL - BUT NICE!!!

It's just a reminder to get that ANCHOR AWEIGH, Lexington is calling. The gimmick is an applique. Peel it from its plastic base and attach it to your shirt, necktie, sweater, jersey, boxer shorts, whatever. Peel it off and use it anew. Reuse it 1000 times. Only catch - when you peel it from the plastic, attach it only to cloth or to plastic. Attach it to paper and its El Gonno - doesn't like paper!

This issue is all made up - doing the cover is the last step - so we'll squeeze in, right about here, these two bits of gossip -

Lt.Gen. VOLNEY F. WARNER, (21st), Commander XVIIIth Airborne Corps, based at Bragg, has been recommended for heading up Readiness Command. That means a fourth star.

And to step into Volney's wonderfully big slippers at Bragg is the Division Commander, Maj.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT, who has been establishing an enviable reputation for himself for the job he's been doing at Stewart.

To each, the hearty congratulations of all we has-beens.

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We really started something.

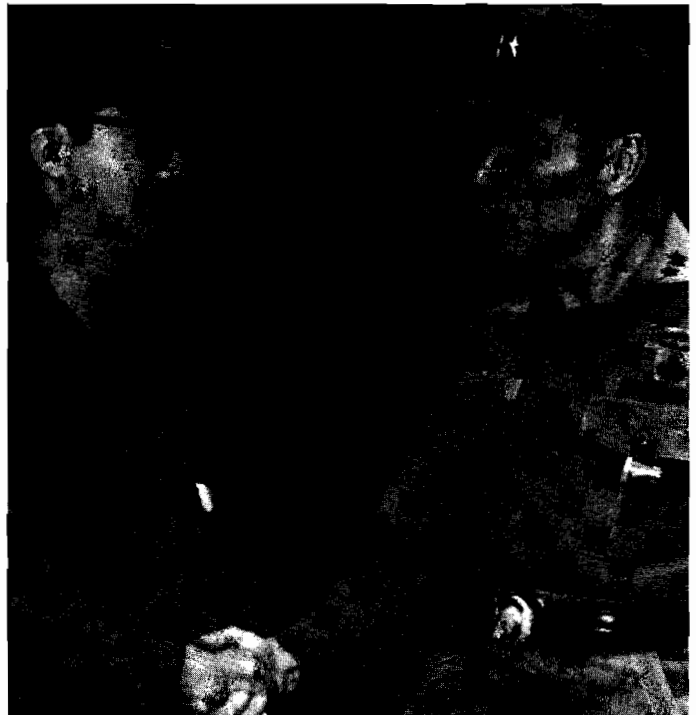
ED VOSO tips us that a number of old D-21st men are meeting in Las Vegas next Dec. 6th-9th. Contact Ed at 1815 Sweetwater Rd. #134, Spring Valley, Cal., if interested.

Letters

MYRLE BROWN called us the other day, all the way from Prairie du Chien, Wis. He told us about the TV people who were conducting an opinion poll on the wasting of gas in auto racing. The interviewer stopped a fellow by the name of Nowicki and said, "Tell me, sir, what do you think of the Indianapolis 500?" "They're all innocent", replied Nowicki.

OUT OF CURIOSITY

News item: Merle Haggard, the country-western star, recently married one Leona Williams, a singer in his band. 2nd trip for each. One of the bridesmaids was vocalist Bonnie Owens - Merle's first wife. Cozy?

NEWS

S/Sgt. KELVIN J. KERR (left), "B" Co., 2nd Bn. 70th Armor, is congratulated by MG JAMES B. VAUGHT, Division CG, upon receiving the Soldiers Medal recognizing his heroic deeds while stationed with the 4th Battalion, 69th Armor in Germany.



"Nothing fancy — just a slight trim aroun' the edge . . ."

To Each And Everyone —

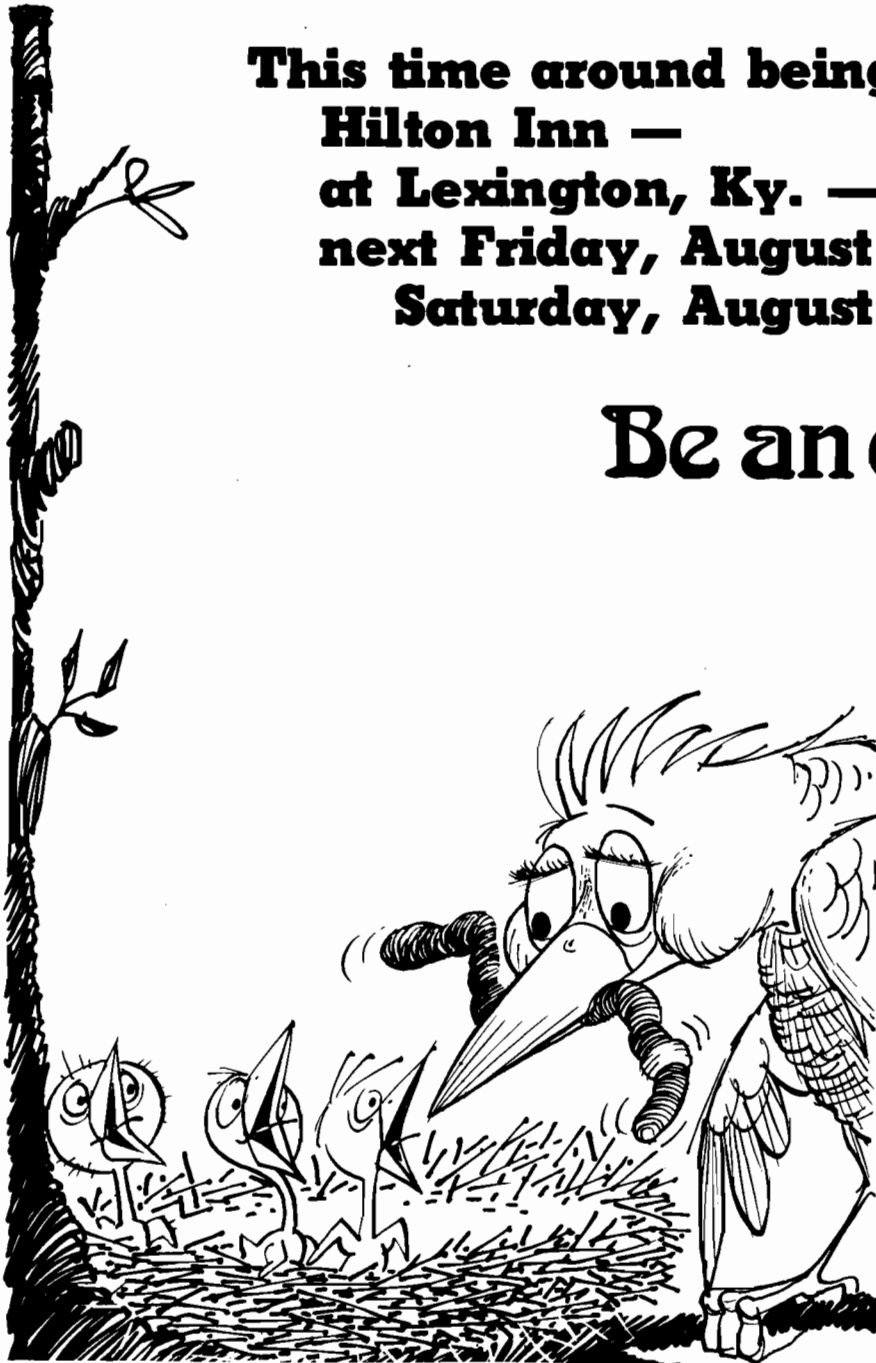
**Who ever wore the Taro Leaf —
for a day — a year — or an "eternity" —
and to the members of his family —**

*We extend a warm and hearty invitation —
for you to attend our next annual —
our 32nd — reunion —*

**This time around being held at the —
Hilton Inn —
at Lexington, Ky. —
next Friday, August 10th — and
Saturday, August 11th.**

Be an early bird!

Warmly,
Mike
MICHAEL RAFTER
President



LOOKING BACKWARD:

Our private plan was to make the Gettysburg get-to-gether in mid-April, but the Wood River party the weekend before managed to lay us low for a few days. By the time the next weekend rolled around, we were abed. So the call of regret went out to Chairpersons DALLAS and Peggie DICK and, as expected, the party got along nicely without us, but not before everyone present had signed a "get well" card for us, for which we were and are humbly grateful.

Here's the dispatch just as Dallas filed it with us:

"Our speaker was not a former member of the Division - Lt.Col. Jack Coon (retired from the faculty of the U.S. Army War College), gave a most interesting talk about China - past, present and future. His talk was accompanied by interesting colored slides. Lovely wife, Peggie, joined him at the speaker's table.

"Senior member present was Brig.Gen. WHEELER, the National Vice President.

"Only Past President who could attend was JOE PEYTON who as usual was the life of the party, P.I.O. 'extra ordinary' and also held a short memorial service for our deceased comrades.

"Peggie Dick, aided by her 81 year old mother who resides with us (Mrs. Florence Wheeler), crocheted a beautiful white afghan and pillow embroidered with Taro Leaf insignia in colors. These items were 'chanced off' at \$2.00 each as a means of providing supplemental funds for our activities. This drawing proved to be most productive for after all expenses we have accumulated more than \$150.00 for next year's affair. In the event an affair cannot be arranged for next year we have elected to donate the amount to the 24th Division Association Treasury.

"Incidentally I mailed out more than 230 invitations, but got back only 36 responses. Of the 36, 5 had to cancel; not a very good percentage. Despite this, a good time was had by all.

"Accommodations were excellent. Prime Roast Beef was superb. Tour of Battlefield was lengthy, complete, except, bus was poor.

"Many want another affair for next April or May, but no volunteer yet.

"We do not intend to formally organize a Chapter, but will have 'get-to-gether's' if the demand deems so. We would rather see more at the National affairs.

"After driving 40 miles to Gettysburg, I discovered I forgot my camera. How-

ever, Tom Farrier, from Reading took some photos which I hope he will send to you.

