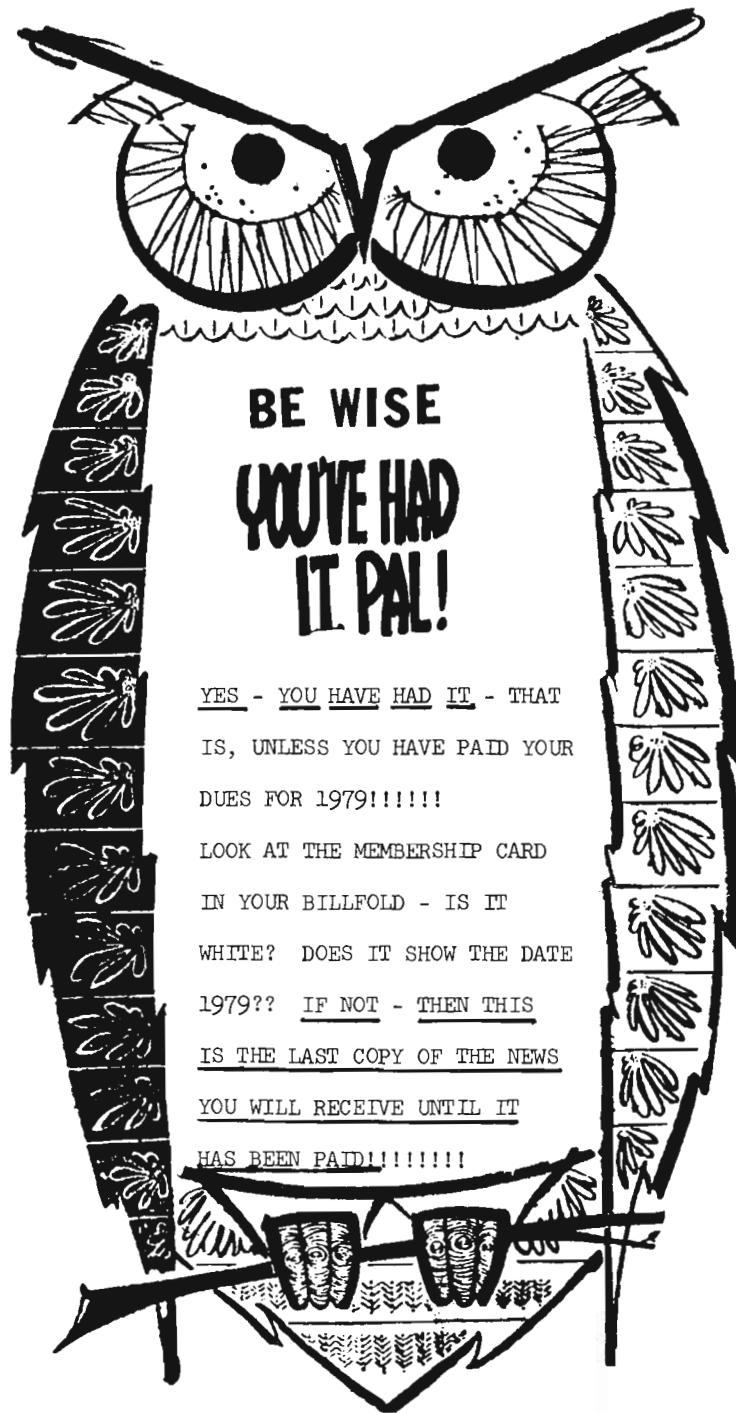


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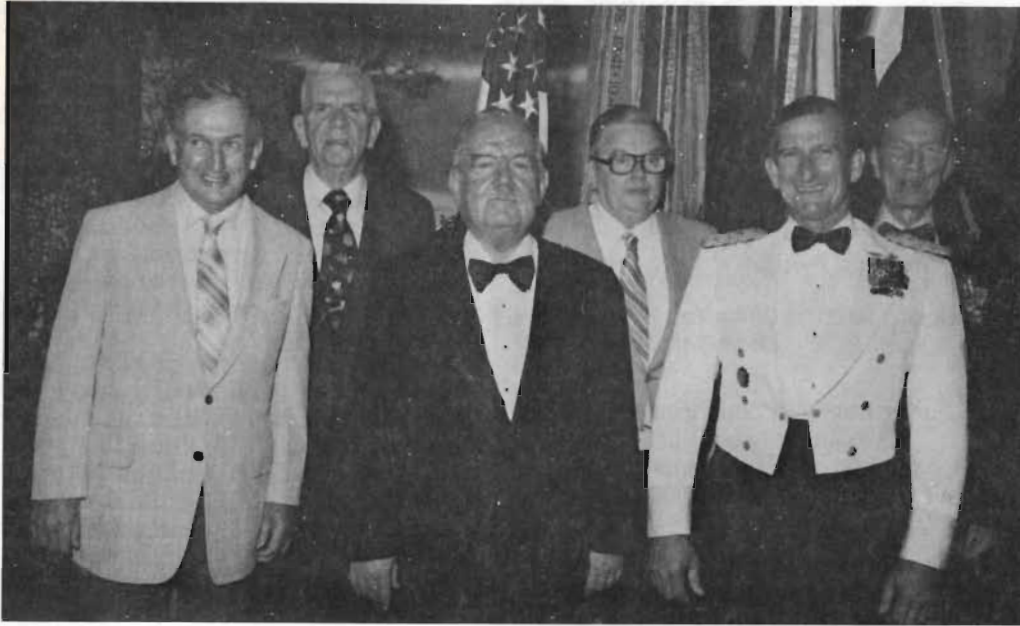


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# TARO LEAF



The time: Division's birthday party Sept. 29, 1979. The place: Officer's Club, Stewart. The characters - can you suggest a possibly better name for them? - Past Prexy JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, Past Prexy EDMUND F. HENRY, Vice President WALTER CUNNINGHAM, the Editor, Division Commander, Maj.Gen. JAMES F. COCHRAN, III and President Brig.Gen. LESTER L. WHEELER, USA Retd.

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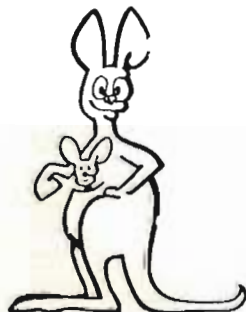
The Division History covering 1941-1980 will be released just as soon as the Editor, who is writing it, can finish it. The cost — \$20 per copy. Only members will be allowed to purchase copies.

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**1980 Convention**

August 14 - 15 - 16 - 17, 1980  
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**COMING ATTRACTION**

Coming attraction, eh? You'd better believe it. It's the newest 155 millimeter howitzer, the M109A2, delivered to Fort Stewart recently and turned over to Div.Arty., the first in the Army to receive the new weapon. This particular one belongs to the 3rd Section of Battery B, 1st Battalion 35th Field Artillery. U.S. Army photograph by PFC BERT GOULAIT.

Issue of this newly manufactured howitzer to the Fort Stewart units marks the first new self-propelled 155 millimeter weapon in the U.S. Army inventory since 1969, when the last of the short tube M109s was delivered.

Over 500 of these new artillery weapons are planned for production over the next three years, the majority of which are planned to re-equip Field Artillery Battalions in U.S. Army, Europe.

The new M109A2 model has numerous significant improvements over the M109A1, especially in the areas of effectiveness, efficiency, reliability, and human engineering.

The gun mount design has been improved; hydraulic components have been simplified; on-board ammunition stowage has been increased to 36 rounds, which includes 22 of the newly developed longer rounds; engine monitoring instruments have been added; several new safety features have been incorporated; and a ballistic cover placed over the panoramic telescope sight.

