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Members of the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association

On behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, I welcome the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association for your August, 1982 Convention.

I cannot think of a more appropriate venue for your convention than the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner, and I hope you will find the time to visit our Flag House where "Old Glory" was sewn.

Among the many other attractions that Baltimore has to offer are our festive Harborplace, the Baltimore Aquarium, the U.S.F. Constellation which is the nation's oldest Navy ship continuously afloat, the Pride of Baltimore, an original Baltimore Clipper Ship, the Maryland Academy of Sciences and many, many more. Whether your interests lie in the arts, in history, in sports, fine dining or just plain fun, Baltimore offers a diverse range of activities to meet every taste and desire.

Our City stands ready to make you feel welcome while you are our guest. I know your visit will be a memorable one.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor

# TARO LEAF



1.

## TARO LEAF

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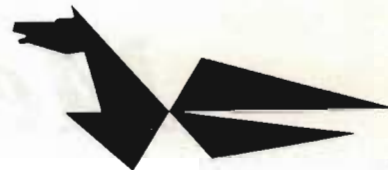
## WILLIAM GREEN

Wars Fought  
Revolutions Started  
Assassinations Plotted  
Governments Run  
Uprisings Quelled

Tigers Tamed  
Bars Emptied  
Virgins Converted  
Mexican Gold  
Orgies Organized

Also Preach & Lead Singing for Revival Meetings

BILL GREEN, (K 21st '48-'51), of 1109 O'Conner, Monticello, Inc., has retired from the Monticello Police Dept. after 22 years. Was Chief of Police - with a sense of humor as this calling card attests.



3.

This one comes from WALTER RICE (Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 21st '52-'54), of RR2, Box 40A, Cameron, Mo.: "I was wondering if you could help me. When we went from Japan to Korea, we left our foot lockers in a warehouse at Camp Schimm and were supposed to go back there to pick them up. Instead my orders sent me directly to Camp Drake and home, therefore my footlocker was left behind. I was wondering if anyone would know where this stuff is and if it could be retrieved. It contained a camera, many pictures and several personal items." Boy, they come across this desk in all sizes and shapes. Anyone got an idea as to how to answer Wally?



4.

We've been asked by WILBERT "Shorty" ESTABROOK, (B 19th 6/48-7/50), of 43 Pinecrest, Portland, ME to say this -- so we do: "The annual reunion/banquet will be held on the night of Tuesday, 13th July '82, during the National Convention of the American EX-Prisoners of War Inc., in Colorado Springs CO. The affair will be held at the "Gold Dust" Club, 210 East Cimmaron, Colorado Springs, CO. The entire club has been reserved for ex-Kimchi eaters with a live western band, open bar - pay as you go. Reservations: \$10.00 per person and payable in ADVANCE. Chairman Jerry Francois, Fountain, CO, is attempting to get the Korean Government to sponsor this event. Should this happen your money will be refunded at the convention. Tickets will be available at the KOREA desk at the convention center. When making reservation, indicate if you will need transportation to the club -- about 3 miles from convention center. Make all checks payable to "KOREAN NIGHT" and send to: Korean Night, Convention 1982, PO Box 517, Fountain CO 80917. Special inquiries can be made by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Shorty."

There it is, Shorty, just as you wrote it. We are intrigued by one bit of chutzpah. You apparently are trying to get the Korean government to foot the bill. Rots of ruck!!!

**Talon**  
THE QUALITY ZIPPER

5.



# Members write

Two letters were received relative to an item, a couple of issues ago, about the concentration of the west coast people of Japanese background following Pearl Harbor.

Wrote BILL PENCE, (24th Med. Bn., 3/52 - 3/54), of 372 Morris Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324:

"I highly disagree with your statement regarding Japanese persons. These people were American citizens mostly. They even had some volunteer for service during World War II. They served in Pacific & Europe. Senator Dan Inouye from Hawaii is proud of his heritage and as a American Citizen.

"I think you had better retract your statement as it was through the persistence of the Japanese American Citizen League that the Executive Order allowing American Citizens (Germans, Italian or any nationality) to be placed in Concentration camps during hostilities if deemed so by the president; this order was finally rescinded by Congress.

"You have a very narrow view to think it was beneficial to our country to place in concentration camp it's own citizens and take all their holdings allowing only what they could carry and never reimburse them for their losses. Sounds like NAZI Germany and the Jews.

Did we not fight for freedom for all and not privileged few.

"Regards

"WILLIAM L. PENCE.

"P.S. You could be next for Concentration Camp."

Wrote BOB SILVERS, (Div.Hq. JAG) 243 S. Rockingham Av., Los Angeles, CA 90049:

"I sure as hell hope you were using the editorial 'we' in your defense of Executive Order 9066 because I can hardly believe there are many Association members, let alone many Americans, who could find the rationale to agree with your statement.

"No, Ken, I think a quick reading of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights would tell you that Japanese-Americans are entitled to exactly the same rights as Polish-Americans, Irish-Americans and all other Americans.

"And please excuse my cynicism, but don't you think that economics (excused by hysteria) dictated the move? I didn't see a lot of people give back to the American internees their homes, businesses and farmland...

"God forbid our wonderful country gets into a war with Poland and Israel and the government comes for the Poles

and Jews. Who's next?

"Yes, Ken, I'm disappointed in your statement. I would hope all Americans would be.

"Sincerely,

"Bob Silvers."

There was strange irony in the fact that both of these letters arrived on the Editor's desk on April 9th, the 40th anniversary of the American surrender on Bataan. 40 years ago almost to the very hour, 76000 Americans and Filipinos surrendered to Japanese forces, most being then forced into the "Death March," with more than 22,000 of our men losing their lives along the way. While this surrender was taking place, the work of rounding up the people of Japanese background was continuing apace along the west coast. Taken in its context as to time, place and mood, it seemed to the then powers in charge to be a prudent and necessary move.

We were careful to avoid comment as to what was done, or was not done, for those people following the atomization of Hiroshima. We were talking only of what was done in the weeks following the catastrophe at Pearl Harbor and the losing of Guam, Midway and the P.I.

That these people should have been incarcerated, we continue to think "Yes." That they should have been released in '45 -- and they were -- and that they should have been properly compensated for what they had lost -- and they were not -- is all part of quite another story -- a most unfortunate one. And as to that other story, the compensation one, it just so happens that we had some rather strong emotions thereconcerning. As a matter of fact, we'll confess to some deep involvement, moralitywise and, yes, dollarwise. We had a warm interest in one Yukue Hozaki who worked for us as a secretary, yes, a secretary, during some of our DDO days in Kokura in '46-'47. Yukue and her folks had returned to Japan following their release from Tule. They'd been picked up in the middle of the night from their home in Santa Barbara and escorted to the slammer where they sat for over 3 years. We went to bat for her when the San Francisco lawyer, Wayne Collins, announced that he was bringing a class action suit for and in behalf of all of those poor people to try to restore them to status quo. We joined Yukue in that suit -- and went deep into the pocket -- \$1200 as we recall.

So much for that. We mention it only, hopefully, to prove that we don't wear horns.



# 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

August 12 to 15, 1982

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6.

ROSS PURSIFULL told his doctor that he couldn't eat anything with salt or ketchup. "Who told you, 'No ketchup?'" the doctor asked. "My dry cleaner" answered Ross.



7.

An old man heard about some pills that would restore his youth. He bought a box, but instead of taking one every day, he swallowed the whole boxful one night before going to bed. Next morning the family had great difficulty in waking the old man. At last he rubbed his eyes. "All right, all right," he grumbled. "I'll get up, but I won't go to school."



8.

From "Old Gimlet JOHN T. BRADY, of 1026 Chartiers, McKees Rocks, PA, comes this: "Here's one more old timer from Co. C, 21st Inf. '41-'44. I'll go his first year. You can work on him from there:

RICHARD B. SKENK, 1020 Skyway Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601.

All of my best to you and yours."

With the note was enclosed a tenspot. Thank you, Jack, thank you.



TRADE



MARK

10.

Send your belated congrats to Johnny Carson's sidekick, Ed McMahon. A retired Colonel in the Marines, he's now commissioned a Brigadier General in The California National Guard.

What is the Army coming to?

## BALTIMORE

Apparently KEN FENTNER seems to be the only member who has given any serious thought to where we'll convene in '83. Ken is still pushing for Niagara Falls. We're with you, Ken. You are one man with the will and ambition to look ahead.



# Barricini



11.

And now a word from our Vice President -

"It is with much pride and a deep sense of humility that I write these few lines. I am honored to have been chosen as your V.P. and I will strive in this capacity to assist our President, DALLAS DICK, to make our reunion in August a huge success.

"Subsequently, I will be asking for your diligence and cooperation so that we may continue to plan our annual reunions in the tradition of our predecessors.

"Thanks again; see you in Baltimore."

Chester A. Andrezak  
3225 N. Natchez Ave.,  
Chicago, IL 60634



# Tanglewood

12.

MILT JURY, (19th & 24 MP '46-'47) is off to South Africa for a 2 year hitch with Electricity Supply Commission, Box 1091, Johannesburg. Milt retired from the Mich. State Police in '75 as a Lt. Then went to Mich. State U for his BS and MA before becoming a professor at Delta College in Midland, Mich. Then with Consumers Power Co. of Mich. What a career. Best of luck, Milt, as you build that twin reactor plant in Cape Town.



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# LAND O LAKES



13.

AL FASSBENDER, (M 19th from '41-'42), of Box 134, Ulster Park, NY was passing through our town the other day and gave us a much-appreciated call. We forgot to ask him where Ulster Park is. Can't find it in my Atlas.



