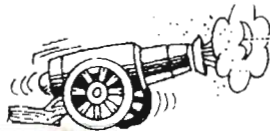


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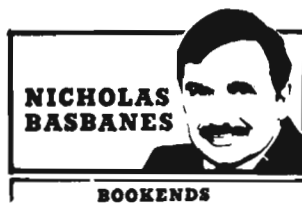
Our issue had gone over to Harry Rosen, our favorite printer himself an ETO man --. But this one came to us from longtime faithful J. FRANK MCKENNEY (AT 21, 2/43-11/45) of 14 Lake, Millbury MA. Frankie clipped it from the Worcester Mass Telegram & Gazette. He added the words:

"How could something like this happen and be kept a secret all these years. I didn't think many (if any) prisoners were taken. Believe it?" We simply don't know, Frankie. "Two miles outside of Tacloban"? "Liberation in 1945"? These are "overwhelming" times. Everyday, we are "overwhelmed" by some bit of news. This is today's "overwhelm." Will you allow us one iddy-biddy editorial comment? We don't believe it. Here goes:

THE SECRET OF HOTEL TACLOBAN

Ex-POW breaks silence on his personal WWII horror

For 40 years, Douglas Valentine Sr. of Briarcliff, N.Y., kept his silence. Not even his wife Kitty or his son Douglas Valentine Jr. of Lunenburg had any idea what was causing the deep depression. They had no knowledge that he was living with horrifying nightmares, frightening hallucinations and recurring waking visions.



Surely, they figured, his state of mind must be related to the sequence of illnesses he had been suffering. There was, for openers, acute cerebral malaria complicated by a series of seven strokes and two heart bypass operations. There were the four painful injections he had to take daily to stay alive.

"My father's always been a tough guy," Douglas Jr. said in a recent interview. "He's a survivor; every time he comes back." But there came a time three years ago when the doctors didn't think Valentine would come back. His midnight screams in the hospital were disturbing the other patients, and psychiatric consultation was suggested.

In therapy, Valentine finally told the story of what happened to him during World War II in New Guinea and the Philippines. The psychiatrist suggested that as a form of treatment, as a means of exorcism, he try to write it all down. "If you want to survive," the doctor told him, "you're going to have to tell your story," advice that prompted Valentine to call his son, a Massachusetts tree surgeon with aspirations of becoming a writer.

"We had never sat down and talked," Douglas Jr. said. "In fact we had drifted apart during the Vietnam years, there was an estrangement between us. When he called and said he had something important to tell me, I went right down to see him."

Thus began an unusual collaboration, the father's story told in the first person, but written by the son. The book — *The Hotel Tacloban* — was recently published by Lawrence Hill & Co., \$12.95.

Everything Fits

Because no documentation is available, it is the kind of story you can believe or disbelieve. But there are very strong reasons to feel this is the real thing, mainly because everything seems to fit, and because there have been no denials coming out of the Pentagon, only silence. It has the crisp ring of truth, and what the Valentines say stands up to hard questions.

In 1942, Douglas Valentine was 16 years old, a tough kid who had dropped out of ninth grade, lied about his age, joined the Army and found himself in the jungles of New Guinea. When his patrol was ambushed by the Japanese, he was taken prisoner and sent to the island of Leyte in the Philippines. There, two miles outside the city of Tacloban, he became the only American in a hideous prisoner-of-war camp called the Hotel Tacloban by its 120 Australian and 40 British captives.

25 Months of Horror

Valentine would spend 25 months in the camp. He was underfed, beaten, tortured and leveled by dysentery and malaria, but these were not the cause of his nightmares.

The senior officer among the prisoners was an Englishman named Major R.L. Cumyns, a man disliked and distrusted by the Australians. When four Australians escaped on Christmas Eve, 1943, Cumyns was enraged. "I will not tolerate anarchy," he screamed at the prisoners, and reported the missing men to the Japanese, who rounded them up within hours.

On Christmas Day, all the prisoners were ordered to stand in the center of camp while the four men — Travis, Jassy, Larry and Tommy — were summarily beheaded. "I'll see their faces until my dying day," Valentine says.

Revenge

Without consulting their British counterparts, the Australians plotted revenge. The young American drew



Douglas Valentine Sr. with his son, Douglas Valentine Jr.

one of three short straws, and while he stood as lookout, two Australians strangled Cumyns in his sleep with a leather garrote.

Surprisingly, the Japanese made little of the assassination, and nothing came of the incident until the camp was liberated by the Americans in 1945.

When the Americans learned what happened, however, they were furious. "Mutiny is mutiny," Douglas Jr. said, "and under no circumstances does the military condone mutiny. There was no way they could say he did the right thing."

What the military did was tell Valentine he faced execution or long imprisonment if he ever spoke of the incident. His service records were seized. He was given a new induction date, a new serial number, a new medical file and a fictitious record of service with the 375th Harbor Craft Company. All information relating to the Hotel Tacloban disappeared, and Valentine was ordered never to contact any of the Australians who were with him in the camp.

For this, he received an honorable discharge, and for 40 years, he kept his

silence. "All he ever wanted was some help with his medical problems," Douglas Jr. said. "His new medical records say he never had malaria or dysentery, but the malaria is very clearly in his medical history since the war. But they say he never had malaria, so he gets no assistance."

No Regrets

Valentine said his father has no regrets about his involvement in the plot to kill Cumyns, though he does wish the matter could have been resolved by the other British officers. "He feels they should have removed him from authority."

The Hotel Tacloban is scheduled for publication in Australia, and Valentine said he expects controversy when it is released there. "We're not interested in confrontation with the military," Valentine said. "I wanted to be even-handed in the book, and I didn't want to make the military appear evil. I just tried to say what happened."

Most importantly, his father's emotional state has improved. "He no longer has the waking visions or the hallucinations," Valentine said. "But he still has the same dream every night. He relives those beheadings every night."

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And the good news is --

Lt.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN, our own "Jack," has been named to be the new commander of United States Forces in Latin America.

Here's how the New York Times reported it:

General Galvin, who is 55 years old, will succeed Gen. Paul F. Gorman in what has become in recent years one of the military's most visible and sensitive assignments.

Under General Gorman, the United States Southern Command, based in Panama, played a major role in Central America, aiding the military forces of El Salvador and Honduras and staging demonstrations of American military might aimed at the Government of Nicaragua, which the Administration accuses of underwriting Communist subversion in the region.

General Galvin will become a four-star general when he replaces General Gorman on April 30, shortly after the United States is scheduled to conduct the next round of joint military exercises with Honduras, called Big Pine 3.

The Southern Command oversees about 9000 Army, Navy and Air Force troops stationed in Panama, as well as the 55 United States military advisers in El Salvador and 125 permanently stationed in Honduras.

Army officers described General Galvin as "a hard charger" who would continue to promote an activist United States military role in the region, but would probably have a lower profile than General Gorman.

