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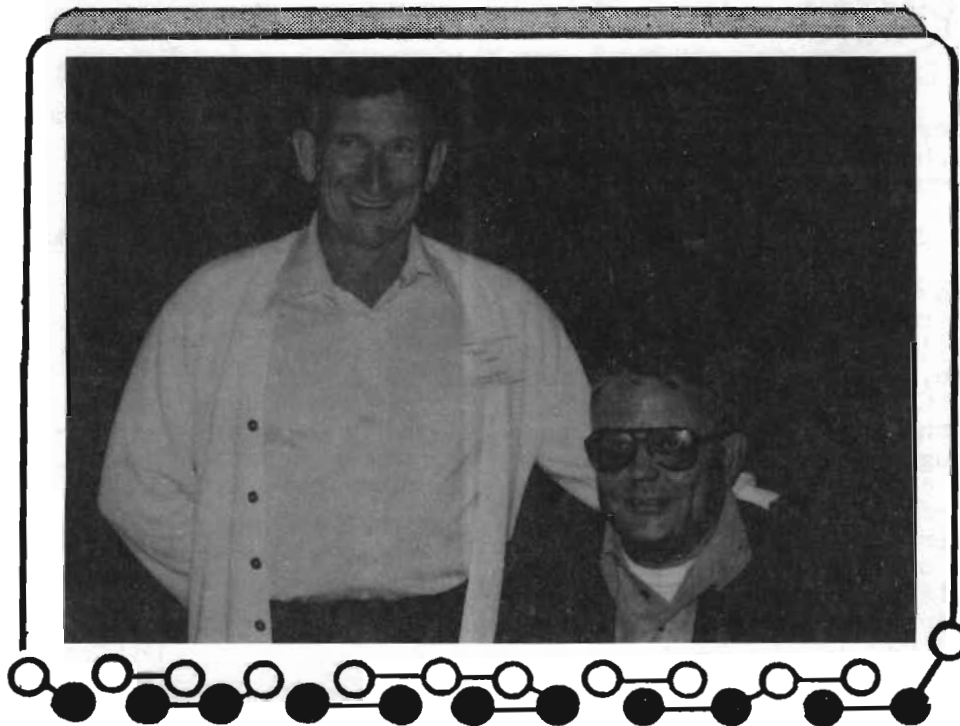
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We just loved this Pittsburgh pic.
Couldn't resist the temptation to include
it in this issue, even if a bit late.
Of course it's the popular C.G., Maj.Gen.
JAMES F. COCHRAN III and lovable
JERRY VON MOHR, (AT 2/45-5/45) who gave
so much on Mindanao.

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"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." Who's talking? Thoreau in "Walden", circa 1854.

We don't know that it was a different drummer out at the Irvine (California) Registry Hotel last October 11th, but it was an Escapade, a Fiesta, a Phantasmagoria nonetheless. C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE, who gave birth to the idea and nursed it to adulthood, brought together some 65 of us who share that common bond. It was, and is, that fact of life which keeps us together in spirit, the fact that each of us in his time once proudly wore the Taro Leaf over his left shoulder. Taro Leafers do, from time to time, assemble because they hear that drummer, different or otherwise.

We have met regularly for many years past - but always, so it was alleged, east of the Mississippi. Not so, we answered weakly. Lessee - there was San Francisco in '54, St. Louis in '53 and '69 (and St. Louis is west of 'Ole Man River) - but let's not argue.

West Coasters had spoken - and rightly so. They wanted representation - at some kind of Carnival, or Whirligig, or Mardi Gras.

But sensed the outcry - and responded to the call.

The rest is history.

We assembled for a few hours of gaeity - and have responded that we enjoyed it - and want to do it again. Just when and where remains undecided as of the moment. But gather 'round again, we shall, God willing.

We list elsewhere the names of those who made the trek to Bud's caravansary - and what a delightful place it was, Bud - great on style, spaciousness, cleanliness, et al - a few rough edges still to be honed in the kitchen department. But, all in all, great.

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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any unit ever formally "attached" to the 24th Infantry Division. Dues are \$10.00 per annum inclusive of a subscription to the publication, Taro Leaf.

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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1981 Convention
St. Louis. MO

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Greatest lampoon of 1980 - Roger Staubach in televising the Dallas-St. Louis game, when he replied to his colleague, sportcaster Frank Gliber, when he asked about stopping the Cardinal offense. Said Mr. Last Two Minutes: "Well I talked to my daughter Amy this morning about it and she said the No. 1 problem was the bomb". Delightful thing about it is that old Roge does have a daughter named Amy.

Space doesn't permit us to tell you all that took place. Besides some of it involved people and things who and which were not of the 24th. And we chance to believe that our readership is primarily interested in 24th people and 24th activities. So we, for reasons of space, will be slighting the supernumeraries who helped to make the California gathering the success that it was.

Okay, Bud Collette? And meanwhile we salute you for the enthusiasm you gave to our latest endeavor. Thank you sincerely.

Worthy of note

PAUL MYERS, of 1102 Cardinal, Alton, IL, is hotter than horse-radish. Sends in dues for himself and also a new member - CARL CARPENTER, (C 5th RCT '49-'51), of 310 Mill, Alton, Ill. We suspect Lou had a hand in Paul's two pages of interesting notes. Paul, by the way, is Commander of the 12th Dist., Dept. of Ill., VFW. We visited Paul's own post a couple of years ago; it's a beauty. But getting back to basics, as the saying goes - we still don't know what it means - here are a couple of paragraphs from Paul's newsy letter:

"Had a big surprise recently. Lucille and I were sitting at our kitchen table when the doorbell rang. Who walked in but Esther and ART MCCAULLY from Fountain, Minn. It was quite a pleasant surprise. They spent the night with us and left the next day. Had a very enjoyable time together.

"While talking about the Philippines, I reminded Art about the 2 hour all-GI show that I was in, on Mindoro. This was the first time I had thought of it in years. We had a 4-piece-hillbilly band that played from 12 to 15 minutes. JAMES MANN, from West, Va., and I, were from B-Battery of the 13th FA. We had a guitar player by the name of Kelly from Service Battery of the 13th FA. I don't remember the fiddler's name, but believe he was from the 63rd FA. Mann also played guitar and I played the bass fiddle. There was a swing band formed out of the 24th Div. marching band, on the stage. The bass fiddler for the swing band was the bandmaster for the marching band, if my memory serves. Anyhow, just before it was time for us to go on the program, they would pass the bass fiddle down to me, behind the bandstand, and I would tune it to our stringed instruments. Then we would put on our show, and I'd leave the bass for the other bass man. He would then have to re-tune it to the piano. I was just wondering how many other members remember that show???"

Paul adds a P.S. and here we're sure Lou had a part in it:

"P.S. You know it is a bad day when you want to put on the clothes you wore to the party the night before and find there aren't any."

Sounds like some party, Paul - and Lou.



Pittsburgh Banquet scene, thanks to our roving photographer, Jo SABATINE. It's STANLEY FAIRBROTHERS on the left and Jo and LEO MCDONNELL on the right.



Beverly Corris, our faithful secretary, who types all of this gave us this article printed in a Dutch magazine. It seems to reflect the transition which most of us have gone or are going through in our assessment of father:

- 4 years - My Daddy can do anything.
- 7 years - My Dad knows a lot, a whole lot.
- 8 years - Dad doesn't know quite everything.
- 12 years - Oh, well, naturally Father does understand.
- 14 years - Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years - Oh, that man is out-of-date: what would you expect?
- 25 years - He comes up with a good idea now and then.
- 30 years - Must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years - A little patience: let's get Dad's input first.
- 50 years - What would Dad have thought about that?
- 60 years - I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

Thank you, Beverly; you hit the nail on the head on this one.

