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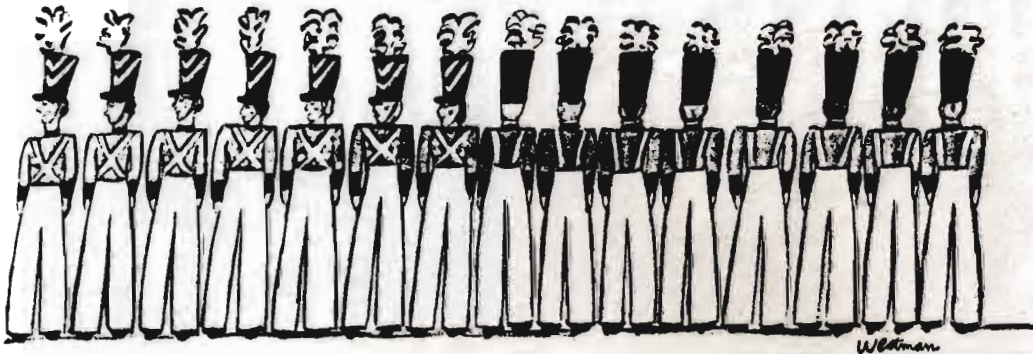
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BARBARA WESTMAN

Westman

Great Performance

This one came to us from good friend BUD COLLETTE. The article was in the York Dispatch, York PA. Those of you who live in Pennsylvania should let the editor and owners of the York newspaper know of your displeasure that they would print an item that expresses such dislike of the veterans, those who preserved the right of free speech:

AMERICAN VETERANS ARE OVERRATED GROUP

The most overrated group in America is the American veteran.

Never in the history of this nation has there ever been a war we could have ignored or avoided.

The American vet is the most unnecessary person ever to be in a parade. Veterans come from the poor and uneducated. People who could not make it in the civilian world because their daddies did not have enough money or those too stupid to go to college.

The vet is incapable of thinking for himself; instead he apes the God-and-country teaching without question.

This group of mass murderers demands proper health care for themselves. They get some of the worst in the nation. Incompetent doctors overflow at vet hospitals. I do not believe in pampering this group of losers and my government apparently agrees with me.

Vietnam vets are crying, "Where's my parade?" Wake up. You lost. You don't get a parade.

In Panama, mass graves are being dug up, left behind by Bush's invasion.

Civilians with their hands tied behind their backs, shot in the head at close range, litter these graves. Our brave American vets are nothing more than murdering cowards.

Bush gets four stars for his foreign policy, which in reality is nothing more than war and begging. These are signs of a failed foreign policy, not a successful one.

MICHAEL LEDO
Dallastown, Pa.,

We are trying to run down a better address for Michael Ledo in case you want to write him.

Great performance, Michael, indeed!



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COMING NEXT:



And who'll be running the show next year at Colorado Springs? None other than DUTCH and Marge NELSON. It'll be a peacherino; these folks have been down the road before.

We've held our tongue in this issue - not a blessed word.

let's celebrate!

COLORADO SPRINGS



JIM and Jackie MATHIS (Hq.Co.
3rd Bn. 34th '43-'45) of Rt.2, Box
826, Parker AZ 85344, are still able
to do a fancy step - for which our
thanks.



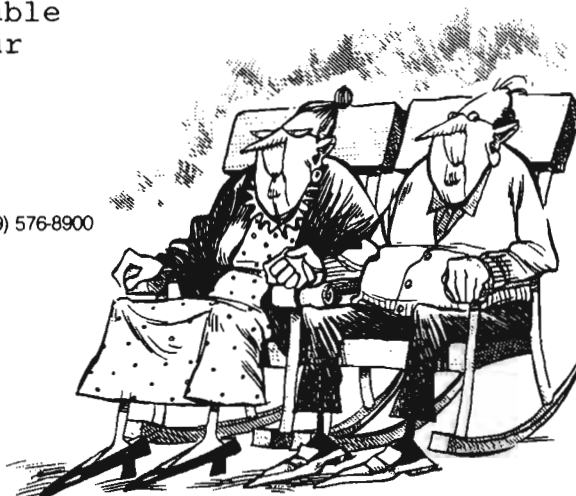
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Before we each get much older, our
next gathering - September 1993 -
will be at the lovely Red Lion Inn in
beautiful Colorado Springs CO.



"Hut, two, three, four,
hut, two, three, four,
hut, two . . ."



POINTS TO PONDER

Goof on our part and also on the part of BILL WATKINS (Div. Arty. '41-'45) down at 317 North, Anderson SC. In our last issue, we quoted Bill as saying: "MG JAMES A LESTER commanded the 24th in Japan, '46-'48 and Lt.Gen.DONALD E. ROSENBLUM commanded it at Stewart '76-'78. So MG PAUL E. BLACKWELL becomes the third South Carolinian to lead us."

We should have intercepted the error. Went this friendly note to Bill from Lt.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT: "Dear Mr. Watkins: Would you please add my name to your list of South Carolinians who have commanded the Division. For the record my ancestors came to S.C. in 1683 and I am a lineage descendent of Francis Marion 'The Swamp Fox' who fought and won many times against the British during the Revolutionary War. I served in the 34th Infantry for 29 months during the Korean War and commanded the 24th from Sept.77 to Sept.79."

Our deep apologies go to Jim for the omission. Let it appear that 4 South Carolinians have commanded us: LESTER, ROSENBLUM, VAUGHT and BLACKWELL.

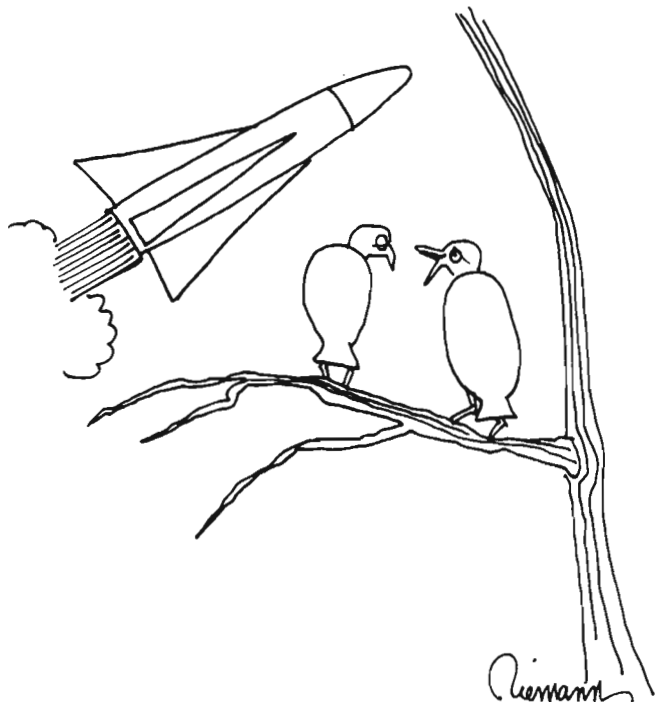
Belated thanks to JOHNNY TRINCA for the eyecatching Xmas tree skirt and place mats which were raffled off at Savannah. Sorry to be so tardy on this, John.

WANTED

A home-made tape cassette of a singing canary. Beverly's sister has a new one that peeps and chirps - but won't sing. Please send to your Editor. Thank you. "You can bet your pin feathers he isn't just flying south for the winter."

OUT OF THE CORNER OF YOUR EYE

Sign on the wall of a professor at Saint Louis University: "Disregard this sign." ...The cost of Somalia? As we go to press, the report is "at least \$600 million... Whatever has become of Imelda Marcos?... What U.S. entertainer traveled more miles than any other person to entertain the WW II troops? Comedian Joe E. Brown covered more than 150,000 miles. We recall most vividly meeting him in one of those cold water showers on Mindoro. Great meeting place.



A few words from the Old Man

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND FORT STEWART
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA 31314-5000

January 8, 1993

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers:

We've just enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and the majority of the Division had the opportunity to spend some quality time with their families. We still stand ready, and as always, there is a unit on 18 hour alert, standing by, ready to deploy anywhere in the world. Thankfully, the holiday season was peaceful, safe, and uneventful so the vast majority of the Division had the opportunity to relax and take a well deserved break. We've hit the new year hard and running.

Fort Stewart soldiers from the 226th Supply and Service Company and 110th Quartermaster Company are in Somalia supporting Operation Restore Hope. They are providing critical water supplies for that operation.

As you read this, there is already a brigade combat team (over 4,500 soldiers) deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. The 1st Brigade deployed the advance party just before the new year. The main party began deploying the 3d of January and will be gone about thirty days to do battle with the opposing forces of the National Training Center. This is an opportunity for the 1st Brigade to once again put lessons learned and the training we have conducted to date into practice. They will conduct operations as a brigade combat team including infantrymen, tankers, close air support, artillery, engineers, and support. We know that when they return they will have learned many more valuable lessons to add to their battle books.

While the 1st Brigade is doing battle at the National Training Center, the rest of the Division is not idle. We are busily fielding Multiple Subscriber Communication Equipment, improving our command and control capabilities. We are preparing for a division-wide command post exercise to gain better knowledge of that equipment and further enhance our readiness. A large majority of the division command and staff will deploy to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to do battle with a notional, computerized foe during a Battle Command Training Program seminar in January.

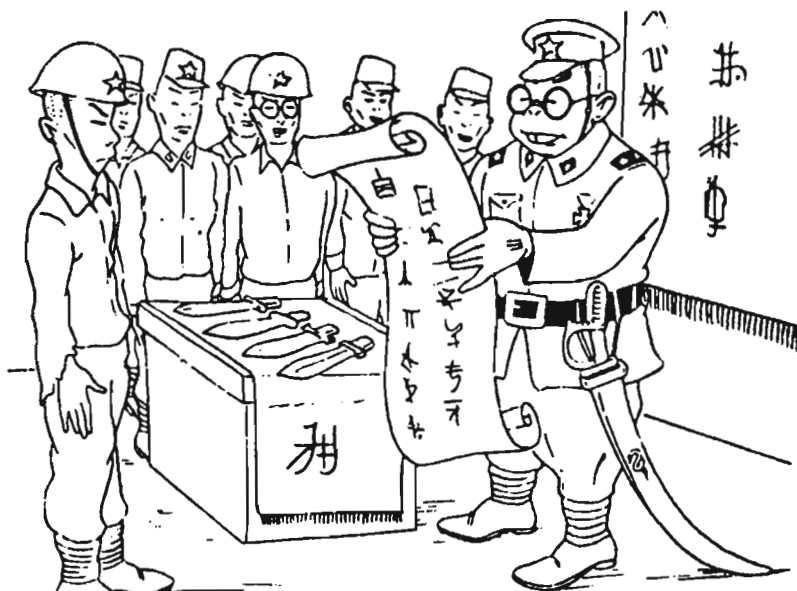
As I pause to reflect on the past 7 months, I am quickly drawn back to reality by the nearly overwhelming list of events and activities that the soldiers in this great division have "checked off". I am proud of each and every one of them. We do not dwell, however, on all that we have done. Our focus will continue to be to the future - on training, readiness, and taking care of soldiers and families.

All the best to you, your families, and friends in 1993.

FIRST TO FIGHT!



Paul E. Blackwell
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding



"THE FOLLOWING MEN HAVE 85 POINTS AND ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMMIT HARI-KAIRI AT 0700."

—Pfc. Bob Brotherton



The Association has been an active and enthusiastic sponsor of the Korean War Memorials (both D.C. and California types). We endorsed both projects and solicited contributions from our membership. As of now, we will no longer actively solicit donations for these projects from the membership.

Fellow in Baltimore yesterday was arrested for making obscene phone calls. When they booked him, they gave him his rights including, "You may make one phone call." So he made another obscene call.

We were asked at S. and then we lost the note as to who asked the question. The question was: Is Col. WALTER C. WICKBOLDT (Company, Battalion and Regimental Commander in the 19th '41-'46) living? We happily answer that he is at 3705 Cameron Mills Rd., Alexandria, VA. JIM WILSON, were you the one with the question?