General Gorman was widely praised as a brilliant tactician, but he occasionally antagonized members of Congress and State Department officials by his outspoken portrayal of Central America as a battleground in a fight against global Communism.

The Defense Department said General Gorman was urged to stay on, but insisted on retiring for personal reasons.

General Galvin, a native of Melrose, Mass., is a West Point graduate and was commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., before being given his European post in July 1983.

His career has included assignments that acquainted him with the political side of military affairs as well as field and training commands. He was an assistant to Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor before going to Vietnam in 1969, where he was decorated for his leadership of a helicopter battalion.



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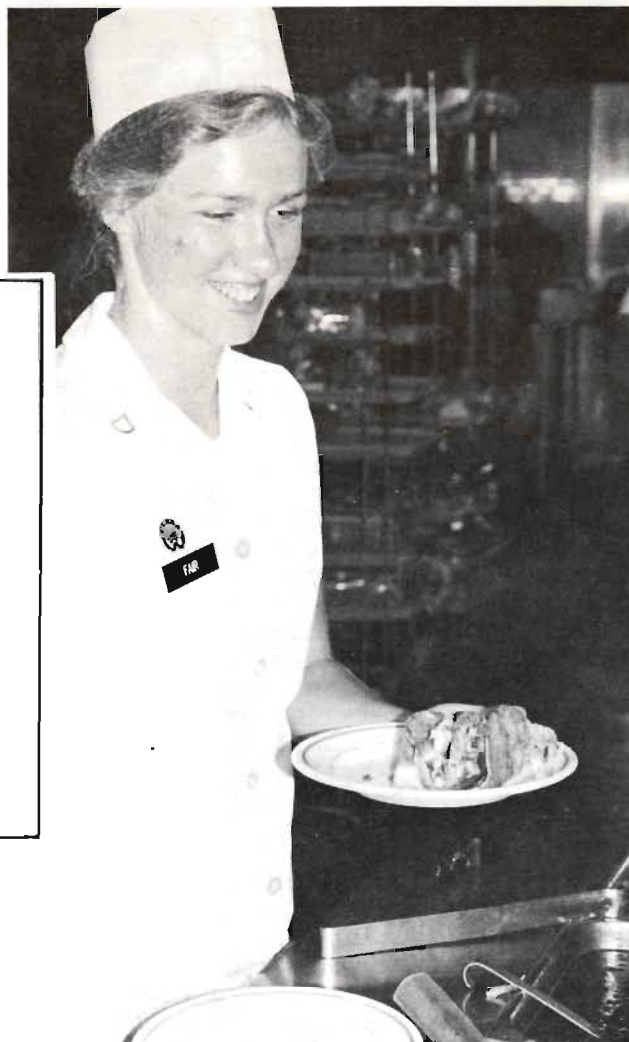


We'd feel like a dog if we didn't include this one. We were asked to use this box and so we do -- just as it was sent to us:

KOREAN WAR

I have been commissioned by Simon & Schuster in New York to write a new study of the Korean War. Like my earlier books, Overlord and Battle for the Falklands, this one will be based overwhelmingly upon the testimony of those who took part. I would like to hear from any veteran from Korea, initially giving rank and brief details of service, with a view to personal interview in the U.S. in 1985.

Max Hastings,
Guilsborough Lodge,
Guilsborough,
Northamptonshire,
England.



Here's a switch. A lady cook. Meet Pfc. Elizabeth Fair, 24 Med Bn. Betty is serving tacos. Korea was never like this, hey gang? U.S. Army Photo. Sherri Griswold took it.

Communist countries consider tipping degrading "and capitalistic." But they will accept gifts. To show appreciation, you might offer a cigarette lighter, or a fancy ball pen, or cologne or earrings. In small print at the bottom of the page of the travel brochure, we note: "In practice, they'll accept money, if it is offered confidentially." Confidentially, they're hypocrites.

On the sick book: Marie REINKE, lovely wife of Lt.Col. RICHARD E. REINKE, our erstwhile medical inspector in '44-'45. Marie suffered a stroke almost a year ago. Advises Dick: "She is having a slow but good recovery" -- for which our gratitude. They've at 6501 - 17th Ave. W., Bradenton, FL.--"it's a life care center," says Dick. They "enjoy it immensely."

MAIL CALL

ALFRED J.K. RIDGE sent a Mass Card for our friends lost at Baguio. A thoughtful, heartwarming gesture, Al -- and we are indebted to you therefor.

Beautiful quote: Sherry LLEWELLYN on her beloved BILL -- "He had 40 bonus years and I shared them with him; he could have been killed when he was only 19 with the 24th."

C.W. FRANKLIN (B 19th & 724 Ord. '51) writes:

"Whenver I am transferred (who knows when the orders will be cut) to that Great Rest Camp in the sky and after stumbling over one cloud after another, and finally I report at that sign: "DANGER -- FORWARD"; and some Taro Leafer says, 'Scheeze! Things must be bad back home. They're scraping the bottom of the barrel. Now, they're sending us the deadbeats!'"

Don't know how to respond to that one. Had better keep quiet.

Watch, with interest, how they investigate the alleged discrepancies for the admiral and the servicemen accused of bringing Soviet weapons into the U.S. from Grenada.

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If the idea of eating reconstituted pork patties off an olive drab paper plate does not whet your appetite, be glad you are a civilian.

The Army, citing concerns about sanitation and manpower, has adopted a plan to make mandatory the use of paper plates, cups and plastic utensils for all meals served to troops in the field.

The move means the trusty old mess kit - the silver folding tray soldiers could always count on to "hold your food for a second or two before dumping it on your boots," - eventually will go the way of the Jeep, the .45-caliber sidearm and other old Army standbys.

The new paper plates will be white at first, but later the Army will buy dark, drab-colored plates to prevent troops from giving away their locations in wartime, either by flashes of white while eating or by the trail of trash they leave behind.

The change is part of "a whole new approach to feeding troops in the field," according to Army spokesman Lt.Col.Craig MacNab.

The Army also has begun to use Mobile Field Kitchens -- trailers that can be moved from unit to unit, thereby avoiding the need to gather large bodies of troops at mealtime, said MacNab.

Because of the mobility of the trailers and their ability to prepare hot food, the Army will serve two hot meals a day to soldiers in the field, he added.

The hot meals will consist of T-rations, in which multiple servings of a meal item are carried in large metal trays inside the mobile field kitchen.

The third meal will consist of MREs (Meal Ready-to-Eat), the latest version of the original C-ration. MREs include a mixture of freeze-dried items, that require water to be made edible, and ready-to-eat foods. Packaged in tear-open pouches, MREs have eliminated another staple of the foot soldier's personal field kitchen, the "P-38" can opener.

The feeding of troops in the field is "a complex issue involving the interaction of manpower, feeding methods and equipment," MacNab said.