The M109A2 weighs 55,000 pounds, combat loaded. It can reach a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour and has a normal cruising range of 215 miles. The engine is the latest commercial 8V71T diesel built by Detroit Diesel with an Allison XTG 411-2A transmission.

The M185 cannon is manufactured by Watervliet Arsenal and the M178 Gun Mount is built by Rock Island Arsenal. The chassis and final assembly are the responsibility of Bowen-McLaughlin-New York Co. (Division of HARSCO), York, Pa.



# President's

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Fellow Taro Leafers,

As we move into the decade of the eighties, I hope all of you will continue to enjoy the blessings and overcome the adversities which the years will surely bring. But ten years is a rather large chunk of time to contemplate all at once, so perhaps we would do well to concentrate on 1980 for starters. This brings me to the subject of the Pittsburgh Convention.

Our Convention Chairman, Vic Backer (an 'Old Pro' at this sort of thing) and his crew have already completed all of the preliminary plans and preparations to ensure our comfort, convenience, conviviality and comradeship at the Marriott Inn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All we have to do is be there (in large numbers) from Thursday 14 August until Sunday 17 August 1980.

I am delighted to pass the word that Major General James F. Cochran III, Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and Mrs. Cochran will attend the Pittsburgh Convention as our honored guests, and Frank has agreed to serve as our guest speaker at the annual banquet. This commitment is, of course, subject to the whim and fancy of 'The Lords of Pentagonia' to whom Frank owes allegiance. Back in the sixties, Dottie and I served with Frank and Faye at Fort Wainwright in Alaska. They are wonderful people---You'll like them.

The way I hear it, the code name for this upcoming operation is 'PILE ON PITTSBURGH'. That would be the Marriott Inn---Not the Steelers! See you there?

Sincerely,



President  
24th Infantry Division Assn.



# OMNES VIAE ROMAM DUCUNT- TRANS HELVETIAM PULCHERRIMA



"I know you're disappointed dad, but try to understand. I had to go awol. They were gonna cut my hair."

## VIEWPOINT

Presently one fifth of the nation's steel is produced in Pittsburgh. The city ranks as the world's largest manufacturer of steel rolls, rolling mill machinery, air brakes, plate and window glass, aluminum and safety equipment. In Pittsburgh, international leadership also prevails in chemicals, plastics, nuclear power, scientific equipment and finance. Among Fortune Magazine's list of the 500 top international corporations, 14 are headquartered in the Golden Triangle's one half square mile area. Six of them produce more than \$1 billion in annual sales. These facts rank Pittsburgh as a concentrated manufacturing and corporate headquarters center.



He gets the spotlight - ELMER L. VAN ZANT that is. Our good friend, the Div. Provost Marshall (24th MP '46-'48) finally got around to writing us. He's at 2102 Sibley Rd., Augusta, Ga. Reports he's well and still working. Great to hear from you, Van.

We don't know what it means either. We found it on the cover of a frozen Pizza we brought home the other eve. Impressive, ain't it? BOB HARDIN, (5 RCT '50-'51), of 27000 SW 142 Av., Naranja, Fla., recovering from heart attack. Was home alone when it struck him. He thanks God for the paramedics. They saved him. Postcard Bob, will you please? He's got to travel the recovery road and it's slow. Thanks.



Pizzazz! - that's our word for the cleverness in this year's Xmas greeting from BOB and Mary SHAY, (Hq. 21st '46-'52), of 1129 Shermer, Glenview, Ill. The card included a package of impatiens seeds (you know the little plant that flowers day in and day out all summer long - and in the shade too). So went their poem with the packet:

"One Christmas night a Child was born  
As winter in a frost was wrapped  
And peeking through a moonlit drift  
A tiny plant with snow was capped.

"It saw the gifts that others brought  
And struggled with each little stem  
To sprout a blossom of its own  
A special gift...a crimson gem!

"The shepherds, kings and even beasts  
Were dazzled with an awesome sight  
Impatiently the flowers bloomed  
To brighten up the snow-wrapped night.

"Today this greeting brings a gift  
'Impatiens' seeds (you may have guessed)  
Just plant and water them with love  
And soon with flowers you'll be blessed'.

There's a Rodney Dangerfield line that goes: "When I was a kid, I told my old man, 'Nobody likes me.' 'Don't feel that way,' he said, 'everybody hasn't met you yet!'"

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Sorry we're a little tardy with these 38th birthday pix; they arrived a bit late for our last issue. President WHEELER is proposing the toast and ready to RESPOND ARE Col. FRED WORNER, then Chief of Staff, Col. THOMAS SPENCE, ADC-S, Maj.Gen. JAMES F. COCHRAN III, Div. CG, Brig.Gen. HENRY DOCTOR, Asst. Div. Commander, Lt.Col. JOHN ELLERSON, Cdr 1/13th FA, Col. BOBBY BRASHEARS, Cdr. 1st Bde. amd Col. JAMES SHELTON, Cdr. 2nd Bde.

## SHIVER ME TIMBERS.

As we were going to press, CECIL W. DAVIS called us from Box 200, Mineral Bluff, Ga. (that's in "North Gawgia"). Cecil was 6th Tk Bn 9/55-1/57. He had written Dept. Army for a name and address list of 6th Tk. men and you know the kind of answer he got. They referred him to us. We'll do the best we can Cecil. Army can't help but, by golly, we'll try. If you're a 6th tanker, drop Cecil a line.



Faithful Antoinette MARINELLO, widow of HANK, has moved to 6437 W. Home Ave., Worth, Ill. Toni was in Country Club Hills - "just around the corner". Great gal; she faithfully forwards an annual contribution to help us keep going. Toni, why don't you make Pittsburgh with us?



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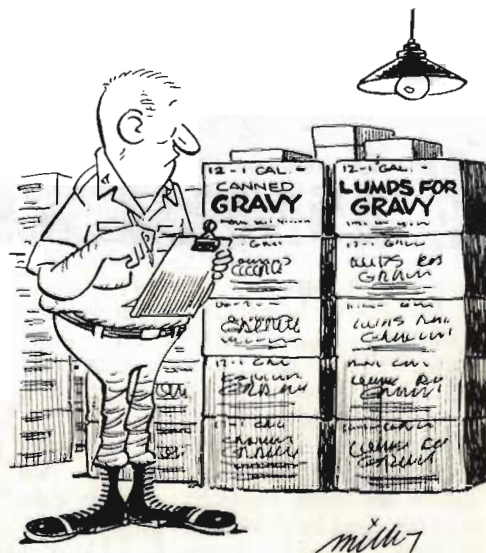
Toasting the Division: Asst. G1 Maj. JACK ELLER, the editor, Spike O'DONNELL, WALT CUNNINGHAM and ED HENRY sans glass. Pourquoi?

