

24th Infantry Division Association



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FIRST TO FIGHT

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.

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	10,658
1st Cavalry Division	3,811	12,088
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.



2nd Infantry Division



7th Infantry Division



24th Infantry Division



3rd Infantry Division



5th Regimental Combat Team



8th Army



187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team



40th Infantry Division



1st Marine Division



1st Cavalry Division



25th Infantry Division



5th Air Force

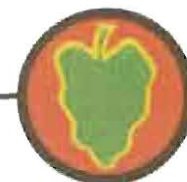


45th Infantry Division



1st Marine Aircraft Wing

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Letter from the President

Once again I am proud to serve another year as your President and will continue to keep the membership informed of happenings in the Association. My best means of communication with the membership on an expedient basis is by e-mail. If you have been getting my announcement, that means I have your e-mail address. If you have not received any e-mail correspondence from me recently that that could mean I don't have your e-mail address or you have changed ISP so I lost communication with you and would need your e-mail address. This year's newly elected officers are myself as President, Carmello Frank Geraci, Vice President and Donald E. Maggio, Secretary/Treasurer.

This year's reunion seemed a great success. I welcome the 27 First Timers at this reunion and I hope they all enjoyed themselves and will make the reunion in Indianapolis. Everyone I talked to agreed it was a great location with everything within walking distance for those who liked to walk. Even I managed to get out to walk to the Liberty Bell and Constitution Hall. A great BIG thank you to Sam Slater and his family for the outstanding programs they put together. There were so many that donated items and food to the reunion that it is hard to mention all of them. In particular, I would like to thank Boy Scout Troop #305 for their participation in the presenting and retrieving of the Colors. I want to thank and congratulate Amanda Merschen, a 3rd year Rowan University Student, who sang the National Anthem while colors were being presented and then sang "God Bless America" when they were retired and those in attendance who joined her in the singing. The Ajax Auto Glass and Mitchell Family generously donated 24th IDA Philadelphia Reunion Commemorative and Philadelphia Korean War Memorial T-shirts. Donna's Danceworks for their performance at the Ladies Breakfast. Finally I found out what a Mummer was. Members of the Philadelphia Mummers performed at the Aloha Banquet and really put on a Show. I understand the Mummers have strutted every New Years Day in Philadelphia for 102 years in their elaborate, sequined and feathered costumes playing their upbeat music, dance routines and of course the Mummers Strut.

More good news, I think we finally settled everything with the IRS with just the small penalties and fines for the non-payment of FICA taxes for the period Yvonne Mullins and Will Schumaker drew wages. All fines and penalties for failure to submit the 2001 and 2002 tax return forms on time were waived based on appeals submitted by Norm Dixon when he was Secretary/Treasurer (See minutes of General Meeting).

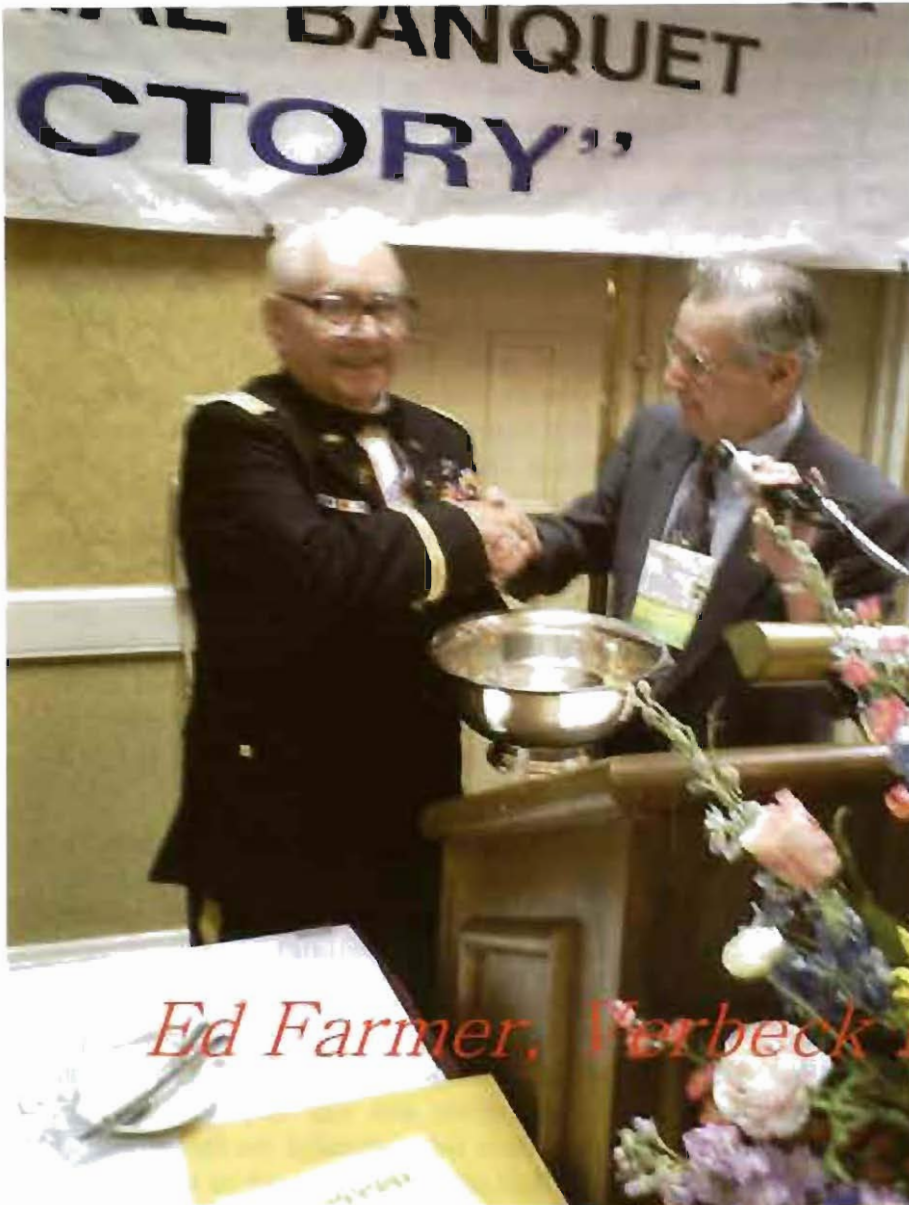
During the meetings, the Executive Committee voted to incorporate the Association again and at the General Meeting, those present voted to confirm the decision. This decision was based on the CPA Monica Stern (Specialist in Non-Profit organizations and Associations) stating we should incorporate. I did decide to see what other Association thought of the Idea. I e-mailed approximately 87 Association and was surprised when the answers came back. I found that only 2 were not incorporated and the others recommended we incorporate. I contacted Member Roger Mitten, a practicing attorney, for his thoughts and advice and he said he would look into what we would have to do. At the reunion he explained we should incorporate for reasons to numerous to mention here but primarily to protect the Associations Officers and Trustees (Members) against any possible law-suits.

I would like to congratulate the 10 winners of year 2005 annual drawing. Edward G. Bousan Pembroke, MA; Kim Evans, Nevada City, CA; Richard C. Joseph, Norwell, MA; Richard T. LaFlame, Lynn, MA; William C. McClure, Beaver Dam, KY; Richard & Patricia Quatier, Vancouver, WA; Alfredo Rodriguez, Laredo, TX; Charles H. Stukins, Englewood, OH; Raymond Tomczak, Philadelphia, PA; and Anthony J. Wojtas, Oneida, NY who also donated his prize back to the Association. A big thanks to Anthony.

Remember, the Officers of this Association are here to serve the membership. Any questions or problems feel free to contact the appropriate Officer as listed inside the cover of your **TAROLEAF**.

Wes Morrison
President

Verbeck Bowl - PA 2005



Ed Farmer, Verbeck Bowl Winner



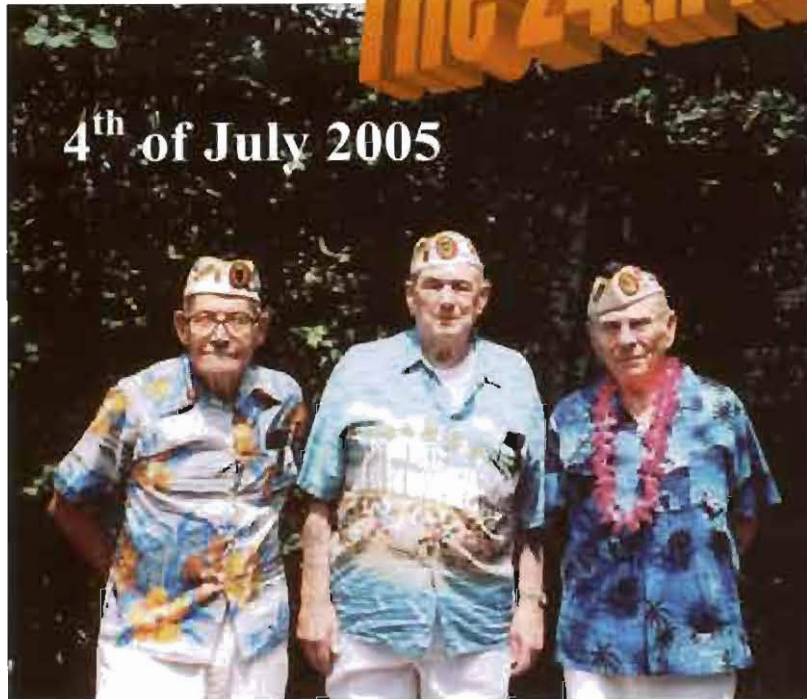


The lovely Sue Hill.