The mandatory use of paper plates, which have been optional until now, will achieve two purposes.

First, it will eliminate the need for a unit to carry dishwashing equipment and to detail soldiers to the task, MacNab said. Currently, a typical Army battalion carries six 30-gallon water cans with immersion heaters to clean mess kits.



Men of C 19th participate in a platoon assault course. US Army photo, thanks to Pfc. Chuck Boers.

Things we'd happily do without in '85:

The wave.
Ron Luciano's latest book.
Post-game phone calls from RR.
Tommy Lasorda.
Bum Phillips.
Players who wear No. 0.
Jim Brown vs. Franco Harris.
Donald Trump.
Jack Nicholson.
3 throws to first to keep Rickey Henderson close.
The San Diego chicken.

CHARLES O. ESTES of 10175 Storm Drive, Cincinnati OH, is trying to locate 1st Lt. ? LAMB, a Japanese American of M 5th RCT in Korea and discharged from Kilmer in March of '54. Any clues?

Second, the disposable implements are considered more sanitary, MacNab said. "The real driving thing behind it was to cut down on dishwashing because of the health implications."

MacNab said units will carry trash bags on training exercises so the refuse can be removed from the field. In wartime, he said, the plates and utensils would be "thrown under the nearest bush."

How do ya like that?

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TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT SOLDIERS OF THE VICTORY DIVISION:

At the invitation of Ken Ross, I'll be appearing now as a regular guest columnist in the TARO LEAF. This will give me the opportunity to keep all veterans of the Victory Division apprised of the training and events in which we are involved. It's also a good way to keep in touch with a super bunch of friends.

It was great to see all of you in Cincinnati during the August reunion. Getting together again with old friends I had met in Savannah the year before was certainly a worthwhile experience. Hope all of you had as good a time as I did.

This year has proved to be a very active time for the division. We have had some strenuous training, and as a result I believe we are even stronger as a division than last year. I'm very proud of the soldiers in the 24th, and I firmly believe they will uphold the outstanding tradition and honor established by division soldiers of the past.

In September we had one of the best exercises in quite some time, when two of our battalions, 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry and 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, plus support troops from the division, participated in GALLANT EAGLE 84. Our 3,100 troops were part of the nearly 50,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who took part in the exercise. By rail, sea, road and air we deployed troops, weapons and equipment to the desert regions of Southern California at Fort Irwin. Once there we engaged in field exercises against opposing forces, including airborne units. Of particular significance was that most of our combat vehicles went by sea aboard the new Roll-on/Roll-off ship, the USNS Capella. It made the journey from Savannah through the Panama Canal to the Port of Los Angeles in approximately eight days, averaging 30 knots. The combination of rapid deployment and field training provided solid, realistic experiences for our division troops who participated.

All of you members of the "Rock of Chickamauga" will be pleased to note that the 3rd Battalion invaded Marineland at Camp LeJeune earlier this year. Moving by road convoy and aboard ships our guys hit the beaches there and participated in a short exercise. Afterwards they returned to the friendly confines of Fort Stewart.

Both of our brigades have also been involved in rotations to the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California. In October, the 2d Brigade was accompanied by the 1-121st Infantry Battalion from our roundout unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) of the Georgia Army National Guard. When our 1st Brigade went out last March, a film crew from the ABC 20-20 News Program did a story on the training. That program aired recently and I hope some of you had a chance to see it. The NTC training, against opposing forces which use Russian tactics and equipment, is among the best we undergo.

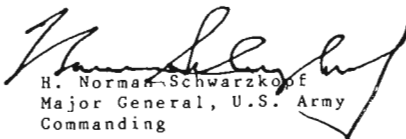
The division has continued to benefit this year from the Army's modernization program. Among the new systems we are now using at Fort Stewart is one which will please you Red Legs -- the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS). We now have an organic MLRS battery and we fired the MLRS this past summer for the first time on the installation. This system increases the firepower, efficiency and battle effectiveness of the 24th.

As part of our observance of the Year of the Army Family, we held Family Day in August. More than 23,000 soldiers, civilians and family members participated in games, athletic events or enjoyed demonstrations, displays and tours of units.

Our most important asset, the individual soldier, was honored during our Victory Day celebration in October. A memorial ceremony reminded us present-day soldiers of the high standards and ideals embodied in your service. A division parade and athletic events, followed by an awards ceremony, helped to make this a totally successful day.

So you can see that we continue to operate at a very fast pace. Through this column I will attempt to keep all of you up-to-date. I also invite any of you passing through the Coastal Empire area of Georgia to stop in and see our division.

VICTORY!!


H. Norman Schwarzkopf
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

FACES & MORE FACES

H Co. 21st had quite a gathering at our Cincy bash. They included:

PATRICK H. CLINTON
JOAQUIN GOMEZ
ROBERT NEWKIRK
METRO KRAMARCHYK
RAYMOND FIES
VALENTINE SCHAAF
HUGH CROSSON
THOMAS E. GRADY
JOHN T. DRANKO
JOHN J. KELLER
JOHN KILMARTIN
LOUIS J. PASCAL
CHARLES E. KAEFER

And they hope to double that number in Louisville. Watta gang!

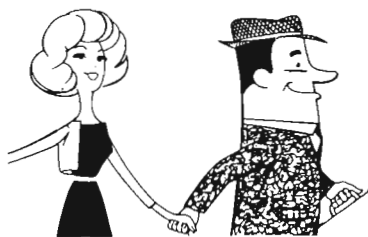


"Th' yellow one is fer national defense, th' red one wit' white stripes is fer very good conduct, and th' real purty one wit' all th' colors is fer bein' in this theater of operations."

We'll give an old McGovern-Eagleton button to anyone who can respond to this one spotted in Army Times:

ANYONE who served in A Company, 24th Supply and Transport Battalion, Fort Stewart-Hunter AAF, Ga., from May 1980 to September 1982, and anyone who served in the 24th Supply and Service Co., Giessen, W. Germany from October 1982 until September 1983. Contact Sp4 Elmer J. "E.J." Graham Jr., 45 Bethany Rd., Holmdel, N.J. 07733.

ADDRESS-CHANGED?



**WE'RE
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ADDRESS IS.



Gen. Fabian C. Ver, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, who made the Red Beach ceremonies with us last October, has been formally charged, along with 25 others, in connection with the '83 assassination of opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr.

Didja ever notice -- the smaller the country, the more ribbons on the chest?

"Baked Necks"

The Aussies cook them for breakfast. Bacon and eggs, of course. They eat them with damper bread and billy tea...

Antoinette "Tony" MARINELLO, sainted widow of HENRY, of 6437 W. Home, Worth IL never forgets us with a modest \$ contribution. She reports losing her 90 year old Mom awhile back and is feeling the depression that goes with same. Cheers, Toni; we've been down that road and we know what you're going through. Things will slowly begin to brighten for you, Toni; they invariably do.