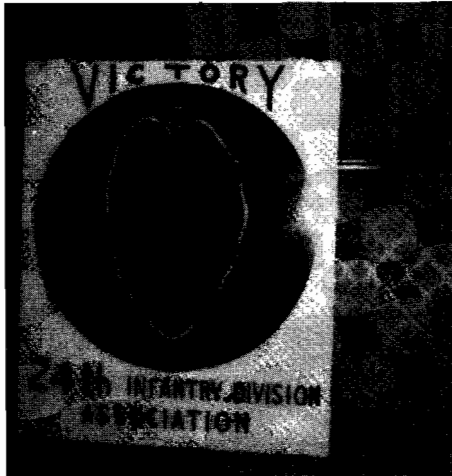
"Those who attended were:

Anderson, Robert & Rose
24th Med, New Brighton, Pa.
Bufalino, Sam H.
5th RCT, Scranton, Pa.
Carter, Ralph F.
19th Inf., Avondale, Pa.
Dick, Dallas & Peggie
19th Inf., New Cumberland, Pa.
Dimond, Richard J.
19th Inf., Bridgeville, Pa.
Fairbrothers, Stan & Jerry
63rd F.A., Laughlinton, Pa.
Farrier, Tom & Joan
24th Signal, Reading, Pa.
Fedock, John & Adelaide
19th Inf., Shippensburg, Pa.
Fetzko, Andrew & Martha
21st Inf., Bridgewater, N.J.
Finan, Jack & Mary
19th Inf., Raleigh, N.C.
Garrett, Calvin & wife
Div.Hq., Hanover, Pa.
Gruber, Tom & Margaret & son, Gerald
24th Med., Phoenixville, Pa.
Halso, Alton & Julia
19th Inf., Kinston, N.C.,
with son:
Halso, Gary & Pat, Lewistown, Pa.
Kushina, William & Jane
19th Inf., Runnemede, N.J.
McClure, Horace & Momoko
3rd Engr., Fairview, Pa.
McDonnell, Leo & Josephine
24th QM, Scranton, Pa.
McMichael, Charles & Helen
19th Inf., Butler, Pa.
Parncutt, Robert & Betty
34th Inf., Philadelphia, Pa.
Parish, Walter & Frances
24th Med., Hampstead, Md.
Peyton, Joe & Margaret
19th Inf., Lutherville, Md.
Pleasant, Robert & Jo
13th F.A., Columbus, Ohio
Rice, Al (guest of Ralph Carter)
Avondale, Pa.
Richards, James & Jeanne
63rd F.A., Nelsonville, Ohio
Sabatine, Matt & Josephine
21st Inf., Roseta, Pa.
Scherer, Walter & Marjorie
Div.Hq., Warren, Pa.
Scott, Virgil & Delores
21st Inf., Beaver Falls, Pa.
Stanley, David
19th Inf., York, Pa.
Wagonhurst, Al & Peggy
5th RCT, Carlisle, Pa.

Wheeler, Les & Dottie
19th, 21st, 34th, 5RCT
Alexandria, Va.

(Wittman, Harry & Frances
21st Inf., Keyser, W.Va.)

Ginter, Leo & Eva
11th Med., Gettysburg, Pa."



HARRY and Frances WITTMAN, (G 21st '51-'52) of 1385 Terri St., Keyser, W.Va., made the Gettysburg clambake, bringing with them this lovely colored sign which they presented to the gang. Dallas says he'll bring it to Lexington. We are grateful to Harry and Fran.



New Life Member Dr. DALLAS YORK, (19th '42-'45), of 1109 N. Lincoln, Creston, Iowa, knows a 200-pound gal who's tried Metrecal, safflower oil and 101 other lose-weight diet systems. "Now", Doc told us, "She only eats garlic and limburger cheese. Nobody can go near her, but from a distance, she looks thin!"

Sugar and Spice... and everything nice.

The anticipation of a good trip is enough to start the adrenalin going and to put a spring in your step. Travel relieves tiredness, makes boredom vanish. Get that "Glad to be alive" feeling. See you in Lexington in August.

A FINE MESS!



To make reservations at the Lexington Hilton Inn for August 9 - 12, 1979 and/or for the days which you can be with us, phone 606-259-1311.



We can't find out what unit JOHN RIDEOUT was in. No one will admit to it and we won't ask him. He's now beginning to pay the state of Oregon \$50 a month to reimburse \$1322 in welfare funds received by his wife and child while the couple was separated. He and Greta separated 4 times since their 1976 marriage, the 3rd time coming when she charged him with rape. He beat that one last December. Then they reconciled. Now they've split again and the divorce trial is on again. Ho hum!



BOB HARDIN looking for JUNIOR WILLS of Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was an Item Company man in the 5th RCT. Anyone know him?



Kudos to TOM GRUBBS, (Hq. 6th Tk. '51-'53), of Orlando, Fla., who answered our appeal for help in the way of getting us publicity in your local paper - our only hope!!! Here's what he had appearing in the "Sun Vets", the VFW publication for Fla:

Reunion Set

The 24th Infantry Division will hold their 32nd Annual Reunion at the Hilton Inn, Lexington, Kentucky, August 10-11, 1979. Membership in the 24th Infantry Division Association is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf, or served in any unit formally attached to the 24th. Dues are \$10 per year and include a subscription to their publication, "Taro Leaf." If you need more information about the convention or care to join the association, write to: Howard R. Lumsden, Membership Chairman, 167 Hickory St., Wood River, Illinois, 62095.

The Times Magazine conducted a poll of some several thousand service people as to which military installations they liked most and least. An informal, unscientific thing, but interesting, nonetheless.

In the Army, it was cheers for Ft. Carson, Colo. and boos for Ft. Hood (Tex.).

In the Navy, it was "best" for Newport, R.I., "worst" for Norfolk, Va.

In the Air Force, it was "hooray for Hickam AFB (Wahoo) and mush for Minot AFB (N.D.).

For the Marines, it was all in one, the best of all worlds and the worst of all words, Camp Lejeune (N.C.).

For the Army, 'Frisco's Presidio ranked 2nd after Carson, then Ft. Sam Houston (Tex.). At the bottom of the ladder, next to Hood were sweaty Polk (La.) and steamy Bragg (N.C.).

The Navy boys and girls gave San Diego and Pearl Harbor (Wahoo) #2 and #3 respectively among the favorites. 2nd worst bummer was Great Lakes (Ill.).

The Fly gals and laddies had McChord AFB (Wash.) as #2 favorite, then Mather AFB (Cal.). Loring AFB (Me.) was next to Minot and Chanute (Ill.) came off as 3rd worst.

As for the Marines, it was Lejeune all the way although Pendleton (Cal.), Kaneohe (Wahoo), and San Diego weren't all that bad. Among the rather-not-talk-about, they also listed Henderson Hall (Va.), Barstow (Calif.), Parris Island (S.C.) and Twenty Nine Palms (Cal.).

Just thought you'd like to know.



"Don't bark at me, sir. I don't make the trouble spots, I merely stick in the pins!"

HAPPY DAYS ARE ALWAYS HERE!

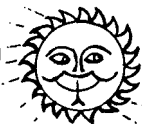
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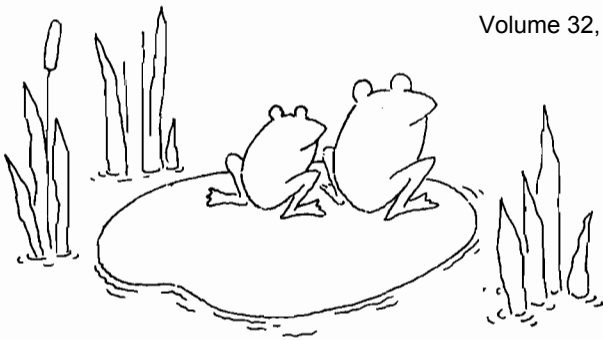
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We're always happy to receive a message from JACK and Mary FINAN, (19th '39-'42), of 758 E. Whitaker, Raleigh, N.C. He consistently packs each one tight with news. For example:

"We missed you in Gettysburg. Peggie/Dallas Dick put on a fine Pow-Wow and we enjoyed seeing some 60 plus Taro Leaf Folks.

"In the spring we spent two weeks in 'Gator Land. Baseball is my first love in sports and we saw games by Cincinnati, New York Mets, Houston, St. Louis, Toronto, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and Los Angeles. Missed the Red Sox.

"After the Saturday nite party, we went to the Dallas Dick Command Post. Gentleman Joe Peyton and Dallas took the floor and told some of the wackiest war stories that I've heard in years. I think they must have consumed some of that good Keystone Virgin Wine.

"Two of our Virginia friends have encouraged us to make a May AMTRAK voyage to Colorado, Utah, and California. We depart Raleigh on 10 May and return home about 24 May. Our last trip by train was in '67 when we went to Miami Beach.

"We went to Bragg the other day to see Nancy Dimond, US Coast Guard Reserve, very pretty daughter of Dick (Mighty Mite) and Helen. Bragg is having a seminar and Nancy is on ACDUT in an Admin job. Haven't seen Helen since West Point. We hope she will make Dick take her to Lexington come August.

"I have no complaints but my Doughboy legs are getting weak. Combat duty in North Africa, Italy and Korea. Trying to bowl a few strikes in the Senior Citizens League on Tuesday and Friday. One of the old gals was 90 this month and she keeps the ball in the strike zone.

"Pardon my typing - I'm not a former 'Chick' Company clerk like Dallas Dick. Peggie did the planning for Gettysburg and Dallas put on our name tags. More Women's Lib!!! Hope everything is well in your neck of the woods. Take good care of yourselves. ALOHA."

We repeat our gratitude for the words, Jack. And we happen to know that each month you write dozens just as newsy and just as friendly. You are GREAT!!!

We spot checked recently, sending out 100 letters at random. 71 replied. Fantastic! We asked about the way our paper is presented. Most were satisfied with its contents, its attempted balance between "alumna news" and Stewart news, between military and other general interest items, between the serious and the not-so-serious, etc., etc. We thank those who took the time to let us know their feelings. We don't want to present anything not of interest to the general membership. This is your publication and we want it to fairly represent who and what we are and what we are doing.



We double up in a paroxysm of laughter as we read the stories of CLINTON C. HAYES, (H 21 '40-'45), of 935 Rosewood, Layton, Utah. Here's Clint with lovely Frances. The stories relate to Clinet's days as a boxer. We're saving them for the History. Believe us, they're good.

News Update

O.D. and Wanda FOSTER (Hq.Co., 2nd Bn. 34th,) of 9104 E. 36th Terr., Kansas City, Mo. 64133, a retired General Motors man, swears that a KEN ROSS was his Company commander on Mindanao. We assured him at the Wood River get together that we had never served in the 34th. We're not sure that he is really convinced. Swear it on a stack of bibles, O.D.



