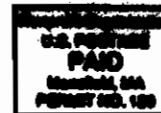


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DATED MATERIAL

Paying a stupid numbers game

About 40 years ago I commanded a company in the 141st Tank Battalion. It was a good battalion with well trained troops and high esprit d'corps. We had just won the annual tank gunnery shoot at the ranges at Belsen-Hohne and had the highest Annual General Inspection score in our 4th Armor Group.

Then out of the blue came a directive from the Pentagon to change our designation from the 141st to the 899th Tank Battalion. Why? Nobody had a good reason for the change but it cost money and time to make the change. Painting new signs, printing new letterhead stationery, buying new unit crests for the uniforms, repainting all of the unit's vehicles with the new unit numbers, etc.

At the designated day for the change-over we had a battalion parade and unfurled the new battalion color while we retired the old one. What had we gained? Nothing! It was the same unit with the same soldiers and the same equipment. All we had done was waste a lot of training time and taxpayers dollars in complying with an idiotic directive from the Puzzle Palace.

Now I hear that the very same Puzzle Palace is considering changing the designations of divisions in the Army because of the down-sizing of the self-same Army due to budget reductions. If you think changing a battalion's designation was costly, just multiply it 30 or 40 fold.

These geniuses at the Pentagon are the same ones who a few years ago decided that the three regiments that traditionally were a part of the 24th Infantry Division in World War II and in the Korean War should be taken out of the division and replaced by regimental

**Harry
Rubin**

Courier Columnist



units who had never been in combat with the 24th. Soooo, the proud 19th, 21st, and 34th Infantry Regiments overnight became the 7th Infantry and 15th Infantry.

What was gained? The units had the same troops and the same equipment, and the same mission. All it accomplished was the waste of taxpayer's money and the removal from the division of the units who were the First to Fight during the Japanese attack on Hawaii in December 1941, and the units who made the first landing on Leyte in the Philippines, and the unit who provided the troops for Task Force Smith, our brave soldiers who were the First to Fight in Korea to stop the assault of the North Korean Army. It also saddened the many veterans who served in those famous regiments and who had actively supported the 24th in the 24th Infantry Division Association. What was gained? Nothing! Just another stupid decision by people in the Puzzle Palace who either had never served with troops or had forgotten what the real world is like.

Now in all their wisdom the same idiots want to redesignate the 24th Infantry Division, the Victory Division, the First to Fight Division as either the 1st (Big Red One) or the 3rd (Rock of the Marne) because of the historic "aura" these two divisions have. BULL! It is just

another stupid edict.

Think of the waste of taxpayer's dollars in repainting hundreds of signs, repainting hundreds of vehicle numbers, removing and sewing on about 200,000 shoulder patches which will first have to be purchased, new letterhead stationery, repainting the water towers, a new monument at the front gate, new monuments to celebrate the fine victories of the new division designation, etc. Also, the division headquarters building is named for Gen. Irving who commanded the division in the Second World War, and the big new gym is named for Gen. Newman who commanded the division's 34th Infantry during the landing at Leyte, and the gunnery ranges are named for Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud, a Medal of Honor winner who was killed in Korea. Are we to also change the names of those installations so we can honor the newly designated division?

At a time when the Army is being down-sized due to a shortage of funds it appears to be a stupid decision to waste our taxpayer dollars to change the 24th Infantry Division to another number. It will not further the combat readiness of our Army one iota.

If you agree with me I suggest you clip this article and put it in an envelope and mail it to one man in Washington who has enough clout to stop this idiotic numbers game. Send it to Sam Nunn, U.S. Senate, 303 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. As Sen. Everett Dirksen used to say, "A million here, a million there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money."

Send this protest to Nunn today. Let's keep the proud, tried, and true, 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart.

TARO LEAF

Dear Ken,

25 July 1994

For the past two years I have been writing a column each week for the Sunday edition of the Coastal Courier, our local newspaper. The news that the Pentagon is considering changing the designation of the 24th to either the 1st or 3rd prompted me to write the enclosed article which appeared in the paper on 24 July 1994. I vented my wrath in the column but more than that came up with a solution to the idiotic decision. Senator Sam Nunn is the only man in Washington I know who can deter the Puzzle Palace in its stupid edict.

Local folks are sending the clipping to Senator Nunn and it may help if the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association also send it to either Senator Nunn or to their own senator or member of the House Of Representatives. We should fight this stupid waste of the taxpayer's money.

You may wish to bring this to the attention of our former division commanders like Generals Schwarzkopf, McCaffrey, and Blackwell among others.

Let us hope we can win this "war" against the bureaucrats who again are mired deep in their own stupidity.

Sincerely,

Harry

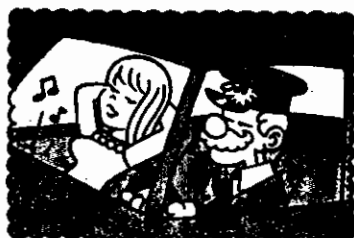
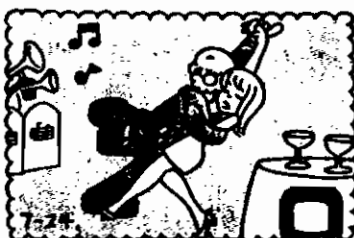
Harry Rubin
Life Member 242

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[Ed.Note: Harry has demonstrated his grim apocalypticism in sending us this letter (above) and this column (frontispiece). It shows the potential for an event in all its polymorphous perversity. No question but that Harry gets top billing in this issue. He uses "stupid" and "idiotic" in his writeup. To us, it's like a never-ending variety show. First the ventriloquist. Then the acrobats. And then the dancing poodles. Right on, Harry.]

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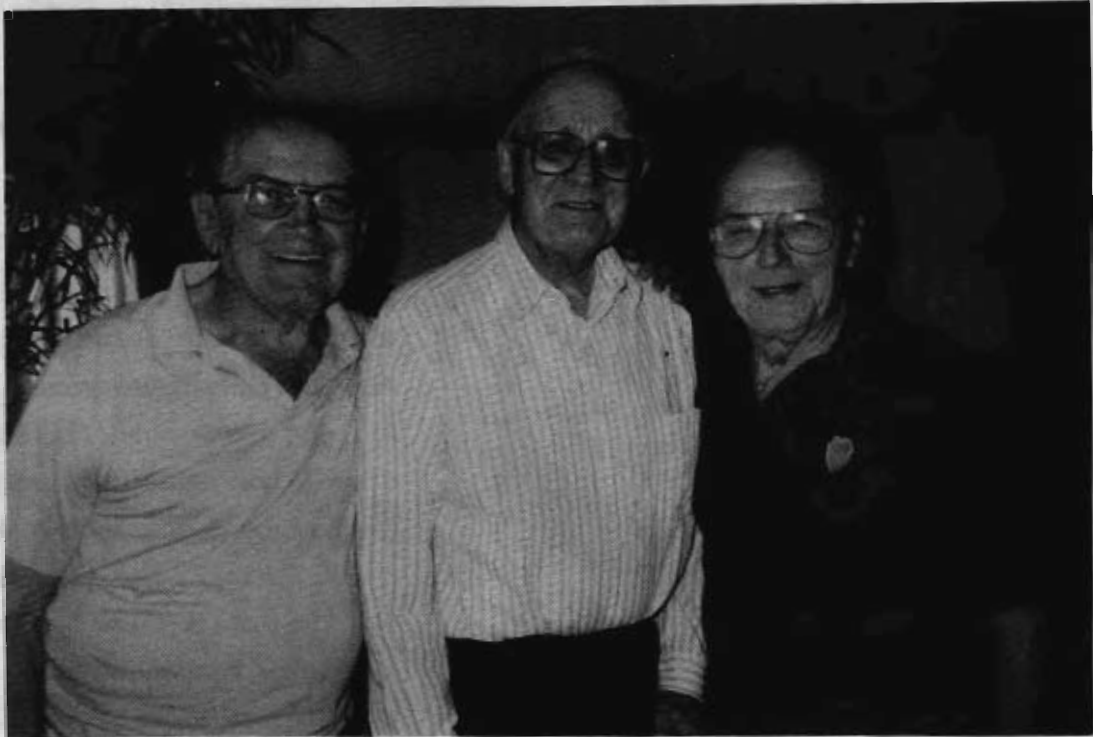
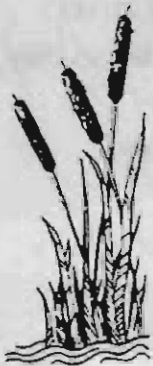
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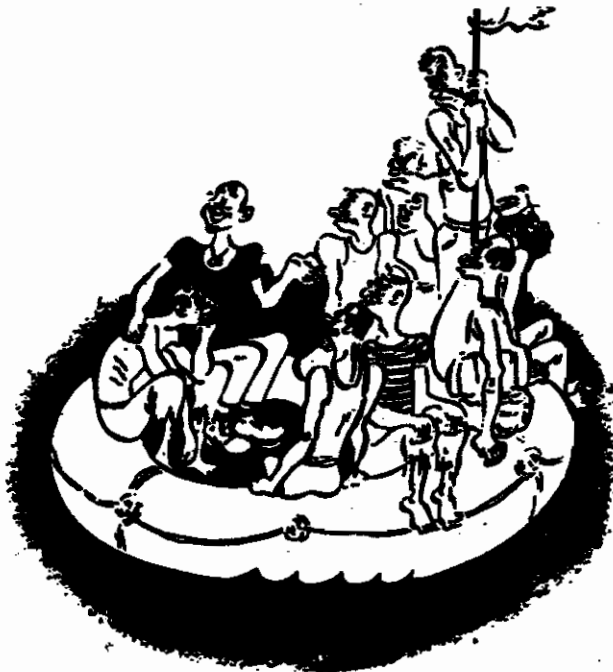
Recognize anyone in this photo??



Is it a group, or isn't it? It's left to right, ART V. ARMAYOR, RAY KAEHR, and BILL NAEGLER Art, former "1st-Shirt" (H 34th '44-'45) now resides at 2701 Valencia NE, Albuquerque NM 87110. Art was at Colorado Springs and is planning on New Orleans. Former Capt. Ray Kaeher (52nd FA) served as artillery officer and as an interpreter in Japan. He resides at 2721 Valencia NE, Albuquerque NM 87110. Lt. Bill Naegele (C 19th '42-'45) resides with wife, Patty, 11029 Briarwood Terr., Albuquerque NM 87111. He and Patty celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary this year. Bill plans on retiring with a stay in California with former regimental Anti-Tank Mentor, DARRELL MORTON of the 19th. Col. Morton resides at 13171 Yorba St., Santa Anna CA 92705.



It was his "home away from home" in Munich, Germany, during '67-'68. BOB OSWALD (B 21st '67-'68) sends us this pic of Warner Kaserne. Looks like 5 floors, Bob, how about it? Bob adds a post script: "Would love to hear from any B Co. Gimlet." We'll work on it, Bob. He's at 1401 Pathfinder Ln., in McLean VA incidentally.



"CHEER UP, MERVIN—WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT."

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USA**



Battle for Leyte Gulf, October 23-26, 1944

JOHNNY MOLLER (H & H 19th '42-'45) sends us an enlarged copy of the stamp issued for the Leyte Gulf Battle, Oct. 23-26, 1944. He adds the cryptic note: "Should have had the 24th patch on it." Right on, John. He goes on to comment on "Jock" CLIFFORD. "Many a night 'we' slept at Mayor Lott's home in Davao on Mindinoro - with 19th Hdr. Co. He was the 'greatest' - I was with him and Col. Chapman when mortar fire got them both. What a loss!

"Hang in there - John."

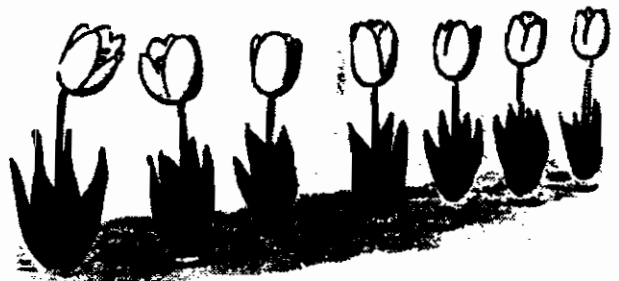
Nice words, John - whose address, by the way, is 13 Oak Shore, Bayville NY?

ROY H. WELCH of 1653 Valley, Madison IN, who took leak on Romblon - he was C of the 19th - sends us this bit of metrical writing which we greatly appreciate. He titles it "The Last Goodbye":

THE LAST GOODBYE

All the battlefields are silent
All the guns have ceased to roar;
All the smoke that filled the valley
Blowed away and is no more.
Men are bent and battle weary;
Seems eternity has passed
But the battles now are over
And we're headed home at last.
Silent crosses fill the hillside,
White and neat in perfect row;
Fallen comrades are remembered
By their buddies, we all know.
Tears are wiped away forever
From their comrades tearful eyes
As we stand at full attention
Just to say our last goodbye.

Don't expect bankers to
come to your aid in a crunch.



"Frost warning tonight. Pass it on."

Recognize anyone in this photo??



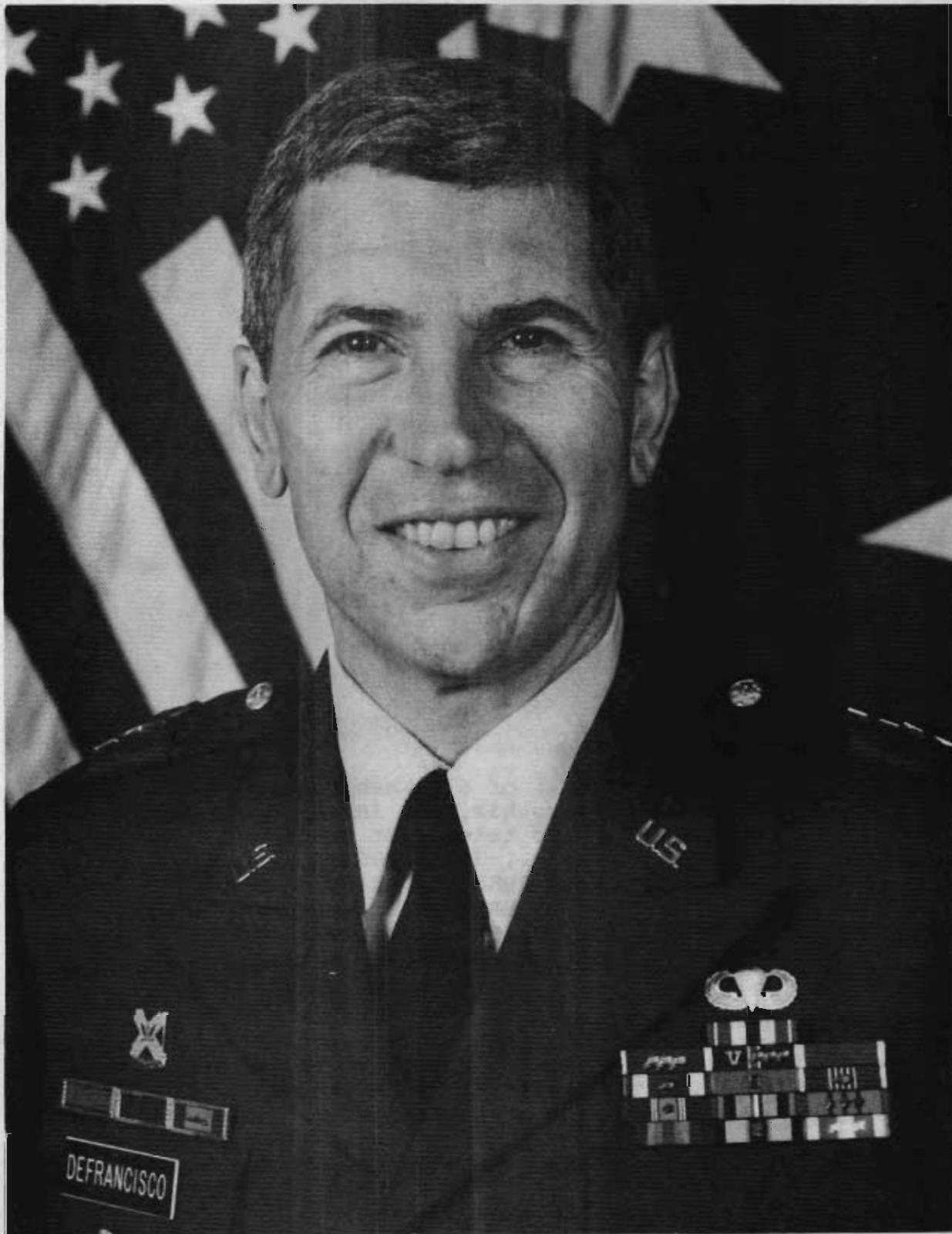
This one from CHARLES HULL of 611 Washington, Hagerstown MD. Charley hides his face in the front row. It's a 1/51 photo taken just south of Seoul. Front row, l. to r., JOE CARNOSKI (Philadelphia), CHARLEY, and JOHN CHINAWITH (Michigan). Standing: VERNON BREW (Washington), RAY SMITH (Illinois), Sgt. ANDERS (Kentucky), ? , and DAN COSTA (Massachusetts).



s retake New Guinea, 1944

JOHNNY MOLLER writes from 13 Oak Shore Dr., Bayville NY with a big "Go Chicks" on his envelope and a little note inside wondering if that is he leading the pack on that 29¢ commemorative honoring the retaking of New Guinea. Could be, John, you certainly were there.

And we offer a hearty welcome to the new "Old Man",
MG JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO.



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

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers,

It's a real honor and privilege for me to be rejoining the great Victory Division. Little did I know when I left here last summer after a year as the Assistant Division Commander for Support that I'd return to command America's premier heavy division.

I'm thrilled to be back among the soldiers -- both active and reserve -- civilians and family members who are at Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Benning, and throughout the state of Georgia. My wife Lynne and I have received such a warm welcome that we feel as if we're right at home.

I'm well aware of the glorious history of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and the long line of accomplished commanding generals who have preceded me. Among those, none has done more for the Division, its soldiers, families and surrounding communities than MG, soon to be LTG, Paul E. Blackwell.

Building upon a firm foundation, he enhanced the reputation of the Division to the point where it's the envy of the entire Army. Our Division has set new standards which others are attempting to emulate. These standards are derived from programs and policies that are extremely effective, and I intend to keep them in force.

Our goal must remain to stay ready to be "First to Fight." Should we be called upon to do so, we must be prepared to fight and win our nation's wars. There are many places in the world where freedom and democracy are being threatened, and we know neither the time nor place we may be called to action.

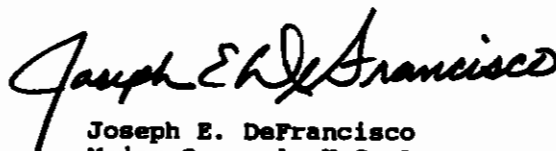
It's been less than a month since I left South Korea. I was stationed just a few miles north of the area where the heroic exploits of Task Force Smith occurred 44 years ago. Some of you who are reading this now are surviving heroes of that unit. As you know even better than I, in that operation soldiers of the Victory Division truly were the first to fight.

Our South Korean allies know the story of Task Force Smith very well. They have built a large, imposing monument to those brave soldiers at the site of the battle and hold a commemorative ceremony there each year in early July. They also know about the 24th's other exploits in the Korean War and more recently in the Gulf War. Before I left Korea, some of them asked me if the 24th would be prepared to come to Korea if war were to break out again.

I told them that the Victory Division is ready to deploy anywhere, anytime -- including Korea -- if we are called upon to do so. That's our mission. We'll remain ready to carry it out with the same vigor and effectiveness as did our predecessors in WWII, Korea and Desert Storm.

FIRST TO FIGHT!

VICTORY!



Joseph E. DeFrancisco
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Let's start this with a repeat of his letter to us. BILL BRYANT, of 2707 Vallette St., Bellingham WA 98225 wrote us, enclosing a copy of his book.

Here's what he said:

"Enclosed please find my book concerning the 11 months I spent in Korea in '51 as a member of a 75mm Recoilless Rifle team in Co.D, 19th Inf. Reg. I believe that it is a unique account in that it is, as far as I know, the first book written about the Korean War by an enlisted man since Hongo's Hey, Pineapple! back in '58. The other books on Korea that I know of have either been written by Marines or by officers. Hopefully, it will bring back some lively memories for those members of the Victory Division who served in Korea at that time.

"If you like it, I would appreciate your putting a note in Taro Leaf. I am pricing it at \$16.95, which includes handling and shipping. Thank you very much."

Well we've read it. He titled it "Fire Mission. Memoirs of a Korean War Veteran". It's 149 pages in length. And it's a terrific work. We don't know what Bill does for a living, but he's onto something in the writing area. Try it; you'll like it. Call Bill at 206-733-6098, if you're in a hurry.

W.CLARENCE SIBLEY (Med.19th and 34th '42-'45) writes from 2509 W.Calle Tonalá, Tucson AZ: "I've reached the age where if you feel a pain, see a doctor and if you feel no pain at all, at all costs avoid any contact with a mortician." Sound, Clarence, sound.



Just look at the happy face on JACK HELLMAN (Asst.QM and other QM jobs in QM office 8/42-4/45) of 5401 W.25th St., Topeka KS 66614.

WHATZIT?

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

bad throw good money

► Solution on next page

Don't judge a man by his relatives.

One. Two. Three. *GO!*

NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT

The New Orleans Marriott is located just two blocks from Bourbon Street and is a quick walk from the New Orleans Convention Center, the Aquarium of the Americas, and fine shopping and dining. New Orleans International Airport is just 30 minutes away. Limousine service is available.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This 41-story tower contains 1,290 spacious guest rooms including 54 luxury suites with climate control, color television, telephone and message light, voice mail, alarm clock, in-room safes, in-room movies, and video check-out. Special concierge-level rooms with upgraded amenities and services, non-smoking rooms, and handicapped-access rooms are all available.

DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

The Riverview Restaurant, high atop the hotel, offers Cajun specialties and Louisiana seafood (and a fabulous Sunday brunch) along with spectacular views of the Mississippi River. Breakfast or lunch with an "al fresco" feel is found at Clancy's Courtyard, and there is casual all-day dining at Cafe du Marche. At cocktail time, choices include the Lobby Bar with live jazz; the Canal Street Bar and, in summer, the Poolside Gazebo. (Pizza Hut pizza is now available in the Canal Street Bar.) Nightlife abounds throughout the French Quarter.

SHOPS/SERVICES

The hotel has a gift shop, as well as a Tour and Transportation Desk and a rental car phone. Room service and one-day cleaning and laundry service are provided. There is a garage for 400 cars and valet parking.

RECREATION

A complete on-site health club with sauna, Universal equipment and exercise bikes, and two pools allow delegates to relax and unwind. Golf, tennis, and racquetball are available nearby. Off property, this colorful Dixieland city offers an abundance of sightseeing and entertainment opportunities. Favorites are Mississippi Riverboat trips, plantation tours, trolley rides through the Garden District, tours of Jax Brewery, or shopping along Royal and Chartres Streets, at Jackson Square, Canal Place and the Riverwalk. Sports fans can catch the New Orleans Saints in action at the Louisiana Superdome.



Whatzit?: Throw good money after bad

The obituary notice in the July issue of Assembly, the West Point alumni magazine - as written by our own LES WHEELER.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Aubrey Strode Newman

NO. 7690

CLASS OF 1925

Died 19 January 1994 in Sarasota, Florida,
aged 90 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



AUBREY S. "RED" NEWMAN was born at Clemson College, North Carolina, on 30 January 1903, son of a college professor. After two years in the Clemson ROTC, he entered West Point with the Class of 1925.

Red was a leader in cadet activities. He achieved the rank of cadet captain; served for three years as a hop manager; and, as a star track man, set an Academy record in the 1-mile run that was sustained for 12 years. Academically, he ranked in the top quarter of his class and was the senior member to choose the Infantry as a career.

Red's first duty station was Fort Benning, assigned to the 29th Infantry. He continued to demonstrate exceptional athletic skills when, in 1926, he "maxed" the difficult combat bayonet course and earned a written commendation—the first of many. After rigorous training in riding, swimming, fencing, running and pistol marksmanship, Red won a place on the Army's Pentathlon Team and successfully competed in the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam.