A bit of "friendly fire" in HNS's new book. George Bush and Colin Powell surprisingly take direct hits.

Didja notice, RUCKER FORD - not an extra line in the entire issue?

Opinions expressed in these pages - such as they are - are not necessarily those of the Commander in Chief, the Department of Defense or the 24th Infantry Division.

We learn that LAFAYETTE COCHRAN (24th QM '41-'45) of RD 2, Box 2304, Farmington ME, suffered a heart attack last March 25th.

Complaint: no chocolates on the pillows at the Savannah Hyatt.

One complaint about our last issue - "All about WW II - nuttin (sic) about Korea." Aw, come off it, fella. You know that "ain't" so!

★ We Salute our Armed Forces Serving in Somalia ★

HOW & WHY

We believe it might be of interest to our reunion-eers to have some background information as to the planning and preparation for our annual reunion, thus this article.

An attempt is made to negotiate the best possible room rates, as well as food and drink prices. However, to a degree, we are at the mercy of the hotel staff and what follows depends a great deal upon the integrity of their management team. The Food/Beverage Department can skimp on the size and quality of a meal, cheat on the size of the drinks in the hospitality room, etc., etc. Just as the Savannah Hyatt, in addition to other shortcomings, failed to honor our 20% food discount in their restaurant unless the member requested it. A complaint was lodged to Hyatt Corporate about these incidents.

The primary purpose of our reunions is to have a good time, not to make money, although we try our best to avoid losses! Sometimes we show a profit, sometimes a loss! The 72 hour advance dinner guarantees is a risk. In the last seven years we have turned a profit four times and had substantial losses the other three times. Due to the overflow attendance in Savannah last September, we turned the largest profit ever. A good deal of this is a result of Chairman John Hummer having used his business connections to get various merchandise and services donated. Plus the fact that he closed up his trophy shop, paid his employees for the week, then brought them in to serve as a registration committee, all at no expense to our association. Many, many thanks, John, for all that you and your staff contributed in making this reunion such a magnificent success. Well done!

Food prices in finer hotels in large cities are, as most of us realize, quite expensive. Here is a review of our dinner prices for the past four years, beginning with 1989:

Friday Aloha dinner:	\$22.50, 23.00, 24.00, 25.00
Sat. Banquet (Incl. Champagne):	\$25.00, 25.00, 28.00, 28.00

Granted these prices are not exactly inexpensive, but our affairs are first class and we do have a good time. If we were to run our affairs in smaller hotels and smaller cities, room and banquet facilities would be inadequate, and (connecting) airline fares would be much higher.

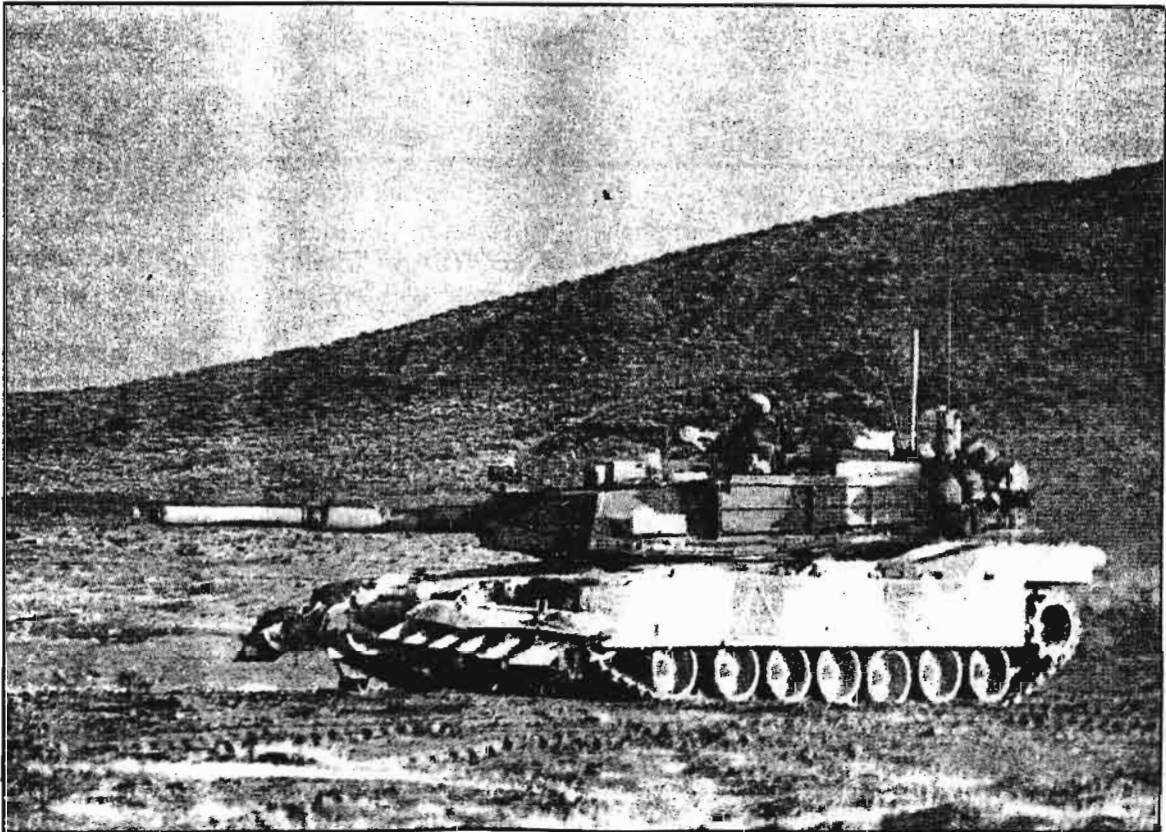
This year the usual Sunday morning complimentary continental breakfast (a \$1200-\$1500 expense to the Assn.) was eliminated in Savannah. Instead the committee decided to put this money toward a full course hot buffet breakfast and charge \$4.00, with the hotel charging our assn. \$5.50. However, late Saturday the Hyatt reneged on this agreement; thus another continental breakfast. Corporate Hyatt also heard about this, and other snafu's! As you can see, our treatment by the Hyatt, Savannah, left much to be desired.

One division in the Army Divisions Assn. reports a \$20,000 profit at a recent reunion, another \$32,000! We have no such illusion of grandeur, although our treasury could use such a shot in the arm! Our reunion profit over the past seven years averages approximately \$2,000 per year.

FYI: A few miscellaneous expenses we must cover: Flags, signs, banners, wine, bulletin boards, prizes, photo, audio/video, military comps, band, printing, postage, stationery, just to name a few. We are of the opinion that the above facts are of interest to our members, and that all of you can appreciate knowing about the thousands of dollars at risk before we even receive the first dollar from registrations. BUT WE DO HAVE FUN!!!!

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Desert Warriors

After a month of intense desert training more than 4,800 soldiers of 1st Brigade arrived home this week. See next week's Patriot for a special supplement detailing 1st Brigade Nation Training Center Rotation.



JOHN L. KIRBY (3rd Bn. 29th '49-'50) of 16923 Candlewood, Apple Valley CA sends us this one:

Forty-year search ends in 12-hour chat

By Sarah E. Crowley
Daily Press

APPLE VALLEY — John Kirby had waited a very long time to make that call. So he dialed.

Down in La Mesa, Neal Vance answered the phone.

"I hadn't talked to him since 1952," Kirby recalled. "I asked him, 'Do you know a guy named Kirby?' Vance said, 'My God, yes.' I said, 'That's me.' And he said, 'Where are you?'"

And so Kirby came to the end of a 40-year search for his former Army buddy.

Massacre

Kirby's quest was spurred by gruesome memories of a Korean War ambush, the infamous massacre at Hadong Pass. On July 26, 1950, North Korean forces surprised about 700 men in the 3rd Battalion of the 29th Infantry Regiment. "It was a terrible ambush. Three hundred and thirteen were killed outright. About a hundred were taken captives. The remainder of us got away," recalled Kirby.

He was a staff sergeant at the time; Vance was a corporal. The two got to know each other while in garrison in Okinawa. Both, said Kirby, were as green as recruits could possibly be. "I enlisted in 1949. I was 17. My mother signed for me, that's how I got in. I was from Ottumwa, Iowa, and Vance was from Oildale."

Part of the 24th Division, the men of the 29th Infantry had little combat training. As garrison troops, they executed clerical and security duties. But in 1950, North Korean troops had nearly harried South Korean and American forces off the Korean peninsula. More U.S. soldiers were needed immediately, and the 29th was pressed into service. The regiment shipped out to Pusan and from there to Chinju — the bleeding heart of the combat zone.

The 29th had been divided into two battalions — the 1st and the 3rd. Both were shunted up to the front lines, where men of the 3rd walked into the Hadong machine gun attack.



John Kril / Daily Press

John Kirby holds up a treasured photograph of his war buddy Neal Vance

"It was about nine in the morning when we made contact. We only carried small arms. We were supposed to have air support, but our radios didn't work and we couldn't contact them. We were just green kids, and they shot us down like rabbits. Horrible is the word for it."

Routed, the survivors tried to retreat across a nearby river, where enemy riflemen casually picked them off.

The two friends were wounded, but luckily Kirby and Vance escaped. Eventually, the pair were reassigned to the 25th Infantry Division, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion. They went home in 1952, when Kirby's search began.

"He knew I lived in the Mid-

west, and I knew he lived in Oildale. A year later, I tried to look him up, but all the letters I sent came back. I tried everything to find him."

All-consuming mission

A casual attempt at reunion soon blossomed into an all-consuming mission. Over the years, Kirby joined several commemorative military units and hunted through membership rosters. He traveled around the country, from one war memorial to the other, looking for contacts. But although he found names of

several old comrades, Vance remained undiscovered.

Until a three weeks ago. Kirby had been corresponding with a fellow veteran in Idaho. Miraculously, Vance had also written to the same man. Suddenly, the lost was found.

"My wife and I went down to see him in La Mesa. We stayed up till two o'clock in the morning," rejoiced Kirby.

Neal Vance swears they yakked for 12 straight hours. "We started talking about 1:30 in the afternoon, and we shut up at 1:30 that morning. When we got up, we started talking all over again," said Vance, who had his own memories of Hadong.

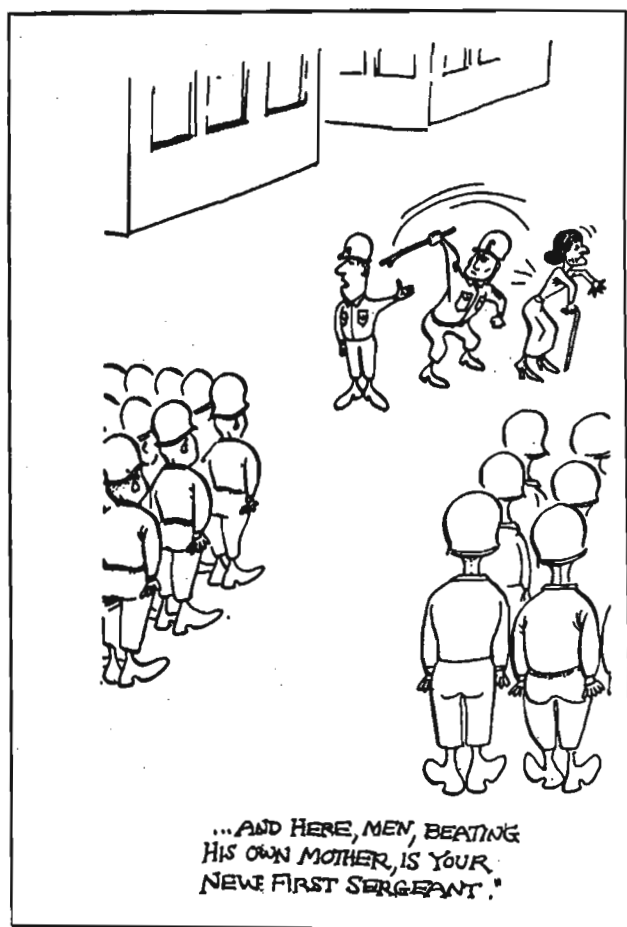
Mortar explosion

A soldier was killed right next to Vance. "I went into kind of a trance. I covered him over with my poncho. Then I heard John say, 'Hey, Vance, Come here.'" Just then, a mortar exploded where Vance had been standing. "I snapped out of it then. If he hadn't called me, I wouldn't be here. Neither of us should be here at all. I don't think there are more than 10 or 12 people that survived."

Have no fear that Kirby will find them all. He's back on the trail right now, in hot pursuit of a young fellow he hasn't seen since Sobaeksan. "He was only 16 years old; the legal age for enlisting was 17. I killed a man right in front of his foxhole. Things got so bad there that he turned himself in, and he was pulled off the line. He went back home, and we saw a picture of him in one of those big magazines — 'Look' or 'Life.'"

"His name was James E. or D. Ward, and he was from Kentucky or Tennessee. I'd sure like to find him."

ALL ANNUAL DUES EXPIRE AUGUST 31 EACH YEAR



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TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION**

Postcard from Jamaica by Dr. PHIL and Helen HOSTETTER. They've been to Costa Rica, The Canal. Traveled with a Kansas U. alumni bunch. Thanx for the remembrance folks.

In reporting the death of husband, PURL L. HART (B 34th 1/43-4/45) his wife, Mildred, reported:

"In the August issue of Taro Leaf there was a beautiful poem "Taps". Just before the Taps were played, I had a friend read it at the grave. It was raining and lightning was flashing that day and as on cue - as he read the last lines -

"Listen to the thunder roaring they are marching in the sky."
- it DID thunder. It was beautiful!"

HELP!

Mail to Life Member, JACK E. HUGHES, (L 34th 7/50-2/52) 4055 Frankford Rd., #914, Dallas TX 75287) has been returned as "Not At".

Can anyone tell us where Jack has gone?

REUNIONS

Co. G 21st Infantry, 24th Division Reunion will be held in Branson MO on April 9, 10 & 11, 1993.

For further information, write:

HOWARD J. PIEHL
1112 Pioneer Dr.,
Bismarck ND 58501.
(G 21st '42-'45)

CHARLES T. ESTUDILLO (52nd FA Bn. 12/43-12/45) 6 Venus Ct., Tiburon CA 94920 has been feeling less than great these days. How about a few words to cheer him?

"FOLLOW ME II" by MG Aubrey S. Newman, USA Ret. is available from Presido Press
PO Box 1764-Z
Novato CA 94948

\$24.95 plus \$1.75 handling.

"FOLLOW ME", Red's first book, Cost \$14.95 (cloth), \$9.95 (paper), plus \$1.75 per book for shipping and handling.



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POW compensation announced for veterans of Korean conflict

The Department of Defense announced Friday the details of an outreach program to contact former Korean Conflict era POWs informing them of compensation opportunities under a new Federal law. The Congress authorized payments to ex-POWs from the Korean Conflict as compensation for unused leave accrued during their captivity.

Under Section 554 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1992 and 1993 (Public Law No. 102-190), as amended. The statutory deadline for these payments is Sept. 30.

Those applicants whose prisoner of war status can be verified by the DoD are automatically eligible for a single \$300 compensation payment. Ex-POWs who wish to claim a larger amount must provide specific information regarding dates of captivity, highest grade held during captivity, and the number of lost leave days for which the applicant is seeking compensation. Payments in these cases will be computed using the 1952 pay scale. Payments on behalf of deceased individuals are not authorized.

DoD estimates that current addresses are available for approximately 2,000 of the 4,400 servicemembers repatriated in 1953. DoD has

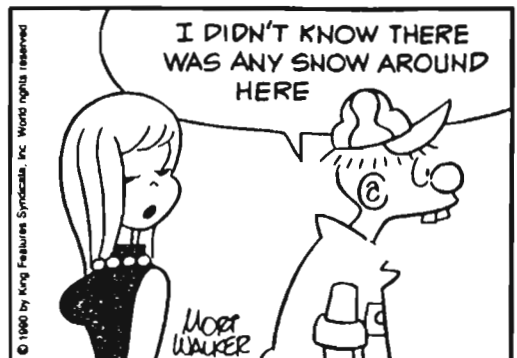
sent a letter, as well as a claim form, to each of these ex-POWs to inform them of their possible eligibility for payments under the new law. Because the DoD address list is not complete, anyone who believes that he may be eligible for payments under this program and who receives no official notification within the next two weeks should immediately contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service with his full name, address, telephone number, Service component, Service number, Social Security number, and any other information pertinent to the claim. Claims should be forwarded to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Kansas City Center Debt Management Division Claims Branch (FYC) - Korean POW Kansas City, MO 64197-0001

The Secretaries of the Military Departments are required by statute to make at least the minimum payment on or before Sept. 30. In order to allow compliance with the restrictions set by law, all claims forms must arrive at DFAS Kansas City before September 24, 1993. Applicants are strongly urged to file claims as early as possible.

(From a DoD news release)

BEETLE BAILEY



The Bulletin Board

Opening thoughts by our Reunion Chairman, ELLSWORTH "Dutch" NELSON:

Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen

812 Orion Drive

Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

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FAX (719) 473-7487

1. The Red Lion Inn is a four-star hotel. It is immediately adjacent to I-25 which traverses the state of Colorado and the city from North to South. Free transportation to and from the airport is provided. The airport is about 15 to 20 minutes away from the hotel.

2. The Flying W Ranch. Excellent family entertainment. During the tourest season they are sold out for every performance. The Flying W Wranglers are the second oldest, continuous western singing group in America. (Only "The Sons Of The Pioneers" are older.) Except for about 50 or so "Aussies" ours will be a private evening with them. There is also a complete western village to visit prior to the show. (Blacksmith, tavern, general store, etc.) A really fine Chuck Wagon supper. Everyone likes the Flying W.

Private transportation to and from the Flying W is included in the price. We will be using chartered 47-passenger buses.

3. For the banquet I am working on having either (or both) the Air Force Academy rifle drill team and/or the saber drill team perform for us.

4. The Colorado Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association has volunteered to work with/for us, from advanced registration throughout the reunion. They will be doing all the "leg work" for us. For this they will recieve no compensation of any kind, except recognition.

5. It is also possible that I might be able to get the Air Force Academy Glee Club to come and sing some "Americana" for us, either at the banquet or some other time.

6. Grey Line tour company will have a table in our area from Wednesday through Saturday to help get our folks off on to tours to the Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak, the Royal Gorge, Cripple Creek, etc. Cripple Creek now has limited stakes gambling, slot machines, black jack, etc.

Dutch

**Have you sent
in your Dues?**

STANDING OUT IN A CROWD

We're advertising - here's a sample:

A Puzzle of Many Pieces

Up to his eyebrows trying to put the pieces together is Lt.Col. RODOLPH MULLINS (19th Med.Co. 7/49-7/51) of HCR3, Box 191, Rocky Mount MO. Rody is working toward a 1995 reunion for us in the greater Springfield MO area. Says Disney is buying 2000 acres near Springfield for a theme park to be finished by summer '95. Will be with us at Colorado Springs to make his pitch. Nice work, Rody.

You'll have to read about it elsewhere - not in these sacred pages.



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This Should Get Some Motors Running.

DICK CONNOLLY (Div.Arty, HQ Btry.'44-'45) of 99 Post, 4-F, Warwick RI has not lost any of that precious sense of humor. Read his latest to us: "Some time ago, well over a year and a half, I wrote to you, telling you that Anne and I had seen, while visiting the New Market Battlefield Military Museum, a display of divisions and patches that had fought in the Pacific. The 24th was listed but had a blank space, instead of the patch. You were kind enough to send me both a full color patch and the subdued patch.

"I sent both to the museum in Virginia. In my covering letter, I explained what the 24th had been prior to October 1941 and what the Taro Leaf means. And I never received a reply. I probably said something like, 'Darned Rebs, I'm glad they lost the war!'

"Yesterday I received a very nice apologetic letter. So, the Taro Leaf is in place, God's in His Heaven, all's right with the world."

Look anywhere in this issue. You'll find not even a hint about the subject.

*Kilroy Was Here!
&
Kilroy says:
"Pay your
1993 Dues
Now!"*



"Let's note that soggy soil affects depth of tank treads."

flashback

May we talk?

Wanna talk a Bronze Star Medal to everyone in the Division in that 1950 summer?

Okay - and we'll go through it slowly.

We are deeply indebted to LACY BARNETT who found the directives at the National Archives.

Lacy writes:

"Dear Ken,

"Here is an answer to the long-standing question.

"The General Orders awarding the Bronze Stars were published in Jan. 1951. Mine is dated 20 Jan.1951.

"Please publish the 24 Nov. 1950 Directive in such a manner that will clearly answer the question for all concerned.

"I found these Directives at the National Archives in the 24th Division War Diary (G-1 Portion)."

A message form dated 24 Nov. 50 went out from the G-1 office in the name of the CG, Gen. CHURCH.

It read:

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MERITORIOUS SERVICE

1. The Commanding General desires that all officers and men who arrived in Korea 30 June 1950 - 14 July 1950 as an assigned member of an organic unit of this command and who are still present be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service provided no other meritorious decoration has been awarded during the present hostilities. The individual's performance of duty must have been creditable throughout this period, free of any disciplinary actions.

2. Recommendations will be prepared in the form of a proposed citation (double spaced) and need arrive this headquarters by letter of transmittal in one copy only. All information required by par. 5, Memo 44, this Hq., dated 16 Sept. 50 will be included. The period of meritorious service will be 2 July 1950 through date recommendation is prepared. A separate recommendation will be prepared on each individual.

It is recommended that the following information be included in the citation: all assigned duties during the period; if the individual was promoted during the period an appropriate remark to that effect; outstanding battles in which the individual participated such as Osan, Chonan, Chochiwon, Kongju, Kum River, Taejon, etc. Sample citations enclosed for information and guidance.

There it is, Gentleman.

Lacy's conclusions as to what it means follow:

"My conclusions, after reading the Directive, are as follows reference eligibility:

"1. A member of a 24th unit and the man arrived in Korea between 30 June and 14 July (Think the 26th AAA arrived on 30 June and the last Division unit closed in Korea on 14 July 50).

"2. The above man was a member of the Division on 24 Nov. 50.

"3. The man was specifically recommended by his unit.

"4. The man had not been disciplined in any manner while in Korea between 30 June and 24 Nov. 50.

"5. The man had not been given a prior meritorious award between 30 June and 24 Nov. 50.

"6. The man's service with the 24th Division had been creditable."

Lacy in a note to us adds:

"Had not planned to write all of the above - however, I would like to see the question laid to rest. The enclosed Directive should do it.

"My reason for going to the National Archives was to research the July and August 50 records only. Decided to stay an extra day in an effort to find the document. I knew that it existed and knew it had been issued in Nov. 50, Dec. 50, or Jan. 51 but had no proof."

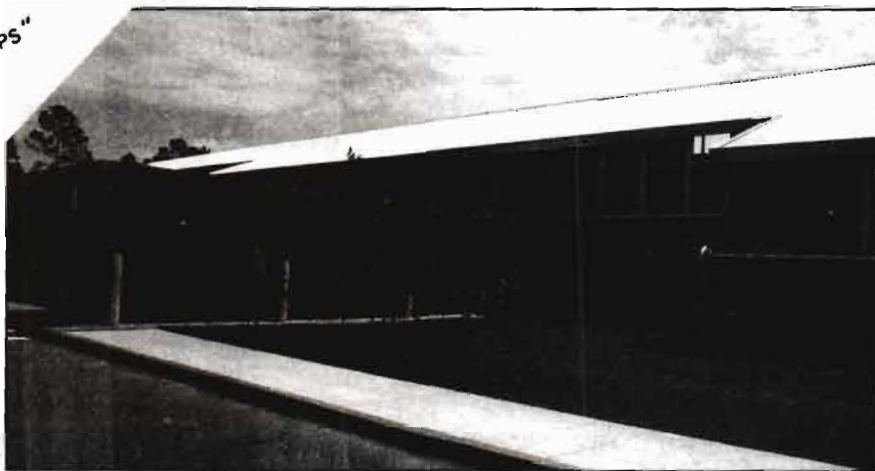
Thank you so very very much, Lacy.