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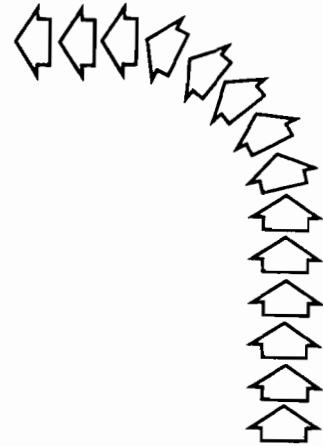
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Sugar and Spice

We live in a complex, fast-moving society. If, indeed, we had any doubts regarding our complexity we were provided with a credulous affirmation by an advertisement that appeared in a small college student newspaper. It read: "Wanted: Student to work on nuclear-fissionable isotope molecular reactive counters, and three-phase cyclotronic uranium photosynthesizers. No experience necessary." We haven't the vaguest idea of what that student will be required to do. Nevertheless, this job description does reflect the tempo of our times.

VIC BACKER, (A 34th '42-'44), asks if we've heard the one about Cleveland that goes: "What's the difference between Cleveland and the Titanic?" "Cleveland has a better orchestra".

NICK LATANISHEN, (B 19th, 1/41-1/42), of 3305 Belsford, Baltimore, Md., has recently joined.

Sen. Sam Nunn (D.-Ga.) thinks military people should speak English on duty, even if it is not their native language. Watch the flaming liberals hang Nunn on that one. If a man gets in and can't speak English, we suggest that it may be a case of enlistment fraud.

The R.J. Reynolds people conducted a promotional campaign in NYC recently - gave away 150,000 cartons. Yes, gave them away. NYC tax people came in for the kill - wanted 8¢ a pack. Reynolds paid the \$135797.60. Boy, you can't even give things away these days.

Long lost friend. Life Member PETER FUSTINI (C 34th '44-'45), of 323 Higdon, Mt. View, Calif., is looking for WALTER SMIGEL last believed to be living in the greater Detroit area. Any ideas?

OSCAR MURPHY called us the other day. Weights 340#. Has had 5 heart attacks. Six kids - all married but one - 6 grandchildren.



A LITTLE BIRD TO TELL OF LOVE...

Alice SWEM, that vibrant, joyful, delightfully blithe spirit, writes us from Carthage that LEON is just out of hospital. Doesn't tell us any more. Alice, incidentally, was recently on the west coast (Santa Maria, Cal.) for the wedding of a niece.

Holy Cow!!!! JOE CENGA (AT 19th '40-'44), of 355 Belmont, Wollaston, MA., has remarried and the happy couple are expecting. As Joe describes it, "Hell, none of my kids, ages 28, 25, 22, 21 and 16, have given me any grandchildren, so thought I'd start again." Yes, Joe, but.....We'll talk it over when you get to Lexington.

Into Washington for a meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped came AH KEE LEONG - all the way from Wahoo. Ah Kee thoughtfully phoned us a cheery "Hello" for which we say "Thanx, Ah Kee."

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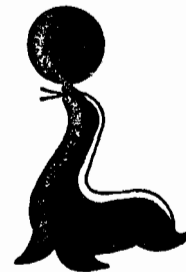
FOR THE RECORD

Because the United States has recognized the People's Republic of China (Peking) and has severed diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan), the China War Memorial Medal awarded to American World War II veterans of the China theater has been discontinued. The Taiwan Embassy, which received and processed applications for the Republic of China medal, has been closed in Washington, D.C.



Here's Elizabeth Ray, whose lack of secretarial talent attracted attention to her relationship with her former boss, then Rep. Wayne Hays of Ohio. She tried nightclubbing the other evening. Two songs and she quit. The 75 people in the lounge applauded politely. Now she's writing a book called "Elizabeth Ray Typing Techniques". Ya gotta admit, the kid's got guts.

MMMMMmmmmmmmm



PATRICK J. BLUNNIE, (C 21st '50-'52) of Hialeah, Fla., has just gotten under the wire as we go to press. BOB HARDIN has brought him in as a new Life Member. Pat and Lum served together at Garson in '49-'50.



Contributed by Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN who, thankfully, saw it somewhere:

"Spring is here
And so am I
But at my age
I wonder why."

We'll not question the meaning behind the meaning in this contribution; we'll just add that we're deliriously happy about spring and Red being with us.

In the works - another MacArthur movie. Stay tuned.

Japanese enshrine World War II criminals

According to a shrine official, who asked that his name not be used, 1,005 war criminals have had their names inscribed on tiny tablets in the Yasukuni Shrine's inner sanctum during the past 10 years.

Hideki Tojo, who served as Japanese prime minister in World War II and some 1,000 others branded as war criminals by the Allies, have been enshrined in a tomb dedicated to the nation's war dead.

An official told The Associated Press the honored dead include Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, one of Japan's foremost military officers.

Also enshrined is Masaharu Homma, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the Philippines, who forced Gen. MacArthur to flee the islands in 1942.

After Japan's defeat, Yamashita was sentenced by an American military court and hanged in 1946 for atrocities by Japanese troops in the Philippines.

Homma was sentenced and executed by a firing squad in 1946, being held responsible for the Bataan death march.

According to the shrine official, who asked that his name not be used, 1,005 war criminals have had their names inscribed on tiny tablets in the Yasukuni shrine's inner sanctum during the past 10 years.

Twenty-four top war criminals were tried in Tokyo by an 11-nation international tribunal including Australia, Britain, China, France, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Soviet Union and the United States, and charged with crimes against peace and humanity.

Some 5,700 Class B and Class C offenders were charged with violating conventional law and customs of war, such as not mistreating war prisoners, and more than 920 were sentenced in military courts in Japan and in one-time Japanese-occupied areas and executed.

Recently, deputy shrine priest Katsushige Fujita told reporters that Tojo and 13 wartime leaders had been secretly enshrined in Yasukuni. The disclosure added to fears that Japan was reviving militarism and that the government was moving toward restoring state support for the Shinto shrine.

Yasukuni was set up in 1879 and today enshrines 2.45 million "souls of the war dead" who died in wars at home and abroad.

Fujita said he had made the enshrinements at his own discretion because "more than 30 years have elapsed since the war's end and to leave their souls.

untended isn't fair to their next of kin."

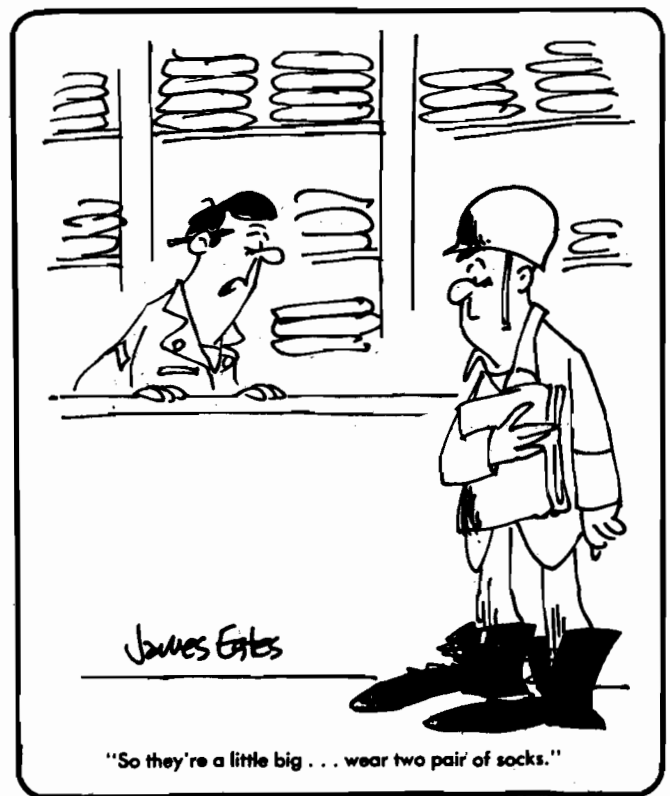
After Tojo and six others were executed in December 1948, in Sugamo Prison, their bodies were sent to a crematorium in Yokohama.

Some of the ashes were scooped up by a Japanese defense lawyer who happened to live close by. Occupation authorities rejected a request from bereaved families for the rest of the ashes, which were dumped into the sea from a U.S. military aircraft.

On April 22, 1965, the lawyer formally turned over to the men's families the ashes he had saved.

Two years later they were buried near Atami, where a cenotaph was placed with the words "grave of seven gentlemen." The words were written by Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, who was humiliated by Tojo during the war.

This was an AP item of the other day. We choose not to believe that part about dumping the ashes of Tojo and the others into the sea. We refuse to believe it.



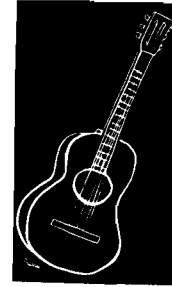
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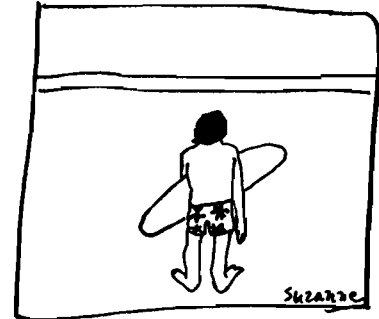
ARTHUR KMIECIK, (D 19th '44-'45), of 825 Post Road, Brookfield, Wis., has an idea that we can talk ourselves into making the trek back to the Philippines in '79 or '80 or '81. He reports finding a germ of interest in the possibility while sitting around the pool at our Savannah gathering last August. We're all for it and would certainly sign up. Art talks of making it in October of this year (the 35th anniversary) but we'd doubt that sufficient interest can be generated in the short time available - between now (June 22nd as we write this) and Oct. 20th - that's about 16 weeks. We'll do our part by initiating the discussion. Take it away Art. What we do object to, and we're intimate enough with the travel business to know whereof we speak, is turning the matter over to outside interests for their management expertise. We do believe that, if 30 or 300 of us want to fly to the P.I. we're big enough to make all the requisite arrangements by ourselves. We've been down this merry road before (the Hawaiian trip in '65). Let's face it - we're talking commissions or kick-backs or whatever. We reason that if there's to be a \$2000 or 3000 "excess" in assessed charges for the members involved, that money should come back to the organizing committee (our own members) and distributed proportionately among the members who make the trip. It's as simple - and obvious - as that.



Coppers are joining in droves. Eureka! BILL EARLEY, (26th AAA '49-'51) of 25 Kelly, Hamden, CT, is a detective in the Hamden PD. He and Lucille have 4 boys - Bill, Jr., Mike, Jim and Bob.



WLATER MORRISON of Millinocket, Me., writes a fine letter about his days in the 24th MPs - in Japan '48-'50 and in Korea '50-'51. We'll use in the History, Walt. Thanx.