Spotlight

That poem by the sailor in our last issue provoked considerable comment, all good. Wrote BILL WHEELER, Rt. 1, Box 209, Sema AL: "I would like to contact this sailor or any other sailor to hear of or about my brother Martin Wheeler who was aboard the USS Case on the morning of Dec. 7th, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. I would like to hear from any sailor who knew my brother -- his shipmates for he had 15 years of Navy service I believe at the time, and there has to be some old salts out there that knew him, he was discharged early 1942 (medical).

"By the way, I too was out there on December 7th, 1941, only I was at Schofield Barracks in I 19th."

We hope you get a few letters, Bill. Bill, by the way, in addition to being on the Rack on Dec. 7th, also got to Europe -- was a POW in Stalag 3c.

LOUISVILLE

Lotsa news from DON and Lola LUEDTKE, (Hq.Co. 34th '48-'50), of Rt. 1, Arcadia Neb. Al and Deb are in Delaware, Al's a duPont chemist. They now have a son, Austin. Brian's back from Germany; now at Sill; made Captain. Curt's managing a Long John Silver's in Amarillo TX. Denise gave the folks another addition; married a Bill Emmons; living in Thornton CO.



It's "Main St.", Kokura, circa '47. BILL FARVER, 4711 N. Caseville Rd., Caseville MI sent it in. Remember how it was painted white with the inscription "G.I. Car" all over it? Thanx Bill.

NOTHING BUT THE FACTS

FRED J. HEITZINGER (C 21st, '43-'45), now at 870 Green St., Port Richey FL 33568.

Bumper Sticker: Just about the time you think you can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

Chaplain's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

As a New Year gets underway, it is appropriate both to look ahead and to remember yesteryear. TIME past is gone. We will never have it back. However, it is good to look back and reflect on the many blessings that have come our way. Yes, we have had our set-backs, but the good TIMES always outweigh the bad ones. We continue to be blessed with our many Friends of the 24th Infantry Division Association. New ones come along, as Old Loyal Ones pass on. We meet and enjoy each other's company at our reunions. At our Annual reunion in Cincinnati in 1984 every one enjoyed the comradeship. However, we had sadness during the Reunion For Peace, when we lost several of our Friends, as the result of a fire in the Philippine Islands. It is so strange -- TIME -- has a way of weighing things out.

The Good Book speaks of TIME, thusly:

To everything there is a Season, and a Time
for every purpose under the heavens.
A Time to be Born, and a Time to Die.
A Time to Plant, and a Time to Pluck Up
that which is Planted.
A Time to Kill, and a Time to Heal.
A Time to Break Down, and a Time to Build Up.
A Time to Weep, and a Time to Laugh.
A Time to Mourn, and a Time to Dance.
A Time to Cast Away Stones, and a Time to
Gather Stones together.
A Time to Embrace, and a Time to Refrain
from Embracing.
A Time to Get, and a Time to Lose.
A Time to Keep, and a Time to Cast Away.
A Time to Rend, and a Time to Sew.
A Time to Keep Silent, and a Time to Speak.
A Time to Love, and a Time to Hate.
A Time of War, and a Time of Peace.

We are ready for 1985. May it be a good TIME for each of you.

Joseph I. Peyton
Chaplain

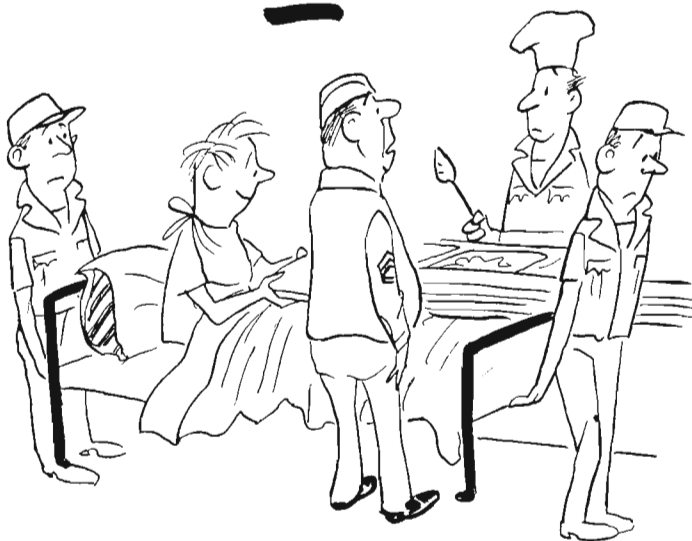


"REMEMBER -- NEATNESS COUNTS!"

KERMIT and Marilu BLANEY forwarded a contribution, in the name of "Thankfulness" to Fire Chief Lt.Col. Benj. Villaneuva of Baguio City. What a warm hearted gesture! The chief, by the way, served with the 33rd Div. He is trying to locate men of that crowd and Kermit is trying to help him. We know there used to be a 33rd Div. Assoc. once -- but it seems to have gone kaput. Anyone know a 33rd man -- not a 33rd degree mason -- but a 33rd Div. man? It was essentially an IL, NY outfit if we recall correctly. We ran into them at Wakde - Sarimi, the next stop just beyond (west of) Hollandia.

BOBBY BRABHAM (PO Box 1001, Sumter SC 29151) writes: "Have heard from quite a few of our friends that were in the fire at Baguio. I have mentioned to some about having a 'Reunion of the Survivors of the Baguio Fire' at our Division Reunion in Louisville KY. I wrote Joe Peyton and told him that he would be the proper one to head it up since he was there and is our Chaplain. Maybe you could mention this in the Taro Leaf."

"Would appreciate it if you would give honorable mention to RICHARD LUM. Richard met us in Honolulu and showed us around the Island. He did the same thing for the second group that came in from Hong Kong. He is truly a good will ambassador. Richard said he will be 75 in February."



"It's his birthday and I promised him he could have breakfast in bed."

Moved again - WILBERT "Shorty" ESTABROOK (B 19th '48-'50) has moved from Portland ME, back to 26745 Avenida Shonto, Mission Viejo, CA. Got it, Shorty.

KEN FOLDOE, (34th '44-'45), of Rt.2, Box 75, Bagley, MN has joined. Silver Star for Mindanao, and all. Ken joins by courtesy of Brig.Gen. LES WHEELER. Thanks Les.

Only Robinson Crusoe had things done by Friday.

LLOYD R. MCCANDLISH (D21 '50-'52), of 8420 Marietta Rd., Bremen, OH, not only planks down \$100 for a Life Membership -- but gives us 2 more names -- BILL WHITE of 201 Purvis, in Lloyd's hometown, and VIC MCKENZIE of 2835 West Drive, Zanesville OH.

