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FIRST CLASS MAIL

*Far away, but  
not forgotten*



Important News:  
Please Read!

Military service, morphologically speaking, is apodictically not a mere millenarian velleity or synecdoche exiguously reified as antinomian meliorism by exogenous 24th epigones with their conflated burins. Gosh, we certainly hope not.

Time to come down to earth - and give out with a few words on our plans for this fall.

This will be our big Five-0, Division having been organized at Schofield on October 1, 1941. A gala celebration is planned for Burlingame, California, home of our hosting Marriott, one mile from the S.F. Airport, followed by an "on your own" tour to Hawaii (not a reunion) to join with the 25th at Schofield. The dates, hotels and rates follow:

Wed., Sept. 24 - Sun., Sept. 29  
Marriott Hotel  
1800 Old Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, CA 94101  
Rate: \$58 - Sing/Db1.

25th Inf.Div.Assn.Reunion  
Thurs., Oct. 3 - Sun., Oct. 6  
Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel  
Honolulu HI  
Rate: \$87.50 Sing/Db1.

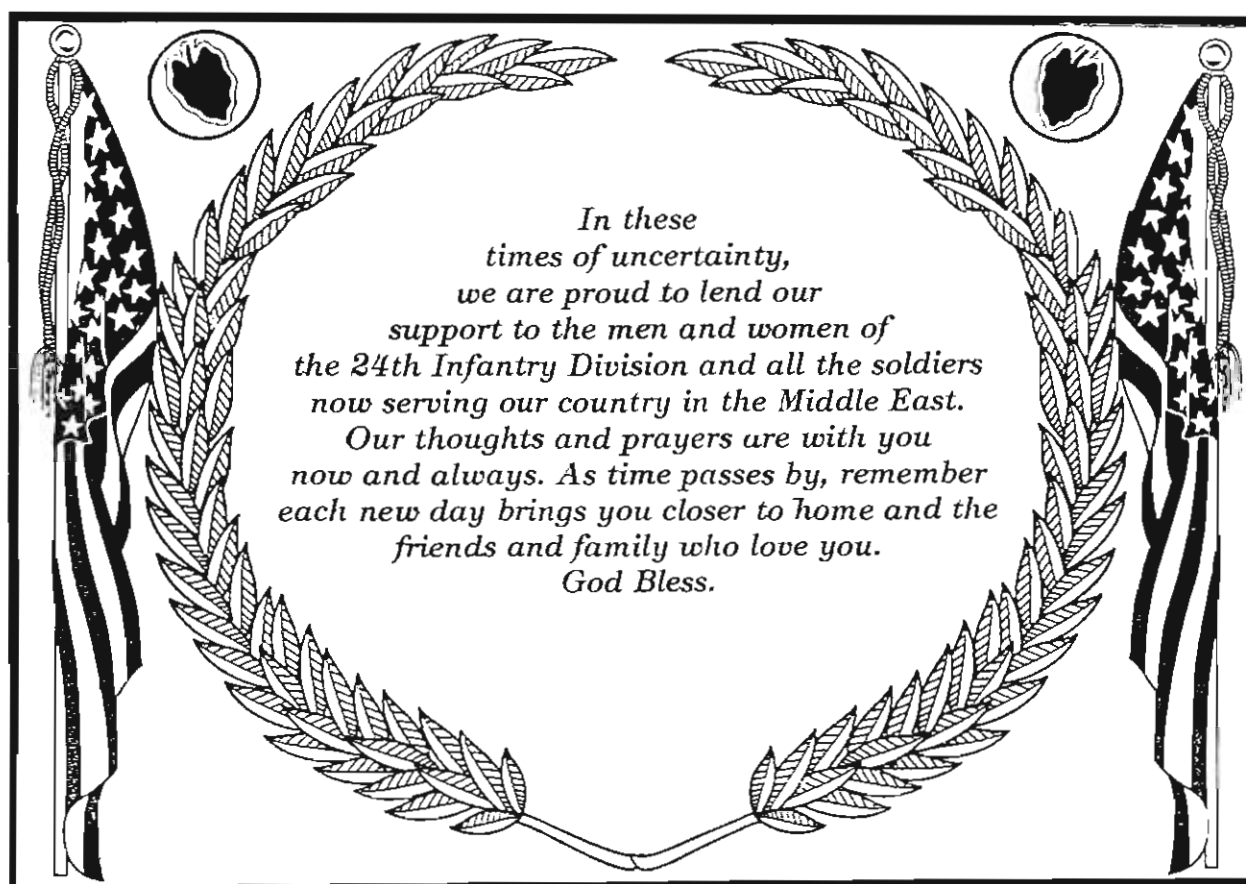
The days in between can either be spent touring San Francisco after our reunion, or, heading for Hawaii and touring Oahu prior to the activities with the 25th. JOE HOFRIKTER is, tentatively, (depending upon interest) putting together two tours to the outer islands, one consisting of four nights - Sun., 9/29 - Thurs., 10/3 (ar. Waikiki), the other after the 25th reunion covers Sun., 10/6 - Wed., 10/11 (ar. mainland 10/11). The first will probably be Kauai and Maui; the latter Hilo and Kona, both on the big Island. Fly direct from Kona to mainland.

We tried to arrange to have our reunion begin on Sunday so it would end the day before the 25th began their activities, but the hotel rate would have jumped to \$84.00. Also, we contacted the hotels in downtown San Francisco, but the convention rates were \$140.00! In addition, to get to downtown it is necessary to take a limo to a downtown terminal, plus a taxi from there to the hotel. Whereas, the transportation from the airport to the Marriott is complimentary, as it was at LAX. Numerous tours to downtown, to Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, etc., are available at nominal prices. The hotel itself is ideal for our needs; a beautiful setting on the bay with a 2½ baywalk just outside. We're really getting a bargain. Pre-registration forms and hotel registration forms will follow in the Taro Leaf.

Almost forgot! On Friday, Oct. 4, Schofield will have a parade, a fire power demonstration, and an open house at the barracks. Now all you old pineapple soldiers can check out your old bunking area! There will also be tours to the Arizona War Memorial (a must!), and a memorial service on Sunday morning, Oct. 6, at Punchbowl Cemetery.



# taro leaf



And, by the way, find the error on this page. A prize for each of the first ten to write in and complain.



# TARO LEAF

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San Francisco, California,  
September 26 to 29.

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# LOOKING?

ROBERT STRATTON (M 19th Korea '51)  
RR 1, Box 9999, Bluffton OH 45817,  
is looking for HOWARD WATERS, JR.  
(M 19th) MIA April '51.  
Can anyone help Bob?

## An art in itself

### NOTICE REGARDING DUES PAYMENTS

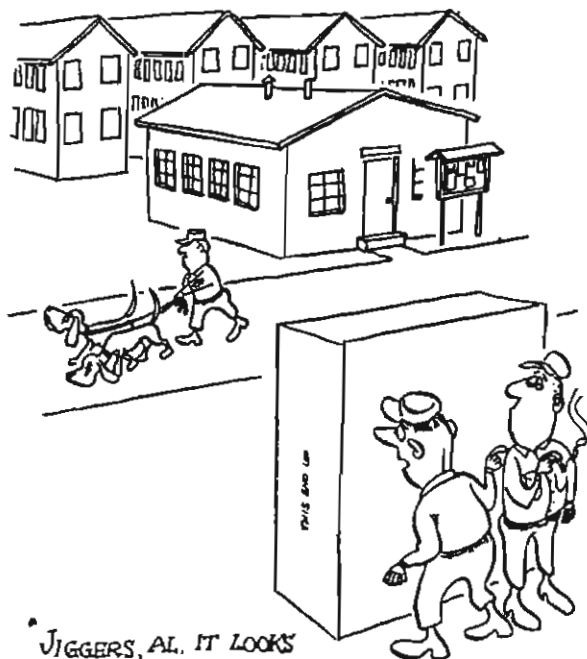
Just by way of explanation. You know, of course, that, in Japan, everyone's birthday falls on January 1st. Sure saves a lot of wear and tear on the memory banks. Likewise in this rinky dink outfit: everyone's dues for the year fall due on August 1st, good to the next July 31st. \$10.00 per year. Because we are rinky dink, we haven't the means for checking out on 3300 members to tell them if they owe their dues. Nor can we afford the postage to send statements. We ask you - please - to check your records to see if you are in arrearage. Thank you.

And that goes, too, for our folks who are on the payment plan for Life Memberships. That's \$20.00 per year for 5 years. 5 times \$20 equals \$100.00. Get it?

And contributions are always welcome and appreciated.



In  
our  
thoughts...  
in  
our  
prayers



"JIGGERS, AL. IT LOOKS  
LIKE A WORK DETAIL COMING UP."

In this issue, we try to give you a smattering of what's going on over here - and over there. Some of our material is obviously dated - Thanksgiving time - Christmas time - etc. But we thought you'd like to see it, regardless of its age. Besides, we have delayed this issue for the reason that we weren't sure of what our gang would be doing as you read this copy. We still aren't. But we could wait no longer so off to the printer this has gone - and we sit here and pray for everyone "over there".

The Fort Stewart Performing Arts Theatre has a new name in honor of the late 1st Lt. TOMMIE W. BATES, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery.

First Lieutenant Bates, 27, of Coventry RI died in a vehicle accident on Sept. 14, 1990 in Dahrain, Saudi Arabia.

First Lieutenant Bates, who was named one of the best young poets of 1988 by the American Poetry Association, wrote plays and short stories. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a degree in literature, starring in numerous theatre productions at the academy.

First Lieutenant Bates wrote and co-directed a one-act romantic comedy, "Glances," performed at the Fort Stewart Performing Arts Theatre in July of 1990.

"First Lieutenant Bates was an untiring supporter, participant and contributor in the Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF performing arts community," said Maj. Gen. BARRY R. MCCAFFREY. "His love for the stage and the uplift which he provided the audiences with his performances, along with his professionalism as a soldier will make this a most appropriate tribute to his memory."

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I desire to be enrolled or reinstated as a member of the Association, and thereby remain affiliated with the greatest combat division the U.S. Army has ever known.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Children and ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERVED IN 24TH From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 In (Unit) \_\_\_\_\_  
 POW from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

FEES:  
 ( ) Annual - \$10.00 ( ) Lifetime - \$100.00  
 (Aug. 1 - Aug. 1) Payable in lump sum of \$100.00  
 or in 5 yearly payments of \$20.00  
 Please make all checks payable to: "24th Inf. Div. Assoc."  
 (We would prefer that you not send cash.)  
 and mail with this completed application to: Kenwood Ross  
 Secy. Treas. Walter  
 120 Maple St., Box 207  
 Spfld. MA 01103-1007  
 Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

San Francisco. There'll be plenty of recalling of time together, during combat or otherwise. There'll be little reference to heroics a la Rambo or discourses on veterans' benefits or problems - only memories of shared experiences during outrageously wild times.

It's always more blessed to give than to receive - especially if you're a boxer.

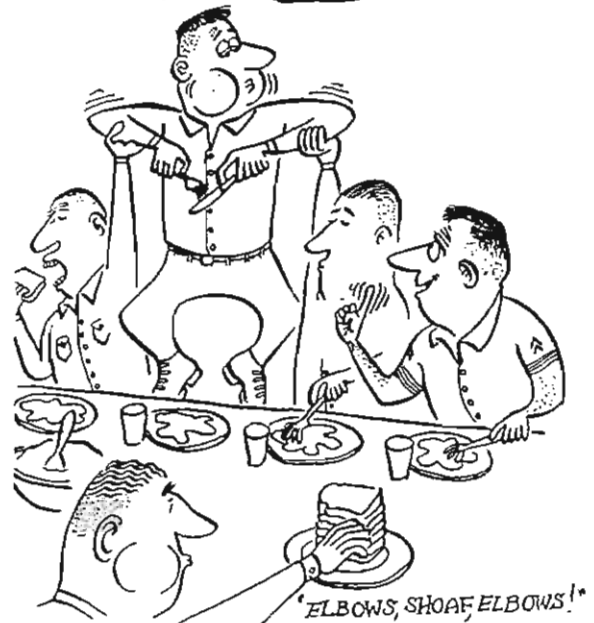
Wanted Japanese cameras of WW II, Occupation, or Korean War periods. Send description, including serial numbers. Prompt reply guaranteed. C.Y.Meyer, Box 5555, Sierra Vista AZ 85635.

Uniroyal Goodrich Tire reporting in. Edison, NJ section. Writes JIM ROLLING (5th RCT Hvy.Mortar '50-'51) who writes on the company stationery but can be reached at 601 Park, #4H, Bordentown NJ 08505: "Enclosed is my check for \$110.00 to cover my dues for a life membership and a one-year membership for WILLIAM B. CONLEY, 2455 Underwood St., Pittsburgh PA 15227. Conley and I served with Heavy Mortar Co. and Item Co. of the 5th RCT in '50 and '51. The Taro Leaf is an excellent publication. Keep up the good work."

Thanks, Jim. Keep 'em rolling. We remember Uniroyal when it was "Fisk" - they used the little kid in pajamas and a candle inside a tire. The motto was "Time to retire." They made them right around the corner from us here in Springfield.

Japanese WW II War souvenirs wanted. Medals, insignia, weapons, hats, flags, banners, documents, etc. Will pay "absolutely top dollar." Write or call Capt. T.J. Reeve, III, Box 3240, Chattanooga TN 37404. 615-886-5732.