Seeking anyone who was with
BN MTC PLATOON/2nd BN 70TH
ARMOR/24th Inf.Div. stationed in
Augsburg, Germany 1961-63
for a reunion planned for July
1993. Contact: Norm Chretien,
23655 Hollander, Dearborn MI
48128, Tel. 313-563-0033.

ROBERT H. BACON (I 19th '8/40-8/43)
sends along a little contribution and
a change of address: It's now #1 Bacon
Rd., Box 579, Bradford NH 03221. It's
the same location on Lake Massasecum -
just a new address.

"Remember Pearl and the Rock of
Chickamauga!"

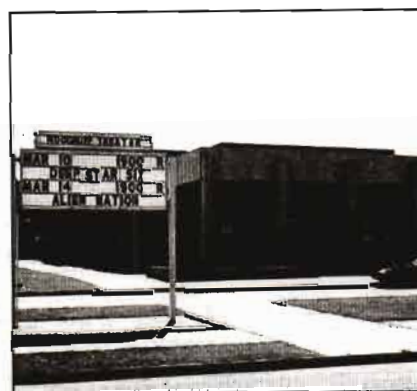
**Have you sent
in your Dues?**



Fort Stewart's Sgt. 1st Class Nelson V. Briffin Elementary School.



Fort Stewart's Pfc. James H. Diamond Elementary School.



Woodruff Theater

They DO remember.

Sorry but we couldn't find a photo of the
NEWMAN Gymnasium to include with this set:

BOTH SIDES

Here's one for the books.
JONATHAN MYATT (HHC Public
Affairs Off. 90-91), now at 7617
Carlton Arms, Indianapolis IN
(He's now at Ft. Benj. Harrison)
has a wife, Karen A. Murdock,
who ALSO served in Desert Shield/
Storm. She was the Public Affairs
Supervisor for Third Army (U.S.
Army Forces Central Command) in
Saudi and Kuwait.

Are we proud as punch with
this couple? You better believe
it.

Lady having skin problems.

Dermatologist recommends a milk
bath.

When her milkman came the next
day, she asked him for 39
gallons of milk.

Milkman: "Do you want it
pasteurized?"

Lady: "No, just up to my chin."

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Leaders are not born — people trained to lead

By Sgt J. W. Sternickle
Editor

Captain Albert Garrick, 1st Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, was recently awarded the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for the 24th Infantry Division.

Garrick won the award for his leadership abilities while commander of C Battery, 1st Bn., 5th ADA. Garrick currently is serving as assistant operations officer for the battalion.

Many factors went into Garrick winning the award. During his 18 months as battery commander, his battery had the best Vulcan squad and platoon and best Stinger section in the battalion. In addition, his battery was credited with the best hostile aircraft kill ratio in the last 14 National Training Center rotations, according to Battalion Commander Lt. Col. William F. Laramore.

Among other achievements, his unit also was rated as having the best PMCS program and communications shop in the division. According to Laramore, Garrick's OER Support Form "reads like a how-to manual for leadership."

In a letter recommending Garrick for the award, Laramore wrote: "Everything he worked so hard for throughout his career has come to fruition. He is a leader of a combat ready organization that takes pride in everything they do. They have assumed his personality, and they are winners."

When notified about the award, Garrick was surprised.

"All my life I've thrived on helping others to achieve. I'm a true believer in honorary achievement. If you help others to achieve and be the best, that's your reward," explained



**Gen. Douglas
MacArthur award**

Garrick. "Based on that type of mentality, I thought that by helping others I'd never receive the award for being the leader of an effort. I thought I'd always be considered as one who gave his time and effort to make others better."

Garrick was thankful for the award because he said he felt this was the way Douglas MacArthur acted as a leader.

"My thanks go out to my soldiers and my NCOs. Especially the NCOs who I had in the past when I was a young second lieutenant," stressed Garrick. "They drilled me and skilled me to the point where I knew what it was to be a good

leader. There is no one born to lead. People are trained to lead. I owe that to my soldiers. They trained me to lead."

Garrick explained that his off-duty activities and strong foundation as a church member reinforced his values and abilities as a leader. Garrick is an usher at the Fort Stewart Minuteman Community Church and is active in the Feed the Homeless Program and the Big Brother Association. He credits the church for his strong spirit of helping others both on-duty and off. Spirit and motivation are Garrick's key assets as a leader.

"I am a motivator," stressed Garrick. "I truly believe that if a soldier feels good he will do good. If you treat him with respect, he will respect you. I believe in the exchange theory — if you give someone something, he in return will give something back."

"Motivation is so contagious. Once it spills over onto someone they can't help but perform. Motivation is the adrenaline that makes you want to be the best you can be."

Garrick's personal long-term goal is to become a general officer. But while working toward that goal, he plans to continue helping others and give them something of himself so they can do better.

"I love the military. I believe in the system; I believe in the organization," stressed Garrick. "This is the only organization where you are given the opportunity to be number one. From the starting blocks to the end of the race, you are given a fair chance across the board. It's up to you to win. It's an organization, a society that drives on making people the best they can be. There's no other organization that pushes you that way."

Former arms-control negotiator Ed Rowny tells stinging stories about presidents and others in his new book, "It Takes One To Tango". One story describes an incident in which President Jimmy Carter showed up at a reception in Geneva with ten-year-old Amy in tow.

"I'd like Amy to learn about nuclear weapons and arms control," the president told Rowny. "Would you sit down and explain these things to her?"

Rowny sat on a sofa with Amy, who was swinging her white-stockinged legs. "Amy," Rowny asked, "you don't want to know anything about nuclear weapons or arms control, do you?"

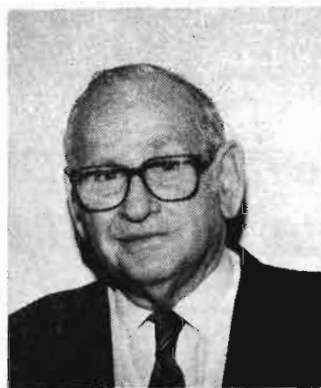
"Naw," she said, chewing her gum.

"Wouldn't you rather go upstairs and watch television?" Rowny asked.

"Yeah," she answered.

President Carter never got the message. He was ridiculed after his 1980 debate with Ronald Reagan when he announced he had consulted Amy about nuclear war.

Rowny's main point in this insightful memoir is that US presidents tend to be poor negotiators.



We're working feverishly with BRUCE PRICE in developing a plaque to be given to Clemson U. and which in turn will carry each year the name of the most

deserving cadet in their ROTC program. The award is being given by us in honor of Gen. BLACKWELL, a Clemson son.

A of 21st - circa 42-46. Anyone out there answering that call? GUY SHEPPARD, RR 1, Box 80A, Haslet TX wants to fill a table at Colorado Springs.



"Oh, and major, Curtis says hello, too."

Ballads from the Barracks

Korea - 1950

*Tw'as the night before Christmas
and all through the tent
Was the odor of fuel oil (the stove
pipe was bent);
The shoe packs were hung by the
oil stove with care
In the hope that they'd issue each
man a new pair!*

*The weary GIs were sacked out in
their beds,
And visions of sugar babes danced
through their heads,
When up on the ridge line there
'rose such a clatter...*

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

We recently received a letter from Bob Hansen, Executive Director of the Memorial Advisory Board. He wanted to reassure all of us that work is progressing following the official ground-breaking ceremony. The site preparation phase will begin before the end of 1992. The Corps of Engineers estimates that it will take more than a year to complete this phase. The site preparation is lengthy because the site (Ash Woods) is "fill-land." It used to be part of the Potomac River bed. All of the "trash" that was used as fill must now be removed, the remaining water removed, and a dead weight placed on the site for six months to consolidate the foundation before the actual construction can begin. Bob states that, "...it is my goal and I know that it is yours, to build this Memorial as soon as possible, before more of our comrades pass on without an opportunity to see it. Everything I do, with the Advisory Board, is with that in mind." Taro Leaf will continue to keep our members informed of progress on this important memorial.

*(A Chinese machine gun had
started to chatter).
I rushed to my rifle and threw back
the bolt,
The rest of my tent-mates woke up
with a jolt;
Outside we could hear our platoon
Sgt. Kelly,
A hard little man with a little pot
belly!
Come YANCEY, come CLANCEY,
come CONNORS and WATSON,
Up MILLER, and SCHILLER, up
BAKER and DODSON!
We tumbled outside in a swirl of
confusion.
So cold that each man could have
used a transfusion.
Get up on that hill-top and silence
that Red.
And don't come back 'til you're
sure that he's dead.'
Then putting his thumb up in front
of his nose
Sgt. Kelly took leave of us
shivering JOES;
But we all heard him say in a voice
soft and light:
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,
MAY YOU LIVE THROUGH
THE NIGHT!
Editor's note: This well known bit
of verse was submitted by SSG
Bob Luttrell (14th Rangers).*

In case you haven't noticed,
let us remind you: we haven't
even mentioned it in any of
our pages.

WANTS TO HEAR

ALBERT VESPO
I & Sv.34th WW II
16 Jeannette Dr.
Port Washington NY

Join us in September in
Colorado Springs - for a wallow
in nostalgic sentimentality.

BILL ROSEBORO gave us the call - that JOHNNY MORGAN had passed away. BUFFORD GOFF had called Bill. Johnny was in for surgery - 12 hours worth - and complications set in and that was the end for poor John. Bill and Bufford thoughtfully arranged for an Association floral piece.

Odd thing, Johnny had been corresponding with us reference some space in this issue about a meeting of the Chicks at our Colorado Springs gatherin.

Out of respect for poor John, we are using it just as he typed it out for us before he went to Glory.

GO → FOR IT

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers,

The word is the reunion is the 29th of Sept to 3rd of Oct. 1993.

19th INF Program

Wed 29th of Sept 1993: Check in and Registration

Thur 30th of Sept 1993: Check in and Registration

Fri 1st of Oct 1993: Breakfast 8am to 9am

Fri 1st of Oct 1993: Meeting 9am to 11am

1. Sit down breakfast \$8.64 per person (tax & tip included)
2. Dutch breakfast in Garden \$10.75 per person
3. Rooms at Red Lion \$43.00 plus 8.7% room tax
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5. Remember make reservation early
6. Cancellation: 24 hours in advance
7. Registration fee: \$12.00

24th INF Division

1. Registration fee \$15.00 plus two dinners

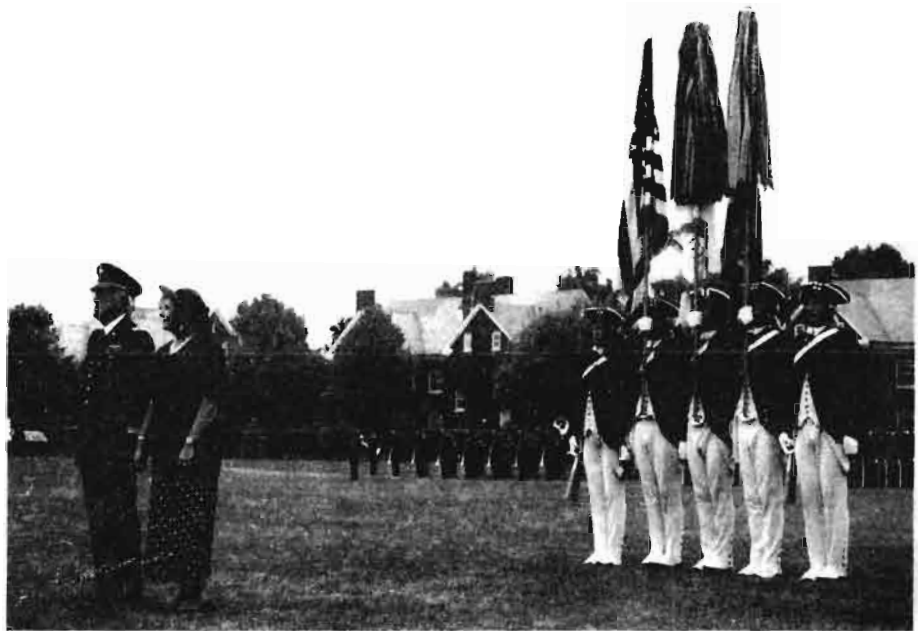
Friday: Aloha Dinner

Saturday: Memorial Service

For a copy of 19th Newsletter:

send self address envelope to Dick Stuben

505 S. 6th Apt 309 Council Bluffs, IA. 51501



1954: Jack & Ginny Galvin take the review at their ret at Ft Myer, 30 Jun

Last June 30th, at Ft. Myer, in a most impressive retirement ceremony hosted by C/S Gordon Sullivan and viewed by hundreds of guests, family, classmates and spouses and friends, Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN (CG '86-88) closed out his illustrious military career. Jack was awarded an OLC to the Defense DSM by Sec. Defense Richard Cheney. Lovely Ginny was awarded for her dedicated efforts in uplifting the Army family community. Jack's last post was SACEUR in Belgium. Jack and Ginny are now at West Point where he is the John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of National Security Studies. When asked what Jack will teach, one wag replied, "Anything he wants."