14.

One guy walks down Atlantic City pier counting the slots between the boards, "one, two, three, four, five..." Other guy comes along and says, "Hey fella, what are you doing?" Fellow says, "Counting the spaces between the boards in the boardwalk." Other guy says, "Can I count with you?" Fellow says, "Sure." " ", six, seven, eight, nine -... three hundred ninety." All of a sudden they both fell off the end of the pier and drowned. Moral: When you're out of slits, you're out of pier."

Yeah, we know -- but we're trying.



15.



On the matter of the new monument at Taejon, South Korea, may we start by giving it to you just as it appeared in the Dae-jon Daily News of Dec. 22, 1981? More fun that way.

The news release read, as translated:  
 "At 2 o'clock p.m. at the ground across from the outdoor musical ground in Pomunsan park with the governor of Ch'ungch'ongnamdo, Taejon city major, other local government officials of all grade, and over 400 citizens in attendance the unveiling ceremony of Taejon old battle monument was conducted. On this date at the ceremony, the governor Mr. Yi and the mayor Mr. Sim made laudatory remarks. They emphasized the importance of the construction of the monument to forever brightly reflect the feat during the old battle of Taejon, and to let the monument serve future generations as a constant reminder of the North Puppets savage act and to instill in the hearts of them the spirit of seeking peace and the determination to protect the fatherland. They further remarked that the intention of the erection of the monument is to praise the sacrificial spirit of the heroic guners in gallant action, and to let the monument serve as a living grave that will recreate in the heart of people the anti-communistic spirit and their determination. On 2 September the construction of the monument began by means of the expenditure of city operation funds (Government Budget) of 132,000,000 won which enabled its completion. The whole area involved for the monument is 1,070 square pyongs. The height of monument measures 12 feet high. The height of monument to Major General with 3 Korean War heroic soldiers clustered together 2.7 meters high. The monument was chiseled by professor Kim, Sang-hui of Seoul City University and the epitaph written by Ha, Sang-su, professor of Mokwon University. Also, the purpose of the Taejon Area Old Battle Monument is to commemorate the 3 day bloody fight and the feat to defend by delaying action by Major General Dean and his 24th US Division against an overwhelming 2 enemy divisions during June 25, 1950 Korean War. The photo of the monument and statue was taken during the unveiling ceremony at the ground, located opposite from the outdoor musical ground in Pomunsan Park in the afternoon of 21 December 1981."

Lt.Col. Bruce Garnett, commander of the nearby Camp Ames, represented the Army at the ceremonies, and thoughtfully forwarded these pictures.



Wrote Col. Garnett to Maj.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN:

"On the 21st of December, I was asked to participate in a ceremony in Taejon to dedicate a memorial to the 24th Infantry Division and unveil a statue of MG William F. Dean. My participation was as senior US officer in this area..."





"...The monument sits overlooking the city of Taejon in a beautiful wooded park. The statue depicts MG Dean firing a 3.5" rocket launcher supported by US and ROK troops. The brass plaques on the monument, in Korean and in English, contain an inscription and battle summary.

"Mr. Yi, the Mayor of Taejon, indicated that no contact had been made with the 24th Infantry Division but he would welcome a contact in the future. If you so desire, I would be pleased to assist you in this regard."

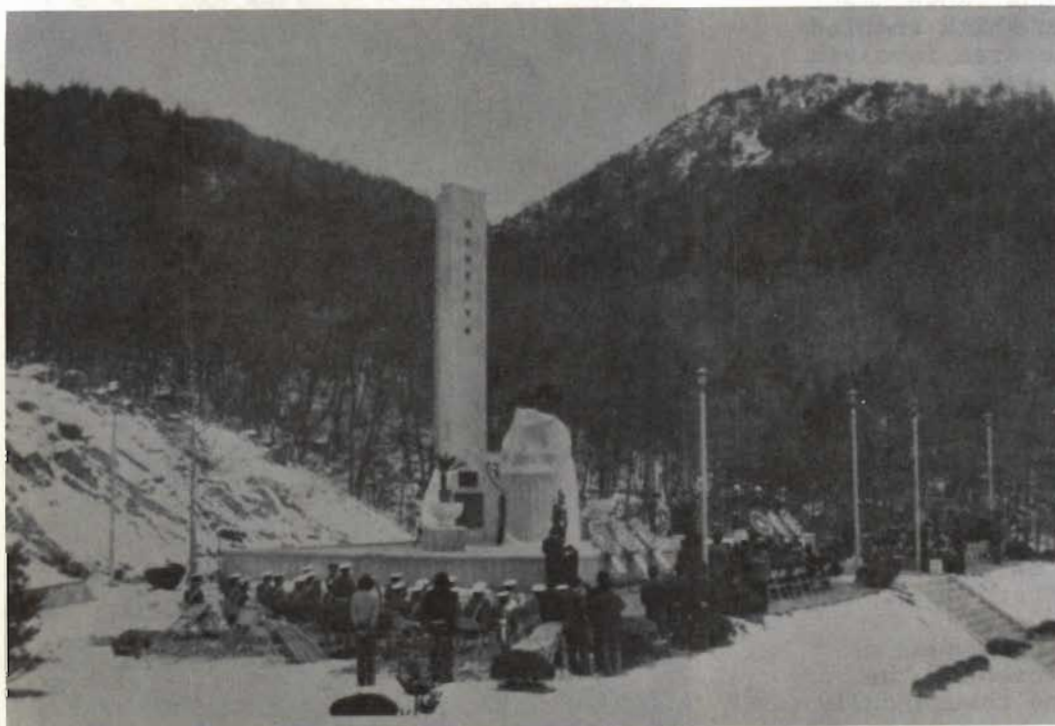
Says General Galvin, in kindly forwarding the material to us:

"As you can see from the pictures, it seems to be quite an impressive monument. I'm sure the 24th Infantry Division veterans of Taejon will find this very interesting and will certainly appreciate the remembrance bestowed by our Korean friends and allies....We are very interested in establishing a relationship with the mayor and city of Taejon. Consequently I have asked Major McNeill to contact LTC Garnett and initiate the process. Maybe you would want to look into the possibility of having the city of Taejon become a member of the Association, honorary or otherwise. Major McNeill will contact you shortly and provide further help in working this one, depending on what the Association thinks we ought to do."

So there you have it, the whole story in a nutshell.

Unfortunately, the pictures carried no captions -- but you'll get the idea.

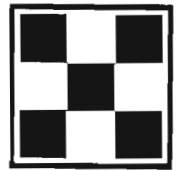
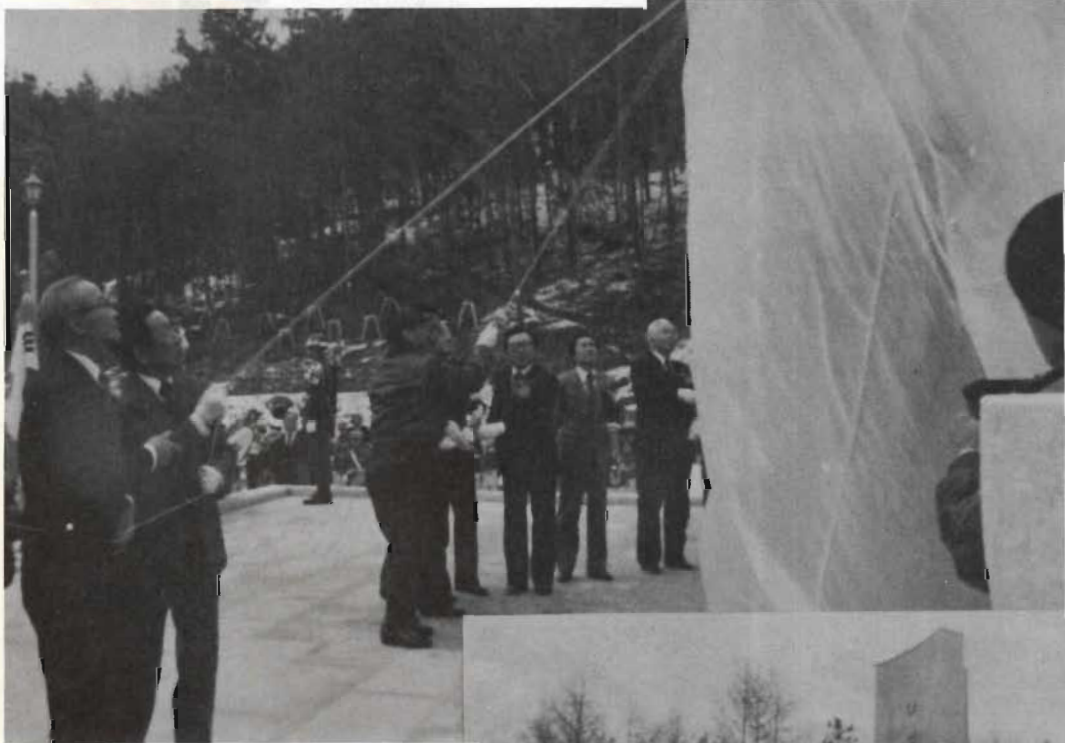
We signalled to Gen. Galvin, along with your thanks, that perhaps any decision from us could wait for your input at Baltimore. Okay?







