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To Start With...

Poor old Mort Walker, the father of the BB foolishness has known adversity before. For years the women folks have been taunting him about the mammaliferous Miss Buxley. Stay tuned; there's more.



May 25, 1988

"Letters" Department
Army Times
6881 Commercial Drive
Springfield, VA 22159

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing regarding the May 23, 1988 issue of Army Times. This issue contains a "Beetle Bailey" cartoon by Mort Walker which I find, as a woman and military veteran, very offensive.

Army Times has done a commendable job reporting on issues of concern to servicemembers today (see AT, 5/23/88 "San Sex-Oriented, On-Base Shows, Panel Says" article).

I feel that it's disturbing that you see nothing wrong in perpetuating misogynistic attempts at "humor."

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Tricia Critchfield
Tricia Critchfield, USAF 2Lt. (Ret.)
175 Fifth Ave., #808
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P.S. Cartoon at issue is enclosed



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Mort Walker: Unbowed by It All

Mort Walker

Studio Court, Stamford, Connecticut 06903

The Editor
Army Times
6883 Commercial Drive
Springfield, Va. 22159

Dear Editor:

One last thing about all the nonsense regarding Beetle Bailey and whether or not the strip contains ideas offensive to women.

Something bothered me about the letter from retired 2Lt. Tricia Critchfield and I went back and re-read it. I had only skimmed it before, but now I found what was nagging at me, aside from 2Lt. Critchfield herself.

It was her phrase "...perpetuating misogynistic attempts at humor." Me, misogynistic? Or Killer, in the strip that offended her? My dictionary indicates that the word refers to a hatred or distrust of women. Hardly the case with me or Killer.

I love women, of all ages, if they're nice people; and if they are lovely to look at, so much the better. Women, like men, can be beautiful at all ages, in all kinds of different ways. Killer, a young man, is particularly attracted to lovely young women, and that's the way it should be, and always has been. If it were not so, the human race would be in big trouble. So I don't think watching young women swimming through the water in brief attire, admiring their grace and physical form is an evil thing to do. It's what we all do when we attend the ballet.

Perhaps the next time the good Lieutenant takes pen in hand, it will be with a dictionary in the other hand and a goodly portion of that intuition at the ready which the members of her sex are so noted for.

Yours ever cordially,

Mort



Life Member RALPH BALESTRIERI (C & Sv. 13th FA, 3rd Bn. 19th FO, 11/50-6/51) of 41 Rose, Eatontown NJ 07724, fresh from welcoming into the world a new grandson, speaks out on Jane Fonda:

"It is patently obvious Jane Fonda 'apologized' because it is beginning to cost her money. She showed no remorse for her actions.

"She may not have committed treason, but she sure could be charged with sedition. Certainly, she went further than dissent.

"I did not spend two wars in front-line combat for anyone's freedom to violate constitutional laws of this country. Hanoi Jane was very selective in her apology. She did not apologize to me or my family - or all the other true U.S. citizens. And what does she care about the million Cambodians she helped to kill?"



Generals all -- TAYLOR, VAUGHT and NEWMAN as PH's camera caught them.



A dandy Hostetter photo bringing together - wait - wanna guess? --- give up? Try NICK SLOAN, KERMIT BLANEY and ED FARMER -- Gimlets all.

Will the BSM story ever end? BILL BOYDEN (H & S, 3rd Eng. '49-'51) writes us from 31 Cedar, Taunton MA (Taunton, by the way, is FRED IRVING's home town): "On the Bronze Star Story, I was assigned to the personnel section when word came down, no written order, that the Division Commander would be pleased to okay any written citation for any G.I. who had served from 2 Jul 50 to Nov 50, who had not received any other awards, and who had not been in any kind of trouble. At least three sergeants in the section started to type up the citations and general orders and spent several days and nights doing that. Not everyone in the battalion received a BSM."

Newly arrived. Let's all give a nice round of applause to Lt.Col. RICHARD A. ROWLANDS, JR. Dick and Betty are at 4440 S. Poplar, Casper WY. He was G-3, Div.Hq. 9/49-8/51.



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Walker — "They want the world stripped of all sexuality."

A short note from DON CARPENTER out in Vancouver WA -- 6701 NE 70th St. - reads "If there is a mailing list of any kind I would appreciate my name being included. I served with the 52nd FA Bn., from '43 - '46. I was stationed in New Guinea, Philippines and Japan. My battery commander was Captain Scott and Battalion Commander was Major Black."

We'll see if this rings a bell with any 52nd Field man, Don. If it does we hope he'll ring your bell - 206-694-7327.

Nearly three-fourths of the Filipinos surveyed in a recent poll favored keeping strategic US military bases in their country.

In the poll, 74 percent of those surveyed want to retain the American military bases in the Philippines beyond 1991, when a treaty governing the facilities expires.

The survey also shows that Aquino enjoys widespread popularity, with an approval rating of 73 percent, two years after she took power in a civilian-backed military revolt that ousted president Ferdinand E. Marcos.

We heard about a teenage girl who has been trying to run away from home for months, but every time she gets to the front door, the phone rings.

When you talk, use a grain of sugar. When you listen, use a grain of salt.



Golly, if you could only see this one in its true colors. It's a beauty. Now don't get carried away. We would remind you that Kodachromes are No-No's with us - only black on white, or white on black.

Anyway read what good JIM HILL of 3224 Wakefield, Decatur, GA 30034, wrote when he sent in the picture: "A belated thanks for an outstanding reunion in Savannah. This was the first one for Sue and me, but certainly will not be our last. We not only met several old friends from our 19th days but made many new ones. Here's a photo of Sue and I at the Luau - before we ate all that food. Thanks again for a most enjoyable three days - you're appreciated by many."

Nice words, Jim and Sue - gratefully acknowledged.

**Have You
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Rolling in the aisles

Want more on the "Get Rid of Beetle Bailey" business?

Mort Walker, by the way, was in on the problem from the very start. He offered no apologies.

"I think there are some feminists out there who want to wipe men off the face of the earth," Walker said bluntly of those who grumble that his comic is rife with sexist stereotypes. "They want the world stripped of all sexuality."

To critics who say characters like the booby Beetle and the philandering General Halftrack ridicule soldiers in today's image-conscious Army, Walker responded: "I'm not trying to portray today's Army. I'm drawing about funny people. They just happen to be in the Army."

Walker said in a telephone interview from Greenwich, CT, that he is not anti-woman, as Critchfield's letter charges. "All my male characters are dopes. There are no handsome efficient males," he says. "But I never hear any complaints about that."

"It's the kind of thing that comes up continually," he said of the criticism. "I've got a drawer full of these kinds of protests. I've got some letters that are absolutely violent. They want me to quit, hide my head and leave the country."

"I'm not out crusading for a better world. I'm just showing what happens in it...I'm a reporter, not a crusader."

Many of Walker's negative letters disapprove of the female characters -- the buxom and brainless Miss Buxley and the professional but plain Miss Blips.

Quite a few people must enjoy "Beetle Bailey," the cartoonist argues. Circulated in 1800 newspapers, it is one of the most widely read comics in the world.

Walker, 63, said most of the characters in "Beetle Bailey" are based on people he knew as an Army officer during World War II. He was in charge of a camp for German prisoners-of-war in Naples.

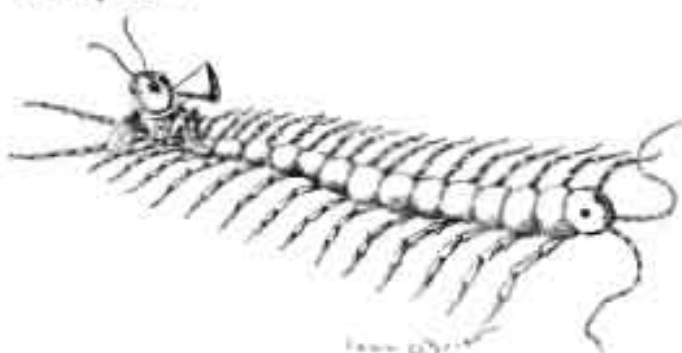
Doncha love it? Stay with us; there's more.

Just joined: JOHN PAUL "Pee Wee" HARTUNG, (F 21st 1/40-8/44) of Box 202, Cary NC. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers him. We'll give it a go, Pee Wee. Love your given name, Pee Wee; sounds very ecclesiastical.

Moved: ORVILLE W. ELIE (13th F & 52nd F '40-'45) from Somonauk, IL to 23 Chrissy Dr., RR 1, Sandwich IL.



It's not "new"; it's 40 years ago. Today a campus policeman (Univ. of MO at St. Louis); then, third from left, a guzzler of Suntori beer at Beppu, Japan. Time is '48 and DON JABLONSKI (D 19th '48-'50) is hosting, left to right, HAMBURGER, ALVARAZ, Don himself, JAMES, RIPETTO and ECKERT to some of Nippon's finest brew. Don's at 7630 Hazelcrest, Hazelwood MO today. We count 7 bottles on the table and 3 in the hands of the guzzlers, including his nibs. That makes 10. That makes 2 apiece. Was that the limit, Don?



Dare we go to press without one of our photographer's favorite lady, Helen HOSTETTER, this time in a pose with HARRY. and Frances MAYS. Thanx for this one, Phil.

TO SEE, OR NOT TO SEE?

So what did Army Times do? It asked its readers, "Should we continue to publish Beetle Bailey or should we discharge him? Should Beetle, Sgt. Snorkel, Gen. Halftrack, Miss Buxley, Cookie, Lt. Fuzz and the others of Camp Swampy go? Is Mort's humor outdated and insulting?" The readers were invited to decide on whether Beetle stayed or should go.



Outgoing President, DON ROSENBLUM (Div.Hq. '76-'78), fair and freckled, with a shock of red hair and eyes blue as gumdrops, was up-and-at-'em everywhere during our 3-day sojourn. Beautiful job, well done, Don. You may not appreciate it but Don doubled in brass this year -- he was Convention Chairman too. And that ain't easy -- though Don was aided and abetted by wonderful Laura who shared the work and the glory and the heat that goes "with the territory". Thank you Laura and Don.

JESSE FOSTER asks: "Anybody remember old HI-JEAN? She was always at those Army medical films".

ON MY MIND

FRANKIE WILCZAK (24th QM '58-'59-Germany) gets kudos for this delightful contribution. Told you the Germany gang was coming alive. Frank, by the way, uses 224 Shanley, Cheektowaga, NY, for his mail drop. He calls it "Signs of Age". Read it and weep:

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You feel like the night after when you haven't been anywhere.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

You are 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, and 96 around the golf course.

You burn the midnight oil until 9:00 p.m.

Your back goes out more often than you do.

Your pacemaker raises the garage door when you see a pretty girl go by.

The little gray haired lady you help across the street is your wife.

You get your exercise acting as pallbearer for friends who exercise.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

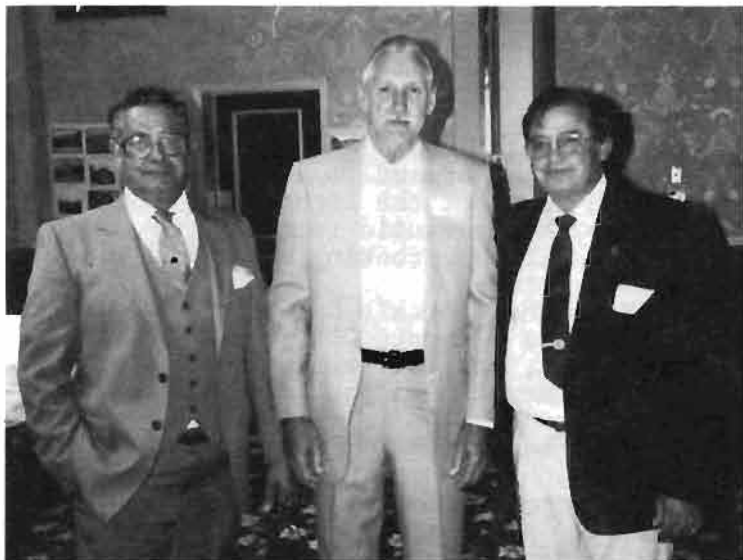


"Look, Sarge, the little pin came loose."

Bost

BREAK THE SOUND BARRIER.