When he realized his happenstance hobby, competitive athletics, had its limitations, Red selected a lifetime hobby that would have some professional value. He chose freelance writing, oriented toward: "the interaction of the human element in military service with professional requirements of the Army, based on my own experience and presented in a readable fashion to be helpful to others." His first article appeared in *The Infantry Journal* in

1932 under the pen name "Stone Borealis."

After 11 years of service, including tours in Hawaii and the Philippines, Red assumed command of his first company—"G" of the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks. All together, he served in eight infantry companies and commanded three of them for a total of five years. Red believed commanding a company was the best job in the Army because it brought him into daily contact with his soldiers and gave him firsthand knowledge of their needs, capabilities and aspirations. Consequently, he began using a second pen name, "Company Commander," in his writings for *The Infantry Journal*. Red also was receptive to the wisdom and experiences of senior non-commissioned officers, many of them seasoned veterans of World War I. By way of recognizing their contributions to his success in later years, he often would say, "I served under some of the best first sergeants in the whole Army."

On 7 December 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the Army air bases on Oahu, Red Newman was G-2 of the 24th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks. In July of 1942 he was promoted to colonel as division chief of staff. (Accelerated promotions were not uncommon early in War II, but Red Newman was promoted from captain to colonel in 17 months!) Undoubtedly, his reputation as a leader who could secure exceptional cooperation and coordination among his associates contributed to his rapid advancement. He served as chief of staff for two years while the division trained for amphibious operations and jungle warfare in Hawaii and Australia and made its first offensive against the Japanese at Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea.

Shortly before the beginning of the Philippine Liberation Campaign, Red assumed command of the 34th Infantry. On 20 October 1944, in the initial assault against strongly held enemy defenses on Leyte, Red landed with the fifth wave. His lead company's attack had bogged down under intense enemy fire and every officer and senior non-com in the assault echelon was killed or wounded. The critical situation demanded drastic action, and Red took it. His actual orders (somewhat censored) were: "Get off the beach! Get up and get moving! FOLLOW ME!" (the Infantry School motto). He personally led the "assault fire" maneuver that broke through the hostile defenses. Later, his subordinates recommended him for a citation, and he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism in action." Red is the central figure in the "U.S. Army In Action FOLLOW ME!" poster

which commemorates the event.

The 34th Infantry made a sustained drive through the Leyte Valley, and on 30 October, during an assault near Jaro, Red was severely wounded and had to be evacuated to the U.S. After six months of corrective surgery and rehabilitation, Red was, at his own request, re-assigned to the 24th Division and again served as chief of staff during the Mindanao campaign. At the war's end he returned to the U.S. for further corrective surgery, but complications from his war wound would plague him for many years. In addition to his DSC, Red was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his wartime service.

After Red was restored to active duty, he experienced a broad range of assignments. In the G-2 section of Army Ground Forces, he originated the "Maneuver Enemy" concept. He attended the first class of the National War College and served as director of instruction at the Armed Forces Information School. In 1951 he was named chief of staff of the hastily-assembled Iceland Defense Force which was air-lifted to Iceland to prevent a Communist take-over. Red's fortitude and determination enabled him to serve in the 11th and 82nd Airborne divisions as chief of staff, regimental commander and, after promotion to brigadier general in 1952, assistant division commander.

In 1953 he served as deputy commanding general of the Infantry Center at Fort Benning. While serving in Europe in 1954, Red was promoted to major general to become G-1 of the U.S. Army, Europe. In 1956 he was named deputy commandant at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk and was chief of staff of Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe when he retired in 1960.

During his retirement Red expanded his longtime hobby of writing for military publications. In 1967, the editor of *Army Magazine* asked Red to write a regular column. As a result, "THE FORWARD EDGE" ran for more than 21 years. It became so widely read and respected that Red was given the 1983 Distinguished Doughboy Award, "presented annually to a man or woman who has made outstanding contributions to the morale and effectiveness of Infantrymen throughout the years." He was the first recipient with a military background. When asked to comment on his service, Red said, "The pride of my life is that I became a combat infantryman, as a regimental commander."

Three book collections from the column have been published over the past 11 years: *Follow Me*, *The Human Element in Lead-*

ership (1981); *What Are Generals Made Of?* (1987); and *Follow Me II: More on the Human Element in Leadership* (1992). General Westmoreland, former Chief of Staff of the Army, wrote "...you have given to several generations of officers sound and wise counsel." Colonel Dandridge Malone, former instructor at the Army War College, reviewing *Follow Me II*, commented, "In 40 years of reading the literature of leadership...this (when combined with its predecessor) is probably the best single source of practical all-level guidance for Army leaders across the board." *What Are Generals Made Of?* has been translated into Japanese for use in the Combined Arms School at Fuji.

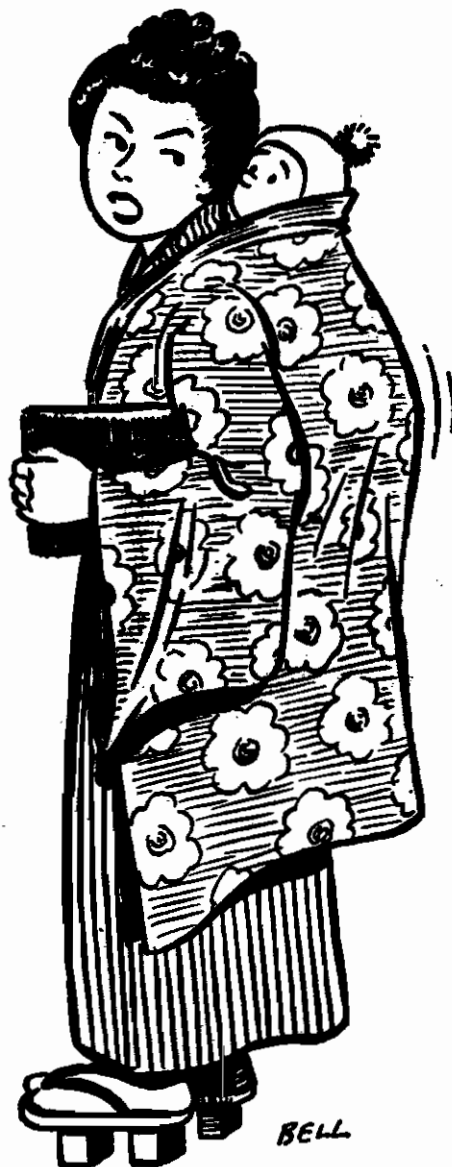
Recognition of Red's contributions to Army life include the dedication in 1987 of the 24th Division's \$5 million sports complex as "The Newman Fitness Center." In 1989 he was named "Honorary Colonel" of the 34th Infantry Regiment. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy Tyson Newman; his devoted daughters, Mrs. Nancy Bradley and Mrs. Elizabeth Strong; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

For those of us who served with him, Aubrey S. Newman was "Guardian, Guide and Stay" during peacetime, at war and in the crucible of command in close combat.

Lester L. Wheeler '35

ART SMITH (K 34 '1/45-2/45) in Hot Springs AR, questions whether the Leyte landing was on Oct. 20th or Oct. 21st. It was Oct. 20th, Filipino time. And it was not Oct. 21st in the "48s". It was Oct. 19th "at home". Good, we got that straight!

We would be remiss if we didn't make special mention of the passing of on last Aug. 6 of Col. THOMAS J. "Terrible Tom" O'CONNOR. West Point '32, he was a company commander, battalion executive officer, battalion commander, and regimental executive officer, all in the 19th before joining Div. Hqtrs. as Asst. C/S, G3 - all between '42 and '45. No better soldier ever served; no tougher officer ever led.



"WHY DIDN'T YOU THINK OF THAT BEFORE WE LEFT HOME?"

BILL ALLEN (C 19th 5/50-8/53) writes a brief cryptic note from 421 4th Av. N., Tierra Verde FL: "95 dues plus 5 - for the whatever fund". Bill was a POW from 1/51 to the release in 8/53 - 31 months - zowie!

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QUOTES OF NOTE

JESSE and Daisy FOSTER moved to Annapolis MD about 3 years ago. Now pick up the story here as Jesse tells it "One fine thing happened to me in a restaurant in downtown Annapolis. They put a picture of me in my WW II uniform the walls along with governors, actors, politicians etc. It's a great honor to have your picture on the walls there. The place is called CHICK and RUTH'S DELI. When I mentioned we were called Chicks in the old days, Mr. Levitt, the owner, felt honored. So there I hang, after 50 years. What more could you ask? Annapolis has done a lot for me since moving here. Lots of new friends and a cleaner, safer place to live."

"I now have joined the Dicky-Doo's. What's that, you ask. That's when your stomach sticks out farther than your Dicky Doo."
DAVID W. MARTIN
Life Member 1222
Sv.Co. & Spec.Opns.
21st '56-'57
150 Gibbs St.,
Newton MA

"Was in Hq.Co., 3rd Bn., 34th '55-'56
Would love to hear from any of the gang.
Col. ROBERT "Jim" TILLMAN
3610 E. 55th St.
Tulsa OK

"Oh yes, Ken, I have remarried as of last Christmas eve and began living again. Lottie had been gone about 1½ years. I had to do something; living alone is not for me."
RAYMOND C. MONTGOMERY
L 21 '42-'45
159 Northview
Shepherdsville KY.

"I have been looking for 45 years for information about the 24th and never saw anything about it until about 2 months ago. I guess its better late than never to find out."

LLOYD F. STEINGASS
D 21st '45-'46
1782 Elmwood Dr.,
Defiance, OH

I wish I had known about you sooner."

GLENN SNYDER
3498 Ord. Co. '44-'45
3300 Woodridge Pl.
Lynchburg VA

"I just reupped; even went to Savannah. Great party."
DANIEL H. BRANTLEY
H 21st '42-'45
234 Louisiana Av.,
Jesup GA

"Once had Capt. AUBREY S. NEWMAN as my Company Commander. Lt.CHARLES SCHWAB of the \$\$\$ Schwabs was a company officer."

LEAK D. ELLIOT
F 19th '37-'39
507 W.Washington
Rockingham NC

"I am not the man I used to be: with my Parkinson's Disease I can't take my favorite shot - beer chaser because of my medication. I can at least drink non alcohol beer, one or two only."

BOB NELSON
F 19th '42-'45
6228 Cardiff
Philadelphia PA



"Isn't it wonderful—he says he's been promoted from PFC to airman third class!"

ROLAND SMITH writes us from Rt. 2, Box 48, Grifton NC: "While visiting the VA hospital in Fayetteville, I met WILLIAM H. WRIGHT. He was wearing the Taro patch on his coat. I asked if he belonged. He said he had never been asked to join, and was not aware there was an organization. He seemed interested and would like for you to send info. His address is: WILLIAM H. WRIGHT, PO Box 2473, Lumberton NC 28359. Tel. 1-919-738-4653. He served '50-'51, 19th Regt."

Tell ya what, Rollie - Bill Wright may never have been invited to join the club. Well, by gum, he's been invited now.

Illinois VFW Newsletter carried us and it caught the eye of DICK FRENDE, (C 26th AAA '53-'54) of 30 N. Sunset, Freeport IL. Welcome aboard, Richard.

PAUL and Ruth HARTLEY (21st '42-'45) of 3663 Grand, #204, Des Moines, IA 50312, during the worst of times - flood times - found the heart to write us: "We are going to suffer some financial losses but life is all a gamble and we are fortunate to have our residence in a dry area. When I begin to think conditions are rough, I think of three years and three months I spent in the 24th Infantry Division in the South Pacific and Far East. I remember on some occasions it was necessary to fill our canteens with water from the river - put in a pill - wait half an hour and then take a drink. So, I am lucky today.

"Thanks again for the phone call."

Great spirit, Paul and Ruth. Bravo!

ED and Marie WALLACE (34th '46-'47) drove from their Ardmore OK home (405 Locust St.) to Red River, NM NM. Had a Taro Leaf on the back window "when a man came over, asked what the emblem represented. The rest is history. It was MARVIN R. ADAMS (B 19th '52-'53) of 515 N. Magnolia, Highlands TX." History is right, Ed; Marvin has now joined our little club, thanks to you.

RON MCCLEARY, with address of RR 3, Box 446, Hollidaysburg PA, writes: "If you could find space in the Taro Leaf sometime in the future, I would like to try to find or hear from any members who were with the advance party sent to Camp Schimmel-Penig Japan when 24th was relieved in Korea. 24th QM Co. Some names I remember follow: Cpl. John Boyer, SSgt. Rudolph V. Balma (CA), Cpl. John Pimental (MA), Cpl. George Keenan, (NH). Thanks much.

Ron, we found the space! Good luck!



July 30, 1994

Ken
Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for your kind note and the latest copy of the **TARO LEAF**. As usual, I thoroughly enjoyed reading the articles, letters and stories in the association's magazine.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Best wishes!

Sincerely,

Gene

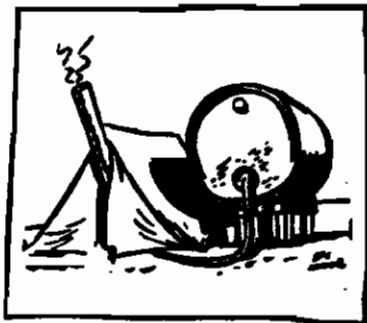
PAUL E. BLACKWELL
Lieutenant General, GS
Deputy Chief of Staff for
Operations and Plans

If you are writing him,
it's:

LTG PAUL E. BLACKWELL
Deputy Chief of Staff for
Operations and Plans
400 ARMY Pentagon
Washington DC 20310-0400.

How proud we are to pass
along the good news of the step-
up in grade.

Hearty congratulations,
General Blackwell.



They keep-a-comin' out of the woodwork.

Here's one on EVERETT J. PAULSON who was B 21st in '44-'45, who was wounded at Mintal, Mindanao on May 2, 1945. Died 1957. His nephew, Dennis Foley, is desirous of hearing from anyone who served with his uncle. Contact him at: 1588 N.Hope, Reedley CA 93654, Apt. 204. Tel. Tel. (209) 638-2672. Call him collect.

From ART LOMBARDI (533 Georgetown, Clarksville TN) and CLAUDE BONHAM (Box 54, RR 1, Bluffs IL) comes this appeal: "Received a call from CLAUDE BONHAM who was with 'A' 63rd FA BN in Japan and who deployed with the battery Korea in early July, 1950. We are trying to locate others who were assigned to 'A' Battery during that time frame. 'A' Battery was severely mauled on 14 July at the Kum River and was subsequently deactivated. The survivors from the 14 July battle and Taejon on the 19th went on to become the nucleus of 'C' Battery 13th FA BN. Would appreciate hearing from that battery as well."

Hope this starts the juices to flowing.

B. H. "Bill" WASSMANN (Hq. 2nd Bn. 19th '53-'54) reports in from 27 Sullivan, Emerson NJ. Under occupation, he puts: "painter, photographer, antiques dealer, greeting card publisher, copy-righter, and municipal recycling coordinator". Billy, you're putting us on. Remember that one that goes "... and I'll sweep your floor too?"

JACK J. KUNES (B 3rd Eng. '41 - '44) of 44 S.84th St., B-29, Mesa AZ 85208, would like to hear from anyone who was B 3rd Eng., '41-'45.



Months ago came this note from BOB FOUNTAIN (Hq. 1st Bn. 21st 3/49 - 6/51) of 1406 Maplewood, Macon GA: "Trying to locate DWIGHT C. HICKS (24th Recon, 24th Div. in Japan and Korea) last known Korea. Entered service from Greensboro NC ('48). Any help would be appreciated."

With it came this photo.

We printed the item on Page 12 of Vol. XLV #3 innocently identifying the man in the photo as Bob Fountain.

Next came this cryptic, "You screwed that one up. Why would I send a photo of myself to 'Taro Leaf'? The picture is of DWIGHT C. HICKS. I am looking for him. Any information would be appreciated."

As to why anyone would send us a picture of himself, we reply that we receive one or two in every mail. No big deal.

Our apologies to Bob for "screwing" it up.

And we present to you, DWIGHT HICKS, whom Bob would like to find.

~~—Back Then—~~

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~~—Back Then—~~

Dear Ken,
Enclosed find picture
for the article. I submitted
to you some time ago and
you wrote back to me
and said you need the
original picture. Hope this
works.

If you can please send
picture back to me.

Sincerely
Eddie Maiers

WHATZIT?

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

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
V	W	X	Y	Z

► Solution on next page



This picture was taken in
1946 in Kochi, Japan. We
were hamming it up at an
H. Co. 19th Inf. Picnic.
I'm on the left in the
back row, next to me was
SERBINO (I think that was
him), next to him was a
baker (can't remember his
name). Front row left to
right is Jim Nelson, our
motor pool mechanic; Rus-
sel Nichols with a cigar;
Jim WIELAND with a cigar;
can't remember the next
guy, but think he was one
of our cocks. Informa-
tion would be appreciated.
Send to:

Eddie Maiers
2046 Mill St.
P.O. Box 118
New Vienna, IA 52065

Another one for the Sick Book -
MANUEL ALVARADO (A 19th '48) of
1098 David, Monterey CA. Hip
injury last June followed by
pneumonia, with terrific weight
loss. "Gaining every day" writes
Manny, for which our thanks.

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The year starts for everyone
on August the first -
and runs to July the thirty-
first.

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Whatzit?: Missing you



We thank ALLEN J. WENTZ
for this one describing
something about his job:

It's not my place to run the
trains;
The whistle I can't blow;
It's not my place to say how
far the train's allowed
to go.
It's not my place to shoot off
steam nor even clang the
bell;
But let the damn thing jump
the track...
And see who catches Hell!
Welcome to the club, Al.

Brand new members - RALPH
and Virginia THOMAS (K 19th
1/51-4/51) of 43 Warner,
Hudson MA. Ralph took lead
in April of '51 and was
hospitalized in Japan through
to August of '51.

*"... what was the closest call I had in Korea? ...
Let me see ... there was the time I was at my
steady's house, and along about ten-thirty the M.P.'s
started banging at the door ..."*

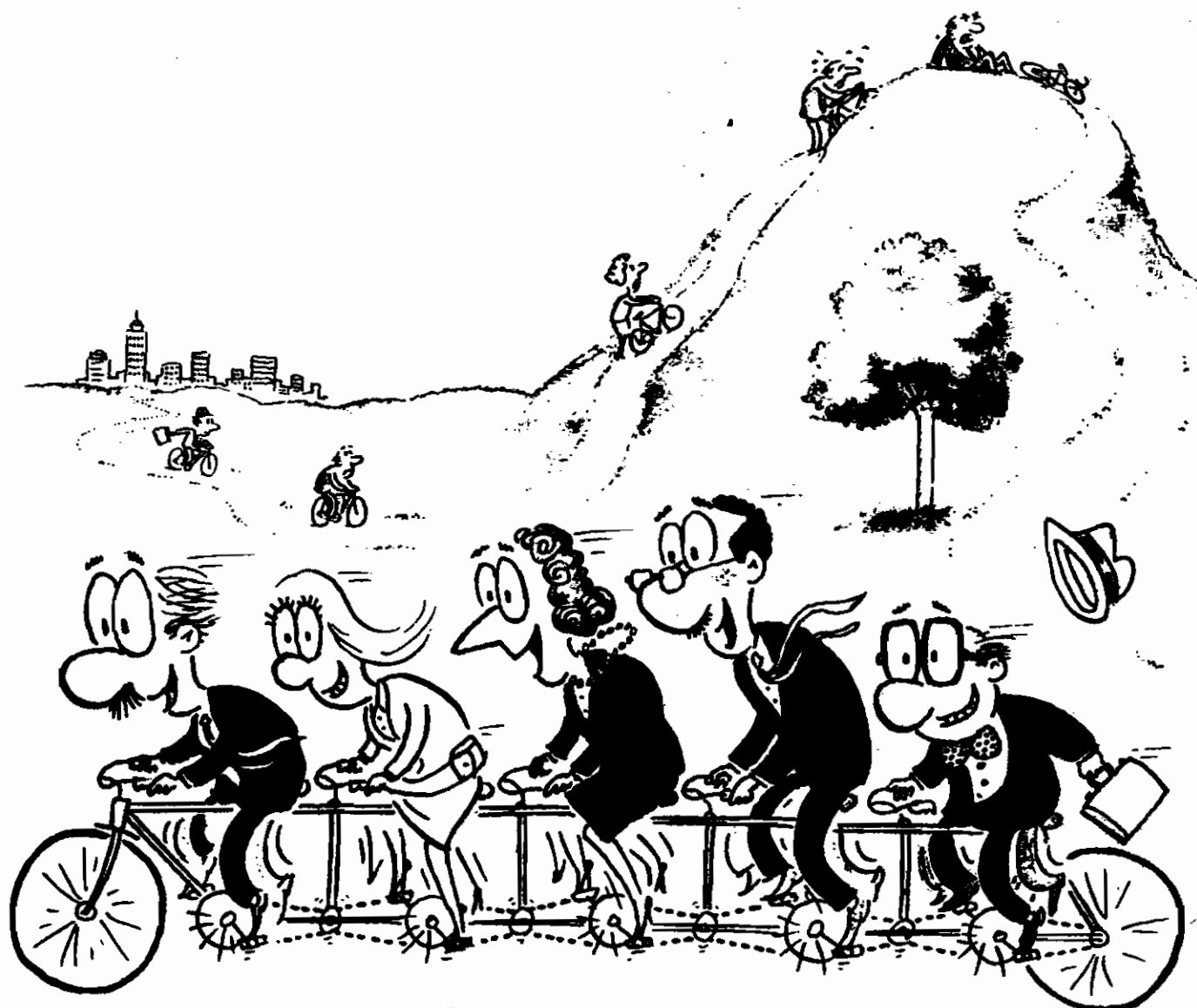
Co. L, 21st, it is time to
meet again at Indianapolis IN
Ramada Inn South, Oct. 7, 8 and
9, 1994. We will have a good
time rehashing the old days.
Please plan to attend. If
additional information needed,
call JAMES O. KEAGY (L 21st '43-
'45) 317-356-7318 (153 S. Spencer
Av., Indianapolis IN 46219.

We have a new Life Member,
#1454, in the person of
Major RAY R. STAFFORD (D 24th
Med. and Med. 19th 2/46-6/51).
Ray and Shirley are at 70
Rossiter, Phoenixville PA
and will be with us at N.O.

Out In Front

Break Away From The Pack

NEW ORLEANS





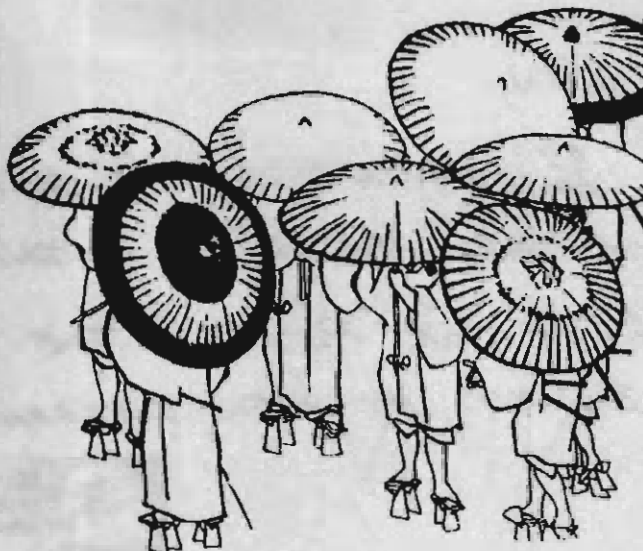
L. to R. GLENN BEHREND, ED HALL, BOB MANSON, AL DORFMAN, GORDON RITER, BOB PARASKA, BILL FRANKE and EUGENE BAKKA.

We just know this one's gonna be a bummer. In the first place, the faces are each about $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide - should be at least the size of a dime. In the second place, while it's a B & W, it's a lousy black and white - better to call it an "all gray" save for Bob Paraska's white coat. Anyway, we were asked to use it, so we do. It's the 24th Signal men at C.S. last September. Wonder how many of them could climb a pole today.

Talk slow, but think quick.

Learn to juggle.

??? ARE YOU MOVING ???		
PLEASE LET US KNOW		
EFFECTIVE _____		
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TO: _____		
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NEW AREA CODE AND TELEPHONE NO.		



NOTICE

Kindly check the address label on the cover of this issue. As you know we are now on a newly computerized mailing list. If there are any errors, we'd like to be sure they are corrected as soon as possible.