Didja catch the AP news release about shutting down the Port Moresby airport runway for a day? Seems a 4-foot-long crocodile was just quietly sunning himself along the tarmac.

Another joiner at P. was JOHN AMBROSE of 820 North Ave., Pittsburgh. We're not sure of your unit, Johnny.



JOE and Ann NEMISH, with grandson between, at our California Convention.

The conviction of Representative Myers seems, on inspection of the Abscam tapes, to be justified. Equally justified is a massive indictment of the Federal investigation.

The 5th Amendment has tried to protect a guy from convicting himself out of his own mouth. Suspects in a felony are read their rights. Myers wasn't informed prior to any of the tapings that he was in effect testifying against himself. The murkiness of the 5th here is dazzling, but, in plain fact, his rights were violated.

Myers was clearly entrapped. He was encouraged in the commission of a crime.

FBI agents, lying to putative co-conspirators, offered cash for an act that couldn't be consummated. Worse, weren't they part of the conspiracy itself.

Abscam was a graceless and dangerous exercise in prosecutorial discretion. It gives an edge to the cynicism with which ordinary mortals regard the criminal justice system.

Prediction: before the last word is written, the whole mess will be overthrown by the Court of last resort.

We have been asked to reprint this friendly note - and happily we do:

The members of Donald A. Gary, CMH Chapter #65 Disabled American Veterans, wish to thank the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association who contributed to our "Forget-Me-Not" drive at your Irvine, Calif. Reunion. \$137.08 was dropped into that can. This money will go to help the forgotten Veterans in the Nursing Homes here in Orange County, Calif. Our THANKS to you again.

Yours in comradeship:

Marvin Marquardt
Commander Chapter #65 D.A.V. and
C.A. (Bud) Collette
Past Commander 13th District D.A.V.

Anita Bryant still sounding off. Wish she'd just shut up and go away.

ART SMITH, (K 34 '45), of Rt. 1, Dallas Center, Iowa, writes us 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. 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.

We're sure we've used it before, Art, but for us, it's like wine - it improves with age.

Then Art adds a bit of rhyme which made us read it, reread it, and reread it again. You try it and see what you make of it -

Here today in the sunshine I saw a
soldier go
Out of Life's heated battle into the
evening glow.
He was just a common soldier, one of a
mighty clan,
But every watcher bared his head in
honor to the Man.
We stood there at attention, and the
flag-draped coffin came,
And we snapped up to salute him,
though we never knew his name.
He was just a common soldier, but we
couldn't salute as well
The best old major general on this bright
side o' hell!

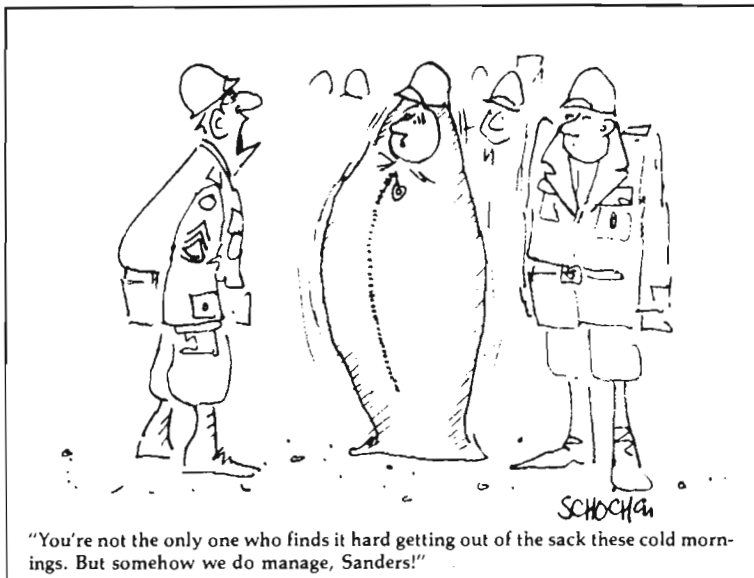
H.T.S.

"Mac and Mo", a/k/a/ Life Member HORACE and Momoko McCLURE, (C 3rd Eng., '55-'56), of 2270 Lohrer, Fairview, Pa., report that they're ready for another winter on Lake Erie's shore. We wintered in '41-'42 along these shores and recall it as rugged. Think of poor Buffalo at its eastern end.

RUSS JONES, ye olde chief clerk in AG and Gen Staff - yes and he was also H 21st and Hq. 21st, is at Box 262, Averill Park, N.Y.



Dottie WHEELER, President of the Society of Daughters of the U.S. Army made a presentation for her group at West Point's June graduation. It went to Cadet Paul C. Roszbach for excellence in First Class Military Science.



A visiting admiral was chatting informally with the ship's company. Stopping beside one seaman, he asked, "What would you do if a man fell overboard?"

Quick as a flash the sailor replied, "I'd raise the alarm and throw him a life ring, sir."

"And what if it was an officer?" continued the admiral.

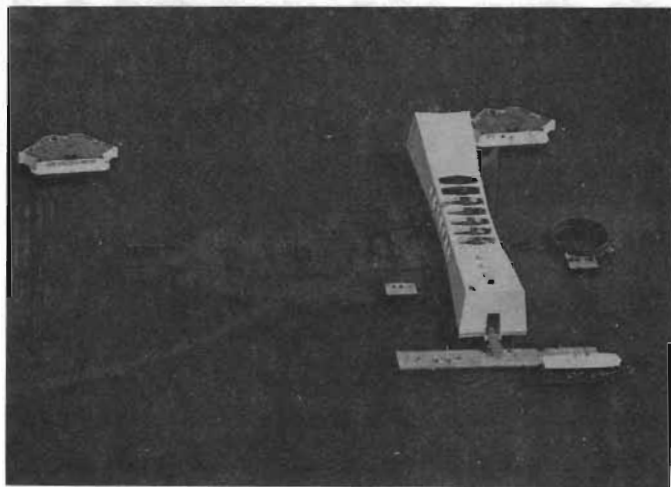
The sailor paused. "Which one?" he asked.

If your item is not in this issue, wait until the next one, coming right behind. O.K.? It's our humpty-dumpty way of throwing issues together that sees us failing to get your item in "the next issue" as you might wish. Sorry about that.

Another bypass. RUSSELL E. DENNY (F 21st '40-'44), of 685 Lemon Grove, Melbourne, FL, has been hospitalized twice since June. Artery graft and bypass. Slow recovery. Still troubled with circulation. Postcard Russ, will you please? He could stand a cheer!



Cindy COLLETTE, the lovely daughter of Jean and BUD, takes a bow upon being introduced by her Dad at our California Shindig.



Postcarded are we by BUD and Jean COLLETTE from Wahoo. The USS Arizona Memorial "got" to them. See the sunken hull in this picture, can you? A blue streak trails from the ship toward the left hand edge of the photo; it's oil still seeping from a rusing fuel tank, 39 years later.

GORDON BEHREL, (Hq. 1st Bn. 19th, 3/44-12/45) over in Downers Grove, Ill., thoughtfully sent us copies of TOM COMPERE's latest publicity. Tom, who is corporation counsel for Highland Park, Lake Forest, and Mettawa, Ill. (one town wasn't enough, you see) was the recipient of the 1980 Distinguished Service Award of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers. Tom had to go to New York to pick up the plaque. Tommy, we're right proud of you.

The mess sergeant at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., was a stickler for cleanliness. A small sign hung permanently on the kitchen bulletin board. It read: "Duty Corpsman - You will keep this floor clean enough to eat off - or you will."