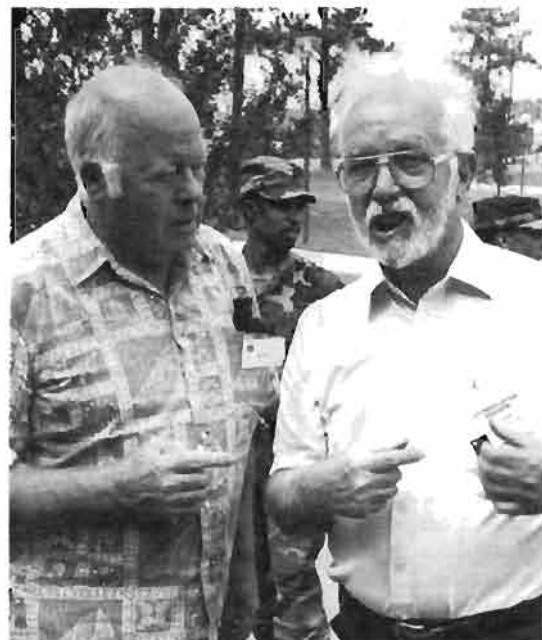
So Army Times put the Beetle Bailey question out to its readers. They were asked to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question: "Should Army Times Keep Beetle Bailey?" Stay with us. There's more!



Following our Savannah Fiesta, some of the 34th men continued on with their revelries at the Ramada downtown. For instance EUGENE HAWK (L Co. '50), WALTER BRAY (Hv.Mtr.Co. '50) and TONY APODACO (L Co. '50).



A couple of the serious ones - at the 34th's Ramada party last Oct. 2nd -- WARREN AVERY (L 34th '50) and GEORGE WILLIAMS (21st). Gimlet George, how'd you get in?



President BOB ENDER has just learned that JOE DAWSON is suffering from CRS and is telling Joe what he himself has found will help to cure it. A Hostetter photo.



"Me an' the whole company could go home if we had your age in points!"

Spotted in the Army Times:

GREENE, Sp4 Michael, stationed in 1979-80 with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 19th at Stewart; or anyone knowing his whereabouts. Contact Sgt. Willie Jackson, HHD 57th USAAG, APO NY 09078.

MVP for our sojourn at the Sheraton Savannah? GIL HAEBERLIN, No question about it.



Your Buddies
Are Waiting
To Hear
About You!

Some voters' comments

HE SHOULD STAY

"If you get rid of 'Beetle Bailey,' you get rid of me too — after 40 years. This is a great cartoon." — **Brig. Gen. F.J. Roberts, Fayetteville, N.C.**

"If 'Beetle Bailey' goes, I'll come ... challenge you to a fight." — **Maj. (Ret.) Jim Hess, Tucson, Ariz.**

"Voting to retain 'Beetle' in *Army Times* is like voting for motherhood and apple pie. To vote against 'Beetle' is absolutely un-American." — **Anonymous, Richmond, Va.**

"*Army Times* is not the *Ladies Home Journal*." — **William Twitty, Metairie, La.**

"'Beetle Bailey' is sexist, the Army is sexist, life is sexist. So what?" — **J.S. Frank, Youngstown, Ohio**

"Keeping with the Special Forces motto — *de oppresso liber* — we support Beetle Bailey anytime, anywhere, anyhow." — **22 members of Special Operations Detachment, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.**

"Beetle must stay. He and all the other characters at Camp Swampy are a tradition, a tradition in which every soldier from private to general can see a little bit of himself." — **Sgt. Maj. Thomas Adderley, Worcester, Mass.**

"This is an institution we're talking about." — **R.D. McGee, Columbus, Miss.**

"Anyone with half a brain knows he [artist Mort Walker] doesn't depict the real Army anymore than Snoopy is a real dog." — **Anonymous, Columbus, Ga.**

HE SHOULD GO

"I have recently let my subscription lapse and will consider re-starting if 'Beetle' goes." — **J. Medve, Newburgh, N.Y.**

"'Beetle Bailey' encourages laziness, promotes lack of exercise in being overweight and insults the female soldier. He should be removed from all publications." — **Anonymous**

Out of the mouths of ROY & Mary Ellen POWERS comes this notice for all Co. L Gimlets and "Attached Personnel". Everyone else go about your business. The envelope, please:

"Each and everyone of you is invited to attend Reunion 30 + 9 which will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott, Brookfield, Wisconsin on 8 June '89 through 11 June '89. Rates are \$65.00 per night plus 5%, (down from the normal \$90.00). Rooms will not be held after 15 May '89. Additional information will be sent. **PLAN NOW!**"

Golly, those Gimlets sure plan early! More power to 'em.

Roy Powers, by the way, is at 21405 Birdseye Ln., Waukesha, WI 53186.

Odd, wasn't it, that the Dona Marilyn, the passenger ship, went down off Mindoro. It was running from Manila to Tacloban. Typhoon Ruby was blamed for this one. Only 143 survivors out of "more than 500". On Dec. 20, 1987, the Dona Paz sank in about the same spot. She, too, was making the Tacloban-Manila run. Over 3000 lost. They never had a complete list of the lost. Many were not on the manifest.

BOB KELLY and TONY APODACA proudly display "our" flag before the San Pedro, CA parade got underway last Veterans Day.

Gathering over 700 people together isn't a snap. But when you can assemble them in one hall, the result is an "inspirin' gatherin'" as PAUL AUSTIN put it.

Trouble was, we planned on our usual 500 -- and had made hotel arrangements accordingly. The Sheraton could have handled the crowd nicely -- but, like Topsy, we grew during the preceding 12 and we were betwixt that rock and the hard place.

Nevertheless, in spite of the crowding into 3 hotels, miles apart, it was a celebration of Taro Leafers, and as more than one member expressed it, "It was one heck of a party." Amen.

Promise. We'll all gather next time under one roof. Promise!!

Vice President, TOM UPTON, a graduate of CAS and now working on his Bachelor's Degree at Fordham, has already been honored by being elected into the honorary society, Alpha Sigma Lambda.



Battle of Beetle Bailey: His friends blitz his foes

How'd the voting go?

The First Battle of Bull Run. The Leyte Landing. The Pusan Perimeter Defense. Alexander's Defeat of the Persians. And then the Skirmish Around Beetle Bailey.

No one figured on a military rout for lopsidedness.

Sure, we expected a vote of confidence for the gang -- but a margin of 2930 to 101? Eureka!!

And so, thank fortune, Beetle Bailey stays with Army Times -- and Mort has a last word.

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THANKS FOR YOUR VOTE TO KEEP US
IN THE ARMY TIMES!



Dr. PHIL HOSTETTER is not our only photographer. Here's a sampling of the artistry of JIM HARTMAN (724 Ord. '43-'45) of 2775 Sutton, Kettering OH 45429. It's of JOHN "Bob" SHAY and Lt.Gen. DON ROSENBLUM holding the WILLIAM J. VERBECK Bowl which had just been awarded to the deserving Bob.

RON MAWLEY of 1129 Baver, Eau Claire WI writes: "I realize the space in your magazine is short, but I'd like to have you mention that I'm interested in hearing from any former members of K 34th or F 21st in the years '50-'51 who served in Sasebo or Korea.

"If they'd like to contact me they can phone collect. My phone number is 715-834-0282."

There you are Ron. It's a pleasure.

EDDIE ROBINSON is serving Prexy. BOB ENDER as chairman of the 50th anniversary at PH. Eddie's at 605 Truman Hwy., Hyde Park MA in the happy event you have any input.

Winston Churchill was once criticized by a colleague for ending a sentence with a preposition.

He replied, "That is precisely the sort of arrant pedantry up with which I will not put."

THE EX FACTOR

After the vote was in, a Sgt. McElroy (female) mailed in to Army Times a scorching letter about Mort Walker's Beetle Bailey strip. We've decided not to give it space here. You can just imagine its contents anyway. "Women-haters," "sexist catharsis", etc., etc. Read on.



LACY G. BARNETT (Med. 34th '50), holds forth at the 34th's private party at the Ramada in Savannah. We have Lacy to thank for all of these wonderful shots.



34th'ers all - at the Ramada Inn gathering in Savannah - last Oct. 2nd -- Lt.Col. DAVID SMITH (3rd Bn. '50), EUGENE HAWK (1. '50) and ROBERT HAMILTON (Hq. '50).

Don't try to have it all. Where would you put it?

NAME THAT REGISTERS

JIM DEVER, a photo editor, was Div.Hq. and D 19th 1/51-11/51. He's at 625 Olympia, Pittsburgh PA. He writes a delightful letter which we are thrilled to quote:

"Please find my dues and another \$10 for the Division Assn. Also please find a check to you - it's to buy a drink.

"Frankly, I think the paper is fine - and I base my judgment on some 40 years in the newspaper field. If you run out of stories I'm including one I wrote while I was with the 21st in March of '51.

"When Blackshear Bryan arrived, he was dismayed to learn only two divisions were fighting, the Marines and the First Cav. He also learned both those Divisions had one writer and one photographer attached to each company.

"He combed the Division and came up with three writers, myself, John Quinn and Ted Paev and attached each of us to a regiment.

"If you can use the story, okay."

Great, Jim, only you didn't include the story. You send; we'll publish.

Incidentally, Jim's stationery includes this little logo which we like.



WHAT'S NEW

BOBBY DEWS (E 21st '50-'51) of Box 302, Edison GA 31746, made Savannah and we were delighted. He has missed our last 2 or 3 parties. Bobby's the author; he's been writing books almost since they invented popcorn. Bobby publishes too -- under the name, Rebel Books, Box 302, Edison GA. Bobby, how about a list of your writings. We've got a few members who are asking.

Jane Fonda's videotapes are banned at the Groton CT submarine base retail store.



May we add our own "two-cents worth" - make that "five" - on Sgt. McElroy's over-reacting letter on the Beetle Bailey continuance. The dear sergeant displays a rather myopic perspective. BB is a delightful caricature of Army life. It's fun! Why get sore about it? If it's that offensive, just don't read it.

Each of the BB characters is a wild exaggeration, the very essence of comic art.

You didn't see any general officer berating Mort Walker for making BG Halftrack the simpleton that he is. Now there's a stumble-bum, third degree.

Oh, sure, Patton once got touchy about Mauldin's Willie and Joe - and said so - loud and clear - and in turn was himself ridiculed for making such an expletive of himself.

And who remembers old Ben Lear when he punished the marching troops for yahooping at a passing beauty?

The sergeant's letter smacks of the same literary license she accuses Walker of using - utter exaggeration.

Characterizing the 2930 voters for BB as "women-haters" is ridiculous. Calling the shapely Ms. Buxley as sexist catharsis is the very product of a cathartic action. Two-to-one McElroy's curves can't even come close to matching Buxley's.

If a soldier can't make a joke out of Army life once in awhile, he/she should adjust his/her perspective.

One should be able to take a caricature with grace and not react with an over-generalized, emotional diatribe.

Go back to work, sergeant - and stop your yapping. Enough of your perturbations!!

A shopkeeper put \$27 electric shavers on sale for \$15. The next day an enterprising competitor across the street hung a big sign in his window: WE REPAIR \$15 ELECTRIC SHAVERS.

A thought from DAVE BIBBY, of 40 Hillside, Verona NJ: "Even after 43 years, a day never passes, that I don't think of an incident, a person or a place, that is locked forever in my memories, because of the time I spent in Co. E 34th '41-'45. I was in that same company my entire army career."

Your Buddies Are Waiting To Hear About You!

When a pedestrian was bumped by a car in a busy intersection, a woman passing by rushed to his aid. As she bent over the victim, a man stepped forward and pushed her aside. "Step back, please," he said. "I've had a course in First Aid."

The woman watched him for a few moments, then tapped him on the shoulder. "When you get to the part about calling a doctor," she said, "I'm already here."



They turned out for the San Pedro CA Veterans Day parade. The "they"? In the crouched positions, l. to r. - TOM TUCKER, President BOB ENDER and GERMAN REYES. Standing: BOB KELLY and TONY APODACA in full regalia. It was the hard slugging Tony who engineered this one -- for which deepest thanx, Tony. There's a bit of sadness that goes with this picture. Prexy Bob, wrote this note which arrived with the picture: "German Reyes called me the day before the parade and said he finally traced down the man who was his sergeant, and with whom he shared a fox hole during most of the Korean fighting, BOB JOHNSON. Then I had to break the sad news about Bob's passing a few days ago. German was so looking forward to being reunited with Bob after all these years."

Ah -- 'twas too little and too late!! Sad.

