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Memo to Inner Sanctum:

I have just hung up on Don Rosenblum and am anxious to share my information with you at the earliest possible moment.

His Retirement Parade is scheduled for Meade on the afternoon of July 20th.

God willing, I hope to be there.

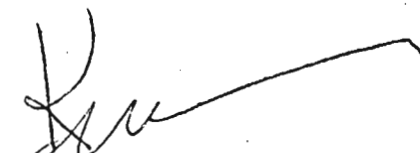
By signalling now, I hope and pray that you can arrange your schedule so as to make it as well.

I'll cover it in Taro Leaf of course.

In answer to my question, "Will you be with us in Cincy?", he answered "Yes".

His retirement date is August 30th.

Aloha,



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Social Note: For this issue's cover photo, we feature the opulent dining room of the Hollandia home of Pvt. JAMES O'DONNELL, Chicago, IL and Pvt. PAUL HARRIS, Wilmington, NC.

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International News

Looking for '66-'68 buddies of the 24th. LARRY LICHTENBERGER (2nd Bn. 21st) of 6302 Westwind, Springfield, IL, served in Germany and then Ft. Riley.

In The News

Temporary address for EDDIE ROBINSON, (19th '41-'42). It's Warren Inn, Apt. 420, 5000 Denton, Haltom City, TX 96117. He'll be there until year's end in case you write him.

Tell a friend

Today's trivia: In the last game of his illustrious career, Sandy Koufax was beaten by a rookie. Name him.

Me-ów



The vein of how to run a convention was mined down to bedrock one recent weekend when Prexy SHAY, Crown Prince KRESLER, JOHN KLUMP, "Spike" O'DONNELL, "Gerry" STEVENSON, and your Editor, descended on Cincinnati for a look-see. Seven days later, Gerry was taken from us.



Lending their lovely presence for the weekend in the Queen City were Mary SHAY, Hilda KLUMP and Belle STEVENSON.



Didja know that we have crests, patches, subdued patches and decals for sale? Also soft paper copies of "Follow Me"? Prices? Okay. Crests \$3.25; Patches \$1.00; Subdued patches \$0.75; Decals \$1.00; "Follow Me"s \$7.95. And don't forget -- in all cases, we pay the postage. Watta organization!



"What kind of military school did we send him to?"

We're skipping the news on Cincy -- until our next issue. Okay?



He won't like the publicity but we're going to press with this item included, come H--- or high water. At the last National Infantry Ball in Washington, our own Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN was honored with the Doughboy Award. Other awardees have included Bill Mauldin and Bob Hope. Here's Maj.Gen. James L. Lindsay, Benning C.G., reading the inscription. And, of course, that's Red in the background listening. It was a terrific evening. Those who were present report that Red was never better in his acceptance speech.

FORUM

Word gratefully received from VINCENTE H. SYDIONCO, Box 109, Tacloban City, PI: "We're fine. Demos are only in Manila. Except for rise in prices, all under control."

DOYLE WATSON, (Hq. 3rd Bn. 21st) '42-'45), of Rt. 4, Box 536, Dover, FL, is trying to locate old buddy PETER P. DZEKIN. Doyle thought he lived in Bristol, CT. We tried there -- but SOL. Anyone know of Pete?

"The world's favorite season is the spring."

EDWIN WAY TEALE

JIM WATERS, (L 34 '52-'53), of 4021 West Ave. 43, LAX, 90041, asked us to put in a plug for a memorial for the Korean vets.

S.J. Res.97, a resolution that would provide a memorial to honor and commemorate the members of our armed forces who served in the Korean War, was introduced on May 6, 1983 and referred to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. However, no action is scheduled for the immediate future. You can help make this memorial a reality by writing your representatives urging them to support this legislation. Contact the "National Committee for the Korean War Memorial", 1712 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 if you have an extra buck to support the idea.

There you are, Jim. We did it -- just for you.



19th crew at Irwin with JIM ERWIN (standing 2nd from left). Those pictured are Pvt. ELLIOTT DUDUTT, SGT. EDWIN L. RIAL, Pfc. DONNIE R. CAIN, Pfc. DNAIEL J. DALEY and Sp/4 GEORGE S. DEWEES. Picture courtesy JIM ERWIN, natch!!!

Tempo

New address for DANNY CUOMO, (B 34th '41-'45). It's 6 Summit, West Orange, NJ.

One consolation for the parent of the child who comes home with a failing report card. At least you know he's not cheating.

Gerald R. Stevenson

Soldier, Rest!
Thy Warfare O'er
Dream of Battlefields
No More;
Sleep the Sleep
That Knows No Breaking
Morn of Toil,
Nor Night of Waking...
For at Dawning
To Assail Ye,
Here No Bugle
Sounds Reveille.

Sir Walter Scott

GERALD R. STEVENSON went to rest, April 1, 1984.

VICTOR BACKER went to rest, April 1, 1983.

We shall be gravely suspicious of April Fool's Day -- forevermore.

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Someone at a recent reunion inquired: "in the case of a deceased member, what determines whether he gets a one-liner or a full-page treatment?"