Albert Lea is not the name of a member; it is the name of a town in Minn. Member CHARLES R. PETERSON, (24th Admin Co. 3/68-6/69) lives there - at 215 Will-O-Bruce. Strange names out there in Minn., Charlie!



Looking for old buddies is new member, SID MANWARING, (21st & 24 Sig '41-'43), of 155 Hickory Grove Road, Horseheads, N.Y. 14845.




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next Friday, August 10th — and
Saturday, August 11th.**

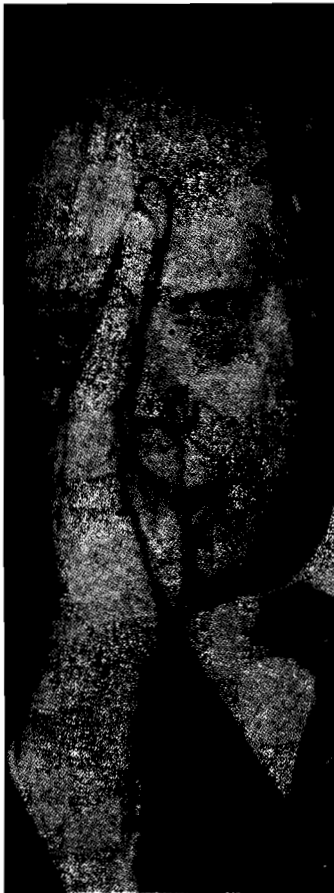
*But come early —
Thursday say — or Wednesday —
And stay late —
certainly to Sunday.*



**Come one and all —
Whether you were in “the Big One” —
or the Korean “Thing” —
or served Division at some other wonderful time
in its glorious history —**

The welcome mat is out to you!!!





Since our last issue wherein we spoke of the arrogance displayed by our 100 senators and 435 representatives in matters of alleviating their own financial distress by voting themselves a pay raise, juggling the rule on what they might earn on the outside, and threatening to allow themselves a monstrous tax deduction to cover the high cost of Washington living, we have come onto this cute one showing Secretary of the Treasury, W. Michael Blumenthal. It seems to fairly well dramatise the attitude of taxpayer-be-damned which serves to pervade all of Washington these days. We said it before and we

say it again: history tells us that leaders who disdain public welfare and opinion eventually find their seats to be uneasy ones. The public have had just about enough with this gang. Only trouble is that if you throw this bunch out, you'll likely get in a crowd that is worse.

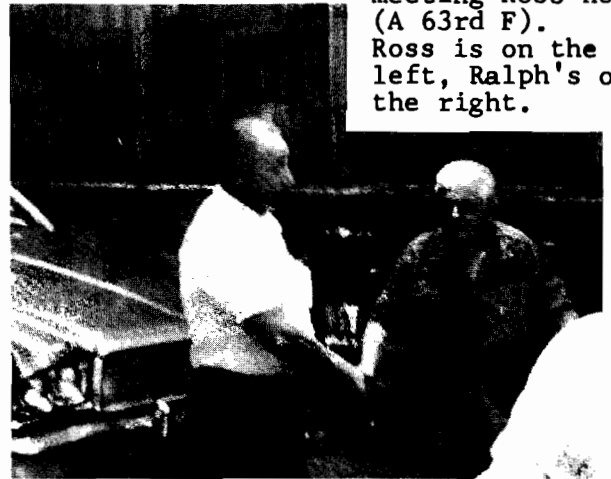
"The Best."

DICK and Marie REINKE, (Div. Hq. '44-'45), have moved into a condo at 7015 9th Ave. W in Bradenton, Fla. Dick gives us the one about the lad from Warsaw who had died with a request on his lips that he be given a burial at sea. Two of his brothers drowned digging his grave. The years have done nothing by way of improving your jokes, Dick. Love to Marie.

HOWARD STULL, (I-5th RCT '51-'52), of 440 10th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla., would like to contact Sgt. MOYER, Cpl. STANTON, Sgt. HALEY, Lt. MOHONEY, ROSCOE YOUNG, FRANT TROUT, ISSAC HUTCHINS, and EUGENE TOTTEN. Tel. 813-894-6390.

Now one of us is THEODORE "Andy" ANDERSON, (E 21st 7/40-12/44), of Creekside, Pa., thanks to BOB KILGO.

RALPH FERRARO, (63rd F '40-'44), of 164 Valley, Montclair, N.J., remembers his first experience with Nip booze - at Hollandia. Says that he started an attempt to swim back to the USA but they stopped him 100 yards off Pim Jetty. Here he is in '42 in Wahoo - and 31 years later, meeting ROSS HUH, (A 63rd F). Ross is on the left, Ralph's on the right.



"Green stamps just don't seem to tell the entire story."



You just knew we'd comment on "Ike", ABC's 6-hour dime novel which cluttered the airwaves for 3 wasted evenings in May. It wasn't the story of the Supreme Commander of the ETO; it was Ike lights Kaye's cigarette and Kay light's Ike's cigarette. The story? Putrid. The characterizations? Embarrassing. The acting? Atrocious. Did Ike deserve the silly treatment which he received on film? You've got to admit that his conduct of 34-37 years earlier had been in one area at least, somewhat bold. He had asked for it. The disgrace? - that it had to be screened at all while Mrs. Eisenhower still lives. ABC and writer Melville Shavelson did their level best to make Ike, FDR, Gen. Marshall, and deGaulle look like simpletons. Shavelson should be challenged for his talent, his taste (or lack of it), and his integrity as a historian. If you missed the whole shebang, you were blessed.



Life Member DAVID LOMAX, in receiving his plate, wrote, "I consider it one of my most precious possessions. He also sent along a news item about Fr. THOMAS WALDIE. It emanated from Ft. Campbell, Ky. and it went like this under a headline which read "Airborne Priest Jumps As Duty or For Fun":

"After services are over, Father Thomas Waldie straps on a parachute and joins his parishioners.

"They may be jumping as part of a regular Army exercise or for fun. Father Waldie does both.

"He believes in leadership by example.

"To be an effective chaplain, you have to do what the men do," said the Roman Catholic priest, a lieutenant colonel with the 101st Airborne Division.

"It's Fascinating And Easy.

"He volunteered for the airborne eight years ago at age 42, after service in two wars that took him to China and Korea. Both earned him decorations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit.

"Like most combat veterans, he is reluctant to speak of his experiences, but the piercing blue eyes light up when the conversation turns to jumping.

"It's fascinating, exhilarating, and easy," he explained in a soft voice that carries no trace of his native New York City.

"Just completed my 188th free-fall jump this week, and I've made 167 others with the boys in the division. The Army requires us to jump regularly, you know."

"In a free fall, or sky dive, the chutist drops several thousand feet before pulling the rip cord. He travels at speeds up to 120 miles an hour, but maintains stability by using his arms and legs like a bird.

"On his seventh free fall, Father Waldie found lines tangled around his parachute 'until it looked like a grapefruit.

"Yanked Reserve And Prayed'

"I yanked my reserve....and prayed.'

"After graduation from Fordham University, he joined the Fathers of The Blessed Sacrament. In April, 1943, he went into the Air Force as a chaplain.

"I got into China toward the end of the war, spent six months in Shanghai, and about two years in Peiping," Father Waldie said.

"Treaty Didn't Mean A thing'

"During that time, he traveled with an allied mission that was trying to work out a peace treaty between the Chinese Communists and the Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-shek.

"It was frustrating," Father Waldie said, 'The Communists were stalling for time. They signed a treaty, but it never meant anything to them.'

"Returning to this country, he was discharged from service, taught a year at Cleveland, and then for two years in Melbourne, Australia.

"The Korean War brought him back into uniform as a member of the Fifth Regimental Combat Team, which he called 'one of the finest in the world.'

"Darted From Foxhole to Foxhole'

"The rough combat soldiers felt the same way about their chaplain.

"They remember seeing him dart from foxhole to foxhole, chatting, joking, and talking seriously to those who needed his help.

"They remember seeing him dig for 4 hours into an almost-impossible Korean mountainside to set up a temporary altar.

"And they remember July, 1951, and July, 1952, when Father Waldie won the Silver Star and Bronze Star for rescuing badly wounded men under heavy Communist gunfire.

"After two years, Father Waldie came home.

"A friend got me interested in jumping; so I volunteered for the paratroopers.'

"He plans to stay with them "as long as my parachute keeps opening."



Fellow at football game - goes to get hot dogs. Coming back he says to lady at end of seat, "Did I step on your foot when I went out?" Expecting an apology, she said, "Yes, you did." Fellow hollers to his friend: "O.K. Pete, this is the right row."



HURRICANE



MILFORD A. OLSON, (C 21st '42-'45), of Minot, N.D., appears in this one. Are you a radio ham, Mil? Looks like some equipment in the background. Mil recalls the first night ashore at Tananmerah Bay (Apr. 22, 1944). Capt. RAY MARCY ordered LT.CHARLES COUNTS (3rd Plt.) and 8 men on a combat patrol. Says Mil, "We went through a small village of grass huts and Sgt. EARL COKER and I had rear guard. We both heard footsteps in a hut. We had our rifles on our hips, ready to shoot, when both of us saw 'De-Gain', (our Italian Boy) who was in the hut looking for souvenirs. He rejoined the patrol after Counts had a few well chosen words with him".



ART SPIESMAN, (Band '44-'46), of 65 Newfield, W.Roxbury, MA, writes reminding us of the way in which HAROLD COURTNEY, his red haired 1st Sgt. played volley ball in the nude. We could say something about that but we won't. Art has retired from the I.R.S. after 33 years. This shot was taken on Mindanao. Art is the "skinny kid behind the bass drum, with arms folded, on the right." Drummers always fold their arms when they pose. Why, Art?

pretty spiffy...

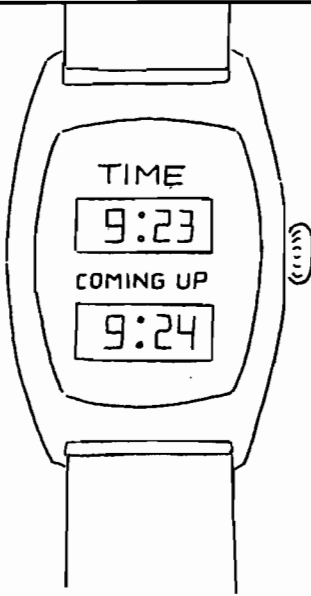


Meet JOE BENDER, (Sv 21st '42-'45) not to leave out Elinor, both of Hammonton, N.J. While we're at it, meet Elinor (2nd appearance) and the two young ladies, Barbara and Andrea Bender. Joe reminds us of the "excellent batch of home brew" he made from K-ration fruit bars while in Hollandia. What were we saying about the enterprising G.I.?