...What.....do.....
...you.....think?

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BILL and Lois MULLINS - Lois surprised Bill with a Life Membership at our Saturday Banquet. Well anyway as they were driving home, a fellow, by name, JOHN CONLON (K 19th '38-'41) of 605 Gale, Athens LA, spotted the Taro Leaf in the windshield of the Mullins' car -- and bingo. You know the rest.

Contributors to the Korean War Memorial Fund: WALLACE F. KUHNER, BENNY MASHAY, ROBERT J. HUNKELE and, of course, our Association. Contributions can go direct to The American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington DC 20314.

Judge, chatting with a friend: "The trouble with being a judge is that you deal with the dregs of society."
Friend: "Yes and their clients too."

Asking you what you think is hardly fair -- especially if you haven't ever read "Corregidor" by Lt.Gen. E.M. Flanagan, Jr. It was published by Presidio Press, Novata, CA in case you want to order a copy. Great coverage of the '45 recapture in which our very own, the late Lt.Col. EDWARD M. POSTLETHWAIT and his 3rd Bn. 34th and A of the 1/34th shine. By all means, if you were one of the participants, you'll want a copy on your library shelf. If you don't want to spring for \$18.95, drop us a line and we'll loan you our copy. Gen. Flanagan has done a superb job with this, his third book.

The Secret of His Success

Clipped from an Ann Landers column:

"Dear Ann Landers: I was surprised to see the letter asking about the meaning of the phrase, 'Feed it to Sweeney.' This story might be of interest.

"An American soldier was a German prisoner of war. The POWs had permission to write to their families but were advised that strict censorship would prevail and any letter that hinted at negative comment about their treatment would not be forwarded.

"One soldier wrote, in effect, that they were treated with consideration, had comfortable quarters and excellent food. He concluded, 'I cannot emphasize enough how well we are treated. I want you to tell this to all our friends, but I particularly want you to tell it to Sweeney.'

"Obviously the censor-interpreter was untutored in American idioms. The soldier's letter was received at home. -- Jan Martin, Santa Rosa, CA."

"Dear Jan: Thanks for a fascinating letter that is sure to revive some great war stories."

ANGELO MARCHESI (52nd F '41-'42) of 4 Stoneham, Woburn MA, has found PHILIP LUCAS (A 63rd F '41-'45) of 149 Burget, Medford MA and has recruited him. Ange went to Colorado Springs for the 25th Div. reunion. He tells us what we already know - the 25th wants us to join them on Wahoo in 12/91. We're working on it, Ange.

Stamp Out Kiwis -- the fruit, not the bird.

AGONY COLUMN

Agony is right.

We have CHARLEY and Martha CARD, (B 34th '44-'46) of 12107 Waldemar, Houston TX, to thanj for this bit of trivia. It's a report on what different airlines fork out (get it?) to feed each of their passengers. They say that major airlines spend an average of \$4.36 to feed each passenger, with Pan Am spending out the most at \$6.62 per person - while US Air pays the least at \$1.99. Here's what other airlines spend on passenger meals: United, \$5.68; American, \$5.50; TWA, \$5.36; Delta, \$4.28; Northwest, \$4.25; Continental, \$3.70; Eastern, \$3.31, and Piedmont, \$2.56.

Thanx Charley - Martha too.



Dorothy and STANLEY GROSS and JACK and Mary HILLMAN pose for Phil before the Saturday night banquet begins.

NUMBER ONE WITH THE TOUGHEST CRITICS IN THE WORLD.

What in the devil is the plural of poetess? We give up. Anyway, they're springing up like weeds. HERB KINGSBURY's beloved Ethel (they're C 34th '43-'45), and hang out at 1368 Evergreen, Schenectady NY) asks if we can find a "spot in Taro Leaf for my poem". (Emily Dickinson, stop worrying!) Here's your "spot", Ethel; you're on:

RAINBOW ISLAND

by Ethel Kingsbury

We will stay on Rainbow Island
Where the stars that seem to glisten
just for you and me
Where our love will be so great and free
Where the sun still shines
and the raindrops fall
To create a rainbow - that encircles the
sky
Where the sun will set in splendor
With a vivid, vibrant hue
But, best of all -
I will always be in love with you.



Helen and MIKE SCOTTO, Donna Wicks, LaWanda HEABERLIN and Don HEABERLIN. Didn't trim you down, Don. You were at the very edge of Phil's photo. Same for you Helen. Sorry, Phil, we're tossing this brick to you.



Writes RON MAWBY (K 34th & F 21st '50-'51) of 1129 Bayer, Eau Claire WI. That's Ron up there with his lovely bridge, Betty): "I realize the space is short, but I'd like you to say that I'm interested in hearing from any former members of K 34th or F 21st in the years '50 or '51 who served either in Sasebo or Korea. If they'd like to contact me by phone, they can call collect. My phone number is 715-834-0282. Thank you."

Ron, old friend, your wish is our command.

Being a frog isn't as bad as it seems. Whenever anything bugs them, they eat it.

FROM THE CROWS NEST

We're waiting to hear from you . . .

Wonderful Letters: from SEL MANN (K 5th RCT '50) of 5456 Gordon, Orange Park FL. "I can't begin to tell you how great it was to be with the greatest guys in the world in Savannah in September. It was my first; hopefully it'll not be my last"...from ARNOLD ROSE (L 19th '51-'52), of 53 E. Sherry, Trotwood OH: "I'm glad to say that Flora and I thoroughly enjoyed the goings-on in Savannah. Looking forward to another"...from ALLAN LEBRUN (G 19th) of 7241 Bridgewood, Baltimore MD: "Joan and I enjoyed the reunion very much and intend to make it a yearly activity".



Past Prexy and Banquet Toastmaster WALLY CUNNINGHAM (Div.Hq. '41-'45) of 2828 Maryland Av., Baltimore MD 21218 is telling someone about the story which broke while we were at Savannah. Seems Gen. SAM S. WALKER, (19th '50-'51), Supe of Virginia Military Institute, 412 VMI Parade, Lexington VA 24450, has announced that he is stepping down. AP had the story on the wire services.

JOE MCKEON makes sense, as always. He says that if we go to Wahoo for the 12/7/91 festivities (though just what in ---- we'll be CELEBRATING fifty years after the fact completely escapes us). We ought to be figuring ALSO on some other festivities here on the mainland for those who for some reason will not have gone to the "---- Rock". Good thinking, Joe.

17th Airborne Division Assoc. sold raffle tickets at its August reunion in St. Paul -- 19,704 of them as a matter of fact. The prize was a 1988 Pontiac Sunbird Sedan (\$16,742.21). Think we could dare to pull off something as gargantuan. Once you start, it's almost implicit that you go through with it. Maybe we'd best try a raffle of a piece of Waterford Crystal first? Any ideas out there?



"Now relax and tell me about these headaches you've been experiencing since you walked across the target range."



The very delightful Clarys (Mrs. ARTHUR) KEMP and our friendly Chaplain JOE HOFRICHTER as seen through a Hostetter lens.



'Oh, the SAM WALKER story -- he was 19th '50-'51, don't forget -- well this is a copy of the AP release.

VMI superintendent cites falling-out

By The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Gen. Sam S. Walker, superintendent of Virginia Military Institute since 1981, says his previously announced decision to step down at the end of the year stemmed from a falling-out with the head of the school's governing board.

Walker, 63, said he had planned to leave VMI soon, anyway. He said his \$101,266-a-year job has been wearing him out and that he had completed all the projects the board assigned him when he was hired.

He told the Roanoke Times & World-News in a story published yesterday that "curt and abrupt" remarks by Board of Visitors President Joseph Spivey III made to him in a June letter prompted him to decide to leave this year.

Spivey, a Richmond lawyer who graduated from VMI in 1957, refused to discuss the letter but said he did

not intend to offend Walker or hasten his resignation.

Spivey said Walker has "done an excellent job for us," crediting the retired four-star Army general with raising money for facilities, adding academic degree programs and supporting the military honor system.

The dispute between Walker and Spivey grew out of correspondence about a new standing committee of the board of visitors. The committee was created June 11 to deal with the question of whether to do away with a requirement that VMI graduates enter the military if they are offered commissions by any service.

The board has always voted to keep the policy, but a sizable faction of VMI's alumni has pushed to get rid of it. They say the policy scares off applicants — particularly athletes and those interested in pursuing graduate study after VMI.

VMI's official mission is to train "citizen-soldiers" who are "prepared for the varied work of civil life" and are ready to defend their country "in time of national peril."

Walker, a strong supporter of mandatory commissioning, said he wrote to Spivey after the June 11 meeting seeking information on what the new committee was supposed to consider.

Walker showed Spivey's four-paragraph reply to a reporter and said he was particularly offended by a sentence that reads: "I think that you would do yourself an injustice if you allow your personal views on the matter to become ensnared with the board's decision to continue to review the mandatory commissioning policy."

"I thought that was a little curt and abrupt," Walker said. "You get something like that and you just say, 'Well ... to heck with it.'"



Gen. Sam S. Walker said "to heck with it."

Walker said he wrote his letter of resignation a week later.



Banquet head table luminaries as PHIL HOSTETTER has so delightfully captured them here. It's Prexy-just-relieved DON ROSENBLUM, Mary Jane TAYLOR, the CG's gracious lady, and Prexy-just-crowned BOB ENDER.

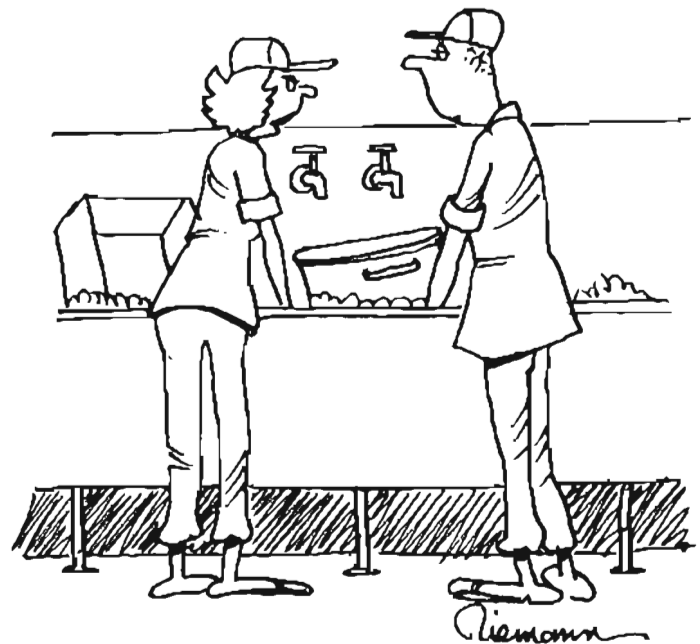
Moved: WENDELL G. ARMOUR (F 5th RCT and I & R Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. 7/50-5/51) was Dallas TX. Now is 11800 Blaesview Dr., #1308, San Antonio TX 78213.

Cryptic note from LESTER JOHNSON (K 21st '51-'53) operating out of a foxhole at 10769 S.Pulaski, Chicago IL. It goes:

"How to win war in Nicaragua -- Import 5000 Afghan freedom fighters and they will clean up the Sandinista Government within a month."

Right on, Les!

Every vacation has at least two good days of weather -- the day you leave and the day you get back.



'We'll get along fine if you'll just stop telling me what a flair I have for this.'

Spotted in Army Times:

CLONTZ, PFC James R., stationed with the 19th Infantry Regiment at Camp Croft, SC, and later to the Philippines where he was killed, any information would be helpful. Contact Donald Holston, Star Rt. 1, Box 2-A, Stephenson MI.

Felicitations to ANDY and Leona "Lee" SCHURLEY (L & Sv. 21st '41-'43) of 58 Sidney, Spotswood NJ. November sees them celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They have Andrea, 38 (we're not supposed to give away a lady's age - sorry) and Gary 33.



JAMES 1:17



Grapevine

Reunion items will be coming in bits and drabs in this and subsequent issues. Trying to hold down the size of each issue for the present. Experimenting, doncha see. Mr. Bush says no increase in taxes; so do we.



It's Laura ROSENBLUM looking as though she has just been promised the latest flavor of the month at Baskin-Robbins. Her sweet smile needs no defrosting -- and the OG is "Pete" TAYLOR, settled down on the Saturday evening of our bash after three glorious days of hard work -- he's as efficient as a surgeon -- looking out for our interests. Thanx, Pete, and thanks Laura. And thanx Doctor Hostetter for capturing this one in black on white.