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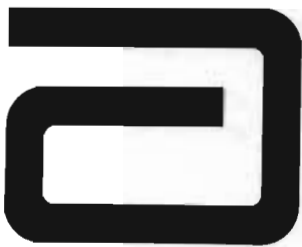


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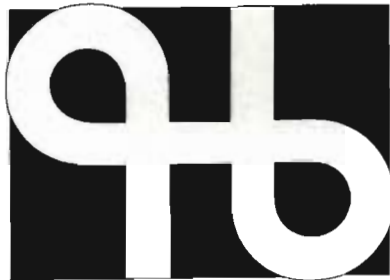
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21.

BILL HOSLER, (19th 5/49-1/51), of 409 Sharon, Mechanicsburg, PA, was walking through the post office the other day when he spotted a 19th crest on a fellow's hat. He introduced himself to GEORGE ABBOTT of K Co. 19th from '37-'40. Holy cow. George is at Box 1333, also in Mechanicsburg. Needless to say, George has joined the club.



22.

JOSEPH L. CHEROINO, '41-'45, of 1716 E.Main, Peekskill, NY, is another one who paid for a Life Membership in one full swoop.



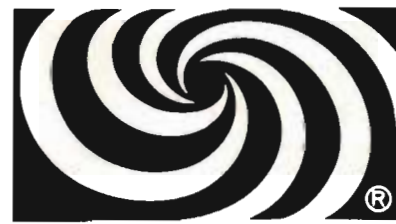
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Old 1st Sgt. BERNIE BJORKMAN, (Sv. 19th '42-'45) of N.Little Rock, Ark. has retired. He and Nadine are proud grandparents.



24.

Joined and paid, in one quantum leap, for a Life Membership: CARL "Muley" MASON (A 3rd Eng. '41-'44), of Rt. 1 Box 211A2, Lone Oak, TX. 26 years with General Motors (AC Delco Div.). Muley wants a list of A 3rd Eng. men. Don't have one, Muley. We simply don't catalog them that way -- but we'll try to pick them out. We'll have a Directory shortly. That will show 'em.



25.

Imelda Marcos opening a \$5 million Philippine promotion in NYC in April. Handmade furniture, mother-of-pearl jewelry, seashell handbags, pineapple fiber tablecloths, will show up in department stores in N.Y., Washington and Boston for a few weeks. No tuba juice?



26.

JOHNNY KOLODZIE, (L 34th '42-'45), of 105 Glenview, Syracuse, NY, sends \$ for dues, \$ for the history, and \$ for postage and adds, "If any left, put it to good use." Pip-pip and cheerio, Johnny. Thanx!!



27.

Here we go again: The Post Office is working on a 24-cent stamp for 1983.



28.

More grandparents: ANGELO and Genevieve MANTINI, (A 19th).



29.

Sgt. JAMES R. CHAMPION, Ret., (A Btry, 13th F. '41-'45) and Betty celebrate their 35th year of married bliss this May 31st. Card them, won't you, at 622 Euclid Ave., Erie, PA 16511.



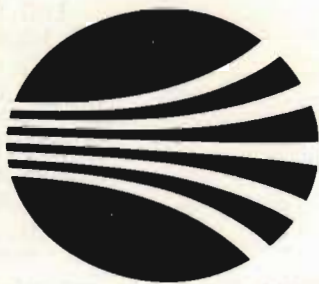




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32.

Many moons ago, we threw out a crying towel; the postman was killing us with his lousy rates. Since last July first, these, in the order given, have reached down, gone without, and sent in to us help to keep us afloat:

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Robert DeFrain	10.00
Robert T. Robinson	5.00
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Paul Ouellette	10.00
Jerry A. Von Mohr	20.00
William J. Jungjohan	10.00
William W. Braswell	10.00
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Dallas Dick	100.00
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Kenwood Ross	281.91
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Richard Y. Lum	10.00
Dallas Dick	5.00

To each of these contributors,  
we say:

Danke schr!!!  
Grazie mille!!!  
Merci bien!!!  
Muchisimas gracias!!!  
Thank you,  
thank you,  
thank you!!!

34.



Another attorney has joined:  
JOE KARAM (Hv.Mort., 5th RCT 4/51-5/52),  
of 3478 N.High, Columbus, Ohio.  
Res ipsa loquitur.



35.

Oops. As we were mailing out the last issue, we suddenly and unexpectedly ran out of hotel reservation cards. The hotel had short sheeted us by about 30 cards. Rather than hold up the mailing -- we'd waited 7 months for the hotel to send us the first batch -- we sent all of the issue forward, some sans cards. Sorry 'bout that. And now in this issue, we reproduce the card so that you can send that in if you will. As the saying goes, life is not easy these days.



# BAUER & BLACK



36.

Congratulations to JOHN G. TRINCA (C 21, '44-'46) of 2042 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, IL 60622. He's a grandfather at last. Details, hopefully to follow.



37.

New address for WALTER MORRISON (24th MP '48-'51). Try Box B, Medway, Maine.

## Aetna

38.

MARTIN T. SMITHWICK, (D 21st '44-'45) of Ponce DeLeon, Mo., wrote JESSE SKIPPER (H 21st '38-'44), of 610 E. 14th, Hialeah, FL inquiring about JOHN BOLES, (D 21, '44-'45) of Hialeah, FL. Jess came back to Marty with the tragic news that Johnny passed away last September 28, 1981. Thanks anyway, Jess and Marty, for this information, sad though it is to relate.



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"Could I have another drink of water?"

# Rancroft

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"Certainly nice of that sergeant to give us permission to go into military country."



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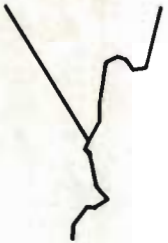
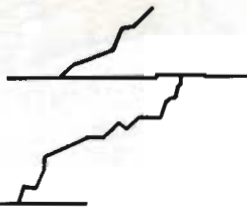
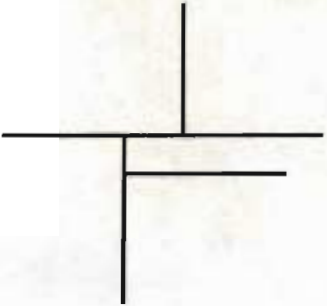
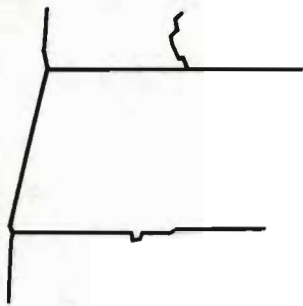
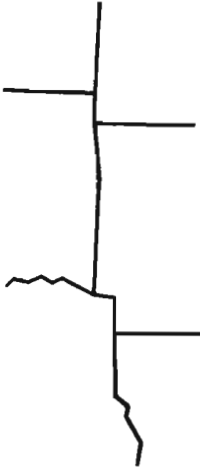



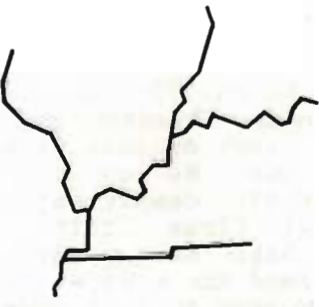
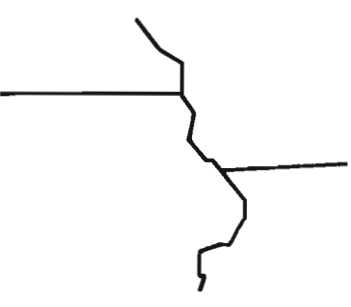
FRANK WILCZAK, (24th QM '58-'59, Germany), of 224 Shanley, Cheektowaga, NY, is a fire buff. Every organization should have at least one. He collects badges and patches of fire departments, etc., etc. Goes to all fires within 25 miles, too, we'll bet. At any rate, Frank wants us to spread the word -- that there's a Fire Museum in Baltimore. Located at 1301 York Rd., just two blocks north of I-695 (the Beltway) -- exit 26, Lutherville. Say that sounds as though it's close to JOE PEYTON's house. The museum is full of old engines and thousands of artifacts. Open every Sunday. If any of you are fire buffs like Franky, will you please let yourself be known to him at the convention?

Sacre bleu! No, we didn't have Gato del Sol. Did you?

## Border Patrol ☆☆

If the lines below look like random squiggles to you, maybe it's time to dust off your atlas. Each group of lines is an "aerial view" showing segments of the borders between states of the

union. We've identified the three states in the first group to get you started. Can you identify all the others?

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**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR DUES  
ARE NEEDED**

JIM "Wally" SHIRAH, (D 34 '56-'57), of 616 47th, Columbus, GA, wants a plug, and he's gonna get it. They're trying to reform the old Crossed Sabers chapter of the 1st Cav.Div.Assn. If interested, please contact Jim or Benny Kaueckas, of 908 Lake Roshin, Columbus, GA. And if it pertains to widows, college-age kids, scholarships, ex-POWs, etc., kindly contact Col. Robert F. Little, 1st Cav. Div. Assn., 302 N.Main, Copperas Cove, TX. There you are, Jim Shirah. Glad to oblige.

Let's get one thing straight. The article on the next two pages plus was not sent to us by the Division Commander. It came to us this way -- FRANK MCKENNEY's cousin in Savannah clipped this one from the Savannah News-Press and sent it to Frankie who in turn sent it to ED HENRY. And Ed is the guilty one. He sent it to us. It's rich with pregnant comment and reflections. We consider it our bound duty to share it with you. →



# Maj. Gen. John Galvin

## *Military Leader Talks About His Career and the 24th*

By MARCUS HOLLAND  
Special Assignments Writer

Some people are born to be doctors, some are born to be military leaders.

Maj. Gen. John Rodgers Galvin, commander-in-chief of the 24th Infantry Division and the Fort Stewart-Hunter complex, was torn between the two.