Life Member C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE was in on the presentation of a new color TV to the patients of the Sepulveda (Calif.) VA Hosp. Bud is Life Member #162. Lots of energy in this fellow. That's Bud in the middle - as rigid as a topless Eskimo in Anchorage.





We compiled this roster of members and thought you'd like to see it. It shows clearly that our strength is, if not in the south east, at least along the Atlantic coast.

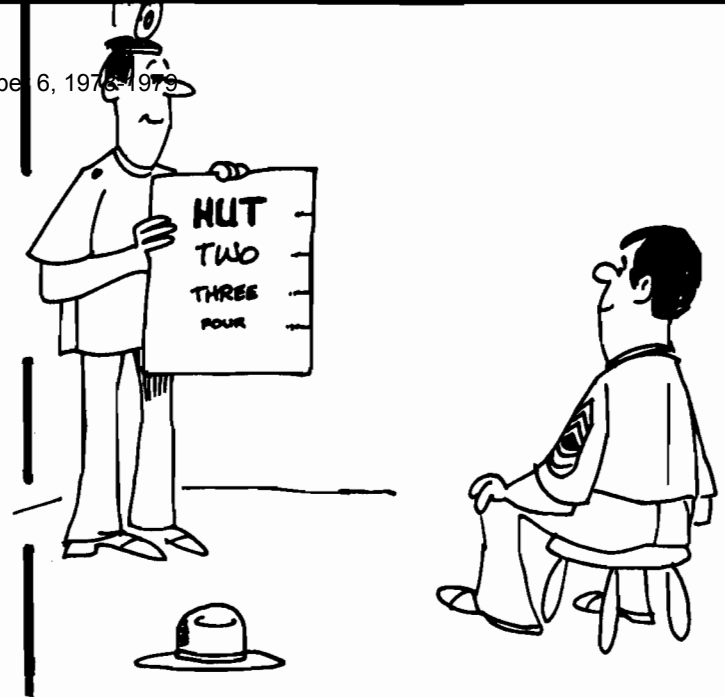
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| Ariz. | 4 | Nebr. | 11 |
| Ark. | 29 | Nev. | 3 |
| Calif. | 91 | N.H. | 4 |
| Colo. | 18 | N.J. | 46 |
| Conn. | 24 | N.Mex. | 3 |
| Del. | 2 | N.Y. | 76 |
| D.C. | 2 | N.C. | 41 |
| Fla. | 77 | N.D. | 1 |
| Ga. | 254 | Ohio | 54 |
| Hawaii | 17 | Okla. | 21 |
| Idaho | 3 | Oreg. | 10 |
| Ill. | 93 | Pa. | 84 |
| Ind. | 29 | R.I. | 8 |
| Iowa | 23 | S.C. | 15 |
| Kans. | 18 | S.D. | 1 |
| Ky. | 17 | Tenn. | 15 |
| La. | 11 | Tex. | 37 |
| Maine | 8 | Utah | 2 |
| Md. | 21 | Vt. | 3 |
| Mass. | 62 | Va. | 34 |
| Mich. | 36 | Wash. | 15 |
| Minn. | 12 | W.Va. | 5 |
| Miss. | 11 | Wis. | 26 |
| | | Wyo. | 0 |

Total 1418

FESTIVAL

Drunk sees repairman working on clothes washer. Repairman has a load going and is staring in through the glass to see what's happening. Drunk: "Shay, what's the score?"



Presenting Our Proud Roll of
LIFE MEMBERS as of Presstime:

1. Newman, Aubrey S.
2. Davidson, William
3. Backer, Victor
4. Hanlin, Clifford G.
5. Henry, Edmund F.
6. Peyton, Joseph I.
7. Pursifull, Ross
8. Nolan, Robert
9. Stevenson, Gerald R.
10. Hartley, Paul W.
11. Koenig, A. Bertram
12. Froome, James N. Jr.
13. Llewellyn, William T.
14. Miller, Adolph
15. Throm, Urban L.
16. Silverness, Robert A.
17. McNeeley, Sue DeA
- *18. Manlove, Almon W.
19. Mashett, Joseph P.
20. Plowman, Edward M.
- *21. Ross, Kenwood
22. Thomas, Alex
23. Treadway, Robert E.
24. Compere, Thomas H.
25. Zarowski, Stanley
26. Claxon, Roscoe C.
- *27. Gilner, Samuel Y.
- *28. Verbeck, William J.
29. Wallace, Benjamin F.
30. Heller, Francis H.
31. Mochak, Michael
32. Ligman, Richard T.
- *33. Duff, Robert J.
34. Sanderson, William
35. Ward, John E.
36. Irving, Frederick A.
- *37. Ciangi, Patrick J.
38. O'Donnell, James M.
39. Donovan, Basil C.
40. Wehle, Fred J.
41. Larson, Emil M.
42. Williams, Don C.
- *43. Horvath, John
44. Andrezak, Chester A.
45. Rafter, Michael J.
46. Miller, Allyn
- *47. Purcell, James N.
- *48. Hornbeck, Arthur J.
- (49. Dean, Maj. Gen. William F.
- (49a. Dean, Mrs. William F.
50. Cochran, Lafayette A.
51. Harris, Clement J.
52. Shay, John R.
53. Lumsden, Howard R.
54. Shaw, Elmer
- *55. Strzoda, Thomas R.
56. Lowry, Hubert
57. Goiny, Richard
58. Scatchell, Anthony
59. Giustino, John
60. Kresky, Ray R.

- (61. Wisecup, Paul J)
62. McKeon, Joseph J.
63. Scherer, Walter
64. Klump, John
65. Compton, Ernest
66. Nagy, Alex K.
67. Harris, Paul A.
68. Richardson, Howard W.
69. Strada, Angelo
70. White, Carroll L.
71. Wiegmann, Edward H.
- *72. Carter, Henry H. Jr.
73. Daniels, Charles E.
74. Watson, Richard C.
- *75. Maybaum, Arthur
76. Skinner, Franklin E.
77. Lieber, Gerald
78. Harrell, Francis E.
79. Finley, Fondo J. Jr.
80. Zwerner, Ernest J.
81. Byrd, William
82. Slowik, Matthew W.
83. Miller, Darrel W.
84. Tewell, Charles
85. Seltsam, Albert
86. Gratz, Heinz O.
87. Creamer, Leo L.
88. Peters, Walter J.
89. Haywood, Major G.
90. Boatwright, Linton S.
91. Geelhoed, Theodore
92. Lorio, Angelo
93. Hiltner, Harry R.
94. Schenkel, Vernon



95. Farola, Aniceto
96. Duhamel, Louis C.
- *97. Marinello, Henry
98. Dick, Dallas
99. Andre, Robert A.
100. Menemeyer, Francis W.
101. Greek, Elvin E.
102. Bakewell, Thomas W.
103. Moyer, Frank
104. Arnold, Russell G.
- *105. Hahn, James W.
106. Dews, Robert P.
107. Tacchi, Louis J. Sr.
108. Fasules, Pomas B.
109. Stroup, John W. Sr.
110. Wheeler, Lester L.
111. O'Sullivan, John J.
112. Albright, Robert L.
113. Brabham, Robert F.
114. Swem, Leon D.
115. Berlo, Fr. Christopher J.
116. Boyce, John E.
117. Oddo, Frank
118. Savell, William A.
119. Von Mohr, Jerome A.
120. Daniels, Robert J.
121. Farrier, Thomas I.
122. Malley, James L.
123. Zyjewski, Raymond C.
124. Fentner, Kenneth W.
125. Winchell, William
126. Grady, Thomas E.
127. Conoyer, Joseph J. Jr.
128. Jungblut, Albert P. Jr.
129. Mornhinweg, William A.
130. Baldwin, J. Smith
131. McMichael, Charles E.
132. Rock, Alvis L.
133. Watkins, William L.
134. Ford, C. Rucker
- *135. Christopher, John
136. Cunningham, Donald
137. Goodrum, John W.
138. Worthen, Jerry
139. Smola, Victor C.
140. Joniec, John E.
141. Bolt, James W.
142. Brown, Hugh A.
143. Hampel, Arnold J.
144. Baccay, Clark
145. Henderson, Lindsay P. Jr.
146. McCall, Nathan F.
147. Green, George
148. Conners, Herbert Jr.
149. Hassenboehler, Roland E.
150. Kuba, Frank J.
151. Hardin, Robert B.
152. Church, Robert
- *153. Avery, Warren G. +
154. Gray, Joe B.
155. Bell, James L. Jr.
156. Shrewsbury, James A.
157. Silvers, Robert R.
158. Thiel, Wilbur J.
159. Geygan, James W.
160. Gorski, Frank E.



161. Girardeau, John H. Jr.
162. Collette, Clarence A.
163. Ryals, George F. Jr.
164. Douglas, Jack
165. Warner, Volney F.
166. Bradford, Edgar N.
167. List, Lee B.
168. Crowe, Moody S.
- *169. Rosenblum, Donald E. +
170. Hanrick, Dennis M.
171. Johnson, Robert H.
172. Hyde, Emmett E.
- *173. Calos, Spero W. +
174. Blaney, Kermit B.
175. Rutledge, George W.
176. Parsons, Dewey E.
177. Lomax, David
178. Damish, Adolph
179. Buck, Frederick E.
180. Allo, Frank
181. Lawatsch, John J.
182. Lang, Cornelis Dew W.
183. Welch, John J.
184. Jungjohan, William J.
185. Shadrack, James B.
186. Cain, Paul J.
187. Falbo, Frank J.
188. Bethards, John W.
189. Josz, Julius
190. Fuchshuber, Royston
191. Gosztyla, Henry J.
192. Anderson, Virgil L.
193. Hogue, Charles W.
194. Burke, Ezra P.
195. Halso, Alton K.
196. Green, Virgle F.
197. McKeehan, Elmer D.
198. Johnson, Billy