Editor acknowledges receipt of 3 handsome pewter mugs from Ireland engraved "Ft. Stewart - Organization Day - Oct. 1, 1988". Only problem is that they arrived sans donor's name. Okay, you guys - who? Line forms on the left. They'll make exquisite prizes for our next bash. Thanx, Mr. X!!!

We will long remember what BILL HANSON (H 21st '44-'46) of 2279 W.230th, Torrance CA wrote in his local paper following one of our reunions, not this last one but one a couple of years ago. It went:

If I hadn't known that they would be there, I would have passed them by without a second glance. After all, 40 years is half a lifetime and mental images of them as young men remained as the only means of identification I had.

As I was driving to the hotel, I tried to remember when I had last seen them. I knew that it was somewhere in the Philippines but was it Mindanao, Mindoro or Leyte?

No matter. It was 1945 and that was close enough for now.

It was the first day of the annual reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association and this was the first one that I had attended. Not because I didn't want to go to them, but because I had no idea that they were being held.

During the three days that we spent together, long-forgotten names and places were mentioned and immediately a flood of memories, some good, some bad, sent me back to 1943, 1944 and 1945.

There is a something that sets a reunion such as ours apart from all other reunions. I don't think that I can explain it but it is manifested in each handshake and each "do you remember when?"

We had left our youth in the jungles of New Guinea and on the beaches of the Philippines and when Jan Valtin wrote about us 40 years ago he had called us "The Children of Yesterday."

I wonder what he would call us today?

ERIC DILLER (H 34th '44-'45), caught the item while reading his paper on his front porch at 504 Via La Selva, Redondo Beach CA. Eric never knew of our existence until that letter. Then he became "a believer."

Writes Eric: "Would appreciate a sign of life from any old company buddies. This may wake up one or two, Eric. It's worth the try."

THANK YOU

The effort of the Stewart personnel in our behalf, from the CG Gen. H.G. "Pete" TAYLOR on down was most commendable. All personnel made deep and lasting impressions upon our gang. They were a credit to the Army, to the Division, and to themselves. They were dedicated -- simply outstanding.

Special kudos go to Captain Tina Rice, the coordinator deluxe - for our registration desk, for the Hunter Luau, for the day at Stewart, for, in fact, just about everything.

And her assistants were superb.

Command Sergeant Jack Siggers is owed special credits for being the all-around handyman putting out the bonfires and spotting troubles before they germinated. Thank fortune for the sergeants -- but we've been saying that for 47 years now.

Lt.Col. Mike Honey with his Airport crew was unbelievable in the way they greeted our arrivees -- what more can we possibly say? Unbelievable is our intentionally highest accolade.

Prexy Rosey wrote Peter, after all was said and done, a veridical statement, saying in part:

"Needless to say your presentation along with the band was really great. On a personal note, that was the first time I saw the film clip of the Division reactivation in 1975. It brought back some great memories...I didn't mean to ramble, but to thank you and the 24th Division for making the 41st Convention a truly outstanding endeavor. All of the 'Division Alumni' are grateful.

"THANKS."

CHESTER L. HONOLD, aka C.L. HONOLD, of 1412 Reed, Malvern AR, heard about us "about one hour before the Savannah party." Too late to attend. Regrets. Said, "I've been looking for 37 years for you fellows." And here we are, Chet. He was E 21st and 34th 8/50-11/51. Chet called us and asked if we'd put "a piece in your nice little paper that I'd love to hear from any of my friends." We assured him that this was the name of the game. We hope they ding-a-ling-ding that little old phone right off your wall, Chet.

In which we introduce newly-joined JOHN BRUNET (Korea) of 237 Christina, Luling LA. He just happens to be related to our Membership Chief BOB JOHNSON. He's Bob's sister-in-law's husband's uncle; that's who he is. Clear as mud, Bob.



"Drop that chicken & la king in th' coffee water gentle, Joe - we got a pouch of fruitcake warmin' on th' bottom."

'Tis November -- and the overriding preoccupation of November is wood. The nip in the air warns that winter is surely on the way -- and he who hasn't got his wood in may be out of luck.



The thought of firewood conjures up thoughts of warming blazes in the fireplace while the wind howls like a banshee and the first snow blows down from Canada.

We're writing from our New England azimuth, don't you see -- as we glance toward our friends in the south -- way south.

The thinking of what's to come, while a little sad, is strangely satisfying. Perhaps because, while it's an admission that another summer has long gone, the gathering in and snuggling up expresses the faith, or at least the hope, that there will come, in its season, yet another spring.

As we write, a great hush is broken by the insistent cries of the Canadian geese as they wing their way south in ragged V's. Come on, winter, you son-of-a-gun.

Need a Taro Leaf insignia for your vehicle windshield? We have 'em. DON HINKLE (L 34th '45) of 221 N.Walnut, Philippi WV had one on his - and it caught the eye of Philippi's Chief of Police, GERALD "Bucky" GAINER (24th MP-Korea) of Rt. 2, Philippi. Bucky's now a member. WYATT EARP (honest-to-gosh) spotted Don's car at a pitstop in Ocala FL and joined up. Wyatt was B 34th in Germany; now resides at Box 1866, Silver Springs FL. Take our word for it, gang - that patch in a rear window catches many an eye.



HISTORIAN'S REPORT

A long time ago a concept was born--that the publishing of a History of the Division would generate interest in the Association and give it growth. Initially, the book was to be autobiographical in style, ergo its title - "An Autobiography of a Division" - with each Association member contributing thereto. That plan led only to disaster from the standpoint of contributions - quantitywise and qualitywise.

As a matter of fact, real support of the project, even as of today, is far from encouraging. Only 700 plus of our 2800 membership have indicated support.

And if you haven't supported the project financially, then the whole question today is academic.

During the last 24 months, some 11 or 12 have written in, expressing dissatisfaction or disappointment. In each case, we have politely refunded the monetary contribution. It has seemed the only judicious way to handle such problems.

The truth is that, as matters presently stand, the work of Secretary-Treasurer-Editor-Historian consumes the greater part of my working day, not to mention my evenings and weekends--as well as the prodigious efforts of two gals Friday in my office where I am also dedicated to the business of trying to earn my daily bread.

A neat--and sometimes not so neat--juggling act is continuously involved.

This is offered, not as a complaint--the obvious should be staring you in the face--that I love it--it is offered only to assure you that I am one busy fellow.

The files, thankfully, are replete with statements from members who indicate that they know, and are appreciative. But there are the few!!!!.... usually members who themselves lift not a finger, and in several cases, don't even pay dues. That way lies chutzpah..... It is those few who really "hit me in the belly".

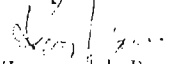
There's irony in the fact that the idea of the book was ours ab initio. We conceived it. The bitter pill appears in the form of the few who assume that we are under a long overdue contractual commitment to conclude that which we started.

We ask only for an understanding that we are already well occupied, not only in the work of the Taro Leaf but also in the work of administering our operation, taking in its receipts, making its disbursements, showing compassion for the bereaved, the sick and wounded, responding to the unbelievable inquiries which run the gamut from A to Z, etc., etc.--all in a bona fide effort to keep this organization from foundering.

This Association has been my family, my love, my life for some 40 years.

I should hate to see it all come to an end with this meeting--but if your patience with me now is totally exhausted, then it shall be so.

Respectfully,



Kenwood Ross
Historian



Marilu and KERMIT BLANEY and "Swede" and Lela NELSON. Love this one, Phil. And if we can't get them all in one issue, we know you'll understand, Doctor H.



One of the Army buses which got us to and from parked in front of the Sheraton Savannah. By the way, LLOYD DALLER (H 21st '51) of 1308 Penn, Harrisburg PA 17102 asks: "Why is it that we drive on the parkway and park on the driveway?" Beats us, Lloyd.



We can't identify the gentleman on the left. But we do recognize GEN. JIM VAUGHT and BG BILL GAGE. A PH snapshot.

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What do you say? Want to go for them? Each represents a familiar phrase, saying or name. (Answers elsewhere in this great magazine.)



TOM COMPERE (Div.Hq. '41-'45) of 1897 Clifton, Highland Park IL, in speaking of the Savannah party said, "In just being here, I'm as happy as a clam at high tide." When PHIL HOSTETTER caught Tom in this one however, he (Phil) said that Tom was sweat-soaked and trembling looking like a kid waiting in front of the principal's desk.



President's Message

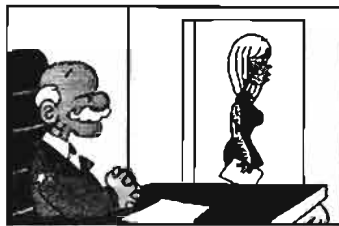
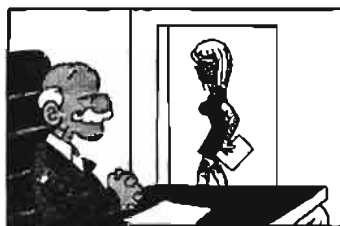
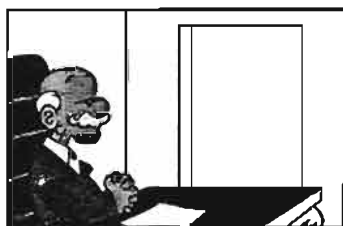
Many thanks for the confidence you members placed in me. My one promise to you is that I will work to the best of my ability for the progress and benefit of this elite and unique association.

SAVANNAH: Our deepest gratitude to Laura and Don Rosenblum for all the time, effort, and just plain hard work, into making this the pinnacle of success of all our reunions. The unexpected and unpredictable overflow crowd caused our affair to develop into a very complex problem of "logistics". Hotel rooms, transportation among hotels, also to and from the airport, as well as to and from Hunter Air Field and Fort Stewart were all well planned. Because of a 50% increase over our average attendance of previous years it was necessary to use "wall stretchers" at our Thursday luau and Saturday banquet, as well as in our hospitality room. Anyhow, everyone had a good time and all left with a smile on their face on Sunday. Thank you Laura and Don!

TO THE 24TH AT FORT STEWART, our beloved Division: For all the hospitality and cooperation in making the facilities available to us for the Thursday luau at Hunter, and the Friday tour, lunch, and live fire power demonstration at the Fort, and for all the transportation, the drivers, the hotel details supplied throughout our visit. To General Pete Taylor and General Bill Paige, and all the officers and men and women of the division who went above and beyond the call of duty to make our stay such a pleasant one, we say "thank you" for a job well done. Capt. Tina Rice had a most efficient and pleasant group handling the registration desk, in addition to other duties, and Sgt. Major Jack Seegar and his group handled the hospitality room in a superb manner. Many thanks to one and all.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! We estimate 100 to 125 attended their first reunion in Savannah with the unanimous comment that they enjoyed seeing their old buddies for the first time in years, and that they will return again next year. I urge these members to come forward and participate in the guidance and management of our organization.

FUTURE REUNIONS: At the Saturday morning meeting of the executive committee Gen. Rosenblum appointed a committee consisting of himself, Warren Avery, Bob Ender and John Klump to work out dates and site selections for the future. We conferred in Savannah and have since discussed situation on the telephone. The committee was given leeway of two weeks before or two weeks after Organization Day, which is October 1st, where best deals could be negotiated, climate, conflicting events, etc., to be considered. It was the consensus of opinion that our reunion be rotated to various parts of the country and,



preferably, to "hub" cities so that our older veterans, especially our beloved disabled members, will not have to change planes and, perhaps, have a much better chance of booking a direct flight. Cities being considered are St. Louis, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver/Colorado Springs, Possibly Tulsa (great rates); then, later, the West Coast (if decent rates are obtainable, which is doubtful); and, when we return to the South, Atlanta and New Orleans. One drawback in each location---we must have someone who will volunteer to be chairman of that particular reunion!! We hope that some of our members will step forward and assume this responsibility. This challenge is especially directed toward those 1,000 new members our great membership^{chairman} has signed up during the past year! Whoever runs these affairs has the backing and support of the past reunion chairmen and the past and present officers. We can help negotiate, lay out programs, supply information of the successes and failures of past ventures and innovations, etc. It is my feeling that any of our business men, and those of you who have had administrative experience, would have no trouble in handling such an assignment. You will find that it will be a very rewarding experience.