We were ill prepared for the question, much less the answer.

Sober reflection, however, reduced it to something like this. There are times when our grief is exceptionally severe. It is at those times that it seems to assuage our distress, if we can put pen to paper, reduce our thoughts to the written word, and then make so bold as to share them with you. This is such a time.

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The Division has lost one of its most enthusiastic assignees; he was present and accounted for when it all began -- October 1, 1941.

The Association has lost one of its most loyal members; he was present and accounted for when it was given its birth -- August 15, 1945.

And we have lost a very dear friend.

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The telephone call came in. Jerry was dead.

And we sat there -- dumbstruck.

And we began to think of Saroyon. Mad and beautiful William Saroyon -- who understood everything, but particularly death. Saroyon, who wrote in "Rock Wagram":

1918 - 1984



"Every man is a good man in a bad world. No man changes the world. Every man changes from good to bad or from bad to good, back and forth, all his life, and then dies. But no matter how or why or when a man changes, he remains a good man in a bad world as he himself knows. All his life a man fights death, and then at last loses the fight, always having known he would. Loneliness is every man's portion and failure. The man who seeks to escape from loneliness is a lunatic. The man who does know that all is failure is a fool. The man who does not laugh at these things is a bore. But the lunatic is a good man, and so is the fool, and so is the bore, as each of them knows. Every man is innocent, and in the end a lonely lunatic, a lonely fool, or a lonely bore..."

Saroyon would have understood Stevenson: the goodness in the man, the defiance of pain and hurt, the fierce pride, the steadfast loyalty.

Gerry was a man who did not talk much; his secret heart wanted most his wife, the children, the grandchildren, his home, his garden. He was happiest in sitting back, saying little, listening, observing, watching the world go by. Nothing about him seemed to want death.

And yet there, absurdly, in the quiet of his own bedroom, it was finished. At 65.

Days before, we had been reading Saroyon's "Obituaries", so we were thinking about death, and that thing which death defines, the mystery called life.

Gerry was life. He seemed something of a solitary soul, but he was life.

Looking out at the great terrifying world, you see slums, violence, and endless sadness. But time spent in Gerry's presence was a reminder of the goodness in life for he was a courteous gentleman of quiet charm. He was the ideal combination of gracious social companion and warm friend.

Now is the time to think of the laugh crinkles around Steve's eyes and the way his lips would stretch in that engaging grin of his.

Life isn't all laughs, of course. Especially life without Steve.

Gerry was an incredibly, inordinately, devastatingly, immortally, calamitously, hearteningly, adorably beautiful person.

God rest his gallant soul.

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Viewpoint

Little loose end about Cincy's Netherlands Plaza. Six elevators. Only two were running the day we were there. RAY KRESKY got in one of the two and was stuck between floors 4 and 5 for half an hour.

COMPANY RULES

Rule 1: The Boss is always right.

Rule 2: If the Boss is wrong, see Rule 1.

From the pen of JOE HOFRICHTER, at 1718 Bird Dog Court, Loveland, Ohio -- Tel. 513-677-0267 -- comes this:

"As the result of the pages you have devoted to the P.I. trip, 40 people have sent in their deposits. This is excellent and far beyond my expectations.

"Hope you will encourage members to make the trip so that when Roll Call is sounded on October 20, 1984, the 24th Infantry Division will have the strongest representation of the many U.S. units who will be present in the Philippines.

"That 'other division', the 96th, who landed at Blue Beach - Dulag, will be on our flight to Manila. They have 7000 active members from which to draw. I'd hate to see them steal our thunder with a larger contingent. There is also the strong possibility the men of the 77th, whose hallowed ground is at Ormoc, will also be traveling with us. A lot of friendly kidding goes on when multiple groups are on the same plane, but by the time we reach Manila, we are all one happy group of friendly ex-GI's looking forward to a great experience.

"You might remind our people they will receive the Philippine Liberation Medal (not the U.S. issue) and all 154 issues of Yank Magazine Reprints when making this trip.

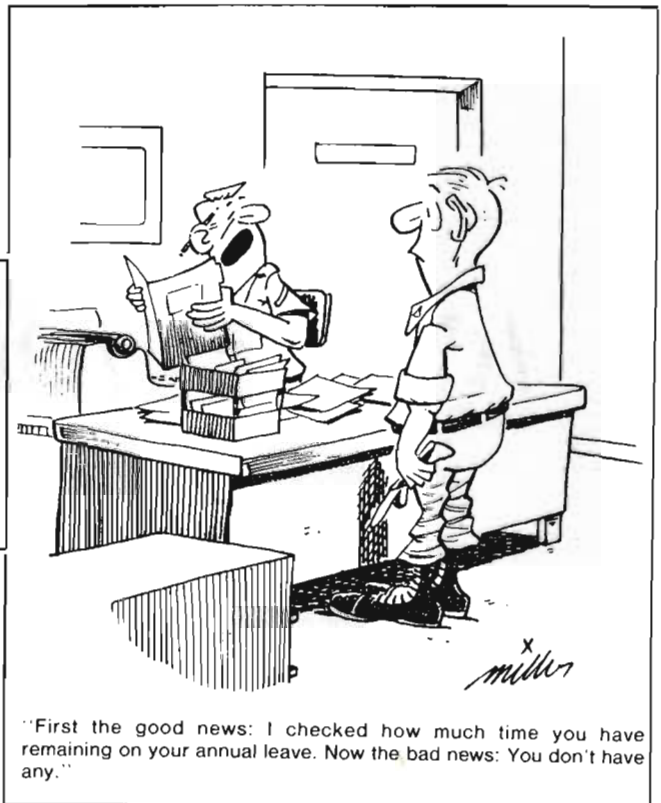
"Enclosed is my check for \$100.00 for Life Membership in the Association. I'm proud to have worn the Taro Leaf Patch and to be a member of such a great organization."