Andy Cooley in Somalia



4 JANUARY, 1993

Dear Ken:

I hope this finds you well and the association strong. I am on my way to run a support operation in Somalia as a civilian Contractor and need to give you a new address.

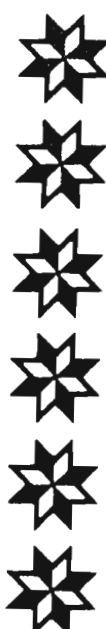
17202 DeChimico Circle
Spring, Texas 77379.

Thank you and all best wishes.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Andrew L. Cooley.

ANDREW L. COOLEY



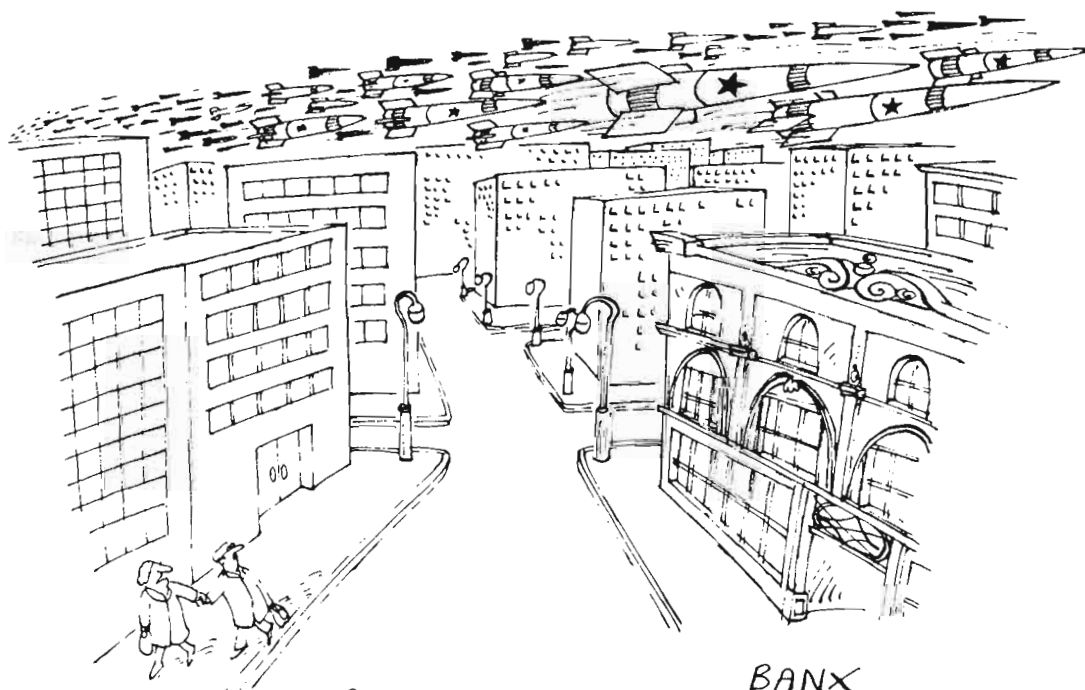
We'll make it short - but it's a story which must be told.

JOHN DEMPSEY (A 1st Bn. 19th 12/50-5/51) 516 Pittston Av., Scranton PA 18505, called us - his daughter, Jacqueline, was about to marry - husband-to-be was in need of a birth certificate that they might honeymoon in Jamaica - the wedding was only hours off.

We called AL SOUSA (3rd Eng. '41-'45) 3672 Woodlawn Dr., Honolulu HI 96822 and gave him the problem. Al dropped everything and after going in and out of at least 7 offices came up with the needed paper.

On to the wedding - the honeymoon - and a beautiful letter to Al and Mae from the oh-so-grateful bride and groom. Jackie and Jay will be in Hawaii next year to visit Jay's parents - and will surely call on Al and Mae.

Big families, eh? CLAYTON "Pete" BUSH and lovely wife, Anne, have 8 - Cynthia, Heidi, Colleen, Hans, Kathleen, Pollyanna, Gretchen, and Aaron. Eric, another son, has passed to his reward. Pete was 5th RCT '52-'53 - 53rd Counter-fire platoon in H & H Co. - through Inje, Punch Bowl and Yangu Valley.



"Come on Brian—let's don't get involved!"

Note from JIM HILL (B 19th '49-'50) of 260 Shelli, Roswell GA. He writes about CHARLES T. (Bill) BAILEY: "I know each of you remember Bill from our Beppu and Korea days in the 19th. You may recall that Bill was the Commanding Officer of Co. B during the cold, cold winter of '49-'50.

"Bill's note to me was not a happy one. Five years ago he developed colon cancer and now has a colostomy. On 26 Nov.'91, Ernie, two of their grandchildren, with Bill driving, had a serious auto accident (no alcohol). Ernie remains in a coma but as Bill says 'by the Grace of God the grandkids were only shaken up.'

"His address is:

CHARLES T. BAILEY "Bill"
1106 Jackson Dr.,
Athens AL 35611.

"I know Bill would like his old 24th friends to know the above but would be reluctant to let them know individually. - Jim."

Mrs. George (Jacqueline) Turner Sumerfield, 1210 Broadway St., Hickman KY 42050, would like to hear from anyone who served with her brother,

M/Sgt. COOPER T. TURNER, (C 19th) just before he was killed in Korea, Feb. 4, 1951. She needs to talk with anyone who knew him overseas.

Vietnam Women's Memorial site has been dedicated - 300 feet SE of the statue of the 3 dough-boys on the grounds of the 'Nam Veterans Memorial...Then too, there's to be a Women in Military Service for America Memorial. That's to be built at the gateway to the Arlington Cemetery. Had enough on memorials for today?

Look throughout these pages and you'll find not a mention of it.

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— Peggy Noonan

RICHARD "Bud" and Marinell
 NAPIER (Hq.Co. 2nd Bn.5th RCT
 '50-'52) of 731 S.Walnut,
 Schaumburg IL, paid honor last
 November to our hero, MITCHELL
 RED CLOUD. We give you a couple
 of the news items. We are
 exceedingly grateful to you, Bud
 and Marinell.

Veteran honors fallen Wisconsin comrade

In November 1950, Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud of Black River Falls, Wis., was killed in the bleak frozen hills of North Korea. A member of the Army's 24th Division, 19th Regiment, for his gallant action that saved many men while conducting a rear guard action in the face of overwhelming odds, he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest. He was the first Native American to be decorated (posthumously) with the Congressional Medal in Korea.

Today, surrounded by pine trees at a lonely cemetery on the Winnebago Indian Reservation near Black River Falls, a monument marks Red Cloud's final resting place.

When the gallant soldier met his death at age 25, Schaumburg resident Richard "Bud" Napier, a member of the same division, was not many miles away. His unit had suffered heavy casualties while engaging hordes of Chinese troops in a holding action and withdrawal from the infamous "Frozen Chosen" Reservoir on the Yalu River.

Napier, a member of Schaumburg VFW Post 2202, as a Veteran's Day tribute, placed a wreath authorized by 2202 Post Cmdr. Toby Patterson on Red Cloud's grave on the 42nd anniversary of his death early this month. A few of Red Cloud's relatives were present at the cemetery.

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**Dalton
 Harold**

Schaumburg



Napier and his wife, Marinell, were visiting friends in the area. Napier had been stationed at Camp McCoy near the site some years ago. He learned about Red Cloud's decoration in the 24th Division's newsletter. A plaque on the wreath pays tribute to Red Cloud. The wreath is made up of evergreens and red, white and blue artificial flowers.

The Congressional Medal citation reads: Cpl. Red Cloud was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his outstanding action in battle between U.S. and Chinese troops near Chonghyon, Korea, Nov. 5, 1950. Red Cloud's company was entrenched beside Hill 123. A large enemy force bore down on them. Red Cloud shouted a warning and began shooting. In the exchange of fire, he was critically wounded, but he continued to fire and gave his company time to reorganize before he was killed. Red Cloud was also one of Carson's Raiders (U.S. Marine Corps) in World War II.

"This man is a national hero. This is something I always wanted to do," Napier says.

Memorial shared between Posts in memory of Red Cloud

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Paar, Veteran's Service and Cpl. Red Cloud's family members Marlin Jr., Randall, Rebekka, Brandon and Krista Red Cloud.

Emotional memories were conveyed silently and accounts of wartime were shared among Post and family members as the beautiful memorial was placed near the tombstone of Cpl. Red Cloud.

Funding for the memorial was provided by the William E. Sarv Post and built by the Melrose Post.

Veteran's Day serves as an occasion to celebrate the memories of those who died for our country. Appreciation is extended to all who contributed to the memorial and attended the services.

By Susan Slosser

A peaceful snow fell Saturday afternoon as a group of veteran's gathered to pay tribute to Cpl. Mitchel Red Cloud, Jr., winner of a Congressional Medal of

Honor, at the Mission Burial Grounds east of Black River Falls.

In attendance were Richard Napier of Post No. 22, William E. Sarv Post,

Schaumburg, Ill., Bill Sawyer, Melrose Post 439, and Merlin Red Cloud, Sr., Manny Lowe, Roy Vasques, all of A. Blackhawk Post 139, Black River Falls, Jerry

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John Fuller talks up a return to Korea

Are you a veteran of the Korean War, and were you on active duty there between 25 June 1950 and 27 July 1953? If so, would you like to return for a week or more? This is possible, and you can be a guest of the Korean Veteran Association (KVA) with all expenses paid except for your air travel. This amounts to about \$1,199.00, depending on which travel agency schedules your trip. The "Revisit Tour" is sponsored by the KVA with approval and support of the Korean Government. They want to show you the remarkable changes that have occurred; thriving economy, tall buildings, super highways, and traffic that is comparable to any major city in the United States.

LTC (Ret'd) John E. Fuller and his wife Doris recently returned from Seoul. John is a charter member of the 24th Infantry Division Association as a result of his duty in the South Pacific and Japan during WW II. He was with Hqs, Eighth US Army, Korea (EUSAK), G2 Section, during the Korean War. He and his wife are very enthusiastic about the "Return to Korea" program and recommend it for anyone who is eligible and likes to travel in the Far East. They were part of a group of 35 veterans, all of whom were from the East Coast of the U.S.