ALLEN J. WENTZ sends us this one which he spotted on a bumper sticker:

"THIS VEHICLE PROTECTED
BY A PIT BULL WITH AIDS."

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The year starts for everyone on August the first - and runs to July the thirty-first.

KEN,

YOU MIGHT WANT TO USE SOME
OF THIS MATERIAL IN THE "TARD
LEAF" OR PUT ON THE BULLETIN
BOARDS AT NEW ORLEANS.



Mr. Leo J. Lange
3116 Twin Oaks Dr.
Joliet, IL 60435-4745

AMERICA'S WAR IN KOREA: A GI'S COMBAT CHRONOLOGY, 1950-1953

Though most attention has focused on the Korean War's first year, bloody fighting persisted throughout the entire war. In fact, some 46% of American casualties were sustained between mid-1951 and July 1953. This chronology is intended to help fill the historical void.

— The Editor

LEGEND

KIA — Killed in Action
MIA — Missing in Action
WIA — Wounded in Action
POW — Prisoner of War
ID — Infantry Division

Date	Action
1950	
Jun 25	North Korea invades South Korea with 135,000 men, initiating the Korean War.
Jun 27	A U.S. 5th Air Force pilot shoots down the first enemy plane of the war over Seoul.
Jun 29	First U.S. Ground Force Arrives in Korea. Detachment X (35 men of the 507th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn.) shoots down 1 YAK with M-55 machine guns at Suwon Airfield. Det. X sustains 5 WIA — first U.S. casualties of the Korean War.
Jun 29	U.S. Naval Forces Far East's light cruiser USS Juneau fires the first salvo of the initial shore bombardment of the war on Korea's eastern coast.
Jun 29	5th Air Force's 3rd Bombardment Group sends 18 B-26 Invader light bombers against Heijo Airfield near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang: 25 enemy aircraft are destroyed on the ground; one YAK fighter is shot down.
Jul 1	First U.S. infantry unit arrives in Korea: 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Infantry Division (ID). Along with A Battery, 52nd F.A. Bn., it comprises Task Force Smith.
Jul 2	War's Only U.S. Sea Battle. Off Chumunjin, on Korea's east coast, the Juneau helps destroy three of four attacking North Korean torpedo boats.
Jul 3	First U.N. carrier-based air strike of the war occurs when planes from the USS Valley Forge strike airfields in the Pyongyang-Chinnampo area of North Korea (NK).
Jul 4 - Aug 3	Delay of North Korean Invasion. 3 U.S. divisions (24th, 25th, 1st Cav.) participate. U.S.: 1,991 KIA; 2,588 WIA.
Jul 5	Battle of Osan. First U.S. ground action of the war: Task Force Smith (408 infantrymen and 134 artillerymen) engages and delays advancing North Korean People's Army (NKPA) units. U.S.: 20 KIA; 130 WIA. N.K.: 42 KIA; 85 WIA.
Jul 6-12	24th Div. regiments delay advancing NKPA at Pyongtaek, Chonan and Chochiwon.
Jul 13-16	Battle at the Kum River. 19th & 34th Inf. regiments (24th ID) delay the advancing NKPA at the Kum River line. 19th Regt. (+) suffer 650 casualties among the 3,401 men deployed.
Jul 14	Ten B-29s of the 92nd Bombardment Group conduct the first strike against N.K. from Japan.
Jul 19-20	Battle of Taejeon. 24th ID (3,933 GIs) defends the town against the NKPA. U.S.: 922 KIA; 228 WIA.
Jul 20	24th Inf. Regt. (25th ID) launches a counterattack at Yechon.



Left: Soldiers carry a wounded buddy to an Air Rescue Squadron H-5 chopper. Above: Tired and covered with grime after 43 days at the front, Sgt. David Brood, 5th RCT, rests before rejoining his squad. Right: A Vought F4U Corsair leaving the deck of a U.S. carrier, 1950.



Jul 25-26 **Hadong Ambush.** 29th Regimental Combat Team (RCT) is committed to combat near Chinju, and its 3rd Bn. (757 men) is decimated: 313 KIA and 100 captured.

Aug 1 **Battle of the Notch.** 29th (attached) and 19th Infantry regiments (24th ID) engage NKPA. U.S.: 90 KIA.

Aug 4-
Sep 16 **Defense of Pusan/Naktong Perimeter.** 84,478 U.S. troops participate: 1st Cav, 2nd, 24th and 25th Infantry divisions, 5th RCT and 1st Provisional Marine Brigade (PMB). U.S.: 4,599 KIA; 12,058 WIA; 2,107 MIA; and 401 POW.

Aug 4 First ever aeromedical evacuation of U.S. casualties is performed by Marine VMO-6 helicopters.

Aug 8-18 **First Battle of the Naktong Bulge (Pusan Perimeter).** The 24th ID, reinforced by 1st PMB and elements of the 2nd and 25th IOs, contains and repels the NKPA 4th Division's penetration of the Naktong Perimeter.

Aug 15-20 **Battle of the Bowling Alley.** Fought west of Taegu on the Naktong Perimeter. U.S. 23rd (2nd ID) and 27th Infantry regiments (25th ID) maul the NKPA.

Aug 17 Hill 303 near Waegwon. 26 men of the 5th Cav. Regt. are found bound and executed by the NKPA.

Aug 31-
Sep 19 **Second Battle of the Naktong Bulge.** U.S. 1st Cav., 1st PMB, 2nd, 24th and 25th divisions engage in fierce fighting.

Sep Taejon. 42 U.S. soldiers are found executed by the NKPA.

Sep 15 **Inchon Landing (Operation Chromite).** X Corps (70,000 men) — 7th IO and 1st Marine Div. — begin landing on Korea's west coast. Marines secure their objective, sustaining 22 KIA and 174 WIA.

Sep 16-27 **Naktong Perimeter Breakout.** Eighth U.S. Army (EUSA) breaks out of the Naktong Perimeter. 4 U.S. divisions (1st Cav., 2nd, 24th and 25th) participate. U.S.: 790 KIA; 3,544 WIA.

Sep 17 Kimpo Airdrome is captured by the 3rd Bn., 5th Marines.

Sep 18-30 **Inchon Operation and Liberation of Seoul.** Seoul falls Sept. 27 after a week of fighting. 1st Marine Division — 427 KIA; 5 MIA; 1,961 WIA. 7th Inf. Div. — 86 KIA; 10 MIA; 358 WIA.

Sep 20-22 1st Marine Div. (absorbed the 1st PMB Sept. 13) crosses the Han River. 1st Marines capture Yongdungpo.

Sep 26 **USS Brush** hits a mine off Tanchon: 9 KIA; 10 WIA.

Sep 29 Minesweeper **Maggie** is destroyed by a mine off Chuksan, N.K.: 21 KIA. Next day, the **USS Mansfield** hits a mine, losing 5 MIA and 27 WIA.

Oct 9 **Invasion of North Korea.** I Corps, led by the 1st Cavalry Div., crosses the 38th Parallel north of Kaesong and attacks northward toward Pyongyang. 86 GIs are found massacred.

Oct 12 Minesweepers **Pirate** and **Pledge** are sunk by mines in Wonsan Harbor. **Pirate** loses 6 KIA; 43 WIA.

Oct 19 Pyongyang falls to the U.S. 1st Cavalry Div. and the 1st ROK (Republic of Korea) Division.

Oct 20 **War's First Airborne Operation.** 187th Airborne RCT (187th Abn.

Inf. and 674th F.A. Bn.) makes a parachute assault — by 2,960 paratroopers — on Sukchon and Suncheon north of Pyongyang. U.S.: 46 injured in jump accidents and 65 battle casualties. 75 GIs are found executed at Suncheon.

Oct 23 Kunsang, N.K.: 128 GIs are found executed.

Oct 25 Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) launch their first phase offensive of the Korean War.

Nov 1 **Northernmost U.S. Action of the War.** 21st Inf. Regt. (24th ID) reaches the 8th Army's "highwater mark" when it captures the village of Chonggodo, 18 air miles from Sinuiju and the Yalu River which separates North Korea from China.

Nov 1-2 **Battle of Unsan.** First U.S. battle with the CCF. 8th Cavalry Regt., 1st Cavalry Div., suffers heavy casualties: 1st Bn. — 265 KIA/POW; 3rd Bn. — 600 KIA/POW; and 5th Cav. Regt. — 350 losses.

Nov 2-7 Sudong. 7th Marine Regt. runs into heavy CCF resistance.

Nov 8 79 B-29 Superfortress bombers plus Navy planes from TF 77 strike the Yalu River bridges at Sinuiju.

Nov 8 **First All-Jet Combat in History.** An F-80 Shooting Star of the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing shoots down a MiG-15 fighter near Sinuiju in a 30-second dogfight.

Nov 8 Korean Service Medal authorized.

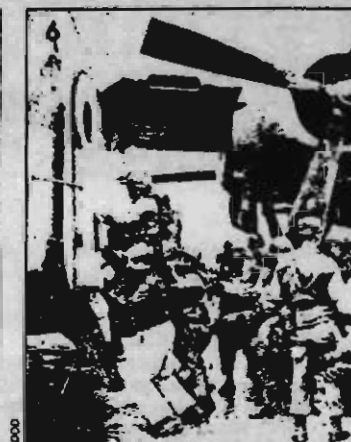
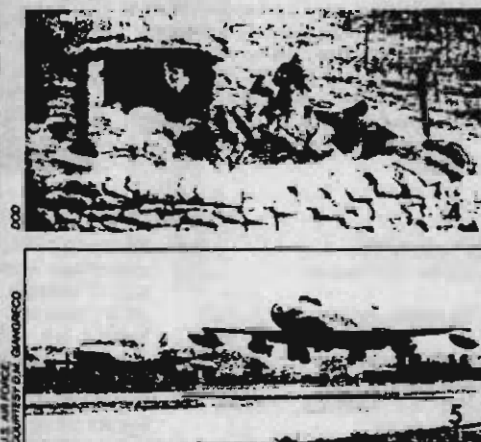
Nov 21 17th Inf. Regt. (7th ID) reaches the Yalu River near its source at Hyesanjin on the Manchurian border.



USS Missouri blasts the Korean port of Chongjin, Oct. 21, 1950.



(1) Landing of LSTs on Red Beach at Inchon, Sept. 1950. (2) Leathernecks moving forward on road near Ascom City, Sept. 16, 1950. (3) American tanks fording the Kumho River. (4) Mortar support for U.N. forces from a sandbagged emplacement. (5) F-80 Shooting Stars provided much needed air support for ground troops. (6) Loading for a combat jump at Kimp'o Airfield north of Pyongyang.



Nov 25- Dec 15 **CCF Counteroffensive in N.K.** 7 U.S. divisions participate (1st Cav., 1st Marine, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th and 25th IDs). U.S.: 562 KIA; 3,122 WIA.

Nov 27- Dec 1 7th ID's *Task Force MacLean/Faith* (elements of 31st & 32nd Inf. regiments) is annihilated east of the Chosin Reservoir, during the CCF counter offensive. Only 385 soldiers of its 3,200-man force survive.

Nov 27- Dec 9 **Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.** The encircled 1st Marine Div. fights its way southward from the Chosin Reservoir to the Hungnam Perimeter. Marine casualties: 4,418 — 718 KIA; 192 MIA and 3,508 WIA; and 7,313 losses due to frostbite or indigestion ailments.

Nov 28 *Task Force Kingston*, elements of the 7th ID's 32nd Inf. Regt., reaches the Yalu River at Sin galpa jin.

Nov 29- Dec 1 **Battle of Kunu-ri.** The CCF virtually destroys the U.S. 2nd ID: 4,940 men are lost.

Dec 3-7 *Task Force 90* (Amphibious Force Far East) evacuates Wonsan.

Dec 10 **Wonsan-Hungnam Campaign.** Ends this date. Casualties: X Corps — 56 KIA; 69 WIA. 1st Marine Div. — 885 KIA; 3,428 WIA. 3rd ID — 227 KIA; 266 WIA. 7th ID — 2,657 KIA; 354 WIA.

Dec 15 8th Army establishes Imjin River defense line north of Seoul.

Dec 24 Hungnam operation is complete — 105,000 U.S. and ROK personnel are evacuated by sea.

1951

January **"Great Pohang Guerrilla Hunt."** 1st Marine Div. routes guerrilla forces in the Masan-Pohang-Sondong-Andong area. Operations continue around Masan into February. Last major engagement is fought at Uisong. The North Korean 10th Div. is reduced in strength by 60%.

Jan 1-15 **Third Phase CCF Offensive:** 500,000 Communists push U.N. forces 50 miles south of the 38th Parallel and recapture Seoul.

Jan 25- Feb 20 **Operation Thunderbolt.** Counteroffensive against the CCF. 6 U.S. Army divisions participate: (1st Cav., 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th): 667 KIA; 3,570 WIA.

Feb 1 **Battle of the Twin Tunnels.** 23rd Inf. Regt. (2nd ID), French Bn. and 347th F.A. Bn. confront several CCF regiments, killing at least 1,300 Chinese. U.S.: 45 KIA; 4 MIA; 207 WIA.

Feb 5-24 **Operation Roundup.** U.S. X Corps advance on the central front.

Feb 5-9 **Battle of Hill 440.** A task force of the 25th ID decimates the attacking Chinese units.

Feb 11-13 **Battle of Hoengsong.** 2nd and 7th IDs and 187th Abn. RCT suffer 2,018 casualties. War's largest concentrated loss of American lives occurs when 530 men of the 503rd & 15th Field Artillery Bns. are killed in an ambush.

Feb 12-21 **CCF Counterattack, Wonju/Chipyong Area.** Three U.S. divisions (1st Cav., 2nd, 7th) participate. U.S.: 651 KIA; 1,296 WIA.

Feb 13-15 **Battle of Chipyong-ni.** First mass assault by CCF: 18,000 troops. CCF offensive contained by 23rd RCT (2nd ID), French Bn., 1st Ranger Co., 37th F.A. Bn., and B Battery of the 82nd AAA Bn. U.S.: 94 KIA; 259 WIA.

Feb 16, 1951- Jul 27, 1953 **Siege of Wonsan.** *Task Force 95* (U.N. Blockade and Escort Force) blockades Wonsan Harbor. An unprecedented 861-day naval operation, it is the longest effective siege of a port in U.S. Navy history.

Feb 21- Mar 7 **Operation Killer.** To drive the CCF north of the Han River. 5 U.S. divisions participate (1st Cav., 1st Marine, 2nd, 7th, 24th). U.S. casualties: 144 KIA; 921 WIA.

Mar 7- Apr 4 **Operation Ripper.** Drives the Communists back to the 38th Parallel and retakes Seoul. 7 U.S. divisions participate (1st Cav., 1st Marine, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th). U.S.: 566 KIA; 3,220 WIA.

Mar 23 **War's Last Jump (Operation Tomahawk).** 187th Airborne RCT (2nd and 4th Ranger companies attached) — 3,447 men — makes an air assault on Munsan-ni, 20 miles northwest of Seoul. Casualties: 84 jump injuries; 1 KIA; 18 WIA.

Apr 5-15 **Operation Rugged.** To secure phase Line Kansas, or 38th Parallel. Opposite, enemy is entrenched in the Chorwon-Kumhwa-Pyongyang area — "Iron Triangle." 6 U.S. Army divisions (1st Cav., 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th) participate. U.S. casualties: 156 KIA; 901 WIA.

WAR IN KOREA



(1) Soldiers of the 2nd Inf. Div. look toward NKPA positions near Bloody Ridge, Sept. 6, 1951. (2) Two American soldiers with North Korean prisoner. (3) B-inch howitzer manned by 8th Army, June 10, 1951. (4) Wounded soldiers at an aid station. (5) A grief-stricken infantryman is comforted by another soldier, Haktong-ni area, Aug. 28, 1950.



Apr 11-22 **Operation Dauntless.** To secure phase Line Ulah. 3 U.S. Army divisions (3rd, 24th, 25th) participate: 95 KIA; 1,056 WIA.

Apr 12 War's first major aerial duel — 9 MiGs are shot down. Also, 40 MiGs attack a B-29 formation — 2 are shot down.

Apr 22 Rotation plan initiated. Personnel will return to the U.S. individually after a specified number of months in Korea.

Apr 22-29 **CCF First Spring Offensive.** Largest single battle of the Korean War. CCF launch their Spring Offensive with 250,000 men in 27 divisions. Five U.S. Army divisions (2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th) participate: 314 KIA; 1,600 WIA.

May 9 U.S. Far East Air Force (FEAF) launches a 300-plane strike on Sinuiju on the Yalu River. Largest raid of the war to date.

May 16-21 **Battle of the Soyang River.** "May massacre" along No Name Line. 2nd ID stems the enemy tide, inflicting severe casualties on the Chinese. 23rd Inf. Regt. — 72 KIA; 158 WIA; 190 MIA.

May 17-22 **CCF Second Spring Offensive.** 4 U.S. divisions (1st Marine, 2nd, 3rd and 25th IDs) participate: 333 KIA; 888 WIA.

May 18 TF 77 suffers its heaviest single-day casualties: 6 aircraft lost; 4 pilots KIA.

May 20 4th Fighter Interceptor Group is jumped by 50 enemy jets over Sinuiju, resulting in America's first jet ace of the war.

May 20-Sep 20 **Operation Strangle.** Massive all-out air interdiction campaign is carried out by FEAF, supported by TF 77 and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW).

May 20-Jun 8 **Operation Detonate.** To retake Line Kansas. 7 U.S. divisions participate (1st Cav., 1st Marines, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th): 530 KIA; 3,195 WIA.

Jun 3-12 **Operation Piledriver.** To secure Line Wyoming and the Iron Triangle. 4 U.S. Army divisions (1st Cav., 3rd, 7th, 25th) participate: 231 KIA; 1,787 WIA.

Jun 10-16 **Battle for the Punchbowl.** 1st Marine Div. encounters heavy NKPA resistance. Marines: 67 KIA; 1,044 WIA.

Jun 12 Destroyer *Walke* is hit by a mine off Hungnam, N.K.: 26 KIA and 35 WIA. This is the largest single Navy combat loss of the war.

July (late) **Battle of Taesuan (Hill 1179).** 38th Inf. Regt. (2nd ID) captures the hill on the western edge of the Punchbowl.

Aug 18-Sep 5 **Battle of Bloody Ridge (Hill 983).** U.S. 2nd ID and attached units sustain 326 KIA; 2,032 WIA; 414 MIA. Counted enemy dead total 1,389. 15th F.A. Bn. set a record by firing 14,425 rounds in 24 hrs.

Sep 13-Oct 15 **Battle of Heartbreak Ridge (Hill 931).** 2nd ID seizes Heartbreak Ridge: 597 KIA; 3,064 WIA; 84 MIA. The 23rd Regiment alone takes 1,832 casualties.

Sep 15-19 **Assault on Hill 749.** U.S. Marines sustain 91 KIA; 714 WIA.

Sep 21 **Operation Summit.** A company of 228 Marines is lifted by 12 Sikorsky S-55s in the first helicopter deployment of a combat unit.

Oct 3-9 **Operation Commando.** To secure Line Jamestown. 3 U.S. Army

divisions (1st Cav., 3rd, 25th) participate: 405 KIA; 2,238 WIA. (Vast majority of casualties are taken by the 1st Cav.)

Oct 13-22 **Operation Nomad and Polar.** To secure Line later designated Missouri. U.S.: 265 KIA; 1,487 WIA.

Nov 12 **Offensive Operations Cease.** 8th Army begins "active defense."

Nov 30 In a rare pitched air battle, 31 F-86s take on 50 MiGs escorting 28 enemy bombers: 12 enemy planes are shot down.

1952

Apr 17 Presidential Executive Order 10345 extends enlistments involuntarily for nine months.

Apr 21 Cruiser *St. Paul*, while engaged in a gunfire support mission off Kojo, N.K., loses 30 men killed in a powder fire.

May 25 **Raid on Agok.** Nine tanks of the 245th Tank Bn., 45th Inf. Div., retaliate for three raids on the division's sector.

May 28 A patrol of the 179th Inf. Regt., 45th Div., is hit by two Chinese companies.

May 31 Enemy fires 102,000 rounds on 8th Army positions in May.

Jun 6-14 **Operation Counter.** 45th Inf. Div. launches a two-phased series of attacks to establish 11 patrol bases in the Old Baldy area. 2nd and 3rd Bns, 180th Inf. Regt., fight fiercely for Outpost Eerie on Hill 191, which is counterattacked by two Chinese battalions.

Jun 16-29 Chinese launch a series of attacks against Outpost 9 (Snook), Outpost 10 (Pork Chop) and Outpost 11 (Old Baldy), all defended by the 179th Inf. Regt., 45th Div.

Jun 23 **Hydroelectric Plants' Strike.** FEAF and 290 carrier planes bomb 9 hydroelectric power plants in North Korea.

Jul 3 7th Marines, elements of the 45th Div. and units of the 7th Div. engage CCF units along various sectors of the front.

Jul 11 **Pyongyang Raid.** 91 U.N. aircraft hit 40 targets.

Jul 17-Aug 4 **Battle for Old Baldy (Hill 266).** 23rd Inf. Regt. (2nd ID) sustains 39 KIA, 234 WIA and 84 MIA by July 21.

Aug 12-16 **Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 122).** First major Marine ground action in western Korea is fought by the 1st Marines: 48 KIA, 313 WIA.

Sep 5-15 **War's Largest Air Raid.** FEAF and carrier planes bomb Pyongyang in a 1,403-plane assault — the largest single-day raid of the war.

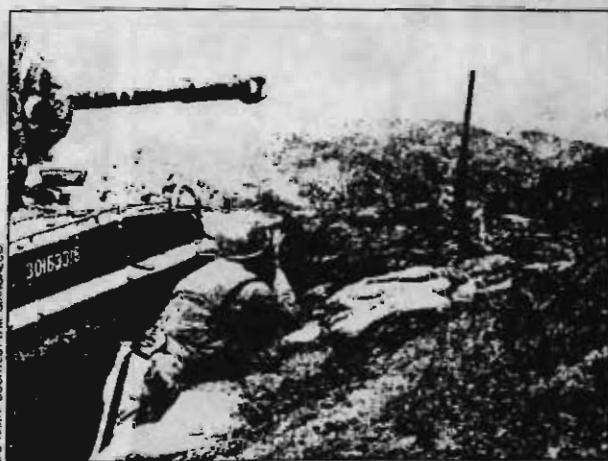
Aug 29 Ocean tug *Sarsi* is sunk by a mine off Hungnam: 4 KIA and 4 WIA. Last U.S. naval vessel lost in the war.

Aug 30 An all-time single-day high of 45,000 rounds fall on the 8th Army's front during September.

Sep **Largest All-Navy Raid.** 144 planes from three carriers destroy the oil refinery at Aoji, N.K.



Men of the 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div., dig trenches and bunker positions on "Old Baldy" in September 1952.



An officer of the 73rd Tank Bn., 7th Div., directs fire against Chinese positions near Pork Chop Hill on July 11, 1953.

- Sep 6-8 **Outpost Bruce** (Hill 148). During a 51-hour siege, U.S. Marines sustain 19 KIA and 38 WIA.
- Sep 17-24 **Outpost Kelly**. 65th Inf. Regt. (3rd ID) is besieged by CCF. The regiment sustains 350 casualties.
- Sep 18-21 Battle for Hill 266 continues with the 38th Inf. Regt. (2nd ID).
- Sep 22 245th Tank Bn., 45th Div. launches an attack on the Chinese.
- Sep 30 During the month, units of the 5th Air Force shoot down 64 MiG-15s at a cost of 7 Sabrejets.
- Oct 9-
Jul '53 **"Cherokee" Strikes**. 7th Fleet bombing campaign against battle-front enemy supply facilities.
- Oct 6-13 **CCF Attack on Western & Central Fronts**. U.S. units sustain 51 KIA; 348 WIA.
- Oct 14-25 **Operation Showdown/Battle of Hill 598 (Sniper Ridge)**. 7th Inf. Div. battles the Chinese near Kumhwa, the right leg of the Iron Triangle, and suffers 2,000 casualties.
- Oct 21 **USS Lewis** is hit by a shore battery off Wonsan. 7 KIA.
- Oct 26-28 **Battle of the Hook**. 7th Marines: 70 KIA, 386 WIA; 12 MIA; 27 POW.
- Oct 31 During the final week of October, 5 B-29s are shot down and 8 more badly damaged.
- Nov 3 **Hill 851**, Heartbreak Ridge area, held by the 2nd Bn., 160th Inf. Regt. (40th ID) withstands an NKPA attack. U.S.: 19 KIA; 54 WIA.
- Dec 25 **T-Bone Hill**. 38th Inf. Regt. (2nd ID) repels Chinese forces during an intense battle.
- Dec 25 **Hill 812**, held by Co. K, 3rd Bn, 179th Inf., 45th ID, is hit hard by the NKPA.

1953

- Jan 270,000 Chinese and North Korean troops man enemy lines.
- Jan 25 **Operation Smack**. Assault on Spud Hill by elements of the 31st Inf. Regt. (7th ID).
- Feb 3 **Hill 101/Ungok**. 5th Marines conduct a raid and sustain 15 KIA; 55 WIA.
- Mar 9 A 34-man patrol of the 7th ID loses 20 KIA, 2 MIA and 12 WIA in a Chinese ambush. A 34-man patrol of the 2nd ID loses 12 KIA, 5 MIA and 43 WIA in another ambush.
- Mar 13 Aircraft of TF 77 devastate Chongjin, N.K.
- Mar 17 **Hill 355** (Little Gibraltar), held by the 9th Inf. Regt. (2nd ID), is assaulted by Chinese.
- Mar 20 Heaviest naval bombardment of the war on Communist lines is directed at Kosong.
- Mar 23-24 **Old Baldy/Pork Chop Complex**. Held by 31st Inf. (7th ID). 32nd Regt. relieves the 31st. Units sustain 300 casualties during a Chinese attack.
- Mar 26-30 **Outposts at the Nevada cities** (Vegas-Reno-Carson), held by the 5th Marines, come under heavy attack. A Chinese regiment is destroyed. Marine casualties: 214 KIA; 801 WIA; 19 POW.
- Apr 16-18 **Battle of Pork Chop Hill**. 17th and 31st regiments (7th ID) hit hard and suffer heavy casualties.
- Apr 20-26 **Operation Little Switch** exchanges sick and wounded POWs, including 149 Americans.
- May 13 **Raid on Toksan Dam**. A dramatic strike by the 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing destroys a major irrigation system.

- May 28-30 CCF launches a regimental-strength attack against I Corps sector. Savage fighting ensues in Nevada Cities and Hook area outposts. Marine tanks and artillery fight in support of the defending 25th ID line units. Co. B., 1st Bn., 14th Inf. takes Outpost Elko.
- Jun 10-18 **Siege of Outpost Harry**. U.S. 3rd Inf. Div.'s 15th Regt. + 5th RCT withstand an assault by the CCF 74th Div. Chinese suffer 4,200 casualties. U.S.: 174 KIA; 824 WIA during CCF attack on ROKs.
- Jun 15 **USS Princeton** launches 184 sorties, establishing the single-day Korean War record for offensive sorties flown from a carrier.
- Jun 15 Navy and Marine Corps aircraft fly 910 sorties — the highest combined number for a single day.
- Jun 24 U.S. 40th and 45th divisions and 5th RCT are redeployed along the front lines to bolster the ROKs during a renewed CCF offensive.
- Jun 30 Marine Air Group 12 flies a record-breaking 217 combat sorties.
- Jun 30 During June, Sabrejets down 77 enemy aircraft.
- Jun 30 The war's peak monthly artillery rounds of 2,710,248 are fired during June.
- Jul 6-10 **Battle of Pork Chop Hill**. 7th ID is ordered to evacuate its defensive positions after five days of fighting.
- Jul 7-8 **Outposts Berlin-East Berlin** (the 7th Marines right regimental sector) come under attack during the Marine relief of the 25th ID. Marines: 21 KIA; 126 WIA.
- Jul 10-15 U.S. unit to go farthest north of the 38th Parallel: At Kumsong, A Battery of the 300th Armored Artillery Bn. supports ROK 6th Div.
- Jul 13-20 **Battle of Kumsong River Salient**. Last Communist offensive. CCF launches a six-division attack partly directed at the U.S. IX Corps (3rd, 40th, 45th IDs). 187th RCT is attached to 2nd ID during the fighting. U.S.: 182 KIA; 718 WIA.
- Jul 14 U.S. 555th Field Artillery Bn. is overrun, losing 300 KIA and MIA.
- Jul 19-20 **Outposts Berlin-East Berlin** — held by only 81 Marines — are overrun. Reinforcements are brought in. Marines: 6 KIA, 44 MIA, 12 POW and 86 WIA.
- Jul 24-26 **Final U.S. Ground Combat**. Heavy enemy (3,000 men) attack is launched in the Berlin Complex ("Boulder City") area held by the 7th and 1st Marines. U.S.: 43 KIA; 316 WIA. Last Marine ground actions of the war are fought on Hills 111 and 119. Central Sector: 3rd ID units assaulted on Sniper Ridge.
- Jul 25 TF 77 planes fly 538 offensive plus 62 defensive sorties — a record number for a single day.
- Jul 27 **Last Air Kill of the War**. An enemy transport is downed near the Manchurian border.
- Jul 27 **Korean War Ends**. Korean armistice is signed. Total U.S. casualties: 33,629 KIA; 103,284 WIA; 7,140 POWs. Static warfare (1951-53) alone claims 1,586 (39.6%) Marine infantry lives and 11,244 (43.9%) WIA, and of Marines/Army combined — 12,300 KIA (36.5%) and 50,900 (49%) WIA.
- Jul 28 **Last U.S. Casualties**. Five GIs of Co.'s B and C, 23rd Inf. Regt., (2nd ID) are killed in an explosion near Ansan, N.K.
- Jul 31 **Peak U.S. Ground Troop Strength**: 302,483. Total of 1,587,040 U.S. personnel serve in Korea during the war. Some 198,380 or 12.5% actually fight in combat.
- Sep 6 **Operation Big Switch**. Last of 3,597 U.S. POWs are released.

MAJOR U.S. COMBAT UNIT CASUALTIES IN KOREA

The units listed below account for 96% of the Americans killed by hostile action in Korea. Wounded in action include only those actually hospitalized.



2nd Infantry Division



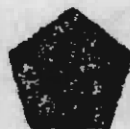
7th Infantry Division



24th Infantry Division



3rd Infantry Division



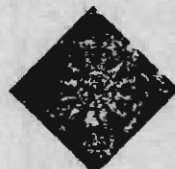
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8th Army



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40th Infantry Division



1st Marine Division



1st Cavalry Division



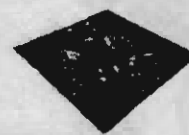
25th Infantry Division



5th Air Force



45th Infantry
Division



1st Marine
Aircraft Wing

Unit	Killed in Action	Wounded in Action
2nd Infantry Division	7,094	16,575
1st Marine Division	4,004	25,864
7th Infantry Division	3,905	10,858
1st Cavalry Division	3,811	12,086
24th Infantry Division	3,735	7,395
25th Infantry Division	3,048	10,186
3rd Infantry Division	2,160	7,939
Far East Air Force/5th Air Force	1,200	368
5th Regimental Combat Team	867	3,188
45th Infantry Division	834	3,170
Naval Forces Far East/7th Fleet	458	1,576
187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team	442	1,656
40th Infantry Division	376	1,457
1st Marine Aircraft Wing	258	174

29th RCT was attached to the 24th ID and later assigned to the 27th and 35th Inf. Regts. of the 25th ID. It lost 313 men KIA on July 25-26, 1950 alone. Figures are included above.

In addition to the units listed, 1,432 Army personnel assigned to outfits independent of the divisions and RCTs were also KIA.

Source: *Battle Casualties of the Army*, 30 September 1954 (Office Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Dept. of the Army) and other sources.



Division CSM Benjamin Palacios chats with MG JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO at the Division Change of Command Ceremony, June 15, 1994. U.S. Army Photo.

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"I don't care if it is a mirage—can it type?"



"Well, you're not a vaudeville comedian any more, Monahan... you're a COOK... a COOK, hear me... a COOK!"

"Good morning, general. Shall we inspect the troops today or stick around the Pentagon?"

F.Y.I.

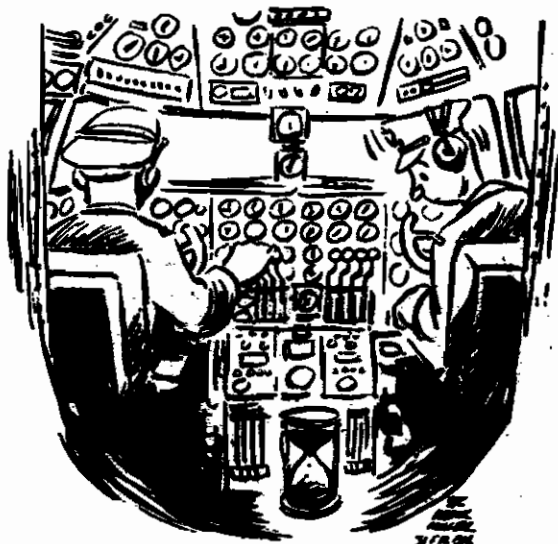
ROBERT L. FULLERTON
(D 3rd Combat Eng. '51-'53)
PO Box 321, Shelbyville IN 37160
would like to hear from any old
Dog Co. 3rd Combat Eng. '51-'53
people out there.



(From left to right) Brig. Gen. John Maher, Maj. Gen. JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO and Maj. Gen. PAUL E. BLACKWELL review the troops during the change of command.
U.S. Army Photo.



We get the d-----est requests for publishing this and that. GEORGE MEYER (D 34th, 6/44-11/45) 103-40 96th St., Ozone Park NY 11417, sent this to his bride-to-be, Tess, on July 18, 1944 - Where were you George; Hollandia or Biak? It's slightly dirty. Hey, it's almost 50 years old.



A "Remember when!" from DICK LEWIS (555 FA Bn.) of Box 1776, Frederick MD. Here it is: "Recommended Reading: 'Back to Corregidor' by Gerard M. Devlin. The numerous times that the 34th was called upon outside the Division Mission are written with a fairness rarely found in Military Historical reading. Equal participation is given in the half month that it took the 503d Para. Inf. Regt. 3d Bn. 34th Inf. and other assigned Division units, along with the Naval Support, to accomplish the Corregidor Mission.

"I was on a support mission on the LST's which carried our 3d Bn., 34th Inf. from Subic Bay to the unopposed landing at Marveles. That beach was the very most shallow landing I had ever seen. Seemed like the Infantry wading ashore must have had a half to three-quarters of a mile into shore. We unloaded the tank of its supplies (55 gal drums of gas and 12" x 12" x 35' or 40' wood beams), completing this after someone called out at about 8 a.m.: 'Paratroopers'. All work ceased to watch the show."

Thanx, Dick - and do you remember the date? Feb. 16, 1945.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy NY, isn't known as a powerhouse of collegiate sports. But the Engineers do have an intimidating cheer:

E to the x, dy, dx
E to the x, dy
Cosine, secant, tangent, sine
3.14159
Square root
Cube root
Log of pi
Disintegrate 'em
RPI

We love it!

Interesting item from
DICK LEWIS about JAMES GARNER.
It goes: "Did you pick up on
the story one of our guys
wrote about going to where Jim
was on a set filming and the guy
wore his 5th RCT cap. Jim saw it
and they had a nice conversa-
tion about 5th RCT. The guy
gave Jim his cap!"

What makes New Orleans in
September the coolest place to
be? For one thing, le jazz hot.
And, of course, those creole
dishes around every corner.

Our dentist has a slogan
which he pushes:

"We cater to cowards".



*"My greatest thrill... Well, I guess it was my first
day in the majors... We beat Cleveland and after the
game this girl invites me up to her apartment...
well sir..."*

ARE YOU MOVING?

OLD ADDRESS

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STATE _____	ZIP _____

NEW ADDRESS

NAME _____	Please print clearly
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STATE _____	ZIP _____

Wrote FRED GRAY about the
passing of LOU KEPLER: "Lou and
I were in the same group of
draftees who left Watertown NY
on 2-18-42. We were sent to
Camp Walters TX for basic infan-
try training. Upon graduation
we ended up in Hawaii, and were
assigned to the 24th Infantry
Division. Lou went to the 21st
Inf., myself to the 19th. We
have lost a dear friend."

Right on, Fred - and thank
you for writing as you did.

Nice note and hefty contribu-
tion from JAMES N. JACK (Hq.Co.
19th, 6/48-6/51) 306 Cambridge
Dr., Fairborn OH 45324.

Jim would like to hear from
anyone who remembers him.



WHY THE NOTCH



Yes, we did ask the question.
And, yes, we did offer a prize.

The prize goes to PAUL "Jr." HARRIS who came in first - absolutely first - with the correct answer.

Oh we got a few lulus.
Always do.

One came in with this - we'll not name him - that one tag was for placement between the teeth of a KIA, leaving the other tag on his body - for identification purposes.

Another thought it was useful when placing a tag on a grave marker for a fallen G.I. He said if such a tag were affixed with a nail through the hole in the tag, the inevitable result was that the law of gravity prevailed causing the tag to hang in a vertical position making inspection difficult. It was found that a second nail when driven into the cross (or other marker) along the inner curve of the notch caused the tag to remain in a horizontal position, thus making it possible to read the inscription with minimal craning of one's neck. Wowie!

And here's another: "As far as I know the notch in the dog tag was for putting the tag on a coffin. The notch is where the nail went."

That between the teeth story

kept coming up. Here are a few:

"The notch on a WW II dog tag was used to hook on the teeth of a dead GI, and the dog tag was then pivoted between the upper and lower teeth and wedged there. This would insure positive identification at any later date."

"Not real sure about dog tag notch. Something like the unlucky ones K.I.A. had the tag put in their mouth, "teeth", for a more positive ID of the remains?"

"The notch of the dog tags was to be used to place between the teeth of a casualty. This way the dog tag wasn't lost and the body could be readily identified."

"In regards to the 'notch', the story I got years ago was from a grave registration officer who is an undertaker in my town.

"The story goes like this. When a body was picked up the notch was placed between two front teeth and driven up to the gum and stayed with the body. It sounds right and I suppose that's the reason for the notch.

"P.S. Whatever the prize, I'd like it to be some K or C rations - haven't had them in quite awhile."

"The notch in the dog tag was to slip between your teeth when you were killed and hold it between your upper jaw and lower jaw, and the serial number could be read, and you would never lose it.



"This is what the captain from the grave detail did at Mindanao when we picked up the dead. He put one in the mouth and he kept one."

Pardon us while we catch our breath. 15 letters told that between the teeth story. Remember what they used to say about rumors spreading.

NOW FOR THE REAL REASON

Before '41, they were using round copper discs. Then in '41, embossing machines (Address-O-Graph type) were issued to stamp the information on metal tags.

These machines were like a heavy-duty typewriter that types letters and numbers into the metal tags. Naturally, the tag had to sit firmly in the machine while being stamped, and that's what the notch was for - to keep the tag in place.

The reason why the notch was off center: That kept the tag from being placed wrong side up while being stamped. There was a smooth side and a rouge side to all the metal dog tags.

The dog tag was placed with the notch to the right and the hole fit over a pin on the left side. This was on a die table. The notch kept the tag from moving, as well as the pin in the hole while the tag was being typed. The notch always to the right. This made all tags with the face side of the tag up, thus making every tag the same in all services.

Just for the record, 21 had it right.

We received 1 "I don't know what the h--- it was for."

Incidentally, do you still have your tags? We do.



"Well, well, Harry Hendrop—I haven't seen you for a year—where have you been???"



Recognize this old timer?
Faithful HORACE HOGGART (339th
Eng. '43-45 attached to 24th)
of 220 SW 19th St., Richmond
IN 47374:

Live a good honorable life.
Then when you get older and
think back, you'll get to
enjoy it a second time.



The General BERNARD W. ROGERS family at the occasion of the endowment of the Bernard W. Rogers Chair in the Economics of National Security at West Point. Left to right, General Rogers, his wife, Ann, his grandson, Brian Opperman, his daughter, Diane Opperman, and his son, Lt. Col. Michael W. Rogers. General Rogers was CO, 1st Btl. Gp. 19th German '60-'61 and Div. C/S Germany '60-'61.

IN QUOTES

Name: Carlos Peña
 Address: 780 So FANNIN
SAN BENITO, TX Zip 78586
 Unit CO-H-21 INF 24 DIV Years Sept 44 To March 46
 Wife's name OFeila
 Tell us about yourself: Auto Part mger at home
TOWN Ford dealer for 45 yr. still there
Part time, Merriid 43 yr. a son. - and
3 grand children

A sentimental widow put up a lovely marble stone for her late husband. Its wording read, "Rest In Peace - Until We Meet Again."

Credit JIM MACK for this one.



"So he's wearing a red suit...that doesn't make him a Commie."



Here's all that we have on this photo - and it's a damned shame. 12 July 51 - a few miles north of Chup-A-Yang. Soldiers of the 21st Inf.Reg. relax by a shaded brook after an engagement with the enemy. Photo by Cpl.CHARLES KELLEHER, 24th Sig.Co.



Dr. Hanford Rants (left) pictured with Dr. Robert Loveland

There aren't many people who can say they have a stadium named after them. Dr. HANFORD RANTS, on the other hand, can. The city of Cerritos, CA, along with the ABC School District, thought so highly of Rants that the group named a stadium built in Cerritos at Gahr High School "Hanford Rants Stadium."

The stadium stands in honor of a man who has spent a lifetime in education and is just one of the many credits Rants has received during his illustrious career. At its recent CIF State Federated Council meeting in Burlingame, Rants was honored with the "Dr. Robert M. Loveland Exceptional Service Award". The award, named after Dr. Robert Loveland, the CIF's long-time medical consultant, is given for exceptional service to the CIF.

"Dr. Rants epitomizes what the CIF is all about," said State CIF Commissioner Tom Byrnes. "He is a fine leader who was able to get the best out of students as a teacher, coach and principal throughout his career. He has positively influenced the lives of many youngsters."

Rants, a long-time principal at Gahr High, spent 38 years

in education - 30 of those as a principal.

Rants was an army infantry sergeant in WW II and served for 2½ years with the 34th. After returning to the U.S., he received his BS degree in physical education from Washington State Univ., in '48 and his MA in science also from Washington State Univ. in '50. In '67 Rants earned an Ed.D from USC.

Rants began as a teacher in mathematics and science, as well as a coach, at Wapato High in Washington in '49. He advanced to district attendance supervisor at Wapato in '51.

Rants accepted a position as vice principal at South Jr. High in Downey CA in '52. He later became principal there, a post he held for 5 years. In '68, Rants was named principal at Gahr High in Cerritos where he stayed until '81. From '84-'88, he served as principal at Brethren High in Paramount.

Rants has belonged to many professional organizations throughout his career and has taken leadership roles wherever he has been. He served as president of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) from '73-'74 and was District 19 president

WHATZIT?

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

CHAIR
PLANK

► Solution on next page

of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators (CASSA) from '62-'63.

Within his community, Rants has been a Deacon for the First Baptist Church and a chairman of the Christian Education Department. He has also been active in the Boy Scouts.

Married to wife, Shirley, for 48 years, the Rants' have three sons. The oldest, Jon, is a teacher. Jay is also a teacher and Jack is a minister.

He was H & H, 2nd Bn. 34th '43-'46. He and Shirley live at 9330 Parrot in Downey CA.

We are so proud of you, Hanford - and grateful for our long personal friendship.

Whatzit?: Seat on the board

"Old Sgt. Deer with Horns" - that's the way EARWIN C. OKLAIRE (L 21st 7/50 - 8/51) signs off when he letters us from Box 967, Butte SD. He sent us this one about an ambitious young missionary who asked his guide to take him to a remote area inhabited by cannibals. When he met the tribe's chief, he asked him if he knew anything about religion. After a bit of grunting, he replied, "Yes, I got a little taste of it when the last missionary was here."



Shall I call the automobile club?"



Our apologies to our about-to-be President, VINCENT VELLA and his bride of 50 years for missing this item in our last issue. Vinnie and Fran celebrated their 50th on July 22. We offered our congratulations and, too, we offered those of all of our members in time for the happy anniversary - the renewal of their vows and a wonderful dinner reception. Great people.

Tough words from DAVE BIBBY (34th '41-'45) down at 40 Hillside Av., Verona NJ 07044, but he ends with a bit of humor. Fight on Dave: "After 3 years of doctors and hospitals, I thought I was out of the woods only to come down with a rare skin cancer. Been on chemotherapy since Feb. So far am holding my own. Can hardly wait for the 'Golden Years' to kick in."

ROUT FINALLY ACHIEVED

We are indebted to ANDY JACKSON (117 Kingsdale Av., Cherryhill NJ 08003) for sending us the next following story on the Division in the 1st Battle of the Naktong Bulge. Thanks, Andy.

Korea had its "Battle of the Bulge"—two in fact. In the First Battle of the Naktong Bulge, the North Korean offensive threatened to overwhelm the U.S. and South Korean defenders.

By Uzal E. Ent

With soft "pops," red and yellow flares shot up and glowed briefly and eerily in the warm night. At one minute after midnight, August 6, 1950, 800 men of the 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment of the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA), 4th Infantry Division, began crossing the Naktong River near the Ohang ferry site.

The troops carried no heavy weapons or mortars. After crossing, they formed up quietly in a column of platoons and moved stealthily through a draw leading into American lines. Their objective was the town of Yongsan, about eight miles behind the lines of the U.S. 24th Infantry Division.

And so began the First Battle of the Naktong Bulge, a key part of the general North Korean offensive against the U.S. and South Korean defenders of the Pusan perimeter at the tip of the Korean peninsula.

Before North Korea invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, few U.S. troops were stationed in the South—and the four U.S. Army divisions in nearby Japan were woefully below strength and undertrained. Indeed, assignment to the U.S. 1st Cavalry (actually, infantry) and the 7th, 24th and 25th Infantry divisions had meant fairly easy occupation duty. After June 1949, some serious training was begun, but only on a limited scale.

Worse, the 24th and her sister divisions also lacked one-third of their authorized infantry and artillery commands and two-thirds of their anti-aircraft complement. They had only 15 to 20 tanks per division, instead of the 142 authorized. The tanks were often the M-24 light tanks, no match for the Russian-made T-34 that supported the North Korean drive southward.

Instead of their authorized strength of 18,804 officers and men, the divisions in Japan were allocated only 12,500. As the closest division to Korea—and the easiest to send—the 24th was the first command deployed. It was brought up from a strength of 12,197 men to 15,965 from the commands in Japan just before departing for Korea.

By the time it fell back to defensive positions on the South Korean peninsula, east of the Naktong River, on August 2, savage fighting had reduced the 24th to 9,882 men. The

attachment of 486 U.S. troops and operational control of the 2,000-man Republic of Korea (ROK) 17th Infantry Regiment brought the aggregate strength to 12,368. Major General John Huston Church, a veteran of both world wars and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, was now division commander. He replaced Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, who was a prisoner of the North Koreans.

Forming a lengthy, serpentine moat along two-thirds of the Pusan perimeter, the twisting Naktong flowed through a valley that averaged 1,000 yards wide, although the river itself averaged no more than 385 yards across and was from 1 to 3½ yards deep.

The 24th occupied a sector 34 miles long, extending northward along the Naktong from its junction with the Nam River.

The river frontage was extended by the many loops in the Naktong's course. Hill masses on both sides of the river rose an average of 220 yards, with some reaching 330 yards. The terrain was of equal elevation on either side of the river, except in the far north. There, Hill 409 on the east bank dominated the terrain to the west.

The three battalions of Colonel Kim Hi Chun's ROK 17th Regiment were deployed along the northern 30,000 yards of front, regarded as the most difficult sector to defend and reinforce because of the poor road network. General Church surmised that the North Koreans would strike there.

When the NKPA 4th Division instead attacked to the south, it was unexpected and came sooner than General Church thought it would. The U.S. 21st Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel Richard W. Stephens, was south of the ROK 17th. The 3rd Battalion (Lt. Col. John McConnell commanding), consisting of K and M companies, plus part of the regimental Heavy Mortar Company serving as a rifle unit, manned the 12,000-yard regimental front. The 1st Battalion, led by Lt. Col. Charles B. Smith, was deployed in separate company positions several thousand yards to the rear of the 3rd. The 14th Engineer Combat Battalion reinforced the 21st Infantry Regiment.

The Heavy Mortar Company was on the 21st Regiment's left flank, just north of a boundary with the 34th Regiment.