L to R:
Charles Rickenback, Unknown, Bill Hosler, John R. Hewitt



The 24th IDA on the Go



L to R: Ralph Carter, George Frazier, AC Horanzy
19th INF 13th & 63rd FA 19th INF
Pearl Harbor Survivors – Liberty Bell Chapter One, Philly, PA

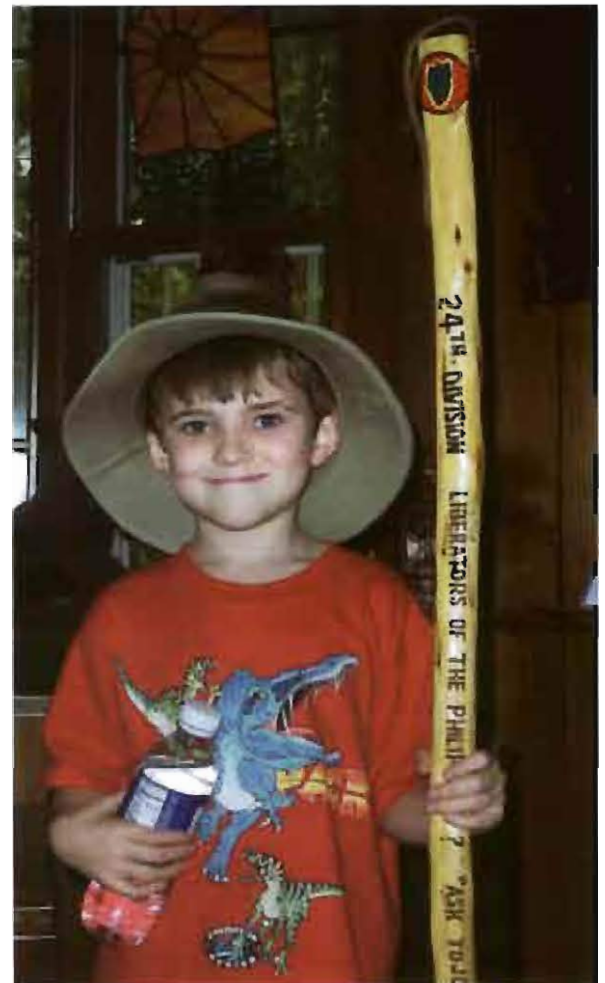
Recollection Canes

Memories in the "palm of your hand"

Guy Sheppard

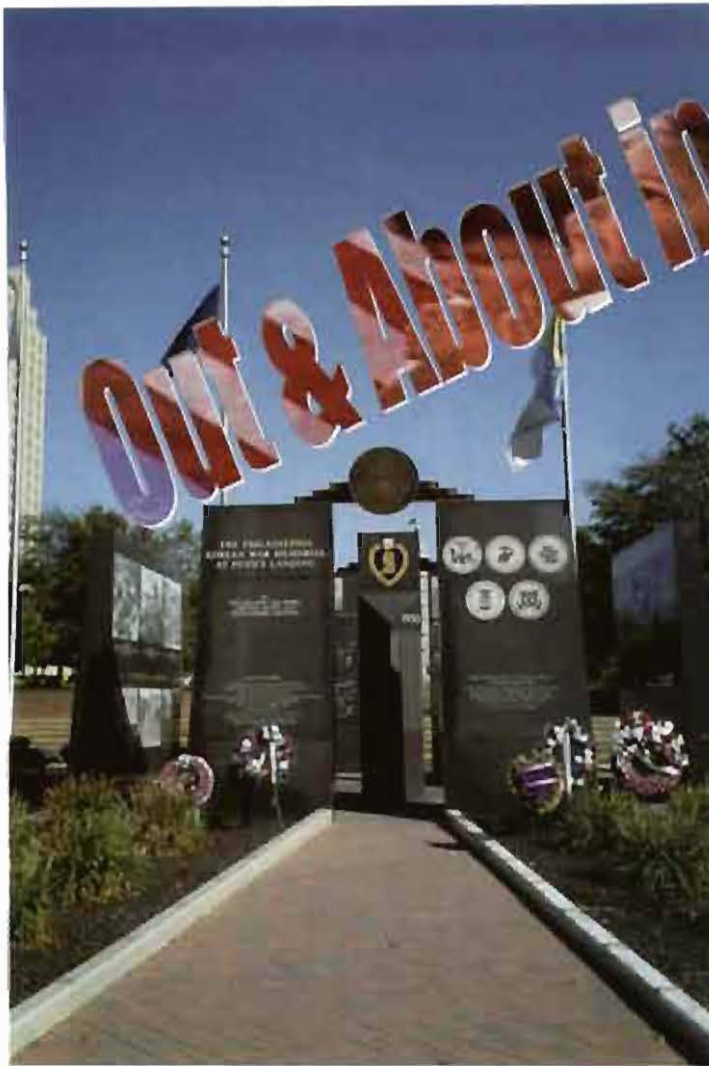
Uniquely personalized, hand-crafted walking sticks inscribed with your favorite memories!

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Harrison with a Guy Sheppard original walking stick.

If you are interested in a one of a kind walking stick, give Guy a call. ~ Editor







Saturday Morning Meeting



Ladies Breakfast





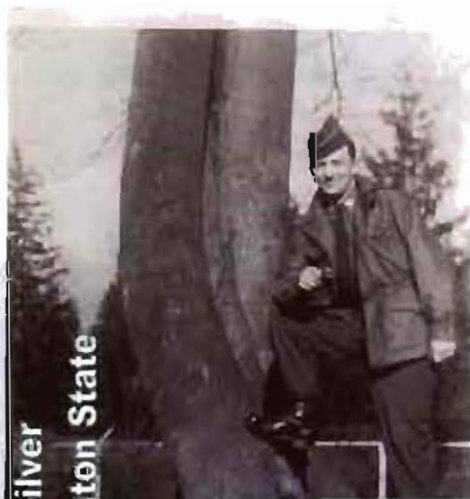
Saturday Night in Philly





Submitted By ~
Pete F. Gazzo,
24th Sig. Pete is
holding the left
corner of the flag.

The photos below were submitted by **Leon Silver**, 24th Sig. They are the beginning of Lee's photo journal of the war. The Taro Leaf will be publishing more from Lee's journey in future issues. Check the 24th Signal page for more of memories of Korea.



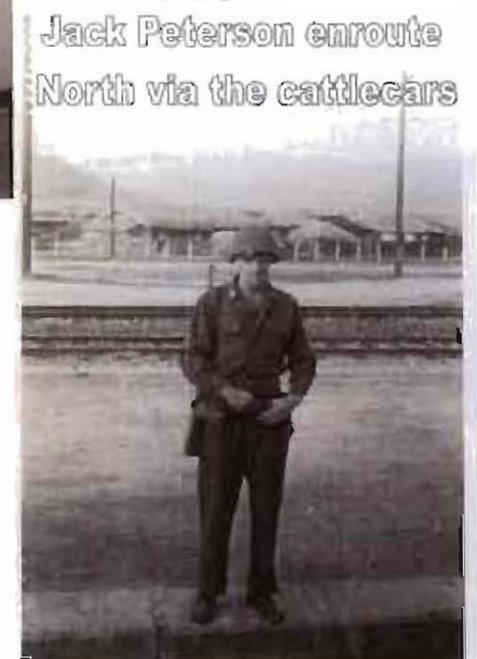
Pvt. Silver
In Washington State



Aboard the USNS Leroy Elthridge
enroute to Pusan, Korea



24th IO Replacement
Center Ascom City



Jack Peterson enroute
North via the cattlecars

WELCOME TO CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER AT HISTORIC UNION STATION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION September 20 – 23, 2006

Room Type Requested	Rate	Number in Party
Run of the House _____	\$92.00	_____
Double, Smoking or Non-Smoking _____	\$92.00	_____
King Non-Smoking _____	\$92.00	_____
Exec, Smoking or Non-Smoking _____	\$92.00	_____

*Note: Current room tax is 15% and is subject to change.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Smoking____ Non-Smoking____ Connecting Room____ ADA Room____ Hearing Impaired____

*All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed due to the overall hotel availability. Hearing impaired devices available at Front Desk.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 21, 2006 TO ENSURE ROOM
AVAILABILITY.(After this date, rooms will be on space and rate availability only.)

The discounted room rate will be extended 3 days prior and after the reunion.

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____ Number of Nights _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

If guaranteed to a major credit card, please give the following information:

AMEX _____ VISA _____ MC _____ DISCOVERY _____ OTHER _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail this form to: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Reservations, 123 W. Louisiana St., Indianapolis, IN 46225

Telephone Reservation: 1-317-631-2221 Confirmation Number: _____

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

Billy, if you could put a note in about my grandfather I would appreciate it. His name is Elden Lloyd Broadfield, PFC, and he was killed on Corregidor on February 21, 1945. He was in the 34th Infantry Regt. A Company. He would have been 25 at the time of his death, and he joined in 1944. His home was in Yates City, Illinois, on a farm, and he had a wife named Helen and three little boys between the ages of 5 and 2. My dad is the middle child and he was 3 when Elden was killed. We are hoping that someone might recognize his name, or have been there at the same time he was and know what was going on. Thanks for your help! Heidi

Heidi Edgar, 797 Ames Barineau Road, Havana, FL 32333-6707. Phone: 850-576-4984, Email: Bravo29_98@yahoo.com.

I found your contact information on the 24th Infantry Division website and also from talking to Mr. James Cooper.

I am trying to locate former members of the 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, to provide oral history for our unit Regimental room. I am also trying to locate any living former Battalion Commanders to serve as the honorary Commander of the Regiment. I would be very grateful for any assistance you would be willing to provide. Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Respectfully,
Michael S. Owens
CPT, AR

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Heidi Edgar was also looking for information about Albert Gulya, a member of "A" Company, 34th Infantry, who was attached to BLT #3 during the retaking of Corregidor Island on 16 Feb 45. Gulya was KIA on the first day. She had photos of the company on a table. When I went back, they were gone. This is for the background on the request about the source of the book on the landing and battle.

Check the Back Cover
for your Dues Date!