The one-week visit, which is sponsored by the KVA, includes a visit to Memorial Hall for the Inchon Landing, Panmunjom, North Korean infiltration tunnel, the U.S. Battle Monument, National Central Museum, Kyongbok Palace, National Cemetery, Korean War Museum, and Folk Village which is similar to Williamsburg. It also includes the Itaewon shopping area which is famous for its bargains in clothing. The highlight of the visit is a cocktail and dinner party which is hosted by GEN Joon-Yeol So who is the President of the Korean Veterans Association. All of the visiting veterans were presented with a Korean War Veteran Ambassador to Peace Medal by the General.

Several travel agencies are engaged in arranging tours to Korea for veterans of the Korean War and their family. If you reside on the East Coast, contact one of the following:

Cecillia Tours and Travel, Inc; 45 West 34th Street, Suite 808; New York, NY 10001 or telephone (212) 239-4090. Ask to speak to Cecillia, Jeanne, or Thelma. They have trips scheduled for 3-11 April and 5-12 September 1993 for "first-time visitors" at \$1,199.00. Another trip is scheduled for "second-time visitors" at \$1,649.00. Cecillia features additional travel to Hong Kong for \$150.00 per person and to Tokyo for \$100.00 per person. They will make hotel reservations or you may make your own.

COL (Ret'd) Godfrey Crowe of Armed Services Vacations, 201 N. Union St., Suite 350, Alexandria, VA 22314, has a "Return to Korea" tour scheduled for 5-12 October 1993. Call him at (703) 519-7878 or (800) 658-8813. His personnel have served the military for over 30 years and feature discount tours.

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Retirees honored in month-end ceremony

By Spec. Thomas Pape

Staff Writer

During the January Monthly Retirement Ceremony held Friday, 13 military and one civilian retirees were recognized for more than 300 years-combined government service.

Major Gen. Paul E. Blackwell, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart, presented retirees and their spouses awards to commemorate their retirement.

Military and civilian retirees were: Colonel Edward Colby, who retired with more than 29 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was chief military judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Fort Stewart. Colby and his family will reside in Hinesville.

Colonel Joseph Freeman Jr., who retired with more than 30 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was deputy commander for administration, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Stewart. Freeman and his family will reside in Hinesville.

Colonel Maurice Healy, who retired with more than 29 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was president, Physical Evaluation Board, Fort Gordon. Healy and his family will reside in Augusta.

Lieutenant Col. Paul Luedtke, who retired with more than 27 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was officer in charge, staff judge advocate, Hunter Army Airfield. Luedtke and his family will reside in Savannah.

Sergeant Maj. Robert Sprinkel Jr., who retired with more than 20 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was garrison sergeant major at Fort Stewart. Sprinkel and his family will reside in Hinesville.

First Sgt. James Graw, who retired with more than 21 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was first sergeant, B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry. Graw and his family will reside in Hinesville.

First Sgt. Ray Uphold, who retired with more

than 23 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was first sergeant, D Troop, 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry. Uphold and his family will reside in Savannah.

Master Sgt. David Snow, who retired with more than 20 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was battalion maintenance sergeant, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry. Snow and his family will reside in Tampa, Fla.

Sergeant 1st Class Felix Bermudez-Martinez, who retired with more than 20 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was battalion ammunition platoon sergeant, Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery. Bermudez-Martinez and his family will reside in Hinesville.

Sergeant 1st Class Dennis Frost, who retired with more than 20 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was maintenance supervisor, B Company, 24th Signal Battalion. Frost and his family will reside in Berry, Ala.

Sergeant 1st Class Florentino Santiago, who retired with more than 21 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was assistant training NCO, Drivers Training, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry. Santiago and his family will reside in Miami, Fla.

Sergeant 1st Class Eddie Smith, who retired with more than 20 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was senior instructor, 24th Inf. Div. NCO Academy. Smith and his family will reside in Kissimmee, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Lionel Williams, who retired with more than 20 years of active service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal. His last assignment was platoon sergeant, HHC, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry. Williams and his family will reside in Hinesville.

Lionel Tardiff, who retired with more than 39 years of service to his country, 21 years active military service and 18 years civil service, served in the supply and services division, Directorate of Logistics at Hunter Army Airfield. He received a Certificate of Appreciation.

IN QUOTES

"I miss the old Division. Was proud of its performance in Desert Storm."

DEAN L. KLEFFMAN
A 24 Med.Bn. 6/60-2/62
205 St.Clair Dr., Pekin IL

"I am immensely pleased with the numerous commendations flowing to the Division from senior officers and others as well. However, this is what American has come to expect from its Armed Forces and the 24th Division in particular.

"Some might even remember that at the time the Japs struck on Dec.7,1941, the 24th and 25th Divisions were known as the 'Pineapple Army'. Of interest to today's artillerymen is that the medium artillery batteries at that time had TWO sets of guns. Each battery had four 155mm howitzers and four 155mm 'Long Toms' and trained in both field artillery and coast artillery techniques. Their first deployment in the war was as Coast Artillery. Later, as reinforcements arrived, they fell back to positions farther inland, and became field artillery. Just thought you might like to know. Warm personal regards."

Maj.Gen.HENRY MOHR, USA Ret.
A 11th Field '41-'42
20 Grand Circle Dr.
St.Ann MO

JERRY VON MOHR (AT 19th '45) of 3846 Villanova Dr., Dayton, Kettering OH, called a couple of days ago. Son, Paul, is getting married and Jerry is "positively ecstatic."

"Savannah was my first reunion. Had one Hell of a good time. Met five old friends - first time in 41 years. They looked a little older - only MIKE KEEGAN stayed young. But he did fatten up a bit."

JOHN KELLY
A Btry 11th FA '49-'51.
Rt. 3, Box 31, Nixa MO 65714

"Savannah was a great reunion and especially for several of us who were in A Btry 11 FA in 49, 50 and 51. We were able to swap some stories stored in our memories for over 40 years. Thanks to all who helped make the reunion so successful.

"Ann and I are already looking forward to Colorado Springs."

WILLIAM MCCOLGAN
2565 Winthrop Ct.,
Semi Valley CA 93065-5811

CHARLEY CARD was the first one to alert to the passing of BILL PEACOCK (A 21st '44-'46). Wrote Charley: Bill and I lunched together frequently during our Houston days. Always enjoyable. He was a big, smiling, positive, proud Texan type - sometimes making greater noise than logic - but it was a joy to know him - his humor was great - and he bounced when he laughed - a fine human being." With every bit of Charley's assessment, we heartily concur.



"WILLIAM SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN THE PHILIPPINES."

—Sgt. John Kalbach

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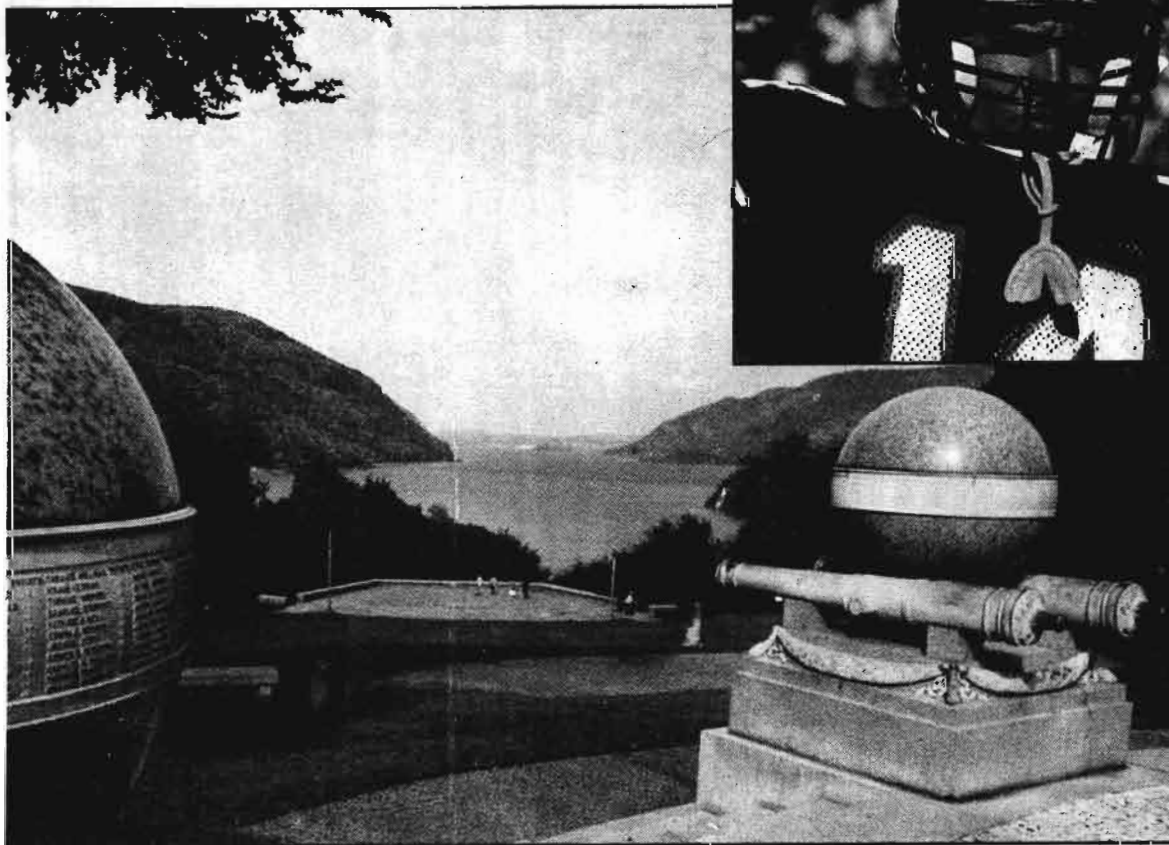
Why not a letter and send it in. We'll use some of them in Taro Leaf; the others we'll post on bulletin boards at Colorado Springs:

It's official—and the winner is ...

TONY APODACA was the winner of the Delta ticket raffled off at Savannah. Ticket purchases via Delta only allowed one freebee. Congrats Tony.

On the move - from San Antonio to Albuquerque. Sounds like there's a song in there somewhere. Anyway it's westward and new quarters for WENDY and Alice ARMOUR (F 5th RCT '50-'51). Try 1001 Tramway N.E., Albuquerque NM.

Hats off to TIM CASEY (29th-Korea), of Box 447, 28 Main St., Pepperell MA for this one. It's a pic taken from a West Point brochure on "How to Become A Cadet". It's a closeup of a football player about to throw the ball. And on left side of his jersey is the patch.



Writes Tim: "My youngest son was given the enclosed college brochure at his high school. When I spotted the footballer with the Taro Leaf, I had to send it to you. Looks like a first year man with his first assignment already known in advance, or a former member of the Division proudly wearing his colors. Regardless of what situation, I knew you would like it."

Anyone any idea as to why the cadet may be wearing our patch?

Things you never thought you'd see in your lifetime.

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Dear Taro Leafer:

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Victory Museum Foundation story at your September, 1992 convention in Savannah and for your generous response to our request for support. To date, you have answered the call with more than \$3000 in memberships, donations, and "Brick" purchases.

You are to be commended for this support, but, as you can see, much more is needed. The Foundation's net worth is less than \$100,000, approximately 3% of the ultimate \$2.9 million goal required by the summer of 1995. I have complete confidence that the goal will be achieved and that one or more large contributors, either corporate or private, American or foreign, will set the pace. The effort cannot be sustained, however, without people like you. Your combined interest, moral support, and, most importantly, financial support, large or small, will provide that sustenance.

Again, if you are not a Foundation member, please become one. If you have not purchased a "Brick", please buy one. If you can make a more substantial contribution, please do. This is your museum. It belongs to every 24th Infantry Division soldier, past, present, and future, and it will be something of which you can be very proud.