REGIONAL REUNIONS: Such get-togethers are occasionally held for certain units or for members in specific areas of the country. These should be scheduled for the Spring of the year (April, May, June) so as not to conflict, nor compete, with our main association reunion in September/October

PEARL HARBOR - 1991: This will be the 50th anniversary of that devastating attack and Eddie Robinson is gathering all the necessary information pertaining to that celebration. About 125 members expressed an interest in attending, and you will be kept informed via the Taro Leaf. Keep in mind that, in all likelihood, this will be primarily a Navy show.

REINLISTMENTS: Upon seeing all those beautiful young gals from the division in uniform several of our gang wanted to sign up for another hitch, but we talked them out of it-----for the good of the Army!!!!

FUTURE HOTEL RATES: We are skating on thin ice in this regard. As you probably realize, \$100 to \$150 a night are the "rack" rates for fine hotels, and we have been fortunate to obtain \$60 rates these last three or four years. The committee will continue to negotiate aggressively, but, our members should be cautioned, we may have to compromise for higher rates if we are to continue to schedule fine hotels in major cities. Our only promise is that we will do our best for you!

Our very loyal member from Buffalo, Vinnie Vella, has pushed for Niagara Falls for the past several years, but the committee was forced to reject the site mainly due to the fact that the facilities are not ample to house all of us under one roof. Two rumbles came out of Savannah, "all under one roof" and "no chow lines", unavoidable in S. due to the unexpected 50% increase in attendance, for which there was no way to compensate.

As your president I hope to take some of the load of correspondence off the shoulders of Ken Ross, soooooo----- if you have any compliments, send them to Ken, any complaints or bitches, send them to me! If there is something important on your mind pertaining to the good of our association, please feel free to write or to call.

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to this prestigious office.

Your fellow Taro Leafer!

Bob



*You're
an
exception
to the
rule*

DAVE L. WILLIAMSON (63rd & 13th Field Korea), of 402 Ashcraft, Cresson PA; says he doesn't remember a 24th Inf. Regt. in Korea. Try the 25th Division Dave. It was an all-black regiment.

STEP INTO MY PARLOR

This from a great pair, Life Member, DON and Imelda "Mel" STROBEL, (I 5th RCT '51-'52), over at 5017 Pine, Cedarburg, WI: "Savannah was a great time. Our trip from Savannah to the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Fiesta was great fun. Six hundred balloons flying at the same time is a sight. Sister and family live in Albuquerque and we had a nice long visit with them. Now leaving for 10 days in California. It'll be business plus seeing our two sons."

We told them that we saw 20 balloons in the air the other day -- and thought that was colorful -- but 600? Wow!!!

Repair Dept.

Have we got a bit of repairing to do here!!!

DELBERT L. CHEEK writes us upon becoming Life Member #858: "Am pleased to know we finally have the 24th Infantry Division Assoc. Sure am looking forward to meeting old friends and comrades at the next meeting."

Del, your use of "finally" bothers us. We've been in existence since Aug. 20, 1945 -- that's over 43 years. Del was L and H & S 5/49-7/51. He's a New York Life underwriter. He and Irene can be reached at Box 127, Gouldsboro, PA. Tel. 717-842-9952.



"I agree, Top -- everybody has a right to be nasty. I just think you're abusing the privilege."

LETTERS **from our readers**

Over at 93rd St., in Medford MA -- where Mike Dukakis is Governor -- JOE REYNOLDS left home one day a couple of weeks ago, wearing a hat which Anne had made for him -- he wore it proudly at Savannah -- Anyway, as Joe says: "I wear it proudly whenever I go shopping; it's how I meet people; it's how I met VINCENT WHITESIDE of 15 Cochato Park, Randolph MA." You guessed it, pal; Vinnie is now in. Thanx, Joe, and thank you, Anne, for making that hat.

GLENN L. OSBORN (34th '43-'45) spotted an item about Division and its Association in the Portland Oregonian. Glenn's at 6455 S.W. Parkhill, Portland OR. He immediately contacted Prexy Bob -- and now we ask you to hail Glenn, our baby member.

May we quote DICK BEARD (B 6th Tank Bn. 19th 7/50-7/51) of 3947 Peachtree, Dallas TX 75227: "Received my life membership plate. I am proud and happy to get it. Also would like to send in another name: HAROLD DAVIS, 8438 Londonderry, Dallas TX 75228. He was 5th RCT '51-'52."

Thanx, Dick. And it looks much like we'll be convening somewhere in the Dallas Fort Worth area next September-October. Almost in your back yard. See ya!



The troops gathered around on 3 sides of a square. We made up the 4th side. The parade ground was the odor of lime Jello. It was a glorious morning; the sun as hot and yellow as an exploding lemon. You were there, Phil - as usual.



Elsa MCCUMBIE and Clarys KEMP. You can't send us enough photos of our gals, Hostetter. They're great! We'll use everyone you so thoughtfully send.

Experience is what you imagine you have until you get more.

There are many things for which we can be thankful. For one thing, we should give thanks that the trombone never became as popular as the guitar.

It's a deal!!!

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We told you that General H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF was receiving a fourth star -- he did -- and was assuming command of the United States Central Command at Tampa on November 23rd. He did. And are we proud? You better believe it.

ELMER E. JUNI (B 11th F '41-'45) of 12840 Bromont, Sylmar CA working long and hard on a bill he'd like to get before the Congress for action against the Nips for the loss of human lives and materiel at Pearl Harbor. There's a lot of bitterness among some of our men about HR442 and the \$25,000 paid out to the people we placed in those relocation camps -- lots of bitterness. It's easy to be a bleeding heart 46 years later - but when you were sitting in LA or SF in Jan. '42, you weren't so sure. And don't forget, the almighty FDR wasn't so sure either.

DAN and Bev RICKERT have our thanks for tipping us to the fact that Maj.Gen. H.G. "Pete" TAYLOR was leaving his assignment as CO of Ft. Irwin's National Training Center. As you know by now, Pete assumed command of "Dearly Beloved" just hours before we circled the wagons and descended on him.

Thanks for the tip, Dan and Bev out there at Box 418, Pinon Hills CA. They live close by Ft. Irwin.





None other than Lt. Col. LEROY OSBORN, (A 39th - a captain in '50), at the 34th's Savannah party.



"Tardleggly, we all feel the need now in a while to select the persons of a both duty schedule—however..."

SOMETHING TO BRAGG ABOUT

We're late with this one. Sorry Henry. MG HENRY MOHR, USA Ret. has been knighted in the second oldest military order in the world -- the SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM -- in ceremonies held in London, England last July.

The order began about the year 1118. Its members were originally known as Brothers of the Militia of the Temple, or more simply, Knights Templars. Ivanhoe of literary fame was among the many prominent names associated with the Order during its 870 year history.

At ceremonies being held in conjunction with the 1988 Congress of the C.I.O.R. (Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers), General Mohr received the Patriarchal Cross of the Chevalier, which was crafted in Paris, and the Diploma of Knighthood made in Portugal. The Patriarchal Cross may be worn with General Mohr's official uniform on formal and ceremonial occasions.

The honor is in recognition of General Mohr's past and continuing contributions to NATO and Free World security while he was chief of the United States Army Reserve and subsequently as a journalist on national security for Heritage Features Syndicate.

His compelling articles and recent testimony before the U.S. Congress have led to legislation and other actions that have substantially improved the readiness of United States and NATO forces.

Sir Henry lives in Maryland Heights, a suburb of St. Louis, MO, with his wife, Dorothy. He has two surviving children, Philip and David. Philip lives in St. Charles County, MO; David lives in Freeburg IL.

His daughter, Jeannette, who died suddenly in March 1985 was married to Thomas G. Stiles. She was the mother of five sons, John, Wayne, Gregory, Scott and Shawn.

We are very proud, Sir Henry.

How'd you do on the quiz?

1. Total loss; 2. Little League;
3. Turn over a new leaf;
4. Double or nothing; 5. Bottomless pit; and 6. Four-wheel drive.



ARCHIE SMITH (1 Co. 34th - a 1st Lt. in '50) at the 34th's Savannah get together in October. And looking on, admiringly, is K.C. COURTENAY (I & R Flat. - a 1st Lt. in '50).



DR. and MRS. GROSSHUESCH



The GROSSHUESCHS in 1938

Grosshueschs note 50th

After 32 years of teaching (public schools and college), the Dr. VERNON GROSSHUESCH family (Vernon and Lavina) have retired to 2228 Woody, Billings MT. Vern was 52 Field 3/42 - 1/45. Writes he: "The 24th is part of me. We enjoy our Big Sky Country, mountains, streams, open spaces and solid people." (Ed.note: Can almost hear a song coming on; can't you?) But there they are at the top of our report: The captions tell it all. Notice the features in the '38 faces that have stayed on into '88. Remarkable isn't it? Happy retirement, Vern and Bonnie.



Charlotte HOFRICHTER, lovely wife of our Chaplain, JOE, is looking, steady as a laser, into the eyes of Lt.Gen. JIM VAUGHT. Jim, by the way, his fierce black eyes like hard raisins and we mean that in a most friendly way. When Jim looks at you, he looks at you - a most charming gentleman. And we're already on record as a Charlotte Hofrichter admirer. Nice picture, Phil Hostetter, for which we owe you thanks.

smart thinking

Guess you might call this Truman Capote story, "Another Murder in Cold Blood."

It concerns his hatred of a neighbor's dog. Capote was driven to distraction by the yapping of a terrier on a roof garden adjacent to his New York apartment.

He became so obsessed with the dog that he began to plan the dog's demise. First, Capote befriended the terrier by throwing tid-bits over to the roof garden. He aimed the morsels of chocolate and meat farther and farther away from the safety of the roof so that the dog had to leap to catch them. Eventually it plunged to its death.

Later the same day his neighbor appeared on the rooftop and shouted to Mr. Capote who was enjoying a quiet cigarette, "Have you seen my dog?" Without a flicker of emotion, Capote shouted back, in his squeaky Southern accent:

"The last time I saw your dog he was standing on the edge looking depressed."

"Yeah... I'm in the Air Force... So what!"



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FIGHT TO THE FINISH

GEORGE MEYER (D 34th) writes happily from 103-40 96th St., Ozone Park NY, reporting a nice visit with old buddy FRANK ODDO, also D 34th '41-'45 over in 55 Wall, Torrington CT. George adds: "Say hello to my pal FRANK FALBO for me." Just did, Georgie. This one's a tri-corner shot: Meyer to Oddo to Falbo.

Some People Wait All Year For This.



It's GERRY VON MOHR (AT 19th 2/45-5/45) of 3846 Villanova Dr., Dayton, Kettering OH 45429, with a voice as warm as a bedtime quilt and an always-lighted smile that stretches from ear to ear. You caught Gerry just as we like to think of him, Phil Hostetter.



Blessed are they who run in circles for they shall be called wheels to borrow from the Beatitudes. It describes the pace of these three. The Commanding General, Maj.Gen. HORACE G. TAYLOR is looking on as DALLAS DICK, 1987 Verbeck Bowl Awardee on the right, is presenting the Bowl for safekeeping until a year hence to JOHN "Bob" SHAY, this year's awardee. A great trio of "Wheels". Nice angle shot, Doctor Hostetter. We thank you.



The present CG - "Pete" TAYLOR lays it on the line for another CG -- DON ROSENBLUM ('76-'78 vintage) while ED FARMER looks on. BOB ENDER in the background. A PH action shot worthy of our blue ribbon.



There he is, TOM GRADY (H 21st 12/42-5/45) 182 Barker St., Hartford CT 06114, with that everpresent jack o'lantern grin. Tom had just learned that the statuary on Red Beach on Leyte marking the spot where you-know-who waded ashore has been bombed 20 days before the 44th anniversary. You know the statue erected 12 years ago. It was a 10-foot marble and granite piece, the old soldier wading in a pool of water representing the bay just 100 feet away. Only the you-know-who statue was blasted; the other 5 were still standing. You-know-who fell over, face down, blasted into pieces by an explosive device which was heart in Alangalang, more than 7 miles away. Nice people, eh?

An Idea

WHOSE TIME HAS COME

The idea? A black and white photo -- such as a passport photo -- of every member to be retained in his file here at hqs. Yes, we have a separate file on each member. Then when we run an item we can also run the picture.

After delivering a lecture to an American women's club, a UN speaker was approached by the secretary of the club who offered him a check. "Oh, no," he said, "I couldn't accept that -- Please use it for some charitable purpose." She said, "Do you mind if we use it for our special fund?" He said, "Not at all. -- What's your special fund for?" -- "To enable us to get better speakers next year."