199. Young, Ronald G.
200. Upton, Thomas F.
201. Minkoff, Julius
202. Schaad, Carl W.
203. Carlson, Herbert
204. Golembiewski, Leonard
205. Gross, Stanley F.
206. Weber, Frederick R.
207. Wilson, Granton E.
208. Shock, Harry
209. Evans, Evan T.
210. Ryder, Donald F.
211. Helmick, Cleland C.
212. Samuels, John P.
213. Lawson, Richard H.
214. Nepote, Peter
215. Price, Homer I.
216. Cyrus, Harold R.
217. Martinez, Antonio Jr.
218. Roper, John D.
219. Beier, John E.
220. Styles, William C.
221. Huff, Neal A.
222. Clogher, James J.
223. Heritage, Wade F.
224. McHale, Donald R.
225. Stillwell, Stuart W.
226. Little Hawk, Herman
227. Dethlefsen, Harold J.
228. Hunt, Jim H.
229. DeLay, Albert
230. Kemper, James A.
231. Tarrant, Charles W.
232. Nelson, Floyd W.
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234. Brown, Louis A.
235. Shamshoian, Ralph
236. Barger, John A.
- *237. Lapinig, Filomeno D.
238. Krone, Otto F.
239. Lensky, Bernard
240. Wetterau, John A.
241. Anderson, Gordon W.
242. Rubin, Harry
243. McCaulley, Arthur
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247. Hartman, James T.
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251. Mansfield, Colon H.
252. Luedtke, Donald C.
253. Kmiecik, Arthur F.
254. Luhrsen, Robert H.
255. Madden Gene
256. Dimond, Richard
257. Broderick, Thomas C.
258. Mullenger, Vernon E.
259. Chapman, Edwin L.
260. Skipper, Jesse W.
261. Coker, Clarence E.
- *262. Wittman, Harry L. *
263. Pitzer, Robert E.
264. Hill, Wilbur W.
265. May, Sam R.
266. Grimes, Charles P.
267. Kleber, Heywood V. Jr.
268. Shirah, James L.
269. Wagenfuehrer, Carl S.
270. Megee, Jerry H.
271. Fairbrothers, Stanley
272. Huson, Boyce
273. Modena, James
274. Fustini, Peter R.
275. Dodd, James H.
276. Finegold, Maurice J.
277. Rohde, Bernard E.
278. Leong, Ah Kee
279. DeMichele, Joseph A.
280. Schaaf, Valentine
281. Pomeroy, Edward E.
282. Atkinson, C. H. Bronko
283. Thompson, James H.
284. Grubbs, Thomas N.
285. Frederick, James L. Jr.
286. York, Dallas L.
287. Jarmuszka, Edward J.
288. Costas, Thomas
289. Cook, Robert E.
290. Scott, Virgil W.
291. Stone, Lloyd E.
292. Willmot, William C.

* Deceased





By all means, stop for this one. We want you to meet JOHN H. POLLOCK of 2718 Frances, LaCrescenta, Cal. He's a new member, thanks to CLARENCE COLLETTE of the 5th RCT, one of our eager beavers. This is Johnny, taken in '22 when he was with Battery E of the 11th Field. John was Navy in WW II, then a plumbing contractor. Now retired,



he is 80% blind. His gun, a 155 mm how, was called "Calamity Jane". The story is that Calamity Jane fired the last US shot in WW I at 1 second before 11 am on 11/11/18. Further, the story has it that she went to war again with us until she was replaced by a newer piece "somewhere in New Guinea". We can't find out what happened to the piece. The Australian Army has allegedly tried to track it down without success. Anybody know?

At Random

We don't guarantee we'll mention all new arrivals. We try to. One of the "just-joined"s is Gimlet MELFORD OLSON, 501 11th St., Minot, N.Dak. He doesn't say which company or when.

What does a nudist do with his keys after he locks his car?

Opinion & Comment

WW II making a comeback in the book industry. Watch for a rash of books, especially paperbacks, on the war. Marc Faffe, the prexy of Bantam, explains it this way: "World War Two was the last war people feel good about. It wasn't controversial". He's got a point.

WE MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE



We're trying to identify this chap. BILL SHOWEN sent us a bunch of great photos for the History. He went slow on this one; thinks it's Capt. BAKER who was with Hq.Co. 21st Brigade before we were formed. Any ideas? We appreciate those pix, Bill.



It's VINCE SUILMAN, (Hq. 3rd Bn. 19th '42-'45), of 312 Market, Wabasha, Minn. Just joined. Was in wire section of communications. The picture was taken at Pupukea - Oahu in '42. "Terrible Tom" was Bn. C.O. says Vince. He remembers the 21 day ride from Wahoo to Rockampton.

In is NICHOLAS RUSSIELLO (34th '41-'45) of 269 Haywood, Paramus, N.J.

Maj.CHARLES RAY, (24 Med. '63-'64),
who is Asst.PAO of XVIIIICorps at Bragg,
got us this publicity in Paraglide:

24th Div. seeks ex Taros

Former members of the 24th Infantry Division are invited to submit anecdotes of life in the 'Taro Leaf' Division, to be included in a unit history currently being prepared.

Stories, which should be a paragraph or two, can be funny, sad, or whatever, the writer feels is memorable about his tour with the division.

The 24th Division was formed in Hawaii just before World War II, and saw action in New Guinea and the Philippines. The 'Taro' men performed occupation duty in Japan at the end of the war, and were the first Army division to be committed to action in the Korean War.

The division was transferred to Germany, and until its transfer to Fort Stewart, Georgia a few years ago, it never served in the Continental United States.

If you served in the division and have a story to share, write Colonel (ret.) Kenwood Ross, 120 Maple Street, Springfield, Mass. 01103.

Wish others could get us similar
publicity.

HAVING A BALL!

TRIFLES

Col. PAUL R. WALTERS, (CO Div. Arty. '45-'46), now in retirement at 9019 Charles Augustine Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22308.

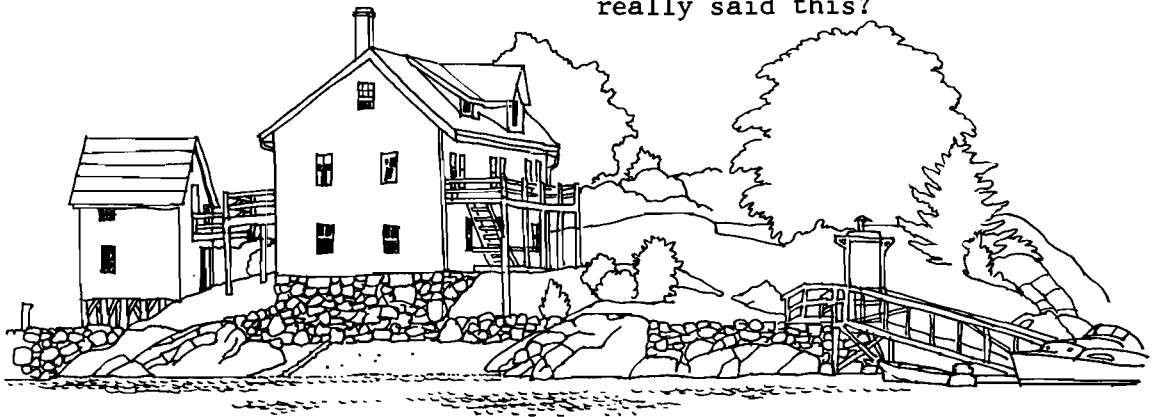
Love Letters

FRANK H. BLOOD, JR., of 431 Pearl, Gardner, MA, asks if we accept Korea vets into our 1'il outfit? Are you kidding, Frank? Come on in!

Rep. Ron Paul (R.-Tex.) said a revival of the draft or, "even worse," national service "would be a disaster militarily, economically, morally and constitutionally. Both would undermine the respect for law that undergirds a free society.

"We must, however, have a stronger national defense. We need smaller, better-paid, better-trained, professional armed forces to defend America, not the whole world at the American taxpayers' expense. We do not need more disrespect for law that the draft and national service would inevitably bring," Paul said.

Can you believe that a Congressman really said this?



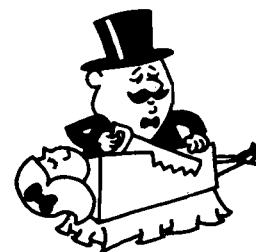
IRVING J. MCCOY, (AT 19th '46-'47), of 100 Pierce, Clearwater, Fla., tells us that IRVING III is presently serving with the Division at Stewart. That's great, Irv.

J.R. RUSSELL, 21st, of Rt. 4, Bellefontaine, Ohio, says he has some material of interest for the History. Send it in, J.R.; we'll return it. Promise.



"I'm not a businessman but could I still order the businessman's lunch?"

Perform a death-defying act.



Stop smoking.

Short Ribs

Joined: GEORGE ABBAS, (A 21st, '42-'44), of Renville, Minn. George took some shrapnel at Breakneck Ridge. Speaking of "The Ridge", here's one of the late, beloved BILL VERBECK and friend as contributed by AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN.



Always good to hear from retired JOY K. VALLERY, (19th '41-'45 - M Co., I Co., Regt. S-4, 3rd Bn. Ex. O., and 1st Bn CO), of 6414 Whitehall, Fayetteville, N.C.

LAUNDRY BASKET

ART SMITH, (K 34th '45), of Dallas Center, Iowa, writes us: "Have you heard the story about back in the days when they had selective-service registration one of the draft boards set up a test to help them determine where to send the men. There was a beautiful woman and old hag sitting in the room, that was the test. Those who were attracted to the beautiful woman were sent to the Navy and those who were attracted to the old hag were sent to the Coast Guard. And then those who were attracted to the psychiatrist were sent to the Marine Corps." Love it, Art.

Dr. RAY KINDER, the Museum Curator, writes: "You will be pleased to know that my appeal in Taro Leaf has begun to bear fruit. FRANKLIN E. SKINNER of Camden, N.Y. has offered five artifacts from the Korean War, including some very choice North Korean items.

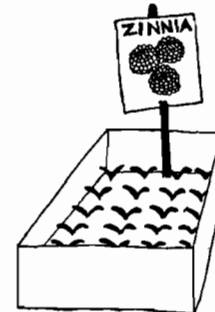
"Mention of this donation in a future issue of the Taro Leaf might be an inspiration to others to donate items to the Museum.

"Thank you again for your continued cooperation."

LEE LIST, (B 21 '41-'44) of 115 Ronald, East Peoria, Ill. came to the Wood River party sans Cecilia, but he did bring GEORGE FELKER, another B 21st man from Peoria. George, 6'4" says he hasn't grown an inch in the last 35 years.



Contributed by ARTHUR D. SMITH, (K 34th '45), of Dallas Center, Iowa. He tells us that the Des Moines Register in which it appeared is "violently anti-military and anti-veteran". Adds Art, "Yet they'd be the first to scream if the Russkies wouldn't let them print what they wanted to." Right on, Art.