Great letter, Joe. And we hope you will have 400 on the trip with you.

Yes, you can

Trivia answer: Baltimore's Jim Palmer, who was 20 years old when he beat Koufax 6 - 0 in Game Two of the 1966 World Series.

Age doesn't really matter -- unless you're a cheese.



Omens have been swarming around our convention plans like killer bees. At long last, there seems to be a consensus among committee members about planned trips and tours at our convention. They're expensive -- terribly so. They are time consuming, detracting from the opportunities to just sit around and enjoy one another's good company. They are oftentimes dull and boring. Eureka! We've been singing this song for 35 years.

In The News

A little flack from LACY BARNETT, (A 24th Med., 34th and 19th '49-'51), of 406 West South, Winchester, Ind. following our comments in recent issues about Beckwith's book, "Delta Force". Sayeth Lacy:

"After reading Beckwith's book, I can't agree with your comment -- with only 5 choppers, could he have brought all of his men and the hostages? I don't think he could have. Would not he have been foolish to go on in knowing the 5 choppers could not bring out all the people? You may review that part of his book again concerning the transport capacity required to extract his men and the hostages. Beckwith would have been legally justified in refusing to continue the mission if the transport capability was inadequate."

Okay, Lacy, okay. What we were distressed by was his statement that he would have, if pressed again, lied to his superior officer by saying that he couldn't read him via the radio hookup. That's all, Lacy, that's our only beef.



This arrived from PAUL AUSTIN, (F 34th, '42-'45), of 4141 6th, Ft. Worth, TX, one of the cover boys in our last issue:

"The latest Taro Leaf contained two pleasant surprises. First, the picture of Howell Barrow, myself and Russell Gage which you received from Red Newman. The three of us were in the same class at Benning, and shipped together to Schofield. It goes without saying that they were both very special friends.

"And then, to find Victor Reinick's newspaper story in the same issue really made it a very special day.

"Let me give you a sequel to the story. In April, 1983, Vic and wife, Velma, flew to Ft. Worth and visited with Lynn and me for 4 days. I'm sure you can imagine the thrill and excitement involved in our reunion! For 38 years, all I knew about our incident was from my perspective, and the same applied to Vic, but we finally each heard the other tell the rest of the story! Each of us got the answer to some long, nagging questions and made the puzzle fit together.

"And it all came about only because of the Association and the Taro Leaf. Vic and I would never had made contact without it! I had long since given up on ever locating any of my 2nd Bn., 34th friends, but I now have a long list of them and for 18 months I have had a ball writing and calling them.

"Savannah was my first reunion and it was great!

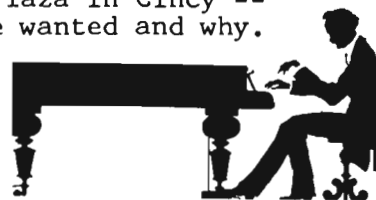
"Kenwood, thank you for being our editor, and for all the other things you do. Your dedication and devotion to our organization comes through loud and clear on the pages of that little newspaper.

"Best wishes to you from all of us in Texas.

"Your friend."

And that, dear reader, makes the whole business worthwhile. Thank you, Paul.

Convention Chairman JOHN KLUMP, with the build of a sequoia, held forth at the Netherlands Plaza in Cincy -- telling them what he wanted and why.



Hey! Gotta problem. The book -- Corregidor, Isle of Delusion, by Uno. Anyone ever heard of it? Anyone got a copy? We're looking for a copy. Good member, WELDON B. HESTER, of 918 Rice Creek River Park, Riverview, FL, is trying to locate a copy. Hester, you'll recall, was Red Cross fella with the 34th on Leyte, Zig-Zag, Corregidor, Mindoro and Mindanao. Wonderful chap.

Report

Hot tip!! When you land at Cincy Airport -- in Kentucky by the way -- don't cab it in. It's a \$25.00 fare. Busses run every 15 or 20 minutes right to each of the several downtown hotels for a \$6.00 charge.