Soldiering won out.

The 52-year-old Galvin, born in Medford, Mass., figures he sort of, "grew into the army."

At first medicine was his only goal.

If anything, it was the Korean War that turned his attention to the military. While United Nations forces, the North Koreans and Chinese spent the early 1950s slugging it out and exchanging positions north and south of the 38th parallel, Galvin was in the pre-med program at Merrimack College.

"I surely wasn't hot on the Army at that time, but I didn't want to get drafted so I joined the Massachusetts National Guard," Galvin recalled.

The Guard discovered his medical bent and medic Galvin soon was touring the state giving shots to members of the National Guard.

"The Army began to grow on me . . . I realized I liked it. I applied for one of two West Point positions open to the Massachusetts National Guard and got it. It was a good chance for an excellent education. My father was a bricklayer and I knew he couldn't afford to give me the kind of education I could get at West Point," Galvin said.

The rest is history. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a bachelor's degree in military science and began his climb up the ladder of success.

During 28 years in the military, Galvin has been, among other things, English instructor at West Point, assistant to the Secretary of the Army in Washington and commander of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, in Vietnam.

The class of '54, Galvin noted, has produced four division commanders and one astronaut — David Scott, who flew on the Gemini-Titan 6-A mission in 1966 with Neil Armstrong and on the Apollo-Saturn mission to the moon in 1971 with Alfred Worden and James Irwin.

Galvin's education didn't stop after West Point. He later earned a master's degree in English at Columbia University and is a published author.

"Really," he said, his face reddening a bit, "I'm just like the average person . . . I can't keep my own bank account straight and I couldn't tell you right now how much money I earn."

"All that (bank account and earnings) means very little to me. What I get satisfaction from is doing a job well . . . and I think we (the 24th Infantry) have shown that we can do a job well here."

During a two-hour talk, Galvin covered everything from the readiness of his division to the drug problems the Army faces to the 24th's close relationship with its "roundout" division, the 48th National Guard Brigade of Georgia.

Here's what he had to say:

**Q. In the latter part of '81, the 24th trained in Egypt's desert. How did the troops and the machinery perform? Are you satisfied the 24th could give a good account of itself if a limited war or police action became necessary in that area?**

A. I think the troops performed magnificently. They were excited about the exercise. They were highly motivated about going. Anytime you get a soldier to do what he came in the army to do, he's happy about it and those soldiers were delighted. They went over there and did the best job I can imagine. I'm very happy with them and I think it shows their readiness. I think it also shows that we're getting good quality troops now.

In terms of the equipment, we took 350 pieces and a great deal of that was heavy track equipment. We never had more than three vehicles down for maintenance, which means that we kept a 99 percent ready rate.

**Q. Your unit is supposed to be the first in the world to be issued the "Ground Laser Locator-Designator — "Glid." Do you have them yet and are they as deadly as the Army says?**

A. We do not have them issued to troops now. They are in the process of arriving. We have seen motion picture tapes of their use and it looks to me to be a very accurate weapon.

**Q. How serious is the drug problem at Fort Stewart-Hunter?**

A. I have a drug problem at Stewart I consider to be serious because I think any problem with drugs in the Army is

serious. If you ask me to define in detail how serious that would be, I should say this — recreational use of marijuana and like substances is up around 50 percent or better if you say once a month means recreational use, higher than 50 percent among younger soldiers. Use of hard drugs is somewhere around the 10 or 15 percent mark. This has an effect on unit readiness, although it is hard to measure.

However, the biggest problem is alcohol. Alcohol is the drug that I worry about the most. The use of alcohol and toleration of that use — or overuse — is something that is difficult to fight. The debilitating effect on a military unit is something I work against all the time. We have rehabilitation programs for people who have become alcoholics. It is worse than any other drug problem in that off-duty use results in driving under the influence.

I can't really say I have a lot of problems with on-duty use of alcohol, except that people who are overusing alcohol can't put forth their best day after a bout with alcohol the night before. I think this problem is not by any means confined to the military. The problem is a nationwide problem of which I am one of the symptoms.

**Q. Some of your troops recently trained at Fort Bliss, Texas, in another desert-type operation. How does desert-type training in this country compare with the same operation in Egypt?**

A. As you know, deserts are varied. Fortunately, the areas around Fort Bliss and western Texas and southern New Mexico and some of the areas of eastern California and western Nevada have the same variations southwest Asia has.

**Q. The 24th Infantry Division has participated in three major exercises since last August. Is this more than most Army units? Is that because the 24th is part of the Rapid Deployment Force?**

A. This is not more than other Army units. The exercises the 24th has been on are associated with the Rapid Deployment Force and we are the heavy division of the Rapid Deployment Force. The light divisions are the 101st Air Mobile Division and the 82nd Airborne. These exercises have come about because of the cre-

ation of the Rapid Deployment Force and the need for the three divisions to work together. I have just come from divisions in Germany where the level of exercise is about the same.

**Q. The United States recently came out with its first new tank in years, the M-1. It was supposed to be superior to anything the Russians had and now there are doubts about that. What are your thoughts and will Fort Stewart be getting any of these tanks?**

A. I am absolutely delighted that we will be getting the M-1 in the future. I can't say the near future because it's a couple of three years out. I think the M-1 tank is a beautiful tank. I would love to have it today. I can't think of a single piece of equipment, including my car, that doesn't have some problems. The M-1 tank is something that my soldiers would love to get their hands on. When we do, we will be more capable than we are even with the M-60A3 tank we now have. We are just getting the A3 and we're happy with that. We will be even more happy with the capabilities of the M-1.

**Q. The M-60A3 tank has just arrived here. They are the first such tanks in the continental United States. How do they compare with what the Russians have and how do they compare with the M-1? And, with our M-60A3 and M-1s, can we expect the bottom line to show that "our tanks can kill their tanks?"**

A. First let me say that our tanks can kill their tanks, there's no question about that. In answer to the question about the A3 compared to the M-1s, the A3 is a development and product improvement of the M-60 series. The M-60 series has been a very good tank and will be well into the future. I would expect that the M-60 would be around for many years and would be a highly capable tank. The new M-1 Abrams tank is an even better tank.

**Q. Can the military afford to buy the thousands of M-1 tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles it will take to outfit the Army at prices the vehicles are costing — \$1.88 million per BFV for instance?**

A. Well, I have to speak to that as a division commander and not as the Army chief of staff. I'm sure he would have his opinion on this and many other questions. My point of view centers on Fort Stewart and the Victory Division. I realize it is Congress that supports and Army. Whatever this country gives me to fight with, I'll fight with and I am confident Congress can look at the threat to this country and can decide how to meet that threat by giving me, the military leader, the things I need and the people that I need to fight. I don't know big time questions about money... whether they need to sacrifice tanks in order to give a pilot a better airplane. That's what they get paid to do. What I get paid to do is take what they give me and work with that.

**Q. Critics say the Rapid Deployment force is a "paper tiger." Can it be effective and, for example, if a fight broke out in the Middle East, how long would it take the 24th to**

**have enough men and equipment in the area to meet the challenge?**

A. How long it would take us to move anywhere would have to be a classified question, a military secret, but the 24th is practicing to gain a better capability to move either by sea or air or by ground to wherever it is ordered to go. Right now, I have forces that have been moved to Fort Bragg and I have done sea moves. I think there are some things that need to be considered here. First of all I don't think a war would begin entirely by surprise. It hasn't been that way in the past. We always knew something was going to happen. We hoped it wouldn't, but we could see it coming. If we have to fight again, God forbid, I think we'll see it coming. The national authorities will have a choice of moving to meet that contingency or not. If they decide to move early, then the amount of time necessary doesn't become as critical. If they wait until later, then they have to make a choice of moving by sea or by air. Tanks will fit in the Air Force's aircraft like the C-5A. It will carry one or two tanks. The C-141 stretch version will carry three armored personnel carriers. It is possible — and simple multiplication will tell you, of course, how many you would need — to move the 24th Division entirely, or almost entirely, by air. So you know how long it takes an airplane to fly anywhere in the world and you know how long it takes a ship to go anywhere, so figuring on the same intangibles that I have, anyone can take a guess at how long it would take to go wherever you would like to name.

**Q. What is the future of the all-volunteer Army? Can the military meet its needs without the draft?**

A. The military has met its demands without the draft, in both quantity and quality. The quality of the soldier now, with 80 percent high school graduates, is higher than it has ever been, even when we had the draft. So, as to whether or not the draft is an efficient way of providing people for the military service, I think that question has already been answered. Once again, I'm part of an organization Congress has said will have a volunteer Army. I accept that decision.

**Q. In your view, will continued draft registration assist the military in a practical way?**

A. I wouldn't want to express a personal view on that. I would rather say that if the U.S. Congress feels that's the way to go, then I feel that's the way to go.

**Q. How many divisions or equivalents does the Army have today? How many will the Army have in five years under present plans?**

A. The army has 24 divisions today, eight of the 24 in the National Guard. Five years from today, as far as I've been told, we will still have 24 divisions.

**Q. If war comes to Europe, will the individual infantryman still have a part to play or will the combat be between Soviet armor and U.S. anti-tank guns and helicopters?**

A. As far as I can see it in the future, there will always be a requirement for the soldier on the ground to take objectives by ground attack on foot.

**Q. As things worsen in Poland, what are your thoughts on the situation? Would the 24th play a role in Poland if the situation exploded into a conflict?**

A. I have no idea what role the 24th would have and I think that question would better be answered higher. I couldn't touch that one.