I hope you had a joyous holiday season and that 1993 will be your most wonderful year ever. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Theodore McDonald
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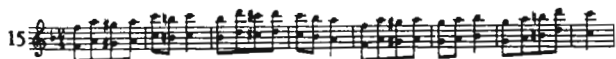
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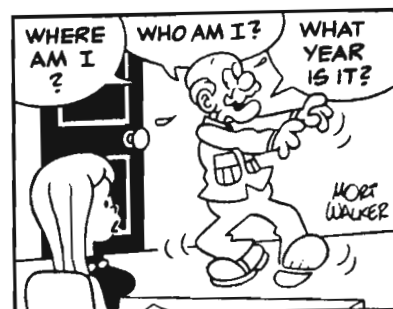
Notes To Remember



C.H. "Bronko" ATKINSON, of the 63rd F. went looking for and found, l. to r. LAD PRECUP, Bronko himself, JOHN FREELAND and DICK HART. Writes Bronko: "DICK HART was 63rd from '42-'45. He was in the very first boat load of replacements to arrive in Hawaii after DEC. 7th attack. He was Hq.Batt. 63rd FA., Co.Clerk.

"LAD PRECUP was 63rd from '41-'44. He was our Mess Sgt. (and a good one). He was on the beach in line to board a transport home on Dec. 7th, 1941. His baggage was in the hold of the transport boat. He was sent back to Hq.Bat. 63rd FA and he never did get his baggage returned to him. He was finally sent home on rotation after Hollandia. He arrived in Hawaii in '38 on his 1st hitch.

"JOHN FREELAND who is an Association member was Hq. & Hq. Batt. 63rd FA too. John was on a boat headed for the Philippines on Dec. 7th and was sent back to Hawaii."



Examine this issue carefully.
Not a --- ----- word about it.

Have you sent
in your Dues?

EYES IN THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD?

Author EDWARD L. ROWNY, in "It Takes One To Tango", tells his story. He served on the SALT II delegation for six years and later headed the U.S. team at START (the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks). Here he reminisces about the personalities and policies of five presidential administrations as they dealt with arms control. Rowny discusses why he thinks Richard Nixon "overrelied" on Henry Kissinger, reveals why Gerald Ford circumscribed Kissinger's diplomatic duties, analyzes Jimmy Carter's "technical approach" to arms control problem-solving and offers fresh insights into Ronald Reagan's personal negotiating techniques during the four summit meetings with Mikhail Gorbachev. As for George Bush: Rowny finds him a leader without a plan or even fundamental beliefs and devoid of "the strong sense of purpose that so characterized Ronald Reagan."

RAY KRESKY (24th Recon. Troop 10/43-7/46) of 1334 First, Menominee MI, calls to say he'll make Colorado Springs. Ray has missed our last four gatherings - was busy looking out for Dorothy, his sister who needed him. Now poor Dottie has passed on and Ray has a little more time for himself.

All in a



Don't forget the Victory Museum Foundation. They're anxious for any penny you might find loose in your pocket. Address: Box 2424, Hinesville GA 31313.

greatStuff

ERNIE & Bert HICKS (D 21st '44-'45) over at 100 Stewart Av. S., Mansfield OH made a hefty contribution to the Assoc. in lieu of Christmas cards to all of their 24th friends. We know we're late with this one, folks couldn't be helped.



For years we have followed with delight the progress of DAVE ECKERT's (5th RCT '50) daughter, Beth Anne, as she has moved through the grades: now meet Dave's baby as she has blossomed into a pretty young lady in high school. Beth Anne made the Distinguished Honors List just before Christmas. We are right proud of you, Beth.

LOST & FOUND

New member, RICHARD J. MUIR
(B 34th 10/41-12/45) 2112 N.Union Av.,
Tacoma WA 98406 would love to hear from
any old members of B 34th. Also, can't
remember Battalion doctor's name -
great guy! Can anyone help on that?
Maybe something like George Lovell?

Col. ERNEST P. TERRELL (Div.Arty.'50-
'51) of 220 Golf Club Dr., Burneyville
OK looking for "anyone who served in the
11th Field or the Div.Arty. Air Section
in '50-'51."

KENNETH F. SKERO of 233 S.Canal,
Newton Falls OH 44444 (How's that for a
zip?) is looking for any information
on his brother:
Pfc. CHARLES M. SKERO RA 13246901
B 34th - Missing at Taejon 7/20/50.

DIXON, Sgt. Maj. Claude, and
ABADACA, SFC Vincent
served with A Co. 3d Eng. Bn.
24th Division, Germany, 63-66;
or anyone knowing their where-
abouts. Contact William Jaecke,
1287 Chicadee St., Salt Lake
UT 84123, Tel.801-268-8477.

WANTS TO HEAR:

EMILIO GOGLIEMELLI, JR.
CN 21st '44-'46
Rt. 5, Box 70
Walla Walla WA

Note received from FREDERICK R.CARLEY
(H 21st & M 34th '50-'51) 835 Haws Run
Rd., Jacksonville NC 28540 who ran into
JOE BERRY (5th RCT '50-'51 Korea).
Says Joe is at 113 Holly Hill Dr.,
Lake Placid FL 33852 and would like to
hear from anyone who remembers him.

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or
name in this arrangement of letters.

OR OAR ORE
WELL WELL WELL

► Solution on next page

What's HOT

Reunion 11th. Field Artillery Battalion, 24th. Infantry Division (Korea, 1952-54) held in Branson, MO., April 1994
Contact Howard Buckles, 1108 6th. St., Keosauqua, IA 52565
Phone 319-293-3012.

Reunion D Battery 26th. AA 24th Infantry Division (Korea 1952-54) held in Branson, MO, April 1994. Contact William Weatherly Jr. 1204 Hillside, Gainesville, TX 76240 Phone 817-665-2540.



"Your father's depressed. He's older than the president."

READERS WRITE/FAX

Another anxious one - ALAN T. JONES of 3024 N.64th St., Milwaukee WI (414-445-9919) - is trying to find the unit of Division that his father, Pfc. ALFRED T. JONES was assigned to. He left the states on Aug. of '41 - discharged from service in Sept. '45. Any clues, gumshoes?

A quote out of NORM SCHWARTZKOPF's book, speaking of BARRY MCCAFFREY: "He was the most aggressive and successful ground commander of the war."

*Kilroy Was Here!
&
Kilroy says:
"Pay your
1993 Dues
Now!"*

Teddy and URBAN THROM (24th Med.Bn. Div.Hq. '44-'46), 9941 E.Cornell Av., Denver CO 80231, were walking in front of our S. caravansary in mid-afternoon - broad daylight, mind you - when they were mugged by a couple of thugs. Teddi was stripped of her pocketbook - cash, cards, keys, the works. Cheers for them. They started to give chase to the devils - slipped and fell - both of them. But cheers anyway - for trying. The hoodlums got into a car and made off - but not before Urb caught the license plate #. You guessed it - 'twas a stolen car. Some woman said later that Savannah is a very tough town. My dear, all towns are tough. It's a jungle wherever and however you look.

BUDDY SEARCH

WILLIAM E. CONLEY (24th MP 12/46-11/47) 9956 Johnnycake Ridge, G-5, Painesville OH 44077 would like to hear from anyone in 24th MP Platoon, Kokura Japan '46-'47.

WILLIAM R. DUFFY (QM Co. 3/52-5/53) 2260 Morley St., Semi Valley CA 93065, has just joined us. He was at Camp Schimelpenning, Sendai, Japan until end of 5/53 when the unit returned to Korea. He was first a truck driver and later on was made company Fire NCO and later company T.I. & E. NCO.

"Duffy" would like to locate anyone he served with.

WILLIAM T. KRAL (Hq.Co. 21st 2nd Bn. 2/43-10/45) 3 Mayfield St., St.Peters MO 63376 "would like to hear from anyone from Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. 21st '43-'45).

WILLIAM L. TYLER (K 19th '51) 4504 Sherwood Way, Gainesville FL 32605 and HAMILTON SMITH (Company Clerk, HQ & HQ 19th '51-'52) Box 34028, Perdido Key, Pensacola FL 32507 would be happy to hear from anyone who remembers them.

They are both trying to locate C.V. DAVIS who was with them during Christmas '51.

(Hamilton Smith was originally from Greenfield MA.)

RAY C. FRYER (C 19th '51 - Rifle Squad Leader) would like to locate some of his boys. Ray is at RR #, Rosebud MO 63091.

HENRY T. LIMBERG (Div.Sig.Co. '51-'52) 542 Barkeyville Rd., Grove City PA 16127 would like to hear from anyone who served with him.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Good report in the February issue of "Army" on "Disaster at Kas:erine Pass", the action of Feb.19-20, 1943 in North Africa, when Col. THOMAS D. DRAKE's 168th Inf., 34th I.D., was encircled by Rommel's forces. Most of the regiment, including Tom was taken prisoner. Tom, finally released, joined us as C/S along about August of '45. Remember his order as we were about to depart Mindanao for Japan - "Cut your CKC shirt tail and make a necktie for yourself." We were to go in-to Nipponland looking spiffy.

Thank you, FRANCIS P. CONNOR (C 21 '48-'50), of 2113 Lake Village, Humble TX for representing each of us at fellow Gimlet BILL PEACOCK's funeral. These gestures mean so very much to the bereaved families and each of us who live to carry on. Thank you, again, Francis.

E N D P A P E R

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Some items we carry are hard to find and we may be delayed in getting a new stock. We have suffered some delays in getting Hats And Pocket Patches but we will keep trying. Bear with us, we are still trying to get up to speed.

24th I.D.A. Quartermaster.

*In Memory ~
Ike Harper Mitchell
Died November 8, 1992
Korean Veteran ~*

From -

R. E. SCHROEDER

Ccl 34th 24th

CHARLES H. DYBDAHL
died September 21, 1990
was I Co. 5th RCT 6/49-8/51
Reported by his wife, Ursula,
PO Box 1236, Pinebluff NC
28373

JOHN P. MORGAN
died February 12, 1993
was F 19th 4/51-10/51
Reported by WILLIAM ROSEBORO

Ed Rogers, veteran, councilman, professor



ED FARMER represented us all at the funeral of EDWARD J. ROGERS who commanded A of the 21st on Leyte. Rogers died last Oct. 3rd, and had been living in Campbell, CA. Farmer and Rogers were OCS classmates back in '42. Wrote Ed Farmer: "Ed Rogers took command of A 21st on 11/9/44, the day I took lead. He lasted about one week before his jaw bone was shot away. He and his men had been pinned down; Ed went forward "to draw fire" - and he did.

"Following the Big One, Ed stayed on in the Reserves, made Major and got out. Before long he was a Professor, a Doctor and even a Mayor (of Campbell, CA).

"Ed was a member of the political science faculty at San Jose State University from 1948 until 1979 and was a city councilman in Campbell from 1960 to 1972.

"He was born one of 16 children to parents who had immigrated from the Azores and wound up in the Central Valley. He went to the two-room Harmony School in Hanford, then to the College of the Sequoias in Visalia. He was working in a gas station to pay for his studies at San Jose State when the war broke out.

"Afterward, he returned to San Jose State, obtained his bachelor's degree, then his master's degree from Stanford.

"He earned his doctorate while teaching at San Jose State, concentrated on Latin American politics and was the mainstay in his specialty for many years.

"Ed served first as a Campbell councilman, and then went on for two terms as that city's mayor. Elected for a third term, Ed simply decided he had had enough and retired altogether.

"After he retired from San Jose State, he and Madeleine, his wife of more than 40 years, became inveterate travelers. They visited all the states of the Union, plus Western Europe, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, Latin America and the Far East. She died in May of 1990.

"Ed's oldest, Ed Jr., is an entomologist. #2 is Perry, a teacher. #3, Howard, is a toolmaker at Stanford's Linear Accelerator Center.

"With the passing of EDWARD J. ROGERS - soldier, scholar, educator, politician - I have lost a dear friend. My heart is heavy.

"And now he has gone to labor in the larger vineyard of eternal life."