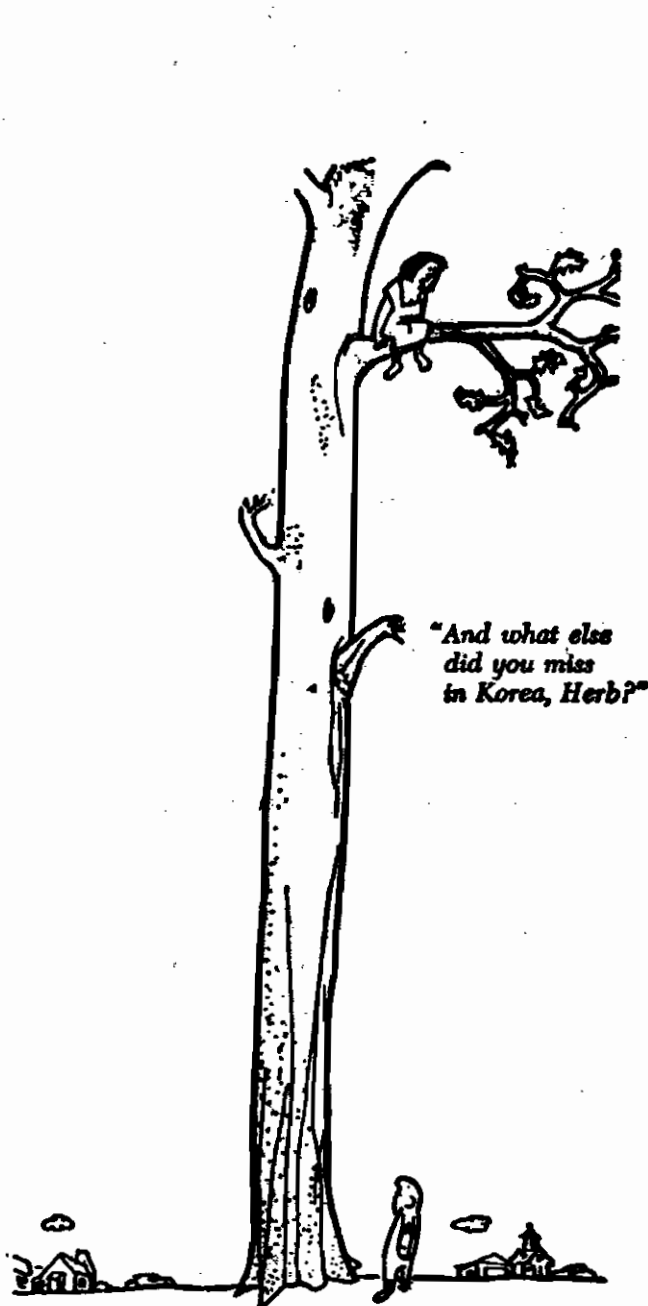


The company established outposts of four to six men on a line of several thousand yards. A lone halftrack, armed with four .50-caliber machine guns (called a quad .50 by the troops), happened to be close by. Lieutenant Planter Wilson from the Heavy Mortar Company positioned the halftrack so that the four guns could fire all along the company front.

Company K was dug in about a mile from the mortar men, also on an extended frontage. Across the Nakdong, a road ran parallel to the river. On August 5, the North Koreans tried to use the road. The men of Lieutenant Elmer J. Gainok's Company K fired at the enemy's vehicles with 3.5-inch rocket launchers, but the range was too great. The company was a

ABOVE: Sergeant Billy Maghner and Private Alvin Perriat of the 25th Infantry Division's 35th Regimental Combat Team (RCT) operate a mortar near the Nakdong River on August 17, 1950. PREVIOUS PAGE: Corporal Joseph S. Smith, a Browning Automatic Rifle gunner of the 35th RCT, rests behind the cover of a stone wall near the Nakdong.

mixed infantry-heavy weapons unit, without regular organizational equipment, but it had two 81mm mortars. Just before dusk, the enemy tried to move a truck convoy along the road. Gainok's mortars hit one of the lead trucks, which then





On August 6, 1950, the North Korean's main assault plunged through the gap between I and L companies of the 34th Infantry Regiment and penetrated to the village of Obong-ni.

blocked the road. The mortars were then systematically fired at the stalled vehicles, inflicting heavy casualties.

South of the 21st was Colonel Charles E. Beauchamp's 34th Infantry Regiment on a 16,000-yard front, guarding what would become known as the Naktong Bulge. Lieutenant Colonel Gines Perez's 3rd Battalion was assigned the river line, with I Company in the north, L Company in the heart of the bulge and K Company in the south.

The somewhat scattered 21st could form a fair defense line, but Perez had to employ platoon-sized strongpoints overlooking the river. The 34th Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon held two observation posts between L and K companies. Some men from Battery A, 26th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) Battalion, employed as infantry, reinforced I Company. The fact that men from a heavy mortar company and an anti-aircraft artillery unit were deployed as infantry on the front lines of the division, and that an engineer battalion reinforced an infantry regiment, shows how understrength the 24th Division was.

The undermanned division's frontage suffered accordingly, with two unfortunate gaps developing—one of two miles between I and L companies and another of three miles between L and K. The front-line troops tried to strengthen their positions with anti-personnel mines and trip flares (both in short

supply) and improvised booby traps. Patrols attempted to cover the gaps in the lines, while a regimental reserve (1st Battalion, assembled near the town of Kang-ni) and a division reserve (the two-battalion 19th Infantry Regiment) stood ready to offer emergency support.

One morning a couple of houses in a village across the Naktong moved slightly. Looking through field glasses, the men of L Company could see a tank's gun barrel sticking out of one house. The enemy had simply driven tanks into the mud-and-stick houses.

On the night of August 5, L Company of the 34th's 3rd Battalion, about 50 men under Captain Douglas W. Syverson, and a 10-man platoon under Lieutenant Leonard Korgie were across from the Obang ferry on a 300-yard front. About dark, the platoon was moved across the river as a listening post.

At about 10:30 that night, Corporal Ed Metowski and Korgie heard slight noises to their front. Frank Pollock and Eugene Singleton, on their left, were also alert. To their right was Alvin Ginn. The men opened fire. Almost at once, the five men were set upon from all sides by enemy soldiers, who quickly overwhelmed and disarmed the Americans. Determined not to be captured, Korgie threw his helmet into the midst of the North Koreans and yelled, "Let's go, Ed!" Ed didn't escape, but Korgie did. He reached the platoon command post (CP) with the enemy now firing flares and noisily crossing the river. As platoon personnel called for mortar fire over their phone, figures were scrambling up the hill toward the CP. Korgie yelled, "Halt!" and 15 or so North Koreans jumped up about 40 yards away, yelling, "Manzai! Manzai!" and spraying the area with burp-gun fire. Korgie and a companion

fired into them. When Korgie's rifle was empty, he fell back, fumbling for another clip. As he ran, he noted that he was running parallel to a group of North Koreans advancing in a skirmish line. He knew they were North Koreans, but they thought he was one of them. After running up and down two hills, Korgie collapsed at the top of the third (a victim of bloody dysentery, fatigue and heat), pitched head first over the crest, and rolled about 40 yards down the slope. Just then, the enemy realized who he was, and some began to fire at him. He was able to slip another clip into his rifle, figuring he would shoot as many as he could before they killed him. For some reason, they left. The next morning, Korgie joined about 40 other men of the 34th farther north along the riverbank.

Robert Bayless, a machine-gunner with L Company, had been on the extreme right of the company line. The enemy thrust behind L Company and cut it off. A lieutenant led Bayless and some others north to join I Company, but I Company, with the few men from L, lost its hill. A counterattack was unsuccessful. I Company's old position was then hit by friendly mortar fire. Bayless and his group wandered into the sector of the 21st Infantry. There, he and some of his comrades fell, exhausted, into a roadside ditch, and Bayless dozed off. He was awakened by a column of men coming up the road in the dark. They proved to be the 24th Reconnaissance Company,

preparing to counterattack along the southern flank of the 21st Infantry.

Colonel Beauchamp of the 34th Infantry reported the situation in his front line 3rd Battalion to General Church and committed the regimental reserve to counterattack. Mounting 1st Battalion's C Company (about 100 men) on trucks, with A and B companies following on foot, Lt. Col. Harold B. Ayres moved at 7 a.m. to counter the enemy. As Ayres and C Company arrived at Colonel Perez's now abandoned 3rd Battalion CP, they were hit by heavy fire from the nearby hills.

The company commander, Captain Clyde M. Akbridge, was hit three times and had to be evacuated. Ayres was able to escape and go back for the remainder of his battalion. Lieutenant Charles E. Payne took over the company, which was being swept by fire from nearby higher ground. The unit did get a 60mm mortar into action, but the assistant gunner was soon killed as he rose to observe where the rounds were striking. Robert Witzig fired the remaining mortar ammunition,

then helped drag the wounded to a culvert. His platoon leader, Lieutenant McDonald Martin, was shot in the stomach. Surviving members of the company took shelter in a nearby grist mill. The defenders also used the .50-caliber machine gun taken from an abandoned personnel carrier to fight off the enemy. In spite of this, the North Koreans often came within grenade range of the mill. Early in the fight, Battery B, 13th Field Artillery, which was deployed nearby, was also attacked. Battery personnel abandoned four howitzers and hastily withdrew with about 50 men and one howitzer.

The fight at the grist mill went on for several hours. Finally, C Company's Lieutenant Payne asked for volunteers to go for help. Witzig and another man volunteered, but intense fire drove Witzig's companion back into the mill. Witzig managed to crawl about 40 yards before being blown up into the air and knocked unconscious. He had three wounds in the back. Coming to, he looked up to see a North Korean soldier reaching for his belt and grenades. Witzig killed him with his .45-caliber automatic pistol. Then he was hit again, his helmet spinning off. At first he thought he had been shot in the head, but he then realized the blood and flesh on his hands were from the back wounds he had patched up with his aid packet. Retrieving his helmet, he saw that its whole right side had been blown away.

Corporals John Nearhood and Harold Tucker, braving heavy enemy fire, dragged Witzig back into the grist mill. Every man who could handle a weapon helped to fend off the determined enemy assault. The wounded Witzig manned a Browning Automatic Rifle. The situation was now desperate. Nearhood volunteered to go for help and was quickly killed by enemy fire.

Soon after, Captain A.F. Alfonso's A Company, led by a tank, came to the rescue. Unfortunately, a tank round went through the grist mill, mortally wounding three of the men and injuring several more, all members of C Company.

After seeing that the dead and wounded of C Company were evacuated, Alfonso's



Viewing the Nakdong River front (from left): Maj. Gen. F.W. Milburn, Maj. Gen. J.H. Church and Captain R.L. Gregory.

company continued the attack, eventually reaching L Company on the river. The combined force numbered 90 men, including the wounded.

In the meantime, Company B had been stalled on Cloverleaf Hill (Hill 165) by the enemy.

By then, General Church, thoroughly alarmed, had ordered the 24th Reconnaissance Company and the 19th Infantry forward. That alleviated the pressure, but the enemy was across the river and on high ground. Throughout the night, American artillery fired into all known or suspected river-crossing sites, but the North Koreans still reinforced their bridgehead.

The main attack, it now could be seen, had come through the gap between the 34th Infantry's I and L companies. By 3 a.m. on August 6, the North Koreans had penetrated to the village of Kogong-ni, overrunning 3rd Battalion's CP and a detachment of the regiment's Heavy Mortar Company. On the next night, August 6-7, the ROK 17th Infantry

repulsed enemy attempts to cross the Nakdong in the northern sector. By prior plan, the ROK unit then traded off with fresh American troops while the U.S. 21st Infantry halted the enemy after they developed a lodgement in the village of Sadung near the river. Three companies of the 34th also held to their riverside positions for the moment.

Now, too, the 19th and elements of the 34th were poised for a counterattack against the northern shoulder of the enemy penetration. Local counterattacks had gained time for the 19th and, later, the 9th Infantry—a new and untried regiment from the freshly arriving 2nd Infantry Division—to move against the North Koreans.

But on August 7, the 19th and 34th regiments failed to dislodge the North Koreans, who seized most of Cloverleaf Hill and part of Obong-ni Ridge. From that critical terrain astride the main east-west road in the bulge area, the enemy could see all the way to Yongsan, five miles to the east.

Cloverleaf, as its name implies, was shaped like a four-leaf clover, with the stem pointing north. It was somewhat higher



Forgotten hero: Lieutenant General Walton H. "Bulldog" Walker, whose skillful use of his reserves held the Pusan perimeter, sits behind General Douglas MacArthur.

than Obong-ni Ridge, across the pass to the south. Obong-ni Ridge (or No-Name Ridge to some Marines) was a mile and a half long, curving somewhat southeast in a series of knobs known as Hills 102, 109, 117, 143, 147 and 153. The village of Tugok lay at the southern base of Cloverleaf, north of the road between it and Obong-ni Ridge. Obong-ni village was at the eastern base of the ridge a half mile south of the road.

On the nights of August 6-7 and 7-8, the enemy reinforced their bridgehead. At least two battalions crossed on August 7-8, and the NKPA 4th Division completed its crossing on August 10, using an underwater bridge and rafts. Trucks, heavy

mortars, about 12 artillery pieces and possibly some tanks were moved into the bulge.

Commitment of the fresh 9th Infantry did not appreciably help the American situation. On the night of August 8-9, Captain Alfonso's force of A and L companies was ordered back from its exposed position along the Naktong. One platoon kept close to the road instead of moving south around Obong-ni, and suffered heavy casualties. The rest of the group entered U.S. lines well after daylight.

On August 10, the 9th Infantry lost 2,000 yards of critical terrain. The enemy also set up a roadblock on the Namji-

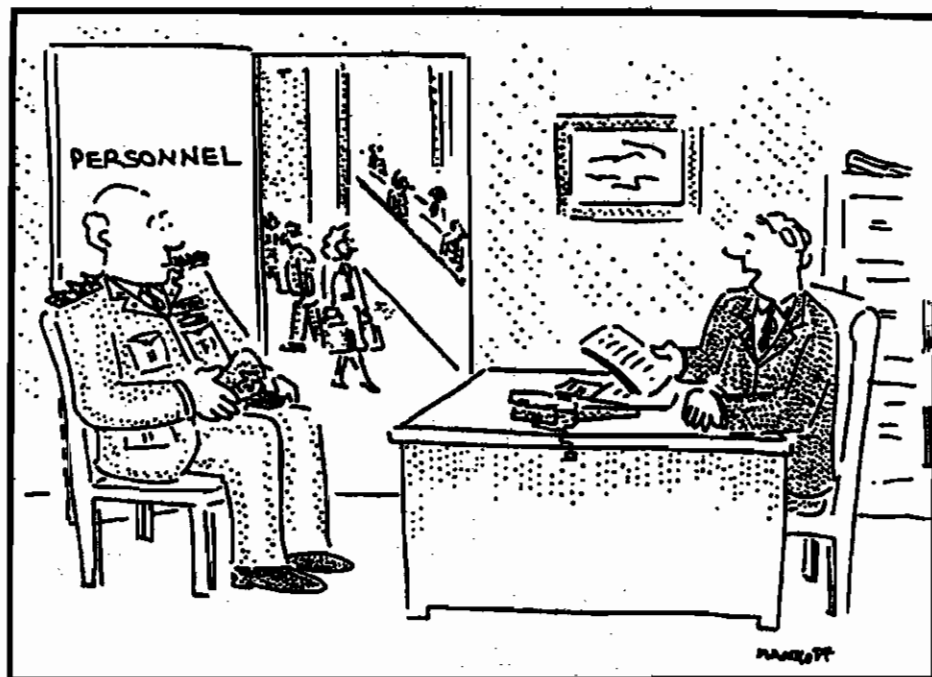
ri-Yongsan road. Only along the Naktong were the Americans successful. The 19th took Ohang Hill, but its 2nd Battalion was reduced to about 100 effectives in each rifle company.

Church ordered the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, to Yongsan and told his operations officer, Lt. Col. James Snee, to seek whatever aid he could. Snee asked Eighth Army for the use of the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. Church also ordered a reconnaissance company sent to Yongsan.

As Lt. Col. Gordon E. Murch's 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, attacked north from Namji-ri, its F Company seized a bridgehead across the Naktong. Company personnel had to push

through throngs of supposed refugees. At one point, a "refugee" cart tipped over, spilling rifles and ammunition to the ground, and about a dozen enemy soldiers, disguised as civilians, began to flee across a field. Staff Sergeant Glenn Ellison and his comrades shot down eight of them.

The 2nd Battalion's attack progressed the next day, supported by artillery, mortars and airstrikes. And on August 10, Church created Task Force Hill, giving command of the 9th Regiment (less the 3rd Battalion), 19th and 34th regiments, and the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, to Colonel John G. Hill of the 9th. But the 19th and 34th were mere shadows of regi-



"An impressive resume', General, but remember...department store security is different from national security."



TOP: An M4A3 Sherman, mounting a bulldozer blade and armed with a 105mm howitzer, fires on North Korean troops near Yongsan on August 18, joined by an M-26 Pershing of the 1st Marine Tank Battalion. ABOVE: Troops of the 19th Infantry try to put out the fire on a Dodge radio truck, hit by North Korean artillery near Taegu.

ments, both reduced by casualties to about 1,100 men each. The entire 24th Division now totaled 9,755 men, with 5,401 more being attached, including elements of the 2nd and 25th Infantry divisions. The addition of 247 replacements and weapons manned by the replacement crew helped minimally.

Task Force Hill was supposed to drive the enemy across the Nakdong on the 11th by a general counterattack, driven ahead by the 9th and 19th regiments. But the enemy launched a surprise attack against the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, while in its assembly area at about 9 a.m. Although few casualties resulted, the attack was disconcerting. Task Force Hill's general attack failed.

The situation around Yongsan by now had so deteriorated that one regimental commander was moved to remark: "There are dozens of enemy and American forces all over the area. And they are surrounding each other."

In response to a call for help from Church, a composite company of men from A Company, 14th Engineers, plus cooks and staff from its headquarters, was sent to Yongsan. Their force numbering fewer than 100 men, the engineers set up four separate positions at about 800-yard intervals along the road

from Yongsan. Another ad hoc force, under Captain George Hafeman (commander, 24th Division Headquarters Company), was deployed at the Simgong-ni and Wonjon passes, farther east. Known as Task Force Hafeman, it consisted of clerks and bakers from Hafeman's unit, military police personnel, men from the 24th Recon Company and others from eight different units, all supported by two tanks. Throughout August 12, the engineers and Hafeman battled North Korean infiltrators. Hafeman's two posts held, but two of the smaller engineer positions fell to the enemy. Three times, U.S. armored vehicles dashed into the Wonjon enclave with food, water and ammunition. Hafeman reinforced his group with an 81mm mortar and continued to hold.

As one highlight well worth noting here, K and L companies of the 34th Infantry at last were ordered to withdraw from their exposed positions along the Nakdong. There has been a persistent, and erroneous, impression in the minds of many that the Army ran when the North Koreans attacked across the Nakdong in August and, later, in September 1950. This is false. In August, the bulge, a front covering 16,000 yards, was manned by three understrength rifle companies. Two of those units remained in position, although completely cut off. One of the two was reinforced by a counterattacking unit, and the combined force then dug in and held. Only the most northern company was displaced. Men from that unit moved north into the sector of the 21st Infantry. The frontage was far too great for the force available to even outpost, let alone defend. The men of those units have been wrongly, even cruelly, reviled for too long. They stayed in their defensive positions until ordered out by higher authority. They performed their duty with honor. Meanwhile, shortly after midnight on the 15th, the North Koreans

attacked across a wide front. Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, the Eighth Army commander, was upset. "I am going to give you the Marine Brigade," he told Church. "I want this situation cleared up, and quick!"

Although the U.S. 24th Division's situation was grim, prisoners reported that the opposing NKPA 4th Division was also in poor condition, low on ammunition and supplies, and hurting in morale. Hurting or not, the enemy continued their attack on August 16, while on the United Nations side (for this was a U.N. "police action" against the Communist aggressor, it may be recalled), both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps were preparing for a new attack of their own on the 17th. It would be led by Brig. Gen. Edward Craig's 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, consisting of the 5th Marine Regiment (three battalions with only two rifle companies each), supported by a 105mm howitzer battalion from the 11th Marines and a tank company. The Marines also had their own air support—the 1st Marine Air Wing's gull-winged Vought F4U-5 Corsair fighters.

With Obong-ni Ridge ranked as objective No. 1, the plan of attack for August 17 called for the Marines to go first, with the Army's 9th Infantry providing supporting fire from Hill 125.

The Marines then would support the 9th when it launched its own attack on the ridge west of Tugok. Unfortunately, the Marine preparatory artillery fire fell beyond the objective for the most part and was ineffective. The planned airstrike was so late the Corsairs had time for just one pass at Obong-ni before the infantry moved out.

After some problems in communications—and tough fighting—massed 24th Division artillery raked Cloverleaf late in the afternoon with airbursts. The 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, then took both Cloverleaf and Tugok without difficulty, as surviving enemy soldiers fled. The 9th now could protect and support the Marine right flank. The day ended with Marines on Hills 102 and 109 and in the gully between 109 and 117. On the 24th Division's right flank, the 34th and 19th Infantry regiments had taken Ohang Hill that afternoon. About 8 p.m., four enemy tanks clanked forward toward the Marines north of Obong-ni. They were met by 75mm recoilless rifles, 3.5-inch rocket launchers and fire from two Marine tanks. Three enemy tanks were quickly destroyed. While retreating, the fourth tank was destroyed by a rocket-launcher team from Company F, 9th Infantry.

A North Korean attack that night on F Company, west of Tugok, netted 100 yards. On Obong-ni, the enemy attacked down Hill 117, splitting Marine A Company, shattering its center platoon and driving it to the bottom of the ridge. The enemy assault then sputtered and receded. They made no attempt to flank the company position, nor to attack one of its platoons that was dug in by itself. Some officers believed that the attack was designed to conceal an enemy withdrawal.

On the morning of the 18th, the Marines continued their attack along Obong-ni, and by 9 a.m., they had taken Hills 117 and 143. Enemy soldiers retreated, in full view, to the hills beyond. Before morning's end, all of Obong-ni was in Marine hands—but A and B companies now totaled only 216 men, about half their original combined strength.

Once Obong-ni Ridge had been taken, artillery, mortar and tank fire blasted away; Corsairs dove to the attack, and the enemy retreat became a rout.

While the Marines cleared the North Koreans from the ridge and nearby Hill 207, the Army's 19th and 34th regiments still struggled. But by noon on August 18, they, too, had taken their objectives, Hills 240 and 223, and sent masses of enemy soldiers fleeing toward the river. Late in that afternoon Marine and Army attacks resumed, the Marines supported by an awesome array of mortars, artillery, recoilless rifles and tanks. By the end of August 18, most of the North Korean bridgehead had been eliminated, with a fearful slaughter of the enemy.

On the 19th, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, launched the final assault: at 8:45 a.m., the Marines and 34th Infantry linked up with each other.

The price had been high. The Americans lost 137 killed, 763 wounded, 564 missing, and at least 161 non-battle casualties. Of the total, Marine casualties were 66 killed, 278 wounded and 1 missing. Many of the Army missing were later classified as dead. For example, the surgeon of the 3rd Battalion, 5th



Troops of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, advance toward the Nakdong River during the final counterassault that linked them up with the 34th Infantry on August 19.

Marines, discovered the bodies of 30 soldiers in an overrun aid station. All had been murdered by the North Koreans.

The NKPA 4th Division, however, suffered horrendously. The Americans buried more than 1,200 of their dead. Estimated to have numbered no more than 8,000 men at the beginning of the battle, the North Korean division was reported to now number about 3,500. Only the enemy's lodgement on Hill 409 remained. No effort was made to reduce it.

The U.S. 2nd Infantry Division replaced the 24th along the Nakdong. On August 31, the NKPA 2nd and 9th Infantry divisions crossed the Nakdong both north of and into the old bulge area, and the struggle started all over again. This time, the North Koreans were not driven back across the Nakdong until the final enemy retreat from the entire Pusan perimeter following the Inchon landing on September 15.

Uzal W. Ent, a retired brigadier general of the Pennsylvania National Guard, fought the North Koreans in the Pusan perimeter as a young U.S. Army officer. His article on the Nakdong Bulge is based on material gathered for his forthcoming book, *Fighting On the Brink: The Defense of the Pusan Perimeter*. Other readings: *South to the Nakdong, North to the Yalu*, an official U.S. Army history by Roy E. Appleman; *The Forgotten War*, by Clay Blair.