**Q. Is the Army still having trouble retaining senior NCOs? What is the 24th's record on retaining senior NCOs? If higher than the Army as a whole, why?**

A. The senior NCO runs the army and we are having trouble. By trouble, I don't mean trouble with the top grade, but with the senior middle grade, such as the sergeant first class. The sergeant first class really runs the army, in many ways. And he is also the person who is having a lot of difficulty in terms of his pay, my ability to provide him housing here at Fort Stewart, my ability to make sure his family has the kind of life that you and I think his family should have.

**Q. Skipping to the medical field, is the Army still having trouble getting and keeping doctors? When the new Fort Stewart hospital is completed, will the 24th have the medical personnel to properly man the unit?**

A. We have right now the number of doctors that an Army survey has told us we should have — 26 doctors. When the new hospital opens, we will have about the same number of doctors.

**Q. How often does the 24th Infantry Division get to work with the 48th Armored Brigade of the Georgia National Guard, the third or round-out brigade of the division? Is it enough to ensure a smooth running machine in case of an emergency? How ready is the 48th?**

A. The relationship between the Victory Division and the 48th Brigade of Georgia is probably the best relationship in the Army today between an active Army force and a National Guard unit.

**Q. As a veteran of Vietnam, do you see similarities between our involvement in El Salvador and our involvement in Southeast Asia?**

A. I don't want to touch El Salvador as a subject, because I am very far removed from thoughts of that. My mission in the Rapid Deployment Force is concerned with southwest Asia.

**Q. What's the housing situation now? Is Savannah meeting the demand... any rent gouging? How about Hinesville? What's the funding outlook for military housing for enlisted men?**

A. I think the builders in the area and the realtors are entirely cooperative people. Nobody is trying to hurt Army people. At the same time, the housing situation is pretty bad. I have 8,000 families and only 2,000 on-post houses, so 6,000 of my families always — as they come and go — have to find houses in the local area. My officers and my key NCOs — my leadership — are able to find houses, but my sergeants and the married soldiers are not — and today the Army is a married Army and many of my most junior soldiers are married.

These soldiers cannot find houses in the area. So they have their families living in Jacksonville or they have left them on the West Coast and they go home only on occasions, or they are living in substandard housing in the area, housing that I wish they did not have to have. This takes a heavy toll on the morale of the unit. What I need is low-cost housing. This is exactly what is very difficult for local builders, no matter how cooperative they are, to provide. Therefore, I have to have the Army build more houses on post or I have to somehow solve the problem. One way to do this would be to subsidize in one way or another the prime rate for soldiers who are trying to get a house. Another way would be for the Department of Defense to put some money into a variable housing allowance for soldiers.

**Q. Are there any community problems that concern the military, particularly because of their effect on the post and its mission?**

A. I have said, and I fully believe, that the city of Savannah and the small towns within a 50-mile radius of Hunter and Stewart have been remarkably hospitable to the soldiers. Savannah, of course, is a cosmopolitan town. It is very well accustomed to people coming and going. It has been a great place for our soldiers. We have had some problems now and then, but the overall picture is one of true honest cooperation and I think that I can say that the soldiers like Savannah and that Savannah seems to like the soldiers.

**Q. What do you see as the most pressing problems facing the Hunter-Stewart complex in the immediate future? Long range?**

A. I think the Hunter-Stewart complex is ideally suited for a division size force, especially a division that needs to be deployed rapidly for all the reasons that we know so well. The Hunter airfield has an 11,000-foot runway, which will take any large aircraft. Port Savannah will take the kind of shipping that we need. Therefore, I think the problem is simply going to be continuing to develop Fort Stewart and Hunter into the military base that, collectively, it needs to be. That, as far as I can see, is going on very well now and as you know, by 1987 we will have put about one billion dollars of new money into these two bases since this buildup began.



**Q. Do you think the role of military units like those you command will change in the future and if so, how?**

**A.** The mission of the unit will remain the same, I believe. It will continue to be a heavy division aimed at rapid deployment under orders of the national authorities. The face of the division will change dramatically as new equipment arrives. We will be getting the M-60A3s and then the Abrams tank. We will be getting the Infantry Fighting Vehicle, which really changes dramatically infantry small unit tactics. We will be getting advanced helicopters and other equipment. But more important than that, we will be getting a fine soldier, if things continue the way they are now with a very high percent of high school school graduates and a very high motivation to be a soldier in the Army.

**Q. Do Fort Stewart and Hunter need any major facilities that have not been approved yet? If so, what type?**

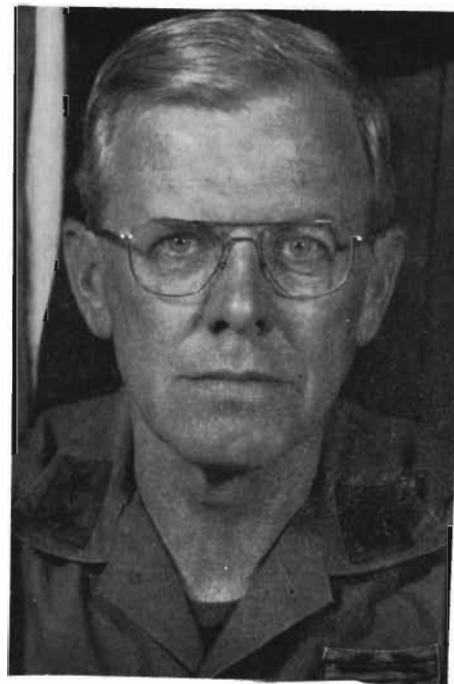
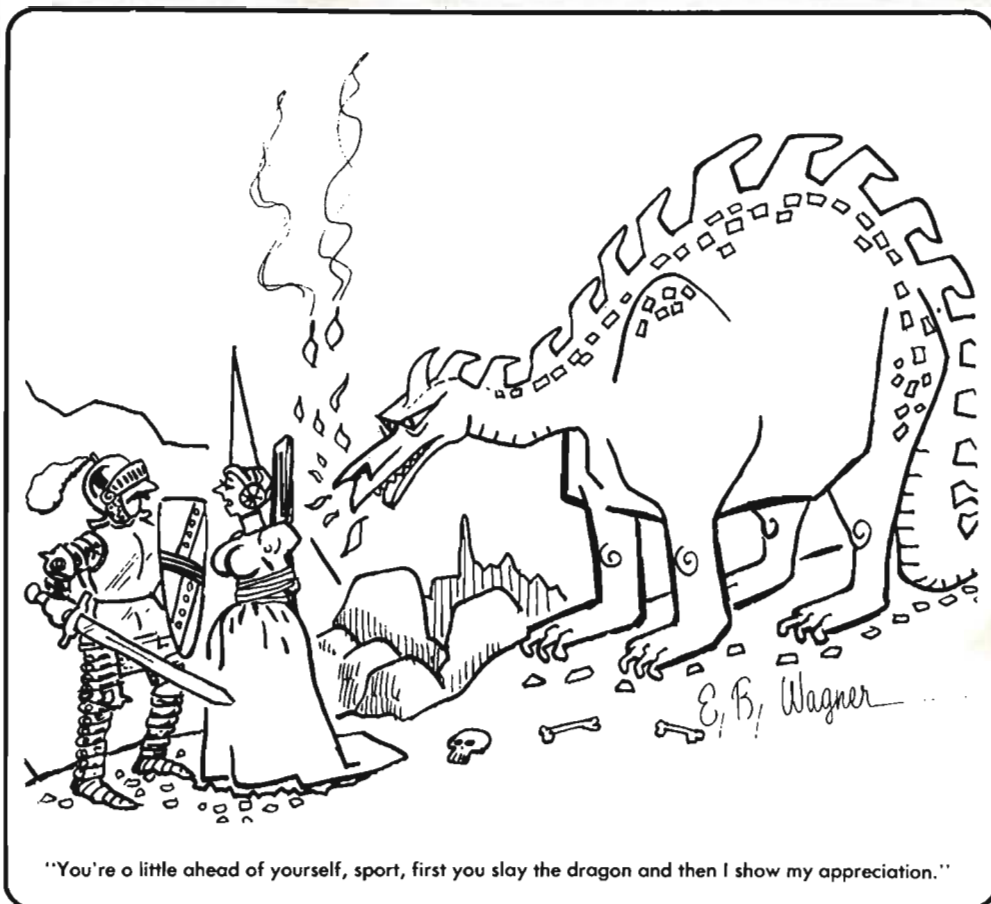
**A.** We have built up Fort Stewart with new barracks and new maintenance shops and new motor pools and theaters and commissary and many things. But we have done that on top of a road net that was built in 1941. It is the old-fashioned checkerboard road net, with many intersections, many stop signs and much, much frustration. This road net was built for soldiers who didn't have cars, didn't even have bicycles. Now every soldier has a car. I do not have yet the kind of funding that I need to make more than minor changes in the road net, but I am confident that as we go into the future I will be able to convince the powers that be to help me make a betterment in that area.

**Q. What are you writing nowadays?**

**A.** I am working on military subjects, mostly not things that are published outside the Army. One of these is an analysis of how heavy and light forces operate together.