MARTION THACKER, of 2523 W. John, Grand Island Neb. -- we like "Neb" instead of "NE", don't you? -- went to a recent Korean Veterans meeting in Grand Isle. There he found and enlisted, on the spot, JOHN HUGHES (24 Med Bn - Korea), of 320 N.W. Front, Grand Island Neb.

The hostess was playing the piano for her guests after dinner. One guest asked another, "What do you think of her execution?" -- "I'm in favor of it."



Overcome by euphoria and three Bloody Marys, KERMIT BLANEY is holding forth with his very own Marilu and Louise BROWN and her lovely daughter, Claudia. Your shots are so doggone friendly, Phil -- love 'em.

It used to be that a man running down a city street in his shorts at 6:30 in the morning was either absentminded or running away from something. Now he's just another jogger.

step out!

"Step Out" is right -- these comrades want to hear from buddies:

WILBUR "Rabbit" HILL (I 21st '41-'45)
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BILL BRASWELL (B 19th '44-'45)
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R.L. CASTLEBERRY (C 19th '41-'42)
Rt. 1, Box 263, Des Arc, AR 72040
(was a company cook - cadre'd to 42nd Div.)

You know you're growing old when you find that by the time you get your act together, the show has closed!



"I hear they're raising hell about the can-can dancers on the docks at Seattle."

Interested in Pentagon reforms? Edward Lottwak, a Senior Fellow at Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies has written "The Pentagon and the Art of War". It's his opinion as to why the establishment is outmoded. He offers a plan for drastic reform. It's a Touchstone Book by Simon & Schuster, Inc. Our own Col. HARRY G. SUMMERS, JR. says it's "a book that must be read by all Americans concerned with their national security."

BOOKS

Spotted 3 in an airport bookstore the other day.

1. The Hidden History of the Korean War. By I.F. Stone 1988. Little Brown and Company. \$8.95 in paperback. Devoted principally to the politics involved. Hardly anything on the military aspects. Nothing on the 24th. Don't buy. Borrow our copy if at all.

2. A Short History of the Korean War. By James L. Stokesbury 1988. William Morrow and Company. \$18.95. We don't put an imprimatur on this one. And you can bet your sweet bippy we don't quote from it. The last time we quoted an author our house came tumbling down. Here again, don't waste your \$. It's just a rehash of the story that's been told o'er and o'er. We'll loan you our copy if you wanna read another history. It is "short" -- 276 pages. Not worth \$19.00.

3. Korea, the Unknown War. By Jon Halliday & Bruce Cumings. 1988. Pantheon Books. \$19.95 for this buster. Loaded with pictures. Identified only one involving the 24th in its 224 pages -- and that was a picture of BILL DEAN in 1948 when he was U.S. Military Governor there. Skip this one, too. Borrow our copy if you must.



Another one of the 34th gang. The time? Oct. 2nd. The place? Savannah's Ramada. The folks? Mrs. Billie SYVERSON, Col. MATTHEW THOME (K - a 1st Lt. in '50), and Mrs. Mary Thome. Great shot, Gang. Sorry - had to do a little trimming -- space considerations, you know.

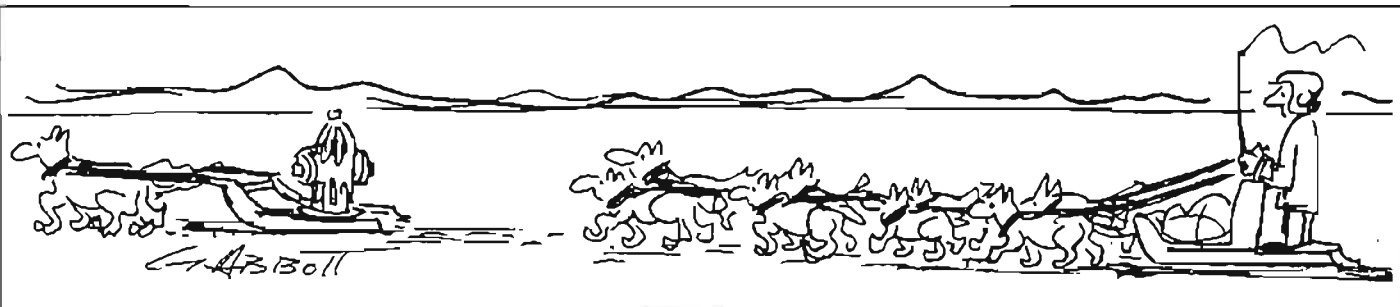
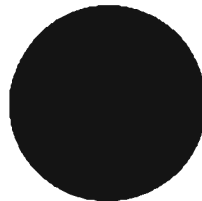
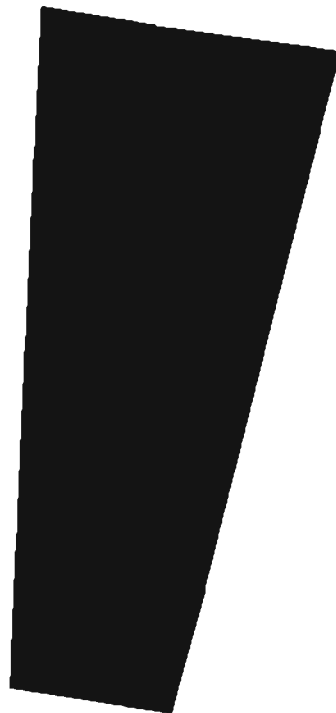
ED SMITH made a statement -- and hasn't said a word. Seems that Corinne SMITH, registrar of Tech H.S. in St. Cloud MN, writes: "I am writing to you 'after the fact', regarding the reunion of the Division. I would like to know if there is another one planned in the future. My husband has never attended any army reunion whatsoever and thought it might be good for him to go to one and renew an old friendship or two. Thank you in advance for any help you can give me and I will pass on all information to my husband, EDWARD I. SMITH."

As you know by now, Corinne, your good friend, Ed, is now one of us.

It's A Jungle Out There

Nevertheless GERRY A. WILLEY found SGM (Ret.) JOHN BAGLAMA (24th Recn. '47-'51) of 369 Dubya Ct., Glen Burnie MD and recruited him. How ya, Johnny? Happy you're with us.

Make A
Statement
Without
Saying
A Word!



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1988

I am delighted to offer my warmest personal greetings to the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association as you gather in Savannah, Georgia for your annual reunion.

Although time and distance have separated the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association, nothing can dim the memory of the long days of struggle you shared in securing the blessings of liberty for people throughout the world. You fought together in a battle you did not seek, against an enemy you did not choose, for a cause that has always motivated the best of mankind -- the cause of liberty. As this reunion shows, the friendships forged during that time of peril and personal sacrifice have lasted a lifetime.

Now, decades after your service, our Nation continues to reap the harvest of your courage and selflessness. America is not only strong, prosperous, and at peace but also has shown anew that it has the pride and the resolve to maintain what you and your comrades won at so great a price. I salute you, then, for what you did in uniform and for all you are doing now to uphold and defend our cherished traditions and ideals. Let us pause together now for a moment of silent prayer for your brave friends who fell while safeguarding our homeland.

You have my best wishes for a memorable reunion. God bless you, and God bless America.

Ronald Reagan

ANOTHER RECORD GAIN



Here are our membership statistics for the year 8/1/87 - 10/1/88.

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>LOSSES</u>	
Members as of 8/15/87	2120	Dropped by request	8
Members as of 8/17/88	2821	Deceased	50
Net gain	1010*	Not at	69
		Nonpayment/dues	182
			309

* Explanation of the "gain" of 1010 members. We started a year ago with 2120. During the year we lost 309. But we now end the year with 2821, thus the net gain is not 701, but 1010.

BOB JOHNSON was responsible for this marvelous growth record. Ah, we have lost a tremendous sparkplug.

WHEN YOU MEAN BUSINESS

DICK CONNOLLY, of 99 Post Rd., Warwick RI gets the "blame" for this one. He suggested that we give you the names and addresses of our fellow division associations. You may have a friend who served and is wondering if his old outfit has such a "club". Grand idea, Dick. Away we go:

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VICENTE SYDIONGCO, GIL HEABERLIN, and MIKE SCOTTI. Gil gets our vote for MVP of our Savannah Fiesta. A PH picture.



Just had to give you this one of 3 precious folks: ART KEMP, Clarys KEMP and Mary HILLMAN. Isn't it a great shot? Photo by Doctor HOSTETTER.



BOB ENDER's comment when he saw the result of this shot by PHIL HOSTETTER: "Not like the old days."

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Surrounded by the "Boys of '88" are CHARLIE BEAZLEY, JUDGE FISCHETTE, and MIKE SCOTTO. You just know Phil took this one.



This one's easy. BOB ENDER, KERMIT BLANEY and VAL SCHAAF. A P.H. shot.



A beautiful lady -- Donna (HEABERLIN) Wicks, and a wonderful man, GEORGE WAGNER. We couldn't go to press without pasting this one up, Phil. Thank you for it.

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Dr. HARRY MAYS and ART KEMP insisted on a closer look. Art is as foxy as a gold digger on the scent of new money. Great close up, Phil. Congratulations!



CHARLES BEAZLEY and KAY DOLEMBO. Sorry it's such a side view of you Kay. But it's the way Phil took it.



They are: NEAL HUFF and Naomi and LLOYD POTTERTON, as Phil caught them at the Luau.

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At the Luau at Hunter, again there was an overflow. They had to resort to tents becuz the club was filled -- and they had to go to the real outside when the tents filled up. MG FRED ZIERATH and CLELLAND HELMICK preferred standing to sitting. Great snap, Phil.



JOE DAWSON, shown here with the diminutive but sweet Gladys, stretched himself farther than your grandmother's girdle in his effort to be everything to all people. Joe simply wanted to make Savannah the happy success that it was. PHIL HOSTETTER took it.

It's a deal!

HYATT REGENCY FORT WORTH

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Wed., Sept. 13 - Sun., Sept. 17

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Our radiant super President at a Sheraton Bar. The barkeep is pleasantly puzzled by it all. P.H. got everywhere with his camera, thank fortune.



A luau table: JUDGE FISCHETTI, Donna Wicks, Don HEABERLIN and LaWanda HEABERLIN. We like this one. P.H. took it.



Seated: LEN KORGIE (L 34th '50) and Lt.Col. BILL BICKWERMERT (I Co. 34th '50). This was the 34th's get-together at Savannah's Ramada last Oct. 2nd. And we can't omit those standing, even if the poses are anything but flattering - Col. DOUG SYVERSON (L 34th- a 1st Lt. in '50), and Mrs. Syverson and Mrs. ROBERT HAMILTON.

At Savannah, a young kid approached us and asked if I was the Taro Leaf Editor. We admitted that we were. Then he said, "How about an autograph?" We said, "Sure." And with that the kid pulled out a paper and pencil, signed his name and handed it to us.

Have any use for a "troop list" -- a membership roster that is - the name, address and unit of each of our almost 3000 members. JOE MCKEON has them on a computer and will run off a printout for you for \$27.00 inclusive of all of his expenses inclusive of postage. Write Joe directly at: Joseph J. McKeon, 12733 Muscatine St., Arleta CA 91331. The Association is not involved.



Here are two with smiles that put Jimmy Carter to shame. CHARLEY NEWKIRK and the CG. You caught this one just right, P.H.



And as sure as fall leaves change colors, this beloved couple needs no caption by us, Phil Hostetter.



Mounting some of the material involved, for some, a juggling act worthy of the Moscow Circus. Couldn't make this crew out, Phil. Sorry -- no names.



Aren't Phil's black-and-whites great? Great seeing VAL SCHAAF and JIM POSTMA at another "clambake".



JIM POSTMA, and Kate and FRITZ WEBER were in agreement that our convention was a palette of delights. And Phil caught this bit of it on his sensitized paper.

ELMER H. ROBERTS (19th & 21st '52) of 1905 Woodward, Orlando FL talks in a Hershey syrup voice. Love it, Elmer. We happen to know that Elmer was there when the Nips bombed the Panay - 4/17/37.



THE MEETING?

We're gonna hit this one once -- and only once.

The scene is of the annual business meeting. We're at the rostrum. Don and Bob are listening.

But let's go back a bit with the story.