The traditional spirit of the airborne soldier lives on at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the elite 82nd Airborne Division. There the story is told of an in-ranks inspection conducted by the Division's commanding general.

A freshly recruited paratrooper from West Virginia was standing proudly at attention, jump wings on his chest, awaiting the commander's careful scrutiny. The general paused in front of the soldier and, spotting a loose thread on his uniform, said, Trooper, your fatigue jacket is frayed."

To the guarded amusement of all within earshot, the noticeably affronted young private replied, "Sir, beggin' your pardon, but this here airborne jacket ain't 'fraid a nothin'!"



At our California Fiesta, awards of the Philippine Liberation Medal were made to, l. to r. (as always), CLAYTON PETERSON, BILL MCKENNA, and JOHN WELCH. We received a most wonderful abundance of photos on this party. We can't possibly use them all. Forgive us if we concentrate on Taro Leafers. There was a plurality of non-Taro Leafers at this affair. Nothing wrong in it understand. But when Taro Leafers get together, they like to get together.

Some of you complain about our handwriting which, admittedly, is sorry. Wait'll you receive a letter from JOHNNY MORRISON, (D 21st '41-'44), of 54 Chelsea, Mt. Sinai, N.Y. It'll drive you up a wall. Here's what he says about flags flying over the U.S. Capitol.

"The main flag flown over the Capitol is never brought down except when it is tattered and is to be replaced. Other flags are hoisted from several different flagpoles on the Capitol grounds. There are two sizes of flag used for this - 3 by 5 and 8 by 12 feet. So many persons want a flag that has flown at the Capitol that new ones are hoisted as many times daily as needed to meet requests. As many as 150 new flags are raised each day. Anyone may acquire a flag by sending \$5.55 for the smaller one and \$11.85 for the larger one to his or her congressman in Washington. A certificate will be sent with your flag, giving the date that it flew at the Capitol. Indicate what it is you wish to commemorate, such as the birth of Belle and Al's new grandchild or Steven's new job, or whatever; it will be included on the certificate. Incidentally, last year more than 35,000 flags were distributed." That's a newsy item, Johnny. Thanx. Only took us 2 hours to decipher you.

Open heart surgery in late October for CREIGHTON BRYSON, (K 19th '44-'46), of 1816 W. Friendly, Greensboro, N.C. We are awaiting word from Lois on Creighton's recovery. We've signalled him that our prayers are with him.

Much mumbo-jumbo appearing in the press about honoring the Viet vet. Coming from the press, it's a grand panjandrum.

Forgotten is the fact that, dating back to the SEATO Pact, we had promised unilaterally that that part of the world would never again become the victim of invading forces as it had been in WW II. Then when it became obvious that Russia was violating South Vietnam's safety by infiltration from the North by HoChi Minh's forces, the helpless South looked to us to honor the Pact. We did.

Rather than feeling shame, the Viet vets should be the proudest people in the land and among the most honored. They did the job they were sent to do in the most terrifying war in history.

For what greater morality can there be than that a man risk his own life to preserve the life and liberty of his brother?



Josie and Life Member MATT SABATINE, (Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 21st '44-'45), of 616 Roseto, Roseto, Pa., at our Pittsburgh party. For the picture, our thanks to - who else? - Jo Sabatine. You're terrific, Jo.

JIM and Eleanor HERRING, 11th QM 2/40-8/45; Trans.Co. 10/41; 24th QM Truck Co. 8/45) of 245 Ringold, Peekskill, N.Y., were en route to Pittsburgh last August when they were stricken with food poisoning. Bingo - the Latrobe, Pa. hospital for them both. Recovery - then presto - daughter Pam presented them with a granddaughter. Then Eureaka - surgery for Jim - gall bladder and appendix. Quite a year, eh Jim?

JOE and Priscilla PETRAOSKAS - there, we've spelled it right - of 7 Shattuck, Nashua, N.H., ask us about the dates for our St.Louis tintinnabulation. Are you ready, out there? Thursday, Aug. 13th to Sunday Aug. 16th. On Thursday, there's nothing doing - just getting there. On Sunday, it's just a question of getting back home.

These were in attendance at the
October California edition of our periodic
Gathering-of-the-Clan:

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Tujunga, Calif. 91042

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6 Cattail Ln. R.C.T.
Irvine, Calif. 92714

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Los Angeles, Calif. 90079

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San Jose, Calif. 95127

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Banning, Calif. 92220

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Yorba Linda, Calif. 92686

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Attleboro, Mass. 02703

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Moraga, Calif. 94556

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Bedford, Texas 76021

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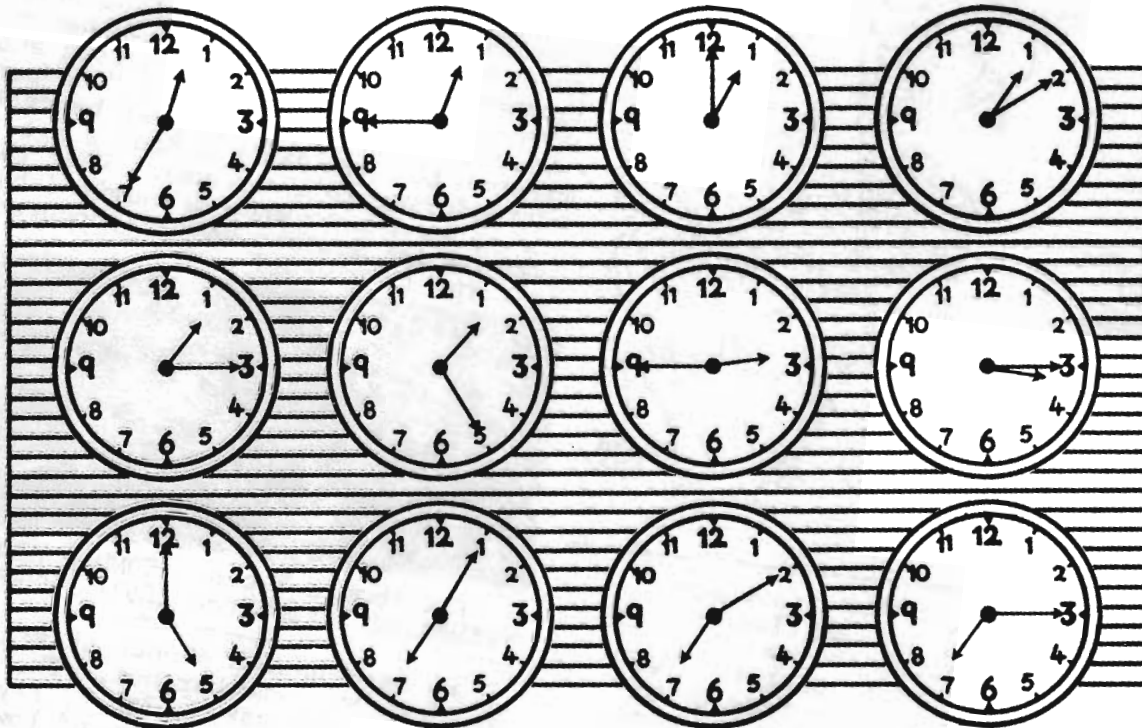
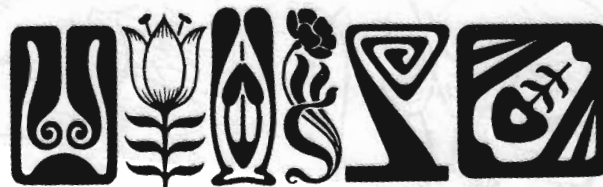
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Wandering WALLY CUNNINGHAM stops by the happy California banquet table of faithful HOWARD LUMSDEN who flew over from St. Louis. "Wouldn't have missed it for the world" lisped Lum.