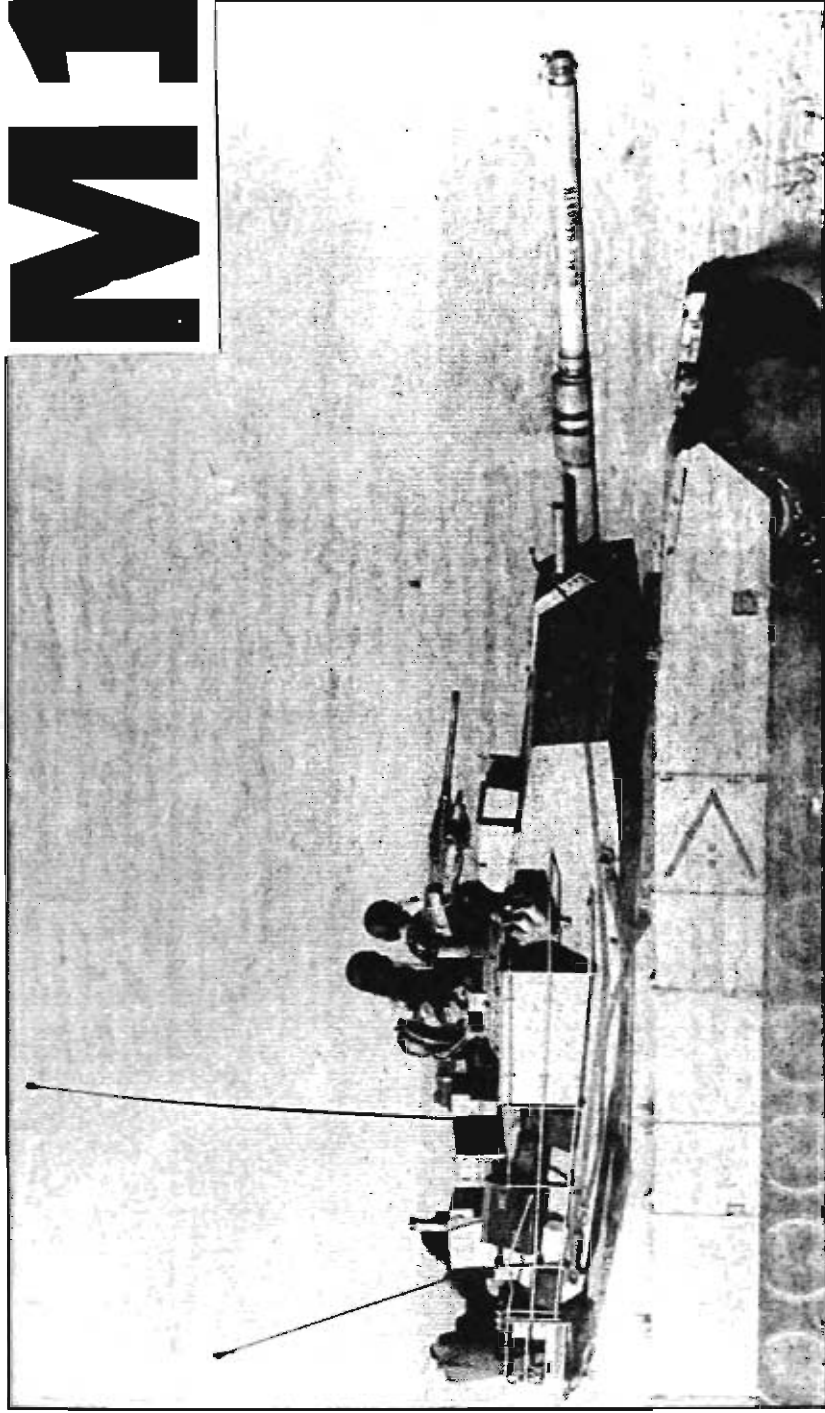
Read these words from BILL ALLEN (C 19th '50-'53 - POW for 31 months), of 6219 Palma Del Mar, St.Petersburg FL: "I went to the '88 Reunion at Stewart. Had a great time. In April found out that the 24th was having a 10K and 5K run and a 1 mile fun run for the kids. To make a long story short, I registered as Sgt. William Allen, C 19th '50-'53 and ran the 10K. Helen ran the 5K. We both took first place in our age group, 55-59. Sure was good to be back with the 24th on Active Duty, if only for one day. The Division Commander presented Helen and me with our awards. This sure brought back a lot of memories. Helen and I have done a lot of memorable things together. We have returned to Korea on a revisit program, but nothing will replace the feeling I had when we were there at Ft.Stewart and I was again with my beloved 24th."



RUSS MONTCALM, over at 11 Birch, Clinton MA, anxious to hear from anyone in F 19th in Korea.

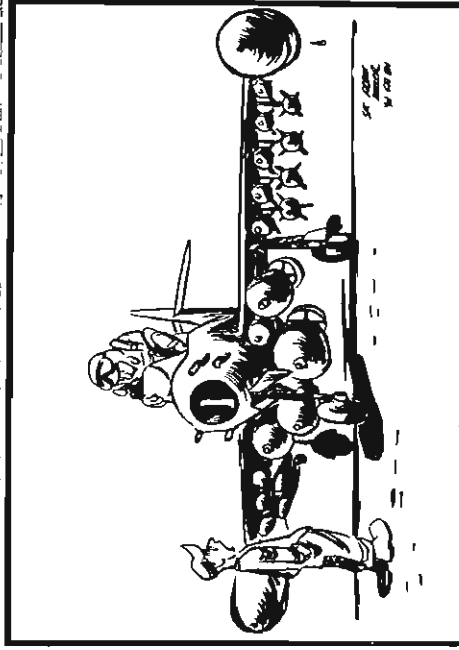


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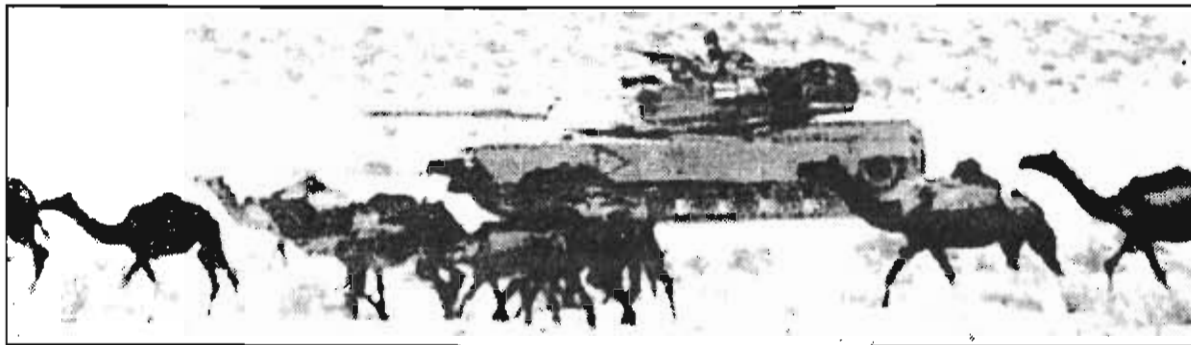
## NEW GUTS, NEW GLORY

**Still going:** An M1 tank with the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) cuts across the Saudi desert.



*"Sure you aint bitin' off more than you can chew, sir?"*



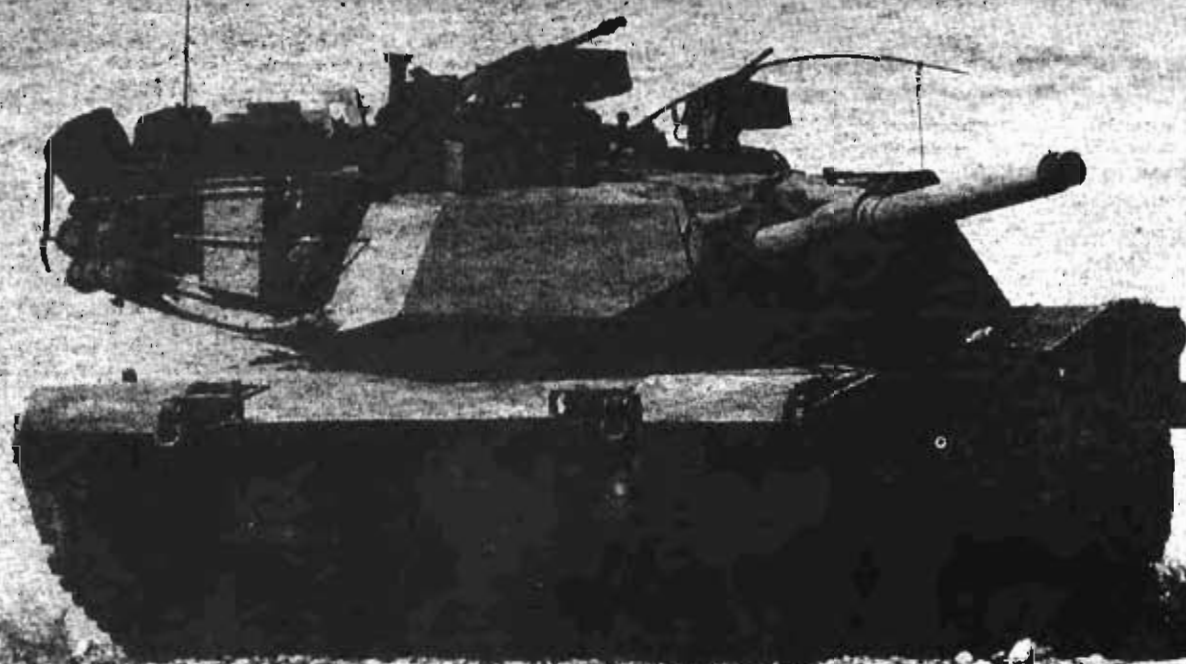


Reuter photo

**Home turf:** Camels proceed as usual as a 24th Infantry Division M1 tank passes by during an exercise in the Saudi Arabian desert.

# NO PLACE TO HIDE

## Tactics of desert warfare



**M1 in Saudi Arabia**



# 24th ID moving into northern Saudi near Kuwait

The United States is moving heavy equipment from the 24th Infantry Division into the northern Saudi desert, according to military officials.

The heavy firepower, which is being moved in night convoys, includes missiles designed to destroy incoming missiles and ground forces, military officials say.

The official U.S. military position is that the growing buildup of forces near the Kuwait border is intended to defend Saudi Arabia. However, the equipment moved north has significantly bolstered the offensive capabilities of U.S. forces.

An Army official said the military was moving equipment at night to take advantage of cooler desert temperatures — not to try to hide the troop and equipment movements.

The official said night trips north also were chosen in part so that the convoys would not pass through Saudi towns during the day.

Over the past two days, U.S. forces have moved Patriot missile batteries and several multiple rocket launchers to the north-eastern desert, according to military sources speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Patriots, never before deployed in the field, are ground-to-air missiles designed to destroy incoming missiles, such as the Iraqi SCUD surface to surface,

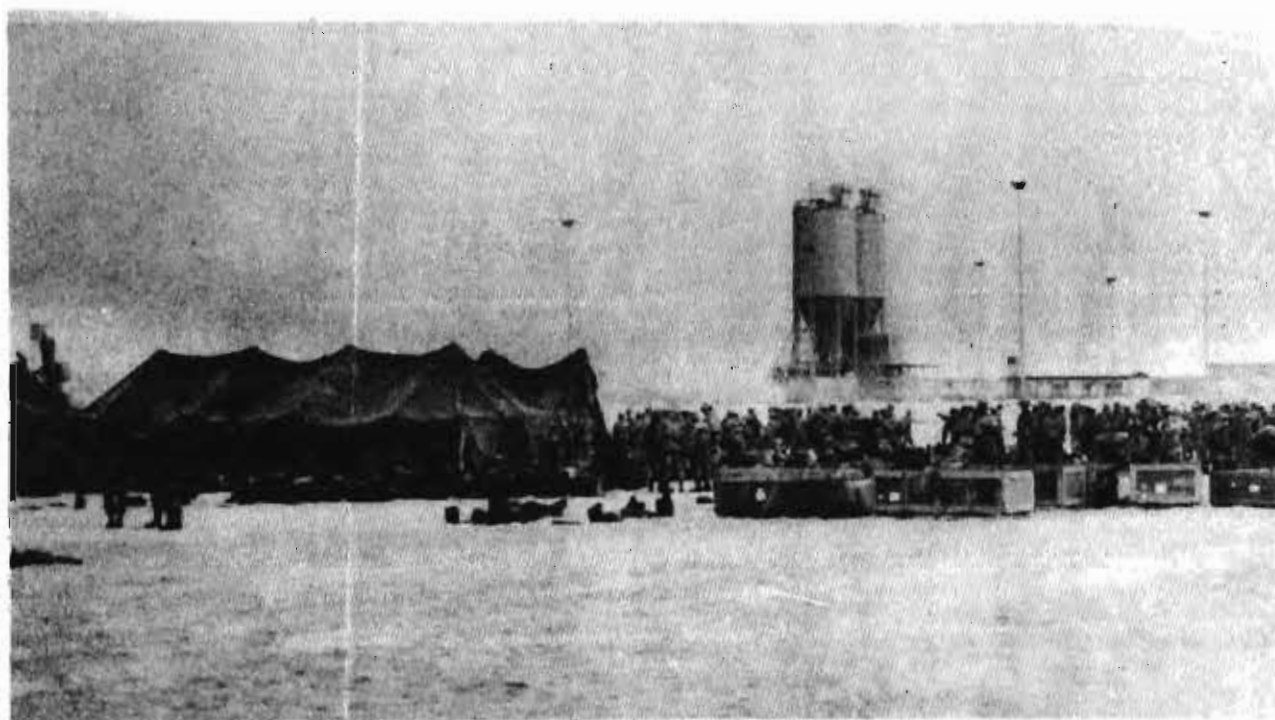
short range ballistic missiles. SCUDs have a range of approximately 110-180 miles. Patriots can also knock down high performance aircraft and can be armed with a high explosive or nuclear warhead. Each Patriot firing unit has eight launching stations and each launching station has four missiles in firing canisters. The Patriot was designed to replace the Hawk, which the U.S. sold to the Saudis, and Nike/Hercules series.

The rocket launchers, designed to destroy ground forces, can ripple fire from two to 12 projectiles in a matter of seconds. The 24th has nine such MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System) launchers, which have a cross country capability similar to the M1.

Most of the equipment moved north in the past few days belongs to the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). Officials still plan to move more hardware from the 24th and heavy tanks and artillery from the 197th Infantry Brigade.

Despite the latest convoys, most U.S. commanders say it will be another month or so before they have enough firepower in place to make them comfortable with the prospect of taking offensive action.

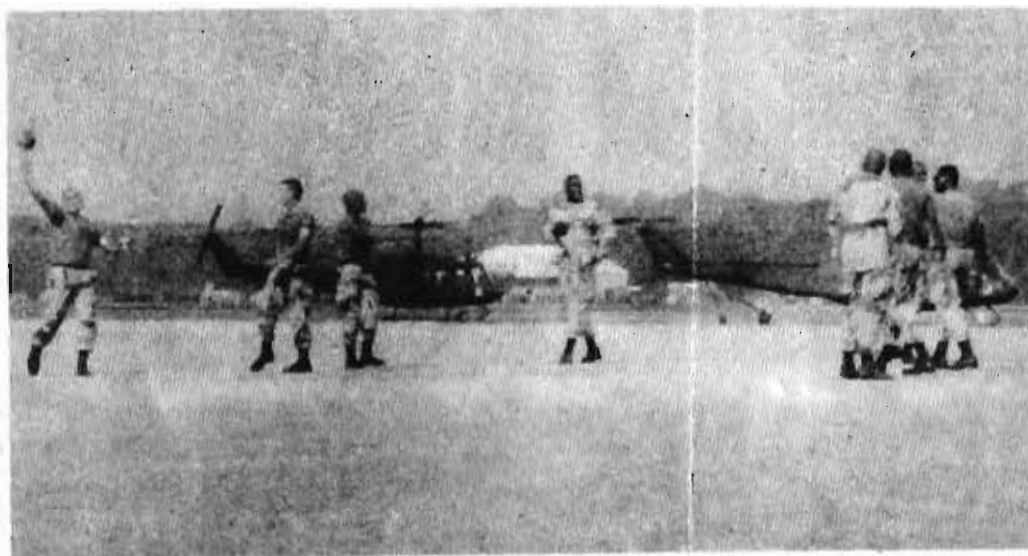
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The Associated Press and Courier reporter Patrick Donahue contributed to this story.



THE 24TH HITS THE DESERT — Soldiers in the 24th Infantry Division are shown above setting up camp in the desert of Saudi

Arabia. The Associated Press reported this week that the division is moving heavy equipment into the northern Saudi des

**PASSING TIME** — Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) are moving heavy equipment at night to take advantage of cooler temperatures. A group of soldiers is shown above playing football during the day at a camp in the Saudi desert. Army officials say the Army moves at night to avoid the desert heat, not to try to hide troop and equipment movements. Also, they make night trips so convoys won't pass through Saudi towns during the day.



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This issue was in our printer's hands when the poop on the Hawaii trip arrived. There was nothing to do but to "stop the press" and make up anew. We've had no editing time; we're using it just as JOE HOFRICHTER sent it to us.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

1991 REUNION

MARRIOTT HOTEL, BURLINGAME CALIFORNIA

Wednesday September 25 to Sunday September 29

Complimentary transportation to and from San Francisco Airport.

Hotel Rate: \$58 single or double.  
Friday night Hawaiian Dinner.  
Saturday night Banquet & Memorial Service.  
Various Tours available daily.  
Sunday AM Aloha Continental Breakfast.  
(Members arriving early or staying over will be covered by \$58 Reunion Hotel rate.)

Watch Taro for registration form and more details.

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50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY  
of the  
FOUNDING OF THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION

Join the 25th Division in co-celebration

Thursday October 3 to Sunday October 6

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel  
Honolulu Hawaii

Hotel Rate: \$87.50 single or double.

Friday - at Schofield  
Parade, fire power demo,  
Open House at the barracks  
Saturday night - banquet  
Sunday - Memorial Service at Punch Bowl Cemetery  
Tours (Arizona War Memorial, etc.) to be announced

Watch the Taro Leaf for registration form and further details.



## FACTS TO CONSIDER

The 24th Division Association Reunion in San Francisco will end Sunday, September 29th, however, the 50th Anniversary festivities in Honolulu will not commence until Thursday, October 3rd. This leaves you four choices of what to do during the four nights, five days between the two functions.

- . Fly directly to Honolulu
- . Remain in San Francisco and fly to Honolulu on October 3rd.
- . Split your time between San Francisco and Honolulu.
- . Join the gang in taking a 4-night, 5-day tour to the Island of Maui or to Kona, Hawaii. Space on both tours is limited.

Note: The first 3 choices do not guarantee you group discount savings. The outer island tours do.

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### DISCOUNT REUNION AIR FARES to SAN FRANCISCO and/or HONOLULU

Division Reunion Dates:  
September 26 to 29, 1991  
San Francisco California

### POST REUNION TOURS to HAWAII OUTER ISLANDS

50th Anniversary Dates:  
October 3 to 6, 1991  
Honolulu Hawaii

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#### AIR FARES - PER PERSON, INCLUDING TAX

(Fares in effect as of January 31, 1991 and subject to change without notice at the discretion of the airlines.)

Following are round trip Group Discount fares when purchased thru Division Assoc. Travel Coordinator Joe Hofrichter

Home city to San Francisco and Honolulu ... from \$650.00  
Home city to Honolulu (no stopovers) ..... from \$575.00

NOTICE: Fares from home cities vary depending on Originating City. See 24th Div. TWA Fares List for the fare applicable to city nearest you. Above fares are for travel on TWA only.

Round trip fare from San Francisco to Honolulu .. \$460.00  
Senior Citizens fare, age 62 and over ..... \$416.00  
Note: Above fares for travel on Delta Airlines only.

Senior Citizens MUST show proof of age before boarding each flight if using Senior Citizen discount fare or Coupon Books.

SENIOR CITIZEN COUPON BOOKS: If you are age 62 and over you may prefer to purchase Senior Citizen Coupon Books through Joe Hofrichter.

Current cost for 4 coupons = \$472 (\$118 per coupon).

Current cost for 8 coupons = \$792 (\$ 99 per coupon).

(Coupon books are valid only for the person named on the coupons)

Travel Examples: Round trip from city nearest you to San Francisco requires use of 2 coupons, equal to \$236.00

Round trip to San Francisco to attend Reunion, continuing on to Honolulu, returning to your departure city requires use of 5 coupons, equal to \$495.00. + \$12 Honolulu air tax. Unused coupons good for use one year from date of purchase for travel on Delta or Delta Connection airlines.

A WORD OF CAUTION: An acute shortage of seats is anticipated for Senior Citizen coupon holders during the coming year due to the number of 50th Anniversary WWII related events...also due to the fact that travel to Hawaii has increased considerably because of the war in the Middle East. If you plan to buy a Senior Citizen coupon book, it is recommended you complete the enclosed Reservation Form and mail it to Joe Hofrichter at the earliest, to avoid disappointment.

NOTE: While every effort has been made to obtain lowest air fares, we strongly recommend you check with your local travel agent or local carrier to see if they can offer you a more attractive fare. However, be certain you understand all terms, conditions, and limitations of any fare quoted to you.

# OPTIONAL TOURS - ITINERARIES

## ISLAND OF MAUI 4 NITES, 5 DAYS \$400 PER PERSON

Sun Sept 29: Depart San Francisco. Arrive Maui same day. Includes: 4 nights hotel accommodations (two persons to a room) at the beautiful Lahaina Shores Hotel, interisland air fares, choice of bus transfers or car rental for entire stay on Maui, all hotel and air taxes, and baggage handling tips in and out of hotel.

Thu Oct 03: Depart Maui. Arrive Honolulu. Lei Greeting and bus transfer to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

## KONA, HAWAII 4 NITES, 5 DAYS \$450 PER PERSON

Sun Sept 29: Depart San Francisco. Arrive Kona same day. Includes: 4 nights hotel accommodations (two persons to a room) at the deluxe Kona Hilton Hotel, interisland air fares, choice of bus transfer or car rental for entire stay on Hawaii, all hotel and air taxes & baggage handling tips in & out of hotel.

Thu Oct 03: Depart Kona. Arrive Honolulu. Lei Greeting and bus transfer to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

NOT INCLUDED: Tours do not include air fare from home city to Honolulu and return, meals, local sightseeing, gas for car rentals, or any items of a personal nature.

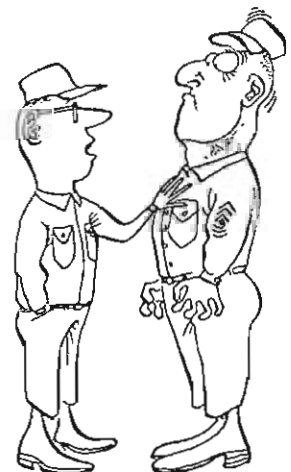
## 24TH DIVISION TWA FARES LIST

Round trip Home City to Honolulu  
(Add \$75.00 for a San Francisco stopover)

Originating City	Fare	Originating City	Fare
Albany NY	\$655.00	Memphis TN	\$605.00
Atlanta GA	\$75.00	Miami	\$75.00
Atlantic City	\$65.00	Milwaukee	\$75.00
Austin TX	\$75.00	Minneapolis St. Paul	\$75.00
Baltimore MD	\$75.00	Moline IL	\$75.00
Birmingham AL	\$605.00	Nashville TN	\$75.00
Bloomington IL	\$605.00	New Orleans	\$75.00
Boston MA	\$75.00	New York	\$75.00
Burlington IA	\$605.00	Norfolk	\$75.00
Cedar Rapids	\$75.00	Oklahoma City	\$75.00
Champaign IL	\$605.00	Omaha	\$75.00
Charlotte NC	\$75.00	Orlando	\$75.00
Chicago	\$75.00	Paducah KY	\$605.00
Cincinnati	\$75.00	Peoria IL	\$75.00
Cleveland	\$75.00	Philadelphia	\$75.00
Columbus OH	\$75.00	Pittsburgh PA	\$75.00
Dallas-Fort Worth	\$75.00	Plattsburg NY	\$65.00
Dayton OH	\$75.00	Quincy IL	\$605.00
Decatur IL	\$605.00	Raleigh/Durham	\$75.00
Des Moines	\$75.00	Rochester MN	\$605.00
Detroit	\$75.00	Salina KS	\$605.00
Evansville IN	\$605.00	San Antonio	\$75.00
Fayetteville NC	\$605.00	San Juan PR	\$65.00
Fort Lauderdale	\$75.00	Saranac Lake NY	\$65.00
Fort Myers	\$75.00	Sarasota FL	\$75.00
Fort Smith	\$605.00	Sioux City IA	\$75.00
Harrisburg PA	\$75.00	Sioux Falls	\$75.00
Hartford CT	\$75.00	South Bend IN	\$605.00
Houston TX	\$75.00	Springfield IL	\$605.00
Indianapolis	\$75.00	Springfield MO	\$75.00
Jacksonville FL	\$75.00	St. Louis MO	\$75.00
Joplin MO	\$605.00	Syracuse NY	\$75.00
Kansas City	\$75.00	Tamoa	\$75.00
Lexington KY	\$75.00	Topeka KS	\$605.00
Lincoln NE	\$75.00	Tulsa	\$75.00
Little Rock	\$75.00	Washington DC	\$75.00
Louisville KY	\$75.00	Waterloo IA	\$605.00
Madison WI	\$75.00	West Palm Beach	\$75.00
Marion IL	\$605.00	Wichita	\$75.00

(If your city is not listed, call or write Joe Hoffrichter, and he will research the best air fare for you. Or call your local travel agent.)

"MY DEAR FELLOW  
WOULD YOU MIND NOT  
STANDING SO CLOSE  
WHEN YOU YELL?  
YOU'RE STEAMING  
UP MY GLASSES."



RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please print and forward completed form together with check payable to  
Joe Hofrichter (the 24th Division Travel Coordinator)  
1718 Bird Dog Court, Loveland, Ohio 45140 (Phone: 513-677-0267)

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NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/s \_\_\_\_\_

Airport from which I/we wish to depart: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to fly to San Francisco on (day & date) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Honolulu, please  
make air reservations to Honolulu on (day & date) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to take the following tour: (check one) Maui \_\_\_\_\_ Kona \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to return home on (day & date) \_\_\_\_\_

For Senior Citizens ONLY, age 62 & over. I/we plan to buy:

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-Coupon Book @ \$472 each \_\_\_\_\_ 8-coupon Book @ \$792 each

(Note: Deposit not required for Senior Citizen Coupon Books)

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will use round trip San Francisco-Honolulu Senior Citizen

TWA Discount Air fare of \$416 per person.

Age(s) & date(s) of birth \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS

AIRLINES RESERVATIONS: \$100.00 per person deposit required not later  
than April 22, 1991. Note: Deposit is non-  
refundable. Cancellation Insurance recommended.  
\_\_\_ Check here if you wish to buy Cancellation Insurance, \$5.50 per \$100

OUTER ISLAND TOURS: \$100.00 per person deposit required to be assured  
of confirmed reservations.

FINAL PAYMENT: Payment in full for all airline tickets or Senior  
Citizen Coupon Books and Outer Island Tours is due not  
later than Monday July 22nd, 1991.

We wish to make final payment by Visa - Mastercard - American Express  
or Discover Credit Card. Please circle name of card you plan to use.

Your card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name as it appears on your card \_\_\_\_\_

Please Sign and Date This Reservation and Return it to Joe Hofrichter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ THANK YOU.

# THERE IS NOTHING LIKE ADAME.

Regarding the Washington Korean War Memorial. When we told WILLIAM G. ROSEBORO III (G 19th and A 11th FA '50-'51) 605 Marlboro St., Hamlet NC 28345, that we intended to make another push for the Washington Korean War Memorial by asking each of our people to contribute \$1.00, he responded with "I would think that most members would contribute a buck. Some won't, however, so here's my buck plus four more for some of those that won't!" And Bill had previously contributed \$25.00 as well.

We had BOB MEYERS of 7840 Tessman, Brooklyn Park MN down for the 34th in '50. Wrong, Bob was in Div.Hq. in Kokura and then went to Korea you-know-when-and why!



"Hello, 47th Artillery? Say, would you mind moving your impenetrable wall of steel over to the enemy now?"

More Peek-a-Boo. Life Member #930 RON "Bud" DENTON (Hv.Mtr. 5th RCT - Hawaii and Korea '49-'51) of 37-2 Queensway, Camillus NY, is looking for STEVEN or STEPHEN J. BANKY (Akron OH?), REGINALD J. PALMER (Boston MA?), ? DOBRICK (Buffalo NY?) and RICHARD W. STRINGER (Vallejo CA). A prize for the first one to answer the call.

On the staff of "The World War II Chronicle" is our very own CHARLES W. NEWKIRK.

Marriage is perhaps the most expensive way to get advice for nothing.

Retire in '75 did Sgt.Maj. FRANKLIN BRYAN (B 5th RCT 4/51-3/52). He's at 3333 S.Alamena, Corpus Christi TX.

Cryptic note from VAUGHAN AUSTIN (Hq. Btry. 11th F. 4/49-8/51): "Best Division ever. Lost some good buddies. Even the Old Man." Vaughan's at Box 214, Felton DE.

Marvin went to see Young and Robbins, the clothier, to buy a new suit for a wedding. Morty Robbins said, "You look like a gentleman - I'll custom make it for you 'to order'." He said, "Really?" Morty said, "Just tell me what kind of material you like and I'll write to England, they'll get the wool and weave the cloth and ship it over - I make a pattern, you'll come in for three or four fittings and the suit will be gorgeous." The guy said, "But I need the suit by tomorrow." Morty said, "Don't worry - you'll have it."

Danger Blue calling in with an address change for Lifer PAUL O'BRIEN (34th '50-'52 and Germany '54-'56) from Concord MA to Box 121, Somerville MA. Why anyone would move from Concord to Somerville escapes us.

When you have to tighten your belt, that's a recession. When you have no belt to tighten, that's a depression. And when you have no pants to hold up, that's a panic.

CSM RICHARD "Tom" FLYNN (D 34th, B 19th, Div.Hq. '59-'62) of 8334 Foxfire, Orangevale CA 95662, is looking for an old friend from the "Berlin Days" - one EDDIE ABELLA, last known to be 1st Sgt. of E 19th in '62. Any one for tennis on this one?

Also would like to extend our warmest congratulations to recently married Tom and June.

One of our members phoned in the other day; said when he was in high school he dated a pair of Siamese twins. When we asked him if he had a good time, he answered, "Yes and no."

STEWART E. SIZEMORE (34th & 19th '48-'52), has moved to Rt.4, Box 30-35, Lake Geneva WI 53147, and there he's found a new neighbor who tells him she has insisted that her young son put on a new pair of socks everyday. She says, "The only trouble is that now, after three weeks, he can't put his shoes on."