**Q. You worked under Gen. Alexander Haig while he was commanding NATO forces in Europe. What's your opinion of the man?**

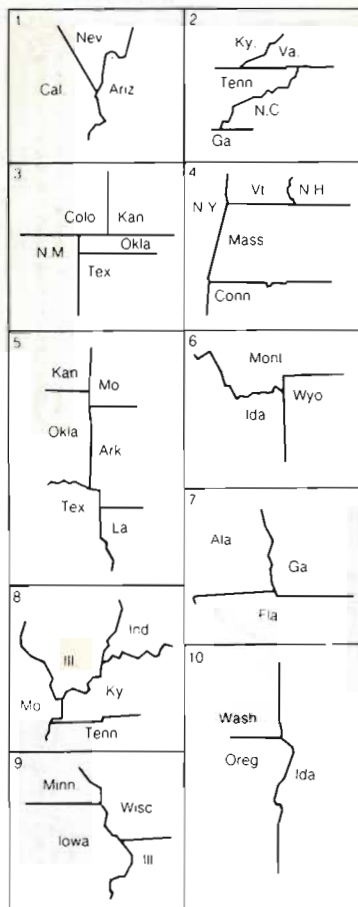
**A.** I worked under Gen. Haig a couple of times in the past and I came to admire his tremendous effectiveness as a leader. All I can say now is I wish him the best. He has a very, very critical job and I pray he is able to do well for the country in it.



BUD COLLETTE was sure that the 2nd Lt. GALVIN (shown here) who was plt. 1dr. commo. plt., Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 5th RCT in Korea in August or September of '51 is the same Maj.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN, the present Division Commander. We assured Bud that Gen. Galvin was a cadet at W.P. at that time, but knew he'd feel better if the CG assured him himself -- which he did -- in a very warm note. That's the kinda people we have in this club.



# Border Patrol



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Betty Crocker

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A new book titled, "Steel Pots and GI Cans" by friend, Dick Crossett, is now in production. It is an illustrated collection of GI slang, nicknames and other Army jargon of WW II.

For free information about it, write Dick at: Barracks Bag Books, Dept. TL Post Office Box 5021, Louisville, KY 40205.

BILL DOUGHERTY, (A 21st '50-'51) would like to hear from anyone in Able Co. during that period. He's at Exton Rd. Apts., Bldg. 1, Apt. 6, Somers Point, NJ. Bill's an SFC (Retd). There it is, Bill, for everyone.

BOB GROGAN, of Cape Road, Mendon, MA puts out a paper about the size of our Taro Leaf and is intended for family consumption. He has a big family. This way, he gets out the news to each of the gang, wherever he or she might be at the moment. Terrific idea, Bob. Congratulations!

Who's going to step up and fire George Steinbrenner?

JOE MUSHINSKI, (H, 2nd Bn.Hq., Regt. Hq., 19th '43-'45), of 400 Spruce, Scranton, PA, in writing of his Baltimore plans for August, asks us to get the word out to BOB GOSHORN, CHUCK HALL, TROY STELLRECHT, LOU DEPALMA and Gen. GEORGE DICKERSON and ask each of them to be there. Well, to begin with, only General George is a member so your gang will likely not read this save for Lonesome George. And in the second place, George doesn't seem to get up the will to attend these things. How about an exception this year, George?

BILL NICHOLS, (G 21,3/52-9/52), of 537 Alabama Av., SW, Birmingham, AL, was talking with a customer, only to find out that he was an A of the 34th man in '40-'41. He is RUDI SPINVEN of 224-7th St. W., Birmingham, AL. Rudi's now in.

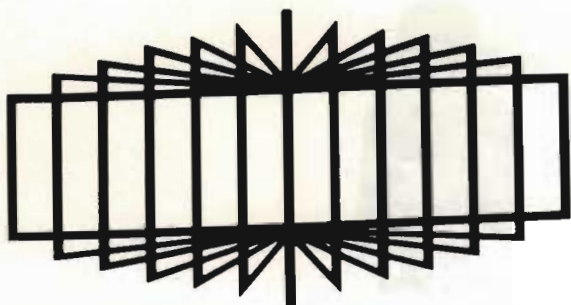
Moved: JOHN ROPER, (21st '43-'45), from Arcata, CA to 1005 Banbury, Napa, CA. John was seriously wounded near Manila while we were in support of the 11th A/B.

Old Faithful BOB HARDIN has persuaded NEIL JEFFREY, of 7220 SW 53rd Ct., South Miami, FL to join.

When CHARLEY DYBDAHL joins, he does it by becoming a Life Member. He's 5th RCT, Item Co. from 6/49 to 8/51. Charley's a Baker and he and Ursula can be reached at 100 Point Pleasant, Glen Burnie, MD. They'll surely make Baltimore.







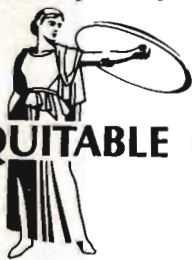
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WHERE IS ROBERT E. MALIN? DALE W. FIELDS, (C 19th) wants to know where Bob Malin is. Malin was a medic with C Co. and one time bound up one of Dale's wrists; broken bones. This medic could tell the VA about this incident which really happened, because they don't believe anybody else in the Company. Write to Fields at North 5510 Bemis, Spokane, Washington 99208. If you have Bob's present address and really know that it is currently correct, you may call Fields, collect, at (509) 327-3212.



47.

Our aggressive Membership Chairman LEE LIST has been doing wonders in attracting new blood into our group. But he's not much when it comes to spelling. Insists on spelling Taro with two "o"s. The other day he was overheard to ask: "Is waterworks one word or is it separated by a hydrant?"



The **EQUITABLE** Life

48.

We remember well one day we were hosted by GERRY and Belle STEVENSON at their comfortable Wheeling (IL) home. We were taken with a shrimp and lobster sauce which Gerry served up and asked him if we could have the recipe. But Gerry replied: "I'm afraid not. Like you journalists, I never reveal a sauce."



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50.

Hey, Weight Watchers, have you tried the new Post Office Diet? According to "The People's Almanac #3," when you lick a postage stamp, you consume only one-tenth of one calorie... But at the current postal rates, who can afford to eat that good anymore?



51.

CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE, (5th RCT '50-'53), of 6 Cattail, Irvine, CA, reports "retired from Pac. T & T and enjoying it." He gave us these names of former POW's and they are now members:

JACK BROWNING, M 34th,  
Rt. 2, Brent Lawn, Frankfort, Ky.

LLOYD W. PATE, K 19th,  
5810 Broad Oak Rd., Grovetown, GA

BILLY C. KNOWLES, (19th),  
8300 Phillips Rd. SE, Tacoma, WA

DONNAL R. SMITH, (21st),  
2804 Mc Comas Ave., Baltimore, MD

WILLIAM D. PETTY-JOHN  
P.O.Box 3383, Baltimore, MD

MANUAL T. CAJA,  
2049 S. San Joaquin, Stockton, CA.



52.

The POW Benefits Act became law last Oct. 1. For information, write Randall Briere, National Adjutant American Prisoners of War Inc. Box 18957, San Antonio, TX Tel. 512-661-7516



53.

These spotted in the DAV Magazine:  
JAPAN, 1946-47 - Donald Spaid,  
Mifflinville, Pa. 18631, wants to hear  
from anyone who served with him in Co.B  
52nd F.A.B. and in Hqtrs. in southern  
Japan.

ARMY, 1940-45 - Kermit J. Farnsworth,  
155 West "D" St., Fallon, Nev. 89406,  
needs to contact anyone who remembers him  
from both F Co. and 2nd Btn. Hqtrs.,  
21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf.Div.

AUSTRALIA, NEW GUINEA, 1944-45 --  
Tommie Harrison Bryant, Rte. 2, Box 492,  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433, needs to  
contact men of 1st Btn., 19th Regt.,  
24th Inf.Div., who remember when his  
jeep was blown up and 1st Sgt. McTew or  
McQue was killed by shrapnel in  
New Guinea, July - Oct. 1945; also a  
Capt. Stonewall Jackson, who witnessed  
his injury while on guard duty at  
Rockhampton, Australia, March- June 1944.



54.

A Memphis member sent us this note  
with his dues renewal form: "Previous  
check on joint account is NG. Wife took  
off with the furniture, the car, the dog  
and cat, and all the \$." Needless to  
say, he's still on our roll, if not on  
that of the little woman. Come on now,  
Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.



55.

M.C. LEE LIST answered his telephone.  
The party had a "radiogram" message  
for him. KERMIT FARNSWORTH was calling  
via ham radio from Fallon, Nev. Kermit  
found a ham in Peoria, IL who found Lee.  
Kermit just wanted to pay his dues --  
so Lee got the reply message back to him.



56.

"If we go anywhere, I certainly hope  
the 24th Division goes with us," said  
Command Sergeant Major William T. Mixon  
of XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC  
recently while making an official visit  
Thursday to Fort Stewart.

"The 24th is an extremely important  
part of the Rapid Deployment Force. If  
we (82d or 101st Airborne) jump, we want  
the 24th coming too. We can last seven  
days on the battlefield without support  
from the 24th, or at least some heavy  
armor unit," said Mixon.

"I already knew the 24th was one of  
the better units in the Army. Fort  
Stewart soldiers have good esprit de  
corps. This reflects back on the NCOs.  
The NCOs have to be good or there won't  
be good troops."

Mixon, with 34 years of active service,  
has more time in the U.S. Army than any  
other active soldier, said Fort Stewart's  
command sergeant Major Larry Hampton.  
"He has been on airborne status for 34  
years and has made more than 1,500 static  
line jumps," he said.

Getting his first ride on a tank,  
Mixon admitted he had "always been afraid  
of them," but added he was impressed with  
the crews and their attitudes.

He believes today's soldier is better  
than even just a few years ago. The  
prime reason today's soldier is better,  
he said, is because "we are getting a  
more patriotic soldier than just a couple  
of years ago. If we can keep getting  
men who believe in the United States, we  
can make a good soldier of him. If we  
don't have that (patriotism) we can't  
make a good soldier of him regardless of  
his education."