## TIME TO HIT THE TRAIL

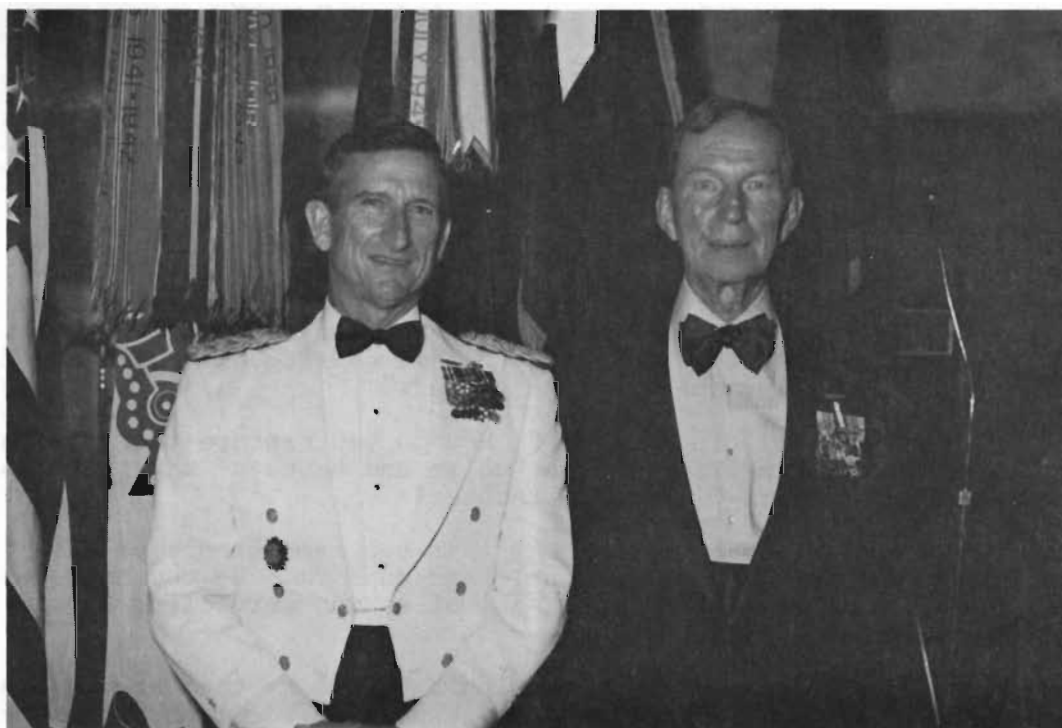
RODNEY F. STOCK, (TR Co. 34th '55-'56) of 4551 Azalea, Reno, Nev., decided it was time to hit the trail; he joined up. Welcome on board, Rod.

## Ideas and Trends

TOM F. MALONEY, (3rd Bn 21st '42-'45), of Box 407, Erick, Okl., has retired after 29 years with Southwestern Public Serv. Co. Tom would like to hear from anyone, especially HENRY E. MEYERS, who was out of Ringstead, Iowa.







In case you wondered -  
it's the Division Commander  
and  
the Association President.



# Colonel Oliver E. Trechter

1894 - 1979

To say farewell to Oliver E. Trechter is to send him on his way, and that is not an easy or pleasant thing to do.

But to salute him, to pay him fitting tribute is a privilege--for the Chief of Staff was the very best in kind of friend to the hundreds who directly felt his warm touch. To the thousands who indirectly became heir to his whims and fancies, he was the "good guy at last", the "welcome relief."

How do you catch 85 years in a minute? How do you capture the personality of a man who went placidly through life amid the noise and haste of this baffling 20th century? How do you recapture Oliver E. Trechter?

Each one of us whose life he touched has his own remembrance of this tall, Christian gentlemen who was at once so gentle and so firm. He touched so many lives with respect, and in many cases love, that all of us who were close to him were proud to call him friend.

He joined us circa February 1945; Division's CP was by then at Okayama. Yes, it was just following our move from Matsuyama. Aubrey S. Newman had rotated home and Thomas D. Drake had come in to fill his tent. Really, the good "Red" had left us and the much bemedaled TDD had joined us at Talomo Beach.

The days under the aegis of TDD were dark days--for us, and in due time for TDD himself. Roscoe B. Woodruff and Kenneth Fox Cramer each in turn moved to other pastures, and James A. Lester, inheriting the unpleasant mess, dispatched TDD posthaste to the 34th in Himeji, there to languish only long enough to participate in the pomp and circumstance of the Dwight D. Eisenhower visitation--and then he was gone.

And while this ugly scenario was being played out, Oliver E. Trechter arrived to fill the void.

And what a breath of fresh air he was--what a heartwarming experience for us all. All was well once more.

Forgive us this rambling, please--but when we think of this beloved man who now has left this scene, our mind obviously hearkens, first and foremost, to the good that he did us by just lending us his presence at that hard time and place.

His goodness only increased thirty fold as we worked and played with him in the months and years therefollowing--but, and here we repeat--just by becoming a Taro Leafer did he give each of us the urge to stay with it and carry on. Drake, one of the "names" of Kasserine Pass (there were no Kasserine "heroes"), had brought a kind of Kasserine Pass to the 24th. Colonel Trechter was the relief valve who followed the debacle--that breath of fresh air.

Oliver E. Trechter was "Trech" to his intimates. To the others--and, surely, behind his back--he was "Oliver Eversharp." The "Eversharp" fitted him nicely. Besides, he was consistently persistent in his refusal ever to confess to what the "E" really stood for.

We came to know "Oliver Eversharp" as a rare personality indeed, a paragon of what we would all like to be: just, conscientious, dedicated, decisive, intelligent, compassionate, full of wit.

His daily staff meetings were especially memorable: steady, brief, incisive, penetrating, conclusive, rewarding. Trech would hear the problem, look to the parties concerned for commentaries and advisories, and then--zing--would state his decision on the selected course of action--usually with the snappy, but happy, admonition to the proper staffer to "Button it up," his signal that decisive action was expected.

And could we write these words about our good friend without so much as a mention of his beloved family who shared part of his Japan tenure with him and with all of us? Just as Trech was good and warm, so too were those of his family--Virginia, his wonderful helpmate of 40 years, son Sonny, and daughter Peggy--all cast in the precious Trechter mold. Good people all, lovely people whom you never forget.

Especially fortunate were we, privileged to serve on the staff of which he was Chief in Okayama and Kokura. Happily, in due time, the Trechters returned to the "48's", with new station in Hartford, a stone's throw away, so that the friendships formed in Nippon were nourished anew.

Whatever Trech said or did, he said or did it with style. There was a Trechter style, and it came from his knowledge of the sacredness of things and the sacredness of persons; it came from his knowledge of life, that we only live twice, and that the best is yet to come. What looks like death is only the threshold to greater life. Here is the Christian promise. After walking those few feet of life, then start the miles and miles of eternity, the fulfillment of every promise, a new bright world of living. All men walk toward sunset when one hushed hour holds all the beauty of the day. Trech saw that sunset touch life's morning, and there his dreams and prayers came true. All his life, like the rest of us, he lived on the lanai, the porch, of his home. Now he has gone into the house. Now he is home.

We call to mind those lovely words--

"There is an old belief

That on a distant shore,

Far from despair and grief

Friends will meet once more."

Let us whisper together, fare you well, Trech, until we meet again.

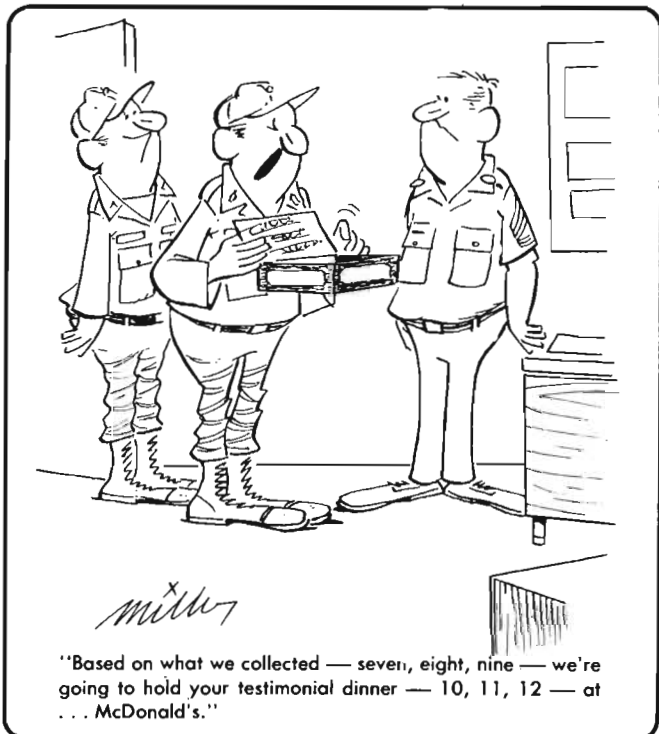
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.