## MANNERS

*I eat my peas with honey*

*I've done it all my life*

*It makes the peas taste  
funny*

*But it keeps 'em on the  
knife!*

ANON



This little old notice is for DON DELISLE of 23 Roosevelt, Metuchen NJ. Becuz he asked us to put it in, that's why. He's looking for Pvt. LEROY HARRIS and Cpl. ? NODINE. Don was D 21st '52-'54. So the needle-in-a-haystack business goes on.

Member MARVIN TAYLOR (26th AAA '55-'57) over there at 66 Villa, Clearfield Utah, is looking for a 26th AAA crest. Is a collector. Ideas anyone?

CHARLEY & Georgea BRADLEY (19th & 21st '42-'46) made Buffalo from Perryville KY. Charley tells the story about the Indian chief who bought a camel for his wife. The poor lady was so obese that she had already ruined 3 horses. Alas, when she was hoisted aboard the new beast, she immediately achieved fame as "the squaw that broke the camel's back."

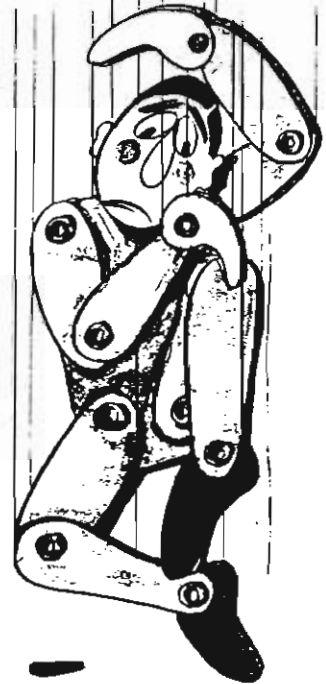
You know you've been drinking too much if you wake up in the morning and find your clothes on the floor - and you're still in them.

This sad report from BOB LAWHON (H & S 6th Tk.Bn.) of Rt. 2, Box 711, Proctorville OH: "Get well cards needed! CHARLES C. COOPER, one of our new members, was injured in late August. He is totally disabled 42 months from retirement. Address: CHARLES C. COOPER (C & D 34th) 315 Buffington St., Huntington WV25702"

# THREE on the MONEY

Well one anyway. First reunion for BOYDEN DAUGHERTY (B 52nd F '46-'52) and he writes from K.C., MO (5828 Locust): "Thanks for everything. The committee gets three cheers from me. Well done guys." Yes, someone out there likes you. Says Boyden: "There are only two things we do, with greater frequency in middle age - look for restrooms and attend funerals."

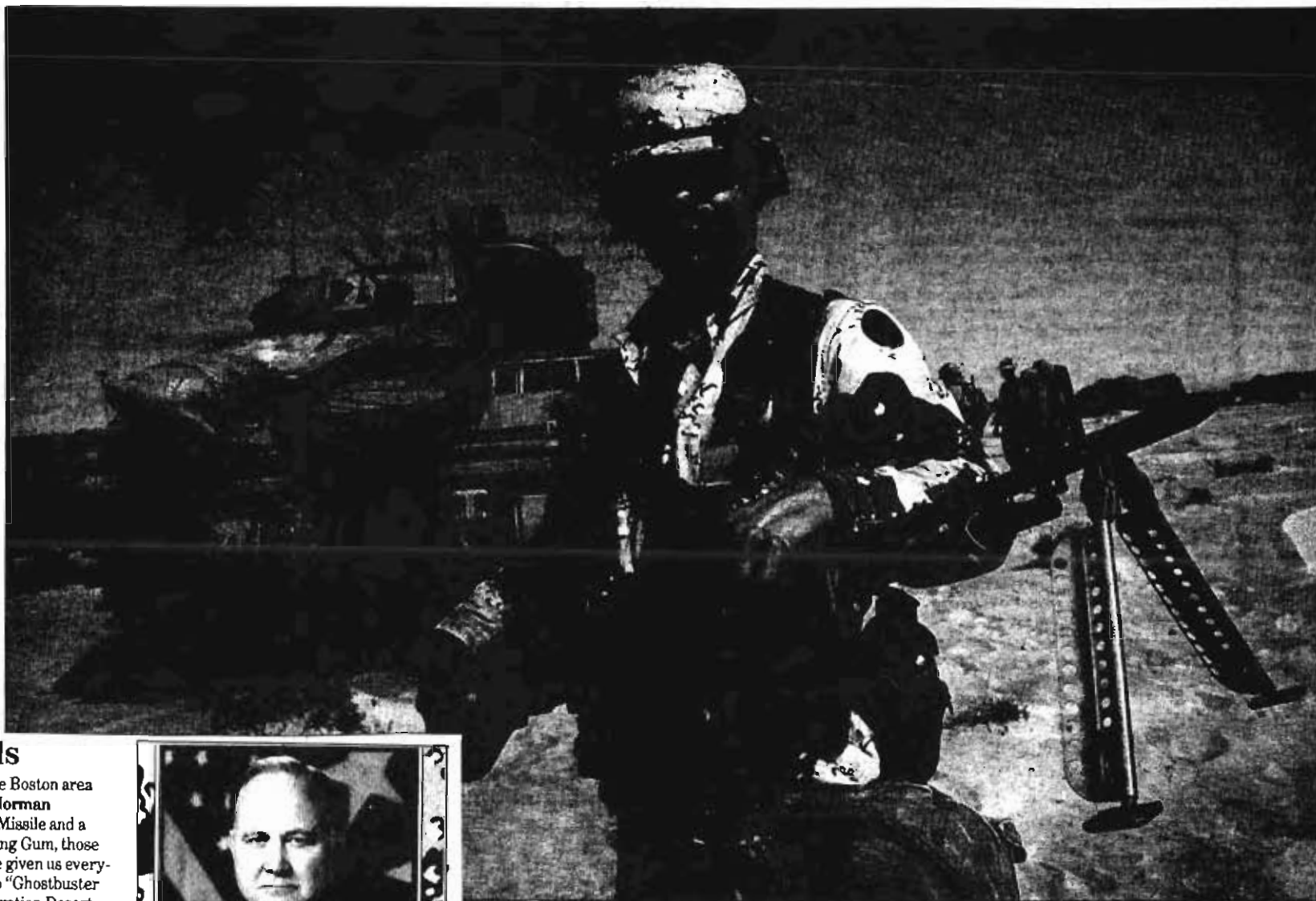
## GETTING UP WHEN YOU'RE DOWN



A Frenchman, a Japanese, and an American are facing the firing squad. Each is granted one last wish. The Frenchman asks to hear laMarseillaise. The fellow from Japan asks if he can give a lecture on Japanese management. The American asks to be shot first. "I don't think I can stand one more lecture on Japanese management," he explains.

Fellow was arguing that sex is good for everything. He went further saying that sex is even good for relieving arthritis. Other fellow said, "But I don't have arthritis." First fellow responded with: "Haven't you ever heard of preventative medicine?"





Times photo by Steve Elam

## All in the cards

► Starting today kids in the Boston area might be swapping a Gen. **Norman Schwarzkopf** for a Patriot Missile and a **Dick Cheney**. Topps Chewing Gum, those trading-card folks that have given us everything from baseball cards to "Ghostbuster II" cards, just released Operation Desert Storm picture cards. The complete set of 88 cards and 22 stickers presents a record, albeit one-sided, of the Allied Coalition deployment in the Persian Gulf. The back sides of the cards feature quotations and statistics. On the Schwarzkopf card, for example, the card company quotes from the general's address to the troops: "My confidence in you is total, our cause is just. Now you must be the thunder and lightning of Desert Storm." All this and gum, too. Wonder if the Patriot Missile card includes its batting average or how many Scuds it's knocked out of the park?



The Schwarzkopf card

On guard: Sgt. Kenneth Kozakienz, 24th Infantry Division, with his M60 before a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle.

# 'READY TO FIGHT'

**Into the desert  
with the 24th Mech**

Soldiers of the 2d Platoon,  
3/69 Armor atop M1 tank

"IF THIS YOUNG FELLOW DOESN'T MAKE MESS  
SERGEANT IN TWO HITCHES, I'LL EAT MY OWN FOOD."



# eye contact

We're in close contact with Ms. Barbara Willey, President of OWC (betcha can't guess) - Officers' Wives' Club - at Stewart. And she's up to her eyebrows in the work of the Ft. Stewart Museum Gift Shop, the fundraising arm of the OWC.

We've promised her all kinds of support - so read on, please - and don't let us down, another please. She is looking for our orders.

In her last note, Barb wrote: "We are all holding up real well at this point. I know this will get more intense as ground forces engage and we always appreciate the support and prayers of the men and women who have gone before. We know you understand and stand with us.

"On an average week last August, the main concern of most families here in Division was the fall training schedule. We concerned ourselves with such monumental things as whether or not our husbands would be home on the weekends or for that special event we had planned. We were weary from NTC rotations and had a general laissez-faire attitude about the Army in general. Then, far away in a country many had to look up on a map, we heard there had been an invasion. No real concern! We were a heavy unit... sure we were part of the Rapid Deployment Force, but really, would we ever 'rapidly deploy'?...

As I, like many others, planned our usual Monday evening activities, we found that phone calls were coming in alerting us that our husbands might be late... might not even be home that night...what could it mean? As a post Vietnam wife I was not totally naive to this kind of incident. Having been with the 82nd during Grenada, and with CentCom during the conflict in the Persian Gulf in 1987, I was no stranger to deployments, yet this should be different...we were a heavy unit. Surely they wouldn't call us!

"Desert Shield has now ended and Desert Storm is in progress. I find myself in the middle of a community that has its entire Division in Saudi Arabia and all of its families here. I can honestly tell you there is nowhere I would rather be! This is a truly magnificent community.

"The families have rallied. A Family Assistance Center was set up and manned around the clock as needed. Representatives from all the necessary places, like the hospital, and JAG were, and are, always available to answer our questions. Then a Family Support Assistance office opened and was staffed with caring, concerned military folks who, although bombarded with our concerns...and often complaints, still treated us with respect and sensitivity. Briefings began quickly into the deployment and continue. The unit Family Support Groups are the backbone of the system for the families. They provide the hand-holding and comfort so necessary in these times.

"I know how hard it must be to be a soldier and not be in Saudi right now doing what you are trained to do...but I, and many others here, can't begin to express how grateful we are for the soldiers who remain here to help us so that together we can support our wonderful, brave men and women who are sacrificing all so others can be free.

"We also want to thank all of you who read this who are our Veterans and we want you to know that what you have done as you have gone before has paved the way for the great success we will certainly have in this war...both at home and abroad. We salute you and thank you for your support of us. I hope we make you proud!"

Barb, we're with you. A touching report. Thanks.



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*You're  
an  
exception  
to the  
rule*

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You know  
your love life  
is in trouble  
if the last time  
you hugged  
your wife was  
when you  
gave her a  
Heimlich  
maneuver.



Ft. Stewart Museum Gift Shop  
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Barbara Willey  
OWC President  
Mail Order Chairman

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# It's No Mirage.

Complaint? Maybe. Suggestion? Maybe that. Anyway, HAROLD F. SMITH (H 21st '40-'44) says: You never listed my new address or telephone number. Well we do now, Hal. Try 8730 143rd St.N., Seminole FL. Tel. 813-595-4001. And may your phone ring off the wall.

## UPFRONT

Everyday is "surprise day" for our mailman. Today he brought us this one. Elliott "Buck" ALLEN, JR., the son of ELLIOTT ALLEN, SR., is "writing a paper" on his Dad. Wonders if we can give him "any info on the Division 1/43-5/45, especially on B 19th during that period, and more particularly anything pertaining to his Dad during that period." Can you believe it? Anyway, out goes the word - anyone remember ELLIOTT ALLEN of B of the 19th in '43-'45?

## The Sky's the Limit

Proud are we to welcome aboard VICTOR DESMOND POOLE of 229½ King St. East, Ingersoll, Ont. Canada. Vic was 1st Royal Tank Regt., 1st Brit. Comm. Div. '52-'53.

## LST—Large, Slow Target

Didja ever hear them call an LST - "Large, slow target."



Writes new member Z.C. "Zeke" DUNAWAY, of 10473 S. Tiger Bend, Baton Rouge, LA: "I joined Division shortly after the move from Korea back to Japan. Was 1st Sgt. and not yet dry behind the ears. 'Twas an experience that will always stay with me."

# eye contact

JAKIE and Gerda CAUBLE (Div. Admin. Co. 8/67-8/68), of 230 Concord, Asheville, NC tells us: "DON MAGGIO, an Assoc. member was OIC of my office. Being the nice guy that I am, I had him over to our quarters for a beer. Darned if he didn't end up marrying my daughter, Shirley." Told you "we're family".



"THIS TIME YOU PEAK OUT  
AND SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT 'EM."

## TO KNOW NEED KNOW

DICK and Phyl WATSON, cruising on the Mississippi Queen found PAUL STERRITT of 6530 Stewart, Cincinnati OH. Paul had never heard of us.

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They say flying is safer than walking. When was the last time you saw an insurance machine in a shoe store?



# ROLL CALL



"Sure ain't hard to spot the music lovers."



**Hellraisers.** In front is Nelson Bonet. In the middle, left to right, are Wilfred Nesbitt, David Salenbien and Marvin Cannon. On top is Daren Fitzgerald

## A day in the life of Alpha Troop's scouts

*On the front lines in the Saudi Arabian desert*



### Daybreak, 0500 hours:

Specialist Daren Fitzgerald rubs sand from his eyes, then slides out from beneath the barrel of the 25-mm chain gun he's been sleeping under. Four other members of Alpha Troop's Third Platoon scout unit

are rising from their own precarious perches atop and alongside their Bradley M3 cavalry fighting vehicle, which they've dubbed "Hellraiser."

It's the end of the 22nd straight night of what Fitzgerald jokingly calls "strategic sleeping" — no tents, no cots, certainly not the scorpion and snake-infested soft sand. Just sleeping bags on the hard metal surface of their M3 Bradley armored vehicle.

The scout units of the 24th Infantry Division's Fourth Cavalry Regiment are at the tip of the spear, just behind Saudi

Arabian troops a short distance from the Iraqi front lines and far ahead of the main American force in the Saudi desert. They are "the good guys who find the bad guys for the troops in the rear." If and when the present sitzkrieg gives way to war, Fitzgerald's little reconnaissance squad will be among the most vulnerable U.S. units.

**Warming up, 0530:** For now, though, the five-vehicle, 34-man Third Platoon's main enemies are the empty desert and the boredom. "That sun starts burning fast," says the taciturn Fitzgerald,

taking a swig from the first of 4 liters of bottled water he'll consume before the day is out. For a moment the sky is still tinted pinkish blue, just cool enough for morning exercise. "Hear any knees crackin'?" asks Platoon Sgt. Walter Bell as his men warm up for a strenuous game of touch football. "That's the first sign of Saudi Arabian herpes!"

"You mean I can go



**Night mission.** As the sun sets, the Third Platoon moves out



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home?" someone in the platoon yells. "Hell, no!" says Bell.

**Moving out, 0630:** The ramps of the Bradleys snap shut. Motors roar. The blond-haired Fitzgerald, a sharply featured 24-year-old from Allen, Tex., with two years' service, is ensconced in his gunner's turret. The vehicle commander, Staff Sgt. Wilfred Nesbitt, 32, of Georgetown, S.C., stands in the turret beside him. Specialist Marvin Cannon, 22, from Saginaw, Mich., drives. The ammo loaders, Specialist Nelson Bonet, 27, from Rincón, P.R., and 19-year-old Pfc. David Salenbien, Jr., from Dundee, Mich., are hunched in the Bradley's dark belly.

The Bradley scurries across the desert to the "lager"—an Afrikaans word for a temporary camp formed by circled wagons—where the platoon parks its vehicles under camouflage nets when they are not in the desert training. It's like a scene from a Mad Max movie: The mechanized monster races at 40 mph across the wilderness, churning up angry clouds of dust as it heads toward an endless horizon of shimmering white sand.

**At home in the desert, 0800:** Home is a lonely patch of camouflage netting. Morning showers are a bucket of chlorinated water. Bonet, whose ingenuity has earned him the nickname "Indiana Jones," washes his uniform in a soapy-water-filled plastic-lined hole he has dug in the sand. Fitzgerald sits cross-legged atop the Bradley, listening to a Tracy Chapman tape on headphones while he writes letters home and reads one from his girlfriend. "I call her 'Sugarlips'; she likes that," he says, showing off 5-by-7 color photos. Each one is carefully wrapped in a paper towel.

Sergeant Nesbitt tries to catch the BBC on a shortwave radio. Hard news usually comes only in spurts: A wildfire rumor that Iraq's Saddam Hussein has been shot; a photocopied bulletin personally prepared by a captain in the field: "Iraq Threatens Israel & Oil Field Destruction If Embargo Not Lifted." "I wouldn't f--- with the Jews," the captain has added in a handwritten editorial.

Contact with 24th Division headquarters is only by radio. Occasionally, a Cobra helicopter gunship or one of the Army's tank-killing Apache choppers flies by. A Bedouin shepherd left a bottle of goat's milk one night.

**Gas drill, 0900:** The Bradley's radio crackles a platoon call for the daily hour-long gas-mask exercise. The grotesque-looking faceshields turn the troopers' heads into ovens. When the drill ends, Salenbien tears the mask off his flushed





### Life at 'the tip of the spear'

After they roll out of their sleeping bags on top of Hellraiser, their Bradley armored vehicle, Staff Sgt. Wilfred Nesbitt and his men loosen up with some toe-touches and other calisthenics in the sand. Then there is time for a quick game of full-contact touch football with other members of Alpha Troop's Third Platoon before it's time to move out. Back at the laager, Nesbitt's men wash up, taking turns holding buckets of soapy water for one another. Soon, however, the blowing sand will get into everything again. During a drill with their gas masks, which bake their heads in the near-100-degree heat, Hellraiser provides a little shade for writing home and catching up on the news.



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face. "'All Clear,' my favorite words!" he smiles.

"Most of us did most of our worrying (about chemical warfare) before we got here," insists Fitzgerald. "We hear if it comes the wind'll break it up, be mostly droplets. ... Anyway, maybe we'll still settle it without a war."

**Brunch, 1030:** A rendezvous with other platoon vehicles is the highlight of the day, a chance to gossip; to pick up supplies, fuel and mail; time for a fast card game of Spades. The breakfast-cum-lunch that follows is a sun-heated meal of T rations (food that comes in tin trays)—hominy grits with cheese sauce, blueberry cake, warm cans of Pepsi, occasionally fresh fruit. "T" does not stand for terrific, says Fitzgerald. But it's better than the platoon's regular diet of vacuum-packed "Meals Ready To Eat," the plastic-tasting MRE's that the troops jokingly call "Meals Refused by Ethiopians."

**Fighting the elements, 1300:** The afternoon sandstorm blows in as temperatures in the desert soar into the low



**Camouflaged.** In the heat, Hellraiser's crew takes a break

100s. The Hellraiser team hunkers down as best it can. A protective poncho that Fitzgerald has stretched across the camouflage netting flaps madly. "Sometimes it's real bad," he says. "You pick sand out from between your teeth. You never get rid of it."

**All quiet on the northern front, 1800:** The real day begins at dusk when the Bradleys roar back across the desert on a reconnaissance and training mission, scouting a "lane" in the desert for signs of the enemy. Fitzgerald activates the

Bradley's infrared night-vision device. He peers through a foam-rubber covered sight and reports the ghostlike images to his platoon commander, Lt. David Holcombe. "We got something at 3 o'clock ... looks like a low trailer." If war comes, the images will be Iraqi.

**Sleeping under the stars, 2200:** The cavalry convoy finally grinds to a halt at the night's designated coordinates and circles its mechanized wagons. The blackout is total, but the desert sky is so bright with stars that the outlines of human figures seem to

glow. The air is mercifully cool. Someone tells a story about a fat woman who begins looking like Bo Derek when the beer flows. Atop their Bradley, the men of Alpha Troop's Third Platoon scout unit slowly drift off to sleep. The unit remains on call. From time to time, a radio sparks to life, like someone coughing in the night. "We do what we gotta do," says Fitzgerald. "Waiting and not knowing—that's the tough part." ■

BY RICHARD Z. CHESNOFF IN SAUDI ARABIA



**Desert encampment.** The Bradley is parked under a camouflage net when it is not out training

## Nobody asked me, but...

No - in fact, at F.W., CHARLEY ASHLEY (D 21st '43-'45) of W.2834 Olympic, Spokane WA, did ask and here's the poop.

From the Department of the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St.Louis MO, we received the following information.

This is in reply to our request pertaining to awards. The Dept. of the Army issues a Philippine Liberation Ribbon, but not a Medal. The Adjutant General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp General Aquinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines has been instructed to issue you the medal. It may be approximately 120 days before you will receive the medal.

To qualify for the Philippine Independence Medal, you would have to serve in the Philippines during the period Dec. 8, 1941 to June 14, 1942.

There was also the name of a company which might be of assistance to anyone desiring the medal. This company is: Medals of America, 7793 Pendelton Pike, Indianapolis IN 46226. On their stationery they show the Philippine Liberation Medal, WW II.

AL BEMONTE (L 21st '53-'54) of 264 Shrewsbury, Worcester MA writes in to remind us that we don't send statements. We already know that, Al, we know that. And we also know why we don't - 'cuz we simply don't have the time to do all of the little things. We are not the Saturday Evening Post. This is a one-horse outfit - 15 horsepower.



It's BILL ALLEN (C 19th '50-'53 - POW for 31 months) of 6219 Palma Del Mar, St.Petersburg FL. And, of course, you identify the one on the right. Bill says it was taken at Kokura - just a couple of days before all h--- broke loose. Maybe it's one of the last photos taken of BILL DEAN.

"IT ISN'T OFTEN ONE SEES A THIRTY-YEAR MAN IN THESE PARTS."



Contact! Please contact! 5th RCT men of Hv.Mtr.Co. '52-'53. Please contact just joined ED STANLEY of 1704 Tissington, Horn Lake MS. He's anxious to relive old times.

RAY BAGLEY (21st 9/50-11/51) of Box 568, North Conway NH is in, courtesy of his son, Charles. Ray's a retired insurance executive, living it up in the ski country. Year 'round, Ray?

Lonesome GLENN BEHREND (24th Sig. '42-'44) out there in Walnut Acres Estates, Monticello IA, is looking to contact:

1st Sgt. WAYNE D. PUGH (Ind.?)

CHARLES VINCENT (Cal.?)

ROBERT "Rube" RUSSELL (Cal.?)

CLYDE FALLEN

ROBERT "Pee Wee" HALL

Lt. LINGLE

Okay, you Signalers - any help here?

Four major surgeries for HAROLD THRALLS, (5th RCT '50-'51) of 9010 Rancich, El Paso TX. Hal doesn't say when, or where, or why - anyway that's a lot of cutting up. You sound good and strong, Hal.

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# THE POETS' PAGE

We've got another poet. It's CHARLES MORGAN (E 21st and Cannon Co. 1/45-4/46) of 106 E.Vine, Liberty IN who offers us this:

The days are long,  
Dreary and cold.  
I look in the mirror,  
I'm getting old!

Some things I'd like to do,  
You can bet your hat,  
The little woman  
Retired me from that!

There's TV and reading  
Slick roads and sinus,  
This is living  
At its finest!

Eat and sleep,  
Feed the cat.  
Dry the dishes,  
And just get fat!

I watch the news  
I shudder and fear.  
The world's going to Hell,  
In a high gear.

We can worry about social security,  
Along with our pension.  
Among a thousand other things,  
That I could mention!

I feed the birds,  
As I freeze my bun.  
Those little dummies could have  
gone south,  
Into the sun!

I write this stuff,  
And cramp my hand!  
All the while thinking,  
Ain't winter grand!

We gotta share this one with you; it's from BILL YOUNG, (21st '47-'48), of 790 E. Lake, Ravenna OH. Writes Bill: "You printed a letter from my daughter Rebecca McPeak when she wrote you to find out what regiment I was in so she could surprise me with a regiment pin.

"I am proud to announce the arrival of a new 'Gimlet'. Rebecca had her first child, a girl weighing 7 lb. 6 oz.

"She named it Kayla."

You can just bet that Rebecca and Kayla have heard from us.

Making sick call is JOHNNY BORZILLERI (24th Repl. 3/51-2/52) old faithful living at 131-A Kingsberry Dr., Rochester NY 14626 - tumor in colon, losing vision in left eye - oh we haven't the heart to go on. Johnny sent us his doctor's report - nine diagnoses. Johnny, old friend, we'll include you in some of our prayers. Can't let you down, pal.

CLARENCE KUCHLER  
(D & Hq. 5th RCT) Rt. 1, Box 136, Osmond NE throws modesty to the winds and says: "I made the best damned cooks' pies and cakes ever made."



DON (left) and Angeline KNAPTON, (G 21st 5/45-9/46) have left Rochester, NY for a farm at 3275 Flint Hill Rd. in Naples NY. Don has retired. Writes he: "I just hope we have a few years to enjoy the fruits of our labors." And we hope so, too, Don and Angeline.

LES BERENDS (Hq. 19th '45-'46) of 14362 Elder, Grant, Mich is looking for a 19th crest. Wants to make one out of wood. He got it. Lee, when it's made, send us a picture will you?

For those of you who have been looking to us for crests, we recently lost our contact due to his untimely death. We are still trying to find another who can help us.

WALTER KOCH (F 19th & 3rd Eng. '46-'47) of 6 Chinquapin, E.Greenbush NY, likes to kid his friends by referring to NY's former Mayor Koch as "Uncle Ed". No relation, says Walt.

ALFRED I. BYRD (B 11th F '40-'44), of Rt. #1, Box 416, Milton PA pays his dues with a little extra and an apology that "It can't be more."

# The President's Corner



It is a pleasure...

...to advise you that the 24th Infantry Division Association has appointed the Seiko Time Corporation to create a limited issue of the Official 24th Infantry Division Association Watch.

This distinctive Seiko Quartz watch is being made available at this time through this single private announcement addressed exclusively to members.

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As illustrated in this announcement, the Official 24th Infantry Division Association Watch is being offered in three styles — ladies' wrist watch, men's wrist watch, and a pocket watch. The special features of each style are as follows:

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Each style of the Official 24th Infantry Division Association Watch carries the Seiko Time Corporation's full three year limited warranty. Upon delivery, you must be absolutely satisfied with the quality, or you may return your acquisition for a full refund.

*It is important to note that for guaranteed acceptance, your reservation must be postmarked or telephoned by March 1, 1991.*

The ladies' and men's wrist watches with calf leather straps are \$200 each; the pocket watch with matching chain is \$245. *As a convenience, this amount is payable in monthly installments, with no interest charges.*

The beautiful face on this excellent timepiece has been custom designed for the 50th anniversary of our beloved division, The Victory Division! It can be worn with pride to bring back memories of Pearl Harbor, Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Japan, Korea, Germany, Grenada, Panama and Saudi Arabia, plus that place close to our heart, Fort Stewart. Keep in mind what a much cherished gift this would be for your sons and grandsons, and the ladies' model for your wives, daughters, daughter-in-laws and granddaughters.

To acquire your watch, simply complete and return the attached Personal Reservation Form or phone in your order using the toll free telephone number listed in this announcement.

Either as a personal acquisition or given as a meaningful gift, the Official 24th Infantry Division Association Watch by Seiko is certain to be a useful and treasured possession for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert Carlson".

Herbert Carlson  
President

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*All orders are subject to acceptance. There is no finance charge on the monthly payment plan. The  
amount of payments (total sales price) is equal to the single payment price. If purchaser fails to pay any  
portion of the total payments scheduled, the entire balance shall become immediately due at the election



# OOPS!!

The complaint mail hasn't been too bad in the last several weeks.

May we quote from one of them?"

"When you announced that, due to many requests, you were listing only abbreviated obituaries, this appeared to be practical and acceptable. Then it became apparent that this policy was to be extremely flexible, depending upon your position in the organization. Now, these full page and two page obits appear to be in poor taste."

"Poor taste"? Frankly we are overwhelmed!

So we'll try the "abbreviated" format herefollowing, and see if that is more acceptable. It pains us to be in a squabble over death notices.



"YOU'RE GETTING A HELL OF A LOT BETTER, SHAW. THIS TIME I WAS RIGHT ON TOP OF YOU BEFORE I SPOTTED YOU."

This political cartoon appeared in the New York Daily News following the return of Mayor Dinkins from Israel. We use it only because of the caricature on the left of the screen. We sent it on to you-know-who in the belief that he could stand a laugh. Think the artist caught the facial expression rather nicely. Agree? But he sure put some extra poundage on Stormin' Norman.



# On the Agenda

## VOLUNTEERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO!!!

WE ARE EXPECTING A RECORD BREAKING TURNOUT FOR OUR BIG FIFTIETH CELEBRATION THIS SEPTEMBER IN SAN FRANCISCO. HELP WILL BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS REUNION RUN SMOOTHLY AND WE ARE ASKING FOR MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE CHAIRMAN IN CARRYING OUT THE VARIOUS COMPLEX FUNCTIONS OF THE PLANNED PROGRAM. HERE ARE SOME OF THE AREAS NEEDING SUPERVISION:

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VIDEO ROOM

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FRI/SAT NIGHT DINNERS  
SUNDAY ALOHA BREAKFAST  
TOURS/SIGHT SEEING

IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN:

VINCENT GAGLIARDO  
179 NUEVA AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA., 94134  
(415) 467-2316

WE ARE ESPECIALLY ASKING THE MEMBERS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TO RESPOND.

THE COMMITTEE



## BULLETIN

A chance for something new? Why not? CARL CONNER (C & I 3rd Eng. 3/41-9/41) of 1025 Center S.W., Mableton GA, tells us that good wife, Ruth, has a "scoliosis back problem - will welcome any ideas on correcting it." Okay out there, you would be medical consultants - any ideas for Ruthie?

### Looking for:

EUGENE ROCKHOLT (Hq.Div.Arty.-  
Germany '58-'59) 2417 Bel Aire, Moore OK  
73160 trying to locate Capt.ROBERT ABSHIRE.

# Travel Debriefing



We don't know what to make of this year's caravan-sary. We asked for the usual registration form - and after weeks of waiting finally receiving this dirty Xerox copy thereof. Anyway, with Buffalo much in mind, please be sure to indicate the date of your arrival and the date of your departure. Some of our folks got bumped out into the street on Saturday because they weren't clear as to departure time. The problem got real icky because Denver was in the house on Friday through Monday; they were playing the Buffalo Bills on Sunday - and the house was full. We couldn't blame the house for our screw-ups.

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# Soldiers' paths cross again after 21 years

By Master Sgt. Don Martin

It was March 9, 1969, when Pfc. Ohmer Russell Gabbard of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, last saw his company commander.

The CO was being flown out of the jungles of Vietnam, suffering from severe wounds received in a firefight with North Vietnamese regulars.

This summer, 21 years later, their paths crossed again, this time at Fort Knox.

The company commander, now Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Stewart, Ga., promoted Gabbard to major. The ceremony was hosted by the 4th Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade, commanded by Lt. Col. Vince Scatamacchia.

As they talked about the events that connected their lives, both men were in uniform, but rank was irrelevant. This was a tale of men in combat who developed a sense of caring for one another. Then and now, Maj. Gen. McCaffrey was a leader concerned about the welfare of his soldiers. That sense of caring was revived as the two soldiers reflected on the past.

A strong mutual respect was evident as Maj. Gen. McCaffrey and Maj. Gabbard explained what happened in 1969.

For several days, "we had been on a reconnaissance in force mission, trying to prevent the North Vietnamese from overrunning a complex in Long Binh," Maj. Gen. McCaffrey said. "We had been fighting elements of a division for several days. We had come to a point known as the Surgesse Jungle Highway, a bundle of roads coming in from Cambodia."

Having made contact with the NVA, Maj. Gen. McCaffrey said, the unit "followed them and harassed them." "Private 1st Class Gabbard had volunteered to walk point one day while on patrol," the general said. "Discovering a large Viet Cong hospital bunker complex, he suddenly came under attack, along with others from the company. Engaging heavy machine gun and rifle fire. The rest of the company had to fight hard to reach them."

Major Gabbard said one of Maj. Gen. McCaffrey's trademarks was that he always had a bugler with him. Every time they attacked a position, he would have the bugler sound the charge. This time, the bugler played and the company attempted to overrun the complex, aided by heavy artillery fire. Because they were engaging a battalion-size element of the NVA #1 machine gun in a hidden bunker opened fire, wounding 20 and killing three.

*"I owed a lot of my training to McCaffrey. . . You knew he wouldn't lead you in the wrong direction.—Maj. Russell Gabbard*

Major Gen. McCaffrey and Maj. Gabbard both remembered the names of their fallen comrades. Major Gen. McCaffrey recalled how a Sgt. Williams tried to silence the bunker, only to fall just a few feet away.

Sergeant Williams jumped up hollering, "I'll get 'em 6, I'll get 'em." Maj. Gen. McCaffrey said, explaining that his radio call sign

The same machine gun that shot most of Maj. Gen. McCaffrey's left arm off also shot Spec. Dorsey's helmet off. "It sounded like a sledge hammer hitting as the bullet hit his helmet, the general said, "I saw the helmet fly off out of the corner of my eye. Luckily Spec. Dorsey received only a scalp laceration as the bullet traveled under the helmet and then followed the contour of his skull." Maj. Gabbard remembered that Spec. Dorsey was treated in a rear area and was able to return to the unit.

An unarmed medic, a conscientious objector, ran to Maj. Gen.

*"I've been talking for years about the incredible bond of soldiers in combat." — Maj. Russell Gabbard*

McCaffrey while they were still under fire from the machine gun. "He grabbed me by the web gear and ran with me to a ravine," Maj. Gen. McCaffrey said.

Finally an American soldier was able to destroy the machine-gun bunker, but the company was still under heavy fire.

Major Gabbard said he was in the ravine when "Doc" brought Maj. Gen. McCaffrey in. "We were trying to recover our wounded and dead in a central location," Maj. Gabbard added.

After the medic attended to Maj. Gen. McCaffrey, Major Gabbard continued caring for him until the "medevac" helicopter arrived. The jungle was so thick that a clearing had to be blown so the helicopter could approach and use a hoist to lift out the wounded. Still the enemy fire continued.

Major Gabbard said Maj. Gen. McCaffrey told him, "Gabby, I'll be back."

Three days later, after the company had fought its way to an open area, Maj. Gabbard was again on point when the unit was ambushed. This time he was the one flown out, having suffered a concussion.

Major General McCaffrey said the NVA elements they had been fighting were part of a last desperate effort of the 1969 Tet offensive. They had been working on this initiative for 60 days or more, waiting to get at the complex in Long Binh, he added.

Major General McCaffrey said most of his men were 19 to 21 years old. He himself was just 25. His NCOs were sergeants or staff sergeants instant noncommissioned officers out of Fort Benning. "I promoted the real warrior talent to sergeant in the field," Maj. Gen. McCaffrey said.

"I owed a lot of my training to McCaffrey, Maj. Gabbard said. He gave me time to develop the skills that I needed to get through that war. He was two people, a father and big brother. You knew he wouldn't lead you in the wrong direction."

After Maj. Gen. McCaffrey was wounded, Maj. Gabbard never saw him again in Vietnam, but he said he often thought about his commander.

Recently, Maj. Gabbard was serving as an evaluator when the MTC went to Fort Stewart to evaluate a Guard unit. When there, Maj. Gabbard heard the post commanding general's name. It rang a bell. After checking, he discovered that Maj. Gen. McCaffrey was indeed



U.S. Army Photo

Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey

his former commander.

He immediately requested an appointment to see Maj. Gen. McCaffrey the next day.

"I couldn't sleep and was awake at 4 that morning," Maj. Gabbard said. "I was in the general's office by 7:30 a.m. with my appointment not until 8 a.m. I could hear the general in his office. Finally he walked into the reception area, started to walk by me, then asked if he could help me. Recognizing me, he said 'Get into my office.' It was like 150 pounds had been lifted off my shoulders."

"I've been talking for years about the incredible bond of soldiers in combat," he said. "It was just us and no one else."

"When I lost Maj. Gen. McCaffrey (in Vietnam), I lost a part of myself," Maj. Gabbard said. "Two months ago, when we met again at Fort Stewart, that part of me came back. I had wondered for so long what had happened to him. It was like losing my big brother, then getting him back."

# President Bush visits Victory Division

By Spec. John C. Peavy

Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and other XVIII Airborne Corps soldiers received a special visit Thanksgiving Day by their commander-in-chief, President George Bush.

"The XVIII Airborne Corps, with the strength of the 24th Infantry Division, the 197th Infantry Brigade and so many other brave Americans, spearheaded what history will judge as one of the most important deployments of military power in the last half-century," said President Bush.

"You've done it for principle, you've done it for freedom and you have done it to make America proud. So, I have come here to personally thank you, the men and women who have endured much

and sacrificed more, for standing tall against aggression.

"Barbara and I are very pleased to be here today, joined by the bi-partisan leadership of the congress, on this mission of peace, this mission of pride," continued President Bush. "And, we are honored to tell you on this special Thanksgiving Day, Americans will thank God for many things, but first they will thank God for each one of you."

The president addressed soldiers on why they are here and what he hopes to accomplish by their presence in the gulf region.

"Today, we have a vision of a new partnership of nations, united by principle and seeking a lasting peace for this generation and generations to come.

That is why we are here in this land so far from husbands and wives, parents and children on this Thanksgiving Day," he explained. "That is why we sacrifice; so that our children, and all children, can grow up in a new world, a safer and better world. Simply put, we are here to guarantee that freedom is protected and that Iraq's aggression will not be rewarded.

"No president is quick to order American troops abroad," stressed President Bush, "but there are times when all nations that value their own freedom and hope for world freedom must confront aggression."

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## Bush

President Bush went on to say that while he hopes to have American troops home as soon as possible, they will stay as long as necessary.

"We want every single American soldier home, and this we

promise: No American will be kept in the gulf a single day longer than necessary. But, we won't pull punches and we are not here on some exercise. This is a real world situation and we are not walking away until our mission is done," declared

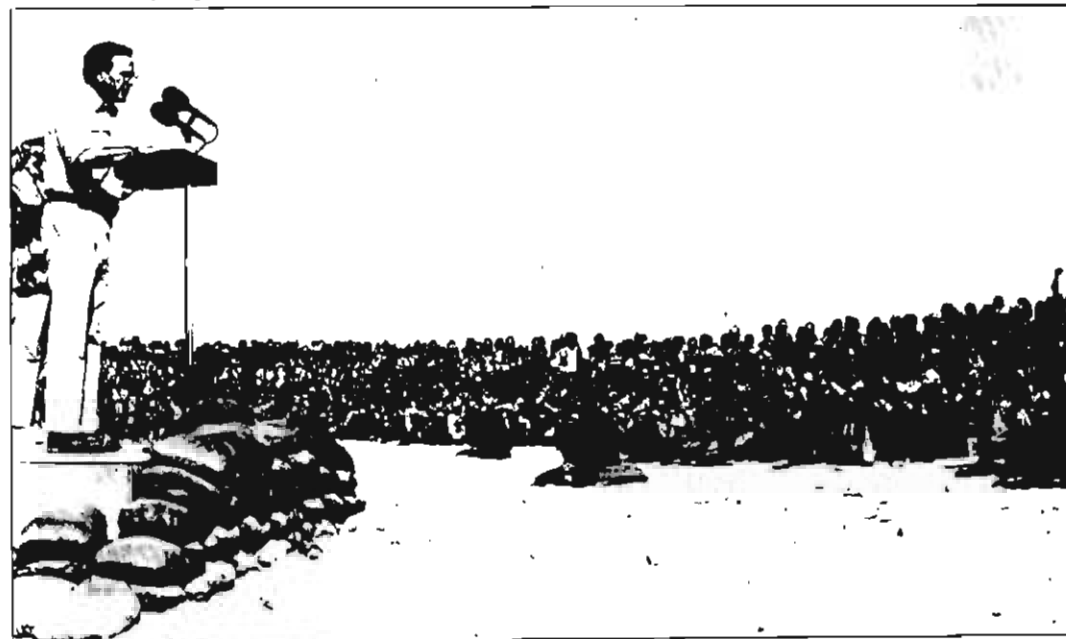


Photo by Sgt. D.R. Dean

President Bush addresses soldiers of XVIII Airborne Corps during his Thanksgiving Day visit to the 197th Infantry Brigade.

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President Bush.

The president reminded the soldiers that the world supports their mission.

"Remember that we are not in this alone. All the countries of the United Nations are standing up to Iraq," said President Bush. "It is the United Nations against Saddam Hussein, it is not Iraq against the United States."

After the conclusion of his speech, President Bush joined the soldiers for Thanksgiving dinner, taking time out to talk with them face-to-face.

"Seeing the president was a great morale booster," said Sgt. Troy Jones, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Engineer Battalion. "It was very thoughtful of him to visit us on Thanksgiving, because we know that he doesn't have to be here."

"I think the president's speech was very motivating," said Pfc. Rick Slade, Bravo Company, 3rd Engr. Bn. "It built up the morale of the troops and that's what we need; the guy at the top telling us what he wants and what he's going to do. What he said gave me a clearer perspective on what I'm doing out here."

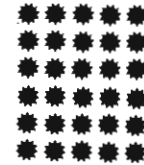
"Seeing you all here brings back a personal memory of another Thanksgiving and another group of young Americans far from home," continued President Bush. "It was Nov. 23rd, 1944, on a ship off the coast of the Philippines. I was 20 years old and six days away from my last mission as a carrier pilot. While we celebrated without family that year, like you we all came together as friends and as part of something bigger than ourselves to thank God for our blessings. You know, back then, the 24th was there, fighting in the northern Philippines as I was flying raids in the south on Manila Bay. Ten-thousand miles away in another theater, where the stakes were just as high, the predecessors of today's 197th were on the front lines of the fight for Europe. And now, nearly 50 years later, there are still proud troops like you ready to stand in defense of peace and freedom and, believe me, the whole world thanks you."

# President Bush visits Victory Division



President Bush remembers soldiers in the 24th Infantry division during a recent visit over the holiday season.

*Photo by Sgt. D.R. Hays*





## Gen. Vuono brings cheer to spouses

By Spec. Karen Wright

During his visit last week to Fort Stewart, Gen. Carl E. Vuono took the opportunity to speak to some spouses at the Family Assistance Center.

"I wanted to stop by this assistance center just to chat with you, shake your hand, let you know how important you are to us and how much we appreciate the sacrifices all of you are making personally and how much sacrifice you're making in leading your organizations," said Gen. Vuono.

He told them about some of the soldiers he met and the stories he heard during his last trip to the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) a few weeks ago.

"Their attitude is good and I'm going back to spend Christmas over there with the troops," he said. "I will certainly pass on to them in the 24th Victory Division that I saw all of you and that your attitude was as positive as it's expected to be."

And, according to Gen. Vuono, the spouses' attitude should be positive because they have a lot to be proud of in their soldiers.

"It's been the most complex and the most successful operation we've conducted in the history of our Army. We've moved more things, in a shorter period of time, over greater distances than we have in any time in history," he said.

"I think the magnitude of the operation was a magnificent tribute to all soldiers. Particularly, to the soldiers in the 24th Division who were the lead in all of that and really blazed a trail in moving a lot of heavy equipment quickly.

"I was in the Soviet Union, last week, and the military leaders in the Soviet Union were in awe of what we've done. What they were really amazed at



General Vuono takes time from his busy schedule to chat with family members of 24th Infantry Division soldiers.

was the way we moved tanks and Bradleys. It was the 24th Division that did that."

For Gen. Vuono, though, some of the proudest moments during Operation Desert Shield has come from a different complex and new Army mission.

"When I came into the Army 34 years ago, I commanded a company. Ninety-five percent of my company I could have gotten into formation in two hours because they all lived in the barracks.

"We have a married Army today. We have an obligation to the families. We have tried to provide the kind of family support system necessary to take care of them in peacetime; certainly, in a situation like this it becomes more important.

"We have young wives who have never been separated from their husbands, living off post far from home and what they need is something to

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# Far away, but not forgotten

## Vuono

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hang on to.

"We the Army can provide the programs. We can provide the encouragement. But, it's down here where the work is really done."

General Vuono encouraged them to help each other get through the holiday that's made a little lonelier without their spouses.

"All of us hope and pray that we end this thing peacefully and that our soldiers and loved ones are back very, very soon and we say to ourselves, 'It was an interesting experience.'"

But whatever the new year might bring, Gen. Vuono wanted the spouses to know that their

soldiers "are trained. They're prepared and confident.

"The biggest thing I appreciate is that it's really a team effort. There's a great deal of confidence in themselves and each other.

"One thing the soldiers told me, while I was there, was that they had great confidence in their sergeants and officers."

They also told Gen. Vuono that "they know their loved ones are being taken care of," he said.

"I want you to know that that's not forgotten by the Army, by the country and certainly not forgotten by the chief.

"On behalf of the entire Army, I thank you very much."

## Soldiers in the sand: Thoughts and ideas from those serving in Saudi Arabia



SSgt. Thomas S. Dolson, HHB, DIVARTY — "I think we're here to preserve peace in the Middle East region and to stop further aggression. I look around now and see these people changing their way of living on down the road.



Spec. Anthony Chaney, HHB, DIVARTY — "The best thing to happen for Desert Shield?, for everyone to get out of here and go home in peace."



Spec. Everett Noble, HHB, DIVARTY — "My family supports me, and knows that my job is important. I tell them that I'll be home as soon as my job here is done."



Pfc. Rhonda Klein, HHB, DIVARTY — "My finance is here with me. We're looking forward to going home, getting married and starting our life together when this is all over with."



Spec. Jose Rusario, G-TAB — "We're here because not one American will stand for the way Hussein is treating people. There's no room in the world for people like him."



Sgt. Daniel Flowers, C Co., 724th Spt. Bn. — "I hope it will be over soon so we can go home. It helps me being able to talk to loved ones in the states. My wife and I are making plans for the future."



Today Show's morning host, Joe Garagiola, awaits his first guests, spouses and children of deployed soldiers belonging to the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.)

## 'Today' unites soldiers, families

By Pfc. Connie Campbell

The NBC's Today Show came to Fort Stewart Nov. 21 to interview and unite, if only for a moment, Victory Division soldiers and their families.

At about 4 a.m. spouses and children arrived in front of Building 1 and waited for signs of the Today Show's crew, starring morning host Joe Garagiola.

As the crew arrived, the crowd began to gather in their seats for the live broadcast.

When the first family was seated and situated for the broadcast, Mr. Garagiola began with a thundering voice, "Here I am at the home of the fighting 24th at Fort Stewart!

"What remains are 'skeleton' crews, activated Reservists and families of the deployed soldiers on the 'fighting 24th's' playground.

"I think this is great (the family turn out)," he said. (The show) It is

great to get a chance to visit, and that's what this is all about.

"We're here to say thanks. We know you miss your guys and gals. We miss them, too, and hope they come home, soon."

Mr. Garagiola said they didn't want soldiers and families to feel they are forgotten: "You are not alone. We are all in this together.

"I pray every night to keep the soldiers safe. I have heard some say 'it's just war'. What do they mean, 'just war'? I want them 'just home'."

He added jokingly that he thought there were more television people in Saudi than soldiers.

"But seriously, I think it is great. When I was in World War II and the USO Show came over, we didn't even know who they were. We were just so glad to see somebody that wasn't dressed like us, and that is good. I am glad people are going over there, because it gets lonely, as you all know."

Wearing a field jacket complete with the Ameri-

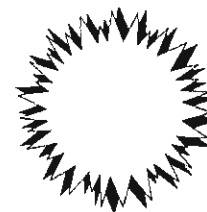
can flag on the right shoulder and the Taro Leaf patch on the left, Mr. Garagiola reunited families with their loved one in the desert, and gave some of the soldiers a chance to see their newborns for the first time.

Mr. Garagiola held children and offered a comforting hand to the families left behind.

"We are going to do what we can to support you and your families," he told the soldiers: "I don't know what that is. If you can think of anything, let us know and we will try it.

"I live by a philosophy that we have to keep each other warm. And, right now you have a tougher job than I do. I will do what I can. I know you are doing more than you can. I just want you to know that I appreciate it, and everybody here appreciates it, too.

"So, keep yourself safe, and we will look forward to seeing you all home where we can sit down and just visit once again."



# TAPS

For Comrades-In-Arms Who Are No Longer With Us

## Carter Bowie Magruder

NO. 6999 CLASS OF 1923

Died 14 March 1988 in Washington, DC, aged 87 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CARTER BOWIE MAGRUDER was born in London, England on 3 April 1900 of American parents. His father, an officer

One year later he entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He graduated in 1935 and resumed his duties as an instructor at the Field Artillery School. In September 1938, he was detailed as a student at the Army War College in Washington, DC. He graduated in June 1939, was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington and became Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 of the 3rd Division.

In July of 1941 he was assigned to the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, War Department General Staff. Much of his service from that time on was in the logistics area.

As director of the Planning Division of Army Service Forces, he planned and supervised the logistic support from the US for overseas operations. In 1944 he was promoted to brigadier general and became the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 of the Allied Headquarters in Italy. After the war he became chief logistic staff officer in the European command responsible for cleaning up the logistic aftermath of the war in Europe and establishing a logistic system for the occupation of Germany. In 1948 he became chief of staff to the DCG European Command, LTC C.R. Huebner.

In 1949 he returned to the US and became a deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army to assist in the support of the occupation of Germany, Austria, and Japan. He was a member of the delegation that negotiated the Austrian and Japanese Peace Treaties.

After serving two years in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, he was assigned to Korea, first as commander of the 24th Infantry Division, then IX US Corps (Group). He was promoted to lieutenant general in 1954. From 1955 to 1959 he was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army.

He was promoted to general on 1 July 1959 and assigned to command the United Nations Forces, the US Forces, and the US Eighth Army in Korea. He retired from the Army in 1961.

Then Carter's health began to deteriorate. In late February 1988 he was admitted to Walter Reed Hospital and died there on 14 March. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery near his sister and his friend of many years, Maxwell Taylor.

THOMAS H. CAMPBELL  
died August 1990  
A and M 3rd Bn. 19th '51-'53

## T.H. Campbell; worked for UAL and Eagles

By Karl Sterk  
Inquirer Staff Writer

Thomas H. Campbell, 74, a former United Air Lines account manager who made travel arrangements and did promotion work for the Philadelphia Eagles, died Wednesday at his home in Durham, N.C., after a long illness.

"Tom was the consummate professional," said James Murray, the Eagles' former general manager who spoke at Mr. Campbell's memorial services yesterday at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer. "When you had him on a trip, you knew you had the best."

Murray said Mr. Campbell retired from United Air Lines in 1981 and was hired by the Eagles to work on special projects with Sam Procopio, the team's marketing director. Mr. Campbell had done some promotion and volunteer work on a spot basis for the team before that, Murray said.

Mr. Campbell chaperoned special groups through training camp and attended to myriad other details concerning the team, Murray said. "He was especially good with kids, kids from Children's Hospital," Murray said. "He treated everybody like they were at the front of the plane no matter what kind of ticket they had."

Owner Leonard Tose thought so highly of Mr. Campbell's work behind the scenes, Murray said, that the owner gave Mr. Campbell a Super Bowl ring for the 1980 season.

Murray said he hired Mr. Campbell to do promotional work for his own firm, Jim Murray Limited, after Murray's tenure with the team ended in 1983. He recalled that when golfer Nancy Lopez — whose father had cancer — won the Atlantic City Classic in 1989, Mr. Campbell gave her his address and phone number and said her father could call anytime for advice or support on fighting cancer. At the time, Mr. Campbell thought he was beating the disease, Murray said.

Mr. Campbell also worked closely



Thomas H. Campbell

with other sports teams while with United Air Lines. He was the airline's account manager for the Phillies and the Flyers as well as many Fortune 500 companies in Philadelphia, including General Electric Co. and SmithKline Beecham Co., according to Ray Dailey, a former regional manager for United.

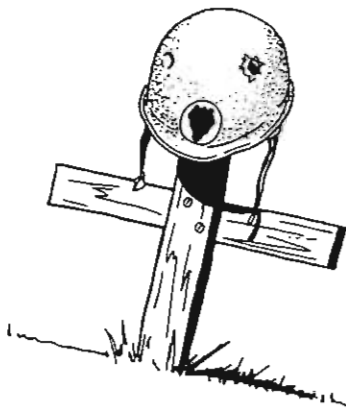
"He was a friend of kings," Dailey said. "People all over the sports world sought out his opinions."

Mr. Campbell was born June 26, 1916 in Philadelphia. He was a combat veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Formerly a member of Covenant Presbyterian, he had moved to Durham during his illness, and was a member of the congregation at Duke University Chapel for the last two years.

He was a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association/American Legion, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 853 in West Chester, Italian Social Club in West Chester and United Airlines Retired Employees Association.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Millicent R.; daughter, Janet A. Ross of Keonett Square; son, Thomas H. Jr., of Durham, N.C. and five grandchildren.



GRANTON and Emily WILSON were on the line - from Honolulu. It was the afternoon of Saturday, January 5th - morning there. Immediately we knew - RICHARD "Shy" LUM had died, in his 80th year, leaving three brothers, and four sisters.

After the funeral, Emily wrote: "I showed the florist the Taro Leaf patch and she made up a very nice arrangement with the colors of the patch. Also across the front was a ribbon with 'Beloved Friend'.

"We will all miss Shy; he was a good friend to us and when he was able to anyone who ventured to 'Paradise'. In the last months he had difficulty communicating due to his increased loss of hearing, everything had to be written down on a pad.

"As in the Chinese custom, they put things in the casket that they might take with them to the hereafter. Of course his cap with his 19th and 24th pins went into the casket. Shy loved the organization and lived for the correspondence he received from its members. In the hereafter he will be, not just an honorary member but a member. Sincerely, Emily."

We bring to Shy's memory, our own tribute of admiration. We place upon his brow the laurel crown of the highest distinction. But this does not suffice us or him. We honored him, but what is more, we loved him. We gave him the homage of our hearts. So long, Shy.

JAMES LUCIANO  
died April 20, 1990  
was L 34th 3/41-6/45

GEORGE M. LEIB  
died November 28, 1990  
13th FA Bn. '17-'18

FREMOND ICE  
died September 13, 1990  
5th RCT 4/50-9/51 (Hq. 2nd Bn.)

CHARLES H. DYBDAHL  
died September 21, 1990  
I 5th RCT 3rd Bn. '49-'51

We have lost Betty PARNCUTT, LEN's beloved. Betty passed away on Jan. 10th after knowing for months that the Big C was overtaking her. HARRY and Frances WITTMAN kept us informed of Betty's problems from her surgery last August up through the day of her passing and to them, we are grateful. Too, BILL and Jane KUSHINA kept us informed. They were able to attend the funeral. Wrote Jane: "I am sending a picture that we took during a visit with them in Florida last winter. You will recall that Betty made and donated 'Taro Leaf' pillows, rugs and a bed cover for many of the conventions over the years. Bill and Len grew up in Philadelphia and were in many of the same places in the South Pacific but never met until the convention in Chicago in 1962. We have all been good friends since."



We thought it appropriate to give you two photos of this lovely lady - above with husband LEN and HARRY WITTMAN in a happier time. The following with LEN and BILL KUSHINA, likewise in happier days.



The obituary which we reprint here came to us from EDWARD MCCARTHY of 81 McAdoo Av., Jersey City NJ. Ed added his own comments: "CHRIS was CO of George Company, 19th from 6/53 to 1/54 when he went to 2nd Bn.Hq. to be S-3 until 4/54. In the 3 assignment, he served under P.S. MORRISSEY, West Point'40. Chris wore the CIB with 2 stars; also 7 Purple Hearts. There was a man!"

## Col. C.F. Dubia dies at 66

Retired Army Col. Christian "Chris" Frank Dubia, 66, a combat veteran of three wars who adopted Columbus as his home, died Sunday at Martin Army Community Hospital.



DUBIA

A Rosary will be said tonight at 7:30 in the Chapel of Striffler-Hamby Mortuary on Macon Road. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anne Catholic church, with military burial at the Fort Benning Main Post Cemetery.

He was born July 11, 1924, in Chicago. Following service in the European-African-Middle East campaign in World War II, Dubia was a professional baseball player in the St. Louis Cardinal organization before returning to the Army in August 1951.

Dubia was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam from June 10, 1967, to May 2, 1968, and as a battalion commander was better known to his troops by his radio call sign: "Big Duke 6." At the time he was wounded while directing his unit in an attack, a companion on the helicopter was Edwin H. Burba Jr., his battalion operations officer. Burba is now a four-star general and commander-in-chief of Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Burba Monday characterized Dubia as a "legendary battalion commander in Vietnam. Col. Dubia was the most charismatic leader I've known. His troops idolized him and he idolized them. They would do anything for him because they knew he loved them and would take care of them at all costs, even at the

risk of his own personal safety. ... He had the quickest mind of anyone I've known. His professional competence and charisma made him that legendary commander."

Dubia was twice assigned to the Infantry School as a student, the first time to Officer Candidate School, of which he is a Hall of Fame member. He is a graduate of the U.S. Command and General Staff College and the NATO Defense College, the latter prior to his assignment to Berlin.

Among his decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal with "V" device.

He lived in Columbus for more than 20 years and after retirement was an assistant coach for the Columbus College baseball "Cougars." He was remembered Monday by a walk-on freshman of one of his teams who said "I've never met a more honest man. He pulled no punches, but told you how and where to succeed. I'm a better person for having been coached by him."

Dubia had been commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion and president of the Retired Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; two sons, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Christian F. Dubia Jr., of Laguna Miguel, Calif., and Army Maj. Donald H. Dubia, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; two daughters, Nancy A. Spitzer of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Tina Marie D. Patrick of Newport News, Va.; a stepson, David M. Levitt of Athens, Ga.; two stepdaughters, Nancy D. Levitt of San Francisco, and Robyn Hughey of Columbus; and eight grandchildren.

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### Charles Clifton Blanchard

NO. 5953 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 7 April 1989 in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 92 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



Charles Clifton Blanchard

CHARLES CLIFTON BLANCHARD, son of Clifton Ford and Betty Reynolds Blanchard, was born in Ballinger, Texas on 25 August 1896. He received his appointment to West Point from Congressman Garrett, and was admitted to the United States Military Academy from Texas on 15 June 1915. His years at West Point were a time of achievement and dedication and were spent working steadily and conscientiously. In addition to his academic efforts, he was the Corps welterweight boxing champion and was an excellent fencer, winning the Corps individual saber championship. Cadet "Charlie" Blanchard was graduated on the 116th anniversary of the founding of West Point, 12 June 1918; he was commissioned second lieutenant, Field Artillery. Immediately after graduation, he went to the School of Fire at Fort Sill. Upon completion of the course, he was assigned to the 70th Field Artillery at Camp Knox, Kentucky.

In June 1919 Charlie was shipped overseas and assigned to the 5th Field Artillery, then in Germany. After a year and a half of Occupation duty, he was assigned to the 6th Field Artillery, then in Coblenz. He returned to the States with the unit stationed at Fort Hoyle, Maryland, and in August 1924 was assigned to West Point as an instructor in Drawing. Following this tour, he attended the Regular Officers Course at Fort Sill, and upon graduation became an instructor in the Department of Gunnery at the school. He was to be a gunnery instructor for six years, his longest tour of duty at any station.

On 1 August 1929, he married Evelyn Maude Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Robinson of Newburgh, New York. The wedding, which took place in the United Presbyterian Church in Newburgh, was attended by many friends and relatives. Following the wedding, Charlie and his bride went to Fort Sill, where he would continue his tour as a gunnery instructor until July 1935. Daughter Evelyn Elizabeth was born 26 September 1932. She would be the only child of Eve and Charlie. "Punkin" would become a lovely lady and marry Captain John Michael Hardy of the British Army.

Charlie attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and after a tour at Fort Bragg with the 17th Field Artillery attended the Army War College. Returning to Fort Sill, he would activate and take command of the 8th Field Artillery Observation Battalion on 1 July 1941.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the 8th moved to Camp Sutton, North Carolina, where Charlie was later detached from the battalion and transferred to Headquarters Army Ground Forces. Soon thereafter, he was in the Southwest Pacific Theater as As-

sistant Artillery Commander of the Xth Corps Artillery and later, the commander of the XIVth Corps Artillery in campaigns of New Guinea, Leyte, Southern Philippines and Luzon. With hostilities ended, Charlie returned to the States, but only for a short time, for in March 1946 he assumed command of the 24th Division Artillery in Japan.

After two years in Japan on Kyushu in the 24th, Charlie returned to Fort Sill as director of the Department of Gunnery. Two years later he was promoted to brigadier general. He would soon be in Germany again where he had served in World War I. He became deputy commander of Trieste and later commanding general of Base Section of the Communications Zone in France. In December 1952 Charlie was back in the States. His command of Camp Gordon, Georgia would be his final task of active duty.

Whatever may be said of Charlie Blanchard, he was unexcelled in wit and cheerful disposition. He enjoyed recalling a humorous experience or commenting on an event in a humorous vein. His hearty laughter was contagious. He will be remembered by his peers for his long tenure in the branch of service in which he was originally commissioned. His professional competence is best indicated by his long stint as a gunnery instructor and director of the Department of Gunnery at the Field Artillery School.

Charles retired on 31 August 1954, with residence in San Antonio, Texas. He and Eve enjoyed a happy and comfortable retirement. He was remembered on his 90th birthday by the Association of Graduates and congratulated for having reached a significant milestone of his life. I am sure that all who knew him have the deepest respect and highest regard for him. Well done, good and faithful son of West Point! You are an outstanding addition to the Long Gray Line.

Charles is survived by his Evelyn; daughter, Mrs. John Michael Hardy of Lancaster, England; two grandsons and four great-grandsons. His passing is mourned by his loving family and many friends.

P.R.W.

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in loving memory of  
Hildred "Hilly" STUBBS  
beloved wife of C.J. "Clink" STUBBS  
L 34th 3/43-12/45  
10481 Ridgeview, Sun City AZ 85351



KENNETH A. GIBSON  
died July 4, 1990  
K 5th RCT '49-'54

CHRISTIAN "Chris" FRANK WJIA  
died 1990  
CO, I 19th 6/53-1/54  
S3 2nd Bn. 19th 1/54-4/54

EUGENE J. HERMANN  
died November 14, 1990  
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 21st

OLAVI E. ALAKULPPI  
died August 19, 1990  
Div.Hq. '52-'54

JACK D. PENNINGTON  
died July 14, 1990  
R 19th '50-'51

WILBER MAGEL  
died October 18, 1990  
Hq.Co. 21st '42-'45

Col. JOY K. VALLERY  
October 18, 1990  
M 19th, I 19th, E.O.,  
CO 1st Bn. 19th 6/41-8/45

Ursula "Marie" NELSON  
wife of ROBERT T. NELSON  
died April 1990  
was 6228 Cardiff St., Phil., PA  
Bob was F 19th '42-'45

NELSON W. GIORGI  
died Mar. 2, 1990  
Medic C 19th '50-'51

JOHN P. HARTUNG  
died July 14, 1989  
F 21st and Hq. 2nd Bn. '40-'44

JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS, SR.  
died September 19, 1990  
I 19th 7/40-7/44

CLARK H. (Mac) MCDANIEL  
died Mar. 9, 1990  
A, G, I & R Plt., Hq.Co. 19th  
'46-'48 and '55-'56

GEORGE W. BROMLEY  
died Mar. 15, 1991  
5 years during WW II

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Durward Saunders Wilson

NO. 4893 CLASS OF 1910

Died 20 January 1970 in Washington, DC,  
aged 63 years.

Inherent: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Durward Saunders Wilson

DURWARD SAUNDERS WILSON ("DS") to his friends and colleagues) was a true, proud son of the South. Born 2 July 1896, and raised in a family of six sons, DS lived in a small eastern North Carolina town deep in tobacco country, Greenville. His decision to go to West Point resulted not from any pressure from his parents, Walter (a local businessman) and Britannia Wilson, nor other relatives. Two of his younger brothers also entered and graduated from West Point later, while the remaining two went into military medicine, serving in the Army and Army Air Corps. His older brother was in the foreign service and two half-brothers, born later, remained civilians.

After some intensive prepping at the Horner Military School in North Carolina, DS entered West Point in 1909. In spite of the Spartan conditions, he seemed to thrive under the rigors of cadet life. However, DS quickly found that he had to be tenacious and committed to survive the academic load and rigid discipline mandated by the cadet "system." Some of these pressures were eased by weekend social activities and thoughts of his one and only, Olive M. Merrill, a school teacher back home in Snow Hill, North Carolina. The "system" punished him occasionally, and he experienced the dubious distinction of making the "Area Bird" list! The worst blow he sustained, however, was in academics in the form of a "descript" (descriptive geometry); his deficiency in this devious subject cost him dearly, and in 1906 he was turned back to the Class of 1910. His most violent epithet—"Dog gone it"—certainly was appropriate for this revolting occurrence! As a first classman, DS made cadet sergeant and also was appointed acting colors sergeant. With the combination of a valiant spirit and zealous determination, he finally fulfilled his goal of becoming a second lieutenant in the Infantry. On 15 June, that momentous June Week of 1910, Olive pinned on his gold bars, and after Christmas, became Mrs. D.S. Wilson.

DS's initial assignment after graduation leave was company duty to the 17th Infantry at Fort McPherson, Georgia. This assignment, lasting until mid-1914, included maneuvers at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and duty near the Mexican border at Eagle Pass, Texas, in connection with Pancho Villa's exploits in northern Mexico. In late 1914, DS, Olive and their new baby, Olive (born in March 1913), sailed to the Philippines for his duty with the 13th Infantry, headquartered at Fort McKinley, Manila. In the succeeding two years he performed assorted battalion and post duties, accompanying the regiment when it moved to Fort Mills, Corregidor Island. In July 1916, DS was promoted to first lieutenant. With accelerated wartime

promotions underway he was promoted to captain in May 1917. Shortly, the regiment returned to the States, but en route, DS caught bronchial pneumonia necessitating an extended period of sick leave. During his recuperation he was transferred to the 33rd Infantry. Upon reporting back to duty DS commanded two companies and went with the regiment to Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, in May 1918. Upon being promoted to major in June, he was reassigned to Camp Lee, Virginia. Further illustrating the rapidity of wartime promotions, he was selected for lieutenant colonel in October 1918. Upon the Armistice, however, the across-the-board grade reductions commenced in June 1920. DS reverted to captain on 30 June but, fortunately, was promoted back to major the following day. Come fall, DS and family returned to the Philippines for a two-year tour, where he commanded a battalion in the 57th Infantry, Fort McKinley. Orders in August 1922 directed him stateside but DS obtained a 90-day leave to permit travel via Asia, Africa, and Europe. Their ship, the *Hosang*, sailed to Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Suez Canal, Egypt, Israel, Italy, France, England and New York City. Arriving in April 1923 orders awaited DS assigning him to instruct the Mississippi National Guard in Jackson. This station was especially notable since it was their first opportunity to live in a typical civilian community. Near the tour's end, in February 1925, their son DS, Junior, arrived. Shortly after this blessed event, orders were received taking them to Fort Benning, Georgia, where DS would attend the Infantry Officers Advanced Course. This was the first of four major schools he would attend in the next seven years. Before the course was half completed, orders came for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the 1926-27 CGSS course. The joys of military academia, while enduring the compressed existence in Leavenworth's notorious "Bee Hive," found DS pleased over orders back to Benning to instruct in the Infantry School. It was to be his longest, most stable assignment, extending from summer 1927 until late spring 1931. After a two-month leave in early summer 1931, DS (and family) headed for Washington, DC, and the Army War College. The following year they moved to Newport, Rhode Island for his attendance at the 1932-33 Naval War College Course, which offered DS a different, intriguing perspective of high-level strategy and defense matters. From there he was assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland to command a battalion in the 34th Infantry. When promotion orders to lieutenant colonel arrived again in late 1934, they found themselves back in Washington for DS to serve with the 16th Brigade (later named the Washington Provisional Brigade) as the executive officer. March 1938 brought his third set of orders to Benning, to the Infantry School where he became chief of the weapons section, a key position in that venerable institution. A year later, June 1939, DS was promoted to colonel. The following year he was selected for a regimental command in Hawaii, 19th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, reporting in September 1940. DS and family went aboard the *USAT Republic*, previously a luxury liner. Daughter Olive, who had married an Army Air Corps officer (Lieutenant C. A. Kengla), presently stationed at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, was permitted to accompany the family. Before DS had consolidated his command he was notified he was a brigadier general, effective 1 October. Thus he became commanding general, 21st Infantry Brigade, also at Schofield Barracks. However, at 7:55 on that horrendous morning, the family ful-

ly comprehended they were sitting on a powder keg named Pearl Harbor. Fortunately, the home sustained only slight structural damage from strafing Japanese aircraft. DS, of course, jumped into his uniform and disappeared toward his command, and the family had to manage on its own. About three hours later buses arrived to transport military dependents to safer locations in Honolulu. Several days passed before DS was able to contact them in the resultant confusion. Due to persistent panic concerning the safety of military families, in mid-December they were directed to return to the States. DS's family departed Christmas Day on the *USS Monterey*, bound for San Francisco. Meanwhile he was designated to activate the 24th Infantry Division for subsequent deployment in pending Pacific campaigns. The family's ship landed on New Year's Eve; they eventually reached Washington, DC in February 1942 where they temporarily settled to await DS's return. In early May DS was promoted to major general. He was nearly finished organizing and training his new division when he contracted an incapacitating ailment and was reassigned to the Presidio of San Francisco, California, for observation and treatment at Letterman General Hospital. In August he was moved to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC for further observation and treatment. By late September DS was released to duty and assigned to assume command of the 6th Motorized Division, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. A sudden shift in Army requirements caused the command to be changed to the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Croft, South Carolina in mid-November 1942. The family joined DS at Camp Croft and moved into a comfortable house nearby. Though not a division command, he felt much satisfaction in his mission of training and preparing infantry soldier replacements to perform in combat. Late May 1944 saw DS receive orders for his last assignment, the Eastern Defense Command located at Governors Island, New York; he became Commander, Southeastern Sector, headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina. This fit neatly into their plans, as they intended to settle in Raleigh upon DS's retirement. His last station involved considerable travel with units and installations scattered from the middle Atlantic states to Key West, Florida. On 31 January 1946, DS retired after 36 years of dedicated, outstanding service to the United States Army and his country.

After living in Raleigh for over five years, they moved to Arlington, Virginia, in late 1948. They found a garden apartment to their liking, only minutes away from downtown Washington. Though his health was not good enough to support employment, he and Olive experienced essentially a grand retired life taking frequent short trips to visit relatives and friends and overseas trips to see their children. Frequent socializing with local classmates/friends also kept them from becoming dull.

DS slowed up somewhat in the 1960's and lost sight in one eye, but he as Olive still enjoyed life and remains active and involved. Unfortunately, December 1969 he had to undergo emergency corrective surgery at Walter Reed for a bursting aneurysm. The shock of initial surgery, combined with later complications, was more than his heart could take. So, on 20 January 1970, DS passed away, joining the Long Gray Line.



We've asked JIM WILSON, of Box 1445, Lake City, FL to report this one - and he has, in dignified fashion:

Even at Christmas time we get sad news, and I did in learning of the death of a true leader and fighter, Joy R. Vallery who commanded the 1st Battalion of the 19th Infantry in the Mindanao campaign in 1945.

Val had served in the 19th for several years, and was wounded in the same battle in which Jock Clifford was killed. I served as Battalion Exec. under Val and came to admire him strongly for his effective leadership.

Val died October 18, of this year after fighting cancer for four and a half years, and having four major surgical operation. He and his wife, Bobbette, were living in Fayetteville, N.C., where they had a home following Val's retirement as a full Colonel.

Val was regular army, and had an extensive hitch in Viet Nam. Our paths had come close to crossing several times, and we corresponded periodically; but did not actually get together until last September, only about 1 month before he died. I was in North Carolina with my wife at her Mother's home near Rockingham, and after a telephone call, drove to Fayetteville and had about a two hour visit with Val, for which I am grateful to God. He had recovered apparently from surgery to take a cancerous tumor off his brain; but the illness must have been throughout his body. He was very alert, and we enjoyed talking over old time, and covering the 45 years since we had seen each other. Val's anger showed up when he talked about the Viet Nam War. He repeatedly said, "We didnot lose that war". His feeling was that our Country just gave up instead of backing our fighting men enough to have a complete victory.

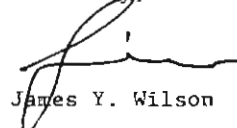
One of my vivid recollections of Val was south of the Davao when the Japs opened up with naval guns they had installed in the mountains several miles from the coast line. My first reaction was to dig a hole and get in it for protection. But Val with the Air Liaison Team worked on the maps to help locate the guns, called in dive bombers and put the naval guns out of commission; no doubt taking quite a few Japs along with them. We later learned that the guns were mounted primarily to repel a shore invasion, and could not be depressed enough to hit us; but it surely sounded like they would at any time! Val's wife writes that they had an impressive military funeral at the Post Chapel and he is buried at the Fort Bragg Cemetery.

On my next trip up there, I plan to visit his grave and make a last salute to a great fighting man.

I want to add that Val realized his condition, and said that he felt that he was in good shape with the Lord.

You might have learned from other sources about Val's death; but I wanted to write this to satisfy my own feelings.

Sincerely,



James Y. Wilson

JYW:bgd





Nelson Giorgi  
C 19th

Passed away March 2, 1990

In Loving Memory  
John and Peggy Sullivan

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We remember ~

Elizabeth "Betty" Parncutt

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In Loving Memory of  
Joseph "Mike" DeMichele  
Sr. 19th '43-'46

Aug. 10, 1911 - Feb. 28, 1990

by  
Margaret  
"Peggie"