Warmly Hospitable

HOWARD C. JONES, (I 34th '53-'55), of Kershaw, SC, asks, if we "have the space", that we try to find for him these I 34th men of Korea vintage:

JACK GREGORY

Cpl. ? CONWAY

Lt. WILLIAM BRINSON

None are members, Howie. Space? It's all yours. Howie, by the way, paid in dues for CHARLES KNOBEL, 3144 N. 21st Place, Phoenix, AZ, an Item Co. cook. Thank you, Howie.

Man said he was looking forward to his 60th birthday. His wife said, "You're facing the wrong direction."

MMMania!



As we were saying, the "Advance Party" met in Cincy over a recent weekend. RAY KRESKY was innocently recalling to mind some of his Army days when, "In the evening, we'd sit around the campfire and sing and tell stories..." JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, old time friend of the working girl, overhearing Ray's nostalgia, butted in -- as only Spike can do. "Campfires? Campfires? Campfires? Is that what you were doing when I was up around Mintal getting my --- shot off?" It was all good for much funning for the remainder of the pleasant weekend.

On the Right Track

Word from ye olde 724th Ord. man ELLSWORTH H. MILLS, of RFD, Perry, IA. He writes: "Had operation in Aug. and started radiation treatments in Sept. to Dec. Doing pretty good except my mouth is awfully dry. Guess that goes along with the treatments. Pauline is doing much better this year. Dues are due so guess I'd better send this in. Will try to see you in Aug."

We called Ellsworth and confirmed what we already knew -- that he was giving it his very best. Pauline also sounded great over the phone. Glad we called.

Charmingly Informal..

Netherlands Plaza -- Cincy's newest hotel -- well really it's Cincy's newest old hotel. They've just given the oldie a facelift. But we found more red herrings in the place than on a Russian trawler. For instance, the elevators; we've already told you. The main dining room, the Palm Court -- right off the lobby. Avoid it. It'll cost you an arm, a leg, and four fillings out of your lower -- and upper -- molars. Hathaway's Coffee House on the basement or street level will suit you fine -- and within a block on two sides of the house you'll easily find over a dozen good eateries. Pricewise, we've clued you. Foodwise, too, their chefs leave something to be desired.

MANUEL ALVARADO, (A 19th '48-'51), of 650 Elm, Seaside, CA, went up to Seattle to visit old buddy, CARL SACCO. They hadn't met in 37 years. Despite his poor health, Carl was delighted with the visit.

Happy, and then again not-so-happy note received from PETE WATSON, (3rd Eng. '45-'47), of Williamsport, NC. Pete writes feelingly about the demise of Ma Bell and says: "Living with my little old telephone once was fun. Fun even when my monthly bill arrived.

"Those TV commercials were terrific. Even if I didn't know anyone within a 40-mile radius, I'd call up one of the big stores 38 miles away and would carry on with the store operator. All for 90¢ after 5 o'clock.

"When my sister-in-law Betsy, whom I wasn't too crazy about, would call, I'd always disguise my voice and tell her she had the wrong number.

"I didn't even get mad when I figured out on my little hand computer that the extension cord on my phone had cost me over 200 bucks over the last 21 years.

"Now, without even asking me how I feel about it, Big Brother down there in Washington has butted in and destroyed the spell.

"So what do I do now? I don't have to use one of Ma's phones anymore. I can buy one from any store that sells phones.

"And I'm not so sure now about calling that friendly operator 38 miles away -- for 90¢ after 5 o'clock -- for the first 3 minutes.

"I'm not even sure about calling Betsy whom I'm not too crazy about.

"The fun is just starting. Today my first monthly bill under the new regime arrived. Ten pages were included telling me how they arrived at my \$23.15 charge. One page read me what my 'rights' are before paying my bill. They want to protect me, they say.

"I called my attorney but he's stopped taking calls from me. I think he's afraid because even he's confused.

"My big worry right now is, will I have to use candles and go out and chop down trees if Uncle Sugar ever divests Edison and the 'Big Oil' companies?

"Ma Bell, I loved you."

Well, as Liz Taylor said when she called up her bridesmaids, "It's time to get back to work."

Past Glories

We referred the question: "Is Lyman Airport on Hilo named after our boy?" to TOM UPTON and came this reply from Tom:

"My older maps of the Big Island show it as Hilo Airport. Later ones call it Lyman Airport. The very latest shows it as General Lyman Airport.

"You probably knew that he comes from one of the older Haole Hawaiian families. One of the showplaces in Hilo is the Lyman Museum. It's lodged in the old Lyman mansion built in 1839.

"My only visits to Hilo have been by car and by boat -- one of each. So I never had a chance to check the dedication.

"It is fitting that this monument be his and that it serve his birthplace in this way."

Thanks, Tom. We knew you'd know.

THE PROS & CONS

"Spike" O'DONNELL in his never-ending struggle never to be subtle approved of all he learned about our convention plans.