Big John can tell time, of course, but can he tell it in Japanese? How much of your Japanese can you recall? To solve the puzzle, compare the written times with the clock-face times. Answers elsewhere in this issue.



Japanese

goji
 ichiji
 ichiji jippun sugi
 ichiji jugofun mae

Time

ichiji jugofun sugi
 ichiji nijugofun mae
 ichiji nijugofun sugi
 sanji jugofun mae
 sanji jugofun sugi
 shichiji gofun sugi
 shichiji jippun sugi
 shichiji jugofun sugi



Carol Channing in 'Hello, Dolly'

Hirschfeld clues us that there are 5 "Nina"s in this one. We can find only 4. How about you. Meantime let us offer you a recipe to whet your appetite. We call it a "Chatterly". It's made up of 2 ounces dry gin, 1/2 ounce dry vermouth, and 1/4 ounce orange curacao.

VIC MOORE (F 34th '40-'45), of Box 202, Virgie, Ky., is looking for MICHAEL PODOLINSKY from Masontown, Pa. Also CHARLES TAFFEL last known to be at Med. Sch., U. of Ind. Also PAUL MORALLY, from Clairton, Pa., now possibly near Fontana, Cal. Have you seen any of these fellas? Vic says he hasn't kept in touch with anyone. You're telling us, Vic. This was all 35 or more years ago. Oh well!!

We welcome aboard BERNIE BAGINSKIE who joined us at Pittsburgh. And why not? Bernie lives at 2308 Eccles St. in that nice 'ole town.



Hirschfeld drew this one of Ruth Gordon and Lee Strasberg for their film, "Boardwalk". These two couldn't care less about the recent flap at the Great Lakes Naval Base. What surprised us was not the booing and hissing and catcalls at the playing of the National Anthem before the showing of the base movie. No, the thing that surprised us was that the Great Lakes Commander, Rear Adm. Charles Gurney, Jr., ordered the playing of the anthem halted because of the catcalls and boos and commented, incredibly, that "the punks win one." The old Navy must be changing, because the Admiral's action suggests he's surrendering to the punks. What the hell are we coming to when an admiral backs down before men who have dishonored the uniforms they wear?



Pittsburgh Faces: EDMUND HENRY, FREDERICK IRVING and LESTER WHEELER.

We were handed a note at Pittsburgh. By whom, we remember not. The note read: "Frank P. Zukowsky, 13th F, says he paid K.R. \$20 for membership and Lowry \$20 for life." We have absolutely no record on this man nor any memory of what it's all about. Can anyone help?

Samuel Bronfman, the magnate of Seagram's, once arrived at an advertising conference and sat on the nearest available chair.

"No, no, Mr. Sam," blurted out one of the admen. "Sit here at the head of the table."

"Young man," said Bronfman, "wherever I sit is the head of the table."



Little old Edmund G. Brown, Jr., has the answers on our What-Time-Is-It-In-Japan puzzle:

12:35 ichiji nijugofun mae
12:45 ichiji jogofun mae
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If nothing else, "Nina" on Ron's neck surely stands out. Meantime, how did you react to Selective Service's calculation that 93% of those eligible registered for the draft last summer?



Walter Matthau looks as though he has just heard President Carter make public top secret plans for the "stealth" aircraft that can evade radar protection.

Down in Richmond, Va., at 2311 New Berne to be exact, live WILBUR and Mildred HILL, (I 21st '41-'45). Will and Mil are the proud grandparents of Kristine. Also have Jennifer. Mil has had detached retina operation - recovering nicely. Will sent in dues for HAMLET DAVENPORT of 1904 Hillard, also in Richmond. Thanks, Wil.



Tom Brokaw
Floor Reporter



Garrick Utley
Floor Reporter



Tom Pettit
Floor Reporter



Chris Wallace
Floor Reporter



Ken Dode
Outside Reporter



Jessica Savitch
Podium Reporter

Hirschfeld wouldn't allow the NBC News team to escape his witty and benevolent treatment. Which has little relation to the award by President Carter of the Medal of Honor to Anthony Casamento, the Marine corporal, for battle deeds at Guadalcanal. Navy and Marine officials cried election-year politics. Was it a coincidence that the award was made with great ceremony a day before the President spoke at the annual dinner of the Italian-American Foundation? The award was certainly clouded by the charges and countercharges that were made.



John Anderson puts us in mind of our own JACK ANDERSON who made a nice description of this l'il paper at Pittsburgh. Said he, "It's like the family album which you can pull out to help you dream about your memories. From these dreams and memories, we should find the strength to rebuild the past." Powerful stuff, Jack.



Zero Mostel in 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Wonder how Zero Mostel reacted when he saw this one? And to change the subject, let's ask, "Would you call marching students protesting the draft, 'The Parade of the Wouldn't Soldiers?'"

HOWIE CULLINS, (D 3rd Eng. '50-'51), of 2104 Mass., N. Little Rock, Ark., tells us that we loused up the item on his marriage in a recent Taro Leaf issue. Says Mary's name was Mary Irene Yarberry. Sorry 'bout that, Howie.

Another triple by pass - we've got more of 'em than the Pittsburgh Steelers. This time it was on LESLIE "Larry" OLDS, (Sv. 19 '44-'46), of 2555 Mt. Pleasant, North Canton, Ohio. Reports Larry, "I have a clean bill of health from my medic and am feeling pretty good". Change that "pretty good" to wonderful on your next report Larry, and we'll be happy.

ART and Esther McCaulley (AT 34th '42-'45), of Fountain, Minn., are bragging about the arrival of grandson Eric Benjamin, last Aug. 19th, to join his sister Renee. Congratulations, kids.



R. to L. JIM ERWIN, (Med Co. 21st '50-'51), of Box 608, Morongo Valley, Cal., and TED PLESEK, (L 21st '42-'43), of 61021 Sandalwood, Joshua Tree, Cal. Ted was calling on Jim. You're looking great, Ted.

DON CHASE, (B 19th '50-'51), of 31 Brush Hill, Sherburn, Mass., did it the hard way. In '44-'45, he was with the 89th in ETO. Then Alaska '46-'47. Joined us at year's end after the Pusan breakout. Wounded twice. Sent back to the states to have a bullet removed from his neck. Retired in Oct. 52 for assignment to the 3rd Div. Wounded a third time the day before truce was signed. How's that for staying to the end?

From BILL SHOWEN, (21st '41-'43; 24 Recn. '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis., comes another fish story. There's a lake near him called Tom Doyle Lake. Seems this kid, Charley Budreau, was swimming in it when he was attacked by a muskie. The fish ripped a gash in his right hand. Fourteen stitches. Jagged cut, so it had to be a muskie. We've heard of a vance and a kissinger, Bill, but a muskie? - you've gotta be kidding.