Just got a note from **Charles "Chuck" R. Lowry** with his dues. He would like to hear from anyone who served in Korea between March 1955 - July 1956. He was on the DMZ with "G" Co. 21st Inf. His address: Charles R. Lowry, 7106 Mason Road, Berlin Heights, OH 44814-9470

If anyone out there remembers **SFC, Abner Skinner** Chief of Firing Battery, that was in B Battery, 13th Field Artillery 1950-51, he now resides at 4512 Tipton Ct. Ft. Worth, TX 76135. Ph. 817-238-8907. He was my 1st Sgt. in 1953-56. He is a soilder from his belt buckle both ways. Charlie Andrews

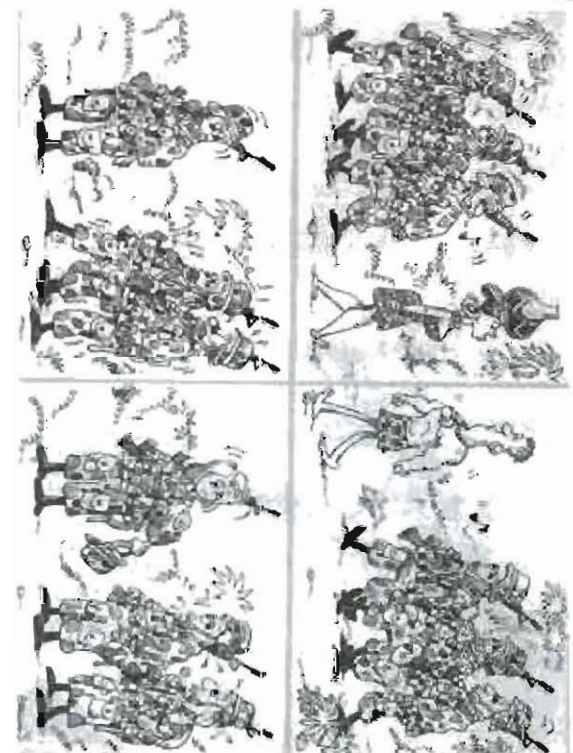
Hi Guys,

Is there a roster of members of Service Co., 21st Regt. available for anytime from Jan '51 thru June '52? I have been out of touch with you all for these many years and have recently joined the Association. I have forgotten the names of all my fellow comrades and think seeing their names would help me remember some who served with me during that period. The only names I recall are those of my CO (Maj. Bond), my 1/Sgt. "Murphy" and M/Sgt. "O'Connell". I hope that seeing a list of company members will trigger further memories.

Hopefully,

"Mitch" Weinstein, (PFC) 2676 Vaughn Court, Deltona FL 32725-2259, phone 386-789-8520

Does anyone out there have a roster they can share with Mitch? Billy, Editor



In Katrina I Didn't See Racism, I Saw Brotherhood

Rabbi Aryeh Spero, Posted Sep 7, 2005

In New Orleans, beginning Tuesday morning, August 30, I saw men in helicopters risking their lives to save stranded flood victims from rooftops. The rescuers were White, the stranded Black. I saw Caucasians navigating their small, private boats in violent, swirling, toxic floodwaters to find fellow citizens trapped in their houses. Those they saved were Black.

I saw Brotherhood. New York Congressman Charlie Rangel saw Racism.

Yes, there are Two Americas. One is the real America, where virtually every White person I know sends money, food or clothes to those in need -- now and in other crises -- regardless of color. This America is colorblind.

The other is the America fantasized and manufactured by Charlie Rangel, Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, who constantly cry racism! even in situations where it does not exist, even when undeniable images illustrate love, compassion and concern. These three men, together with today's NAACP, want to continue the notion of Racist America. It is their Mantra, their calling card. Their power, money, and continued media appearances depend on it.

Often, people caught up in accusing others of sin neglect to undergo their own personal introspection. They begin to think they alone inhabit the moral high ground. It is high time these men peered into their own hearts at the dark chamber that causes this unceasing labeling of their fellow Americans as racist. They may find in that chamber their own racism -- against Whites.

There is only one real America. Beginning Friday morning in Houston, thousands of regular citizens poured into the Astrodome offering water, food, clean clothes, personal items, baby diapers and toys, love and even their homes to the evacuees who had been bused in from New Orleans. Most of the givers were White, most of those being helped were Black. But there was Jesse Jackson, busy on TV, accusing the country of not putting Blacks -- i.e., him -- on some type of Commission he is demanding. Where was he early in the week? Not sweating with others from around the country who had scraped their last dollar to come help. With Jesse, it's always about Jesse.

After decades of hearing accusations from Jesse, Al, Charlie, the NAACP and certain elitists about how racist America is, it would have been refreshing to hear them for once give thanks to those they for years have been maligning. These self-anointed spokesmen for the Black community lead only when it comes to foisting guilt and condemnation, and not when it comes to acknowledging the good in those they have made a career in castigating.

As a Rabbi I have a message I wish to offer to my fellow members of the cloth, Reverends Jackson and Sharpton: It is time to do some soul searching. Your continued efforts to tear this country apart, even in light of the monumental goodness shown by your White brothers, is a sin.

There are no churches in the world like the American churches. And there are no better parishioners and members of churches anywhere in the world. These churches are saving the day. Their members -- infused by the special and singular teachings of our unique American Judeo-Christian understanding of the Bible -- are, at this moment, writing an historic chapter in giving, initiative, and selflessness. They are opening their homes to strangers. They are doing what government is incapable of doing.

America works because of its faith-based institutions. It always has. That is what makes it America.

So next time the ACLU tries to diminish and marginalize the churches, saying there is no role for religion in American public life, that an impenetrable wall must be erected separating the citizens from their faith, cry out Katrina.

Next time the ACLU goes to court asking that U.S. soldiers not be allowed to say Grace in the Mess Hall and that communities be forbidden from setting up a nativity scene, ask yourself: without the motivation of Goodness sourced in Faith, would people offer such sacrifice? Where else does this Brotherhood come from but the Bible which teaches Thou Shall Love Thy Neighbor as Yourself.

I saw brotherhood on Fox News, where 24/7 reporters used their perch as a clearing-house for search-and-rescue missions and communication between the stranded and those in position to save. In contrast, the Old-line networks continued with their usual foolish, brain-numbing programming. Those who always preach compassion chose profit over people.

The New York Times has utterly failed America. Its columnists could have used their talents and word skills to inspire and unite a nation. Columnists such as Frank Rich and Paul Krugman, however, revealed their true colors by evading their once-in-a-lifetime chance to help and instead chose to divide, condemn, and fuel the fires and poison the waters of Louisiana. In them, I saw no Brotherhood. The newspaper always preaching compassion verifies Shakespeares They protest too much.

Similar elitists here in the northeast and on the west coast have over the years expressed their view of the South as unsophisticated and Texans as cowboys. Well, the South has come through, especially Houston and other parts of Texas, whereas, as I write this on Labor Day, the limousine moralizers are lying on east and west coast beaches thinking they're doing their part by reading Times editorials and calling George Bush racist. How sanctimonious life becomes when proving you are not a racist depends not on living in a truly integrated neighborhood, but by simply calling others racist.

Like so often in history, facts trump platitudes. Reality reigns. Those who always preach brotherhood, thus far have acted devoid of it. Those who for decades have been accused by elitists of not having compassion are the ones living it. They are: the churches, the military, and the sons and daughters of the South.

Rabbi Spero is a radio talk show host, a pulpit rabbi, and president of Caucus for America

IS IT A STROKE?

Sometimes, symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify, and the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage if people nearby fail to recognize that it is a stroke. Now, doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions

Ask the person to SMILE.

Ask the person to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE.

If he or she has trouble with any of these, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting. Use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

24th Infantry Division Association



Secretary / Treasurer's Report

New Lifetime Members

Name	Unit	Company/ Battery	Date	
Garza, Jose	11th FA	A	Aug-05	
Nelsen, Chris	Assoc		14-Nov-05	Son of "Dutch"
Oster, Kenneth D.	15th Inf	D	4/89 - 4/91	Desert Storm
Riggelman, Gregory A.	3rd Eng	E	Aug-05	
Vaughn, Thomas W.	63rd FA	Svc	Oct-05	

New Members

Name	Regiment	Company/ Battery		
Barnard, Greg L.	Assoc		Mehlhoff, Carolyn	Assoc
<i>Father, Carlyle V. Barnard, was 19th Inf, HQ Co 1944 - 1946</i>			<i>Wife of Clarence Mehlhoff 63rd & 13th FA Korean 7/49 - 7/51</i>	
Brockfield, Russell G.	34th Inf	M	Naohara, George N.	G-2
Brown, John D.	19th Inf	C	<i>Japan & Korea, 1948 - 1952</i>	
<i>Korea, POW 4 Nov 50 - 5 Sep 53</i>			Parlberg, Ralph E.	19th Inf F
Butler, Jr., Ervin L.	21st Inf	I	Sattler, George C.	3rd Eng A
Campbell, George S.	3rd Eng		<i>Sponsored by Richard P. LaBerge</i>	
Casey, Russell M.	11th FA	B Btry	Scout, Joan K.	Assoc
Cavanaugh, Robert C.	24th MP		<i>Wes Morrison's sister</i>	
<i>Saw our reunion banner in Philadelphia</i>			Smith, Clifford H.	19th Inf B
Creedon, Joseph J.	21st Inf	B	<i>Sponsored by Jim Mathis</i>	
<i>Sponsored by John Kuns</i>			Smith, Leo G.	63rd FA
Jackson, Melvin A.	63rd FA	HQ	Thornlon, Douglas W.	34th Inf B
Johnson, Paul E.	HQ		<i>Sponsored by William E. Vickere</i>	
<i>Korea, 1952 - 1954</i>			Watts, Drennen H., Rev.	21st Inf C
McMillian, Cody Dale	Assoc		<i>WWII, May 45 - Nov 46</i>	
<i>Grandson of Jesse L. McMillian 21st Inf "C" WWII</i>				