Letters

Here's a story for you. Came a letter reading "An old buddy, ROBERT BARRIENTOS sent me a copy of Taro Leaf and it stirred up sleeping memories." The writer was ALFREDO MARCANGELO, (C 34th, then in G-3 Div.Hq. Al made Zig Zag Pass and Mindoro while with C of the 34th before transferring to BILL CRUMP's G-3 section for the Mindanao effort. So we recruited Al and then came this reply along with 5 names of other buddies, none of whom belonged to the Assoc. They do now!! Al offered this information: "By the way, I typed the first draft of 'Children of Yesterday' for RICHARD KREBS. If memory serves, he died many years ago. (Ed. note: Yes, Krebs did die.) He was a very quiet gentleman and wrote 'Out of the Night'. (Ed. note: Yes, under the pen name, Jan Valtin.) I remember the name KENWOOD ROSS and I associate it with JA or AG (Ed. note: Wrong, Al. I was Div. O.O.)" By the way, Al's at 44018 Bannockburn, Canton, MI., having retired from Chrysler. He added this P.S.: "It's pleasant to be back in the fold. It took all these years to forget the pain of belonging." And we're glad you're back, Al.

DOLLARS & SENSE

BENNY J. MASHAY, out of 32543 Knollwood, Warren, MI, writes to remind us that "the 24th has roots in the 42nd (Rainbow) Division as a cadre was pulled out of Division, leaving Schofield in 2/43. I know I was in it. We went to Gruber (OK) to form the 42nd in 7/43. So maybe some would like to go to Windsor, Ont. to their reunion. Will you print the news release for me?" We reply: "Gladly, Benny. We'd do anything for you. You're one of our most loyal members." Here's Benny's news release:

The men of Rainbow will gather on July 11th in Windsor, Ontario, for their 65th Reunion. The meeting will continue through July 14th, the 41st anniversary of the Division's WW II re-activation.

High points of the reunion, as in the past, will be the Memorial Service for those men who passed Over the Rainbow during the past year and the Champagne Hour and banquet of the reunion's closing night, the 14th. The Champagne Hour, originally in honored memory of those men who fell in the Battle of Champagne, is now in honored memory of all Rainbowmen who fell in battle.

Champagne-Marne, St.Mihiel Salient, Meuse-Argonne, Chateau-Thierry call to mind major battles of World War I which still evoke memories of trench warfare at its worst. It was in these battles that the "Rainbow" Division forged its reputation for courage, sacrifice and dedication to our country. General Douglas MacArthur, Father Duffy, the Fighting 69th, "Wild Bill" Donovan who was later to organize the O.S.I. of World War II, and the poet Joyce Kilmer who died at Chateau-Thierry were all familiar names of the "Rainbow" Division of World War I.

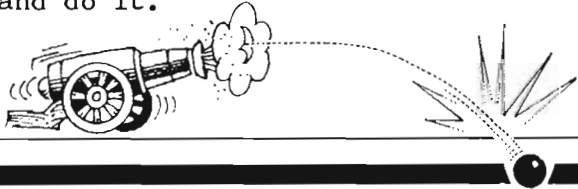
Strasbourg, Haguenau, Gamsheim, Hatten, Wurzburg, Dachau -- names vividly etched in the memories of the men of "Rainbow" in World War II were places of terrible battles and man's inhumanity to man.

It was Douglas MacArthur, then colonel and newly appointed Chief of Staff of the Division, who inspired the name of "Rainbow" early in World War I when he said it would "span the nation like a rainbow." And so it was again on July 14, 1943, the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Champagne, when the 42nd (Rainbow) Division was re-activated at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and staffed by men from coast to coast, again spanning the nation like a rainbow.

For further information, write Leon A. Schenck, 2726 Glenview, Royal Oak, MI 48073, or Marty Pawlak, 8161 W. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116.



Mini-reunion for Daisy and JESSE FOSTER with EDSON (white shirt) and Bertha (in the middle) CARPENTER at the Carpenter's Beverly Hills, FL (winter) home. Wrote Jess: "Ed was my old Platoon Sgt. in the AT Co. 19th so we knew each other '41-'44. Then we lost contact. Thanks to my old autograph book and the "Taro Leaf" we got back together again in February. My how 40 years can change a guy, but after a few minutes together the light bulbs came on and old Ed exclaimed: "I can remember you very well" and we talked for 5 or 6 hours. Bertha fixed us all a real nice chicken dinner. My granddaughter, Lotus, was there too. Once more I say thank God that I had taken the time to visit an old army buddy. I keep saying that, in hopes that all who read this, will remember to do just that. Get up off your cans and do it."