Ed Farmer

This lovely note from Margery DEWS, BOBBY's widow:

"Dear Ken - Your letter of sympathy about Bobby was heart-warming. We who had seen him enter into the shadows of Alzheimer's prize the memories others share of the days when he was such a rousing companion. I do not feel as alone when I know of all the 'Bobby Dews stories' making the rounds.

"Thanks so much for caring.

"Sincerely, Margery Dews."

Comes this item from EARL J. LEE (E 19th '49-'51) of 11216 S.Ainsworth, Tacoma WA with these words:

"Thought I would send this picture and article on Father FELHOELTER, who was our Catholic Chaplain at Beppu and in Korea. I often think about him over all these years and how he died. Be nice to let others know who he was and how he gave up his life. He was a good friend as well as our chaplain. Be nice if you put it in the Taro Leaf. Thanks."

Here it is, Earl, just as you gave it to us:

"Dean's Delay," as it was called, was nearly suicidal. Every effort was met by seemingly endless streams of the NKA. One of the first heavy battles raged for 5 days (16-20 July 1950) near Taejon and the Kum River. Among the men involved were those of the 19th Infantry Regiment. Herman G. Felhoelter, Roman Catholic, was one of their chaplains. He had written his mother 4 days earlier:

Don't worry, Mother. God's will be done. I feel so good to know the power of your prayers accompanying me. I am not comfortable in Korea (that is impossible here) but I am happy in the thought that I can help some souls who need help. Keep your prayers going upward. . . ."

Felhoelter was just north of Taejon on 16 July, making his way up a hill across the Kum River with roughly 100 other men. They were carrying nearly 30 wounded while attempting to escape the enemy force that overpowered them. Felhoelter, who had been in the Army from 1944 to 1946 and returned in 1948, was now in the unenviable home of a military congregation—the battlefield.

The Korean conflict already contained those physical and psychological elements of every war—deafening noise, rampant confusion, overwhelming fear and fatigue, and indescribable carnage. Intermingled with it also were those inexplicable acts of self-sacrifice by common men who sought no special recognition or personal honor.

By the time Felhoelter's group reached the top of the hill, it was obvious they could not continue carrying the injured and still escape the advancing North Koreans. The chaplain convinced a medical officer to leave with the others while he remained behind with the wounded. Several minutes later from a distance, a sergeant turned and stared through binoculars at the pitiful group they had left behind. He watched in unbelief as enemy soldiers overcame the suffering men and murdered them all—including the chaplain praying over them. Only 11 days after American soldiers had entered the fight, the first Army chaplain lay dead on the battlefield. The next day would have been Herman Felhoelter's 37th Birthday. Posthumously he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.¹²



Herman G. Felhoelter

Jim Frederick



On December 14, 1992 a dear lady lost her husband. A young man and a young lady lost their father. A young boy and two young girls lost their grandfather. Their grief is very deep. No one who hasn't been through the same experience knows just how deep.

I wish there was something I could do or say that would help them, but there isn't. I feel so very sorry for them.

Time has a way of partially healing, but certain things can't be completely healed in this life. There is always a void, a sense of loss, I lost a dear friend.

Someone once said "a man is rich who has one true friend, and a friend sticketh closer than a brother."

When I heard my friend had died, I cried for the first time in nearly twenty years. I am talking about Jim Frederick, our friendship goes back almost fifty years.

There was basic training, and from there we went over seas to Australia, Good Enough Island, New Guinea, Hollandia and on to the Philippines. There was Leyte, Luzon, Mindoro and Mindane. There was amphibious landings. There were shared foxholes, sometimes full of water. There was mosquito malaria and jungle rot. There was rain sometimes for weeks at a time. Japs, plenty of Japs. There were long marches, attacks, Bonzi attacks. Patrols together over narrow Jungle trails. Snipers ambushes, lots of wounded and death.

We were both wounded. Eventually the war was over, then back home. Jim to the beautiful girl he was married to: The dear lady who lost her husband.

Our friendship grew stronger over the years. I miss my friend. So far now all I can say is "So Long Jim, I hope to see you again, somewhere, sometime."

An Old Friend
Talmage Essex, Co.E 34th Inf.
24th Division

More Than Words...

HOWIE LUMSDEN sent this one to us - about our good friend, the late BOBBY DEWS:

Dews paid with tribute to GI

Several years ago, I wrote a book about my father, a veteran of World War II and Korea, who died in 1970.

Capt. Lewis M. Grizzard Sr. was a highly decorated soldier, but after he returned from Korea, where he had survived a bloody rout of his company by the Chinese and had survived only because a young Chinese soldier, attempting to surrender to the Americans, had hidden him from the enemy in a cave for six weeks, he was a changed man.

He began to drink heavily. He couldn't handle the family finances and borrowed large sums of money. He eventually left the Army or the Army left him.

My mother could no longer cope with my father's problems and had a 6-year-old on her hands. She moved us to her parents' home and eventually divorced my father.

I wasn't certain I could write the book. I didn't know if there was enough there. And there was so much about my father I didn't know.

He roamed the country from 1954 until his death. He taught school, sold shirts, ran restaurants — and the drinking just got worse. It was a stroke that killed him.

In order to write the book I felt I needed to know more about Korea, the forgotten war. So I bought an oral history of Korea as told by those Americans who were there.

It was a huge volume. I took it off a shelf at the bookstore and opened it to the middle.

The first name I saw was that of Sgt. Robert Dews. Bobby Dews had been my father's first sergeant when he returned from Korea and was stationed at Fort Benning.



LEWIS GRIZZARD

My dad's new assignment after Korea had been to run the athletic program at Benning. Bobby Dews also played baseball for him.

I would hear Daddy speak of his talent and friendship on many occasions.

The sergeant noticed a byline of mine when I was with the Atlanta Journal sports department 20 years ago. I went by Lewis Grizzard Jr. back then. He wrote me a letter. He told me of his connection to Daddy and that he knew of his recent death.

He also wrote, "No matter what happened to the captain after Korea, never judge him too harshly. He had been through two wars and had seen so much blood, gore and death. It haunted him and the only way he could forget for a time, was by drinking.

"I sat by him at his desk at Benning and saw his hands shake. Many times, I'd say, 'Captain, let's go for a ride and get you out of here.'"

"But he'd always go back to the bottle. I wish I could have done more for him."

I knew there was something providential about opening that huge book to a page where Sgt. Dews name appeared, so I began my own book.

During the writing I said a lot of things and felt a lot of things I needed to say and feel.

They buried Robert P. Dews, Sr. the other day. He was 77.

He had a minor league baseball career after he left the Army. His son, Bobby Jr., followed. He currently is the Braves' minor league field coordinator.

I learned of the sergeant's death too late to make the funeral. But I did want to write something in his honor. Something that could never square my father's debt to him. Something that would say a little boy who used to sit on the bench next to his daddy during Ft. Benning baseball games is thankful for what he tried to do for his daddy.

I guess Sgt. Dews was Capt. Grizzard's best friend. The preachers say we'll all be reunited.

Oh, let it be so.

Georgia-based humorist Lewis Grizzard is the author of eight best-selling books.

CLEMENT C. HUTCHINS
died January 18, 1993
was Hq. 24th Sig. and Hq. 34th
9/49-6/51
Reported by his wife, Joyce,
9252 E. River Bluff Ct.,
Inverness FL 32650

WOODSON C. TUCKER JR.
died December 24, 1992
was Hq. Div. Chem Officer
12/41 - 3/44
Reported by FRANCIS H. HELLER
Woodson's wife, Lovenia,
is at 315 E. Hathaway Dr.,
San Antonio TX 78209

DONALD G. MCGUIGAN
died January 8, 1993
was C 13th FA 10/40-3/43
Reported by his wife, who is
at 16814 Greydale, Detroit MI
48219.

PAT WILLIAM ORIZER
21st Inf. '46-'49
Died November 16, 1991

DALE AMY
died 1992
was in Korean War
Reported by his brother,
CHARLES AMY (K 19th '43-'45)

AUSTIN J. YERKS, JR.
19th Inf. '45-'47
Died October 17, 1991

QUENTIN CHARLES LAPRAD
21st Inf. '45-'48
Died September 3, 1983

WILLIAM PEACOCK, JR.
died January 26, 1993
was A 21st & Div. Hq. 1/45-4/46
Reported by CHARLES CARD

NOLAN K. LISK
died December 24, 1992
was B 21st 4/40 - 1/46
Reported by his wife, Ada,
311 Terrace Hills Dr.,
Yakima WA 98901

B. J. "Bart" WEBER
died April 1, 1982
was A 21st 44-46
Reported by GUY E. SHEPPARD
B.J.'s wife, Lydia, PO Box 26,
Selden KS 67757.

Barbara Gaylon Moore
died August 25, 1992
daughter of PAGE L. QUINN
(H 21st '45-'46)
Page is at 404 Doris St., Queen
TX 75572

MRS. ROGER L. REID
died August 1992
wife of ROGER L. REID
Sv. 34th '41-'45
Roger is at 306 Glenn Stovall Dr.,
Thomson GA 30824

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU":

"The family of Clarys KEMP
wishes to thank our, and her,
many, many friends in the
Association for their myriad
expressions of sympathy. The
outpouring of your love for her
was overwhelming - but heart-
warming.

"Gratefully, Art."

THE LAST ROLL CALL

ROBERT L. RABY
died September 19, 1992
was A 21st '44-'46
Reported by GUY E. SHEPPARD SR.

ARTHUR C. BENSON
Mail returned 12/92 - "Deceased"
was H 19th, Serv.Co. 7/46-9/51

LLOYD H. STONE
died November 3, 1992
was 24th Recon.Co. 7/50-5/51
Reported by his wife, Elva,
Box 251, Bartley NE 69020.

Lt.Gen.RUSSELL LOWE VITTRUP
died December 7, 1992
was Commanding General,
24th Infantry Division - Korea '52
Reported by ROY E. SCHROEDER

JAMES L. FREDERICK, JR.
died December 14, 1992
was E 34th 3/44-12/45
Reported by PAUL AUSTIN
Jim's wife, Louise, is at
2116 Menefee Dr., Arlington TX

GEORGE N. EMERY
died November 23, 1992
was HQ 24th Repl.Co. 4/51-4/52
His wife, Patricia Ann,
1136 Paradise Way N.#A,
Greenwood IN 46143
Reported by his son.

WILLIS CLARK MELTON
died June 1992
was Hq.Co. 19th 3rd Bn. '43-'45
Reported by ORLAND MONCRIEF
Bessie MELTON, wife of Willis,
is at 602 Barta NBU 2504, Prague OK
74864

JOSEPH W. HELWIG, SR.
died July 4, 1990
was M 34th '42-'45
His wife, Betty, is at
418 Centre St., Ashland PA
17921.

PURL L. HART
died August 28, 1992
was B 34th 1/43-4/45
Reported by his wife, Mildred,
619 Cynthia Lane, Montgomery City
MO 63361

MAURICE J. ROCK
died September 11, 1992
was HQ & MP Plat. '42-'45
Reported by his wife, Marietta,
6936 E.Exmoor Dr., Mesa AZ

VINNIE J. BELL
died 1992
was CO M 21st '41
Reported by his family.

ROBERT W. PLEASANT
died November 10, 1992
was HQ & C Co. 13th FA '41-'45
Reported by WILLIAM MULLINS
Bob's wife, Jo, 1081 Westphal Av.,
Columbus OH 43227

HAROLD J. LYONS
died October 30, 1992
was 5th RCT L Co. Korea
Reported by his son,
Harold J.Lyons, Jr.,
11 Carman Blvd., Brookhaven
Long Island NY 11719

DOYLE E. MORRIS
died December 1991
was Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 19th '43-'45
Reported by ORLAND MONCRIEF

GEN. GARRISON HOLT DAVIDSON
died December 25, 1992
was 24th Korea 6/50
Reported by ROBERT J. GICKER

Marion SCHILLER
died 1992
wife of WILFRED L. SCHILLER
Wilfred was M 21st '52-'53 and is at
13391 Broadway #14, Alden NY 14004