Again referring to Fort Stewart's  
role in RDF, Mixon said "anytime the  
XVIII (Airborne) goes to the field as  
a Corps, the 24th will be a part of the  
task force if the XVIII commander has  
his way. If we are called, the 24th  
had better have its gear ready to go.  
If the 24th didn't have a mission, we  
would create one for them. The 24th is  
that important to us."

We like what we hear, Sgt. Mixon!!!



57.





58.

Royalties from Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN's book, "Follow Me" are coming our way. Watta man!!! You can still procure your copy, in case you haven't already, by sending \$14.95 for the cloth cover edition or \$9.95 for the paper cover edition to Presidio Press, Box 892A, Novato, CA. Famous for his leadership at the liberation landing at Leyte's Red Beach, 20 October 1944 (the scene depicted on the well-known U.S. Army poster), General Newman is equally famous for his column, "The Forward Edge," which has appeared in Army Magazine for over fifteen years. Follow Me is an organized selection of Newman's successful columns. It is a rare combination of recollections, anecdotes, and incidents, all illustrating methods of training; how to praise, to criticize; when to laugh and when to growl; how to give orders and get the job done; how not to bully; in short, how to command without losing the human touch. Every Taro Leafer should own a copy.



PAUL and Lela NELSON, (G 21, '42-'45) of Forsyth, MO returned to Wahoo. They say, "Found that the Japs now own a lot of it. They couldn't fight for it so they came back later and bought it." They also say that they stayed at the Napualani Hotel on Waikiki -- \$28/day.

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59.

We thought we'd try a new gimmick. Let the next sheet constitute a news release which we ask you to tear out and forward to the Editor of your local news sheet. He may fall for it and print it. If he doesn't, at very least, let the records show that we tried. We tried to sweeten the pot you'll note. We thought that by including a bit of the Navy, Air Force and Marines, he might spring a bit sooner or faster. We threw in everyone but the Coast Guard don't you see. Poor Coast Guard. Won't you give it a go and see if your Editor is a good guy or a bad guy? Thanx.



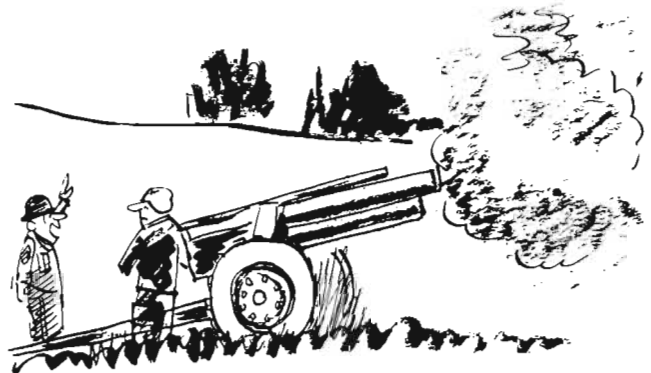
60.

Getting out a Directory -- and we are -- is tough enough -- but ye Gods, some of you keep moving. Today it's Life Member FRANCIS H. HELLER, (Div.Arty. '42-'47), now of 3419 Seminole, Lawrence, Kans. Still at the U. of Kansas Law School. Dean, if you please. We're proud of you, Francis.



61.

JIM ERWIN, Box 608, Morongo Valley, CA, now at home -- in traction -- recovering slow -- but sure. Card him please. Loves mail.



"Don't give up now, kid, you got a no-hitter going."

We asked Lt. Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT if he could give us a reading on the Task Force Smith monument at Osan. We knew he was a busy man but we felt certain that he would oblige us in some way. He sent his PAC to the site and he came back with the pictures shown here. Thank you kindly, General Vaught. Come to think of it, this issue is full of monuments. Maybe we can call it a monumental issue.



62.





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Veterans of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine units will be meeting soon to hash over old times and remind one another as to how "he" or "they" won the war. Which war? Take your pick. Army personnel of the 24th Infantry Division will meet at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel, Baltimore, MD on August 13 and 14. For information, contact Lee List, 115 Ronald Rd., East Peoria, IL 61611. Navy personnel of the U.S.S. Essex meet in South Bend, IN on June 23 - 26. For information, contact B. Morgan, 3841 S.W. 29th Place, Ocala, FL 32674. ^ Air Force personnel of the 305th Bomber Group (out of Chelveston, England in WW II) will meet in Orlando, FL on September 9 - 12. For information, contact A. Millar, Box 757, Sanger, TX 76266. 4th Division Marines will meet on June 23 - 26 in Cincinnati, OH. For details, contact P. Assom, 3422 Brotherton Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45209.







Army SSgt. Patricia Wadlington and her Marine Corps counterpart join forces with their piccolos during a joint Army-Marine Corps band concert on Maui, Hawaii. The Fleet Marine Force Pacific band recently combined with the 25th Inf.Div. band to perform in a display of interservice harmony.



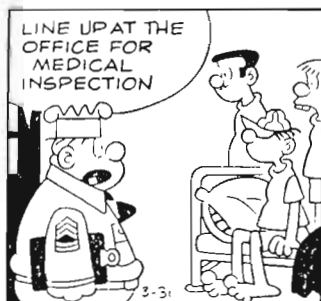
63.

The headings in this issue? Are you wondering what they were all about? Sit back. Relax. They are merely popular trademarks, logos, and corporate identity symbols. Yeah, but how many could you name? Go to the head of the class if you got them all.



64.

### BEETLE BAILEY



By Mort Walker



65.

HORACE and Momoko McCLURE, (C 3rd Eng. '55-'56), of 2270 Lohrer, Fairview, PA 16415, are seeing their daughter Lydia graduate as an RN from Villa Maria College this spring. Horace says she wants to get some experience in an IC unit first. Adds Horace, "She'll get experience there -- in a hurry." We agree, Horace.



66.

Joined, thanks to M.C. LEE LIST: CLETE M. HIGHLAND, (Sv. 19th 4/45-9/46), of 110 Highland, Newcastle, WY.

Long, long letter from IRA DEFOOR, (Spec.Serv. O., Div.Hq.), of 1407 Kendolph, Denton, TX. He and Vada have 2 sons, Ronnie and Larry, and 1 daughter - Kelley. Yes, this is Kelley as she appeared in a local paper. Well here's the whole clipping:

# DeFoor throws weight into national ranking

Kelley DeFoor has been throwing people since she was 13.

The Denton senior has been working out in judo clubs in Denton for years and has worked her way into the No. 5 spot in the nation.

This summer she was invited to the National Sports Festival in Syracuse, New York, where she won a bronze medal in the 123 pounds and under division. She said the athletes who compete in the festival are the best in the nation in their sports. "The competition is every year except Olympic year to prepare athletes for the Olympics.

"The best eight in my division were invited," she said. "There is no judo competition in the Olympics, but we got to compete in the festival because there will be judo in the 1983 Pan-Am tour. My next goal is to make the team for the Pan-Am tour."

Points she received in other national tournaments qualified DeFoor for the festival. Her best finish was second place

last year in the Columbus National Collegiate.

Her most recent accomplishment was a third place in the U.S. Open in Boston on Sept. 12. She said the open was the last big competition until after the first of the year.

"I trained hard this summer for the festival and the open," she said. "I went to Colorado Springs for a week of training camp. Now I'm just keeping in shape and working on technique."

DeFoor works out two nights a week with the NT judo club, of which she is the president. She also trains with the Denton club one night a week and goes to Dallas to an instructor one night a week. In the mornings she runs to help keep in shape.

DeFoor must pay for most of her trips. "Judo is an amateur sport all the way, we don't get any financial support," she said. "The judo club sends me sometimes, but they just don't have the funds."

DeFoor works part time at Westgate Hospital as a nutrition technician. She said she saves most of the money she

makes so she can go to tournaments and pay for lodging. She said the job also gives her good experience since her major is food and nutrition. She said her job includes preparing diets and helping with menus.

She plans to graduate in December and said she wants to continue competing. "I eventually want to work in a hospital as a dietician, but first I want to go to California for some judo training," she said. "There's a good coach there."

DeFoor said judo and wrestling are comparable, but there are some notable differences. "Judo is a disciplined sport. There isn't any hooting or hollering at tournaments. The people have a lot of respect for the sport. It (judo) has more finesse than wrestling. It also has a lot of technique."

Judo competitions take place on marked off mats, not in rings. To win, DeFoor said, one has to gain more points than an opponent in throws, pin an opponent or win by submission of the opponent. The mat is 19 feet by 14 feet and players are penalized if they throw opponents out of the boundary.



67.



Photo by STEVE RUSHING

Kelley DeFoor "demonstrates" technique to Russ Firth





68.

BILL BYRD now at a new address. It's 301 South 12th St. Still Ft. Smith, AR however.



69.

We have a picture of Lt.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT which we're anxious to show. It was taken at Camp Red Cloud, named in memory of Corporal MITCHELL REDCLOUD.





70.

Lots of nostalgia in these notes by BILL KEYES, (D 21st '39-'44), of 120 Valley Crest, Wethersfield, CT.:

"Have been reading with interest, the articles concerning 'Cocky Page,' that 'old timer.' He certainly was an outstanding character. I had a nodding acquaintance with him.

"I had sergeants in Co. D, 21st Inf. Regt. who certainly looked much older than him. I remember Sgt. Coker, who had white hair, and used to fill the jacket of his 30 CI machine gun with wine when we went on 15 day maneuvers in peacetime. That water jacket held seven pints and he always had access to it. He would just remove the cork, at the forward end, and tap a glass or two.