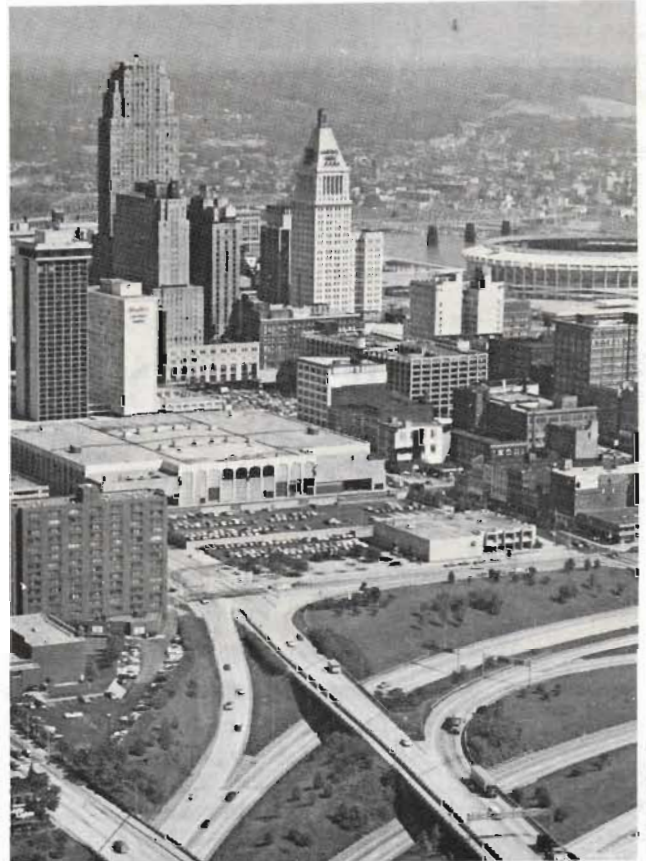


Four hundred apologies for being late with the news that some H 21st folks met recently -- in October -- in Garland, TX. They met at the home of MURRELL and Nell CARR. Attending were CLYDE E. CROWELL, ARTHUR TOWNSLEY, PAT CLINTON and their lovely wives. It was an all day session topped off with a lunch at Wyatt's in downtown Garland.

Two Cheers

The late Pat O'Brien was always ready with a laugh line. We remember his coming to nearby Holyoke a few years ago. He was suffering from arthritis and using a cane. He defended it saying that anyone who doesn't use one at my age "is either a communist spy or a pervert."

The Queen City Introduces Herself



Zsa Zsa on Zsa Zsa: "I'm a wonderful housekeeper. Every time I get a divorce, I keep the house."

SPORTS SPORTS

Eureka!! The Cubs will be in Cincy for a Friday, Saturday, Sunday series with the Reds during our own visit to the "Queen City". Not that the Chicago Nationals are anything to write home about. For that matter, Cincy hasn't been so hot since Sparky Anderson left town.

The "fact finding" junket taken by Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill and 21 other House members and aides to China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan cost the taxpayers \$363,780. Had enough?



From BACIL STEED, down there at 79 Henbury, Darwin, N.T., Australia, come the delightful "Footrot Flats" appearing in this issue. It's good to see what they laugh at elsewhere on the globe. Writes Bacil: "More than 158 members of the 41st coming here and to New Guinea in November. Main gripe -- why did U.S. Air Officers get treated like 2nd class citizens as compared with USA or RA officers? (Ed.note: we wouldn't touch that one with a 30' pole). Another gripe: Can't stand Alan Alda nor his views. (Ed.note: et tu, Brote?)" Thanks for the letter, Bacil.

The Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards, theoretically Congress' watchdog to see that the franking privilege is not abused -- (Believe it?) -- reports that it cost \$99.3 million in public funds in '83. That's a lot of mail merely for these Congressmen to try to show you what a terrific job they're doing. Had enough?

MYRON J. HARBAND, (Hq. 34th '43-'45), of 47 Ocean Grove, Daly City, CA, wants letters to our Congresspersons (ugly, isn't it?) on this one. For those born in 1917, '18, '19, '20, or '21 (the "notch years"). You are being penalized by receiving lower SS benefits than those born prior to or after. We have a fairly strong hunch that you folks already know it. We also have a hunch that the Congress is going to straighten the mess out. Meantime, why not get up a head of steam and write your man anyway.

Recall the Mae West line: "Love conquers all -- except poverty and toothaches."

Who says working for the government doesn't pay? Legal teams led by Joseph Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Carter administration, have been paid more than 1 million dollars by the Postal Service board of governors for three years of advice on rate hikes and lawsuits. Had enough?

Can you help us find these men? Their mail has been returned.

Smith, Norman K. (HQ 3rd Bn. '41-'45)
last at Mo.Vet.Home, St.James MO 65559

Hysell, Robert L.
last at 1401 9th St.,
Portsmouth, OH 45662

Ayers, William J. (Bill) (C 10/51-1/52)
last at 105 Melbourne Ave.,
Indialantic, FL 32903

DID YOU KNOW....



24TH DIVISION
HISTORY



.... ONE PLATOON OF
MILITARY POLICE STAYED
BEHIND AT TAEJON, KOREA
FOR 36 HOURS AFTER
THE MAIN BODY OF THE
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
WITHDREW TOWARD
PUSAN?

FOOTROT FLATS



DID YOU KNOW....



24TH DIVISION
- HISTORY -

THAT ON 28 SEPTEMBER, 1950, THE
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, SPEARHEADED
BY THE 19TH INF REGIMENT, RETOOK TAEJON?



We were all carded by big BILL BROOME, (I 21st '38-'40), of 15100 Decosta, Detroit, MI. Wrote Bill, one of our tallest members -- in every way: "I came in about 40 years after you guys. Just a little slow -- and late. Hope I can sin in Cincinnati come August. My best to you all." How about a letter telling us who and what you saw in the Philippines, Billy.

You know you're in trouble when you go to a fortune teller and she looks in her glass ball and says, "Let's go, we haven't got all day."

Another tour is possible while in Cincy. Up to Dayton to see the Air Force Museum. It would be an all day outing. Think about it.

MESSAGE:

If there's any interest evidenced, we can arrange a tour of the Proctor & Gamble plant while you're in Cincy. Think it over. We're not pushing it -- but it's a possibility.

A quick note

We notify you via Taro Leaf that "dues are due" on August first each year. We do this obviously in order to save postage on notices. Many are 1, 2 or 3, even more, years in arrears as of this moment. It's a h--- of a way to run a railroad.

If you owe us for dues as of last August first, that is 8/1/83, you know it. And we ask you please to pay up.

We are going through our files now and will begin to drop those in arrears. We have no choice.

Lux Et Veritas

Taro Leafers:

It won't be long now 'til we meet in Cincinnati for yet another fun-filled convention in a city where we have never met before. It will be a time to meet and enjoy, not only friends we have known for years but also new found friends with whom we share this wonderful common bond. It'll be the job of we "oldies" to make the newcomers to the fold feel welcome.

Hope you are all as eager as I am to lift a few and to recall to mind all the good times we have had over the years at our meetings.

Surely you'll not miss this one.

Sincerely,

Bob

John (Bob) Shay
President

FOOTROT FLATS



War Stories

We've been asked to publish a list of the 19th men who attended a "Chicks Only" breakfast at the hotel last S III. We hesitate. Just as sure as shinola, we'll miss somebody -- and our walls will come tumbling down. Here's the list as given to us:

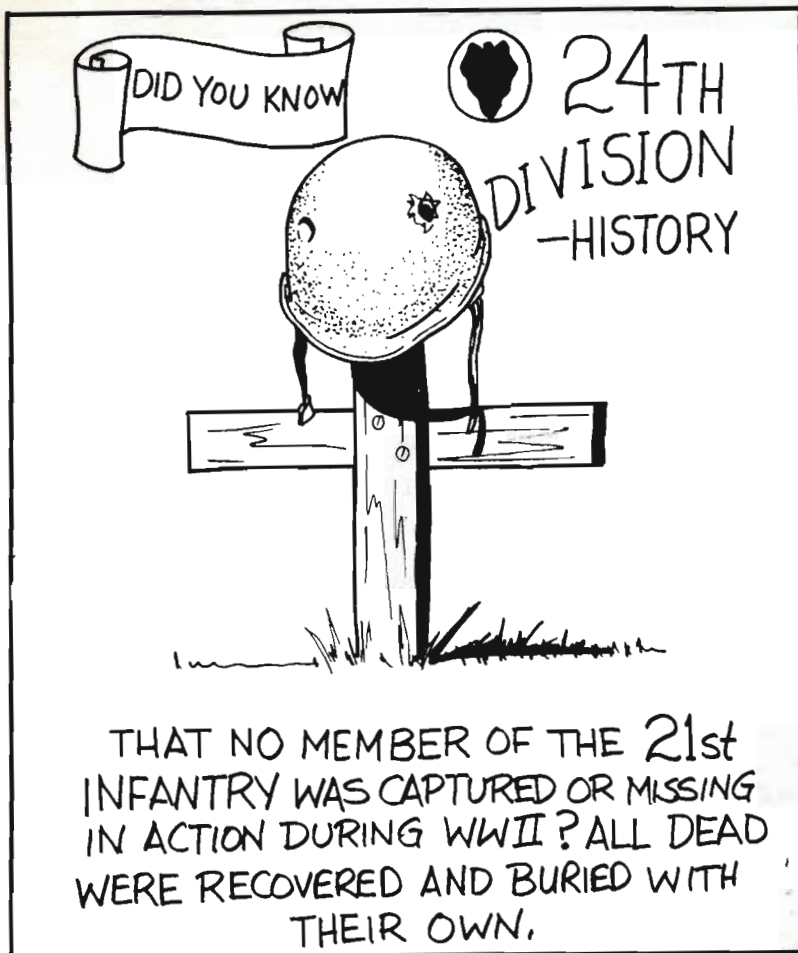
Benny J. Mashay (D 19, '40-'43)
 Joy K. Vallery (M, 3rd Bn., 1st Bn)
 Bill Muldoon (E 19th)
 Dallas Dick (A,B,C,HQ,Serv., Band, 19th)
 Roland K. Smith (B 19, '36-'37)
 Otis Rasnic (K 3rd Bn., Hqs. '41-'43)
 Donald R. McHale (Hq.Co. 19th '39-'41)
 Colon H. Mansfield (K 19th '38-'40)
 Granton E. Wilson (E 19th '40-'44)
 Richard "Shy" Lum (Hq. 19th '24-'42)
 Alton K. Halso (19th '40-'45)
 Fred F. King (E)
 Sanderson, Bill (F '40-'45)
 R.C. Watson (E & F Med., '42-'45)
 Frederick Buck (M 19, '40-'45)
 Charles Lang (19th Anti Tank, '41-'45)
 Joe Cenga (19th Anti Tank, '40-'44)
 Johnny Carter (19th 2Bn, Co. E, '40-'45)
 George W. Waggoner (E 19, '41-'45)
 Charlie McBryde (Hq.Co. 19th)
 A.W. Wallace (A Co., '40-'41)

CLEARLY CALCULATING.

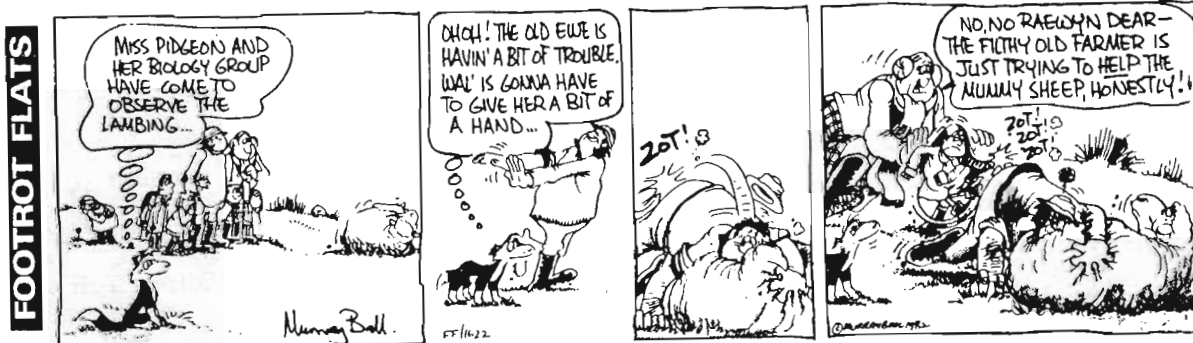
The baseball club was in an extended slump, and the coach had called a special batting practice. The best any of the players could do, however, was a few slow grounders. Disgusted, the coach grabbed a bat.

"I'll show you what I want," he yelled, and ordered the pitcher to let go with everything he had. The coach could do no better than his team, however, and after 12 unrewarding attempts, he flung his bat to the ground and shouted, "See! that's what you guys have been doing. Now let's see you get up there and slug that ball!"

Phyllis Diller, asked if romance was gone, answered: "No -- but there's a new bunch doing it."



It's ELWOOD H. FOLTZ, (3 21st '50-'52), of RD 1, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA. It was taken at The Army War College, Carlisle, PA.



Last Roll Call

J.L. "Bill" TRULUCK, (M 19th '42-'45), of 537 Wisteria, Florence, SC, reports, with regret, the passing on of ARTHUR AUCH, another M Company Chick. Arthur died of cancer on Dec. 1, 1983. They had corresponded ever since the war. Said Bill, "He was one of the great ones of a great company."

MANUEL ALVARADO, (A 19th '48-'51), of 650 Elm, Seaside, CA, thoughtfully called to report the passing, on March 4th, of MELCHOR COTELO (C 34th, '43-'45), of 307 - 15th St., Pacific Grove, Cal. Decorated with the DSC for heroism in the P.I. "Louis", as we all knew him, will be sorely missed. Louie, was born Jan. 6, 1920, in La Coruna, Spain, and had lived on the Monterey Peninsula most of his life, the last 26 years in Pacific Grove.

He retired from bartending in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Nadine; son, Daniel of Pacific Grove; and sister, Olga Grunden of Chula Vista.

Viola, the lovely wife of CHESTER PAULUS, (Korea), of 6800 Newark Rd., Nashport, OH, died recently of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. In addition to Chet, she leaves her parents, two daughters, two sons, three sisters, three brothers, and two grandchildren.

The Association was beautifully represented at the Gerry Stevenson funeral. We believe we caught them all:

The Klumps, John and Hilda
The Shays, Bob and Mary
Lou Ciangi
The Andrezaks, Chet and Gloria
The Sandersons, Bill and Alice
The Lumsdens, Howard and Gladys
Dorothy Kresky, Ray's sister
Anne Duff
The Rafterers, Mike and Loretta
John Trinca
Matt Slowik
Tom Compere
Joe Peyton
Ed Henry
C.G.Hanlin
James O'Donnell
and your Editor

Countless others were there in spirit and helped Belle in more thoughtful ways -- flowers, cards, calls.

Gerry would know that his friends came forward.

Died: ROBERT E. GERRY, (21st '42-'45) of Braintree, MA. Bob, a longtime member, left his beloved wife, Phyllis, son, Kevin, and daughter, Patricia.



Roma Dale Allen sadly reports the decease of her beloved husband, Major SHELTON P. ALLEN (Sv. 21st '42-'45), of 500 N. Main, Magee, Miss. "Peck" died Dec. 3, 1983 - cancer. One of our oldest and most loyal members, "Peck", as he liked to be called, ran the "Peck" Allen Insurance Agency following his return from overseas. Roma sent us this snap of poor Peck which we are proud to use.