# Pictures for Words



It's pictures for words on this one for certain. HOWARD CULLINS, (D 3rd Eng. 1/50-11/51), of 2104 Moss, North Little Rock, Ark. has just joined. He has a son and two daughters, Timothy, Rebecca and Shannon, and here's the gang along with Howard. Shirley, Howard's wife, passed away four years ago. Also we give you Howard upon his return from Korea.



# Share it with a friend



That's the moral of this story as told by JERRY MALONEY, Rt. 3, Box 140, Tarrell, Tex. His picture will clue you that he's a farmer. Jerry's story goes thus:

"One day I was met at the door of my tent by a new replacement, telling me that someone had put a egg under my covers. I immediately guessed who might have done it. I changed the egg to Sweed's bed. Later, as we came in, he followed me to my bed and waited until he was sure I had broken the egg. Then he went over to his bed. I followed and wrestled with him to break the egg on top of his bed." Jerry proposes putting the Post Office in charge of the inflation problem. Says "They wouldn't solve it - but they'd sure slow it down."

Veep WALTER CUNNINGHAM wouldn't let a friend down. He made the long hop from Baltimore to Ft. Smith, Ark. to represent the Assoc. at BILL BYRD's Army retirement festivities on Jan. 13th. Walt was the only Assoc. officer who could make it. As a part of the program, Walt, like a good AG, read Bill's official order putting him in limbo. "Beautiful turnout" reports Walt. "Program lasted 12 minutes" signals Bill. Congratulations, Bill, you're now over the hill.



**WEST POINT:** There's less harassment for plebes and more "sack time" for upperclassmen at the Military Academy this year.

Other changes include shorter morning hours for room inspections and an optional breakfast program that allows cadets to eat light or hearty.

Except for plebes (cadets in their first year at West Point), cadets now have a choice of eating a full breakfast between 6:30 and 7 a.m., or having a continental breakfast between 7:30 and 9:30.

"Certainly we are going to reduce the wastage we have experienced in past years when the entire corps (of cadets) was required to be at breakfast and large amounts of food were not being consumed," Brig.Gen. Joseph P. Franklin, the Commandant of Cadets, told the press.

Plebes are permitted to eat their morning meal during the early breakfast period, but they have the only choice of a full breakfast or a light continental breakfast. And, no longer will be plebes required to maintain a rigid posture while eating breakfast.

In another change to the fourth-class (plebe) system scheduled to occur after Christmas leave, plebes won't be required to be at attention while outside their rooms.

"Rather, they will be at ease, which eliminates the squaring of corners (sharp right or left turns), but does not lift the restriction against talking to classmates when they are outside their rooms and in the Cadet Area," Franklin said. "...Still in force, however, is the requirement that when addressed by an upperclassman, a fourth classman will come to attention and respond as directed."

Franklin said that the purpose of the change is to assist plebes' transition to yearling (second-year) cadets, when they will be "at rest."

Previously, cadets were required to maintain their rooms in an inspection-

Corny - and old. You've heard it before but it's good for another titter.

The photo shop had erroneously returned with his film an extra negative of a beautiful blond - so beautiful that he had 16 enlarged prints made to display in each of the lockers at the barracks.

As basic trainees, they were all spit and polish as the inspecting officer went through the barracks. He seemed to lose interest in everything except the blond whose picture graced each open locker.

"In view of this room's good taste," he said as he reached the door, "it would be disloyal of me to rate it anything less than superior."

"But I would be obliged to anyone who can explain how you all happen to know my wife."



ready condition from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Now, the cutoff time is 9:30 for upperclassmen, according to USMA officials.

"We are going to give them some time in the morning then, when their morning inspection requirements are lifted," Franklin said. "Some cadets...will want to use that time to go back to bed, which they haven't been able to do in the past. But with the kind of schedules our cadets are going to meet, I think it is appropriate they have some opportunity to do that."



# NEW!



Absolutely, brand-spanking-new! Fort Stewart's Chief of Staff, Col. FRED F. WOERNER was promoted to brigadier general on Nov. 1. Maj. Gen. JAMES F. COCHRAN III, the Div. CG and Brig. Gen. Woerner's wife, Gennie, pin on the new rank during the promotion ceremony at Trent Field. US Army photography by Pfc. BERT GOULAIT. Nice shot, Bert.

## Aloof in sheep's clothing.

Maybe aloof isn't the word. JOHN MORRISON, (D 21st 3/41-10/44), of 54 Chelsea, Mt. Sinai, N.Y. has just joined but only because he'd never heard of us before. As a matter of fact, we received his inquiry on Oct. 20th - the 35th anniversary of our fun and frolics on Red Beach and yardage inland.

### A tour-de-force!

Good friend SAMUEL UMPHREY a/k/a S. BROWN UMPHREY, (Div. Chem. O. '46-'49), of Box 937, Tiburon, Cal. writes in. O.K., Sam, where's Tiburon - never heard of it. At any rate, Sam gives us the news - a little late - that he had open heart surgery last Jan. 23rd at Letterman. Said it was "hectic" and reports recovery as "terribly slow". Went back to work in August. Now preparing for next trip to Europe. Sounds like you're back in shape, Sam. Sorry we didn't wish you well during your bout - but we just didn't know 'til now. You always were good at keeping secrets.

Here's a little chinning for you. BERNIE LENSKEY, (C-52nd F '41-'45), of 1777 NE 177 St., N. Miami Beach, just finished year as Prexy of PHSA, Miami Chapter. Congrats, Bernie.



## GRAPEVINE!

Grapevine nothing! JACK BROWN, (Sv., E&F 34th '42-'44), of Gallatin, Mo., read our Burma Shave jingles and decided to become a Life Member. Says:

"I got a kick out of your Burma Shaves. Here's one:

Wild men pull their whiskers out  
That's what makes them wild no doubt!  
Burma Shave.

I was on the beach at Tacloban when MacArthur came ashore. Was 1st Platoon leader of E 34th. From where I was, it was at a slightly different angle but I am quite sure that the photo shown is accurate. I can remember it as if it was yesterday." Thanks, Jack.

BILL LIVINGSTON, (34th '44-'46), has retired as Veep of Cambridgeport Savings Bank, Cambridge, MA. He's now at 213 Dedham, Needham, MA and is now selling real estate. Couldn't stand the drag. Lots of luck, Bill.





Sp5 PHILLIP W. VANDYKE (right) receives a plaque from Al Gonzales, representing the NonCommissioned Officers Association (NCOA) Center of Hinesville, to recognize his achievement at being the Honor Graduate of the Primary Leadership Course at the Stewart Noncommissioned Officers Academy. Vandyke is assigned to F Company, 724th Maint.Bn. (U.S. Army Photo by Marc Maxwell).

## The Future Is Now

The future is now! That's the argument "Bud" COLLETTE used when he persuaded JERRY D. CLAWSON, (3rd Eng. - 3 years), to join. Jerry and Inez are at Box 910, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

## SECRETS

Well, maybe A secret. We've got one secret we'll share. GORDON BEHREL, (Hq. 1st Bn. 19th '44-'45), of 843 Maple, Downers Grove, Ill., just sent in a hefty \$25 "for dues and postage". Watta guy. Thanks Gordon.

## News Update

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The update on HORACE MCCLURE, (C 3rd Eng. '55-'56), of 2270 Lohrer, Fairview, Pa., is that he and Momoko have "finally retired all the way". "All the way"? Horace. That sounds ominous. You retire all the way, we always thought, when they lower you for that last 6 feet. But on to better thoughts - how about joining the gang in Pittsburgh come August.



"Cosmopolitan?"

Cosmopolitan is our word for wonderful friends like BILL and Lucy DABERKO, (24 Sig. '41-'44), of 929 Parrish, Uhrichsville, Ohio. Bill has now joined as a Life Member with words: "If you think I'm cautious about my investments, it's because I am". Bill was JIM PURCELL's Ex. O. in those wild and wooly days. Bill says of the MacArthur landing at Leyte's Red Beach, "I watched that landing from our message center, 300 yards away. Rumor had it that there was 1 1/2 million in signal equipment on his ship to enable him to make that speech. Our signallers were P.O. to think we had to struggle so to get every little thing we needed." Bill says he's still selling furniture. His son and nephew are running the show but he's still in there pitching. Great to hear from you Bill - and Lucy.

JOHN E. BEIER, (11th F 12/39 - 2/44) of 800 E. River, Dixon, Ill., sends in \$100 "to use at your discretion - possibly to send a history to someone who can't afford the price".

# FOREIGN INTRIGUE



DALLAS DICK (A,B,C, Hq.Co., Sv.Co., Band, 19th Inf., '35-'45), of 1701 Bridge St., New Cumberland, PA 17070, returned to Hill 522, when he made his name, last October, along with others. Here he is assisting in planting the "24th Division tree" at Red Beach. Dallas reports that "it's about 20 feet inland from Red Newman's tree".



Here's the gang at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Philippine National Cemetery, Manila.

## A Warm Time in the Old Town Tonight

Warmtime is right. C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE, (5th RCT '50-'52), of 6 Cattail, Irvine, Cal., managed to get a little publicity about the book in the DAV magazine. It drew about 25 responses from people who weren't aware of our existence. We've been telling you - we need all the publicity we can get.



This one arrived from BENNY MASHAY a little late. It was taken at our Lexington party.

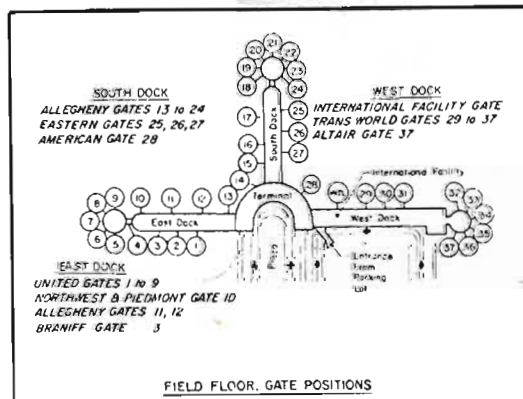
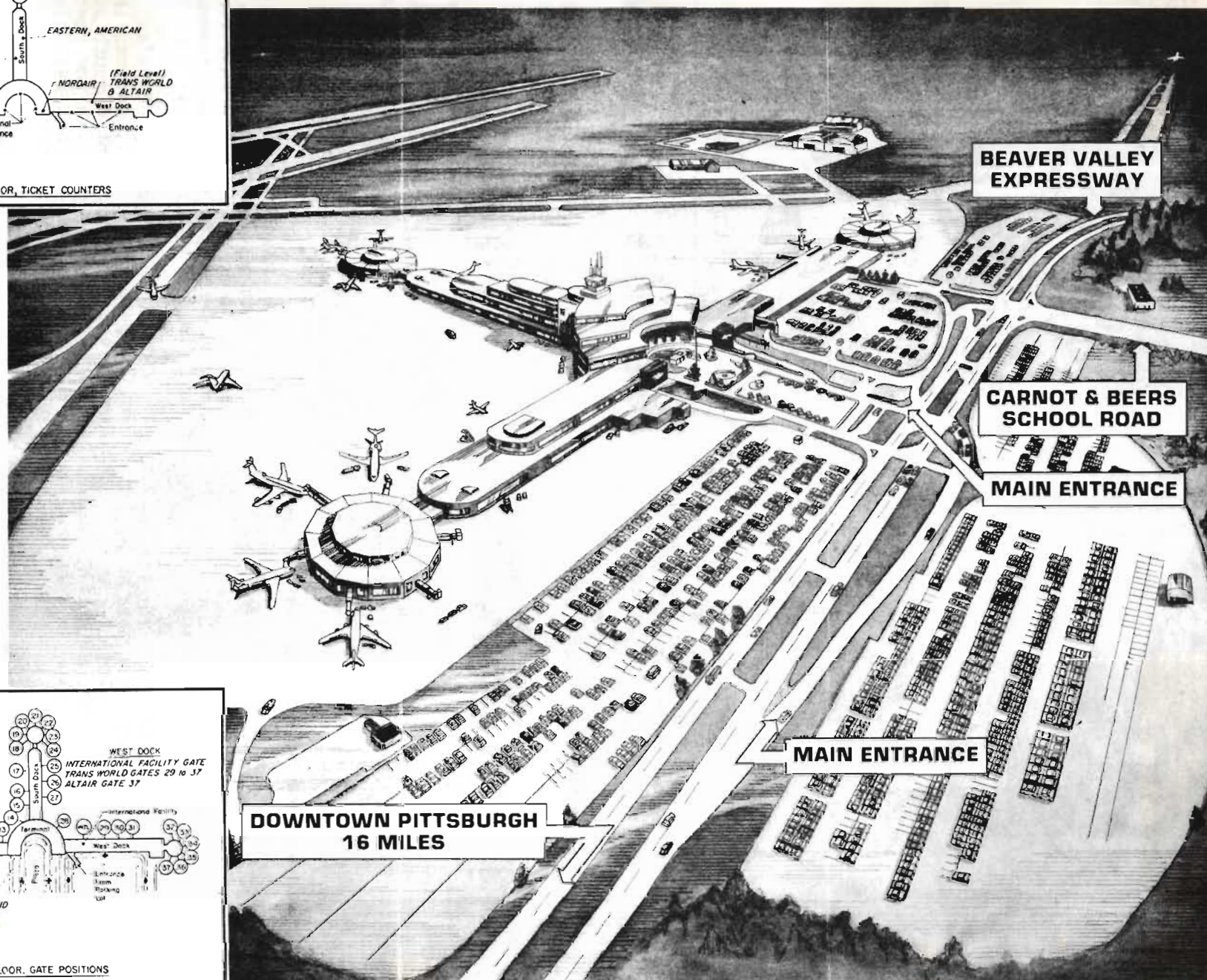
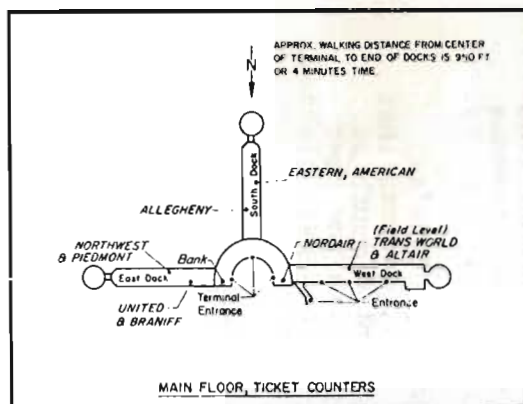
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Well one observation at least. We're going for all the marbles, as they say in the broadcast booth on a Sunday football afternoon. We are compiling a "Basic Rules of English Grammar". For example: (1) Remember to never split an infinitive, (2) A preposition is something never to end a sentence with, (3) the passive voice should never be used. Get the idea?









We're zooming in on BOB BRANE, (3rd Bn 19th 2/72-11/73), of 4701 Old Salem, Englewood, Ohio. He has joined - and has started his Life Membership. You know how it goes - \$20 a year for 5 years - and bingo, no more dues.

## Miscellany

And miscellany it is - or was - for ZENO REITHMEYER, of 860 13th, Fennimore, Wis. He's had a repair job on his hernia and has had his gall bladder removed. Reports all's well. Zeno adds: "If the U.S. can get along with one Vice-President, why does NBC need 26?" Good?

## TABLE FOR ONE

There was a table for TOM HICKMAN, (G-4 Sect. in Kokura), of 1916 N. Millbourne, Orrville, Ohio. He's now a member. In Kokura days, JOHN "Peanuts" RUGGABER and OAKLEY LAMB managed things in the G-4 section. Wonder where each of them is. Do you know, Tom?

## Meeting People

Meeting people is right. Now we're meeting ELMER DALE DICK, (A 19th 8/35-11/37), - yes that's right, 1935 to 1937. What's more, Elmer is the brother of DALLAS and wore the Taro Leaf when we were the Hawaiian Division. Reach him at 3201 47th St., New Brighton, Pa. Dallas says we'll all meet him face to face at Ptsbgh. Eureka!

In NYC, Mayor Koch has threatened to publicize the names of the Johns who buy girls retail. One elderly Jake from Miami was arrested by mistake, but he paid his fine anyway. When his friend asked him why he didn't fight it, he said "I was so proud - I pleaded guilty."



VIP

"Please, fellows. I'm on the phone!"

# News Update

Here's a news update for you. Now in is Brig.Gen. MAX MADDOX, (Tk, Hv. M. 34th), of Box 337, Corona Del Mar, Calif.

## THE NICKEL AND DIME TOUR

BOB LAVENDER signals interest in a P.I. trip. Says \$1000 sounds good. That's where we led with our chin. Now we've got to get more specific. We'll be back. Stay tuned.

EDWIN E. MARSH, (M 34th '42-'44), put an item in the American Legion Magazine that he'd like to hear from buddies. He's at 824 Grand, Ravenna, Neb. Let's hope we can help you, Ed.

VIC SMOLA, (C 3rd Eng. '42-'44) of Chippewa Falls, Wis., reports that Genevieve has just spent a month at the hospital. By the time you read this, he will have had his gall bladder out. This family is keeping 'em busy.

Major surgery for ART McCaulley, (AT 34th '42-'45). Let's card bouquet him and Esther at Fountain, Minn. 55935.

## IT'S LIKE MAGIC!



It sure is like magic. A letter from NICK and Kathryn SLOAN, (21st '42-'45), of 904 Sprague, Hoopston, Ill., and at once the day seems 100% brighter. This message brought lots of news. For example: Son Jeff is a senior in H.S. and has had so many honors. Who's Who in High School. Boys State. Following Boys State last summer, he stayed another two weeks at Eastern Ill. U. in Charleston to attend a radio and TV workshop. Has been in basketball, track, baseball, and football. Two trophies in football, one for the Most Spirited and the other as Most Dedicated. Was inducted into the National Honors Society, was Pickering in the "My Fair Lady" musical, had the lead in the fall play, is president of Theatians, a theater honorary, is a member of the student council, camera club, editor of the school paper, on the yearbook staff, and plays in the marching, concert, and jazz bands. On Saturday mornings, he either directs, announces, or engineers the high school 1/2 hour radio program on our local radio station. He wants to get into radio and TV productions. He hopes to go to U of Illinois next fall.

Sounds to us as though Jeff Sloan is one of the busiest young men in the U.S.A. Would that all of them occupy themselves as fully and as well. Congratulations, Jeff.

Nick is president of Rotary this year. Nick and "Rotary Ann" Kate had a Rotary Exchange College student from Italy live with them for 3 weeks last summer. Watta letter Nick and Kate. Filled to overflowing with lots of good news. Thanks.

'Twas a meeting of Love Company Gimlets in Korea who met in Athens, Ga. on the occasion of a Veterans Day ceremony in which a VFW post was rededicated. Gen. VOLNEY F. WARNER was the featured speaker and with him were LINDSEY P. HENDERSON, HOWARD LUMSDEN, JOE GRIFFITH, and CARL BERNARD. Carl and Joe were in Task Force Smith, HUGH BROWN followed into K in July, Lum arrived late in July, Volney was an August arrival and LPH got there by September - all in time for the return up the peninsula. Grand reunion.

More out of the files of "Dear Spike":

Dear Spike -

The "holidaze" is over. How do I get the mistletoe off my 28-foot high ceiling?

Exhausted  
(A-3rd Eng.)

Dear Exhausted "Able" Engineer -  
How did you get it up there?  
Spike



"Every once in a while I just ask him if he remembers what day it is."

We don't know what day it is really or what occasioned it - but suddenly, out of the woodwork appears FRANCIS J. MUCCIO, (Div.Hq. '47-'50), of 72 Olde Stage, Glastonbury, CT, and signs on as a Life Member. Moose, we hadn't heard from you in over 5 years. Great to receive this message. Thanks. Keep in touch now, hear.

## SHORT-TIMER?



Short-timer? No GROVER WAITE was never a real short-timer. He was 13th F 7/44-8/45. Today Blackie and Bessie are at Box 98, Parker Dam, Calif. Blackie, in joining up as a Life Member asked for the address of JOE TREBONYAK, another 13th Field man. Joe's at 1623 Cleveland, Lincoln Park, Michigan. We got the info off to Blackie post haste. One of the most rewarding parts of our job is to help a guy locate a buddy.





# OUT OF CURIOSITY

## The Gossip Column

It is curiosity, AH KEE LEONG, (3rd '41-'45), of 430 Kaiolu, Honolulu. You said you were going to the P.I. and Australia this winter. Did you go? How about a report?

## JUST FOR OPENERS

BILL BYRD is getting a start. He'll be coming into Pittsburgh promoting Hot Springs, Ark. for '81. At very least, Bill is doing his homework - now. Will you come to Pittsburgh with a better proposal? You can, you know. It's your Association.

## think about it

Yes, think this one over.

The first time Billy Martin got in a public brawl was 1957. He popped somebody at the Copacabana, when he was saloon-crawling with Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford and Hank Bauer. Didn't we all hear people cluck then and say, "That Billy, he's some spunky piece of goods"?

But as the years went by and Billy Martin kept on popping people in bars, he grew less and less appealing. The latest incident - in a hotel bar in Bloomington, Minn., when he "stepped outside" and sent someone to the hospital - is really too much. Martin is 51 years old (going on 16), and there is a point at which such juvenile slugging and drinking, drinking and slugging, is nothing short of disgusting - or a subject for urgent medical treatment.

## Sidelines

Said one fish to the other fish,  
"How's it going?"

Replied the other fish, "Oh I can't complain; I'm keeping my head below water."

# UGH

Moving to 6209 E 31st St., Tucson, Ariz., is HARRY STRASSEN, (34th '45-'46). Has had enough of Davenport, Iowa.



Combat Medic Memorial Fund at Ft. Sam has raised \$60,000 of a needed \$70,000 to pay for a bronze, 1½ times life size, honoring the medics. It'll be strategically located at Wurzbach and Stanley Roads at Sam. Dedication: Nov. 9th. The Association has made a modest contribution in the name of each of you. And why not? What gutsy guys they were.

Spotted an item in the American Legion Magazine. JOE L. SOWELL, (21st), is looking for anyone who knows he was hit in the left leg and knee. Says "in 1944". But where Joe? - Hollandia? Leyte? Where?

G.I. BILL INVESTMENTS: Since 1944, when the first GI Bill became law, Americans have invested some \$49 billion to train 7.8 million World War II veterans, 2.4 million Korean-conflict veterans and 7.5 million Vietnam-era and post-Korean veterans and active duty personnel.



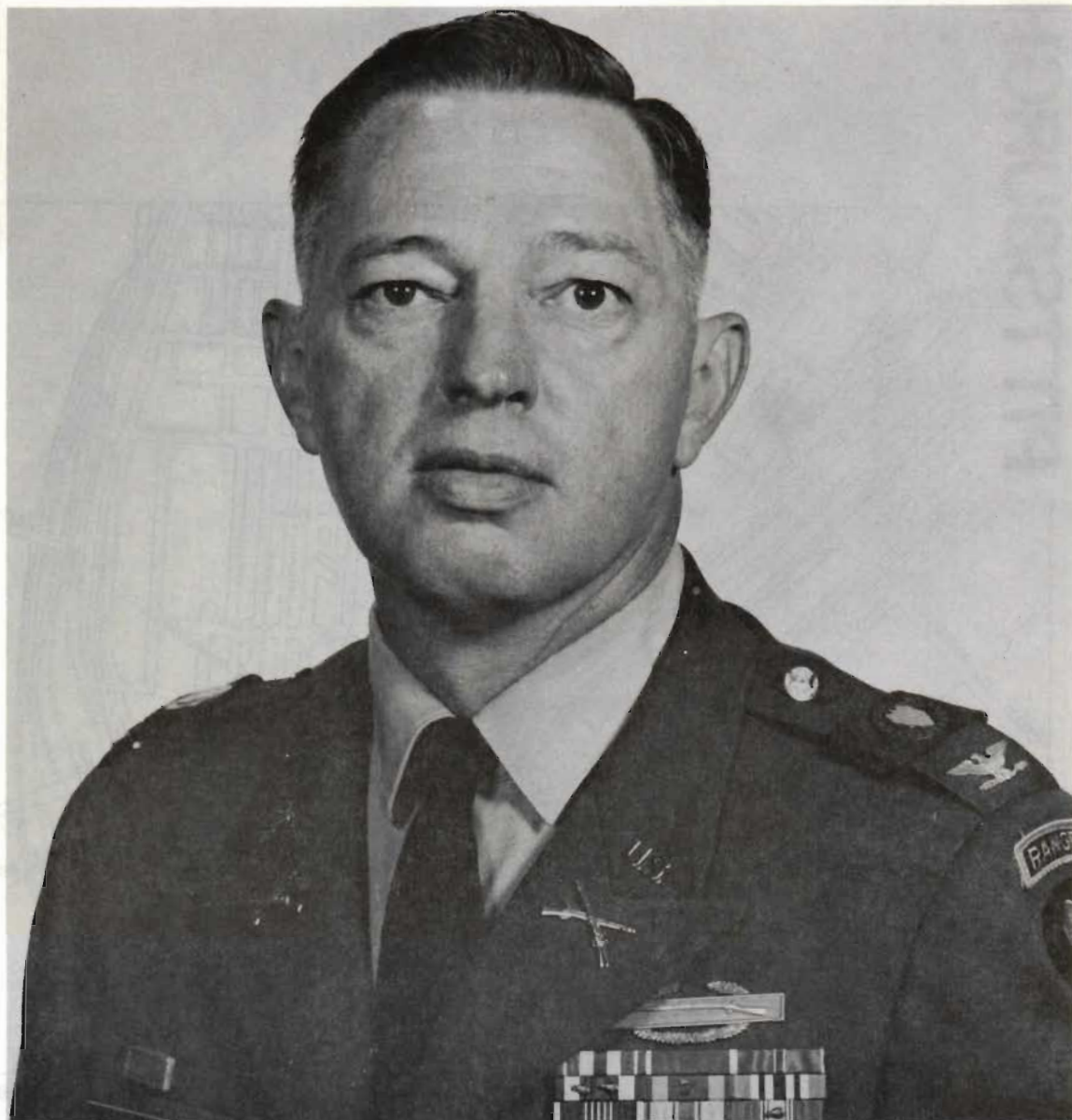
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"I think he's beginning to get some feedback."









Col. FRANK G. WALTON, former Post Commander of Hunter Army Airfield, has assumed new duties as the Director of Military Instruction, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Col. Walton, arrived at Hunter in January 1979 after relinquishing command of the Division's 2d Brigade.

Walton was also tasked to be the sub-post coordinator and the Commanding General's representative for community relations with the City of Savannah.

The colonel successfully organized the new 3500-man multi-oriented Headquarters Command, consisting of all non-divisional units with some units divided between Fort Stewart and Hunter, 42 miles apart. With all of the responsibility and time involved in the activation, the combat veteran still found time to serve as a member of the Executive Board of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce and actively supported the Post Scout and Youth Activities program.

Walton's assignment to West Point reflects a broad and distinguished military career. After graduating from West Point in '55, Walton's first assignment was that of a platoon leader in the 82d Airborne Division. He then served in key positions in Korea, Germany, Turkey, Vietnam and several posts in the United States, including one White House assignment as Executive Officer to Gen. Maxwell Taylor.

As the colonel's career progressed, the Master Parachutist was named the 10th Director of the U.S. Army Airborne Department at Fort Benning, GA. In June 1977, Walton was directed by the Department of the Army to Fort Stewart, where he activated the 2d Brigade and, through 19 months of command, guided it to a combat-ready status.

Walton was born in Trenton, N.J. He and his wife, the former Ruthann Burnett, have three children.



Col. RICHARD L. REYNARD, right, the new commander of the Division Artillery, accepts the Division Artillery colors from Maj.Gen. JAMES F. COCHRAN III, the Division Commander. Reynard comes to the post from his assignments as Chief of the Field Artillery Branch, Combat Arms Division, and Chief of Protocol, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army. He replaces Col. HARRY E. SOYSTER, now Chief of Staff of the division. Reynard is a native of Columbus, Ohio. (U.S. Army photo by SP4 Marc Maxwell)

## AN INVITATION FROM YOUR EDITOR

An invitation? That's right. BILL FARVER, (Div.Hq. 1/46-11/46), of 4711 N. Caseville, Caseville, Mich., faithfully pays his dues - for which our thanks - but he then asks us to help locate PERRY L. JONES, last known to be in Spartanburg, S.C. Anyone got any ideas? We invite you to help us locate Perry.

## Comment

Just a comment, that's all. Nice check received from CARL and Rosa WIPPERMAN, (724th 12/49-10/51), of 12805 - 51st Ave. SE, Everett, Wash.

## Love Letters

Life Member WALTER A. KIJEK, (C 19th '50 - '51), of 509 Laurel, Manchester, N.H., in paying his Aug. 1, 1979 - Aug. 1, 1980 dues, asked for another decal. Says he "fouled the other one". He got it. Do you have one on your rear windshield? You'll be surprised at the curiosity it arouses.

## ON CAMERA

It was On Camera for Sandra BIAZCZAK at Christmas time. Sandy surprised VIC with a Life Membership. They're at 5310 N. Chester, Chicago. How's that for love and affection? You're a wonder, Sandy. Tell us how Vic reacted.



Not any day, but right now. Write now, we mean. Miss Gregoria T. Amante, who can be addressed at the Bureau of Posts, Tacloban City, Leyte, P.I., wants pen pals. Get those pens out men. Here's a chance to correspond with someone in Palo. That's where Gregoria lives.

LES OLDS, (Sv. 19th '44-'46), is now at 2555 Mt. Pleasant, North Canton, Ohio. He reports having retired from the post office - Egads, everyone seems to be retiring from old P.O. and today's service rather proves the point - and advises that Carmel has been back in hospital with "back and leg and spine and disc problems". Sounds like a lotta problems, Les; do hope that by now she's on the recovery road.



# Thank you, thank you

This time 'round, we're thanking you before the fact - and not after. We'll be grateful to you if you'll give this one a bit of contemplation. We'll thank you.

For years, 31 in fact, we've gone to our convention with d----- little concern about or plan for the next following convention site a year hence. A suicide course, if ever we've seen one. Oh there have been exceptions: CHET ANDREZAK came one year to talk intelligently about Las Vegas. Only trouble there was that we weren't catering to the majority. Let's admit it: our membership, or rather the bulk of it, lies on either side of a line drawn between Chicago and New York City.

Nevertheless, we're trying to inject a little sense into this year's planning effort - instead of as in years past where there has been no planning effort whatever. Enough of this suicide, we say. We ask you, this year, if you care a bean about our future, to come into Pittsburgh with a sensible suggestion as to where we might go in 1981. If you have an idea, the details of which you've worked out, won't you please mail this in to our President, Brig. Gen. LESTER L. WHEELER, USA Ret., 2108 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308:

Memo to General Wheeler:

I propose for our 1981 Convention

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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All night or late night restaurant

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Sightseeing in Area

Other Comments

I will be willing to serve as Reunion Chairman if "my city" is selected.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Rodney Dangerfield's father once gave him a bat to play with. Says Rod, "It flew away".



The paperwork on Rose and FONDO FINLEY, (13th R '49-'51), of RR 2, 8255 Barneby, Lancaster, Ohio, is to try to persuade them to meet us in Pittsburgh. You wonderful people have been away too long.



# Avon calling . . .

Fellow went to the medic for a physical.

The doctor said, "Go in there and get undressed; I'll be in in a minute."

Answered the fellow, "Oh no; you've got to take me out a few times first."



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## The Last Roll Call

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Sadly do we report that ERICH E. TEIGELER, (C 19th '44-'46), has Passed over the River. He died Nov. 11, 1979. Born Nov. 19, 1909 in Waverly, Iowa, the son of Frederick and Sophie (Rathe) Teigeler, he married Delma Cowell on Aug. 12, 1936 following Wartburg College. He was a sales representative for

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 25 years and was Vice President of Family Federal Savings and Loan between '59 and '75 when he retired. Survivors include Delma, at 1103 W. 7th St., Cedars Falls, Iowa, two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Sandra) Cavin and Mrs. David (Carol) Ehlert, both of Cedar Falls, and five grandchildren. Well do we remember Erich - and Delma - at various get-togethers in Chicago, Louisville, Hawaii, Savannah. This quiet, unassuming couple will be much missed by us all.

Word has been received on the passing of Gen. BARKSDALE HAMLETT, Div. Artillery Commander in '51-'52. Born in Kentucky on Dec. 30, 1908, he was West Point 1930. He was Executive Officer of 2nd Corps Artillery in North Africa '42-'43, served in Hq. Army Ground Forces '43-'44, commanded the 16th Armored Division Artillery in '44-'45. In '49 - '51, he was in the G-4 section of the Far East Command before joining Division. He was in the Chief of Staff's office '52-'55, commanded in Berlin in '57-'59, served in ADCS/Mil. Opns. in the Pentagon in '61, in the office of the Vice Chief of Staff '62-'64, and retired in '64. He was President of Norwich University '65-'72 and was President of the Retired Officers Association from '72 until his untimely death.

Sadly do we report the passing of BILL SNOW, (K 21st 12/40-12/44), of Crossman Ave., Leominster, MA on December 3, 1977.

Recently, we published an obit on MELVIN MACCOUL, identifying him as the Div. AG during a period in that hellish summer of 1950. Col. SYDNEY SOGARD, Div. Hq. '48-'51, writes to tell us that Mel was CO and leader of the 24th Band, not the AG. Our apologies please for the error, and thanks Syd for keeping us in line.

Shocked were we to have opened a warm Christmas greeting from ADOLPH and Beatrice DAMISH, (34th and 19th '49-'51), of 20 Burnley, Norwood, Mass., when a neighbor telephones us with the tragic news that Adolph had passed away "last evening" (Dec. 17th). Son, Mark, was winding up 4 Army years at Polk with the 5th Division. Was completing his enlistment in three weeks. Terribly sad. We shall miss "Al"; he was a great one. Wonderfully devoted to Bea and Mark.

Ivy Marie LAVENDER, beloved wife of ROBERT P. LAVENDER, (34th '45; 19th '50-'51), of 1120 Harrison, Hurst, Tex., passed away Nov. 12, 1979. Ivy became suddenly ill after breakfast on November 1, with no apparent symptoms of anything wrong until suddenly becoming nauseated with pain in her back and head. By 11:30 a.m., Bob had her at Carswell Air Force Base Regional Hospital. She was sent to Intensive Care the next day with kidney failure and some form of blood infection which was the contributing cause of death. Needless to say this is a shock and totally unexpected. Our sympathies go out to Bob.

Sadly do we report the passing on on January 20th of James Essex, beloved father of Alice SANDERSON, the good wife of our own Past President and Life Member BILL. Jim was known to many of us through our visits to the Sandersons in Attleboro, Mass. (57 Peck St. if you write Al). He thoroughly enjoyed those visits - Bill and Al lived in the same house with her Dad - as no time spent with the Sandersons was complete unless we dropped in on Jim for the pleasantries of the day - be it the price of eggs today, the Dow Jones average, or the Iranian situation. All of us join in our condolences to Al; she was a good and loyal daughter who dropped everything to nurse Jim through his final weeks.

# Paid Your Dues?

*Thank You*

**MOVING**  
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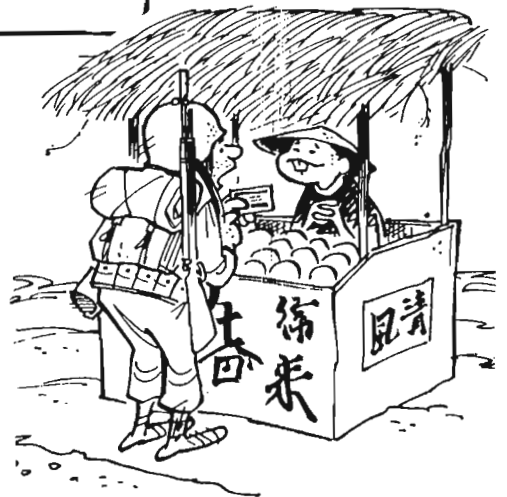
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"... puff-puff ... s-s-slow down ... puff ... sir ... we've lett ... the' ... chaplain ... puff-puff ... and ... th' medic ... puff-puff ..."



"But everyone accepts credit cards these days!"