"Then we had Sgt. "Bloop" Bishop, another old timer, who would have had a forty-eight inch chest, if it hadn't been below his belt. But he was a good soldier.

"Then we had Sgt. Sam Jones, who always admitted that he had no parents, and was born into the army. God bless all of them.

"Yes, we remember all of those old timers, and it was quite a shock to them, to see the army change, after the 'Draft.'

"That was when we received college grads, college professors, rodeo cowboys -- you name them!

"I remember Tim Molloy, who had been 'Cowboy of the Year,' at Pendleton, Oregon, the year before he was drafted. He was 'King of the Cowboys.' When he came into the army, he was out of his element and had to take orders from us young sergenats. He played the game though.

"Then we had Professor Black from Harvard. He was an English professor and spoke six languages. After his 'basic training,' I think he wound up as an interpreter for some division in Europe.

"I remember the time I was on 'detached service' up at 'Tent City' (upper Post) training the draftees from the states. We had Major Helfers as our C.O. He was quite an individual. The army had him investigated, because they thought he was a Nazi sympathizer.

But he wasn't; he just tried to compare discipline between the Germany army and the American army. He praised them for their discipline and their dedication in following orders.

"One night, I had been visiting my old Co. D, sitting in the supply room, listening to Tommy Dorsey and Glen Miller records, when a tremendous explosion occurred. Naturally we all headed back to our outfits. It was nine o'clock at night, and as I was hitchhiking back to Tent City, who stopped and picked me up, with the jeep's blackout lights on, Major Helfers. He said (in the black-out) 'Is that you Sgt. Keyes?' My reply was, 'It wounds like high altitude bombing, Sir.'

"Well, when we got back to 'Tent City,' we found out that the order had been given to take all weapons away from the 'Island draftees,' confine them to their tents, have guards patrol the company streets, and the orders were that if any 'Islander' showed his face outside of his tent, shoot him. These were the kids we had been training for weeks. The nicest kids you'd ever want to meet. They would go home to Honolulu, or wherever, return Sunday night, and bring me the most succulent Japanese dishes.

"I did not agree with this. I had learned to know these kids of the islands. They were mainly Japanese (in ancestry). But I will tell you this! They were all as American as apple pie.

"We learned that an accident had occurred at Wheeler Field. It seems that they were loading, or transporting a thousand pound bomb and it accidentally exploded and killed many men.

"Well I can tell you we felt pretty ashamed of ourselves the next morning having to face our young friends who I am sure were deeply hurt by the treatment they had received.

"As you know, these same 'Island' boys went on to join the 445th Combat Team and became the most decorated unit in Europe. One of them from the big island, (can't recall his name, but he was the son of a Kahuna, or native doctor) was killed in a torpedoing of the local island ship that went between the islands. I got to know him well.

"Well, as you have gathered, I wrote this letter with the purpose of sharing it with readers of the Taro Leaf, as well as my buddy John T. Brady (CO C 21st Inf. Regt.)."

And print it, we did, Bill, just as you wrote it. Nice memories. Thanks, Bill.

**Cessna**

71.



# EARTHQUAKE!

We've had a wonderful story for this issue. It was a report, dated last May 30th, from DALE W. FIELDS, (C 19th '43-'45), of North 5510 Bemis, Spokane, Wash. It arrived too late for our last issue -- and it just had to be used, sometime. You'll understand why in a few seconds. The report went for 3 pages; Dale was bursting with joy. We've reduced its length somewhat. But here's Dale's message:

"Last night, at 6 p.m., Art Cossairt, my optician, came by to give me by new reading glasses. He put them on me. I picked up a piece of typewritten material and read the entire piece. By then, tears were streaming down my face and I hugged Art. Pearl came in and I hugged her and we did everything but dance around.

"Dr. Alan Mackay, the ophthalmologist, operated on my right eye in February and took out a cataract the size of a baby lima bean.

"I have no peripheral vision, so it's doubtful that I will ever drive a car again.

"But I wanted you wonderful people to know what Jesus Christ has done for me and this family. He has given me vision.

"Some time last night Pearl told me something that she has kept inside her brain since the operation, but never told anyone. Thank heaven for that. Following the operation, she asked Dr. Mackay how things went. He said that they went very well. And then she asked what chance I had to see this and that when everything healed. And Dr. Mackay asked her if she wanted it straight. She told him she wanted it as straight as he could give it to her. And Dr. Mackay said, 'It is doubtful that Dale will ever have enough vision to do more than walk around.'

"But many of you, many, have sent prayers to Jesus Christ and asked Him to let me have enough eyesight that I could read. And Jesus has answered those prayers.

"Isn't it wonderful to be a Christian and to know the power of prayer?

"My greatest personal thanks to each of you who prayed to Jesus Christ that I would see again. And He has let me not only see, but to see to read. And that is the greatest of all.

"Next week I get my distance glasses. How nice it will be to see the posies all around the house and especially in the back yard. And I will be able to see the various birds and bugs and goodness knows what all. Right now I am acting as if I were given a new toy and only

about five years old. But on August 23 I will be 59 years old and the 'toy' I have been given by Jesus Christ through Dr. Alan Mackay is the ability to see to read.

"If any of you getting this letter live near Spokane, consider Dr. Mackay as the greatest eye surgeon there is in this part of the country. One doctor here in Spokane said you would have to go to San Francisco to find anyone equal to Dr. Mackay.

"As I lay on the operating table, Dr. Mackay took ahold of my right hand and the anaesthesiologist took ahold of my left hand, and everyone who was helping in the operation made a circle and took ahold of hands. And then Dr. Mackay said one of the most powerful and wonderful prayers I have ever heard. It was absolutely beautiful. And then the anaesthesiologist said, 'Dale, don't you need a little air?' And she clapped the cone over my nose and I passed out until some time after the operation.

"May the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with Dr. Alan Mackay and help him in all his operations and everything that he does.

"Some of you may know that I was blind for more than two and a half years. It was no fun, but Julia Pearl and Kenyon and Samuel made it tolerable. To tell the truth the three of them were wonderful.

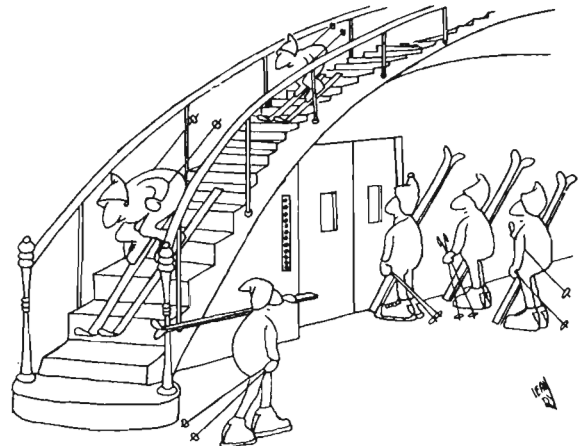
"God bless each and every one of you and thank you for reading this letter that makes me so happy to send you.

"We are still ready for any of you who want to enjoy a wonderful inland northwest vacation. Try us and see.

"All my love,

Dale W. Fields."

We're simply ecstatic, Dale -- and exceedingly grateful.





72.

Okay, okay!! Here are your answers:

1. American Youth Hostels
2. Walt Disney World
3. Outboard Marine Corp.
4. Public Broadcasting Service
5. Talon
6. United Fund
7. American Can Company
8. International Wool Secretariat
9. Kimberly Clark Corp.
10. Smith Brothers Cough Drops
11. Barricini Candies
12. Tanglewood Concert Series
13. Land O Lakes, Inc. - foods
14. Birds Eye - foods
15. Adolph Coors
16. Dole - foods
17. Clark Gum Co.
18. Campbell Soup Co.
19. LaChoy
20. Ralston Purina
21. Abbott Laboratories
22. Hills Brothers - foods
23. New Yorker Magazine
24. New York Times
25. Parker Brothers - games
26. Republic Van Lines - moving
27. Bantam Books, Inc.
28. Boise Cascade Corp.
29. Johns-Manville
30. Borden's - foods
31. Green Giant Co.
32. Continental Airlines
33. Mayflower Transit Co. - moving
34. Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
35. Eastern Airlines
36. Bauer & Black
37. Liveright Publ. Co.
38. Aetna Life & Casualty
39. Howard Johnson's
40. Bancraft Sporting Goods
41. Prudential
42. Allstate Insurance Co.
43. National Bohemian Beer
44. Carada Dry Corp.
45. Betty Crocker
46. Madison Square Garden
47. Lighthouse for the Blind
48. Equitable Life Assurance Co.
49. Chemex Corp.
50. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
51. Wells Fargo
52. Travellers Insurance
53. R.T. French Co.
54. William Underwood Co.
55. Wallace Silversmith Inc.
56. Burry's, Div. of Quaker Oats Co.
57. Bayuk Cigars, Inc.
58. Playboy Club Inc.

59. Yardley of London, Inc.
60. American Gas Assoc.
61. American Machine Foundry
62. Bell Brand Foods
63. A & W
64. Hilton Hotels
65. National Hockey League Players Assoc.
66. Pepsi-Cola Co.
67. Pan Am
68. Quaker Oats Co.
69. L'Eggs
70. Springs Cotton Mills
71. Cessna Aircraft
72. Pontiac Motors
73. Greyhound Corp.

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BILL FOLEY, (Hq. 19th & 24 Sig. '45-'46), of 10421 S. Millard, Chicago, IL is Deputy Fire Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Dept.



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