Donors

Name	Unit	Amount		
Allen, Robert L.	n/a	\$10	Link, Keuneth E.	Assoc \$15
Anderson, David	24th Avn	\$60	Manseljan, Robert S.	24th MP \$10
Armstrong, Jr., J. T.	19th Inf	\$10	Mason, Carl B.	21st Inf \$10
Arroyo, Pedro & Maria	19th Inf	\$50	Mason, John C.	11th FA \$60
Atkins, Leon A.	n/a	\$10	McCourt, Jack G	24th Div \$10
Baglama, John	24th Recon	\$25	McFarland, Billy	21st Inf \$10
<i>In memory of LT Parker H. Pratt & MSG Ray Roszkowski</i>			McGrath, MD, Robert W.	unk \$10
Baglama, John	24th Recon	\$10	Menill, James C.	19th Inf \$10
Balliet, Howard D.	21st Inf	\$10	Monahan, Gerald E	21st Inf \$10
Baltazar, J. A.	3rd Eng	\$10	Nelsen, Ellsworth "Dutch"	13th FA \$10
Berins, Robert J.	n/a	\$20	Oshin, William H.	19th Inf \$10
Blankenship, Jane	Assoc	\$5	Owens, James R.	34th Inf \$10
Breith, Richard C.	n/a	\$100	Pate, Lloyd W.	19th Inf \$10
Burke, Phil	21st Inf	\$21	Perkac, John	3rd Eng \$10
Clark, William E.	19th Inf	\$10	Quesada, Ernest	19th Inf \$5
Colton, Raymond C.	19th Inf	\$50	Reed, Douglas E.	34th Inf \$10
Cooper, James T	19th Inf	\$10	Robinson, Wayne R.	19th Inf \$15
Cnst, Jr., Claude C.	21st Inf	\$5	Roseboro, William G.	19th Inf \$10
Davis, Andrew	3rd Eng	\$10	Sarpola, Roderick R.	Div Arty \$10
Dowdy, Jr., William C	11th FA	\$10	Sarpola, Alma B.	n/a \$100
Estabrook, Wilber R.	19th Inf	\$10	Schaaf, Valentine	21st Inf \$10
Farmer, Edward & Carolyn	21st Inf	\$50	Silverstein, Albert J.	21st Inf \$35
Fisher, James	19th Inf	\$10	Stock, Rodney F.	34th Inf \$25
Genie, MD, Gino A	n/a	\$10	<i>In memory of Ben Wahle</i>	
Gibson, Calvin N.	19th Inf	\$10	Stukins, Charles H	19th Inf \$10
Groetziner, Norman	19th Inf	\$10	Sweeny, Tomas	n/a \$10
Hession, Sr., Paul J.	34th Inf	\$10	Turner, Robert	5th RCT \$10
Hill, Myra	Assoc	\$15	Wallace, Benjamin F.	21st Inf \$10
Hughes, Jaek E.	34th Inf	\$55	Weber, Rudolph	21st Inf \$15
Hunt, Owen W.	24th Div	\$10	White, Linda M	Assoc \$10
Irvine, Orrin R	24th Sig	\$5	<i>In memory of her loving husband, Rodney A. White, 34th Inf</i>	
Kaupion, Angeline	n/a	\$85	Wilks, Oscar C.	21st Inf \$20
Koontz, Brian	5th RCT	\$15	Williams, Curtis M.	21st Inf \$10
Lawhon, Robert	6th Tank	\$5	Wojtas, Anthony J.	21st Inf \$500
Lee, Curtis F.	21st Inf	\$5	Yagura, Katsumi	21st Inf \$60
Lennon, Don	24th Recon	\$10		

63rd Field Artillery Regiment



The 'Real' Origin of 'Taps'

A tune sounded during ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknowns and at military funerals everywhere is known simply as Taps

by Kathryn Shenkle*

During a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, Va., you might hear the echoes of "Taps" being sounded by a bugler from one of the armed forces of the United States.

The 132-year-old bugle call was composed by Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, who commanded the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, V Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, during the American Civil War.

Butterfield wrote "Taps" at Harrison's Landing, Va., in July 1862 to replace the customary firing of three rifle volleys at the end of burials during battle. "Taps" also replaced "Tattoo," the French bugle call to signal "lights out." Butterfield's bugler, Oliver W. Norton of Chicago, was the first to sound the new call. Within months, "Taps" was sounded by buglers in both Union and Confederate forces.

"Taps" concludes nearly 15 military funerals conducted with honors each weekday at the Arlington National Cemetery as well as hundreds of others around the country. The tune is also played at many memorial services in Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater and at gravesites throughout the cemetery.

"Taps" is sounded during the 2,500 military wreath ceremonies conducted at the Tomb of the Unknowns every year, including the ones to be held this Memorial Day. The ceremonies are viewed by many groups, including veterans, schools, and foreign officials.

One of the final bugle calls of the day on military installations, "Taps" is played at 10 p.m. as a signal to service members that it is "lights out."

When "Taps" is played, it is customary to salute, if in uniform, or place your hand over your heart if not. The composer of "Taps" was born Oct. 31, 1831, in Utica, N.Y., and joined the Army in Washington, D.C.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor in the U.S. Volunteers on June 27, 1862. After his brigade lost more than 600 men in the Battle of Gaines Mill, Butterfield took up the colors of the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers. Under heavy enemy fire, he encouraged the depleted ranks to regroup and continue the battle.

Butterfield died July 17, 1901, and was buried at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. "Taps" was sounded at his funeral.

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Several other versions of the origins of TAPS exist. One version submitted by a Taro Leaf reader, recounts the moving story of a Union Captain who responds to a call of help from a badly wounded soldier only to discover the soldier is not only a Confederate soldier but the Captain's only son. The music played at the Confederate Soldiers burial was from a note found in the young man's pocket after his death.

As with many things from our past we will probably never know the true origins of TAPS.

~ Editor

AINODE TO OUR JOE
 TO IRDURAN AND HIS FAMILY FROM THEM
 OF BATTERY B 63 FIELD ARTILLERY 24TH
 INFANTRY DIVISION WHO KNOW THE
 MAN CALL JOE
 TO KNOW JOE WAS THAT SMILE THAT
 MADE HIS FACE LIGHT UP.
 TO KNOW JOE NO JOB WAS TO BRAG
 FOR HIM TO DO
 TO KNOW JOE WAS TO GET A HELPING
 HAND IF NEEDED.
 TO KNOW JOE WAS THE OUTWAY HE
 WENT ABOUT GETTING THE JOB DONE.
 TO KNOW JOE WAS TO SITS HIM HELP OTHER
 GET READY FOR GUARD MOUNT
 TO KNOW JOE WAS TO HAVE A GOOD
 FRIEND

TO KNOW JOE WAS THAT OUTMAN
 WITH A COOL HEAD IN COMBAT
 TO KNOW JOE WAS THAT WAS NO SHOT
 CUT TO THE JOE YOU DID
 TO KNOW JOE THE TRUE IRDURAN 90
 90 MUST BE BACK IN TIME TO JULY
 14, 1950 ON THE KUM RIVER.
 THE NIGHT BEFORE THE NORTH KOREAN
 OUT FLANKED OUR FRONT LINES. THEY
 ATTACKED H&B BATTERY AND A BATTERY
 AND KNOCKING OUT ALL COMMUNI-
 CATION BATTERY B.
 CAPTAIN STAHLSKI ASK FOR TWO
 MEN TO GO WITH A NEW LT TO H&B
 BATTERY SO HE COULD COMMUNI-
 CATION WITH H&B BATTERY JOE AND
 JAMES THOMAS WENT THROUGH IT

HAIL OF GUN FIRE UNTIL THEY RAN
 IN TO A ROAD BLOCK. THOMAS WAS
 ALSO THE NEW LT. JOE WAS SHOT IN
 THE FACE. HE ESCAPED AND WALK
 OUT OF THE ROAD BLOCK WITH
 TRUE CARE HE MADE BACK TO OUR
 LINES THAT IS THE JOE WE
 KNOW AND CARE SO FOR.
 TO KNOW JOE IS THAT JOE NEVER
 GIVES UP THE FIGHT NO MATTER WHAT
 IT IS.

TO JOE FROM ALL A BATTERY 63 F&B

CAPTAIN STAHLSKI	
LT KNIFE	QUINN
SGT BAREFOOT	A TUNER
SGT WILLIAMS	SYMORE
STATES	
POST	
CAMPBELL	
GONZALES	
KEPESSEL	

THE ABOVE SEND OUR BEST
 WISH FOR A RAPID RECOVERY

REMEMBER
 OUR
 MOTTO

HANAU IA NO KE KADA
 (BORN TO BATTLE)
 FROM AN OLD VAGABOND
 YOUR FRIEND JAMES W BOLT
 PS I WAS HAPPY TO DO
 THIS FOR ALL B. BATTERY
 63 F&B

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SOON
 WITH
 GOOD
 NEWS

*** A Page For Artillerymen ***

(All Others May Politely Ignore)

"Lt. Rodman's Great Idea"

Problem: Artillerymen are always trying to get more range from their cannons. No matter how far their guns shoot -- it isn't far enough.

Result: An alarming number of cannons blowing up, with an unacceptably large loss of Cannoneers. "Do not advance -- the gun has blown!"

Solution: Reinforce the tube. Right! But how??? Simply making the tubes thicker is not the solution -- you'd think it is, but it isn't -- they still "blow." So what is the solution?

Number 1: Wrap the tube with high tensile wire. This has been done and with a moderate degree of success. But for the trouble it takes to do it the added strength is not all that great, and in any case it only works with small guns.

Number 2: Take metal sleeves slightly smaller in diameter than the tube, heat them until they expand enough to be pressed over the tubes. This idea was thought up by an Army Lieutenant named "Treadwell." It works really well and has been in use since the Civil War -- the famous "Parrott Gun" of that war is an example. This system is still widely used today, principally by England and European armies. While it works well it does add weight, sometime great weight, to the gun. For fixed emplacements this does not matter.