Over the years we've tried to keep this a "clean sheet" staying away from the things that really bug us like dangerously unstable humanists, half-crazed leftists, power mongers, vegetarians, mimes, yuppies, feminists, aging hippies, homosexuals, brat-packers, ex-radicals, credit cards mailed to you when you didn't even ask for them, self-service gas-station pumps, punks carrying ghetto blasters, punks in general, answering machines with cutie-pie messages, missing kids' faces on milk cartons, dope peddlars, sweaty fat ladies in jogging suits, bald guys who try to comb their hair backward over the bald spot, ACLU lawyers, androgynous rock stars, junk mail from the Readers Digest people, women who bring babies to movie theaters, glasnost and perestroika...plus a high percentage of dentists, telephone operators, traffic cops and Fuller Brush salesmen - and oh yes, three more - Donald Trump and Leona Helmsley and Boy George.



A problem appeared to be developing as early as last spring -- a fire was growing -- pieces of hate mail were filtering in --

The abuse was being heaped in unusual degree -- we'd had nothing quite like it.

And several of the shots were decidedly below the belt -- or thirsting for the jugular.

Even thought for a brief moment of carrying a Smith & Wesson -- they're made right around our corner -- thought, too, of showing up at Savannah with two bodyguards -- partly for show, partly for health reasons.

At the annual business meeting, we mentioned this, even reading from one of the letters from one who asked why we didn't step down. The very writer happened to be present. Without ado, we offered to withdraw from the room that any complainants could talk freely. And withdraw we did that a debate could follow.

The outpouring of support in the hours that followed was simply overwhelming -- and heartening.

Lawyer JIM POSTMA (21st '43-'45), of Box 507, Lawrence KS expressed some thoughts so well when he wrote -- and we quote:

"I am sure that I express the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the membership of the 24th Infantry Division Association in this expression of complete disgust for those who have targeted you with hate mail. I cannot understand why any of the beneficiaries of your generosity of time and effort could in any way attack you. Unfortunately, the human condition does spawn sick individuals who poison the cup for all of us.

"Likewise, I am sure that I express the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the membership when I say simply to you: thank you for all of the years and effort you have given to the 24th Infantry Division Association."

Beautifully written, Jim -- and we are grateful to Jim and the many, many, many who have spoken, telephoned, or written.

And as promised, we'll say no more. Case closed. On with the show.

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Letters

HINES, Sgt. Robert, served with 24th S&T Division during May 1966-1970 in Germany; or anyone knowing his whereabouts. Contact Sgt. Jean C. Nubar RA 12759321, 27 Old Coach Rd., Canton MA 02021, phone 617-828-8099.

Plans for a Niagara Falls party in '89 have gone awry. No hotel there can meet our demands -- and above all else we have determined that we shall never again split our membership among two or three hotels. Once was enough! Kudos go to KEN FENTNER, VINNY VELLA and EUGENE LEW -- and their lovely ladies too -- worked long and hard to bring a meeting there to fruition. We are grateful to you, folks, for your valiant effort.

Breaking boundaries it is when ANGELO DIGIUSTI over in Oklahoma City, 2514 Moulton, to be specific, can recruit WALTER R. SNYDER (D 34th '43-'45) over in Box 182, Plattsburgh NB. Wally was wounded on Kilay Ridge on Leyte -- returned to us on Mindanao. Was with us from Wahoo-Australia-Goodenough-Hollandia-Biak-Leyte and the surrender at Mindanao. 43 years later, the word on our existence leaks out. Wally's a retired farmer and carpenter.



Co.B, 3rd Eng. held their own private reunion this past summer. Credit GLEN COLEGATE, 517 Calvin, Harrison OH as the ringleader who brought them together. There has to be ringleaders to bring these things to fruition. Glen said trying to round them up gave him more trouble than a canoe going over Niagara. Five showed and are pictured above. They were (are), l. to r.:

NORM BUSCH, 2710 McCord, Toledo OH
ED BARNETT, 807 Marsha, Kokomo IN
DARYL MCCLLENATHAN, 905 Kreider, Lebanon PA
GLEN COLEGATE - "ringleader"
DON PIERCE, 6201 Sumner, Lincoln NE.

Glen, in reporting the affair, tells us that they all want to join the Assoc. - they did - and plan to attend our next party.

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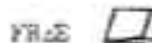
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'FORGOTTEN WAR'



Past Prexy WARREN AVERY let the cat out of the bag. He sent us a magazine (Postal Record) about our good member HOWIE CAMP. He's with the postal people so we gotta be careful and not slam that service ever again. Howie (L 19th '51-'52), lives with Phyllis at 430 S. Stadium, Xenia OH. Here's his article and behold here's his picture, too.

For many people, images of the Korean War come from television—the madcap antics of Hawkeye, Trapper John and the other characters of the TV series, *M*A*S*H*. But letter carrier Howard W. Camp of Xenia, Ohio Branch 1149 and thousands of other Korean War veterans vividly remember their experiences in combat and are working hard to gain recognition for the men and women who suffered and died in that war.

As an active member of a newly formed organization exclusively for Korean War veterans, Camp is recruiting funds for a national memorial to those who died in the Korean conflict. The monument will be built in Washington, D.C., across from the Vietnam War memorial.

"We want to promote the memories of the men and women who lost their lives in what we think has become the forgotten war," he said.

The Korean War, which lasted from 1950 to 1953, claimed more than two million lives, including 23,300 American soldiers. Americans fighting in that war also suffered more than 100,000 casualties.

"I don't want to sound bitter," said Camp, who as an infantryman in Korea received shrapnel wounds that left him 40 percent disabled.

"Yet so much more has been done and said about Vietnam War veterans, especially lately. I'd just like people to know that Korean War vets had their tragedies too—and we've suffered traumas that few of us have been able to talk about."

Camp, a letter carrier for 12 years, has worked hard to promote a national memorial for those who died in the Korean War. His branch has contributed \$100 to a national fund which is well on its way toward making the memorial a reality.

Tribute to vets

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, appointed by President Reagan, has received congressional approval to build a monument on a site close to the Vietnam War memorial. About \$2.4 million of the \$6 to 7 million needed for the project has been received, mostly from private donors, said Gen. R. G. Stillwell, chairman of the advisory board.

A nationwide contest for a suitable design was announced September 16, Stillwell said, with a deadline for entries of May 1, 1989. His board will select a winner from about 2,000 expected entries sometime next June.

Stillwell, who commanded troops in Korea as well as in World War II and Vietnam, agrees with NALC's Camp that Korean veterans have been overlooked and under-acknowledged.

"There was no massive homecoming as in World War II," Stillwell noted. "Troops were redeployed out of Korea very slowly. And we had not achieved a clear victory, as in the world wars. We fought to a draw in Korea, and it ended with a negotiated solution."

"The American public, even at the time, was clearly less interested in what

happened in Korea than in previous wars."

Buried memories

Until three years ago, Howard Camp never talked about his two years of combat in Korea, even to his family.

"I just wanted to melt back into society," he said. Then he heard about efforts to form an organization exclusively for Korean War vets, the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

Since its formation, KWVA has been raising funds for the national memorial. Its efforts to increase national recognition of Korean veterans also include coordinating a ceremony each year in Washington, D.C. on July 27—the date of the Korean armistice.

This year about 250 of KWVA's 3,000 members attended the ceremony. Camp said—including 96-year-old James Van Fleet, who was the commander of the Eighth Army in Korea.

As soon as Camp joined KWVA, he began making contact with other Korean veterans. He located an old combat buddy living just a few miles away, made friends with another Korean vet in the area who had been a prisoner-of-war for 33 months, and began talking about the war for the first time with his brother, who had also served in Korea.

"In many ways my brother had a tougher time than I did," Camp observed, "even though I was the one who got wounded."

His brother had been through two terrible battles in Korea—the first in



Xenia, Ohio Branch 1149 member Howard Camp (I.) greets fellow Korean veterans at a July reunion in Washington, D.C.

which he was the only survivor out of his platoon, and the second in which he was one of only three survivors in the platoon.

"We never talked about the war," Camp said. "So I never knew that for 30-some years my brother was convinced he was a coward—because he lived when so many men around him died. When I got wounded, that made him feel even worse, like he was doing something wrong because he hadn't been wounded."

Just being able to talk to his brother about the war has been a relief for both men, Camp said. Through their conversations, they have relived not only the bad moments—and there were plenty of them—but also the times when soldiers in the midst of battle revealed their compassion for human life.

Heroic rescue

Camp said his own life was saved by a soldier who saw Camp get hit and carried him piggyback off the battlefield. The soldier put Camp into an American tank, then was himself killed during an enemy artillery barrage of the tank formation.

"I'd like to find that man's family someday and tell them what a great thing he did," Camp said.

He also remembers the compassion of the MASH unit nurses and medics who cared for him before he was shipped to a field hospital for surgery.

"The TV series *M*A*S*H* really captured the essence of those units, I think," Camp said. "I could relate to that show—it showed a lot of what really happened, and many of their stories were true stories, taken from

people who wrote in about their own Korean War experiences."

Camp thinks that other Korean War veterans could also benefit from sharing their experiences through membership in a group such as KWVA.

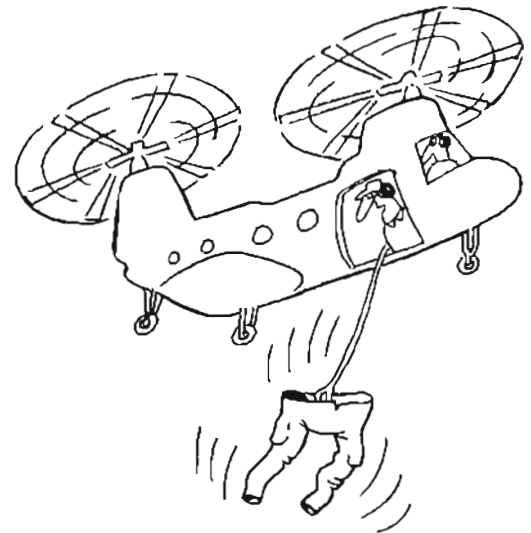
"I know there must be lots of letter carriers who went through that war," he said. "There are five or six carriers in my branch who were there—and this is a town of only 26,000."

KWVA is open to anyone who was in the armed forces from June 1950 through 1955, he said. Annual dues are \$15. For more information, he suggested writing the membership chairman, Harry Wallace, at P.O. Box 12205, Baltimore, MD 21281.

Donations to the Korean War Memorial Fund may be sent to P.O. Box 2372, Washington, DC 20013. ☐



Infantryman Howard Camp plays horseshoes during a respite from Korean War combat.



"I said, let's try it one more time!"

Handsome \$50.00 check from WALLY KUHNER helped to pay for some of the booze at our Savannah bar. Wally, your gesture was as warm as a bedtime quilt.

ARNOLD VANDER MEER, (K 19th Korea), of 1411 Madison, Tracy CA was wounded near "Yangbyong" on 3-10-51. Couldn't find it on a map. Wanted help. DONALD JABLONSKI of 7630 Hazlecrest, Hazlewood MO called and says, "It was Pyong Yang; I'm positive." Here is the leit motiv of our Assoc -- the dominant recurring thematic element -- members helping each other.

New address for WILFRED J. BOHMER, (Div.Hq. 5/42-9/45). Now its 912-Third St.No. - #8, Cold Spring MN 56320. The very name of your town sounds cold, Wil.

A real old-timer is one who remembers when buying on time meant getting to the store before it closed.



HMMMM!



Nice note from longtime friends, VINNIE and Barbara LaROCCO (Hq. 1st Bn. 21st '43-'46) over at 208 N. Beach, N. Massapequa NY. Retired now for 3 years. Dolores and Gloria each married. Jim and Joe "still living with us" (Ed. note: they're no dopes). Vinnie still edits the fire department newsletter. Goes to 50 states, says Vinnie. Gosh, you've had that job for about 30 years, haven't you? Ever get any weird mail, Vinnie? Call us if you get stumped. Think we've seen 'em all, by now.



We flowered ANDREW and Leone SCHURLEY on their 40th. We'd do the same for you so long as there are \$ in our bank and so long as you tell us in plenty of time. Andy and Leona are at 58 Sidney, Spotswood NJ. He and his L 21st pals had a "small gathering" at the end of October - "46 years later". Andy sent us the pic. Count 'em: l. to r. - front row, CHARLEY TEWELL, RAY MONTGOMERY (Hi Ray!), CLINTON WEIS, JIM KEAGY and GEORGE SUTTERBY - back row, his nibs, FLETCH HOLDERMAN (Hi Fletch!), ALAN RICE, and old friend, Col. FRITZ WEBER. Andy's CO when Fritz had L 21st in Hawaii. Fritz, you must have left us in Savannah to take in this one. Andy left us with a beautiful thought - and we quote: "Spent 3 years in Pacific with other outfits after I left Division, but most of my warm memories are of the 24th. Terrific bunch of men."