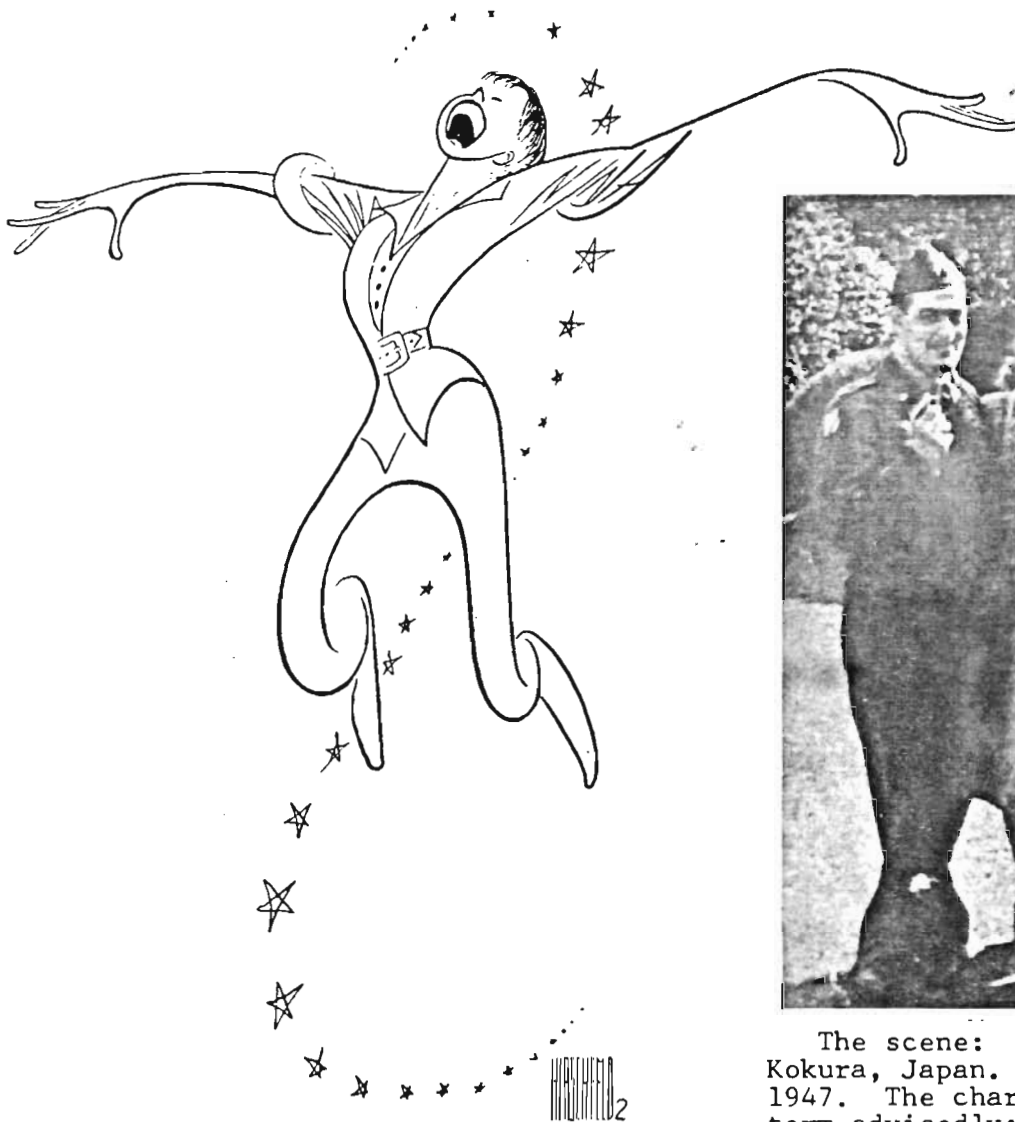


Benny Goodman is tooting the news that BILL PENCE, (24 Med), has a new address: 62 Grosse Point Estate, 9900 Olmerton, Largo, Fla. Bill enjoyed P.: Wrote "It was my first and I plan on it not being my last". We'll meet you in St. Louis, Willie.

JACK GLOVER, (F 21st '50-'52), of 1324 Orange, Fullerton, Cal., was attending a wedding reception at our Irvine hotel, spotted the Taro Leaf, came over to inquire, and joined our ranks.



Meet Jean SCHAAF, wife of Life Member VALENTINE SCHAAF, (H 21st '41-'45), of Rt. 1, Hillsboro, Ore., and the smiling ENDER's, BOB and Roberta, (also H 21st '42-'45), of 110 E 9th, Los Angeles, at our California Circus.

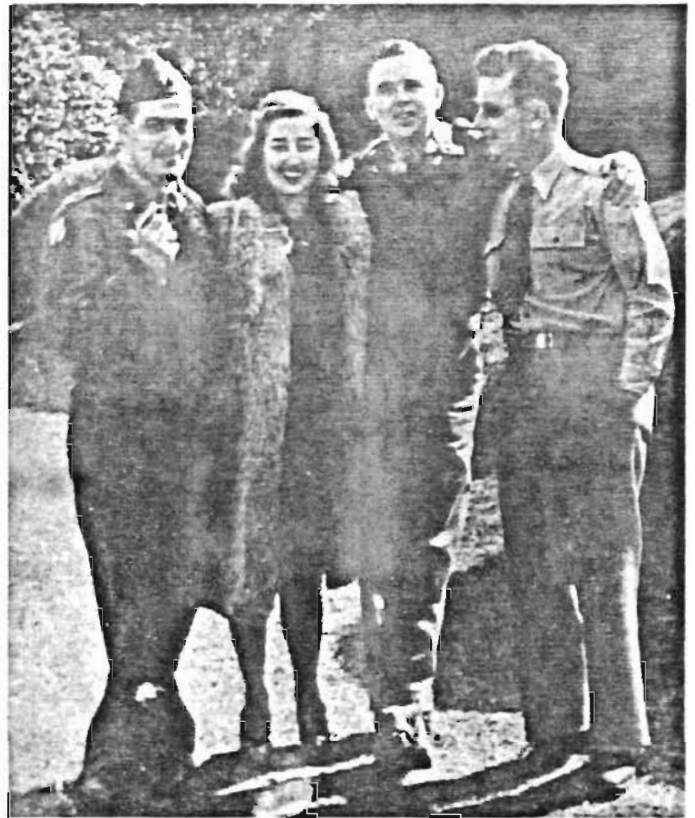


JOHN BROWN, (Hq. 2nd Bn 21 '51-'53), of Hesperia, Calif., joins up and immediately asks for a Life Membership with: "If I had known of this organization, I'd have applied for membership much much sooner. As I become more and more nostalgic about my old outfit with the passing years, I realize I was a member of the best organization in Korea". Powerful words, Johnny.

WARREN AVERY (G 21st '50-'52), of 836 Middletown, N.Haven, Conn., writes: "Finally located my Co.Commander in Korea through Phil Burke. I called him on the phone and he didn't know there was a 24th Division Association, but he does now. So please send membership to: Lt.Col. Charles J. Heyer (Ret.), 3011 Massey Rd., Birmingham, Ala." That we did, Warren, with pleasure. By the way, you said you were coming up to Springfield some time.

Meet new member TOM HICKMAN, (24 QM and Div.Hq. '44-'47), of Eddy Way, Wooster, Ohio. That puts you in Okayama and Kokura, right Tom?

It's Sandy Duncan. As Peter Pan, she has just learned that the 12 Armd. Div. Assoc. has 4004 members. We have 1382.



The scene: The Garden of BOQ 1, Kokura, Japan. The time: circa April 1947. The characters (and we use the term advisedly: MARVIN KRIEDBERG, then Div. G-3, now deceased, Elizabeth CRUMP, wife of WILLIAM CRUMP, then I Corps G-3, now deceased, your very own Editor, then Div. O.O., and GEORGE KREIGH MOODY, the Div. G-2, now deceased. Thank you, Betty, for thinking of us by sending it in. They were happy days, weren't they?

Pearls of wisdom from the lips of HERB KINGSBURY, (C 34th '43-'45), of 1368 Evergreen, N.Y. His acronym for TARO LEAF:

The
All
Right
Organization

Loyalty
Enthusiasm
Appreciation
Fidelity

It's "what Taro Leaf means to me", adds Herb.