Col. KERMIT BLANEY and JOE PEYTON and their gals, Marilu and Margaret (we've always called Margaret "Maggie") are anxious to have a round up of the folks of the Pines Hotel catastrophe at our Louisville gathering. You can reach Kermit and Marilu at 404-323-5510. That's 801 Peachtree, Columbus GA, 31906. For Joe and Margaret, try the masthead in this issue.

Would you be able to validate your track record at work, if necessary? A career Q & A column in Personnel Journal suggests keeping an accomplishment diary. Identify tasks accomplished each day, particularly those that relate to profit improvement and cost reduction.

Bumper Sticker: Lead me not into temptation. I can find it myself.

Warm words from HANFORD RANTS, (Hq., 2nd Bn. 34th '43-'45), of 9330 Parrot, Downey CA:

"My dues come late again but with great pleasure and with much gratitude to you for keeping our family together. The Taro Leaf is a powerful and positive communication which makes each of us proud of our service and our country."

"I lost a buddy, BILL LLEWELLYN in the Pines fire. I am thankful that Shirley and I could make that trip safely in '79."

"After 3 years on a church staff, I have returned to being a high school principal. I am really enjoying the work (even at 61) and will keep going while I feel good."

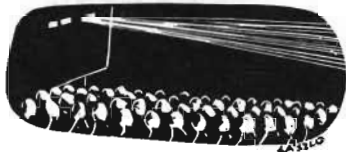
"I will pray for your health, strength and effort as our editor/advisor. We would be in deep trouble without you!"

Can you blame us for printing that one? Our Mother had no stupid children.

Moved: HOMER DAILEY (C 19th '50-'51), to 103 Ashton, Lexington KY was in Frankfort. Says C. was his first reunion. He writes "3 of the 4 couples at our table were all first timers. Enjoyed it. Hope to make many more." Look forward to seeing both Hallie and you, Homer.

Bumper Sticker: Whoever says money can't buy happiness...doesn't know where to shop.

HUBERT "Bert" LOWRY (Cn.19th '42-'45) and Ginny now at Box 324, LaHarpe IL 61450.



Gleanings from the ROSS PURSIFULL Xmas card and now flashed upon our screen.

Ross is now with Ford in Dearborn and built 174 condominium units at Grand Traverse Resort Village and a 15 story "Condominium Tower."

Margie graduated from Mich State U., Margie going on to Rochester, Minn. to begin work for IBM. Bill is a freshman at Calvin College, the 5th Pursifull to matriculate there. Barb is teaching in Wyoming, MI and Jill is in a local private school. Don and Cindy celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary in Oct. There you have it. Great Report, Ross.



Recovering nicely from heart by-pass surgery: COLON H. MANSFIELD (K 19th '38-'40), of 7506 Walker Dr., Panama City, FL 32401.



Here's a "How-many-can-you-name?" JOHNNY CASHMAN, (21st '42-'46), of 181 D. Crossways, Leesburg FL, is responsible for this one. Starting from left to right, it's easy. First, there's BILL VERBECK. Then things toughen up. Okay, you're so smart, you try. Incidentally, John and Chris invite us all to stop in if we're down Florida way. Tel. 904-589-7815. Not all at once, of course.

Wonder what they'll do with Sydney Biddle Barrows, the Mayflower Madam.



Bill Mauldin was a "Just Folks" type. Never can we forget Willie and Joe and what they did to bring a bit of cheer to our days. Here's Bill today. He has a son, a Lt. Col. today, who served the Division at Stewart 3 or 4 years ago. We can't find a record of it in our morgue, 'tho we know we had an item on the young man at the time.

We erroneously entered the name Edward Morris instead of EDWARD MORSE ((Service Co. 21st from 2/22 to 1/35) Ed is at 80 Mays Landing Rd., Somers Point NJ 08244. Sorry, Ed.



Once in awhile we take aboard a new member who sorta backs his way into our midst and then we spend the next six months with him feeling as though our fly is open. Now along comes Dr. BILL GARRY, of 782 Suffolk, Virginia Beach VA, who is about as forthright as one can be when he writes: "I'm tired of paying dues, so I enclose a check for \$100 for Life Membership. I enjoy the magazine, keep it coming. I was in the I & R Platoon, 34th Inf. in Sasebo, Japan in 1949, Co. K 19th Heavy Mortar 19th Aug. 50-Aug. 51 and supported the Division in Augsburg, Germany 1964/5 as the Augsburg Post Quartermaster."

We appreciate that kind of enthusiasm, Bill.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

With the progress so far made, we feel confident that our 1985 Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Louisville will be a winner.

The accommodations are super! I know. I was there.

On Friday night in our Hospitality Room there will be free hors d'oeuvres, but you buy drinks at the regular hotel fare.

Something FREE - for a change is the brain child of our hard-slugging Convention Chairman, TOM NORTON - and in which I heartily concur. Our Treasurer assures us that he'll "find the money".

Topped off with an elegant banquet Saturday night, I'm sure you will feel, "Hey it was great."

Ray

RAYMOND R. KRESKY
President



"BUDDY, I STARVED ON THE OUTSIDE!"

Forget- Me-Nots

An Almanac of
Useful Information,
Some Old, Some New,
All Worth
Remembering

The U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C. recently affirmed the military's right to discharge members for homosexuality... D/A sent a letter to over 6200 deserters over the last 2 years, urging them to come back. At press time, 1394 had accepted the invitation. Unbelievable success when you consider that nearly one third of the letters were undeliverable. Wish our membership drives could say as much... As Ben Franklin once said, "Fish and guests begin to smell after 3 days"... Excerpt from the book of Harry Truman's letter to Bess. He wrote one from the Potsdam Conference - Time, July 18, 1945. Wrote he, "...Stalin goes to war Aug. 15th with no strings attached..." Imagine if you had written home something as sensitive. If you want more, read Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger's "Letters to Miss Em." Miss Em was his nickname for his wife. What he wrote her from Hollandia, Biak, Leyte, Mindanao will shock you...



Stars and Stripes recently carried a picture of Martha Raye receiving some kind of an award. The caption identified her as Col. Martha Raye, US Army Nurse Corps. Are we dreaming? Have we missed something here? When did she ever serve?... The Colt 45 is being replaced by the smaller Italian 9-mm pistol. Buy American, right?





"Kulcha"

"Kulcha?" Of course they have "culture" down under. The blokes in Louisville, come August, will show you a thing or two about culture. Or help you "go bush" and forget civilization for a few hours.

Verse

When good friends walk beside us...
On the trails that we must keep...
Our burdens seem less heavy...
And the hills are not so steep...
The weary miles pass swiftly...
Taken in a joyous stride...
And all the world seems brighter...
When friends walk by our side.



Requests like this one are hard to respond to, but our gal Friday does her best. RAY JOHNSON (E 34th '40-'43), of Box 56, Jonancy, KY asks: "Does anyone know whatever became of Capt. Robert W. Webster, E Co. 34th? Went to Hawaiian Dept. in '43." Beverly finds no answer in our records. Can you help?