10 Pound Parrott



Fixed Emplacement

Number 3: The "*School Solution*" to the problem was thought up by a young Army Lieutenat only three years out of West Point -- Thomas Jefferson Rodman. With his system the gun was cast of iron and the bore was kept hot while the outside was allowed to cool. Thus the outside of the casting shrunk down around its own bore. Highly, highly sucessful. The largest of the cannons made this way had a bore of 20 inches and fired a one thousand pound shot.



An "8 Incher" The smallest Rodman

You just about can't visit a Civial War battle site without seeing a "Rodman." This system is still in use today and is called "The Wet Chill" technique.

Dutch Nelson

21st Infantry Regiment



"Duty"
21st Infantry
Regiment



I am enclosing two pictures of my fellow members of the 21st Reg. Co. K, which were taken in Sept 1945, soon after landing in Japan. The one with three are left to right, Vaughn Hoop of Zenia, OH, Myself and Rudy Wever of LaCross, KS."

~ James Lemon, 21st INF

"A picture of 2nd Platoon, Company K."

~ James Lemon, 21st INF



"Taken at Furstenfelbruck, NATO Airbase. We were on alert to go to the Congo."

~ Paul Narson, 21st INF

Left to Right:

George Boettger, Wesley Wright, Paul Narson, Al Abruzzo, Lou Malafrino, Hoot Gibson.

"All from Delta Co. 1st Battalion 21st INF"

~ Paul Narson, 21st INF



"All the members of the 24th Division at a local Gastehaus in Muncih Germany"
~ Paul Narson



"Sgt Archie Narson, PFC Paul Narson at the drop zone newar Warner Kasserne, Munich Germany"

"Sp4 Paul Narson, Sp4 George Boettger, Pfc Wesley Wright, Warner Kasserne, Munich, Germany."



52nd Field Artillery Regiment



OK, all of you 52nd Artillerymen, Boyden Daugherty, (52nd, B. 46-51) has given us a good start on a 52nd Taro Leaf page with this drawing of the Unit Crest. Now we need to hear from others. There are stories that need to be told and photos that probably haven't seen the light of day in 50 years. Also if anyone has a Crest, fabric, metal, photo or whatever, that just happened to make it from Japan on to Korea and all the way Home, please send a copy to us.

You can reach Boyden at 505 SW Glendana Dr. Lees Summit, MO 64081-3509

~ Editor

Hi Billy

On Vol 59 No. 1, page #9. I have always wonder why the 52nd F.A. Bn. CREST is not on this page. The 52nd Artillery was formed in 1933. And was in Hawaii in 11-9-40.

For some reason all the Bn. CREST's were left in Japan when we left for Korea. We arrived in Korea around July 5 1950. As to this time there are no Bn. CREST's, maybe you can use this sample enclosed.

We supported our Infantry Regt's through out the Korean war.

I know us boys from the 52nd F.A. Bn. would like to see our Bn. CREST which we were proud to service.



ABLE & READY

THANKS

Boyden Daugherty Ltr #1261

'B' Bn 52nd F.A. Bn. 46-51

Dear Taro Leafers,

Thank you for your most generous donations to the Memorial Fund to place a 24th ID Monument in the Punch Bowl in Hawaii. This cemetery is second only to Arlington Cemetery in DC.

We are rightfully proud that the 24th Infantry Division Association has undertaken the task of making this Monument possible. It has been thought about and talked about for many years. Now we have an opportunity to memorialize our departed Buddies who are still being buried there, just as they have before WWII. There are so many monuments at the Punch Bowl, and the 24th ID Monument is *going to become a reality*. Our goal is to get the monument placed there as quickly as possible and certainly in our lifetime

Bill Boyden, our Monument Committee Treasurer, tells us that as of 24 November, 2005 we have \$4,883 in donations from our Association Members. This is about half of what we need to have the monument cast in bronze, set in granite, engraved, shipped, installed and whatever other expenses we incur along the way to completing this magnificent and long overdue Memorial. Those of you who fought the War in the Pacific, the Korean War or Desert Storm while wearing the *Taro Leaf* definitely have a place in this project. Those of you who were in support units were vital to the winning of these and other wars. Whether you provided ammo, food water clothing, navigation, financial, medical, photo journals, etc. it took all of us working together to win, and to earn the great honors, which have come to the 24th ID. Because of the brave *Taro Leafers* who went before you, you have the honor and privilege of being a part of the Greatest Combat Division the United States Army has ever known, the Victory Division, First to Fight. The wearing of the *Taro Leaf* makes each of you a part of this Monument.

Dan Rickert, Chairman of the Monument Committee, has been in contact with LTC Yeo Seung-Jo, the Assistant Defense Attaché for the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, in Washington DC. He will help us in any way he can, and is pleased to be a part of this undertaking. Dan's Granddaughter, Danielle, who designed the monument will be available to help with any changes that we may need to make. None are expected to date except to tilt the stem of the Taro Leaf to the right as it is now toward the left on our design. That will be simple for the bronze casters to do and Danielle can redraw for perfect balance.

Thanks to each of you for your service to the 24th ID and to our beloved America. And thank you for your donations of time and money to help to make this 24th ID Monument a permanent memorial to the brave *Taro Leafers* of yesterday and today.

Billy Johnson
Editor, Taro Leaf

Please send your Punch Bowl Donations to Bill Boyden.

Donor's List For The Punch Bowl 24th ID Memorial Plaque Fund

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Joint Donation In Honor of Ben Wahle

Send Your Donation Today

To: Bill Boyden, P.O.Box 114, Norton, MA 02766

Two Leaf Taps

The Veteran

The veteran with the smile and the tear.

His smile...greeting to friends

His tear...regret, pain...ill past behind current presents.

If his wife flashes into present, he'd give her all the smiles as she could hold. He'd create present moments, two beautiful people understanding the "why" of the past.

In his answers to friends, he leaves out for others what they don't realize that they don't want to know. Sometimes no answer is the most compassionate answer. He realizes that more will create less. He has wisdom that enables his compassion to choose.

A veteran has given selfless sacrifice--his soul and self to the cause of his country, and afterward, he's left with his challenged soul and likely a bruise to the self.

The veteran appreciates the freedom that was fought for, and he's in a world where smiles and tears live together.

Let's wish his loss of ill past, a muting of tears.

Let's wish him finding of new presents, in which smiles prevail.

Let's wish him peace, contentment and the best life may have to offer.

Written by Dr. Julie Ann Weitzen - Inspired by Alfred J. Freeman of VFW Post 509, Stroudsburg, PA
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5th RCT

Kenny Anderson
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William F. Foley
Robert Munch
Joseph G. Nicksich
Melvin G. Pegorch
Leo F. Prusenowski
Michael R. Tongel
Wendel Wyngarden

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Zane Gray Wallace

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Benjamin H. Wahle

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Leo E McGill

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Harold W. Guinn
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Henry V. Marshall Jr.
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Page Quinn
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Thomas K. Richardson

13th FA

Bob Ode
William H. Stensgaard

63rd FA

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Clarence Mehlhaff

HQ Battery

Robert H. Ghyers

Unknown Unit

Raymond J. Boulds
Lonnie G. Butler
Max Gaines
Richard T. Othmer

24th Division HQ

Wilfred J. Bohmer
Howard A. Warren

52nd FA

Donald P. Vanderheyden

5th RCT

Kenny Anderson, 5th RCT-Korea Died August 16, 2002

Cards may be sent to: 3651 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio 44314-411

William E. Conger, Korea, died February 2000. Cards may be sent to: PO box 381535, Birmingham, AL 35238-1535

Bernard Skaudis, SFC, I Co. 1951-52, passed away September 28, 2005. His wife Christine survives him.

Cards may be sent to: 7 South Grant Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976-2310

11th Field Artillery

Lee E. McGill Passed away 20 September 2005. Ca

13th FA

Bob Ode that former Division Soldier died earlier this week and was buried yesterday in Hamburg, NY. Bob served in Korea with Btry B, 13th FA Bn from 1951-1952. Condolences may be sent to wife Bonnie at 328 Prospect Ave. Hamburg, NY 14075. Paul Garland

William H. Stensgaard, A. Btry. died in February 2005. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth. Cards may be sent to: 1719 NW 23RD Avenue #1-B, Gainesville, FL 32605-3005.

52nd Field Artillery

Donald P. Vanderheyden, Btry. B., 1951-53 died 22 July 2005 in Huntsville, AL No address available.

63rd FA

Joe R. (J. R.) Duran of Trinidad, CO died Oct 1, 05. Joe was a member of the 63rd FA Bn. in Japan and Korea from 1949-1952. During his service, J.R. received the Bronze Star for bravery and Purple Heart.

Clarence Mehlhaff died May 30, 2005. His wife Carolyn survives him. Cards may be sent to: 154 Doray Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-2951.

555th FA

Thomas K. Richardson, died 16 September 2005 His wife Gertrude survives him. Cards may be sent to: 1280 Medicine Bow, Fountain CO 80817-1322

19th Infantry Regiment

Charles R. Fisher, B/19th Inf. (Japan) died January 2004, Charles was buried with full Military Honors in Arlington Cemetery. He enjoyed being a member of the 24th IDA. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Patricia Fisher, 12543 Harnery Road Taneytown, MD 21787-1030

William F. Foley, 19th Inf. & 24th Sig. WWII, died 2 June 2003. Cards may be sent to: 15205 Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462-4513

Dr. Robert Munch, Mary Munch has reported the death of her husband, on 22 July 05. He was with the 19th in New Guinea and the Philippines. Cards may be sent to: 204 West 21st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801-2373

Joseph G. Nicksich, D/19th - Korea, died 1 April 2005. Cards may be sent to: 1116 Mass St., Pueblo, CO 81001-2117

19th Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Melvin G. Pegorch Sr., M/19th WWII, died 4 March 2005. Cards may be sent to: 12810 Airport Ave., Swanton, OK 43558.