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The commander of the U.S. Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, Lt.Gen. Henry H. Shelton, passes the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) colors from outgoing commander Maj.Gen. PAUL E. BLACKWELL to the new division commander, Maj.Gen. JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO. Yes, that's a 1st Cav. patch on Gen. Shelton. U.S. Army Photo.



May we talk? Convention sites? And selection of same? If you haven't been watching, then you may not have noticed - hotels are getting harder and harder to come to terms with - the competition between convening groups has become most keen in recent years. Simply, it's because more groups are meeting. Gone are the days when Joe Six-pack could stand up at our business meeting and nominate "Scottsdale, AZ for next year's site." Then we'd all vote, without knowing a damned thing about Scottsdale and worse, without having a member with 150 miles of the place who might serve as Chair. But Scottsdale it would be - and then some poor fella would get the detail. He'd have to go to Scottsdale and find the right hotel, etc., etc. As we were saying, it calls today for the application of a little common sense. First we pick a cit for a plurality of reasons - availability via airplanes, hotels we can look at, outside attractions to make the city worth our trouble, etc. Then we have to go to the city, check each of the hotels, and try to negotiate on prices - and then sign a contract to clinch the deal - and all of this mind you at least one full year and better still two full years before our convention date. In the case of Colorado Springs, Reunion Coordinator, BOB ENDER and yours truly flew into the town for 4 work days in early summer of 92, checking out 6 of the best hotels, and arguing available dates and room and meal rates, all preliminary to settling upon the Red Lion. Granted we missed on the body count, dictating an overflow on into those other hotels - but that was because we were off on our educated guess as to how many of our folks would show. This means obviously that more people came than expected - leaving us each year with the need to expand our estimates.

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need to expand our estimates. Gauging a year in advance as to how many of our gang will show up at an affair is like answering the question, "How long is a piece of string". We simply don't know - so we only make an educated guess. Were we to ask 4000 members a year in advance, "Will you be at Colorado Springs next year?", we'd get back replies only from about 60 - 70 members - and that, chums, is a Hell of a way to run a railroad.

But to go back to the beginning. Why not the membership to have the privilege of voting on a site?

Let's say, Yes, by all means, provided there were members who would come to the business meeting and make intelligent pitches for Scottsdale or Tallahassee or Providence or wherever. By pitch, we mean come with sufficient info on a specific hotel with data as to best possible rates for rooms and meals.

We can look back on past business meetings - we've watched about 45 of them - and the result has been mainly half-baked proposals without adequate preparation.

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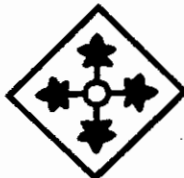
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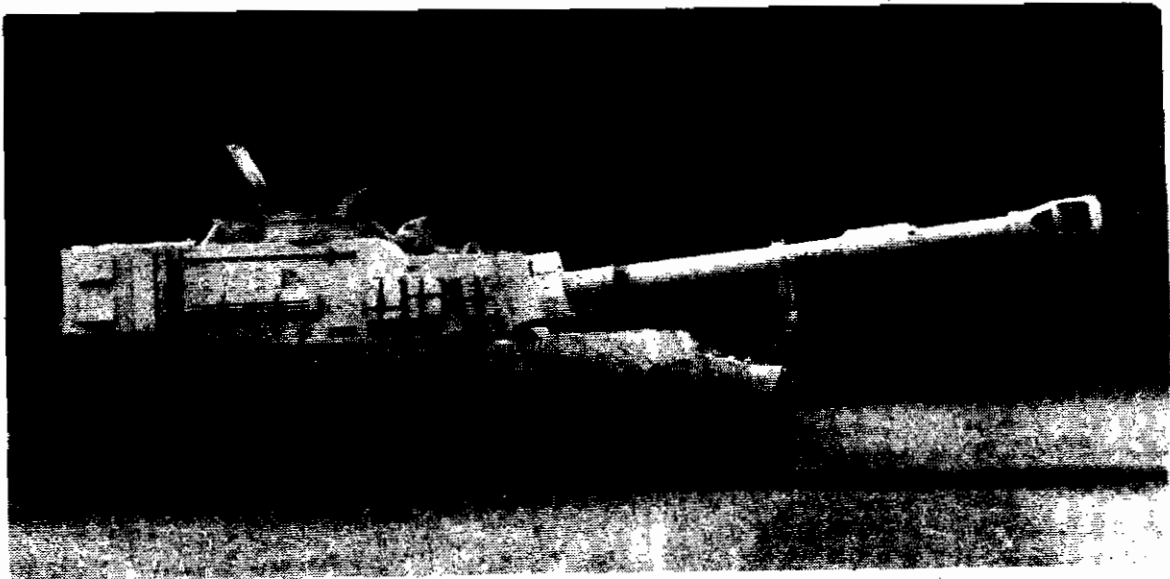
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The new Paladin 155 self-propelled howitzer charges across the field during a capability demonstration June 16 at Ft. Stewart. The 24th Infantry Division Artillery is the first direct support unit to be equipped with the Army's Paladin M109A6. U.S. Army Photo.



Ken,

Enclosed excerpt notes 24th ID record for military history -- a tribute to 18,000 troops of the Victory Division! (For the TARO LEAF.)

Barry McCaffrey

*1st Lt. James F. Dunnigan
New York
March 11/75*

The biggest move, however, was further to the west, where the elite U.S. 24th Mechanized Infantry Division raced nearly 250 kilometers in twenty-four hours, driving into the edge of the Euphrates River Valley.

The 24th's recon unit, the 24th Cavalry Squadron, led the mechanized charge across Iraq. The initial move on February 24 and 25 had brought the 24th Mech in position to cut off all Iraqi units in the developing "Basra Pocket."

Meanwhile, the 24th Mech encountered elements of "a large Iraqi infantry unit" and began a direct attack toward the Euphrates at 2:30 P.M. on February 26. At 4:40 A.M., February 27, elements of the 24th Mech (1st Armor Battalion and 2/4 Cav are given credit for being the first) reached the Euphrates. This was a record-breaking movement for a mechanized ground force in the twentieth century.

[All of the previous record moves were against light or minimal resistance and over fairly flat terrain. It's ironic to note that one of the previous records was held by a British force (mainly cavalry with some armored cars) advancing against the Turks in the Middle East during World War I.]

At 6:00 A.M. of February 27, the 24th Mech executed a huge right turn and began to attack east into the Basra Pocket. The 24th Mech crashed through scattered elements of two Republican Guards infantry divisions (and possibly a third) in battles at the Tal'il and Jalaba airfields, where resistance was minimal. The 24th Mech then encountered retreating elements of the Hammurabi Armored Division.

(Source)

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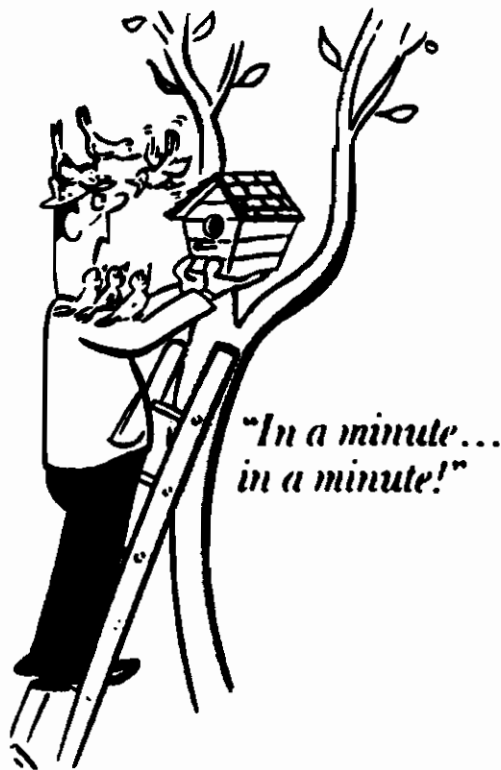
PREVIOUS FAST-MOVING MILITARY RECORDS

Force	Location	Year	Distance	Time	Per Day
24th Inf	Iraq	1991	368 km	4 days	92 km
Russia	Manchuria	1945	820 km	10 days	82 km
Britain	Megiddo	1918	167 km	3 days	56 km
Israel	Sinai	1967	220 km	4 days	55 km
Russia	Russia	1944	400 km	8 days	50 km
Germany	France	1940	368 km	12 days	31 km
Germany	Russia	1941	700 km	24 days	29 km
Allies	France	1944	880 km	32 days	28 km



In a long interview which The Patriot had with MG JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO immediately following his assumption of command, the question was asked about what impressed him most about Division when he served here before and when he comes back now. His answer:

A: The division, Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, the soldiers- all have impressed me. They impressed me when I first arrived here several years ago, and they impress me now. I think the thing that impressed me most is that even in the face of a high turnover both within the units and on the staff, specifically on the division staff, we continue to maintain a level of excellence that is certainly second to no other unit in the Army. Each year we go through a very aggressive training regiment and we go through a whole series of very demanding exercises, some of them planned, such as the exercise Bright Star in Egypt last year, some of them unplanned, for example the deployment to Somalia, and yet as we go through these things we do an excellent job, even though we are going through with a relatively new group of officers, NCOs and soldiers. I left here a year ago and with me a whole series of senior officers left, and we had a complete turnover in the division staff. Last year the division did a wonderful job in a variety of demanding events with what was essentially a new team. This year I come back, and we are in the process of building a new team again, and we are going to be faced with a new series of demanding trials, again some planned some unplanned. I am confident, because of what has gone on in the past, that the new group that is coming in will learn from what happened last year, will take advantage of those people who are staying, and we will again do extremely well in whatever challenges we have to face in the coming year. I guess the short answer to your question is what impressed me most is the quality of our Army, because we continue to get great people who are able to maintain the high level of excellence already established by those who were here before.



A word on that "Division History".

We simply haven't been able to finish it off.

The work of editing our paper and administering the 101 jobs coming our way as secretary and as treasurer have consumed our time - almost our full time - and almost the full time of this law office, including the services of faithful secretary, Beverly Corris.

To finalizing the history on top of all else has simply proved to be an utter impossibility - for which our humble apologies.

The minister prayed, "Protect us from members of this church who, when it comes to giving, stop at nothing."

From JIM MACK's "Trivia Box"

F.E. Smith, a famous British trial lawyer was once interrupted by a judge: "Mr. Smith, you have been talking now for ten minutes, and I am none the wiser."

"None the wiser perhaps, M'Lud," replied Smith, "but better informed."

We wonder sometimes if it might be said that Taro Leaf has reduced us all to the state of the British judiciary, at least with respect to "The 24th".

MG HENRY MOHR (A Btry. 11th FA 41-42) recalls the morning of Dec. 6, 1941. He was a full-fledged private with a montly pay of \$30.00. Here's what he said: "At about 0800, all hell broke loose. An explosion shook the building...Then more earth-shaking explosions, machine guns, and heavier 20mm cannon fire...It appeared that the southern half of the island was erupting and on fire. Flames and smoke from bombs, exploding warships and aircraft were billowing into the sky from Pearl Harbor, Hickam, and Wheeler fields. US P-40 fighter planes were trying to take off from Wheeler; only a few succeeded.

"From the north, a Japanese fighter-bomber swooped between the barracks at Schofield...On the plane's next pass, bullets from its machine guns etched twin lines in the pavement and sidewalks, as the pilot tried to hit men standing in the street.

"An hour after the attack started, a bugler appeared in Battery Street and sounded the 'Alert'. The war raging around us was now official."

Right proud we are of Lt.Gen. DANIEL R. SCHROEDER who was announced as the army commander on the scene at the RWANDA catastrophe.

Dan was Schwarzkopf's Chief of Staff and came with Norm 10 years ago when we met at Cincinnati.

He was a Naval Academy graduate (1961) and earned a master's degree in systems management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH. He attended the Engineer School Basic Course, the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

In Vietnam, Schroeder commanded an operational detachment with B Company, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces. He served a second tour as a logistics officer, then an operations officer, and later, assistant division engineer with the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). Recently, he served as chief of staff, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg NC before going to the Pentagon as Asst. Dep. Chief of Staff Operations. Somewhere along the line, after Bragg and before the Pentagon, he was Commandant of the Army Engineer School at Leonard Wood.

While there he showed us his magnanimity by naming the NCO Academy and Drill Sergeants School at Wood for Sgt. GEORGE D. LIBBY (3rd Eng.), a Medal of Honor recipient for his valor in Korea.

Dan didn't forget the 24th.

Our apologies, Dan, but we can't find a picture to use with this news.

Renew old friendships. Come to the Reunion!

The largest air element in the Division has a new "top gun".

In a ceremony at Hunter, command of the 24th Aviation Brigade was assumed by Col. Russell Adams.

Adams took over from Col. Anthony Jones, who now is the division chief of staff.

In a separate ceremony in front of division headquarters, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield welcomed a new assistant division commander for maneuver.

Brig.Gen. David Weisman - his uniform displaying the silver stars he'd received only hours earlier when he was "frocked" to that rank - watched as guidons representing division units blew in the breeze, volleys blasted from salute battery cannons and his predecessor thanked division soldiers for making his time here memorable.

The outgoing ADCM, Brig.Gen. John Maher, has been reassigned to Fort Benning GA as the post's assistant commanding general and assistant commandant of the Army's Infantry School there.



"IT'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED
... BUT NOT VERY MUCH"

*"The worst thing about
retirement is having to drink
coffee on your own time."*

WHATZIT?

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

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DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET?

Col. JOE O'LEARY, aide-de-camp to MG JAMES A. LESTER in the Kokura days, 1/46-6/48, sends us this delightful "I was there" bit:

"As we moved into Japan in late '45, many of the units found that their top non-commissioned officers had sufficient oversea service points to be rotated statesides. These jobs were filled with younger, less experienced NCO's. Many had moved to Japan fresh from the jungles of the Philippines and were more than ready to take advantage of the new surroundings. The glamour of the local 'ladies of the evening' were an exciting change.

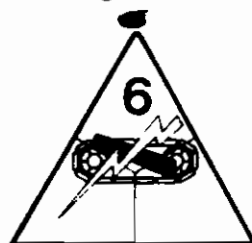
"Without the guidance and control usually given to the troops by the senior NCOs, the incidence of VD began to skyrocket. To cope with the problem General Lester assembled the first three graders at various unit headquarters and initiated what he believed to be a well planned program. The surgeon would speak of the physical aspects of having VD. The chaplain would address the moral aspects. The General, in his role as 'father' to the young men, would speak as father to son.

"Unfortunately, he concluded his first gathering with the statement, 'You young men have just got to find something better.' There was a short pause, after which one of the new NCO stood up and said, 'General, there ain't nothing better.' There followed much laughter, chaos and a hasty retreat.

"As his aide-de-camp, I received instructions to revise the format before the next gathering - which I did."



Don't forget - for our Friday night gathering the dress is Hawaiian - shirts for the boys, muu-muus for the gals - as wild as you've got. Maybe a prize for the wildest couple.



Another toughie. What armored division was this one? No prizes. But if you have or had a buddy who wore that yellow, red and blue patch, ask him to contact Ed Reed and join their association. Ed's at

Sixth Armored Div.Assoc.
Box 5011
Louisville KY 40255

Whatzit?: Scrambled eggs on toast



TAPS

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

Helen STARR
died April 1994
was wife of JOHN G. STARR
(3rd Eng.C Co. '41-'44)
John is at 15042 Killian St.,
Van Nuys CA 91411

ERVIN E. MCMILLIN
died July 30, 1994
was K 19th Korea
Reported by CLAUDE C. CRIST, JR.
(Hv. Mort. Co. 21st 9/48
and Task Force Smith)
Claudette, wife of Ervin,
is at PO Box 1165, Hebron
OH 43025

Brig.Gen. LORIS R. COCHRAN
Asst.Div.Commander, Korea
'55-'56
died April 25, 1993

Col. ANTHONY L.P. WERMUTH
CO, 3rd Bn., 21st '53
CO, 1st Bde., Germany '63-'64
died May 4, 1992

DONALD A. RIMBY
died July 11, 1994
Don was I & R Plat. 34th Hq.Co.
and Serv.Co. 34th 43-46
His widow, is at 140 18th St.
Fond Du Lac WI 54935
Reported by VICENTE SYDIONGCO

MARSHAL T. BOYCE
died July 2, 1994
was Co.B. 3rd Eng. '42-'45
Marshall was from Aztec NM
87410
Reported by V.R. CHAMBERS
(B 3rd Eng. '42-'45)

Col. DONALD MCCONNELL
died May 18, 1994
Korea

JOHN J. GRIFFIN, SR.
died July 19, 1994
was 19th 3rd Bn. 2/44-1/46
His widow, Olive, at
1520 Seling Av.,
Baltimore MD 21237

ANTHONY T. SMITH
died July 3, 1994
was WW II 10/42-12/45
His widow, Maria,
at Rt. 1, Box 134,
Good Thunder MN 56037.

JAMES P. DAUL
believed deceased
was F 5th RCT 1/52-9/53
James and wife, Beverly,
were formerly of
450 W.Glebe Rd. Alexandria VA
22305.
Reported by ALBERT MCADOO

**Remember
like it
was
yesterday.**

A sad, sad story - with a most unusual ending.

We had an inquiry from the Center for the Study of the Korean Conflict, telling us that they were in receipt of an inquiry from one Frank Foxx asking for information about his brother, TOPEL "Toby" FOXX (C 19th) who was KIA on 4/22/51. We ran an item on this in our pages.

Almost immediately, we received two replies - one from LEON HAMLIN, of Oklahoma City, and one from JOSEPH LAPALM, of Safety Harbor FL - both C of the 19th.

The stories were closely alike.

Here's how Joe LaPalm reported it:

"From all indications, Fox was in my squad in Charlie Company 3rd platoon Apr. 22, 1951. At the time, I had just been put in charge of the Squad. As to his first name, I have no recollection but from all indications the Fox in my Squad may have been the one in question.

"At the time, we were located in what was later called the Punch-Bowl area. We were setting up in preparation for the Spring offensive which started on April 27th. Charlie Company was dug in along with some mechanized support awaiting the attack. My Squad was called on to move out about 1 mile ahead of our main line of resistance to set up a listening post. We were ordered to await contact with the enemy and to then move back to warn the main unit of the impending attack.

"I set the Squad up on a narrow elevated finger which gave us the best observation and defensive position and which also gave us the best security if hit. The weather was bad, raining, and by the time we were dug in darkness fell.

"Knowing the precarious position we were in, I had advised everyone of the password we were given and that no one was to leave their holes during the night for any reason unless enemy contact was made and the command to pull back to our main line was given. What took place that night was one of the mishaps of war. Two to three hours into the night, for some reason or another, Fox left his hole, threw a poncho over his head, and moved out above ground level to make contact with men in the hole next to him. One of our own Squad members, seeing him approaching against orders and thinking it was the enemy moving, shot him. His death would have to be listed under KIA by friendly

fire. The man who shot him went charging back to the main line screaming and in total shock after finding out it was one of our own. He was sent back to the rear due to being in a state of mental breakdown. It was later learned from Fox's hole partner that he left his position to find out what time it was.

"I'm not sure 100% that this is the same Topel Foxx in question but may well be. He was about 6' tall 175 lbs. and had blondish colored hair.

"At last year's reunion, I met another one of our Company men, ARNOLD R. YOSHIKAWA of 24616 Marbella Av., Carson CA. We were recalling old memories of the war and Fox's mishap came up. He was not in the Squad but was back on the main line and was aware of Fox's accidental shooting. Arnold is planning on being in New Orleans. He may be able to verify Fox's first name."

And here's the story as LEON HAMLIN gave it to us:

"There was a Pfc. Fox in my squad. He told me I may be wrong, that he was from Mexico MO. We became good friends. I was with Fox when he was killed and I believe the date is correct. The Squad that he and I were assigned to was sent out to set up an out post about a mile from our company. We had with us a medic and a radio man. Fox was killed accidentally by one of our squad members who had mistaken him to be a North Korean. It was during the hours of darkness and these kinds of accidents happened quite often in combat. He was killed instantly and did not suffer.

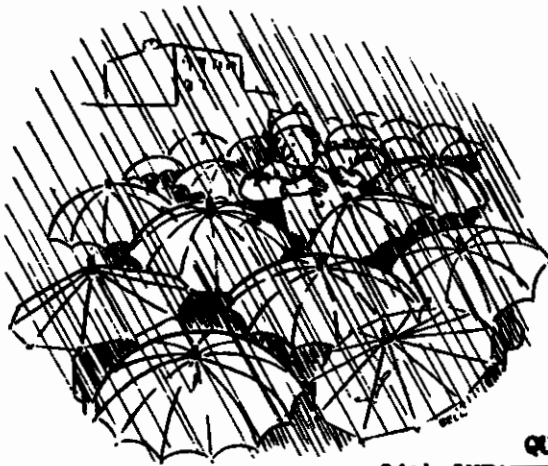
Immediately after this accident, we were forced to withdraw back to our company area. The young soldier who shot Fox became very hysterical at what had happened. With all the commotion it gave our position away to the North Koreans. We did not leave Foxx behind. We carried him back to the company area and we had to fight our way back. I am sure he was turned over to graves registration. I only hope his body was returned back home properly. His family can be very very proud of him. He was a darned good trooper and a very good friend of mine. I am very very sorry what happened to him and I often think about him. I was only 21 years old and now I am 65 years old. Please forgive my handwriting and mistakes. This was hard to write about and I am a very emotional person. I hope I have been helpful."

The reports were upsetting enough as to justify our reporting back to the center along with the suggestion that they may think it well not to relay the grim story back to brother, Frank.

Came back the reply, agreeing with the suggestion, but advising that in the meantime Frank Foxx had passed away. So poor Frank was spared the truth on his brother's last moments in this vale of tears.

We warned you that it was a sad, sad story.

Grateful are we for Joe and Leon taking the time to give us the gory details.



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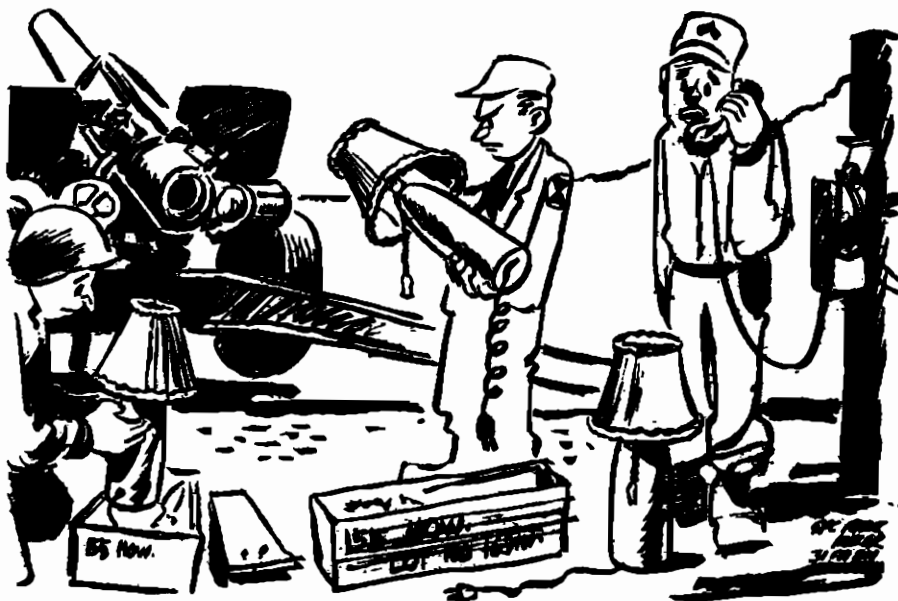
Name: James H. (Jim) Griffin

Address 11800 Grant Rd., #3701
Cypress, Texas

Unit Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 19th Years 1949 and 1950 zip 77429

Wife's name _____

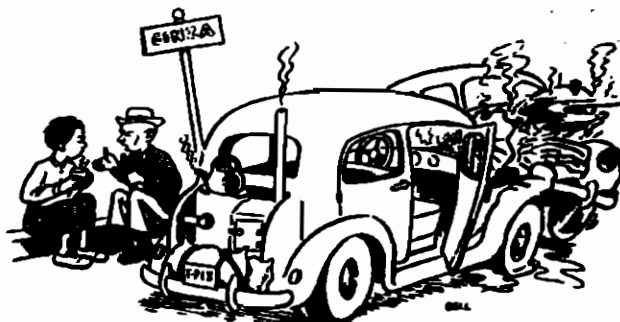
Tell us about yourself! I was one of the 1st in the 19th to
go ashore at Pusan. I fought at Taegu, Taejon and the
Pusan Perimeter. wounded on July 20th and Sept. 50 .was w/
Gen. Dean, in Taejon on July 20th. I retired from military in
1966. Spent 20 yrs, as a federal marshal and working now in
corp security. nope to see ya in sept in no's.



"Hello service battery? You better get hold of some ordinance people and come on up here. Somebody's fouled up somewhere!"

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The year starts for everyone on August the first - and runs to July the thirty-first.



CEREMONIAL TEA

That's Life!

It's Father and Son Night down at the old corral.

Newly joined are Dad, Lt.Col. JOHN F. MCNULTY, JR. and Son, JOHN F. MCNULTY III.

Dad and Mary are retired at 162 Old Landing Rd., Ocean City MD 21842 - a beautiful spot. They had 6 including John III. Dad was XO and CO of the 21st in Munich '60-63.

John III and Margaret are at 2906 Castle, Pearland TX 77581, where he's with Continental Airlines. III was B Co. 724th Ord. in Augsburg '60-'62.

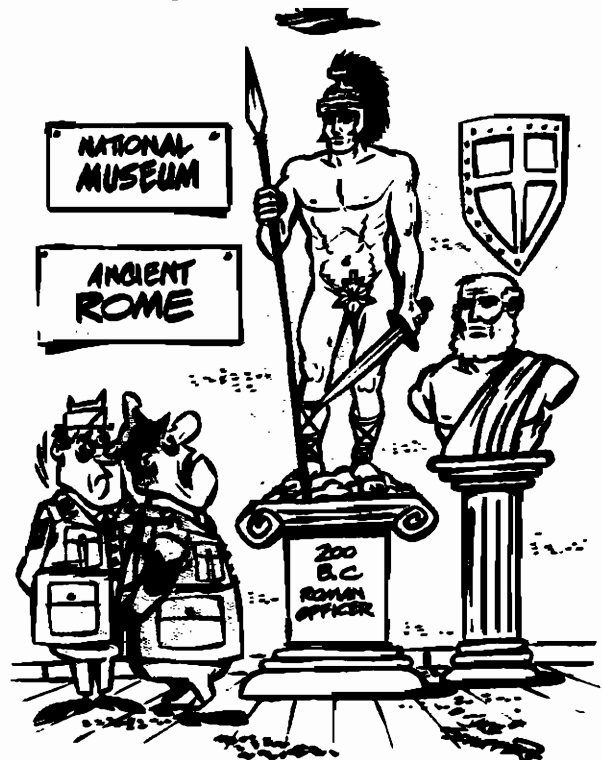
So you see both Johns served together in the Division at the same time. A record?

III found us initially, writing: "I got your name and address from the Prodigy Veterans Bulletin board on Memorial Day. I was interested in finding out more, and possibly obtaining two applications for membership. My father was also in the 24th Division and I would like to surprise him with membership for his birthday. We both were in the 24th at the same time, he in Munich Germany and I in Augsburg. I am looking forward to hearing from you."

A most pleasant surprise, Jr. and III - and we heartily welcome you both into our very elite club.

THAT SPECIAL SEASON

Hats off to FRANCIS FORTON (A 19th 12/50-10/51). He sends us a \$50.00 contribution from 2094 Birchview Dr., Kewadin MI. Thank you so much, Fran. He adds a P.S. to his note: "By the way, has the Association considered forming state sub-organizations? Some groups are doing this with great results." We tried it 37-47 years ago, Fran, and it was one heck of a job to keep them going. Each one requires a real mover and a shaker or you're dead in the water.



"I don't know much about Roman rank, but I'd guess he is a Major."

LOOK

There's talk in the Pentagon of reducing the Army to a 10-division active force.

Okay, wise fellow, which two will get the axe?

We'll print any pearls of wisdom coming forth on this hot topic.

Here's the starting lineup; who, or which, will make the cut?:

1st Infantry Division (Mech.)

A two-brigade division based at Ft. Riley KS

1st Armored Division - A Germany-based division that will temporarily lose one brigade. It would regain a three-brigade structure when state-side heavy divisions are deactivated.

1st Cavalry Division - A three-brigade division based at Ft. Hood TX

2d Infantry Division - A two-brigade division based in Korea. It would expand to three brigades, with the additional brigade to be based at Ft. Lewis WA.

2d Armored Division - A two-brigade division based at Ft. Hood. It would gain a third brigade when stateside heavy divisions are deactivated.

3d Infantry Division (Mech.) - A two-brigade division based in Germany. It would expand to three brigades when state-side heavy divisions are deactivated.

4th Infantry Division (Mech.) - A two-brigade division based at Ft. Carson CO.



"And hereafter, Weems, refer to this as the Third Poultry Storage Unit... and not 'that chicken outfit'!"

10th Mountain Division (Light Inf.) - A two-brigade division based at Ft. Drum NY. It would expand to three brigades with an additional brigade coming either from the soon-to-deactivate 6th Infantry Division (Light) in Alaska, or the brigade-sized 9th Regiment Combat Team at Ft. Lewis

24th Infantry Division (Mech.) - A three-brigade division based at Ft. Stewart GA.

25th Infantry Division (Light) - A three-brigade division based at Schofield Barracks HI.

82d Airborne Division - A three-brigade division based at Fort Bragg NC.

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) - A three-brigade division based at Ft. Campbell KY.

DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!

"Fun story" from LEW HOWELL (D 21st '47-'48) of 215 C. East Orchard, Santa Maria CA. Seems that they had engaged a local Kumamoto entrepreneur to provide a supply of the Taro Leaf patch. They arrived but the "reds and greens faded with the slightest moisture so most of the company went patchless for a spell. Only Capt. GEORGE NOBLE wore a 29th Division patch on his right shoulder - (ETO service). Sgt. RAYLE wore the 33rd Div. patch (his WW II service). So it was situation normal - even in Kumamoto.



"Heh, heh—we'll have to erase that part of the taped interview and do it over. Now then, seriously, what is the first thing you will say to your wife when you see her again??"



I Can't Find Him!

WHATZIT?

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

DEAF EAR

► Solution on next page

ALBERT J. SILVERSTEIN (E 21st 12/46-3/48) of 89 Harding Dr., New Rochelle NY 10801 would like to hear from anyone who served with him in E 21st at Camp Wood, Kumamoto, Japan from 12/46 to 3/48 especially GEORGE VOUCAS, BILL RIFKIN, CALVIN CREESON, DON LEE MYATT, NORMAN PORCH, and DELMAR GRUMBOIS.

Can anyone help Al.

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WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE THAT SERVED
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JUST JOINED YOU GUYS, HOPE TO BECOME
A LIFE MEMBER, PLANING ON MEETING SOME
OF YOU IN N.O.,

Whatzit?: Turn a deaf ear

Another unique story for
our pages.

WALTER J. PUGH (G 34th -
WW II) passed away in '59.

Now comes his son,
Joseph Pugh, who writes us
from 7111-F Rock Ridge Lane,
in Kingstowne VA 22315.

Joe is looking for
Sgt. ROGER WILLIAMS.

Joe has a part of a dollar
bill - torn in half lengthwise.
His half is signed by
ROGER WILLIAMS, LaCrosse, WI.

And he'd like to find
Roger and the other half
of that bill.

Roger, where art thou?



You'll enjoy this one - snitched from the April '94 issue of Proceedings, the Navy magazine:



As a field adviser in 1965, then-Major Schwarzkopf helps carry a wounded South Vietnamese paratrooper toward medical assistance. His incredible sensitivity toward suffering on the battlefield never left him during his long Army career, and was clearly apparent during Operation Desert Storm.

Schwarzkopf the Man

By Lieutenant General
Bernard Trainor,
U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Schwarzkopf is a complicated man, the son of a famous and relatively successful father and an alcoholic mother. He cast his self-image in terms of his father's rectitude and sense of purpose—a puritanical strain. He wanted to measure up as a man of character, honor, and accomplishment. He accepted his mother's alcoholism with the stoicism of his generation for such "family problems." The fiction of family normalcy was maintained and the accompanying dismay and anger were kept submerged. Schwarzkopf, a man of giant proportions, had bonhomie to match. He was outgoing, gregarious, charming, and blessed with a good sense of humor. These attributes served him well throughout his career, and were his greatest assets when he was in the limelight during the Gulf War.

Military life, which he dearly loved for both its pomp and its challenges, was his passion. It provided structure and purpose to his life. Often, his idealized image was undermined by the realities of that life. The institution and those who served did not always conform to the ideal. He saw bureaucratic ineptness and venality that angered him. But accustomed to making allowances for human frailty in his family life, Schwarzkopf focused on his ideal rather than its betrayal. In his early years as an Army officer he was ever the diligent and obedient officer, unquestioning of authority.

Schwarzkopf's experiences in Vietnam changed all that as it did for many of his generation of officers. He was an adviser to the South Vietnamese paratroopers during his first tour in 1965 and relished that assignment. Like most Americans who went to Vietnam early in the war, he was ennobled by the role

he was playing to stop the advance of communism and protect a budding democracy. That had all changed by 1969, when he returned. The war was floundering along with rising casualties and little sense of purpose. The crusade had turned into an ordeal. Most combat officers adjust psychologically to battlefield carnage. It is nature's way of warding off madness. But Schwarzkopf was incredibly sensitive to the suffering of his soldiers. He would choke with tears when he visited his wounded men in field hospitals. Later his sensitivity to casualties manifested itself in the Gulf when he almost physically recoiled from the thought of giving the order to attack the Iraqis.

Schwarzkopf's attitude toward his profession was also challenged in Vietnam. "I slowly realized that I'd have to think long and hard before ever going to war again. The Army would get ready to send me and I'd have to stop and ask, 'Is it worth it,'" he confesses in his autobiography. This same question seemed to haunt him years later in the weeks preceding Desert Storm.

Schwarzkopf was assigned as an infantry battalion commander in the Americal Division on his second tour. The Americal was considered the worst Army unit in Vietnam. The infamous My Lai massacre was committed by its members. Ironically enough it was also the division in which Colin Powell, later Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, served during his second round in Southeast Asia.

Schwarzkopf saw the results of indifferent and callous leadership during this assignment. He was "heartsick," as he writes in his autobiography. His rage at perceived incompetence or injustice was always close to the surface. Periodically he would be unable to contain it and he would explode. "I had to be a complete son of a bitch to get any results, which often entailed losing my temper five or six times a day. Being calm and reasonable just didn't work," he states in *It Doesn't Take a Hero* (Bantam, 1992). Like Jekyll and Hyde, the normally charming and affable future four-star general could turn tempestuous under the proper stimulus. His tendency to do so became more pronounced after his experience in Vietnam convinced him that his natural proclivity had its virtues.

Schwarzkopf's violent temper became well known in the Army as he made his way up the ladder to senior rank. Lieutenant General Calvin Waller, a man as big as

Schwarzkopf himself, served under him four times, including service as his deputy in the Gulf. "It was just Norm's way," he said. "I never took his outbursts seriously. He usually blew his stack at incompetent staff officers who either didn't do what he had asked or did it in a half-assed way." Unaffected also was Marine Lieutenant General Robert Johnston, Schwarzkopf's Chief of Staff at the Central Command, who said he enjoyed a perfectly professional relationship with his boss. But there is no doubt that during Desert Shield and Desert Storm Schwarzkopf terrorized his headquarters subordinates. They never knew what would set him off or when it would happen. The Third Army's Lieutenant General John Yeosock, his Army component commander and the man commanding the two U.S. Army corps in the campaign, was so intimidated by Schwarzkopf that he was ineffective as both a staff adviser and commander. He was reluctant to challenge his Commander-in-Chief on even the most trivial matter.

Although Schwarzkopf's outbursts were violent, they also were short-lived and usually accompanied by repentance. Invariably, Schwarzkopf quickly forgave the target of his wrath for the perceived transgression. But his reputation as a bully is well-founded. During some of his bursts of temper he screamed that he would fire or court-martial one subordinate or another, but it is important to note that he never did. Every principal officer who came under his command during the Gulf War was still in place at its end. This is a remarkable contrast with past U.S. wars, when senior officers who did not measure up were quietly relieved of their duties and sent away. Underneath his bluff exterior, Schwarzkopf indeed was overly loyal to his subordinates and too tolerant of their shortcomings. These characteristics would prove to be a greater weakness than his temper.

General Trainor, former Marine Corps Operations Deputy and Military Correspondent of *The New York Times*, is director of the National Security Program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. This is the first of three essays that became the genesis of his book, *The Generals War* (Little, Brown), which will be published early this summer. *Proceedings* will publish "Schwarzkopf the General" in May and "Schwarzkopf and his Generals" in the June issue.

Says KERMIT BLANEY, commenting on "50 years since Hollandia": "It's funny how Christmas comes more often than Sundays used to."

JOHN LEAHY confirms that "Col." Charles A. Lindberg did in fact fly into Hollandia with a P-38 squadron. Johnny recalls seeing him back at Goodenough when he "went back and got clothing for JOCK CLIFFORD and Col. LYMAN so they could go back to the 48's on R&R."

The 21st RCT will hold its next reunion in Reno NV 13-16 Oct. '94. Infantry point of contact is Phil Burke, 1244 Susannah Blvd., Orlando FL 32803-3133. Redlegs contact Herman Critchfield, 5900 Paradise Lane, Orlando FL 32808.

W.H. "Van" VAN KIRK, (G 19th '48-'51) writes from 12751 Clay Station, Herald CA: "Retired civil service. Like restoring old cars and taking vacations." (Ed. Note: Who doesn't?)

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RUSSELL L. RICHARDS (1st Lt., C of the 3rd Eng.), and now living at 450 Portlock, Honolulu, kindly obliged us with his report. When we learned that he'd made it back to what we "fondly" remember as Hollandia, we quickly put out the appeal with a "Tell us what's it like today?" Came this newsy reply for which we say, "Russ, thanks so much":

"One more log to my fire of '50 years later.' As to your request for a few words about my recent trip to Hollandia (Jayapura), here goes: Garuda Indonesia Air could have gotten me from Honolulu to Biak, and then Hollandia. Only I came in the back door from Bali, etc. I spent the first 7 days in April at Jayapura, Sentani, Depapre, and Tanahmerah Bay. Remember 'Yank Down Under's' comment - 'Tojo let us down'. I have that paper plus other originals.

"Jayapura is a hot, dirty, loud, unattractive, small town with one main street 5 blocks long. Sentani Village is on the lake and centers near the airport; which is at the same location of the airstrip we liberated. Sentani is much preferred over Jayapura, 22 miles away, if you can do without a shower and a wash basin. You get a tank full of water and a bucket.

"I hired a car and driver and went to MacArthur's Headquarters overlooking the lake. We (3rd engineers) built it. Nothing is left but a monument where Doug's 'house' stood. Photo I took in 1944 checks out the view exactly.

"Then I went to Depapre by car and the same driver. Depapre is a small, 'modern' village just south-east of Tanahmerah Bay where we landed on 4-22-44. I walked from our landing beach to Depapre in 1944, but couldn't remember anything today. Sure wish I had that map they issued us back then. Would you know where I can get it?

"As for Tanahmerah Bay, there is a new road from Depapre, only it doesn't make it all the way yet. I think I got on line with our beach, within 1/2 mile. You can hire a small boat to get to the beach, which I did not do. I did get some great souvenirs. If any of you old dudes want more details, contact me here in Honolulu."

**HAVE A GREAT TIME
 AT THE REUNION!**

Here's a lonely one. Drop CHESTER C. ANDERSON (B 3rd Eng. '43-'45) a note at Box 15, Plevna MT 59344 and see if it doesn't make you feel good when you do.

Here's what Chet wrote, just as he wrote it:

"Hi to the 24th and most of all the 3rd Eng. Co.B.

"I have kinda gotten lost but I'll make it back.

"I have been wanting to make it to a reunion but it is kind of hopeless now.

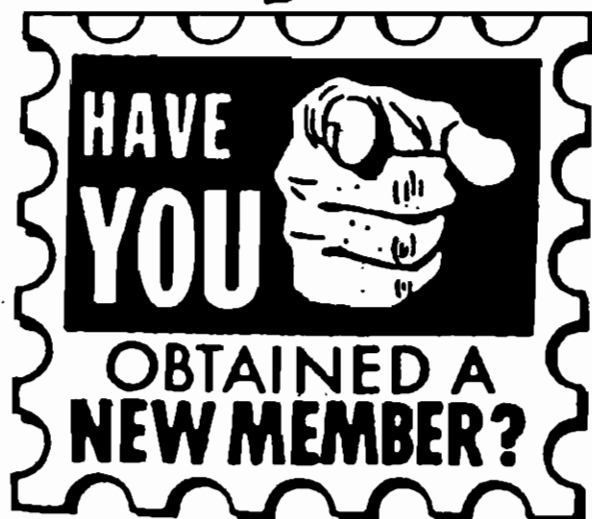
"My wife had a stroke two years ago so I've been tied down.

"I have been chief cook and bottle washer since that time. It was kind of fun but it's getting a little more like work as my health is not as good and I hit the 80 mark last April...so I'm not so young.

"I sure would like to hear from some of the boys but I have lost most of the addresses that I had and it's been a full time job around here. Maybe I'll hear from some of them again I hope.

"I like to get the Taro Leaf so I'd better keep my dues paid up.

"Keep up the good work."
Let's give Chet a bunch of mail.



Bob Hope at Hollandia? We started something. Here's RUSSELL L. RICHARDS, postcarding us from 450 Portlock Rd., Honolulu 96825: "We (3rd Eng.) had just finished building Gen. MacArthur's headquarters at Sentani (Hollandia) when Hope put on a show for us. With him was Jerry Colona F. Langford and a young gal, a dancer. Was that Jill? They spent the night at Mac's house after the show. I think we (3rd Eng.) were all that were there Aug. 1944?"

Tour the main public library on Fifth Avenue the next time you're in New York City. Unforgettable!

Plant Zucchini only if you have lots of friends.

Avoid approaching horses and restaurants from the rear.

Accept a breath mint if someone offers you one.



"Why is it so difficult for you to believe that I am kind and gentle?"



This group got together at the home of SAM and Minnie FINGER in Hiawatha KS July 22nd. The men served together in C 19th, except WALT PETERS who was in Bn. Hq. and PHILIP HOSTETTER who was Bn. Surgeon. They served in Hollandia, Leyte, Mindoro, Simar, Rhomblon, Mindanao and Manila.

Back Row: BRUCE PRICE, Anderson SC; CHARLES WIGGINS, Eureka KS; WALT PETERS, Sommerfield KS; PHILIP HOSTETTER, Manhattan KS; SAM FINGER, Hiawatha KS; Kathryn (Sue) Engles and HARRY HEILAND, York PA; BILL LONG, Wichita KS.

Front Row: Charlotte WIGGINS, Jeannette PETERS, Helen HOSTETTER, Lela Fern Currie, Powhattan KS; Minnie FINGER, Emily LONG. C 19th was DALLAS DICK's company.

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT

NOTICE:

By now, your dues for year ending August 1994 should have been paid.

We are now collecting annual dues for year ending August 1995, \$15.00.

Life Membership Payments are now being collected.

We hear a rat-a-tat fusillade. CHARLIE BRUST is sending it our way from 645 Yale Station Rd., Geneva NY. Writes Charlie: "I'm interested in information in 24th Inf.Div. Assoc. I served in Co.C Munich Germany during 1964-1965. I'd be interested in others who served in my unit during that time. Also you may give my name and address to others from same unit."

Okay, Charlie, up to a point. "Company C". What else can you tell us?

Have you noticed about our exemplary publication? - #1 - no blow-in subscription postcards (which invariably fall on the floor) - and #2 - no perfumed inserts (which make you sneeze).

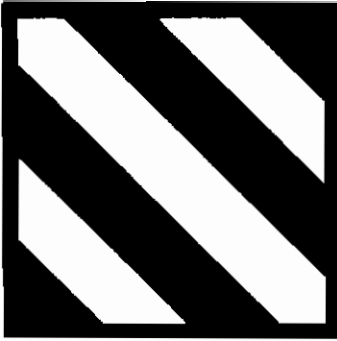
Recent call from Carolyn Farrell, 2188B Erie Ct., AAFB, Washington DC 20335. Her father, RUDOLPH BACA, 4720 Lillypad Pl., Mesilla Park NM 88047 has been trying "forever" to find JOHN W. JORGENSEN formerly of Flint MI. (John also had a father by the name of John.) Rudolph and John were 24th Sig. Germany '59-'61 at Will Kaserne. If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of JOHN W. JORGENSEN will you please contact Carolyn Farrell, Collect 301-599-9416.



We're trying hard not to allow our little magazine to become no more than a collection of want ads. How's this for an idea? Anyone wanting us to include one of those "Looking For" items has to pay a fee for the space. Good idea?



"Retreat hell—there must be a faster way out of here than that!"



Surely you recognize this one. They call themselves the "Rock of the Marne" gang. Now that's going way, way back. Try 3rd Inf.Div. And if you've a neighbor who wore the patch, ask him to contact Stanley R. Smith, 163 Lyman St., Westborough MA 01581. Stan is looking for new members.

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Buy a used car with the same caution a naked man uses to climb a barbed wire fence.

Turn enemies into friends by doing something nice for them.

JOSEPH W. TURNER (1st Bn. 19th HQ Co. 8/44-1/46) Life Member #971, formerly of 567 Forest St. N.E., Warren OH 44483. Mail returned as "Not At".

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"You never were any good at saying you're sorry!"

ONE AND ONLY.

You might've known. We were there!

Division sent help to the recent hapless Georgia flood victims.

Four serials of vehicles made the trek to the flood-ravaged city, carrying the soldiers from the 559th Quartermaster Battalion (Water Purification), 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 172nd Medical Detachment of the 559th, and the 87th Combat Support Battalion.

Equipment included water trailers, water tanks and tankers, and flood lights, generators, and other miscellaneous equipment.

The units were headquartered with the 202nd Georgia Air National Guard at the Macon Coliseum, but set up water distribution points at several sites around the city.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Story going the rounds is that LBJ, at the time a member of the House of Representatives, was the first member of Congress to get into uniform after Pearl Harbor.

Assigned to a desk job in San Francisco, he requested front-duty. By May '42, he was in the Pacific Theater.

On June 9, LBJ - by then a lieutenant commander - flew as an observer in a B-26 bomber group on a combat mission. His plane was struck by enemy gunfire, but got back to base.

The story reached Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the theater commander, who called Johnson into his office and awarded him the Silver Star "for gallantry in action," even though he had flown only as an observer on a single mission.

No other member of the B-26 crew was honored for the mission.

We are indebted - exceedingly so - to DENNIS A. MACAULAY (C 19th 3/64-8/65) of 25 Sweeney St., Naugatuck CT 06770 for a handsome load of printed stationery. You'll be seeing it as we write. Denny - your generosity knows no bounds.

"Would like to see more 5th RCT."

RONALD L. HUGHES
M 5th RCT '53-'54 'Natch
32355 Bywood
Fraser MI

DUES: \$15.00 per year;
\$150.00 for Life Membership.

NEW ORLEANS

WILLIAM M. BURG, JR.
(A 19th & Hq. Co. 19th '40-'45)
RD 1, Box 495, Hakes Hollow Rd.,
Wrightsville PA 17368, looking
for anyone who was on a double XX
Task Force in the South Pacific
in 42 or '43 on Hanning Island.
There was a Cable Station there,
a relay between Australia and the
U.S. An Australian man by the
name of Garette was in charge.

WE
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YOU TO
THE 24TH
INFANTRY DIVISION
REUNION

Spot the name of a buddy. Stop everything and drop him a line. Or better still, give him a call on the "mushee mushee".

GERALD LAWRENCE (C 34th WWII)
8100 Bear Lake Road, Stockton
NY 14784

looking for

HOWARD MILLER
of Goshen UT.

Gerald was also looking for
JACK A. GUNN (C 34th) but we
helped him out with that one.
Jack is a veterinarian at
2114 Memorial Blvd., Spfld.
TN 37172.

LAURENCE V. FRANK (M.D.
C 34d Eng. also A Co. 10/42-
10/45) Rt.3, Box 37A, Canby
MN 56220, a former Californian
now retired and living in
Minnesota, where "there's
great hunting and fishing."
His hobby is restoring vintage
cars - just started on a '24
Nash.

Anyone who made the Corregi-
dor Invasion with the 3rd Eng.
A Co. and/or anyone who
served with the Alamo Scouts,
please write him.

Brand new member,
JIM NEWKIRK
A 34th and I 19th 1/50-5/51
now at 915A Bastrop Hwy.
Austin TX 78742
looking for any of "the old
gang."

ROBBIE N. WARREN
2130 Tolane, Lofkin TX 75901
looking for WHITEY TULLOUGH
of M 19th - 1947 vintage

LOOKING FOR:

M/Sgt. JOE E. ABERNATHY, JR.
695 Center Point Rd.,
Carrollton GA 30117
Tel. 404-832-3354

K Co. 19th Inf. 5/51-3/52
(Division was replaced in
the line by the 40th in Feb.
of '52 and went back to Japan).

TONY CORIO
C & E 21st '50-'51
now at 7835 Chase Rd.
Dearborn MI
is looking for
TOMMY JUSTICE
E 21st '50-'51

RICHARD A. WOODLAND
M Co.; Hq.Co. 3rd Bn.19th
6/15-6/52
of 4601 Weckerly Rd.,
Monclova OH 43542
looking for anyone in his
I & R Sect.

JOHN H. BRUENING
6304 NE 100th Av.,
Vancouver WA 98662
is looking for buddies of
B 52nd Field WW II vintage

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Earl and Phil were up into their 80s. As lifelong friends they made a pact that whoever died first would come back and tell the other what heaven was like.

Earl died and then came back to Phil as he slept one night.

"Phil," he said, "this is Earl."

"Earl! You're back! Tell me what it's like!"

"Well," said Earl, "I get up in the morning and eat and then I have sex until noon.

"Then I eat lunch and take a nap and have sex for the rest of the afternoon. After that, I eat supper and have some more sex and then I go to sleep."

"So that's what heaven's like," said Phil.

"I'm not in heaven," said Earl.

"I'm a jack rabbit in West Texas."

The older I get, the more I appreciate such stories.



Armored vehicles support a patrol of 24th Infantry Division soldiers south of Mogadishu.

In our 48 years of existence, the Association has never received a bequest from any member, an investment in our future. If you wish to provide a bequest in your estate, you can easily arrange to do so. Simply notify your attorney to include in your will or in a codicil the statement: "I hereby bequeath the sum of \$_____ to the 24th Infantry Division Association, Inc.". Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We think we're on to something. Book of the Month Club. We get a mailing every 2 - 3 weeks. That makes 17 - 24 selections per year rather than 12. Right? Good racket!

DON SLETTEN (A 11th FA 6/41-5/45) of Rt. 2, Box 2640, Isabella MO 65676 spotted this one. We haven't intercepted too much on Division in Somalia. Thanx, Don, for this one.

BILL KEYES had a last-minute bailout from Colorado Springs-Virginia suffered a heart attack (coming along nicely) - so Bill contacted Chairman "Dutch" NELSEN - sez Bill: "Dutch was really great on the refund. Told him when he sent my refund, I'd contribute \$30.00 to the treasury." And Bill did just that. Thank you, Bill - and you take good care of Ginny.

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NEW ORLEANS



On Nov. 6th, a group of us made the trek to Worcester MA to honor the memory of Pfc. ROBERT E. MCKEON (B 21st), who was KIA at Ansong on July 5, 1950, with Task Force Smith. Bob was the first Worcester resident who was killed in action in Korea. The KWVA of Massachusetts sponsored the crafting and hanging of a most impressive bronze plaque in honor and memory of poor Bob McKeon and it graces a beautiful spot in the lobby immediately adjacent the door to the Mayor's office. Representing the Division and the Association are WARREN AVERY, ALBERT MCADOO the Editor and 5 or 6 others whose names, we are embarrassed to say, we did not catch. But named or nameless, they did proud the Division and all of its parts and all of its people.

Another "Looking For" situation: Kay CHAPIN Whitney was married to Lt. LLOYD H. CHAPIN of Div. Arty. at Hakata during '45-'47. Lloyd is deceased but Kay would like to get in touch with anyone who remembers her and Lloyd. She's at 14212 409th SE, N. Bend WA 98045 in the happy event we hit a raw nerve.

Slowly our Germany contingent is growing. Meet EDWIN GIBBS of 810 Alabama, Lawrence KS 66044. He was Hv. Mort. 19th '49-'51 but then again in '63-'66, he was A Btry., 2nd Bn. 7th Art. in Augsburg. There's a two-timer if ever there was one. Only kidding, Ed, only kidding.

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"Six rounds per burst, Mac...
just six rounds!"



It's Love Company, 34th late in September. Standing, l. to r.: MAX SCHINO, STEVE LACIKA, LEMAR BINKLEY and NICK MARASCO (who took the picture - figure that out!). Seated, l. to r.: DON HINKLE, FRANK PALERMO and LENNY KRAJEWSKI.

The 80th boys asked us to insert this - and happily we oblige: The 80th Division Association will hold their 75th Annual Reunion, August 17-21, 1994, at the Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati OH. For further information, contact William Petrollini, 20 Woodleigh Court, Youngstown OH 44511. Tel. 1-216-792-8089.



ED FITZGERALD (B 21st & 24th MP '46-'51) of 52 Osceola Av., Deer Park NY 11729, sends us this shot of the Korean Memorial in Hauppauge. It's the Suffolk County Memorial. And who is pointing to the Division patch engraved into the stone? None other than Ed himself. Ed, now retired, after 37 years in police work, last with Crimes Bureau in the District Attorney's Office, Suffolk County. And who's the DA? Our very own JIM CATTERSON, Exec. O. of B 19th in '53. Jim's office is a "stone throw" from the monument.

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"I say there are you the young man from Pennsylvania who wrote his congressman?"

UPFRONT

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CLAUDE C. CRIST, JR.
(Hv. Mort. Co. 21st 9/48) of
PO Box 985, Hebron OH 43025
recently injured his hip.
His mom and brother are not
well.

Claude wonders if anyone
knows the whereabouts of
Sgt. GEORGE F. MORROW (21st '48-
'51, Japan and Korea). George
was from Pittsburgh.

FRANK RUSZEL (34th '41-'45)
writes from 132 Blaine, Passaic
NJ: "You have omitted all page
numbers." Frankie - we heard
ya - ya got it!

Another tear jerker. A
journalist, Richard Hyatt,
called us in behalf of one
Ken Suddeth, a little Korean lad
who was befriended by and
followed some of our boys. You
know the old story - you've
seen it dozens of times. He
remembers the Pusan area. '50
in point of time. Was brought
to the states by Sgt. JOHN
SUDDETH who adopted him here
and then allegedly dropped him.
Little fellow was called "Champ"
by our men. Anyway Champ ended
up in Boy's Town - and lost
track of John, on whom we have
nary a hint of a record. Any-
one recognize the name John
Suddeth? Of course we have
zilch on him!!

'Twas Liz Taylor who said:
"Nothing goes on until the
ring goes on."

Just joined: an old medic
out of the 24th Med. Bn. - '48-'49
vintage - EARL SHEFFNER, JR.
now an attorney at Colesville
Rd., Bethlehem PA. Thanks,
BOB KIES for introducing Earl
to us.

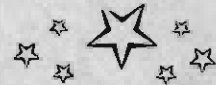
Fella writes in with a com-
plaint - too many death notices,
he says. Geez, fella, we're
sorry - can't be helped.

Fellow gave Taro Leaf a once-
over and said, "Not enough war
stories" - so okay out there,
send in your war stories if you
wanna see them in print - and
we'll keep the light on for you.

Old member - left us - now
back in as a Life Member. Who
is he? He's ALBERT "Dion" BERUBE
(C 19th '46-'47) of 60 St. Felix,
Brooklyn NY. Welcome back, Al.

Open heart surgery for
DICK WELLS (52 F '51-'52),
of 102 W. Pike, Attica IN, 47918
DON NESBETT thoughtfully called
with the news and reported Dick
doing fine.

Lt. Col. QUENTIN L. ANNAN,
USA Ret., (HQ Co. 2nd Bn. 21st
'46-'48) 1312 S.E. Linn, Boone IA
50036 would like to hear from
anyone who served in HQ Co., 2nd
Bn. 21st '46-'48. Says, "My
time in the 21st Infantry will
always be an important time in
my life."



Here's an oldie. JOHNNY FENSKE went to the bother and expense of enlarging this in a good B & W - so we do him the courtesy of using it. Where? "Stateside Club", Okayama. When? 6/5/46. Who? B of the 21st. Left to right - JACK FENSKE, Who else?, ? BISCHOFF, ???, ? BORDELON, LAVERNE GUTTU, ? DOWELL, and ? DEEDS. Anybody know anybody? Jack would love to hear from you.

JOHN J. SCHURMAN (H 19th, Hawaiian Division, '35-'36) 5 Roosevelt St., Maynard MA 01754, would like to hear from anyone who may have been in his old outfit or anyone who may remember him.

MPs from the 24th MP Co. have been in Somalia. Told ya they needed 24th types.

GLENN E. BEHREND (24th Sig. Radio Section 4/42-12/44) 204 E. 11th St., Monticello IA 52310, would really like to hear from anyone who was in 24th Sig. between 42 and 45, Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea and Leyte.

Read on a sweatshirt:

"Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at it."

SCOTT L. DEFEBAGH (Hq.Co. 24th Med.Bn. (8/51-2/53) of 6206 W.Fairlane Av., Brown Deer 53223 is looking for anyone from the 24th Medical Bn. Please call him at 414-354-6995.

RODERICK OWNS of Box 727, Bolton Landing NY is our "Member of the Month". He writes: "I have no complaints." On second thought, let's give that man a box of Mars candies and make him our "Member of the Year".

LELON LEE FREEMAN (C 34th '44-'45 - wounded at Zig Zag Pass) called us from 6220 N. Grand, Gladstone, MO just before C.S. Was going to his 50th HS party that weekend and wanted us to know. Is all for an organized tour back to the PI in '94.

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Extra! Extra!



Came this picture with this request: "Ken, will you please put these words and this picture of myself in the next edition of the Taro Leaf:

24th MP Co. & 19th E Co.
1948 through part of 1951
Do you remember this guy,
RALPH E. HEISER?

He wants to hear from you.
He's at: 3407 State Rd. 1,
Butler IN 46721.

Tel. 219-868-2390.

Thank you. Ralph Heiser."

We try to respond to each request in some way. This one we responded to a T.

PAUL J. CAIN (24th Recon & 24th MP Co. '46-'49) writes from 802C Constitution Dr., Homestead FL 33034: "Our place destroyed by Andrew. Now completely rebuilt. Florence now has everything new, except for her husband." Stay with the old one, Flo; he's a peach!



Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bjorkman

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bjorkman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday in Central Baptist Church. The couple were married April 21, 1943. Mrs. Bjorkman, the former Grace Nadine Baker, is retired from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Bjorkman is retired from the general office of Dyke Industries. They are the parents of Thomas Bjorkman of Lovettsville, Va., and have one grandchild.

For a 50th, you getcha pictures in the paper. Witness BERNIE and Nadine BJORKMAN (Sv.19th 7/44-10/45) of 2506 Wilshire, North Little Rock AR. Adds Bernie in a P.S.: "We stay busy and stay fairly healthy." Someone might add: "That's all we can ask." Congrats, folks.

At Colorado Springs, we had 36 "walk-ins" (i.e. folks not registering in advance). This raises merry-hell with the planning. Wonderful to have you join us - but golly gee, give us a break, will ya - please?

To date, a total of 1421 members have joined as Life Members in the 34 years since MG Aubrey S. Newman initiated the program on January 7, 1959. Of this number, 180 stand as deceased and a small number have been dropped for a mysterious disappearance or for a failure to make the full payment in the agreed time period.

David E. Teich Sr
284 Vaughn Street
Aurora, Colorado

Kenwood Ross, Editor
24th Infantry Division Association
120 Maple Street
Springfield, Ma, 01103-2278

Dear Ken,

Here is my 1993-94 dues.

I took a trip to Texas last March and stopped at Fort Hood. It was my original home when I was with the 744th Light Tank Bn during WW II. Sept 42 to Aug 43.

I toured the 2d Armored Division Museum and talked with the lady in charge about the 6th Tank Bn. It was a 2d Armored Div unit until the Korean War started and was sent to Korea in 1950. The exact date is unknown to me. I joined then in Nov 1950.

Anyway She gave me a brief history of the 6th Tank Bn which I am enclosing a copy for you. You might want to include it in one of your Taro Leaf's.

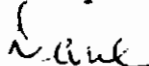
The only discrepancy I noticed was the date they assigned the unit to the 24th. They show 10 November 1951? I vaguely remember that the 6th was originally assigned to the 1st Cavalry Div and attached to the 24th. There was another Tank Bn I believe it was the 72d and it was assigned to the 24th and attached to the 1st Cav Div.

Sounds crazy but that's what I remember. Maybe the date shown is the official date the 6th was officially assigned to the 24th??

The tour of the museum was nice, I saw several pictures of the 6th Tank while supporting the 24th. The tanks were all painted as Tigers. I recognized several people and gave the museum lady their names.

That's all for now I'm looking forward to meeting you at the reunion in Colorado Springs. Incidentally, Dutch Nelson was the coordinator and setup man for the OCS reunion in 1989 at Junction City Kansas. He did one hell of a job, Great guy and his wife too.

Sincerely



David E. Teich Sr.
3rd Platoon Leader, 6th Tank Bn. Nov 1950 to Sept-1951



THE ROAD LESS
TRAVELLED

JUSTIN
GREEN

One of the worst irritations
in life is that by the time you get
it all together, you're too old
to lift it.

USE SEPARATE FORM FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION

MAIL TO:

John S. Roussel
5032 Perkins Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

First Time? _____
Yes - No

NAME: _____
Please PRINT Legibly _____ Nickname for Badge

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: _____ - _____ - _____
Area Code Checks Payable:
24th I. D. Assn.

24TH DIV. OUTFITS: #1 _____ Dates Served _____
#2 _____ Dates Served _____

Name of Wife/Guests Attending: _____

	Per Person	Number Attending	Amount
REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE (Guests Excluded)			\$ 15.00
Friday Dinner	\$22.00 ea.	* _____	\$ _____
Saturday Memorial Banquet	\$30.00 ea.	* _____	\$ _____
Sunday Farewell Breakfast	\$ 6.00 ea.	* _____	\$ _____
*NOTE: DOOR PRICES 10% HIGHER		TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ _____

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DATE _____ CONTROL # _____ SAT. TABLE # _____

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

SEND THIS
FORM TO THE
HOTEL

MAIL TO:

MARRIOTT HOTEL
555 CANAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70140
TEL. 504-581-1000 FAX 504-523-6755

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 1994

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

_____ \$72.00 One person/one bed
_____ \$72.00 Two person/one bed Plus 11% LA Sales Tax
_____ \$72.00 Two person/two beds + \$3.00/room Occupy Tax
_____ \$20.00 Each Additional Person

RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 14, 1994 may not qualify for the special group rate and will be confirmed on a space available basis.

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____

Number of Nights _____ Date of Departure _____

Rooms held only when guaranteed by major credit card or advance deposit for the first night.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

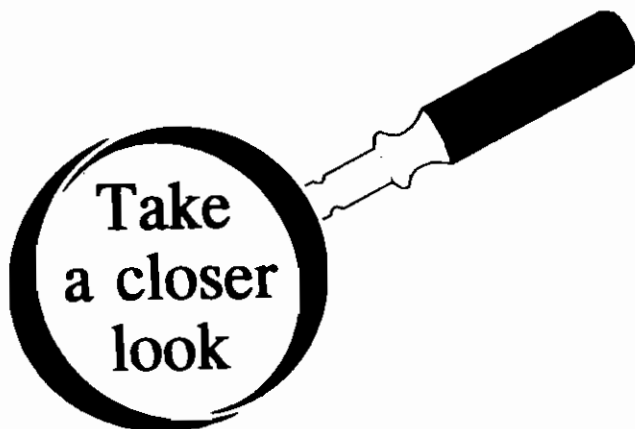
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NO. AREA _____

CREDIT CARD: _____ NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Smoking _____ Non-Smoking _____

If requested room type is not available, reservations will be made in alternate accommodations. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Check-in time after 3:00 p.m. Parking garage rate is \$8.00 per day.



at what you might be missing . . .

Wednesday
September 14, 1994

Thursday
September 15, 1994



Friday
September 16, 1994

Saturday
September 17, 1994

Saturday
September 17, 1994 (con't)

Sunday
September 18, 1994

OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES (Preliminary)

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
For early arrivals
Whirl Around the Crescent City
Lunch and Dinner on your own

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tour #2
Country Life & City Life

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour #3
Whirl Around the Crescent City
& Mardi Gras World

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tour #4
Historic French Quarter Houses

Lunch and Dinner on your own

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open
Combat Films

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tour #5
Marshes and Mansions

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tour #6
The Aquarium of the Americas
and the Port of New Orleans

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday's Gala Dinner

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open
Combat Films

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ladies Coffee and Program

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Business Meeting

Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
On your own

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Memorial Service

7:30 p.m. Banquet

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Aloha

Tour #1: Whirl Around the Crescent City

Your whirlwind tour of the Crescent City begins in the French Quarter and takes you completely around the city, showing all of the colorful and historical areas, including a hands-on visit to one of our unusual cemeteries. Tour includes tour guide; transportation; Complete City Tour, taxes and gratuities. Wednesday, September 14, 1994; 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; \$15 per person.

Tour #2: Country Life and City Life

Today you'll be transported to one of the most notable estates in the United States - Longue Vue House and Gardens. This estate, which encompasses eight acres right in the heart of the city, has fabulous gardens which are designed for year-around appeal, as well as a beautiful home that was fashioned after the great country homes in England. Before departing for the country, a garden luncheon will be served. Next, the motorcoach departs for the country to visit San Francisco Plantation. The home has been completely and painstakingly restored and authentically furnished, and is a brilliant example of the life-style that ended with the Civil War. Tour includes motorcoach transportation, licensed tour guide, admission to Longue Vue House and Gardens and San Francisco Plantation, all taxes and gratuities, and lunch. Thursday, September 15, 1994; 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; \$35 per person.

Tour #3: Whirl Around the Crescent City and Mardi Gras World

Your whirlwind tour of the Crescent City begins in the French Quarter and takes you completely around the city, showing all of the colorful and historical areas, including a hands-on visit to one of our unusual cemeteries. End your journey with a tour of the factory that creates the world-famous Mardi Gras floats. Tour includes tour guide; transportation; Complete City Tour, admission to Mardi Gras World including a video presentation, King Cake and refreshments; taxes and gratuities. Thursday, September 15, 1994; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; \$22 per person.

Tour #4: Historic French Quarter Houses

Walking around New Orleans' historic French Quarter is a visual delight. The architecture is a blend of French and Spanish and the muted pastels which color the narrow facades of the houses bring to mind a Mediterranean setting. Today you'll gain entrance into a private world of three of these houses, all historic, all reflecting the life styles from three different periods of New Orleans' history. Light refreshments will be served at one of the homes. Tour includes admission to three historic homes, a guided walking tour of the French Quarter, tour guides, refreshments, taxes, and gratuities. Thursday, September 15, 1994; 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; \$20 per person.

Tour #5: Marshes and Mansions

A comprehensive tour of one of the most photographed and famous ante-bellum homes, Oak Alley, and an exciting venture into an authentic Louisiana swamp has been planned today. A plantation luncheon will be served as this is an all day adventure. Tour includes transportation, tour guide, admission to Oak Alley and a Swamp Tour, lunch, taxes and gratuities. Friday, September 16, 1994; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; \$50 per person.

Tour #6: The Aquarium of the Americas and The Port of New Orleans

The Aquarium of the Americas is one of New Orleans' newest and most popular attractions. It is a state-of-the-art facility, featuring five major exhibits: The Caribbean Reef; the Amazon Rain Forest; Living in Water; the Mississippi River; and the Gulf of Mexico. After this fascinating tour of the Aquarium, you will board an authentic steam-powered paddlewheeler for a two-hour excursion of the second largest port in the United States. While on board, passengers can enjoy a delicious New Orleans style buffet on their own. Tour includes admission to the Aquarium of the Americas and Natchez Steamboat, tour guide, taxes and gratuities. Thursday, Friday, September 15, 1994; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; \$25 per person.

MAIL TOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO:
JOHN S. ROUSSEL
5032 PERKINS ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70808
(504)766-2234

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

		NUMBER OF TICKETS	AMOUNT
Wednesday Sept. 14th	Tour #1 \$15.00 p/p 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Whirl Around the Crescent City (For Early Arrivals)	_____	_____
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	Tour #3 \$22.00 p/p 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Whirl Around the Crescent City and Mardi Gras World	_____	_____
	Tour #4 \$20.00 p/p 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Historic French Quarter Houses	_____	_____
Friday Sept. 16th	Tour #5 \$50.00 p/p 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Marshes and Mansions	_____	_____
	Tour #6 \$25.00 p/p 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Aquarium of the Americas and the Port of New Orleans	_____	_____
Saturday Sept. 17th	Ladies Coffee & Program \$6.00 p/p 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. History of New Orleans	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ALL TOURS WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 40 PERSONS. IF THE
MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS NOT MET, THE TOUR MANAGEMENT
COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE TOUR.

LETTERS

ANNUAL DUES: \$15.00

The year starts for everyone on August the first - and runs to July the thirty-first.

NAME - LEO J. LANGE

ADDRESS - 3116 TWIN OAKS DRIVE
JOLIET, IL. 60435

UNIT - 24TH M.P. Co. E 34TH HQ. Co. YEARS 1947-51

WIFE'S NAME - DOLORES

TALK US ABOUT YOURSELF - MARRIED (40) YEARS, (4) CHILDREN, (2) GRANDCHILDREN. RETIRED FROM CATERPILLAR TRACTOR Co 1985 WITH 35 YEARS SERVICE, AS A SUPERINTENDENT. SERVED IN THE DIVISION FROM 1947 - 1951. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM OTHER TROO-LEAFERS.

Name: WILLIAM E. STOKER

Address 910 S E LEHIGH AVE. #9K

DENVER, COLORADO

zip 80237

Unit C.I. 19TH INF. Years 1929-1942

Wife's name DORIS J. STOKER

Tell us about yourself! DISCHARGED OCT 5, 1945

RETIRED FROM COLORADO STATE PATROL

WITH 31 YRS. SERVICE - SELF EMPLOYED

12 YRS AS CONSULTANT - RETIRED

Name: EUGENE SCHUMACHER

Address 117 STADIUM DR

JOLIET IL

zip 60435

Unit S.R.C.T. Years "51-52"

Wife's name MARILYN

Tell us about yourself! EX MEAT CUTTER 30 YRS A.P.

SUPERVISOR STATEVILLE CORR. CENTER 10 YRS

6 YRS U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (SOME TO BE RETIRED)

GOLF, GARDEN, FISHING, BASEBALL

5 SONS, 3 GRANDSONS

Last Word

Forty-nine years ago, almost to the very day, I, sitting on a log on the beach at Taloma, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, participated in the parturition of this Association. And I've been working for it ever since.

For nigh onto 50 years, this Association and its Division have been my love.

Now, after some 250 Taro Leaf issues, it is time to do something different, so I'm going to leave.

This has been a marvelous job in a magnificent organization. I have been incredibly lucky, deeply grateful for and truly appreciative of the fact that you chose to read what I have inflicted upon you over the years.

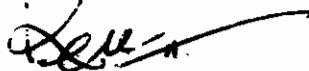
I cannot go on without first a tribute to my gal, Beverly Corris, who has been faithfully beside me through 37 of those years whilst together we performed the myriad duties of secretary, treasurer and editor that the ship would stay afloat. I could not have done it alone.

And I'd be remiss if I did not acknowledge the pleasure which has been all mine in receiving and filing away the plaudits which so many of you - literally beyond counting - have directed my way.

And now as the twilight shadows deepen, I have become acutely aware that I have had few privileges so valuable as the privilege of being of service to people like you.

I remain your humble, if somewhat recalcitrant, servant and bid you an affectionate au revoir.

Faithfully,



KENWOOD ROSS