LLOYD MCCANDLISH, (D 21st '50-'52) of 8420 Marietta, Bremer, Ohio, appeared on the Wood River scene, looking as handsome as ever. He's an oil field contractor. At one point in the evening, he left us, only to reappear in his old CKC's. Can still get into them without any effort. Is as slim now as he was in '50 - and that was slim. Young Raymond - fast a-growing up - came with Lloyd. Good wife Mary was left at home.

Now in, with our welcome, is RAY MURRAY, (E 21st '45-'46), of Klamath Falls, Ore. Ray's a foreman with the Southern Pacific.

Hut, two, three, four.

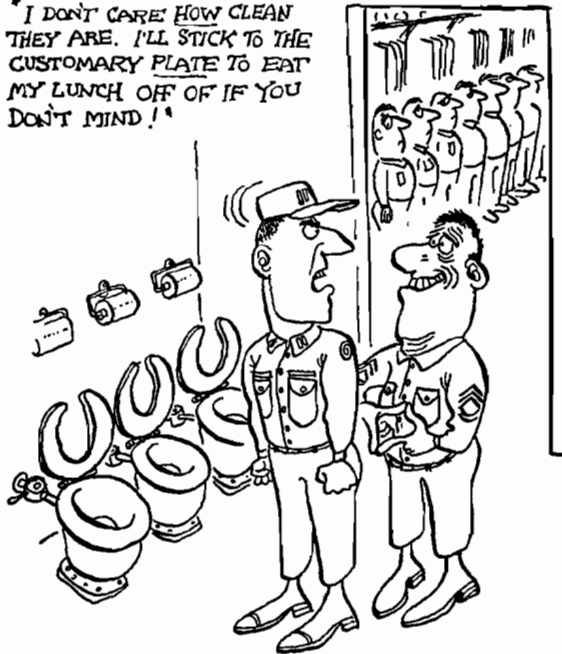
HENRY and Dorothea SCHUBERT "got some smarts". They both retired from New Departure (Bristol, CT) and within hours moved to Canterbury, New Hampshire and a 20 acre farm. Hank vows that he'll not farm.

Cannon 21st's OSCAR MURPHY asks for the name of their Captain who was KIA on Luzon. Wants to say "Edelman" but isn't certain. Adds Oscar, "There was a gentleman." Anyone recall?

ADOLPH and Bea DAMISH (34th, 19th '49-'51) of 20 Burnley, Norwood, MA, report that their man in Germany, Mark, is doing well in the Army of Uncle Sam. Just promoted to Sp 4.

BOYCE and Jean HUSON (Div.Hq. & MP Co. '41-'42; of Box 35, Normal, Ill., made the Wood River party. Boyce retires as Prexy of The First Nat'l. Bk. of Normal come June; Jean has already retired the "very next day". They're moving to Minn. where they have some land. They will winter in Florida to be near the kids. Boyce left us in Hawaii to go on to OCS at Benning where he was converted to paratrooping and ended up in the 101st Airborne Div.

"I DON'T CARE HOW CLEAN THEY ARE. I'LL STICK TO THE CUSTOMARY PLATE TO EAT MY LUNCH OFF OF IF YOU DON'T MIND!"



RODMAN DOTY, (Sv. 13th F '41-'44), of Box 76, Pemberton, N.J., would like to hear from old buddies with whom he served. O.K., you guys, fall in, in alphabetical order, beginning with the "A"s.



J.M. FEIN of 50-40 213th St., Bayside, N.Y. is compiling a history of Fort Totten, N.Y. and wants any material from people stationed there. Any tots from Totten?

Hawaiian civilians have allegedly beaten and killed some marines in a series of incidents. Shootings are the culmination of 5 months of terror in which Navy and Marine personnel have been beaten, maimed or killed by roving bands of non-whites whose motto appears to be "Save Hawaii for the Hawaiians".

Two hitchhiking Marines accepted a ride with 3 men on the a.m. of May 17, hoping to return to their base. Instead they were taken to that lonely spot on the windward side known as the "banana patch" where one was killed and the other shot in the buttocks with a .45. Two others have been killed and at least 46 injured in attacks since January.

Wahoo has 58,000 servicemen, all but a few of whom are based at PH, Schofield, and Kaneohe Marine Air Station.

Watch your local paper.

ART KMIECIK of 825 Post Rd., Brookfield, Wis., is interested in flying back to the P.I. next year or in '81. Asks if we'll publicize the fact and see if it generates any enthusiasm. There you are, Art.

Mail coming back on Life Member VIRGLE GREEN of Benton, Ark. Anybody got any ideas?



Sez Pineapple Jack: "Happiness is....
....being stuck in an elevator with a
ravishing blond and discovering that
she's a liquor saleslady with a case
full of samples."

Personal

Next time you're in the Beverly Hills
Hotel on Sunset Blvd., skip the orange
juice. It's \$2.60 a glass.

Former Sec/Def. Robert S. McNamara,
now President of the World Bank,
sometimes referred to as Mr. Stacomb,
appeared before a U. of Chicago
audience recently, and criticized
increased military spending. His
remarks were uncharacteristically in
an antimilitaristic strain. "Public
expenditures on weapons research and
development now approach \$30 billion
a year and mobilize the talents of
half a million scientists and engineers
throughout the world," he said. "That
is a greater research effort than is
devoted to any other activity on earth,
and it consumes more public research
money than is spent on the problems
of energy, health, education and food
combined." No comment!!

Change of address for LEO GUDANOWSKI,
(K 21st '40-'45). It's Box 371,
Sugarloaf, Pa.

We'll get you

Rodney Dangerfield said he took a
real cheap flight about a month ago -
when he'd finished eating, he had to
do his own dishes.

Add a little springshine:

Good friend ED WIEGMAN, (Cn. & Sv.
19th '43-'45), of 1512 St. Mary's,
Ft. Wayne, Ind., has made a 2nd and
final pymt. toward his Life Membership
(\$20/year for 5 yrs. will do it). He
advises that he has retired from the
choo choo's, and is working part-time
as a security man. He's also hot in
the Boy Scouts, Legion, Police Reserves
and a couple of other activities. Good
to have you and Ruthie back, Ed; you've
been away too long.

Viewpoint

At press time, NYC is opening its
observance of Vietnam Veterans Week.
Mayor Koch has given a typical
politician's opener. Then comes
Robert Moller, a former Marine Lieutenant
who came back as a paraplegic from
2 years over there. Says the Lieutenant
to a silent and solemn crowd of on-
lookers:

"You people ran a number on us. Your
guilt, your hang-ups, your uneasiness,
made it socially unacceptable to
mention the fact that we were Vietnam
veterans. Whenever we brought it up,
you walked away from the conversation."

Punctuating his remarks by pounding
his knee with a clenched fist, Mr.
Muller recalled that five of the men
who were in his ward had since committed
suicide and that many others had
drug, alcohol and marital problems
because, he said, Americans saw them as
"Lieutenant Calley types, junkies,
crazed psychos or dummies that couldn't
find their way to Canada."

He shook his head as he added:

"That really hurts when you remember
the pride we had. We fought hard and
we fought well."

"Vietnam was not a police action or
a skirmish," the 33-year-old Mr. Muller
said. "It was a war."

He received a standing ovation from
veterans of other American wars massed
on the platform, whose joyous home-
comings and postwar employment he
had contrasted with his own and those
like him. When Mayor Koch, a man
rarely at a loss for a response, rose
to deliver the proclamation for the
week, which had been established by
President Carter and Congress, he
groped for words before saying that
Mr. Muller's remarks were the "most
stirring" he had ever heard.

"They are not required to carry this
battle on by themselves," Mr. Koch said.
"They were sent to fight a battle
and they fought it well and we have to
thank them."

And he added: "If the United States
did a number on the Vietnam veterans,
we have to correct it, and forthwith."

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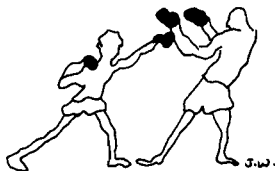
Maj. CHARLES RAY, (24 Med. '63-'64), is now in Hqs. XVIII Abn Corps at Bragg. He writes a nice little piece on his Augsburg days, and it goes:

"I was assigned to the Division in Augsburg, Germany, in Feb. '63, after completing basic training and advanced training. When I arrived at the Med.Bn. as a radio operator, I had been in the Army 7 months.

"I'll never forget those first months. For a lad fresh from Texas, who'd never seen over three inches of snow in his life, the ten foot drifts in Germany were like something out of a dream. But, life in the Division was even greater. I look back on it with fond memories.

"After a few months in the battalion, I was assigned to the color guard. We had parades or reviews at least once a month (or so it seemed at the time). I really enjoyed parading around in my shiny silver helmet with the taro leaf emblem, and my patent leather boots with the gleaming white laces. We had a ceremony during reviews that was out of sight. They had a giant taro leaf patch, attached to a scissors bridge. During the gun salute, the bridge would raise, so that when the smoke cleared, there would be the division patch towering over us all. It might seem a little silly now, but every time that darn patch rose up like that, I'd get a lump in my throat and misty eyes. I'm even fond of the division mascot, a lion cub who was promoted to sergeant before most of the men in the Division.

"I could go on all day about my 20 months in the Division, but this history isn't long enough. My hundreds of memorable experiences alone could fill a book all by themselves - the buddies I grew up with, the officers and noncommissioned officers who taught me principles to live by."



19 year old Alan Gabree in Mass. is challenging the constitutionality of a 2 month old state law on raising the drinking age back to 19. Was lowered from 21 to 18 by a bunch of do good politicians a few years back - and they lived to regret it. Now the kid is going to show them up for real. Hope he wins.

"Soldiers of '44" is a book just out. Written by William P. McGivern, Arbor House is the publisher and \$10.95 is the asking price.

It's a compelling, well-written novel - one that probably will be widely read in both its hardback and softcover editions, and one that will probably generate a serious, high-priced effort from the movie makers in Hollywood.

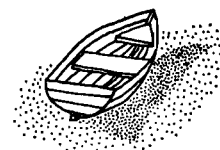
It's the story of a 15-man gun section of an automatic weapons battalion that gets separated from its parent unit when the Germans send their panzer juggernaut through the Ardenne forests of Belgium and Luxembourg during the late winter of 1944. McGivern writes with the authority of a person who has experienced combat - he was an Army artillery sergeant who fought at Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge - and an author who has been quietly plotting this novel for the past 30 years.

He is successful not only because of his familiarity with the Ardennes offensive, but because of the strong characterizations he creates on both the American and German side of the battle line. Most memorable is Sgt. Buell (Bull) Docker, a 27-year-old battle-weary pro who not only has to duel the Germans, but the incompetence of his "90-day wonder" lieutenant.

Action centers around "Operation Greif," the German plan for disrupting U.S. communications through the use of surprise attacks on units of Troy Middleton's VII Corps. This was the operation headed by Hitler favorite Col. Otto Skorzeny that involved sophisticated deception tactics through the use of troops speaking fluent English and disguised as Americans.

In another well-written episode, Docker's unit knocks out a ME-262 Messerschmitt jet and then has to fend off a crafty panzer commander who tries to recover the wreckage.

Don't buy it. Save the \$10.95 and buy yourself a quarter tank-full of petrol instead. It may be your last.





Contributed by CHARLES "Bill" TARRANTS, (A 34th '40-'43), of Box 1509, Montgomery, Ala., with the pregnant comment: "This fellow could keep an eye on things." It reminds us of one of our favorite cartoons. It's a picture of a man with 2 heads; he's making a call in a telephone booth. In the background, you can see evidence of a circus - tents, cages, flags, etc., etc. The caption reads: "Hello Ma, I got the job."

Word has it that San Diego's Gaylord Perry, 40, is no longer greasing up the baseballs he serves. Don't know what happened. We liked Mr. Moist best when his motto was, "A little dab will do ya."

Sign in window of a Boston hash house:
 "Music hath charms to soothe
 the hungry savage -
 But for you, try our
 Corned beef and cabbage."

In our last issue, we mentioned the Rhode Island boy who was refused permission to take his date (a Brown Univ. male) to his high school prom. The refusal stuck. Hurray!! The happy couple was thrown a wing ding party in a Boston bar by a gang of you-know-what's. Meantime, down in S.Dak., another Odd Couple came out of the closet - a lad from Sioux Falls H.S. and his date, a married man (married to another man for only 1 month by the way). Out of the closet? Hell, they were hardly out of the Little League and Cub Scouts. They made the prom - wearing matching powder blue tuxedos with ruffled shirts. They danced the slow ones cheek to cheek - no cut-ins, please - and made national TV. This principal allowed it - proving that S.D. principals are more liberal than R.I. principals. The rest of the country may take a while to catch up. A good long while, we would hope.

One moment, please - while we all cheer - "So long, Idi Amin!!!"



ELLSWORTH and Pauline MILLS, (724th Ord '42-'45), made the trek to Wood River, Ill. from Perry, Iowa, in 6 hours. Wrecker operator for the Ord., here's Ellsworth on the left with W.F. LUGENBYHL, another wrecker operator during '42-'45, now of Phoenix, Ariz. They met after 30 years. Ellsworth says there are bigger things in life than money; "bills, for instance".

Past President ROSS PURSIFULL (A 34th '42-'45), of 2336 Edgewood, Grand Rapids, Mich., has forwarded to the Ft. Stewart Museum a Nip saber, Nambu pistol and holster, and Nip shells and ammo. Can you scare up anything?



By which we welcome HENRY DOCTOR JR. who has assumed duties as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) of the Division. He was welcomed to Stewart on Monday, June 4 with a review and eleven-gun salute on Trent Field. That is he on the left; Col. FRED F. WOERNER, Div. Chief of Staff is on the right.

Doctor is originally from Oakley, S.C., and has more than 24 years active service in the Army. He comes to Stewart from the US Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va., where he served two years as Director of Enlisted Personnel. Prior to that he had served as Commander, 1st Brigade, 25th Division on Wahoo.

Doctor is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a bachelor of science degree from South Carolina State College and a masters degree from Georgia State University.

He has earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), and the Combat Infantry Badge.

General Doctor will reside on Fort Stewart with his wife Janie and their children, Kenneth, Lori and Cheryl.

Jackie Mason went to a psychiatrist who proceeded to give him the inkblot test. Showing him one blot, he asked: "What does this suggest to you?" Answered Jackie: "I think you need a new fountain pen."



"If it's all the same to you, sergeant, I'd like to leave government service and return to the private sector."

Assembly, the West Point alumni magazine just arrived and in it we caught a delightful story under class notes as contributed by Maj. Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN, who writes for the class of '25. Red was speaking of memories of days on the Hudson. Sez he:

"Like the time, early in Plebe year, when I just made the 2 minute bell inspection at supper time as Kraft ('24) was inspecting Harold Wiley nearby. When Kraft found an unbuttoned button under Harold's front braid I heard him say, "Do you want that button, Mistuh Wiley?"

When Harold said, "Yes sir," Kraft yanked it off and handed it to him.

So when Kraft found a similar derelict button under my braid, I replied, "No sir!" Whereupon he pulled it off and threw it away - because there is no right answer when a Plebe is wrong."

We loved the story, Mistuh Newman.

CHARLES "Bill" TARRANTS sent in a little "Ode for Memorial Day":

"Jim lost both his legs;

Uncle Bob is blind.

Pete only lost a hand;

Chuck lost his mind.

Fred did not come home;

We're waiting for him.

Many men deserted;

Jimmy pardoned them."

That raises an interesting point, Bill, and we're too busy to check the point out - so into this issue goes your effort. But did he really pardon the deserters?



Colonel THOMAS H. SPENCE became the Division's Assistant Division Commander (Support) on May 24, 1979.

Spence was born in Painesville, Ohio. He has a Bachelors Degree in General Education from the University of Omaha and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College.

Colonel Spence was drafted into the US Army in February 1955, attended Officers Candidate School, and was commissioned in 1954. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Career Course, the Command and Staff College, and the Army War College.

His assignments have included Secretary, Joint Staff, United Nations Command, US Forces Korea, Eighth Army; Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, Chief of Staff, and Division Artillery Commander, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, Texas, (What? Are they still around?); Combat Development Command, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; duty in the Office of the

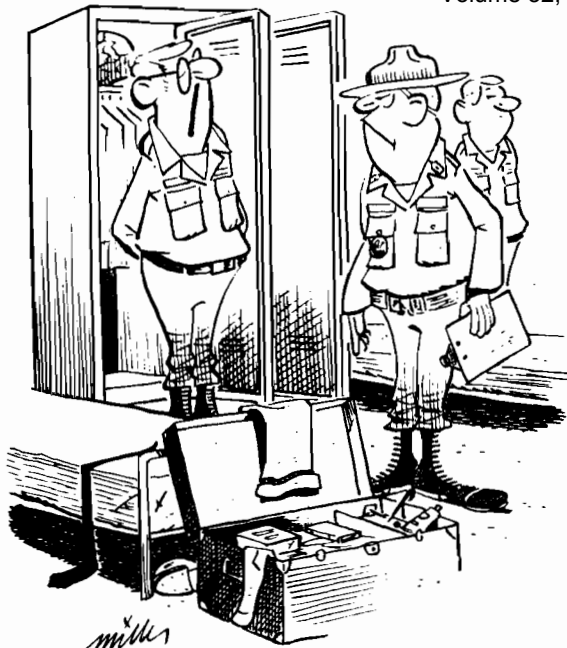
Chief, Research and Development, Department of the Army; and Headquarters, Mobile Army Selected Systems Testing, Evaluation and Review, Ft. Hood, Tex.

Col. Spence's combat tours include service with the 1st Cavalry Division and the 101st Airmobile Division where he served as a battalion commander and S3 of the Division Artillery.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (5), Senior Aviator Badge and General Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Spence is married to the former Carolyn L. Inge of Richmond, Va. Their two sons are John Thomas and Thomas H. Jr.

We say "Welcome aboard, Col. Spence. We're always happy to have a 1st Cav. man come over to our side".



"I purposely scattered those items to see if you'd notice."

As We See It

For the first time in history, the nation's veteran population has climbed above the 30 million mark. Veterans Administration estimated the number of living veterans at 30,023,000 at the end of '78. Continuing increase is due to the fact that discharges from military service have been exceeding the number of deaths among veterans.

SAD

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"BILL" TARRANTS tells us of a recent report of the Dept./Agric. which explained that it was committing funds for a program to exercise pregnant pigs on a treadmill. The theory? - that it would "relieve boredom and mental stress." Says Bill: "In my travels, all the pigs and hogs I've ever seen seemed well satisfied just rooting in the soil. Makes you wonder what kind of leadership we have." Right on, Bill.

MARTIN GOHNER, (5th RCT '50-'52), of 11241 Anabel, Whittier, Calif., says that he has a nephew whose idea of resisting the draft was to refuse a mug of beer.

Robert McNamara, President of World Bank, is telling us how mean and stingy we are. The world owes the USA more than \$74 billion, with the bulk from transactions, aid programs, and loans made since WW II began. The Russkies owe \$1.1 billion.

Defector from Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church reports that young people of the group who beg for the nickels and dimes on street corners, bus stations and airports are good for between \$109 million and \$219 million per annum. So sayeth Allen Tate Woods, once head of the sect's Maryland operations. Think about it the next time one of those balding Moonies offers to pin a flower in your lapel as you try to "Hertz" your way through your airport to catch a flight.



"The captain just left, sir ... you shouldn't have phoned first."



**Hear Ye -
Hear Ye!**

**ALL
THIS.
AND
HILTON, TOO.**

President Carter has signed into law a bill which bans unions in the armed services. Public Law 95-610 prohibits any service member from joining a military union, anyone from attempting to enroll military personnel in a union or negotiating in their behalf, and any military supervisor or commander from engaging in negotiations with any military union.

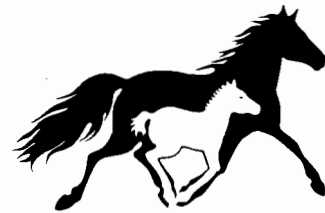


Meet our baby Life Member - #290. It's VIRGIL W. SCOTT, (SV 21st '45-'46), of 2911 Clayton, Beaver Falls, Pa. Says Delores who wrote the note, "We are trying to arrange things so as to make Lexington with you all." Hope so, Delores - and Virgil.

BOB and Jo ANDRE, (724 and A 63rd F '44-'45), down there in Pt. Richey, Fla., hope to make Lexington this year. It's always a joy to have this fine couple with us. Jo, by the way, suggests we remind all the boys to bring their Hawaiian shirts and the gals to bring their mu-mus to Lexington. We dress Hawaiian style for everything but the Saturday night banquet when we dress up in business dress. We don't go formal - but we don't go as slobs either.



MARVIN HANSON, (G-21st '42-'45), of Underwood, Minn., planning on Lexington. Says he is looking for JOY C. BARRY, PAUL NELSON's buddy, the "best BAR team in the U.S. Army". We'll put out the signal, Marv.



ROSS DENNY, (C 21st '41-'44), of 685 Lemon Grove, W. Melbourne, Fla., has retired from Eli Lilly in Indianapolis.