Leo F. Prusenowski, B/19th WWII, died 15 July, 2003. Cards may be sent to: 440 Hillview Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406-2313

Michael R. Tongel, passed away on 13 September 2005. He was 83 years old. His son Michael reports that his father served from 15 April 1941 to 13 July 1945 with K. Co. Michael SR. was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He also served in the Central Pacific in the Philippines and New Guinea and Australia. He earned the ADS Medal w/ Bronze Star Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal. Olga, his wife of 60 years, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren, survives him. Cards may be sent to: 62 Linshaw Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Wendel Wyngarden, Co. E, 1947, died on 9 July 2005. No address available.

21st Infantry Regiment

C. Rucker Ford, Co. E & F. has passed away. His wife Jane survives him. Cards may be sent to: 2344 Sunderland Rd. Maitland, FL 32751-3609

Jesse B. Frank, 21st ID E. Co. died on 21 November 2003, as reported by his wife Dorothy. Cards may be sent to: 845 Deer Lane Ext., Rochester, PA 15074-1008

Harold W. (Hoppy) Guinn, F/21st Inf., Korea 1951, was a 24th IDA Life Member. Past President Tom Cochran reports that Hoppy passed away on 13 October 2005. Cards may be sent to: 1010 Island Ford Road, Brevard, NC 28712-8701

Donald G. Knapton, died March 18, 2004. Cards may be sent to: 63 Mariposa Dr., Rochester, NY 14624-2521.

Henry V. Marshall Jr. passed away 10 April 2005. Cards may be sent to: 4100 Pepperton Drive, Raleigh, NC 7606-1734

Ronald E. McGill has passed away. No Unit or address available.

Raymond B. Mellin Med. Co., 1949-53. **POW, TFS**, died 12 January 2005 at Cornwell on the Hudson, NY. No address available.

Elwin H. (Chink) Miller, 21st and 34th Inf., Korea, passed away 22 July 2005 in South Corning, NY. Chink was a Life Member of our Association. Cards may be sent to: 5 River Road, #1, Corning, NY 14830-9304.

Charles R. Painter, I Co., 21st, Korea, died April 30, 2005. Cards may be sent to: 3318 Sullivan Dr., Plattsmouth, NE 68048-7620.

Page Quinn, 78, of Queen City, Texas, died Monday, March 7, 2005, in Bossier City, LA. A World War II veteran, he served in the Pacific Theater and was a member of the 24th Infantry Division, H/21st. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Maxine Quinn, one daughter, 3 granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Cards may be sent to: 404 Doris Street, Queens City, TX 75572-9528

21st Infantry Regiment (Cont.)

Winford A. Shilling, K Co. died 21 March 2005. Cards may be sent to his wife Lucille, 7275 Spruce Street, Venton, VA 24179-3536.

John Veletto, Hvy. Mtr. Co. 1953-54, passed away on 13 April 2005 in Parsippany, NJ. Cards may be sent to: Marti Veletto, 16 Meadow Trail, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Paul S. Warner, Medical Co. died 4 February 2005. He is survived by his wife Vivian. Cards may be sent to: 4021 Skyline Drive, Kingsland TX 78639-3718

Youngblood, Raymond M. Co. B has passed away. Ray was a true supporter of the 24th IDA and one of his pleasures was to share his Casino winnings with us. Thank's again Ray! Cards may be sent to: 15 North 10th Street, APT. 212, Kansas City, KS 66102-5334.

24th Recon

Zane Gray Wallace died 17 January 2005. His wife Virginia Wallace survives him. Cards may be sent to: RR#1 Box 23, Hearne, TX 77859-9714

24th Signal Company

Edward M. Nowak, Edward's son Michael reports that Edward, Korea 1951-52, died 28 May 2005

34th Infantry Regiment

Paul E. Bader, passed away in October 2005. Cards may be sent to: 5346 Marsh Road #CA, Hoslett, MI 48840-8632.

Walter D. Helton, Dorothy Helton reported her husband Walter died 8 November 2005. The VFW & American Legion gave him a wonderful military funeral. He enjoyed the Taro Leaf... Walter had a lot of service medals and was proud of them. Cards may be sent to: 312 Church Street, Mt. Orab, OH 45154-8920

Donald J. Pickett, Died 2 November, 2005. He served in Korea in 1953-54. His wife Marie survives him. Cards may be sent to: 82 Custer Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-6508

Benjamin H. Wahle, Ben died peacefully at home with his family at his side on September 15, 2005. Ben was 87. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, and stationed at Schofield Barracks before joining forces in the South Pacific. Ben became Captain of the 24th Division of Company G. In two years, he had participated in the invasion of Biak, Hollandia and Schouten Islands. He was in the second wave to invade Leyte Beach in the Philippines on October 21, 1944, fifty minutes after H-Hour on D Day. At one time, he endured 28 days of virtual isolation while his Company maintained position on an important supply route of the enemy. Ben is survived by his adoring wife of 63 years, Marguerite Wahle, sons Dr. Brian Wahle of Napa, California and Ben Wahle of Fort Worth, Texas, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ben was very pleased that progress was being made towards our Hawaiian 24th ID Memorial and was always an active supporter of our 24th IDA. Cards may be sent to: 1132 Killarney Lane, Burlingame, CA 94010

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to The National Downs Syndrome Congress, 1370 Center Drive, Ste., 102, Atlanta, GA., 30338 or Hospice, 110 North Dutton, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn.

Donald M. Andring, 3rd Eng. HQ Co. died 24 July 2005. He is survived by his wife Joanne. Cards may be sent to: 300 10th Street, Pawnee, IL 62558-9406

3rd Engineers "Combat" Bn. (Cont.)

Jerry H. Megee, 3rd Eng.- WWII has died. Cards may be sent to: 475 E. 162 St., South Holland, IL 60463-2259

24th Division HQ

Wilfred J. Bohmer, died 2 November 2004 as reported by his nephew Nick Smith in October 2005. Cards may be sent to: PO Box 61, Avon, MN 56310-0061

Howard A. Warren, 24th Div HQ is deceased. He is survived by his wife Vivian. Cards may be sent to: 457 North 19th Street, Grand junction, CO 81501-7901

HQ Battery

Robert H. Ghyers, Gone from us now at age 74, Robert leaves his wife Darla and son Randal.

Hq. Btry, 24th Infantry Division was promoted to glory on 5 October 2005. He was a Corporal when captured on 14 July 1950 and released on 12 August 1953. He was in camps 7, 5, and 12. Ghyers left Andong with Major **Ambrose Nugent** in the summer of 1951. Both of them went to Camp 12, from 12 Ghyers was sent to Camp 5. Cards can be sent to his family at 2025 Brown Road, Anderson SC 29625-6709.

Unknown Unit

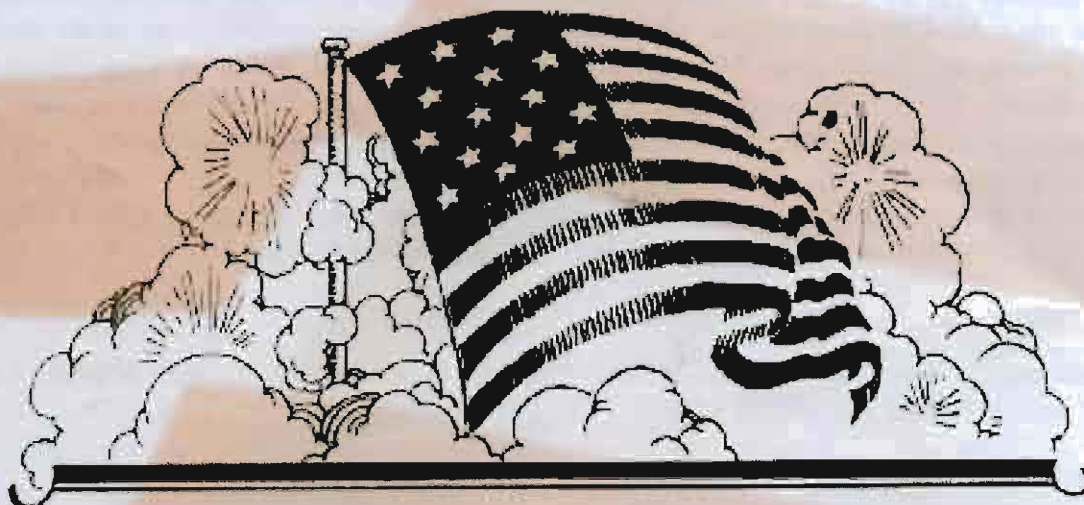
Raymond J. Boulds, Poplar, MT passed away 5 March 2005

Lonnie G. Butler, 75, died 3 October 2005. Lonnie served his country during the Korean War with the 24 Infantry Division in Korea as a photographer, receiving many medals for his extraordinary service to his country including two Bronze Stars, one for valor, and a Purple Heart. There may be men that knew him, possibly in Signal Company, since he was a photographer. A number of survivors were listed, including his wife, Maxine. Cards for the family may be sent to: 19 Wheeler Ave., Cortland, NY 13045. Regards, Bill Roseboro

NOTE: Bill, I have been including members, and those who were not members of the 24th IDA, in our TAPS pages since I became Editor four years ago. All that is needed is for someone to tell us that a Taro Leafer has passed away. Billy

Max Gaines of Phillipsburg, KA passed away 2002

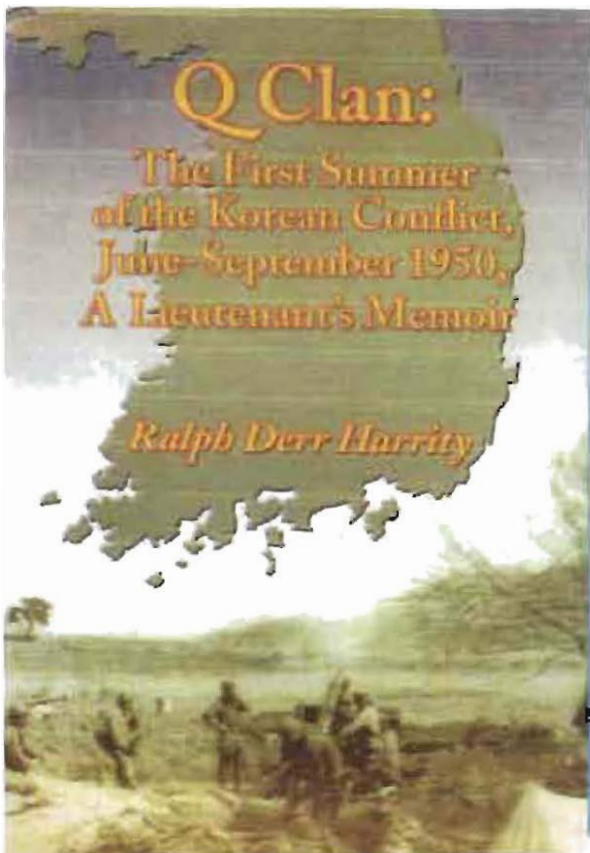
Richard T. Othmer passed away 23 July 2005 in Mahopac, NY. Richard was wounded in the battle of Leyte. Cards may be sent to: Patricia H. Othmer, 1 Overhill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541



Books of Interest

The Taro Leaf Books of Interest section is for Members who have written of their experiences with the 24th and others who have written about the Warriors of the 24th ID.

We look forward to having many more books to share with our Membership. ~ Billy, Editor



A Book Review

By

Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen

Q Clan: The First Summer of the Korean Conflict, June-September 1950, A Lieutenant's Memoir by Ralph Derr Harrity

The publishers of this book sent me a copy in the hope that I'd write a review of it for our Taro Leaf. I have just read it and a review is most certainly in order. This is an extremely well researched and well written book. The fact that I served with 2nd Lt Harrity in the early days of the Korean War is not, I assure you, affecting my judgement. In fact I am super-critical of most books about that war, mainly because none of them come close to what I saw and experienced. But this book does.

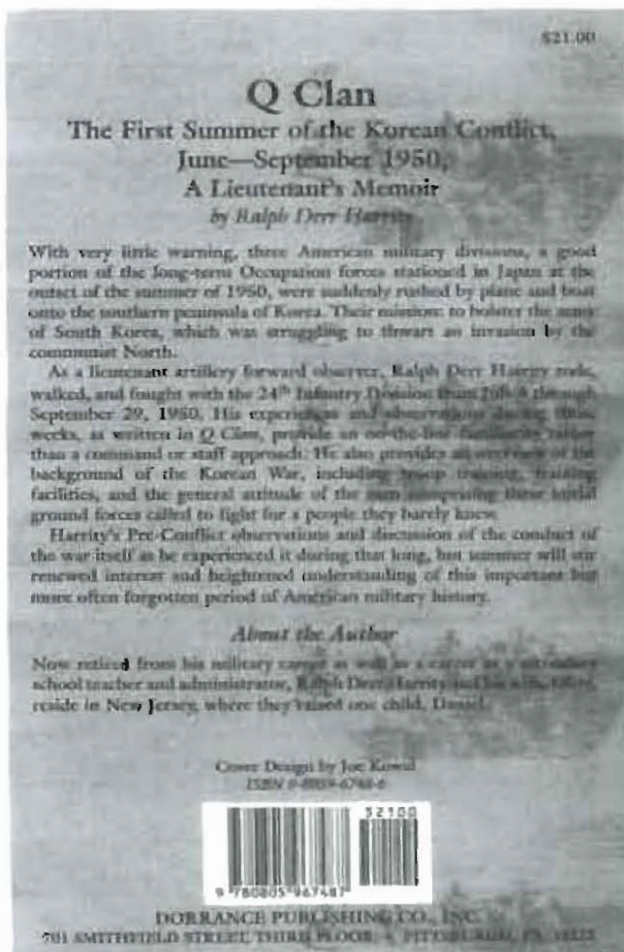
The first twenty or so pages gives the best outline and description that I have ever read of the of the

events that lead up that war -- from the occupation of Korea by Japan in 1910 to the division into North and South to the "situation" existing on the first day of the war. Also and excellent account of our forces in Japan. For example, we all know that our Regiments had only two Battalions, and our Artillery Battalions had only two firing batteries -- but how in the world did "Washington" ever come up with this idea. How, indeed. (And how many lives did it cost us???)

The remainder of the book covers the first three months of the war as seen through the eyes of the 13th Field and 19th Infantry. It is replete with first hand accounts and contains a whopping 209 names to back up what it says. In addition to this the Appendices have the rosters of the 13th Field and the 19th Infantry, as they stood at the start of the war.

Personally I don't like to read books about the Korean War -- they only open old wounds that I'd rather be left alone. But this book is special. The history in the first part is so good that I am going to place one of these books in every High School library in my city. You ought to consider doing the same.

~ Dutch Nelsen



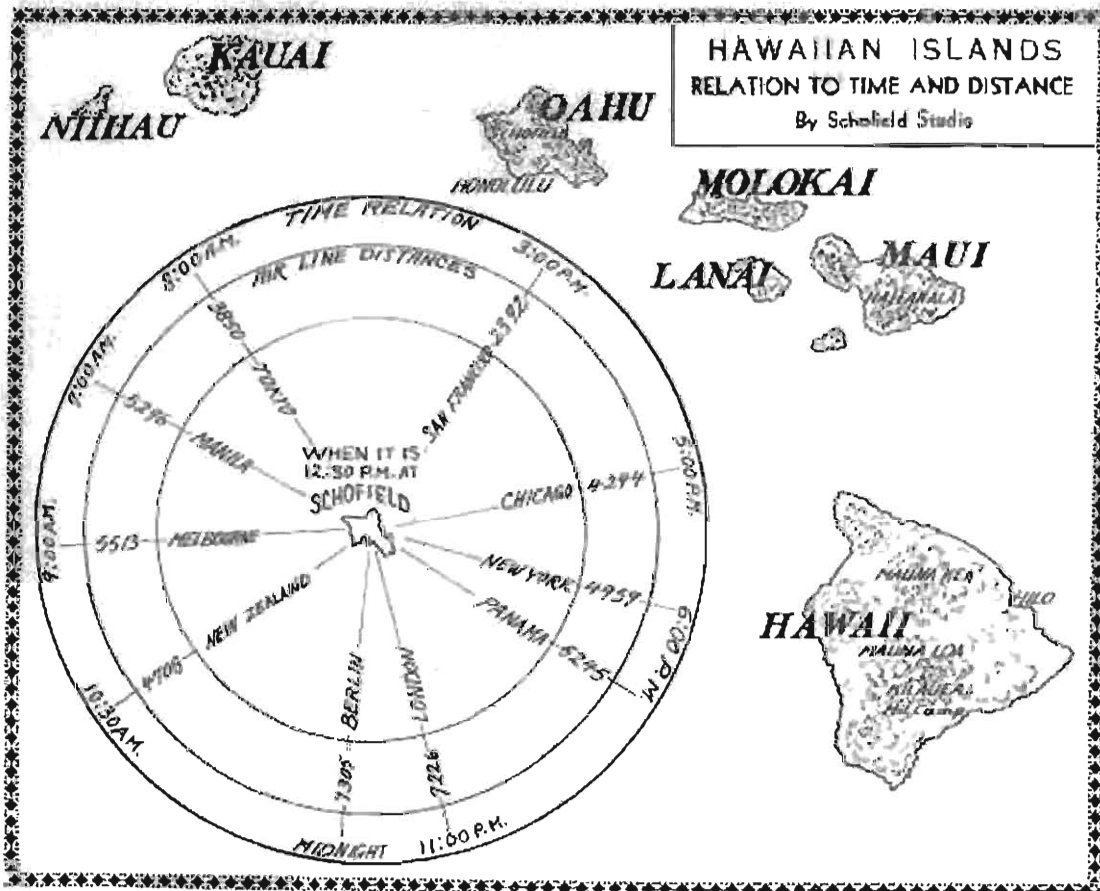


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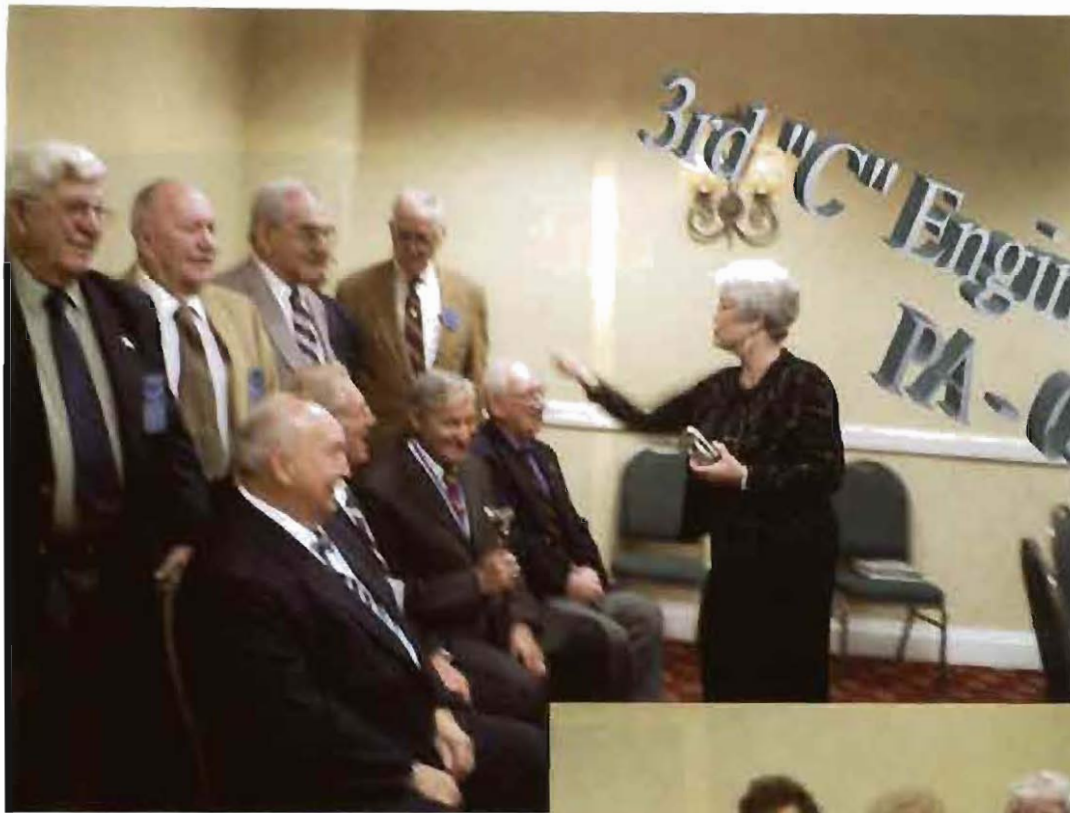
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To: The Men of Company "G" 34th Infantry
From: Ben Wahle, Company Commander, G Company.

As I sit here listening to the war drums beating once more I can't help recalling what my men went through in the South Pacific during World War II. Two battles in which "G" Company was involved stand out. One was the first night in Leyte and the other was the seventeen days we were cut off in the vicinity of Sinawayan some five miles south of Capocan.

I have taken several statements from the 24th Division History (2nd Edition) or other sources, which document what a brave group of soldiers went through in some very adverse situations:

The following is taken from a letter to me from Major General Aubrey Newman dated 02/18/91:

"I want you to know you hold a special place in my respect as a combat commander, who held our critical left flank and stopped the main Japanese attack that first night in Leyte."



L/R: Ken Bush, Max Garland, Ben Wahle, Eric Diller, Angelo Montaglione

From 24th Division History

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The Japanese lost 600 men in the early morning encounter. Company "G", 34th Infantry, Captain Ben H. Wahle, Jr., commanding, which took the hardest blows, had 14 men killed and 12 wounded. The "H" Company machine gun section attached to Company "G" had three killed and a gunner wounded.

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Foul weather spawned by the typhoon continued to drench the battlefield the night of 8 November and into the following morning.

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The saga of company "G" in maintaining a ridge-top blocking position over more than three weeks played a key role in the success of the operation on Breakneck Ridge.

To The Men Of Company "G" (Cont.)

The company under command of Captain Ben Wahle headed south out of Capoocan early on 8 November toward a position about five miles south. The mission was to occupy a point on the major Japanese infiltration route up the Ormoc corridor. Dense jungle and poor maps made the going tough, but the unit found high ground on the trail near the village of Sinawayan where Wahle decided to set up his defensive perimeter.

"G" company's strength at the time was 87 men; in addition, a heavy machine gun section from "H" Company had been attached. "F" Company also accompanied the column, but the next day, the battalion commander, Colonel Pearsall, recalled those troops to Capoocan.

After a few days of comparative quiet, the Japanese attacked a patrol and then followed the Americans back to the perimeter. Eric Diller, a member of "H" Company, described the encounter. Pfc. Angelo Montaglione, the patrol scout, ran back to friendly lines. "Where are they," Diller asked. "Right behind us," the scout answered. Diller then noticed the blood on Montaglione's fatigues. The soldier had been hit three times in the thigh, causing life-threatening wounds considering the terrain and the isolation of the unit. But the soldier survived that action, and the war.

When the attack against the perimeter came, the Americans answered with machine gun fire and grenades, several thrown by Diller. "Our section leader, Sergeant Carey, moved to feet in front of our position and squatted down when an enemy grenade exploded." Diller recalled. "I raised my head and asked him if he was OK. He nodded and almost simultaneously an enemy bullet pierced his head, killing him instantly."

Diller credited a "G" Company BAR man, Pfc. Leo Gomolchak, with a major role in driving off the attack. "He calmly stood behind a huge tree ... and blasted away, a real unsung hero." After the fight, 42 Japanese bodies were found.

The attacks, which in the beginning came from the south, gradually moved around the perimeter until Captain Wahle was convinced his company was surrounded. He alerted his platoon sergeants to the possibility of a fixed bayonet breakout in case the position was overrun.

Supplies also began to grow short, making a diet of coconuts and rain water necessary. The stench of decaying bodies fouled the air.

Pfc John J. Breeden of Gordonsville, VA, relieved the tension and improved morale with an impromptu mail call. He slipped down the trail through the Japanese lines, picked up "G" Company's mail at 34 th regimental headquarters, and made it back. to the company undetected by the Japs.

On 20 November, "G" Company fought its biggest battle on the hilltop, an all-night affair against a company-size force that hit the perimeter on the south and west sides. Wahle recalled that bodies were stacked so high they blocked the fire lanes. Seventy-one enemy dead were counted at daylight.

"I can't praise my men enough for their willingness to stand and fight it out with a very determined enemy. Never once did I hear anyone mention giving up. This is the true test of combat seasoned soldiers," Wahle wrote years later.

Finally, late in November, Colonel Pearsall ordered "F" Company under Captain Paul Austin and the anti-tank company to relieve "G" Company, but finding the outpost was not easy. When the relief troop was about a mile away, Austin asked for gunshots from "G" Company so he could determine the bearing. The three companies stayed on the hill for three more days. On 2 December orders came from battalion headquarters to return to Capoocan. Captain Wahle counted 37 Japanese attacks against this force for which he estimated the enemy paid with more than 200 killed.

The Japanese admiral was prophetic. His opinion was reinforced in even more specific terms after the war by General Yamashita at his war crimes trial in Manila. The 24th Division commander at the time, Major General James A. Lester, was a member of the trial tribunal. As related by Ken Ross at the 24th Division's 1996 reunion in Minneapolis, General Lester had quoted Yamashita to this effect: "Japan lost the pacific war in the battle for Leyte during the Philippines campaign. Leyte was lost at the battle of Breakneck Ridge.

And last, but by no means least, was one of my soldiers I got out of the Brig. Pvt. Harold Moon who was killed the first night and was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor. His citation read as follows

Private HAROLD H. MOON, JR.: "He fought with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity when powerful Japanese counterblows were being struck in a desperate effort to annihilate a newly won beachhead.

"In a forward position, armed with a submachine gun, he met the brunt of a strong, well-supported night attack which quickly enveloped his platoon's flanks. Many men in nearby positions were killed or injured. Private Moon was wounded as his foxhole became the immediate object of a concentration of mortar and machine gun fire. Nevertheless, he maintained his stand, poured deadly fire into the enemy, daringly exposed himself to hostile fire time after time to exhort and inspire what American troops were left in the immediate area.

"A Japanese officer, covered by machine gun fire and hidden by an embankment, attempted to knock out his position with grenades, but Private Moon, after protracted and skillful maneuvering, killed him.

"When the enemy advanced a light machine gun to within 20 yards of the shattered perimeter and fired with telling effects on the remnants of the platoon, he stood up to locate the gun and remained exposed while calling back range corrections to friendly mortars, which knocked out the weapon.

"A little later he killed two Japanese as they charged an aid man. By dawn, his position, the focal point of the attack for more than four hours, was virtually surrounded. In fanatical effort to reduce it and kill its defender, an entire platoon charged with fixed bayonets. Firing from a sitting position, Private Moon calmly emptied his magazine into the advancing horde, killing 18 and repulsing the attack.

In a final display of bravery, he stood up to throw a grenade at a machine gun, which had opened fire on the right flank. He was hit and instantly killed, falling in the position from which he had not been driven by the fiercest enemy action.

"Nearly 200 dead Japanese were found within 100 yards of his foxhole. The continued tenacity, combat sagacity and magnificent heroism with which Private Moon fought on against overwhelming odds contributed in a large measure to breaking up a powerful enemy threat and did much to ensure our initial successes during a most important operation."

From the above you might think "G" Company won the battle on Leyte - *we didn't, but we came damn close. I couldn't have done it without you -- You who came face to face with a determined enemy -- and defeated him.*

P.S. If I could talk to the President I would say "Mr. President, if there is some way we can get out of this mess without going to war - let's do it." The following page lists the names of my men who fell on the field of battle.

CASUALTIES

K.I.A

1. Pvt. Hoff
2. Sgt. Bowman
3. Sgt. Michaelson
4. Sgt. Alexander
5. Sgt. Skellie
6. T/5 Thomas
7. PFC-Calhoun
8. PFC-Collins
9. PFC-Danderand
10. PFC-Doyle
11. PFC-Duncan
12. PFC-Jones
13. PFC-Zetkule
14. Pvt. Hiner
15. Pvt. Kerr
16. Pvt. Moon (Medal of Honor)
17. Pvt. Vail
18. Pvt. Van Howlin
19. Pvt. Lona
20. Pvt. Stough
21. Pvt. Brockman

W.I.A.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. T/Sgt. Ferguson 2. S/Sgt. Egelston (1) 3. Sgt. Baldock 4. Sgt. McCaffery 5. PFC-Blackwell 6. PFC-Geiser 7. PFC-Kirkeby 8. PFC-Lister 9. PFC-Long 10. PFC-Luna (1) 11. PFC-Bowens 12. PFC-Pletz 13. PFC-Stough (1) 14. PFC-Studebaker 15. PFC-Wallace 16. PFC-Restivo 17. Pvt. Hill 18. Pvt. Bohanen 19. Sgt. Paul 20. Sgt. Needham 21. PFC-Brown 22. Pvt. Martinez 23. Pvt. Owens 24. PFC-Menton | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. PFC-Grundy 26. T/5 Alexandra 27. PFC-Conners 28. PFC-Bigelow (1) 29. PFC-Jeepma (1) 30. PFC-Mitchell (1) 31. Sgt. Duggins 32. Sgt. Smith (1) 33. Sgt. Meyers (1) 35. Pvt. Musson 36. Pvt. Kuhen 37. Pvt. Lawler 38. Pvt. Delmag 39. Pvt. Whitiker 40. PFC-Montaglino 41. Pvt. Galloway 42. Pvt. Junkins 43. Pvt. Tucker 44. Lt. McCarty 45. