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LET'S GET RIGHT TO THE POINT.



Monday, December 5, 1988

The USSR's iron in the field

GEORGE WILL

WASHINGTON—From Hamburg have come rumblings of something always rare and rarely welcome in Washington: realism. The perpetrator of this *faux pas* is Gen. John Galvin, supreme allied commander in Europe. In a speech to parliamentarians from NATO nations, and in an essay in *The Washington Quarterly*, Galvin laments the lack of political leadership concerning the continuing Soviet threat, and he gives particulars.

Galvin acknowledges that Mikhail Gorbachev has initiated domestic changes of great if uncertain consequences, accompanied by pleasant rhetoric. But Galvin asks: "Is external policy really changing?" He notes that regardless of Soviet rhetoric about a shift from an offensive to a defensive configuration of conventional forces in the middle of Europe—after 40 years of denying the offensive configuration—"the Soviet military has not changed at all."

Galvin's focus is on "the iron that can be brought to bear on the battlefield." He says Soviet armaments production is essentially unchanged since March 1985 when Gorbachev took power. Since then, the Soviets have pro-

duced more tanks and artillery pieces than exist in the British, French and German armies combined. The Soviets are producing 700 combat aircraft per year and launching a nuclear submarine every 37 days.

Consider tanks, the core of a forward deployed force capable of moving west in large units over long distances rapidly and with good sustainment. The Warsaw Pact has 30,000 more tanks than NATO. Thirty thousand is more tanks than the entire Wehrmacht production in World War II. The production rate of the Soviet T-80 is approximately 3,400 per year, 280 per month, the equivalent of a tank division a month. If all Soviet and other Warsaw Pact tank factories were closed today, and the tank production of all NATO nations were tripled, it would take NATO 10 years to catch up.

The Warsaw Pact has more attack capacity than NATO on the first day of battle, or 10 or 30 days after. Furthermore, proximity magnifies its advantages. A thousand ship sailings would be required for the initial reinforcement of NATO. A necessary component of a real Soviet change to a defensive deployment would be the movement far back from the front of the enor-



Gen. Galvin—guilty of realism

mous stocks of ammunition now in East Germany and Czechoslovakia. So far none has been moved.

(Angelo Codevilla of the Hoover Institution, writing in *Commentary*, says there are more Soviet divisions in East Germany than in the entire U.S. Army.)

Galvin worries that the willingness

of Western publics to pay for preparedness rises only in response to events: Berlin crisis, Cuban missile crisis, invasion of Czechoslovakia, deployment of SS-20s, invasion of Afghanistan. What is lacking is sober and sobering political leadership.

"Peace is breaking out all over," chirruped candidate Bush. His opposition to new taxes, in the context of Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction requirements, guarantees continuation of the four-year decline of the defense budget. When Bush meets Gorbachev next week, he might ask when glasnost will extend to publication of the Soviet defense budget, and when that budget will reflect Soviet rhetoric about changed intentions.

It is an old axiom: Some politicians seek office to do something, others just to be something. A President of the former type is leaving. Which type is Bush? Those for whom office is an end in itself will tell the nation whatever it wants to hear (for example, that new taxes are unnecessary and that peace is breaking out all over) and will not tell the nation what it needs to hear.

It needs to hear from the White House what Gen. Galvin says about the iron that can be brought to bear on the battlefield.

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Moved - and he wants you to know it -
BILL K. VANNEST (L 34, G 21 8/50-11/50)
from Lowville NY to Box 290, RD #1,
Glenfield NY, 13343. Actually, says
Bill, the two places are just a couple
of miles apart. After 39 years with the
military, Bill and Betty are going up
"to the lake to live year round".

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Xaviera Hollander, the world's most
famous hooker and madame, claims she gets
1000 letters a month from her advice
column in Penthouse. She also runs a
phone-sex business in Holland. Wonder if
her clients ever ask to go Dutch?

C.C. "Clip" HUTCHINSON (34th & Div.Hq.
'49-'50) of 9252 E.River Bluff, Inverness
FL is looking for addresses on Maj. MARTIN
L. HAMMOND, Div. Postal Officer in Kokura.
We can't help clip from this end. Anyone
out there got any better dope? As
Amelia Earhart has said: "Stop looking
for me. See if you can find my luggage."

Did you hear about the fella whose luck
was so bad, when he finally saw light at
the end of the tunnel, it was an oncoming
train.

Just as James the Fourth of Scotland
was James the First of England, so our
next get-together is our First in Texas.

NEWS, NOTES AND PEOPLE

Our very own HERB TEMPLE, (5th RCT '51-'52) was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Military Order of the World Wars. That's he on the right. 'Scuse us; those 3 stars on the sleeve has brought us up short. If you're writing Herb, it's Lt.Gen.Herbert R.Temple,Jr., Chief of the National Guard Bureau.



He was born in Los Angeles in 1928 and enlisted in the 160th Infantry, 40th Division, in 1947. He was mobilized as an NCO with that unit in 1950 for the Korean War. General Temple's actual combat experience was with our Division.

After his discharge from the active Army in 1952, General Temple returned to California and rejoined the 160th Infantry. That same year, he received a direct appointment as a second lieutenant in the 40th Division.

He served as operations and training officer in state headquarters, California National Guard, and then commanded the 3d Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mech). While the brigade commander, he served in the cabinet of Governor Ronald Reagan as the governor's military assistant.

In 1978, he was promoted to brigadier general and named deputy director of the Army National Guard.

General Temple is a graduate of Golden Gate University in California and has a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg State University in Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

For us, the most important detail is that he is one of our members - and we're right proud of it, Herb.

Smoking is estimated to have killed 350,000 Americans in 1988. Not moral posturing; just reporting the fact.

A chip on the shoulder usually means there's more wood higher up.

Here's a chance to pull off a good deed. Just joined WILBUR HOLLAND (C 34th '44-'46), of 3410 Sacramento, St.Joseph MO has been "trying for 40 years to locate my foxhole buddy, KENNETH CARROL, last known to be at 503 E.550 N.Roosevelt,Utah." Says Wilbur, would like to hear from anyone of C of the 34th.

FORT WORTH



Proud gramps, or should we say, "Proud gram and gramp"? -- anyway, it's DAN and Bev RICKERT posing with Andrew Bass and Dianna Rose Bass, two of their 7 grand kids -- 6 ladies and 1 young man. Sez Dan: "We're big on girls." Note the patch young Andrew is wearing. Atta boy, Andy!

Indeed we do keep in touch with Stewart and its people, especially the CG, Maj. Gen. HORACE G. "Pete" TAYLOR. In a recent issue of Patriot, the post paper, he started something new. Here it is:

Thursday, April 13, 1989 PATRIOT



Victory View



by Maj. Gen. H.G. Taylor
Commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart

I am instituting this column as a means of direct communication with you, the outstanding Victory soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield.

This is a great time to be a member of the division and the installation. I am extremely proud of all soldiers here and the multitude of actions which are accomplished on a daily basis. In addition to leaders at all levels, the individual soldier is key in all that we do.

In this, my first commander's column, I want to discuss the extremely busy training schedule which we have this year. Having been assigned here earlier as brigade commander and division chief of staff, I can truthfully say that the schedule we have this year is the most challenging I have seen.

We have just completed a very successful (and very wet) Quick Thrust Exercise this week. Now

we must begin train-up for the next National Training Center rotation which will take place in July and August. We must also make ready for the summer influx of National Guard and Army Reserve units to which we will provide training assistance and support.

While we have been planning for months, in the fall we must get ready for two overseas exercises that are a vital part of our mission and training program. These exercises are of great value because they provide us the opportunity to work with international forces and to practice overseas deployment. Unfortunately, only a few of our units will be able to participate.

But there are a host of other training events and other activities which will keep everyone busy. These range from four Quick Victory exercises, here at Fort Stewart, to a mobilization exercise involving other installations. Among these training

highlights will be Family Day, Victory Day, fielding of new equipment and required guncrannies. And we can add to this list any Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercises that may be self-generated or called for us by XVIII Airborne Corps.

Throughout this extremely busy year, there are two things that we should keep in mind. First, while each of these training events has its own value, all of them together are highly important to us as soldiers for a variety of reasons...increasing individual and unit proficiency, improving tactical and technical knowledge, developing teamwork and the ability to fight as a combined arms team.

Secondly, I want to emphasize that realistic training is our top priority. It is the cornerstone of combat readiness. Without continuous training, properly conducted, we would most likely fail in

our mission...to be ready to go anywhere, anytime and to be prepared to fight and win.

Training must be realistic to prepare us for the rigors of the modern battlefield. Therefore, we must train the way we intend to fight. From buddy teams to combined arms teams to joint and combined operations, teamwork is essential. The standards that guide our training must accurately and fully reflect the requirements of the battlefield.

While we do have a busy time ahead of us, these events should be viewed as opportunities to become highly proficient at what we do. Training to go to war will remain our top priority as it is our only reason for being here.

In my next column, I will address another important subject. This is the matter of soldier-family activities during this very busy year.

First to Fight! -- Victory

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Here's what you might do. Go direct to AA's Meeting Services Desk by free toll - Tel. 1-800-433-1790 - or have your travel agent do it for you. Give the code: "STAR 0199RT" - and pray a lot. See ya in Fort Worth where we can compare notes. It'll be fun.

Book Reviews

A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam. By Neil Sheehan. New York: Random House, 1988. 775 pp. Notes. Bib.Ind. \$24.95 (\$22.45).

If NAM is your beat, you must read this one.

John Paul Vann was a complex man caught in the complex, contradictory war the United States fought in Vietnam. He was a soldier, a hero, a manipulator, a womanizer, a daredevil, and, ultimately, a failed prophet trapped in self-delusion.

When you've finished reading it, you'll know not what or who to believe.

The author, Neil Sheehan, is the one who in '71 obtained the "Pentagon Papers" for the New York Times. That tells you something right there.

Sheehan tells the story of the war through the life of John Paul Vann, who in Sheehan's eyes is a metaphor for what happened to the United States in Southeast Asia.

"The mission I set myself was to write a book that would capture the whole of the war and would help my countrymen to come to grips with the war -- to understand it, to relive it, and therefore to come to grips with it, because the war had divided us like no other in our history, and it is a blank page," he said. "It haunted us. I believed that the war would continue to haunt us until we confronted it and found out what really happened in Vietnam and why it happened."

What happened, Sheehan said, is that U.S. leaders failed to analyze the situation as carefully as they should have. He believes the men who directed the war were intelligent and sincere. But unlike their predecessors in World War II, they adopted the arrogant credo that the United States would triumph simply because it was the United States. That is why the John Paul Vann that Sheehan met in the early 1960s can teach so much to modern officers, the writer said.

Guadalcanal: Decision at Sea. By Eric Hammel, New York: Crown Publishers, 1988. 496 pp. Photos. Maps. Append. Gloss. Ind. \$24.95 (\$22.45).

The final volume in Eric Hammel's Guadalcanal trilogy, "Decision at Sea" examines the naval battle of 13-15 November 1942, which was so crucial a part of the Solomons campaign. By blending official records with personal accounts, Hammel has recreated the battle in an exceptionally readable manner, and his research has revealed new insights into this singularly important struggle between the surface forces of the U.S. and Japanese navies.

Enter the Dragon: China's Undeclared War Against the U.S. in Korea, 1950-51. By Russell Spurr, New York: Newmarket Press, 1988. 384 pp. Photos. Maps. Chron. Bib. Ind. \$22.95 (\$20.65)

This one's a must for any student of Korean War history - and we've got a few of 'em in our membership.

Our own Col. HARRY G. SUMMERS, JR. reviewed it in the January issue of "Proceedings," the Naval Institute magazine.

Harry mentions that the book ends with the fall of Seoul to the advancing Chinks and Ridgeway's blunting of that offensive.

And Harry ends with this cryptic note: "For one unfamiliar with what followed, that abrupt ending is strangely inconclusive. But for those well-versed in the history of the war -- and for those, like myself, who were there when the events he portrays occurred -- it is, as far as it goes, an exhilarating read. Although not without its flaws, "Enter the Dragon" is a valuable addition to the all too scanty literature on the Korean War."

Call us; we'll loan you our copy.

The Doolittle Raid: America's Daring First Strike Against Japan. By Carroll V. Glines. New York: Orion Books, 1988. 270 pp. Photos. Append. Notes. Bib.Ind. \$17.95 (\$16.15).

Carroll V. Glines interviewed most of the surviving members of Doolittle's raiders in order to breathe life into this extraordinary story of human daring and sacrifice. The Doolittle raid on Tokyo in early 1942 was the first time in history that American flyers had bombed an enemy capital city. An attempt to boost sagging U.S. morale in the dark, early days of the war, it proved to be more. Glines's account explains how the raid altered Japanese thinking about the security of the home islands and caused them to withdraw some of their forces from the perimeter of the empire. It also describes how hundreds of thousands of Chinese patriots lost their lives as a result of the raid on Tokyo.

If the Right side of the body
is controlled by the Left side
of the brain,
and the Left side of the body
is controlled by the Right side
of the brain,
then Left Handed people
are the only ones
in their Right Minds!!

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on to Texas!

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GETTING AROUND

Have you noticed at Ft. Stewart?

There's a Breakneck Circle, Corregidor St., Davao St., Kilay Court, Mindoro Loop, Hollandia Court. Anyone got any thoughts on Korea vintage names? Maybe we can make some suggestion to somebody!

The insurance salesman glanced at the application that his client had just completed. "This looks fine, Mr. Morse," he said, "except for one thing. Where it asks Mrs. Morse's relationship to you, you should have put down 'wife', not 'strained'."



"Thanks for the cake, Sis. The boys are dividing it now."

FORT WORTH

In his book, 1999 - Victory Without War (Simon and Schuster, 1988), former President Richard M. Nixon writes that 120 million people have been killed in 130 wars in this century - more than all those killed in war before 1900. At the Somme in World War I, for example, the high hopes of many ultimately culminated in 60,000 casualties on the first day of battle alone, without any tangible military result. In recent years, the casualties sustained in the Iraqi attack on the USS Stark (FFG-31) were harsh evidence of U.S. military vulnerability, even in an era of sophisticated electronic warfare defenses.

Think it over.

The Beat Goes On

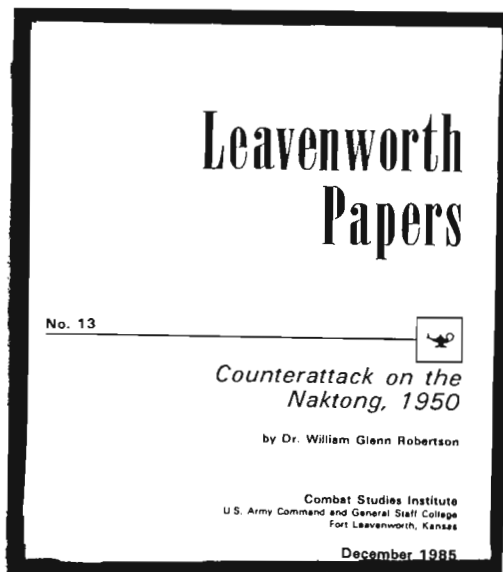
Fort Worth is home to Speaker of the House, Jim Wright, and his best friend, George A. Mallick. No comment!

We like this one from Henny Youngman - about the fellow who pulls up to a cop on a busy street corner and asks, "Say, can I park here?" "No," says the cop. "How about these others cars?" says the man. "They didn't ask," shrugs the cop.

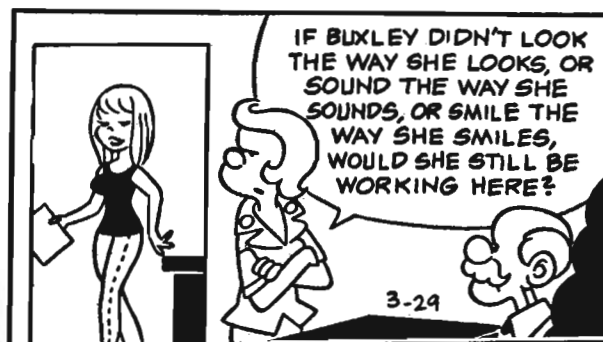
George Burns admitted he was still chasing girls: "But when you're 93 they're a heck of a lot faster than you are." Bob Hope, who is just 84, said to George, "When I grow up I want to be just like you."



Sfc. ROLANDO CABANAS, PO Box 991, Utuado, Puerto Rico 00761, was with the Division in Augsburg - made the Lebanon expedition in '58. He's now retired in Utuado, Puerto Rico. He built this monument of the "Fallen Soldiers of Utuado" to honor the 22 soldiers of the town who have given their lives in action. The plaque weights 350 pounds. The statue, 9 feet in height, weights 1300 pounds. Roly, we're proud of you.



Priced to go - \$8.25 per copy - WPTP - We have 10 copies left. WPTP? What's it? "We pay the postage".



That matter of the Hollandia pay bonus keeps cropping up. Here's what PAUL KEATING (Div. Arty '35-'37-'41-'45) of 2905 Templeton, Lawton OK, writes: "The query about the pay bonus that we were to receive from the Dutch government while we were at Hollandia in 1944 rings a bell. As I recall, we were to get a bonus of one month's base pay from the, then, exiled government of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. This was later reduced to 15% of one month's pay. At the time, the consensus was that we would have gladly forfeited the bonus for a piece of ribbon, from the House of Orange, to wear with the others we had earned. I don't remember if we actually got the bonus, but it wouldn't have mattered, i.e. Where could we have spent it?"

Good friends PHIL and Helen HOSTETTER each have been hospitalized for polymyalgia. As Phil writes "meaning lots of muscles hurt." Not satisfied with that, we went to the big book and found "a disorder of the elderly characterized by muscular pain and stiffness in the neck, shoulders and pelvis area". Dr. Hostetter went further saying "the term identifies it, like the "x" in an unsolved algebraic equation." Okay, now we feel better.

RALPH R. BALESTRIERI, (C 13th FA, FO & Sv.Btry, 13th, 19th FO '50-'51) of 41 Rose Ct., Eatontown NJ 07724, writes us on the stationery of the "Olive Drab Army". You're pulling our leg, Ralph.

Diplomacy is telling someone he has an open mind when you really mean he has a hole in his head.

Welcome to the fold: VINCENT C. TRAVIS, (Hv.Mortar 5th RCT '50-'51), of 2423 Salem, Joplin MO.

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We are in the process of reprinting a small quantity of Jan Valtin's Children of Yesterday. In case you are unfamiliar with this scarce book, it was originally published in 1946. Mr. Valtin was a rifleman assigned to the division. When General Woodruff learned of his writing talents, he allowed him free access to official field reports. This information, plus on the spot coverage of small unit operations, makes Children of Yesterday a unique record of 24th Division operations in the Philippines. The book has 429 pages in a 6" by 9" format.

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Word from JIM FREDERICK of 2116 Menefee, Arlington TX: "Enclosed are dues for another new member. I am always looking for C 34th friends, and just recently found CHARLES LINDENMUTH('43-'45) of 310 W. 11th St., North Platte NB 69101."

Address change: "It's now 210 A.Yester Oaks Way, Greensboro NC 27408," for BOB ANDERSON (L 21st '50-'51).

Ulcers aren't the result of what you eat. You get ulcers from what's eating you.

Letters

READERS BITE BACK



Thanx BOB TRIMBLE (H & H "The Beavers" '34-'36 & 21st '36-'37) down in Clearwater FL, for reminding us that the 3rd Engineers were the Beavers. Bob thoughtfully recruited ED BIELECKI (Washington DC), BOB SHOOP (Johnstown PA), BERNIE RYCHLINSKI (Bradenton FL), T.R.WILLINGHAM (San Antonio TX), ED CARROLL (sewell NY), BILL SCHUMACHER (Kenosha WI) and CHET KORSON (Vincentown NJ).

Give JIM MERRITT (19th '51-'52) a minute of your time, please. He writes us from 392 Yokeko, Anacortes, Washington: "I see that I've lost another Regiment. The 19th has succumbed to Army FUBAR.

"Visited a demonstration of Infantry weapons and material at Ft.Lewis in 1986. The eager infantrymen were telling us how their wonderful machines were going to win the battle for them. Never again the drudgery of the past infantryman's world. I thought to myself, 'You poor kids, 5 minutes after a real battle starts you won't have your machines and you'll never have learned how to use a shovel.' Seems like every generation has to learn the hard way."

Right on, Jim.



Who? General Joseph Stillwell, Lt.Gen.Robert Eichelberger, Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF

When? June '45

Where? CP 19th Panacan, Mindanao PI

What? Inspection--what else?

Photo by FREDERICK L. GRAY (Reg. S-4 19th 5/42-10/45) of 1371 Sherman, Watertown NY.



President's Message



ADA (Army Divisions Association). I attended the annual meeting in Fort Worth of this group, consisting of associations such as ours, the purpose being to exchange ideas, policies, reunion and membership promotions, etc. Very worth while. Some of the other associations have a substantial financial overhead in the way of renting office space and equipment, a salaried administrator and paid office assistants. Nothing wrong with that, but I just want to bring to the attention of our membership how streamlined our operation really is in this regard. If it were necessary to rent office space, furnish an office with supplies and equipment, pay an administrator and two assistants salaries at current scales, I estimate the ~~budget~~ budget would be in the vicinity of \$100,000. How lucky can we be?

Along these same lines I would like to bring to the attention of our troops the fact that each individual member, officer or chairman all pay their own expenses to meetings, for scouting reunion sites, for trips to events at Stewart, etc., etc., including telephone and postage expenses. We have no such luxuries as "expense accounts"! Some of the other associations do reimburse their representatives for such expenses, and nothing wrong with that. Our expenses are kept to a minimum with the only major outlay being the printing and mailing of our TARO LEAF, which is barely covered by annual dues.

We get some peachy letters in the mail. From one of our well meaning members comes the suggestion that we set up a car accident program for insurance coverage. a Visa or Master Card contract, car rental discounts, a discount arrangement for hotels and vacation resorts. coupon books, as well as a scholarship fund. But he doesn't state what he will do to initiate such programs.

Another prospective member read about our Fort Worth reunion and wrote in inquiring for details and wanted to know "if there is a fee? And do I have to pay my own expenses?" Oh well!

Please pay particular attention to the questionnaires found elsewhere in this issue pertaining to the 1990 revisit to Korea for the 40th anniversary of the Korean War, and the 1991 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It is only necessary to respond if you do plan on attending either (or both) of these functions.

1990. The site selection committee is currently working on plans in this regard. This will be a mainland reunion, as usual, and has nothing to do with the revisit to Korea. The city of Buffalo has the inside track, if we can negotiate a lucrative package for our troops. We expect to have this finalized some time prior to our September reunion.

Those eager-beaver Texans are chaffing at the bit to show us a great time in good ole Cow Town, USA! Everything is in place. The committee feels that the advance registration and table seniority will eliminate the Friday and Saturday night disgraceful "stampedes". The hospitality shown to me on my two trips to Fort Worth in recent months is unsurpassed.

Very warm regards to all of you, your wonderful wives and families.

Your president,



Past Prex, WARREN AVERY, gets around. He made this column in a Florida paper. Florida? But, Warren, you live in Connecticut!

The forgotten thousands of Korean War

By Howard Kleinberg

COX NEWS SERVICE

MIAMI — Lost in time, all but forgotten. They are the 8,177 American troops still listed as missing in action or as prisoners from the Korean War that ended almost 36 years ago.

While almost every American is aware of the 2,382 Vietnam War POWs and MIAs, who recalls the almost four times as many lost and stolen of the Korean War?

Veterans have taken to calling it America's "Forgotten War" and it would appear to be so. A bitter, intense action fought for three years, the Korean War sits on a back burner of remembrance.

Among those determined to restore public awareness to the plight of the thousands of families who still do not know the fate or final disposition of their loved ones is Warren Avery, a North Haven, Conn., truck driver whose infantry outfit was nearly wiped out by the North Koreans — "only 180 of us lived."

Now chairman of the POW/MIA committee of the Korean War Veterans Association, Avery is outspoken and outraged by what he feels is official U.S. neglect of the lost Americans.

"We screwed up in 1953 when we were negotiating with the North Koreans," he contends, "and we continue to screw up. Back in '53, we were supposed to send in graves registration people within 45 days of the armistice — the North Koreans agreed to it — and we never did. We just left all those missing up there and didn't give a damn about them."

Indeed, there remains activity today about the missing troops but it appears solely the initiative of the veterans association. An effort aimed at pressuring the Congress to help in finding the missing is expected to be launched soon by the organization.

National president Richard Adams of Caruthers, Calif., led a group of Korean War veterans in a recent meeting with the North Korean Mission to the United Nations. The meeting was not a complete success. The North Koreans did not give permission for the veterans to proceed with plans to find the prisoners, but they didn't turn them down either.

The veterans organization claims that of the 8,177 still missing, 398 were known to be alive at the end of the war in 1953. Other than the 398 in question, the remainder of the missing almost certainly are dead, but their final resting places are not known.

Just as the Viet vets are seeking the return of the remains of all their fallen, so are the Korean vets.

Almost four decades after the conclusion of what our government called a "police action," there appears a groundswell of bitterness and anxiety arising from the ranks of Korean War veterans, probably spurred by the examples and successes of the Viet vets.

"Nobody cared much about us," complained Avery. "I went off to the war, almost got wiped out with the rest of my outfit, moved my rifle on to another company and kept my butt on the line day after day. You want to know what my neighbors said to me when I finally came home?

"Hi, guy, where ya been — in jail?"

"It was a jail all right. . . ."

A husband had just stepped into the shower after an afternoon of yard work when his wife walked into the bathroom.

"Say, hon," he asked, "what do you suppose the neighbors would say if I cut the grass looking like this?"

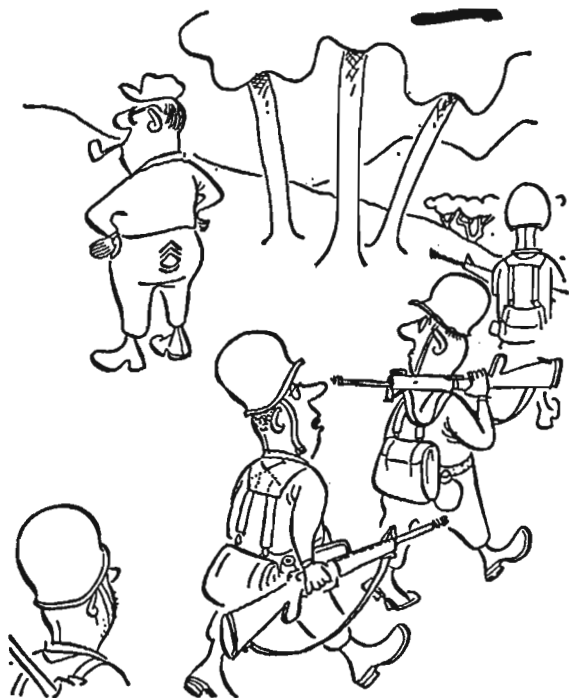
She gave him a deadpan look. "They'd say I married you for your money," she quipped.

Life Membership?? \$100.00 payable in 5 yearly increments of \$20.00 each -- or, of course, all at once, or in larger increments.

Oh, the beer was spilled on the barroom floor, and, the bar was closed for the night. When, out of his hole came a little ole mouse and he sat in the pale moon light. He, lapped up the beer from the barroom floor and back on his haunches he sat, and all night long you could hear him yell, "Bring on the --- ---- cat!!!"

A man wrapped up in himself makes a mighty small package.

The best tie rack ever made is still a doorknob.



"YOU HARDLY EVER
SEE THOSE REAR
ECHELON CRY THIS
CLOSE TO THE SHOOTING."

It's all right to let your mind go blank occasionally, but only if you turn the sound off too.



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24th Infantry Division Association
1989 Annual Reunion
September 14-17, 1989

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In guaranteeing your reservation [REDACTED] we require either:

A) An enclosed check or money order covering the first night's stay

OR

B) Major credit card number, expiration date, and signature

The Hyatt Regency Fort Worth regrets that it cannot hold your reservation [REDACTED]

without guaranteeing the reservation with one of the above.

For revisions or cancellations, please call our toll-free number at 800/228-9000 or dial the hotel directly at 817/870-1234.

CHECK-IN TIME: 3:00 P.M. (Accommodations prior to this cannot be assured.)

CHECK-OUT TIME: 12:00 P.M.

Type of Room	No. of Rooms	Convention Rates
Single (1 person)		\$60.00
Double (2 people)		\$60.00
Triple (3 people)		\$70.00
Quad (4 people)		\$70.00
1 Bdrm Suite		\$225.00 and up
2 Bdrm Suite		\$300.00 and up

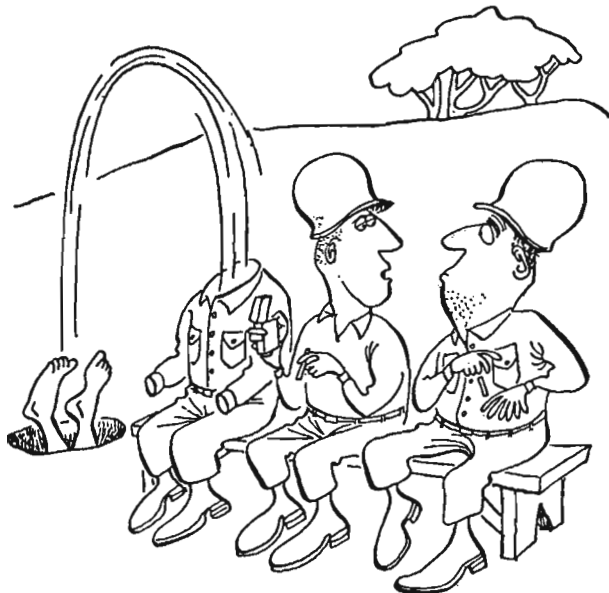
The above rates are subject to 13% State and local taxes.

Booking #: J-58909

Gold passport number is applicable.

Date of Arrival _____	Reservations requested after August 24, 1989
Time of Arrival _____	or after the room block has been filled are subject to availability and may not be available at the conventional rate.
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Company _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check or money order enclosed.
_____	Amount \$ _____
Telephone No. _____	Card # _____
Sharing room with _____	Expiration Date _____
_____	Signature _____

Deposits will be refunded only if cancellation notification is received at least 24 hours prior to arrival.



"I THINK WHAT HE SAID WAS THAT WHEN YOU HEAR AN INCOMING ROUND YOU HAVE ABOUT TWO SECONDS TO..."

MAIL TODAY

 **Don't Forget!**

Our Convention Chairman would like a word:



Greetings from Cowtown!

Fort Worth is an excellent city to include in your travel plans, as it has easy access by ground (using I-20 or I-30 east or west, and I-35 north and south bound) or air using D/FW Airport. D/FW Airport is approximately 20 minutes from downtown Fort Worth.

Seven art galleries and museums are in the city, exhibiting masterpieces found nowhere else in the world. Better yet, these exhibits are free to the public, and open six days per week (closed Mondays).

Sundance Square, the city's downtown area, has been rejuvenated and looks much like it did at the turn-of-the-century when it was frequented by Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and other "Hole-in-the Wall gang" members.

No trip would be complete to Fort Worth without a visit to the famous Stockyards Historical District. Once the focal point for the ranching industry throughout the Southwest, the Stockyards have been restored and are now the home of many western supply stores, specialty shops, restaurants, saloons and clubs.

In addition to these attractions, Fort Worth offers a Log Cabin Village, the Water Gardens, Thistle Hill (a 19th century cattle barons home), the Japanese Gardens, the Botanic Gardens and the Fort Worth Zoo. Needless to say, in Fort Worth you will be treated like a hero!

See you in September.

Paul & Lynn Austin
PAUL & LYNN AUSTIN

It's a "Maybe" -- Lt.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, may become the next president of the Citadel. Rosey, a 1951 Citadel graduate is in the running to succeed Maj.Gen. James A. Grimsley, Jr. who goes out on June 30th. The Citadel's in Charleston in case you didn't know.

Life Member RICHARD BEARD (19th Hawaii) of 3947 Peachtree, Dallas TX, pays the dues of E.F. HOWARD, of 9022 San Berito, also Dallas, with the explanation that E.F. has been hospitalized. These two surely will be with us in Ft. Worth; Dallas is only a "hop and a skip" away.

American Airlines

Something special in the air



BILL and Alice SANDERSON (19th '39-'43) of Attleboro MA and Warwick RI are now also of Tampa FL - just bought a home there.

VIP'S WAR



"That's the idea of camouflage, Hodgson. Gee, I was right on top of you before I noticed you"

COLLIER'S

VIRGIL PARTCH

Our friend's dog had worms so he took the animal to the vet. The vet prescribed garlic. Now the dog's bark is worse than his bite.

As we go to press, MATTHEW W. BUSEY of 133 Sea Cliff, San Francisco CA 94121 comes in with a fully paid up Life Membership. We was 6th MTB from 7/50 to 7/51. He writes: "The 6th was farmed out to a lot of Eighth Army units during the year but the 24th was mainly our parent." We love that thought, Matt, and we are grateful for your display of friendship.

1st Cav. Division Assoc. has over 25,000 members, and a treasury of over \$250,000. Jealousy will get you nowhere.

1989

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HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 14-17, 1989

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Wednesday September 13	Registration Early Arrivals Hospitality Room Meals at your pleasure	1 pm - 4 pm 9 am - 5 pm
Thursday September 14	Registration Hospitality Room Audio/Visual Room City Tours & Shopping Meals at your pleasure	9 am - 4 pm 10 am-10 pm 9 am - 4 pm All Day
Friday September 15	Registration Hospitality Room City Tours Breakfast/Lunch on your own Audio/Visual Room Annual Aloha Banquet Cocktail Hour Dinner - Ball Room (Check tickets for table assignment) (Dress - Hawaiian Style)	9 am - 3 pm 9 am - 4 pm All Day 9 am - 4 pm 6 pm - 7 pm 7 pm
Saturday September 16	Registration Annual Business Meeting Breakfast/Lunch on your own Hospitality Room Tours & Shopping at your pleasure Annual Memorial Banquet Cocktail Hour Dinner (Men - Coats & Ties Ladies - Informal evening wear) Dance - 24th Division Dance Band Fort Stewart, Georgia	9-11:30 am 4-6:30 pm 10 am-11 am 9 am - 4 pm 6 pm - 7 pm 7 pm
Sunday September 17	Continental Breakfast (Complimentary)	7 am-10 am

ALOHA! AND Y'ALL COME BACK!!!

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

42nd Annual Reunion

Wed., Sept. 13 - Sun., Sept. 17, 1989.

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas.

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Mail to: Mr. Paul Austin, Chairman
4141 - 6th Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas, 76115

Make checks to:
24th Infantry Division Association
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Name _____
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Address _____

(Zip)

Tel: (____) _____

Unit(s): _____ From _____ To _____

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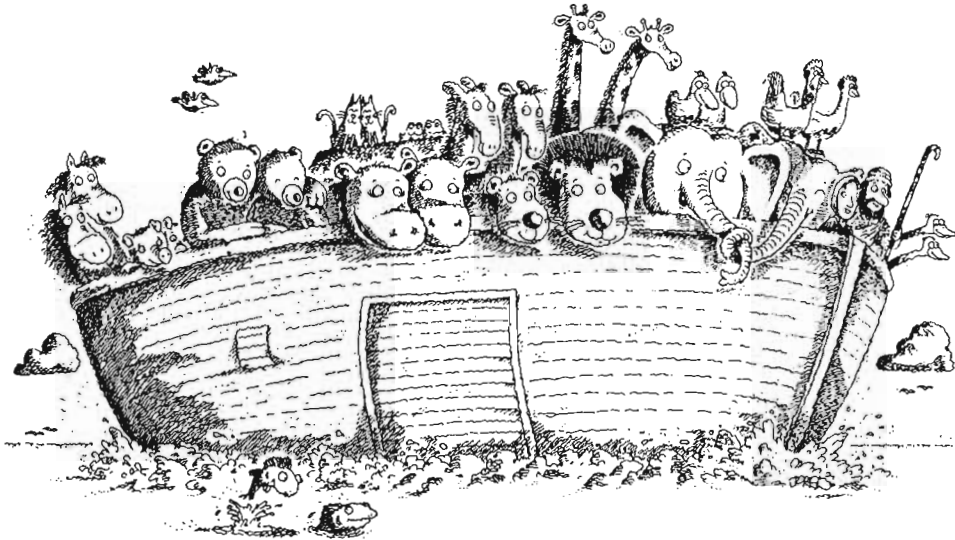
Occupation: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Children/Guests: _____

<u>(*Includes Gratuity and Tax)</u>	<u>* Per Person</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration Fee (Wives & Guests Excluded) (Widows,			\$ 15.00
Friday Aloha Dinner:	\$ 22.50	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet:	\$ 25.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Continental Breakfast	Complimentary		
Total Paid: \$ _____			

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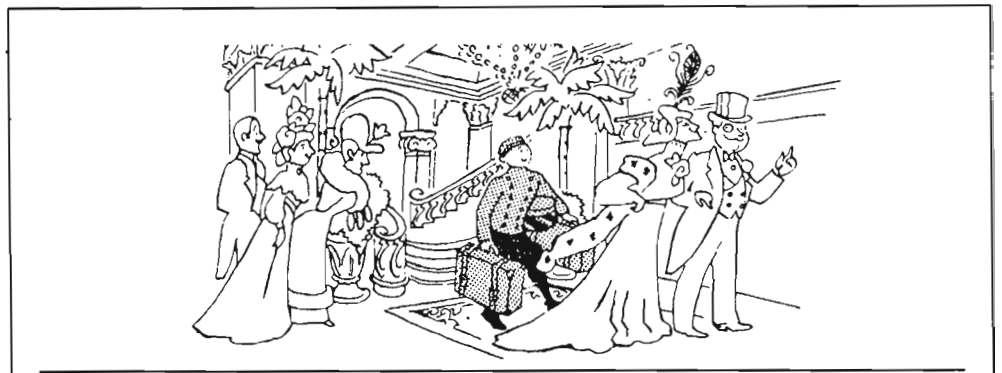
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ONCE AGAIN, CRUISING IN PAIRS MAKES HISTORY.

- our sneaky way to remind you to be sure to bring the "lil woman".

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TIME TO REGISTER

The Wonderful World of **FORT WORTH**

42nd ANNUAL REUNION 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION - 1989

Time: Wednesday, September 13th - Sunday, September 17th, 1989.

Place: Hyatt Regency Hotel (Downtown) (Fort Worth's largest hotel)
815 Main Street
Fort Worth, Texas, 76102
(817) 870-1234

Hotel Reservations: Make direct. Forms enclosed in this issue.

Pre-Registration: Forms enclosed in this issue. Send direct to Chairman.

<u>Hospitality Room:</u>	Soft Drinks	\$.50
(Wed. a.m. to	(Draft) Beer	.75
Sat. p.m.)	High Balls	1.50 (House Brands)
		2.00 (Call Brands)

Accommodations: 530 Large Comfortable Rooms + 40 Suites.

Main Ballroom: Seats up to 1,400

Transportation: "T" Limo from airport (hourly - schedule will follow later).
Rate: \$6.00 per person. Seniors over 65: \$3.00 (ID Req.)
Information on Super Shuttle follows in later editions.

Hotel Food Seniors over 55 - 25% discount in all hotel restaurants.
Discounts: Be sure to wear name plates.

Hotel Rates: \$60.00 single/double. Triple \$70.00. Quad \$70.00
(Plus Tax) Contact a buddy or a "buddy-ee"! and share a room.

Air Line Fares: We have signed a Meeting/Incentive contract with AMERICAN AIR
LINES for the travel dates of Sept. 11 through Sept. 19, 1989.
45% discount off regular coach/first class fare booked 14 days
in advance. 40% discount off both classes when booked 7 days
in advance. OR, 5% discount on lowest super saver fare avail-
able. BOOK EARLY. Fares are subject to availability of
inventory. Reserve direct or through your travel agent.
For above discounts use following code: STAR # SO-199-RJ

(Note: AAL Will will provide one complimentary ticket for travel anywhere in
continental USA (good for one year) for every 40 fares booked under this
contract. Committee plans to raffle comp. tickets during reunion. Also,
if enough response to this program, we may qualify for two complimentary
round trip tickets to Carribean or Hawaii, which will also be raffled.

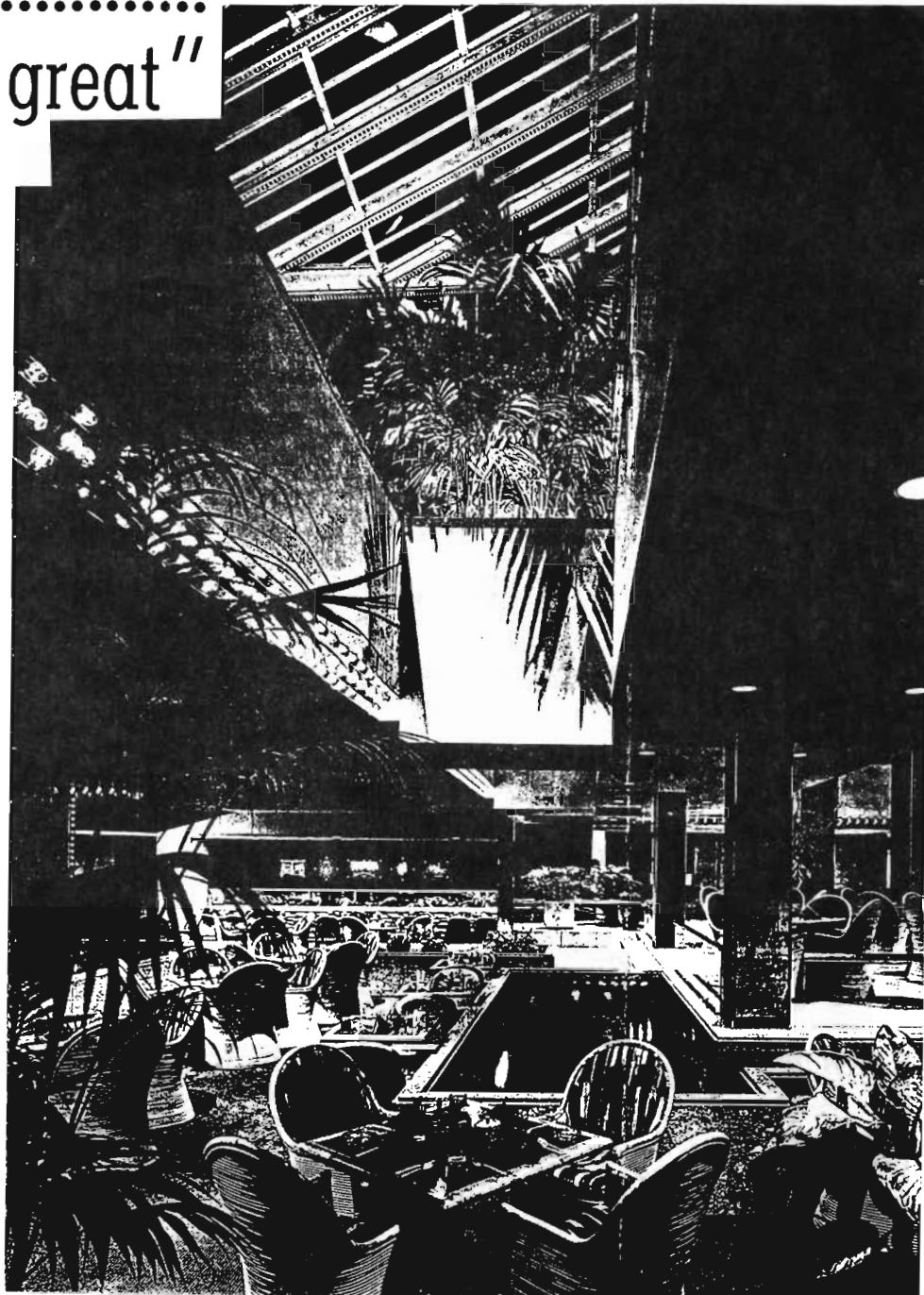
Parking: Complimentary under roof parking for all Taro Leafers.
RV and Camper accommodations are 7 to 8 miles from hotel.

Early Arrivals- \$60 rate applies to members arriving early or staying over
Late Departures: after reunion. Come early, stay late!

Activities: Details in future issues. Fort Worth was selected over Dallas
because there is "so much more to do in Fort Worth"!

<u>The Committee:</u>	Chairman: Paul Austin	Jim Fredericks	Paula Lamb
		Gil Heaberlin	Donna Wicks
		Ben Greenfield	

.....
 "It's gonna be great"



Life Member 796, DICK BEARD of Dallas TX sends us the name of an Augsburg Germany man -- JIM WEBSTER of the 34th. Jim is living at 2568 El Cerrito, Dallas TX.

Roger Clemens, the Red Sox's "Rocket" charges \$8.50 for each autograph. Can you believe it?

Foolishly, we asked H. "Jaime" BRUNO (1st Bn. Hqs. 34th '45-'46) of 2842 N.Desert, Tucson AZ, if it ever got hot in Tucson. Replied he: "Hot? You're asking if we get hot? Why last summer it got so hot that two fire hydrants were fighting over a dog." And we believe you, Jaime, fools that we are.

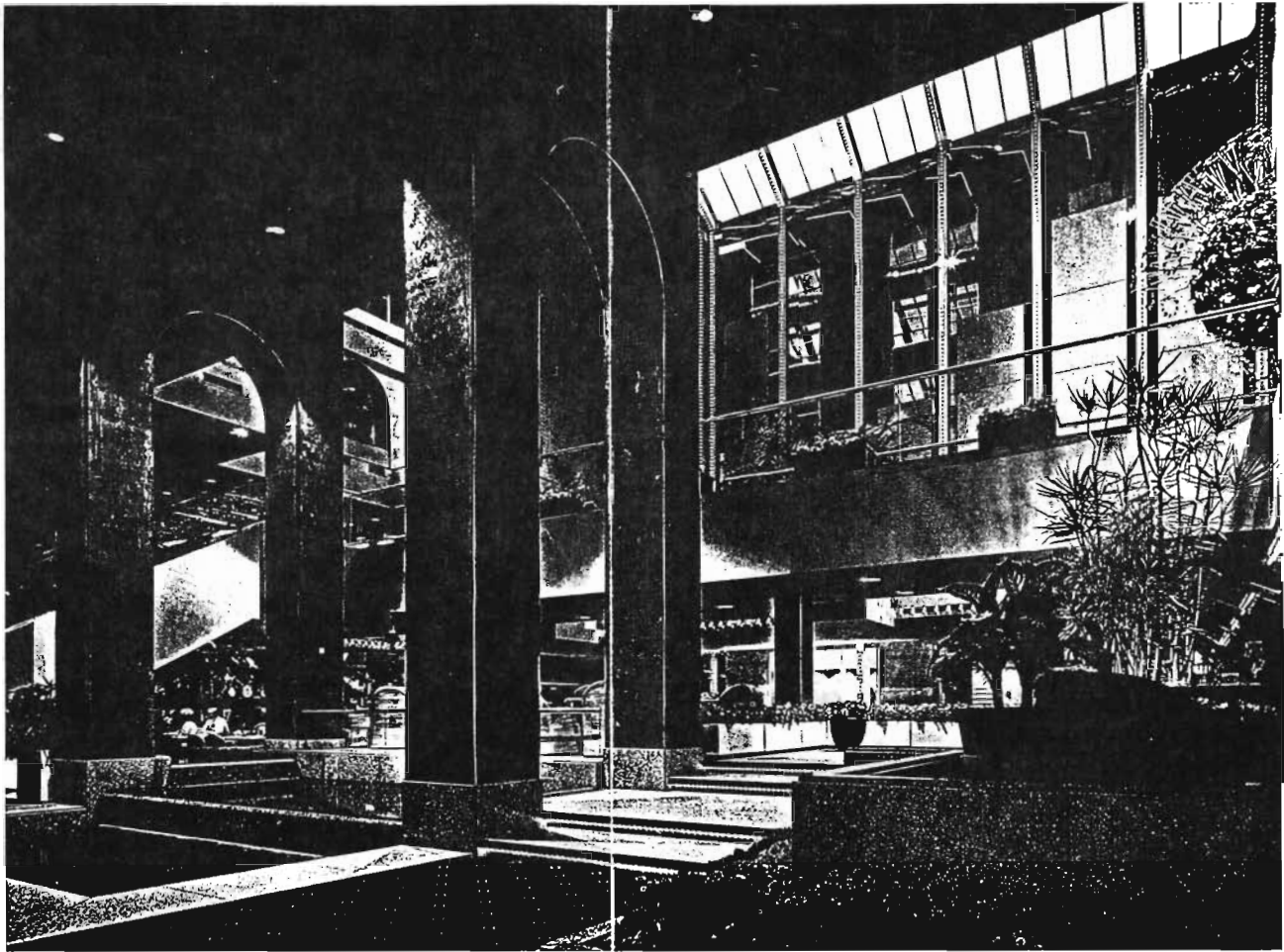
Venture upward to the Skylight Court Cocktail Lounge. Sip your drink surrounded by art and nature. Paintings, sculpture, soft piano music. A spectacular waterfall, trees, and flowers.

Enjoy a casual breakfast, lunch, or dinner next to reflecting pools and a gentle waterfall at the Cafe Centennial. Or, delight in the local specialties and fine wines served at the Crystal Cactus restaurant and lounge.

HOWARD PASSWATER (G 19th and 24th MP '48-'50) tells us that the first KIA in Korea was DAVID RANSOME "from Vermont".

Greetings "to all" in from "Mile Hi Denver - NICK MONTOYA and LEO AQUALIER, a couple of '41-'43 Gimlets".

LASTING EMPRESSIONS



We're gonna pray a lot on this one. You see we're never sure in advance as to how a picture is gonna come out. We see it for the first time just a few hours before you do. Wanna identification? It's the Hyatt Regency lobby.

As the fellow said: "I believe in protecting human rights. That's why I never go to weddings."

JUST HAVING FUN

JESSE and Daisy FOSTER were just having fun in Washington when they postcarded us with: "Saw a female Army Captain on Pennsy Av., with 5 rows of ribbons - and a CIB. Can you believe it?"

Non Illegitimus Carborundum!

The headline is the gift of MARSHALL H. KATZ (Hq. 19th '40-'45) of 12226 Venice, Los Angeles. It needs no translation. Thanx, Marsh.

Past Prexy WARREN AVERY (G 21st Korea) of 836 Middletown Av., N.Haven CT 06473, is as happy as a clam at high tide; he has found another officer from his company, Lt.Col. CHARLES F. DICKERSON (G & F 21st '50-'51) of 1528 S.Jamaica, Aurora CO. Yes, Charley's now one of the boys.

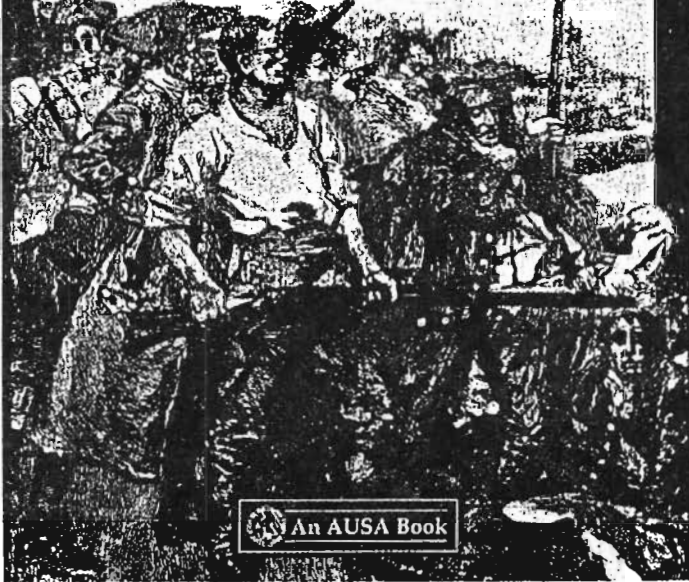
JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL (G 21st WW II), likes the story of the college basketball coach whose star center finished the semester with five F's and a D. "Son", the coach remonstrated gently, "it looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

Having a conscience does not prevent us from sinning; it merely prevents us from enjoying it.

Gen. John R. Galvin, U.S. Army
Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

THE MINUTE MEN

THE FIRST FIGHT:
MYTHS & REALITIES OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Just off the presses: "The Minute Men" by our great comrade, Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. By avocation, Jack is an historian. We've ordered our copy from Pergamon-Brassey, 395 Saw Mill River Rd., Elmsford NY 10523. \$24.95 in case you're writing for a copy.

FORT WORTH

The International Korean War Memorial - that's the "other" one - the one that was planned for Los Angeles - on the site offered by LA Mayor, Tom Bradley, has suffered a loss. The LA Cultural Affairs Commission has now voted not to permit the monument to be placed on the site. Stay tuned.

FORT WORTH

Hard work is often due to the piling up of the easy things you neglected to do.

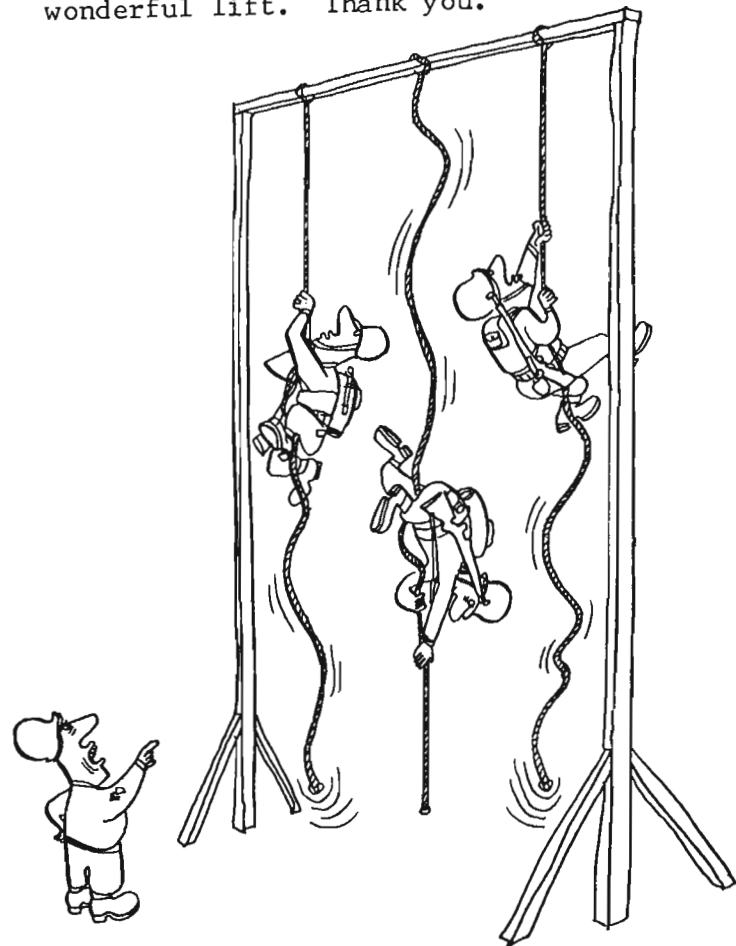
An optimist is someone who tells you to cheer up when things are going his way.

The Wonderful World of FORT WORTH

It's a Ronald Reagan story, told to a group of business visitors in the Rose Garden on 5-23-88. He was talking about Harry Truman and his use of colorful language. Sayeth he: "It seems that Eleanor Roosevelt called Bess (Truman) one day and, in the course of the conversation, asked where Harry was and what he was doing. And Bess said, 'He's out putting manure on the flower garden.' And Eleanor said, 'Oh, Bess, can't you get him to use some other term, like fertilizer, instead of manure?' And Bess said, 'It's taken me 20 years to get him to call it manure.'"

☆ IN OLD FORT WORTH

Hospitalized - FRANK "Coffee" KAWA (Cn. 21st '42-'44). Heart problems. Is coming along. No visitors. No flowers. But cards to 66 E. Greenwich, West Warwick RI 02893, will do our good friend a wonderful lift. Thank you.



"O.K. PHILLIPS, ALL I SAID WAS THAT YOU HAD TO CLIMB UP THE ROPE."

WE INVENTED ONCE UPON A TIME.

It all started when we received a call from Maj.Gen. ELMER D. PENDLETON, USA Ret. Now at 3028 Knoll Drive, Falls Church VA 22042, he was looking for an address for Mrs. WILLIAM F. DEAN. The call developed into a friendship and we both were soon to learn that Mildred died last fall. We were stunned. Elmer Pendleton was WP '51. Was with the 7th Div. in Korea, then had tours with the 82nd Airborne, the Infantry School, C & GSC. In 64-65 he commanded the 1st Bn. 21st in Germany, telling us it was "one of the happiest tours in my Army career." Intrigued by his enthusiasm for us, we asked him if he'd please write us a few words reflecting upon his Germany days - and this is how he quickly responded:

ELMER DEAN PENDLETON

Major General, U.S. Army, Retired

3028 KNOLL DRIVE

FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22042

703 - 241-0236

I have enjoyed talking to you over the past week about activities of the 24th Division. I am happy to be a member of the Association and hope I can find others and encourage them to join.

Commanding the Gimlets in 1964 and 1965 was a great experience and one that marked the end of an era in Europe. About the time I left for Vietnam, thousands of others were soon to follow and the great peacetime Army we had built in Europe gradually deteriorated until many years after the Vietnam War ended, and we once again developed real combat ready forces in Europe.

A mechanized infantry battalion was very large in those days—about 950 men. Although there were some training restrictions, we basically trained almost everywhere.

The Battalion's most important mission was two deployments to Berlin of about 90-100 days each. After the construction of the Berlin Wall, forces from West Germany rotated to Berlin to augment the Berlin Brigade. Little of the Soviet-U.S. goodwill that exists today existed in 1964-65. Driving the 90 miles up the autobahn through East Germany was a sobering experience. Pulling patrol duty along the Wall was real, and it was a never to be forgotten experience to witness a successful escape from the East to the West.

The Berliners were happy to have us there and lined the streets at weekly street parades. Our soldiers felt good and all were awarded the Occupation Medal for service in Berlin. We had many great experiences, but guarding Spandau Prison in rotation with the British, French and Soviets and standing next to the infamous Rudolph Hess had to be one of the top ones; from the point of view of wondering what thoughts this man must have had. He, of course, died in the last year or so and was the only prisoner left at Spandau at the time of his death.

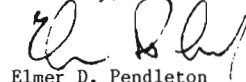
On our return to Munich we were able to conduct excellent training with our mechanized equipment. Training, maintenance and getting our old facilities into shape gave us a full plate—but Munich and Bavaria were not only fun places but affordable in those days.

The 24th Division was a great place to serve and it is a real pleasure to run into fellow soldiers who served there at that time. I took my wife back to Warner Kaserne in May 1985 in north Munich. It is now the Headquarters for a large medical organization and its facilities have had a major facelift.

The funny thing about our visit though was that I didn't see a single German or any medical equipment. I saw some great young troopers loading their gear onto their M113's and preparing to move to their alert position. Ready, willing, capable, and tough. Was it really 20 years ago?

Best wishes for a great year for you and the Association.

Sincerely,



Elmer D. Pendleton

ALBERT J. MCADOO's second installment of his 5th RCT History. We're proud of you, Al. Al's at 108 Central, Acton MA 01720. Tel. 617-263-2573.

THE PENTAGONIA

5TH RCT



This Masthead was swiped from the Fifth RCT newsletter of December 18, 1953 upon the occasion of the awarding of the Republic of Korea awarding the ROK Presidential Unit Citation to the fifth RCT. The wording of the Citation indicates that anyone who served with the Fifth in Korea was awarded this decoration. The proper place on the uniform for display is over the left pocket of the Class "A" Uniform and to the left of the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation if authorized. The device is a ribbon type badge with a Gold metal trim of a replica of the Korean Flag, red part up.

A brief history of the Fifth continues with the entrance of the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) in the conflict, in November 1950, threatened to cut off the 24th & 2d Divisions and the 5th RCT moved to the vicinity of UIJONGBU. The enemy offensive in the first week of January 1951 forced the 24th Division to withdraw; the 5th RCT setting up blocking positions at CHANG-HOWAN NI. Operation killer began and the 5th RCT recrossed the Han River and fought to the junction of the Han and Pukgan Rivers. During the first days of April, the Fifth again crossed the 38th parallel, and on 5 April 1951 reached its objective on line KANSAS. The Fifth relieved the 21st Infantry on the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) on 20 April, just before the CCF began their Spring Offensive on 22 April, 1951. On April 25, elements of the 5th RCT were ambushed as they pulled back to blocking positions along the HAN River. the 5th RCT was hastily reorganized and occupied prepared defensive positions in support of the HAN River bridgehead to cover the withdrawal of the 24th Division. The Fifth was then given the mission of establishing an outpost line of resistance in front of the Division line. Elements of the Fifth engaged in continuous, extending patrol action from these positions.

On 27 May 1951, elements of the 5th RCT counterattacked an enemy force attacking the Command Post of the 21st Infantry. This action ended in the capture of 1,141 CCF prisoners. On 22 June the 5th RCT relieved the 32d Infantry and conducted an aggressive defense. On 2 August, a limited objective attack was launched to secure and temporarily hold high ground, and then withdraw to line WYOMING. The 5th RCT was relieved on 8 August and placed in reserve.

On 13 October 1951, the 5th RCT attacked during the US IX Corps offensive to secure line NOMAD. After a series of limited objective attacks, the Fifth advanced to positions just south of KUMSONG.

This is where your writer enters the picture. I can give you a first person account of the doings of the 5th RCT because I was assigned to the 3d platoon, 3d squad Co. "E" on 23 January, 1952. This was when the 24th Division was pulled out of the line and redeployed to lovely JAPAN and the Fifth remained in line for a time under IX Corps control. By February 10th the 5th RCT was relieved by elements of the 40th Infantry Division and moved via truck, train and ship (USNS MARINE PHINIX) to KOJE DO Island to guard prisoners of the CCF & NKPA, housed on the island. KOJE DO's weather was much warmer than the KUMSONG hilltops. Cont.

We want to hear from you old soldiers, fill us in on where you were during the dates referred to in this narrative. Send to Ken or Al

FROM THE

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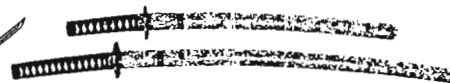
**FOUND A NEW MEMBER?
HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?
THIS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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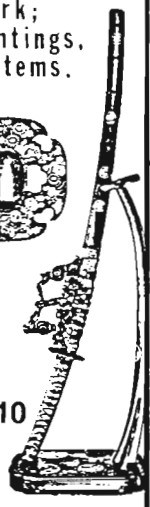


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From BILL HAURILAK (E 34th '41-'45), of
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at Savannah by BEN WAHLE (G 34th) -- Can you
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About Men

BY BERNARD E. TRAINOR



DANIEL MAFFIA

A Return To No Man's Land

I FIRST CLIMBED HILL 229 as a Marine lieutenant commanding an infantry platoon during the Korean War. Last summer I climbed it again. I puffed upward, aware that I was no longer the physically fit soldier of 36 years ago. But I was heady with excitement over the chance to view my old battleground, now part of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

In March 1952, the second platoon of Charlie Company, as part of the First Marine Division, moved from the mountains of eastern Korea to the hills above Seoul, not far from the peace site at Panmunjom. From a trench on top of Hill 229, my company commander, Capt. Ken Swigart, pointed to a series of smaller hills farther north and told us to occupy them.

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The three platoons that made up the company moved forward after dark to carry out his orders.

That first night I got lost and blundered for hours around dried-up rice paddies and minefields before finding my assigned hill. The memory brought back the humiliation I had felt. I wondered if any of my men still recall the muffled swearing in the platoon that night.

The view from the top of the hill has improved from four decades ago, when the terrain was treeless and churned to sand by bombs, mortar fire and thousands of artillery rounds. The hills and valleys are now green with foliage and not a shell hole can be seen. The 151-mile-long, 2½-mile-wide demilitarized zone is still a no man's land, but it abounds with pheasants and small deer.

The bucolic scene is marred only by a 120-foot-wide gash of yellow soil bull-

dozed along the demarcation line between North and South Korea. Both sides patrol the line and have set small concrete pillboxes at intervals on opposing hills. Occasionally a firefight breaks out between patrols and each side hastens to blame the other for violating the armistice.

Sometimes a hapless soldier, born long after mines were planted in the area, steps on an undiscovered leftover, becoming a late addition to the nearly two million casualties suffered by both sides during the war. With casualties like that, it is difficult to understand why the Korean conflict is called by some the Forgotten War.

I had little trouble identifying the hills in front of me and could easily remember their code names — Bunker Hill, Berlin, Reno, Carson and Vegas. One hill to the right of 229, called the Hook because of its shape, was blasted a few feet shorter in October

FORT WORTH

Until I stood on the hill where my sergeant died, my recollections of Korea were anecdotal. Time can submerge ugly memories.

1952: Chinese artillery hit it with 1,200 high-explosive shells within a couple of hours. Today, none of those hills compete in popular memory with Iwo Jima and Bastogne. I guess the Korean battles count for little because none of them were what war historians call "decisive." But they were scenes of fighting equally bitter.

Donning a helmet and bulletproof vest and escorted by a squad of young South Korean soldiers, I left Hill 229 to visit some of the hills in the demilitarized zone over which my platoon had fought. Other than the greenery, everything looked the same. It was eerie to stand in a concrete-lined South Korean observation post located on the same spot where I had dug a foxhole. Absent, however, was the knot in my stomach and the wariness with which I had once peered at a hill 500 yards away, where an unseen enemy lay waiting to snipe at careless marines.

It seemed incongruous to look across at a North Korean outpost on a hill named Ungok and see a bored soldier staring back at me while nearby two of his companions played Ping-Pong. In my time, we did our level best to kill every living creature on that hill. Marines raided it over and over again, and now North Koreans play Ping-Pong on its crest.

My escorts took only polite interest in my running commentary about the fighting that had taken place in the area. They did smile, however, when I pointed to the former location of a privy on the backslope of a hill, where the company first sergeant was nicked by shrapnel from incoming artillery fire while answering nature's call.

I stopped boring my escorts with stories about battles of which they knew nothing and cared less. I lapsed into silent communion with members of my old platoon and continued my tour.

When I got to Hill 126, I looked at the spot where my platoon sergeant was killed. Sgt. Harold Wagner was taking out a night patrol. They had just passed through the protective barbed wire strung in front of our position.

Barely spitting distance from the wire, burp guns erupted. It was over in seconds. How the Chinese ambush party got that close without being detected still puzzles me. Perhaps we got careless; that happens in war. Wagner was dead and so were two other members of the patrol, Pvt. Glenn Blakely and Cpl. Vinnie Dougherty. I can still see their vacant eyes staring at us as we tried vainly to revive them under the dim, red-filtered beam of a flashlight.

I wrote the customary letters of condolence to the next of kin. Wagner's wife and Blakely's parents never responded, but I still have the letter I received from Barbara Neal, Dougherty's fiancée. She said that all her prayers for Vinnie's safe return didn't help. She was right. War is indifferent to prayers or any form of supplication. Yet I think we all prayed on the outside chance that it would help.

The thrill of returning to scenes of my youth was gone by the time I left Hill 126. Until I stood at the site of Wagner's death, my recollections of Korea were largely anecdotal. Time has a way of submerging ugly memories. But as those memories resurfaced, I felt like a burn victim whose raw nerve ends are suddenly exposed to air. Though nobody else on the hill with me could smell the stench, see the shattered landscape, hear the whoosh of incoming artillery or the popping of machine guns, I became increasingly aware of them as the day wore on. I knew it was time to rebury the past. The second platoon of Charlie Company could do without me for another 36 years.

As we left the hill, a South Korean soldier handed me a dented and dirty Chinese Army canteen that had been found near my old platoon position. He asked me if I wanted it as a souvenir. I said "Sure. Why not?"

When I returned home, I placed the crusty relic on a bookshelf in my study and stared at it. I ran a finger over the gritty surface. "Sure. Why not?" I mused. "That guy's war is over. And so is mine." ■

Thanks go to BILL HOSLER (19th 5/49-1/51) of 409 Sharon, Mechanicsburg PA 17055, for this one on old friend, General - that's 4 stars, count 'em - H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF. It's a clip from the paper of Valley Forge Military Academy. Here it is:

H. Norman Schwarzkopf '52 Receives His Fourth Star

H. Norman Schwarzkopf, '52 was promoted to General, USA, and was appointed to the U. S. Central Command. He is the first Forge graduate and the second Forge alumnus to achieve this rank.

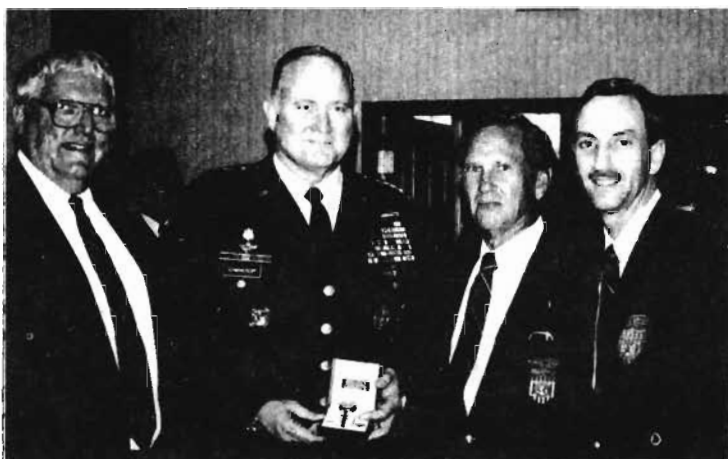
Schwarzkopf had entered Valley Forge in 1950 as a second classman in D Troop. He was also on the varsity football team and graduated valedictorian in 1952. He was appointed to West Point, from which his father had graduated in 1917. There he played tackle on the football team, served as cadet captain and graduated in the top tenth of his class in 1956. He attended many Armed Forces Schools, including the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He earned his Masters Degree in Guided Missile Engineering from the University of Southern California.

He has held numerous command assignments, including Deputy Director for Military Plans and Policy at the U.S.

Pacific Command in Hawaii, Director of Military Personnel Management and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon, and as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, also at Army Headquarters. He was appointed General on November 23, 1988.

General Schwarzkopf's numerous awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, three Silver Stars, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars with "V" device, two Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Nicknamed Stormin' Norman or The Bear (he's a 6' 3", 230-pound former tackle) he is every GI's first advocate... and critic. "You'd better salute on post, and you'll get a yelling if you're not cutting the image of a soldier," reports Lt. Col. John McNeill, a former public affairs officer. At the same time Gen-



A SPECIAL TIME for General Schwarzkopf, '52 is the Change of Command Ceremony. Flanking Gen. Schwarzkopf are (l. to r.) Edward A. Hausburg, '53JC, Kenneth E. Dunlap, '63JC and Alumni Board Chairman James A. Fraley, Jr., '70JC. The Alumni Association presented General Schwarzkopf an Alumni watch, which he proudly displays here.

eral Schwarzkopf is constantly reminding Americans that the soldier is their "bread and butter."

General Schwarzkopf was the guest speaker to the alumni, guests and Corps of Cadets at services in the Alumni Memorial Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurion at Homecoming last May.

To date, 21 Forge alumni have become general officers, eight of which

are current, including five in the U. S. Army. General Lucius D. Clay, Jr., USAF (Ret) '37, is the only other alumnus to attain the rank of General. Those currently on active duty with the U. S. Army are, in addition to GEN Schwarzkopf, MG Charles C. Adsit, '53JC, BG John F. Sobke, '57, MG Robert D. Wiegand, '49, and MG John Yeosock, '55.

A servicewoman with a 6-month-old daughter has sued for a hardship discharge from the Army so that she will not be sent to South Korea and be separated from her child.

The soldier, Specialist 4 Cheryl Beekman, said in a lawsuit filed in Federal District Court in Newport News, VA, that soon after the birth of her daughter, Lauren, she recognized that it would be difficult to balance motherhood and life as a soldier.

Specialist Beekman, a graphic illustrator at Fort Eustis, VA, was ordered to report to South Korea on March 23. The Army makes no provisions for soldiers' dependents in South Korea.

After Specialist Beekman filed suit Tuesday, the Army decided to halt her transfer pending the outcome of the case. No hearing date has been set.

Stay tuned.

For this, we are indebted to FRANK SKINNER:

"After 70, it's patch, patch, patch."
(Jimmy Stewart)

From our in-house philosopher, FRANK WILCZAK, (24th QM - Germany '58-'59), now of 224 Shanley, Cheektowaga NY:

"The American shopper is that strange creature who will rush to a 10-percent-off sale and then let the carrying charge ride at 18 percent."

On the delicate question of who was the first Division KIA on 12/7/41. Comes this response from ANGELO F. MARCHESI (52nd F 10/41-10/42) of 4 Stoneham, Woburn MA: "THEODORE J. LEWIS from PA - I'm not sure of the city or town is the man. He was a soldier in Hqs. Btry. 1st Bn, 13 FA Regt.; I was assigned to same Btry in June '41. When the 24th and 25th were formed in Oct. 1, 1941, he became a member of the 63 FA Bn. On Dec. 7th, I was being attended to in the Medical building. Ted was brought in with wounds in his stomach area. Hope you have received news from other members who will confirm."

We shall see, Angelo, we shall see. Your report is the first in. Many thanks.

Buffet dinner: a party where guests outnumber chairs.

Word of Mouth

Ben Briscoe, the 2nd Jewish mayor of Dublin (his father was the first), tells the perfectly delightful story about the manager at a boring meeting who asked, "Can you hear me at the back?" and the boy at the back who said, "No," and the fellow in the front who said, "Let's swap places."



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CROW'S NEST



It's a different army today! At Stewart, Sgt. MICHELLE RICHARDSON is assigned to the 24th Personnel Service Company. 24 years old, she's the mother of two. Didja get it -- a mother of two?

Moved: ED WILSON (21st '47-'50) from St. Charles to 8411 Dorr, Wonderlake, still in IL 60097.

ALLAN and Joan LEBRUN (G 19th '44-'46) of 7241 Bridgewood Dr., Baltimore MD 21224, made our Baltimore party - our very first - in '48 - and then they made our Savannah fiesta in '88 - that's what we politely call the 40 year spread. Al and Joan, parents of 4 are grandparents of 3. Son, Dan's in Army - Riley. Son, Matt's, in Navy - Norfolk. Writes Joan - Al never writes - "We'll be seeing you in Texas." And that delights us, dear Joan. Al is our Life Member #855 - just joined that little Inner Sanctum. Only it's not so "little" anymore.



Remember the Pedro Lot family in Davao. This was in front of their house. The Japs had used it as a CP. Then it was our turn. He who gave us the photo is FRED GRAY, kneeling between mater and pater. The Lot boy is standing beside him.

This is the kind of talk that makes you feel good all over. MICHAEL COX, of 11900 Stout Oak, Austin TX writes: "I belonged to the 1st Bn. 34th Inf. in Augsburg from '63 to '66 and I must say it was the best (and my first) assignment I had during my 21 years of active duty. If there are any others out there who served with the 34th, I would appreciate hearing from them."

There you are, Mike.

Beautiful surprise in the a.m. mail. Janie CROWELL, widow of CLYDE "Bunny" CROWELL; (H 21st '39-'40) thought well enough of us to send us a warm note of encouragement, along with a hefty check. Janie has nerve troubles, finding it especially hard to write. But write she did. A card or note directed to Rt. 2, Box 520, Commerce TX 75428, would help, oh, so very much.

Who said we "ain't never got no news on the 6th TK"? WILLIAM "Bob" EVANS - that's great, name is William, nickname is Bob - went to the 6th at Camp Hook TX in '49. He and GALE CURRY met at Hood. They'll meet again in Ft. Worth in Sept. Bob's at Box 10, Richland MO. Gale's at 34 Ridgecrest, Joshua TX 76058.

Moved: EUGENE and Erika DAUGHERTY, (H & H, 6th Tk. Bn. 9/50-5/51) have moved from Falls Church VA to Box 1186, Pinebluff NC 28373.

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Sad news from the PAUL KUKASKY household. Helen has called to alert us to the sorry fact that her beloved Paul (I 21st '39-'45) has passed away. Wrote Helen from their 413 Messner Rd., South, Akron OH 44319 home: "He was a loving, devoted Christian man and we had 43 wonderful years of marriage and raised 5 beautiful children. He went through bypass surgery in his left leg a year ago and then ended up with an amputation in May. The surgery ruined his heart, lungs and kidneys and he died of congestive heart failure. Our daughters, Sue and Elaine, our sons, Paul, Gerald and David, and our 3 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren will miss him as will I."

Our prayers are with you, Helen. Our picture was taken of Helen and Paul at Schaumburg in '87.

We have lost BERNARD S. SKRZYDLEWSKI (C 52nd Field), of Pittsburgh PA. Poor Bernie suffered through 5 years with the Big C, finally giving up on Jan. 1, 1989. Ruth, his widow, wrote that, "He always told me when the end comes to inform you guys and to thank all of you who wrote him letters and cards of cheer. They helped."

Passed away last September third: BLAKE G. PHILLIPS (E 19th '46-47 and Hq. 1st Bn. 19th '50-'51). Our report comes from HOWARD LUMSDEN who was his friend.

Deceased: Col. GEORGE MILDONIAN (CO of 2nd Bn. 19th, later 1st Bn. 19th in Japan '46-'48). HOWARD LUMSDEN intercepted the sad fact in the MOWW Magazine. George died sometime in 1988.

From good friend BOB KILGO (E 21st '42-'45) of 248 Hampton, Darlington SC comes word of the passing of RENE DUMONTIER. Bob wrote it thus:

"I noticed in the Taro Leaf sometime ago that you had an inquiry concerning Rene DuMontier, who I believe had passed away in his mid 60's somewhere in the west. I meant to write you immediately and overlooked it.

"I arrived in the islands in early May '42 and was assigned to E 21st. I remained with E Company throughout the war. Rene DuMontier was a 2nd Lt. in E Co. when I arrived. I believe that he was single at the time and his family lived in Honolulu. Apparently he went to medical school after the war and settled in the west.

"I do recall that a cadre was sent back to the United States from the Division and I was disturbed that DuMontier was assigned to take that cadre to the United States while he and his family lived in Honolulu. Of course, every other member of the division with families in the states would have given an arm to come back with that cadre.

"I regret seeing that DuMontier recently passed away. I did not see him after he took the cadre to the United States."

BERNIE BJORKMAN, down in North Little Rock, AR has advised us of the passing of CHARLES STANCIL (Sv. 19th '44-'45). Charley died on March 29, 1989. Charley and the late JOE PEYTON were very close, they having served in the same company at the same time.

George McKay, an old 69th Inf. Div. man, has notified us of the passing - on Feb. 1, 1989, of his brother, SYDNEY A. MALONEY of Phoenix AZ. Syd was D 19th. "Played football at Schofield for the Chicks; enlisted at Camp Upton NY; started a 'Mickey Mouse' music publishing company in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel; present at the time of PH, Australia, New Guinea and PI; looked like John Wayne then, now like Walter Mathau" - Syd's own profile on himself.