Brand new member is MARTIN SMITHWICK, (D 21st '44-'45), of Ponce de Leon, Mo. Says he "Would love to hear from some of my ole buddies".



JOHN and Toyoko THORNBURG, (34th), of 351 Edmore, Fairlawn, Ohio. That's Toyoko on the port side, Johnny to starboard, recently visited JOE CENGA at 79 Piermont, Wollaston, MA - that's Joe in the middle. We remember a poem from school days about counting "the pebbles on Wollaston Beach". Do you recall it, Joe? Joe and John hadn't seen each other since '44. John and Toyoko met in '48; just celebrated their 32nd. Johnny has now retired from TWA. They all look excellent in this photo, esp. you Toyoko.

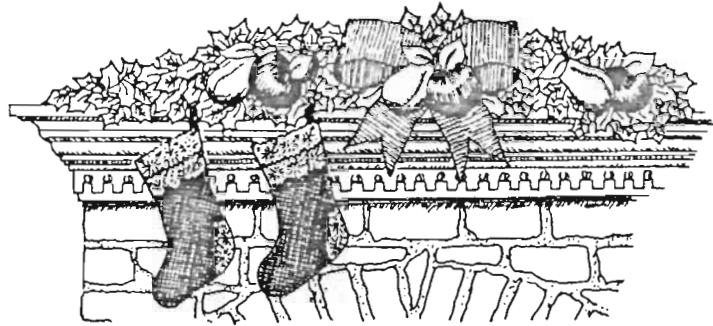


Past Prexy and Life Member BILL SANDERSON photo'd by Past Prexy and Life Member DON WILLIAMS on the boat, by his lonesome, at P. Don captioned it, "Study in Solitude".

Screwed up? Our government can't even take a head count. Shoulda learned the old Army system - count off every ninety five minutes. Think they'll ever fire the head of the Census Bureau? Or give him a plaque?

BERNIE LENSKEY, (C 52nd F '41-'45), of 1777 N.E. 177th, N. Miami Beach, Fla., is looking for a crest or insignia of the old Hawaiian Department. Can anyone help him. We're stumped.

Rodney Dangerfield complained to his dentist that his teeth were getting yellow. The doc told him to wear a brown necktie.



JERRY VON MOHR, (AT 19 2/45-5/45), of 3846 Villanova, Kettering, Ohio, writes:

"Today while relaxing in the steam bath at the health club, I was talking to Earl Adams (Sv. Co. 21st at Wahoo). His address is 1059 Pritz Ave., Dayton, OH 45410. He told me that he served in Co.D. Here's \$20.00 to cover him as a member. He also informed me that his brother-in-law was a Taro Leafer about the same time. Does this qualify for one of the most unique ways of meeting a Taro Leafer?" Let's put it this way, Jerry. It qualifies only if Earl was wearing a Taro Leaf at the time you met him.



Lots of news from ART and Esther McCaULLEY, (AT 34th '42-'45), of Fountain, Minn. They had a get-together at their farm in June. Those in attendance were 1 - r, back row: ART MILLER, Atkins, Iowa, BOB PITZER, New Canton, Ill., LEON SWEM, Carthage, N.Y. and front row, who else but WALTER "Shorty" SCHERER, Warren, Pa., TOM PLISS, Fairbanks, Iowa, and ART. Great time. Art and Esther will have their "club house" finished soon and will announce a gathering of the clan for its "dedication". Let us know in time, Esther, and we'll try to turn out the whole gang for this one. By the way, Esther reports that Art is back on his feet, feeling chipper again. Wonderful report, Esther.

JOHN and Wanda POLLOCK, (11th F), of 2718 Frances, LaCrescenta, Cal., joined us at Irvine. Johnny is blind but you'd never know it from his actions. He gets around beautifully.



It's Maggie Smith as she appeared in "Night and Day". Looks as if she has just heard about the federal judge who says that Capt. Christine Fitzpatrick has to stay in the Army - that the abortive attempt to rescue the American hostages in Iran is no grounds for discharge. The 27-year-old woman doctor sought release in a habeas corpus action - said the rescue effort shocked her so badly it turned her into a conscientious objector. San Francisco District Judge William Schwarzer turned her down - said her case showed "substantial evidence of insincerity."

We welcome aboard MARTIN T. SMITHWICK, (D 21st '44-'45), of Ponce de Leon, Mo. Marty is in at the urging of HOWARD VARBLE, (5th RCT '50-'52), of Grafton, Ill. Thanx Howie.

To DANNY and Jane CUOMO, (B 34th '41-'45), of 197 Brookside, Irvington, N.J., we say "Meet us in St. Louis next Friday Aug. 14th and Saturday Aug. 15th". It'll be a real party.



Pittsburgh Faces: TOM UPTON, BOBBY BRABHAM, and "Spike" O'DONNELL.



DON CLARK, (B 19th '51), of 78 Draper, Warner Robins, Ga., is on the right. That's JOHN GARBINSKY, (B 19th '51), of 1005 Short St., Ambridge, Pa. on the left. They met at our Pittsburgh gathering. Says Don: "John was probably one of the best 1st scouts ever. He could take us out at night and never brush a twig or step on a mine and get us back to our individual holes." Johnny drove Don over from Ambridge to P., about 25 miles, and in going through P. adds Don, "Damned if he didn't get lost - in broad daylight too."



Pittsburgh Faces: GERRY STEVENSON and AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN.

Beautiful words from JIM MACK of Furnace Lane, New Florence, Pa. Identifying himself as "Ex Capt. USAAF and Hq. Co. 19th", he signs off with

"A great association, Great 'Taro Leaf' most of all - It's Great to be a Member in this Organization." Thank you, Jim.

LOUIS BROWN, (B & Sv. 34th '40-'44), of Vinita, Okla., answers our item on the Coca Cola which we couldn't recall ever having had a drop of. Lou sends his "Coca Cola Ration Card" with the note: "Dear Mr. Editor:

"About the important issue of who drank all the Coca Cola during WW 2. The document I am enclosing was issued at Hollandia where you could take this card, your canteen cup and one tenth of a gilder, walk a couple of miles and buy one cup of Coca Cola.

"As you can see, I was a regular customer, and I hope this helps to clear this up.

"Had a great time at Pittsburgh and hope to see everyone in St. Louis."

Right on, Lou. Glad to clear the record on this one.

JOHN UHL, (Div. Band '45-'46), is from 24th St., Camp Hill, Pa. Talk about overkill; how do you like that - he lives on "24th St.". He sends us the Christmas Day 1945 issue of V Day, our mimeographed newspaper while we were on Shikoku. It carries a piece about the tragic fire in the 24th Med. Bn. barracks of a few days before. We quote it as it appeared.

"In the wake of the worst disaster to befall occupation troops in Japan, the flash fire that burned down four wooden barracks and cost the life of thirteen soldiers and injured twenty-two others of the Med. Bn., the stories are coming to light.

"They are stories told by shaken, suffering men on hospital cots, stories of unconscious heroism told in quiet voices by men who would laugh if you called them heroes, pathetic stories told through burned and swollen lips by men facing weeks and even months in the hospital; the stories of the two cooks, one of whom was unable to write and only a day before his death had dictated a letter to his mother regretting that he couldn't be home this Christmas but would surely be there for the next one. And of the other cook who died only a few hours after giving ten yen to his friend Pfc. Fack G. Rico't, to send a Christmas telegram greeting to his wife. Rico't still has the money and the slip of paper bearing the name and address, and he'll turn both over to the chaplain.

"And the story of Corporal Levis Platea, who is alive today because in the smoke and confusion after he had given up hope of escaping, he stumbled and fell down a flight of stairs into a room where he was seen by three men who had made a final dash into the burning building to look for possible survivors. They pulled him to safety after he had suffered serious burns about the face and hands.

"I started to where I thought the stairway was," he said, "but when I got there it was a mass of flames and smoke. I stumbled around the room and must have got into another section of the building because I didn't know where I was and worse, I couldn't see anything. I could hardly breathe, and I felt as though somebody had me by the throat and was shaking me.

"Hot blasts of flame kept hitting me in the face and my hands were getting hotter and hotter. It finally dawned on me that I was trapped, that I was going to die. Everything began to get black and I fell forward. God must have let me fall down those stairs to safety."

"Although he broke his wrist when he jumped, and had a man fall on him, Pfc. Robert L. Arnett dragged an unconscious man two hundred yards to safety.



"I've spent five years dealing with recruits and not once have I seen any of you people smile!"

"Two men from another unit arrived late in the evening before the fire and were billeted in one of the barracks for the night. Both were returning to the United States for discharge after serving together throughout the Mindanao, Philippine Island campaign. When the fire broke out, they dressed hurriedly and tried to make their way out of the smoke-filled, unfamiliar building. After several futile attempts to find the stairway, one man saw a faint glow on his right. He reached out and found that it was a window. Smashing the glass with his bare hands, he called to others, and soon a dozen or more men had leaped to safety, while he remained behind calling to his buddy who had become lost in the confusion. Finally with the flames licking toward him only a few feet away, he could wait no longer and started out through the window, still calling. Then he leaped out, sustaining only minor injuries. The other man, the father of four children, perished in the flames."



On the delightful Pittsburgh boat ride, Jo ANDRE, FRANK and Louise KUBA, and BOB ANDRE. Photographer: Jo SABATINE.



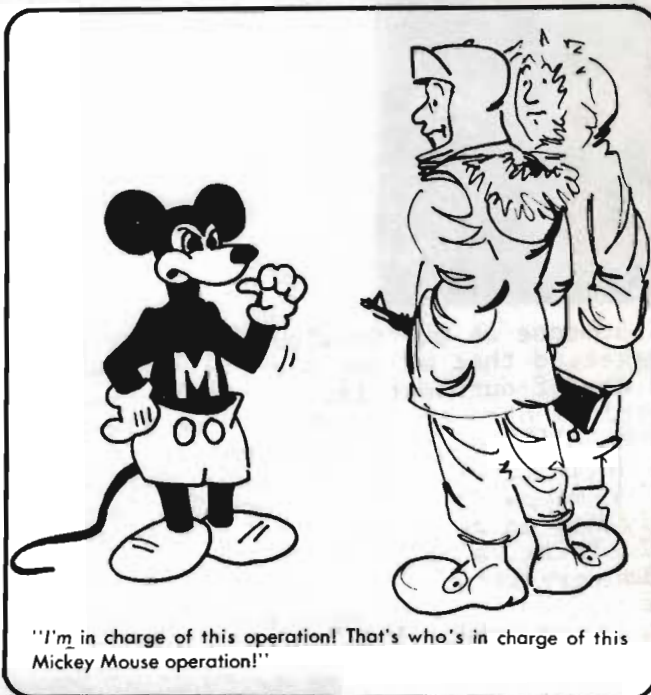
Meet Mary and Life Member PETER NEPOTE, (C-3rd Eng. '50-'51), of 17470 East Cedar, Ripon, Cal., at our California Circus. Pete was 1st Sgt. of C Co. Retired after 20 plus years.



At our California Reunion, JOE PEYTON was eloquent in presenting our Memorial Service while "Bud" COLLETTE served beautifully as Toastmaster.

RUBE ENGLE wants us to put the expiration date of everyone's membership on his respective mailing label. Golly damn Rube, do you realize what a Herculean effort that would be for this little old one horse outfit. Why not settle for his. On a forthcoming issue, on the top of page 1, we'll add "Your membership expires _____". It'll take us a week to check and make up each one individually but we'll do it. Rube - please stop coming up with ideas, will you.

VIC BACKER, MIKE MOCHAK, CHARLEY MCMICHAEL, DALLAS DICK and VIRGIL SCOTT made up the P. Convention Committee and they were masterful in every way. Thanks, fellas, sincerely.



At our California Reunion, AL FURBISH 5th RCT Korea helped in passing out the door prizes. Al was in Bud COLLETTE's platoon. A fine gentleman.



At our California Festival. TOM COMPERE (without the wild black and white jacket), Maj.Gen. FREDERICK R. ZIERATH, and his lovely bride, Eleanore.



Someone at our California gathering suggested that we put our own picture in one of our next issues. Said some people wanted to see what we really looked like. We've consistently tried to avoid blowing our own kazoo. Think we've appeared twice in some 200 issues. Only now do we yield for #3, or is it #4? Think we're in someplace else in this very issue. This one is hardly what one might call a "recent photo". We'd peg it as "circa 1916".



Our President WALLY CUNNINGHAM made the long trek to California to represent us all at the California Clambake and he did nobly well. Told about his first year in the Pacific when he would pick the flies out of his soup before drinking it, about his second year when he would drink the soup flies and all, and about his third year when he'd go out looking for flies to add to his soup. Old, Wally, old, old, old. But always good for a titter.



Mary and CLAYTON PETERSON, at our California Bash. They're at 2312 Calle La Serna, San Clemente, Cal. San Clemente? San Clemente? Haven't we heard of that place?



ART MCCAULLEY, (AT 34th '42-'45), of Fountain, Minn., on the left and WALTER "Shorty" SCHERER, (Div.Hq. '41-'45), of 3 New State, Warren, Pa. If this turns out too dark, and we predict it will, don't blame us. We've warned you about the hopelessness in using colored shots with our printing process.



To our California Party came Pat and MYRON STUFFELBEAM, (B 5th RCT '50), of 2600 Dallas, Artesia, N.Mex., Life Member ALTON FURBISH, (Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 5th RCT '50-'52), of 9130 Westhill, Lakeside, Cal. Myron was wounded 8/13/50 and was awarded the Silver Star.



Hirschfeld loves to caricature himself, even if he's drawing it for an American Express ad. More to the point, the Michigan Chapter has closed its checking account. Sent the balance (\$54.83) to the national account. Sorry Michigan.

Actor George C. Scott was "superb" in the film "Patton," in which he portrayed Gen. George S. Patton 3d, America's most controversial military leader of the century.

Ruth Ellen Patton Totten also said Scott's depiction of her father was very haunting but flawed in one respect.

"The only phony part was that he loved war," Patton's daughter, who lives in Hamilton, Mass., said in taping a show for TV. "He loved the game of war, not the fact of war." A fine point, and we won't argue it.

Daughter of one general, sister of another, wife of a third, Totten is a student of history, particularly of military history based on firsthand knowledge. Her performance revealed a strong, intelligent, thoughtful wife and mother, frank and open, whose occasional flashes of toughness are softened by that saving grace, humor.

An officer's lady, whose lifestyle has been steeped in tradition and shaped by military code, she recalled her days as an "Army brat" and 47 homes - most of them on military bases - where she has lived over the years.

She spoke of many things, and always her father's name would arise, or that of her mother, Beatrice, the Boston society woman he married. Beatrice Patton, a "dirty-handed gardener" who kept her sanity and that of her children by tilling her flowers and vegetable patch in the bad days of World War II, instilled in Totten a love of the land and the soil.

Both her parents insisted she be a lady; her father defined the term as "a woman who acts like a gentleman."

During a leisurely day of riding and strolling the Patton North Shore estate and doing the chores at her own nearby farm - her brother, Gen. George S. Patton 4th, occupies the family home - she talked of war and peace, life and death, and most often of her father.

"Old Blood and Guts," was Gen. Patton's nickname - many of his troops insisted it referred to "our blood and his guts" - and he made as many headlines for his triumphs and mistakes in World War II as any American general, including Eisenhower.

"He admired (German Field Marshall Irwin) Rommel so much. They had so much in common," Totten said. Her father had said he wanted to meet Rommel "after the war, and talk about things we both understood." Rommel and her father were "modern knights in armor, who fought by the rules with honor but also with imagination and verve."

Britain's Field Marshall Montgomery was not a Patton favorite, she added, recalling her father's penchant for liking or disliking a person almost at first meeting.

PAUL and Elizabeth McCONNELL, (21st, 19th & Div.Hq. '45-'46), of 523 S.Hamilton, Monticello, Ill., ask about the rates at the St.Louis Stouffer next August. They've confirmed, just for us, \$40 for a single occupancy, and \$50 for a double occupancy.



Boys of B Co. of the 21st met recently at Navada, Mo. in November. Meet l. to r. FRED KHTERATH, Austin, Minn., LEE LIST, E. Peoria, Ill., CARL WILKERSON, Dentin, Tex., SANFORD RHOADS, Seymore, Mo., LYMAN MILLER, Parker, S.D. This comes to us from our faithful East Peoria reporter, LEE LIST.

Reflecting on the lot of military families, she spoke darkly of the effect of a service career on the women and children of the fighting men. "You can't kill without something inside you also being killed," she said.

There are memories of her years growing up among the nation's military leaders and their families. She spoke of the "funny feeling in World War II when all the people you called 'Uncle' suddenly sprouted stars on their shoulders and went off to war."

Paying a courtesy call with her mother on the mother of Gen. Douglas MacArthur - she was keeping house for him "between (his) marriages" - she remembers the lady as "a dark cloud, descending the stairs." She also remembered, with a small shiver, handling a MacArthur family heirloom brooch containing a piece of the skull of the general's uncle, who was wounded in the Civil War.

Patton taught his children to face death without fear, as he did. "Father didn't look forward to dying. He told us that it was all right to be afraid of dying, but not to fear death. It was foolish to fear death, because we really don't know anything about it, do we?"

As TV fare goes these days, it wasn't a bad show.



We caught Jean COLLETTE with this one. WALT C. has just presented Jean with a gold bracelet, made especially for the party by BILL SANDERSON who couldn't fly out. Bud looks on proudly. Sorry to have it come out this way, Jean. Jean's a simply stunning gal and this one doesn't do right by our Nell.

For it's a long, long time - from May to September - a long time since we wrote "the Last Word" - since we were prevailed upon to forget that we ever wrote it - and all we were trying to do was to signal that ours is not a closed convention - (even though we were in session during the week of the infamous "closed convention") - that this is not "our" organization, "our" paper, etc., etc. - that if one of you out there was of a mind to make a pitch for these several jobs, you need but apply. There simply were no takers.



WALTER HALSEY, (B 13th F.), of 1559 W. Williams, Banning, Cal., to port and JIM ERWIN, (Med.Co. 21st '50-'51), of Box 608, Morongo Valley, Cal., to star-board.

Dues in from KEN and Connie McNABB, (L 34th '46-'48), of Oblong, Ill., as we go to press. Dues for year Aug. 1, '80 - Aug. 1, '81 are due, in case you forgot.

Writing for Assembly, the West Point magazine for its alumni, the Class of 1925 reporter, our own Maj.Gen.AUBREY S. NEWMAN wrote this felicitic piece:

"The long gray line beacons as we return to where it all began ... remembering. The great elms no longer fringe The Plain, only First Div remains of Old Barracks, new statues from our wars have joined others here. But that special something remains unchanged in the air "Where they of The Corps have trod."

So now we Savor The Sunset: To be retired ... But not tired ... Of living ... Is a wonderful thing ... We've had our fling ... Of giving ... Youth its swing ... And do not lament ... How we spent ... The sunrise ... And bright skies. In the fading embers ... Of sunset our hearts remembers ... And is content.

Because from us, too, something intangible will permeate the air over The Plain for future West Pointers to breathe."

BASIC PARACHUTE COURSE



"On Page 8, where it says, 'State Zip Code,' change it to, 'Pull Rip Cord.'"

Bud COLLETTE's a wonder. He's still bringing them out of the woodwork. Now he has persuaded KERMIT and Harriet FARNSWORTH, (F & Hq.Co. 2nd Bn 21st '40-'45), of 155 West "D", Fallon, Nev. to join. Kerm's a retired railroad man. Son, Richard, was in 'Nam. Too, there are Margaret and Annette. Welcome in folks.

BILL ANDERSON, of 5648 Foothill, Grants Pass, Ore., wants the address of Col. W.E. WYRICK. Try 9 Northlake, Columbia, S.C., Billy.



Why, it's George Bush, of course, probably aghast at the House vote to allow the 52 hostages not to pay their income taxes for the duration of their captivity. Can you believe it? Can you really believe it? Senate action is required on the measure. Don't know when they'll vote on it.

Long memo from TOM CAMPBELL, (C 21st '44-'45), of White Bear Lake, Minn. He writes: "In a burst of nostalgia I got my copy of 'Children of Yesterday' and also the copy of 'A Regiment in Action' out of the book case and spent the better part of an evening reviving old memories. I was a member of the 21st, C Co. when we landed at Panaon. My worst experience there was the morning a six inch long centipede was in my pants when I crawled out of my hammock and began dressing. I'd had them hanging on a nail on a palm tree.

"Breakneck Ridge was something else. I lasted the whole campaign and when it was over and we were relieved, I was the surviving officer (2nd Lt.) and C Co. had 60 E.M.'s left.

"Next was the experience of three PT boat-rubber raft type recon trips to Lubang. The last one culminated in one of the rare GI night attacks in the Pacific. We hit the Jap garrison in the town with a small combat patrol aided by native Filipinos and killed about 20, and dispersed the rest. Was transferred to the 24th Recon and served as platoon leader through the Mindanao campaign. Did a lot of the patrolling and recon work on the drive from Malabang and Parang to Digos. This particular platoon was ambushed 13 times on Mindanao.

"Had the good fortune to serve under BILL VERBECK and JOCK CLIFFORD. Knew them both under combat conditions and I thought they were great leaders.

"Also had the good fortune to do the rubber raft bit, recon thing for the last amphibious landing at Sarangani Bay.

"Of late it has become fashionable to downgrade the idea of patriotism. I don't agree. I feel proud to say that I spent a total of 5½ years in the service including a few months during the Korea thing.

"Knew RICHARD KREBS when he was with the 24th PRO. He was fantastic at writing up commendation recommendations." Great note, Tom. Thanks.



Hirschfeld's caricature of you-know-who. We wonder what he'd say about the Army report that 6 of our 10 combat divisions in the continental U.S. were rated "not combat-ready" last Dec. The 82nd A/B was judged to be ready for combat but with minor deficiencies. The 101st A/B whose specialty is air assault by helicopter and our own, which is the armored part of the Rapid Deployment Force, were rated unready for combat. And these 3 have the mission of moving swiftly and credibly to protect U.S. interests in remote regions.

Convention Chairman HOWIE LUMSDEN is driving them nuts at the St. Louis Stouffer. He's asking for the moon!

Thanks Shirley MITCHELL for paying LEN's dues. They're F 34th '44-'45 and are at 1078 Geneva, Columbus, Ohio.