You understand one of Mort Walker's "problems", don't you? We've tried to get the point across without spelling it out.

BEETLE BAILEY



By MORT WALKER

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star
and one clear call for me
And may there be no mourning of the bar,
when I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep
turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
and after that the dark
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
when I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne
of time and place
the flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
when I have crossed the bar.

Deceased: JOHN G. VOGT of 718-1
Governor Rd., Velparaiso IN. John passed
away on Sept. 15, 1988.

Writes good member, CLARENCE "Bud"
COLLETTE "Bud" COLLETTE from 507 E. Timber,
Payson AZ:

"It is with regret that I report the
death of KARL BARSCH. He died Sept. 11,
1988. Karl was at Schofield Barracks on
Dec. 7, 1941. He was in the Signal Co. He
stayed with the Div. until the end of WW 2.

"Karl was 68. He is survived by his
wife, Rachel, his daughter, Pam, his
son-in-law, Ron, and grandson, Zachary.

"Karl retired from Pacific Telephone Co.
on Feb. 16, 1982. He fought a long battle
with emphysema.

"Karl and Rachel, have been friends of
Jean and I for many years, in California
and Arizona. We will miss Karl. A private
family service was held in the hospital
Chapel. There will be no other service
for Karl.

"If you wish to write to Rachel, her
address is: 606 E. Timber Dr., Payson AZ
85541. Tel. 602-474-6147."

It's Alfred Tennyson's, of course.

And we wanted to use it just as
Margaret FOSTER sent it to us when she
wrote us of the passing of her beloved
BILL (WILLIAM G.) FOSTER (L and Tk. 5th
RCT 5/51-5/52). Bill died on last
Sept. 5th. He had suffered a bad heart
for over two years.

Margaret had written us last July about
Bill's problems. May we quote from it?
It says so much about this wonderful
couple. It went:

"Thank you so much for inquiring as to
my Bill's health. He is so much better
now, but that doesn't say he is out of
the woods, by any means.

"In June of '85, he had to have a total
knee replacement and the doctor kept him
immobilized for seven weeks. He had to
walk with crutches as his knee could not
bear any weight. This became very stress-
ful, since he was a hard working person.
We owned our own business, 'Custom
Cabinetry', in which we both worked as
well as employed several men. After the
knee surgery, the men didn't want to work
without Bill at their side. I kept the
business going as long as I could.

"On Mar. 1, '87, Bill suffered a series
of myocardial infarctions in which the
doctors were amazed that he lived. But
thank God he survived.

"He really desires to live to see our
baby boy through college. He, Philip, is
the last of our seven children, just
graduated Valedictorian this May. Philip
will be attending VPI in Blacksburg in
August to major in Physics.

"Of our seven children, five are
married and the other one, besides
Philip, is a student at Concord College
in Athens WV where he is majoring in
history to be a teacher as two of the
others are.

"Well I guess this is more than you
asked for but with myself and the children
and the ten grandchildren he does have
enough people loving him to keep up his
morale.

"Maybe one of these times he could be
well enough to go to one of the reunions
with the 24th.

"We love reading the 'Taro Leaf' so
keep up the good work.

"As always,

BILL and Margaret FOSTER."

We mourn the passing of our dear
friend, Freida WELCH, the beloved mate
of JOHN J. WELCH, 627 Montecito Blvd.,
Napa CA 94558. She will be sorely missed.
Words fail so miserably to estimate the
true intrinsic worth of this wonderful
lady, for that worth can only be found
in that which she brought to each of us
who knew her - that so nobly enriched
our lives by her presence. Her last year
was one of suffering. Now be thou at
peace, Jay.



James Philo Isenhower, Jr.

Died
Oct. 22, 1985
at Camp
Gordon GA -
Lt. Col. JAMES
P. ISENHOWER,
JR., West
Point '69.
Jim was Div.
I.G., then CO,
2nd Bn., 34th
at Stewart
10/83-10/85.
A new enlist-
ed housing
area at
Stewart is
named
Isenhower
Terrace in

Jim's honor. You served your country
well, good soldier. R.I.P.

LEE LIST reported to us the passing
of ABRAHAM LINCOLN HERM (Div. Hq. 6/42-
9/45) of East Peoria IL.

He was a 1963 graduate of the Command
and General Staff School, and had been
a lieutenant colonel of the Army Reserves
since 1965.

DECEASED: WALLICE D. GRIFFORD (19th
3/49-4/51) formerly living in Prescott AZ.
All we know is what the little postman
wrote on a Taro Leaf: "Dead".

We'll try to do a little better:
Godspeed, Wallace, on your final journey.

Passed away, Sept. 13, 1987, Dr. RENE
DUMONTIER of O'Fallon MO. We don't even
know Doc's unit or vintage. Sorry.

It was the night telephone - even the
very ring now sounds threatening.
DON NESBITT was calling -- with the
terrible news that SAM BUFFALINO had
passed on. Sam was D 5th RCT from '49-'51
and at the time of his death was living
in Scranton PA - 1217 Sloan St. Sam had
only written us a month before - with no
suggestion of any problem. But then,
that's the way some of us go, isn't it -
suddenly, quietly, without the beat of the
drum. Don thoughtfully represented the
Association as poor Sammy was laid to
rest. Thank you, Don.

My sister, our families, and I would
like to extend our heartfelt thanks for
the kind words and expressions of sympathy
received by us on the death of our Mother,
K. Marie C. Treat, on September 29th. You
were all so warm and kind to us. The
Association sent a lovely basket of
flowers that was absolutely breathtaking.
We were overwhelmed by your demonstrations
of friendship and love.

Very sincerely,

Beverly Corris

In Loving Memory of

MRS. PAUL ("LESSIE") HARRIS

Lt. Gen. Donald E. Rosenblum
Laura M. Rosenblum

*In Loving Memory of
John L. Tromley*

*Violet Tromley
m 21st 8/41 - 5/45*

Robert "Sarge" Johnson

The Association keeps enacting JOE PEYTON's thesis, as falling apples vindicate Newton -- "One by one..."

We are at that miserable point where we dread to answer the phone.

As good friend ED HENRY has told us one hundred times or more: "You are the lightning rod..." And invariably the bolt sneaks in via that phone.

Sneak in again it did one cold November Sunday morning. EDDIE ROBINSON was at the other end of the wire.

Johanna JOHNSON had just called him. She had gone home from a Saturday night party -- to find her beloved BOB on the floor. Bob had left the party earlier -- not feeling well -- insisting that Johanna stay to the end.

And now this.

We have lost a loyal member, a valuable coworker, a dear friend.

We have worked with every man who ever wore the label "Membership Chairman."

No one filled the shoes with greater zest, with greater zeal.

The job excited him, fascinated him like a spiders' mating dance.

Irreverent as this may sound -- it is meant with the highest degree of respect and not a small share of sadness.

So long as he worked with us, hardly a day passed when we were not in receipt of a mailing from him.

And consistently -- tucked somewhere within every letter, every report, there was a bit of fun, a seed for laughter.

Bob enjoyed his work -- and he made working with him the fun that it was.

Army was his life. And in his retirement years, he was happiest when he was reflecting upon the days that were. And during his peregrinations across the military spectrum, his beliefs never changed: "It was the good life and I was happy to have been a part of it."

The end -- as painless as it was swift.

Now he challenges us one last time -- to face his passing with the same grace he brought to it.

We shall feel his absence enormously.

We are put in mind of the statement of William Gerrard Hamilton on the death of another Johnson, Samuel: "He has made a chasm which not only nothing can fill up, but which nothing has a tendency to fill up. Johnson is dead. Let us go on to the next best. There is nobody. No man can be said to put you in mind of Samuel Johnson." Or of Robert "Sarge" Johnson.

Bob -- Ave atque vale.

*In Loving Memory of our dear
Freida "Jay" Welch*

*In one sense there is no death. The life of a soul
on earth lasts beyond its departure. You will
always feel that life touching yours. That
voice speaking to you. That spirit looking
out of other eyes. Talking to you in the familiar
things she touched, worked with, loved. As
familiar friends she lives on in your life
and in the lives of all others that knew her.*

Stan and Ethel Kaiser



*In Memory of
Joseph I. Peyton*

WILBUR "Rabbit" and Mildred HILL
I 21st '41-'45
2311 New Berne Road
Richmond VA 23228



SAMUEL BUFALINO

We were thoughtfully represented at the funeral of SAMUEL N. BUFALINO (D & K 5th RCT '49-'51) 1217 Sloan St., Scranton PA 18504 by DONALD S. NESBITT, (C & D 6th Tank Bn 5/51-2/52) of RD6, Box 120, Clarks Summit PA 18411. We are grateful to you, Don.

Sam died Aug. 15th at the Wilkes-Barre PA VA Medical Center. A career man, Sammy attained the rank of staff sergeant, serving in the ETO and Korea.

To his many friends, both in and out of the service, Sam was a man of impeccable honor; a man to whom a person in difficulty could seek help; a man whose steady and understanding manner gave reassurance; a man who shared a load. In the words of his family, he was, "A good and gentle man."



JOHNSON, ROBERT A. - In Somerville Mass; November 5. Beloved husband of Johanna (Fischer). Devoted father of John. Grandfather of John D. Johnson. Brother of Paul Johnson and Ann Johnson. "Sarge" was our Life Member #171. In Division, he was 19th 3/51-9/51; 34th 9/51-11/51; and 21st 4/52-12/53. No wonder he loved his Division with such intensity.

The postman marked a mailing to Lt. Col. CURTIS COOPER, 34th, of 17220 Delaware, Detroit, MI, as "Dec'd". We've commented on this before; we'll not repeat.

Once again, the Postal Service is our information source. This time the little fellow in grey spelled it out - "Deceased". It was on a mailing to BYRON L. JORDAN (A 19th 7/51-9/53 - POW 11/5/51 - 10/1/53) of 4849 N. Willard, Rosemead CA.

Deceased: July 24, 1988 - HOWARD D. "Lou" MEADORS (K and Sv. 19th and 24th Recn. '40-'44) of 202 19th St., Corbin KY. We have lost a true friend, but only for a short while. As he did all his career, Lou is once again leading and preparing the way for the rest of us. We look forward to serving with him again, in that eternal assignment promised to us all. God bless you, Lou.

Sad report received from ANDREW and Beth SIMPSON, of 173 Crown Point, Carson City NV. It brings the news of the passing on of KENT KEEHN in his 63rd year - in Gardnerville NV. He graduated from West Point in '46 with a bachelors degree, from Syracuse University in '56 with a masters of business administration degree and from the U.S. Army War College in '66.

He married Margaret M. DeAndreis in '48 in Germany during the Berlin Blockade. She was a Red Cross volunteer.

He served as an intelligence officer, 24th Infantry Division in Korea in '54; was controller at the Army Training Center in Fort Chaffee, from '57-'59; was a program and budget officer, U.S. Army European Headquarters, Heidelberg, Germany, from '61-'63; and was a battalion commander in the 3rd Infantry Division, Germany.

Kent was a retired business executive in pharmaceuticals joining Pfizer Inc. in '67. His assignments were throughout Africa, including Nairobi, Kenya. He also worked in Tehran, Iran; Ikeja, Nigeria; and Korea.

While on loan from Pfizer in the Presidential Executive Interchange Program, he was a consultant for the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. under the Carter administration and was a lecturer of managerial science courses at the School of Business, University of Nevada-Reno.

Among his survivors are his wife, Margaret, of Gardnerville; five sons, Maj. Stephen Keehn of Monterey, Michael and Patrick, both of South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Christopher of Gardnerville and Jeffery of Wall Township NJ; and one grandchild.

From DICK DRAUS (HQ Co. 19th '51-'52) of 16428 Woodlawn East, South Holland IL 60473, comes the regrettable news that CHESTER J. MALEC, Life Member #769, died suddenly on Sept. 30th last. Chet was E 34th, 5/53-9/54, and was living at 17313 Holmes, Hazelcrest IL.



Kent Keehn