TWOGETHER

"Steady Eddie" ROBINSON sends greetings from "the Rock" where he guested with EARL and Emily WILSON in Kialua, visited the Arizona Memorial with "Shy" LUM, bumped into BOB BENNETT (B 21st '41-'43) of 98-1269 Neki, Aiea, HI, who had never heard of us, and met with JOHNNY DANCOR, (19th), of 95-025 Hokuiwa, Mililani, HI). Johnny used to belong, and thanks to Ed is a member again.

JOE and Hazel PATTON made C. from Brandenburg KY. Joe was 5th RCT from '47-'50. He's another of our "Retired" folks.

POPCORN!

By
Patricia
Linden

There have been about 150 wars in the world since the UN was formed back in '45 "to keep peace among nations."

Think about this...

Eons ago, we asked: "What did they call the infantryman in Korea?" Gimlet AL BRANDESKY thought about it, then wrote us: "I had a letter from a Leo McDonnell, Scranton PA who suggests that the Infantryman in Korea called himself 'Gravel Agitators'. Ralph Goff called me and stated that they called themselves 'Harrys Cops' because of the police action thing Truman first called the conflict. In any event, it doesn't seem that any single appellation was ever adopted universally and/or popularized for the conflict. Rather strange when you consider the infantrymans propensity for common self description."

"Grape Leisure"

That's Australian for "great pleasure." A fair description of what you'll find if you go to Louisville in August.

"Gloria Slan"

Down under it speaks of the largest island in the world. Or is it the smallest continent? In any event, Australia is a glorious land...JAMES O. KEAGY (not Klagy) is a member. He's at 153 S. Spencer Ave., Indianapolis IN. We misspelled his name in our original entry. Glad to have you with us, Jim.

Memo to joggers: Beware of the birds.

UPDATE

We've just got to squeeze this one in.

A navy CPO, Rickey E. DeVan, has decided to accept a discharge rather than retire so that his ex-wife and her new husband will not share in his retirement pay.

This is the extent to which one embittered man has gone to avoid the results of the Uniformed Service Former Spouses' Protection Act of 1982. The law, you may know, allows states to divide service retirement pay under the state domestic relations law.

Ricky was ordered by a California Court to give his ex-wife 37.5% of his Navy retirement pay. Instead he took a discharge after more than 2 decades of service.

Said Ricky: "Although I have lost, there is no winner. I simply will not split my retired pay. I will do whatever is in my power to achieve that end." Atta boy, Ricky.

The Navy tried to talk him out of it. They even sent him to a shrink for a mental competency test. He passed.

Incidentally, 6 months after he and Carol were divorced, she married another CPO, Ruben Canu, a friend of Ricky's.

Further, incidentally, Ricky once took a summary court-martial for punching Cantu in the nose. We love ya, Ricky.

Rick, by the way, is not the only one to refuse retirement.

Our own, Maj. Gen. EDWIN A. WALKER, a 30-year man, resigned his commission after being relieved of command allegedly for his right-wing orientation program for our Division troops in Germany. In '82, Army restored his retirement at his request by appointing him a warrant officer in the Army Reserve for one day, retiring him based on his 30 years of service, and advancing him in grade from W.O. to MG on the retired list.

NOBLE I. AYERS, JR. (Hq.Co. 1st & 2nd Bty., 19th, '42-'44) now at 103 Winston Place, St. Joseph MO 64506.

There's a suspicion that 10 is actually Bo Derek's IQ.

H. ROSS WISELY (M 19, '51) now at 211 Oakwood, Hot Springs AR 71913.

Honk if you've never been married to Liz Taylor.



Ladies of the 19th at their Cincy breakfast.

Watching Phyllis George is like watching a dimple try to talk.

CHARLIE MCMICHAEL, (Hq. 19th '44-'45), over from Butler, PA, seemed to be enjoying himself at C., with well recounted memories of faraway places with strange-sounding names.



"Hey! If the big crunch is going to blow us all to hell, why don't we pass out some medals in advance?"

THE Festive Board



JESS FOSTER sent us this one but with ----- little in the way of captions. Said Jess: "It's the E 19th kitchen crew 12/15/40. Standing, l. to r., LAFAVE, _____, FOSTER. Sitting, l. to r. _____, _____, Epstein." 3 out of 9, 45 years later, ain't bad, Jess.



A little arpeggio, please, for JOHN and Anne RUGGABER (Div.Hq. '46-'48), of 2828 Russell, Camp Hill, PA. They made London, Paris, Switzerland and Italy last summer. Quote: "We were thrilled with the Venice canals, disturbed by the Rome Colosseum; it's coming apart."

NEWSLINES

We asked L.G. HICKS (L 34th 7/40 - 4/44) of RFD 1, Box 170, Crawford, GA, what his name really was. His answer: "I have initials only -- L.G. I was the youngest of 9 and when they got to me, they had run out of names."

We know now, based first on printing costs and, second, on advance sales, that our forthcoming history must be limited to a publication of no more than 200 pages. Additional to printing costs, binding and lastly mailing costs must be anticipated.



COME ALIVE IN EIGHTY-FIVE!

A bank was held up and the detective was questioning the teller:

"What happened?"

"Three men and an elephant came in and took the money."

"Are you sure, ma'am, an elephant?"

"Yes. I'm sure. The three men held us up and the elephant went around and sucked up all the money into his trunk."

"What kind of an elephant was it?"

"I don't know. Guess you'd say it was a typical elephant -- big, gray, and had a long trunk."

"No, lady, was it an Asian elephant with ears that hang straight down, or was it an African elephant whose ears stand straight up?"

"How should I know. He had a stocking over his face."

He thought the Heimlich Maneuver was a book by Robert Ludlum.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

You Will Never Find Another Quite Like This.

From the Citadel, Charleston, SC comes this heartwarming message:

"The Citadel Development Foundation wishes to inform you that a gift in memory of Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association who died in the fire in the Philippines was received from Lieutenant General DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, USA Retired."



VIEWPOINT

A "happy-to-have-you-back" to KEITH and Violet PERKINS, (13th F '53-'55) of 2610 N. Greenwood, Arlington Heights IL. Writes Keith: "Other than a couple of episodes, I'm getting along okay. Go for physical therapy 3 times a week for my arms and hands. Progress is slow but improving. Ticker is the primary problem but a whole lot better than a plastic pump!"

We'll keep an eye on you, Keith - and Vi.



Leyte and Samar were neighbors. They are connected by a bridge today, incidentally. We spotted this item in a book review recently:

"Samar, Philippines. Need info of ground actions on island for research/interest. Write: W.L. Shaeffer, P.O. Box 11614, Jacksonville, FL 32239-1614."

Seems as though we recall that we had to send a small unit over there to scare up a few, but we find no written record of such. Does anyone recall -- or are we dreaming -- again?

Fine words from FRANCIS H. and Donna HELLER of 3419 Seminole, Lawrence, KS and we quote:

"The disaster in Baguio hit close to home. Jim and Sally Postma have been good friends for many years. In fact, in 1960 we bought and moved into the lovely home that Sally had grown up in.

"Your coverage of the tragic event in the last issue of the Taro Leaf was superb.

"We are going to spend February through June in Vienna where I am going to initiate a new exchange agreement between our university and the University of Vienna. Because of that absence, my annual contribution to your postage fund comes somewhat earlier. And, because I am embarrassed that so much of the cost of getting the Taro Leaf out to the members comes out of your pocket, I have raised the ante.

"Your reference to me in an issue earlier this year brought forth a letter from an ex-Div. Arty. fellow by the name of Connolly and we have had quite an exchange of nostalgic correspondence since. Wherever General Gruber is now -- and I have a good hunch where that is (or ought to be) -- his ears must have been burning!"

Important Notice!!
To All Members!
Check your membership
card now are your dues
paid?

ARE YOUR DUES PAID? **Let's to it** ONLY 7.00 BUCKS A YEAR



Taken at Cincy: l. to r. FRANK PESKO, GERRY LIEBER, President JOHN SHAY, and WALTER SMIGEL.

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OUTLOOK

1985

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VA is out to recover \$1.4 billion owed by over 1 million vets who collected money they weren't entitled to. Individual vets owe amounts ranging from \$5 to 20000. And let us go on to build toward a stirring peroration. We leave it to you as to what went wrong - and where - and why.



Men of the 19th at their Cincy breakfast. Look like one of those Miller Commercials, don't they? Sorry to crowd you out, BILL SANDERSON, over there on the right.

Bumper Sticker: If at first, you don't succeed, you're running about average.

Convention faithfuls - NICK and Alice MARASCO (L 34th '41-'45), of Honeoye Falls, NY. One of the best contributions to our C. grab bag was Nick's memoir of his days on Leyte.

Nice to see at C. HAROLD and Donna ABERLE (26 AAA - 5th RCT '51-'52) of Thawville IL. Also WALLACE and Eleanor KUHNER (24th Recn. '43-'45) of 1637 Falmouth, Charleston SC.

The Private Eye

Our private eye has told us this: There has been only one man who has served West Point as an academic instructor, Commandant of Cadets, and Superintendent: MG FREDERICK A. IRVING, April '17, who taught law in 1922-24, was Commandant of Cadets, 1941-42 and Superintendent of the Military Academy, 1951-52.

Printing bill for last issue: \$2388.75. That's \$1.42 per copy. Add to that the 88¢ mailing fee and you'll see that it cost us \$2.30 to place your copy in your mailbox.



Last of the Cincy pictures -- and well that it is so: l. to r. FRANK PESKO, your Editor, and WALTER SMIGEL. Now, on to Louisville.

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!! GARY C. KREMIN (HHC, 1st Bn., 21st '65), of 252 Clay Moore, West Union, OH 45693, is anxious to locate a medic Captain by the name of Rodgers at the Warner Troop Dispensary in Munich, Germany in the '65 era. There you are, Gary. We hope someone will "come out of the woodwork" for you.

Bumper Sticker: People who think they know it all are especially annoying to those of us who do.

Details on our forthcoming Louisville bash on Friday Aug. 16 and Saturday Aug. 18 will be found in the next issue. If you wanna reserve your room now, write

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The registration forms are on their way to us. They'd only give us 400 for 1600 members. So we reproduce the back side of the form here. It's an envelope really. The other side is addressed:

HYATT REGENCY LOUISVILLE
320 West Jefferson Street
Louisville KY 40202

Now if you're anxious to get registered in early, you can drop them a line or clip this form and mail it in now.

We'll reproduce again in each succeeding issue -- and in time 400 of you will get one of the real things.

Cheers!!

One of URB THROM's horses is a "grand-son of Secretariat." Urb named him Teriat's Secret. Get it?

If We Ever Got to Congress We're Gonna Write A Law: to repeal that "stop and then turn right on the red light" foolishness. Anarchy has taken over the intersection. And amber isn't the signal to slow but to accelerate. The roadway is a lawless, asphalt jungle. The goal is survival; the weapon intimidation. The highways have become a horror show, with drivers to match.

Remember, you read it here first. Plan on a BYOL program. The drinks are mighty high at the Hyatt Regency. Plan on the first five belts in the quiet of the bowels of your own room; then go downstairs and hoist one for old man Hyatt. Repeat every 4 hours. Remember, we warned you.

LOUISVILLE
Observed

Tried to read a telephone bill lately? Our last one went to 12 pages. The biggest thing Uncle Sam did to Ma Bell's company has been to screw it all up.

Pray that Andrew Greeley will get a good parish so he'll be too busy to turn out any more of that hardcover trash.

Thanks to BOB SCOTT, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas -- how do you like that? -- we have a new member in JOHN R. MILLS, SR., 24th MP '41-'42. So her-r-r-es Johnny -- at 1013 Gladstone, Azle, TX. Never heard of the town, John.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP
A NEW MEMBER
THIS MONTH?

Of Special Interest

Another hotel fire in the P.I. The Regent in Manila. At least 24 killed as we go to press, including 5 Americans. This was the 6th major hotel fire in the P.I. since October.

Police say arsonists - Separate before-dawn fires broke out, simultaneously on 2 floors - 6th and 9th - according to police.

Authorities also were investigating reports that subversives had infiltrated the 600-strong employees union, which was reported set to go on strike before fire broke out.

The French news agency AFP said today it received a note signed by a group called the "Angels" saying the fire was a "protest against the U.S. Japan support to the Marcos dictatorship." The note warned "other forms of sabotage" would follow.

Sources knowledgeable about Manila's underground said they were unfamiliar with the group and did not believe other rebel groups trying to overthrow President Ferdinand Marcos had claimed responsibility.

Strong winds off Manila Bay shipped up small fires in some rooms of the gutted hotel today and firemen were only able to climb as high as the fifth floor, officials said.

Manila Fire Superintendent Col. Alfredo Garcia said the death toll could climb when the hotel's top four floors are searched.

As firemen continued to battle the flames, uniformed and plainclothes police armed with automatic weapons patrolled the hotel complex. Floodlights were trained on the hotel, built in 1976, to aid rescue efforts during the night.

We're still trying to track down a story that someone or two are being held for the Pines fire. We'll not let up on this.

MORE DETAILS

The President has approved the extension of Gen. BERNARD W. ROGERS (19th) Commander in Chief, United States European Command, in his present position through June 30, 1987. Rogers, 63, also has served as Supreme Allied Commander Europe since June 1979.

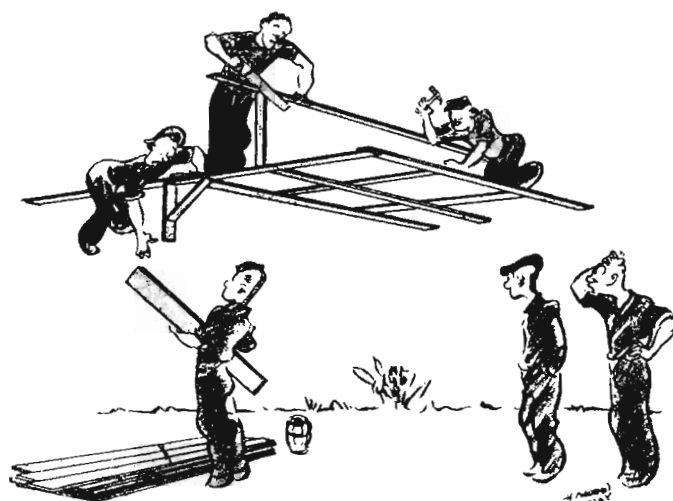
Good report from JIM and Mary ERWIN, of Box 608, Morongo Valley CA. Jim finally has braces for his legs -- after all these years. Eureka!

MOANS & GROANS

The Pentagon has acknowledged Monday it has been paying more than \$600 for a plastic and fiberglass cover for toilets on its P-3 submarine-hunting airplanes.

The primary contractor of the plane, the Lockheed Corp., says it has determined it overcharged the Pentagon by only about \$85 per cover last year and that the correct price is \$554.78 each.

The Pentagon's acknowledgement came after Sen. William S. Cohen, R-Maine, said during a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee that he had heard reports of a \$600 toilet seat on the P-3 and that such a purchase "gives new meaning to the word 'throne.'"



"AIRBORNE ENGINEERS OR NOT, I STILL DON'T SEE HOW THEY DO IT."

FEEDBACK

Just in -- BOB BENNETT, a retired light colonel, who served with the 21st only for "a bit in '42". He's at 98-1269 Neki, Aiea, HI. He and Aileen are selling real estate. He met ED ROBINSON on the Arizona Memorial. Bob's father, Col. Clair R. Bennett is Secy. Treas. to the Soldier's Home, Washington.

Readers write

JESSE and Daisy FOSTER report that Mildred WAGGONER is recovering slowly from the fire. Her bruises were especially severe. We're all pulling for you, Millie.

Inquiry from RICHARD L. AMEY, of RD 1, Box 121, McAlisterville PA. He was 19th in '51-'52. Heard about us through another 24th'er -- didn't say who. Anyhow-- Presto -- Dick Amey is a member of our select little group.

T A P S

Sadly do we report the death, on Nov. 2, 1984, of Dr. WALTER L. REHM, (34th '43-'46), of 481 S. Fourth, Ste. Genevieve, MO. Walt was active in many of the community's affairs and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Chapter 1037, the Lions Club and V.F.W. Post No. 2210.

He was a member of the Missouri Dental Association. A World War II veteran, Dr. Rehm served with the 24th Medical Battalion as dental officer with the rank of captain.

Dr. Rehm was born Jan. 5, 1917, in Chester IL, a son of the late Leo R. and Harriet Adelaide Schaaf Rehm.

He was married to the former Nell Sucher on Aug. 29, 1940, at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. Jesuit Father Francis J. O'Hron performed the ceremony.

Survivors include his wife and two children, Walter L. Rehm Jr. of Atlanta and Ann (Mrs. Richard) Bahr of St. Louis. Also surviving are three brothers and sisters, Yvonne McNiff of St. Louis, John J. Rehm of St. Louis and Helen D. Rehm of Kansas City and five grandchildren.

Life Member LEW AHNERT, (B 13th F '43-'45), of Box 54, Lyons IN, has, with greatest sorrow, reported the death of his beloved, Mary -- on Dec. 23rd last. Wrote Lew: "I can't tell you how much she enjoyed our get-togethers - at Pittsburgh and at Louisville. She was always full of life and fun. I shall treasure her memory."

Dennis CHAMPION, son of JIM and Betty, (A 13th F '41-'45), of 622 Euclid, Erie, PA, drowned Nov. 30th, while scuba diving in northern California. Age 36. Besides his good parents, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. Fred (Elizabeth) Pollard of Lawrence Park PA and a niece and a nephew. We have extended the sympathies of each of us to the saddened Jim and Betty.

Cleada HANLIN, the beloved mother of our own CLIFFORD "CG" HANLIN, passed away on January 20th. She died in a Clearwater, FL hospital, having made her winter home with CG. Her husband, Clifford Garfield Hanlin died in 1965. For years she operated Hanlin's Flower Shop in Elwood IN. Additional to CG, she is survived by another son, Robert, of Largo FL, a daughter, Mrs. William J. (Marie) Durr, of Elwood, a sister, 10 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Deceased: Helen, the beloved wife of JIM H. HUNT, (Hq. & Hq. 3rd Bn., 21st, '49-'51), of 1301 - 47th Ave., N.E., St. Petersburg FL. This sad news came to us via their good friend, HOWARD LUMSDEN. Lum reports that Helen suffered through several terminal months with cancer. Wrote Lum: "Helen was a devoted Army wife. She and Jim served for over 27 years. She will be sorely missed. All who knew her loved her."

Deceased: ROBERT MASLICH (E 19th '46-'48), of 265 Maple, Christiansburg VA. He is survived by his widow, Jean, and daughters Jean Ann and Mary Ann. Wrote HOWARD LUMSDEN: "My very good friend, BOB MASLICH, passed away on Oct. 9th, just a few hours after a massive heart attack at the Shawsville VA High School which he principaled. Bob and I were long-time friends, having been fellow platoon sergeants in E of the 19th at Beppu. News of his passing came to me from his beloved Jean. I shall miss him dearly."

MARTIN and Mary Louise WIGLESWORTH of Rt. 2, Cynthiana KY, report the death of MURL GIBSON (C 19th) last May 9th. Gibby was Sgt. and Barman in C 19th from Australia to Mindanao.

Life Member EARL "Spud" COKER, (C 21st, 4/41-6/45), of Collinsville AL, passed away Nov. 22, 1984, leaving his beloved wife, Irene, daughter, Barbara Woods, 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren. Irene thanked us for our floral tribute with words that went: "It's all been so hard for me to accept. Please remember me in your prayers." We assured her that we would.

Sadly do we report the decease of HERMAN E. COWEE in Kaiser Hospital, Sacramento CA. Herman was JESSE FOSTER's old battalion sergeant major, 2nd Bn. 19th back in Wahoo. Jesse finally saw Herman in September after hunting for him for months. Said Jesse, "He was a great soldier with a tremendous heart of gold."

As we go to press, LEE LIST reports the death of PERCY A. DICKINSON (C 21st '41-'44). The date of death is uncertain. Lee was B 21st and Percy was C 21st. They went to Wahoo on the same boat and came home on the same boat.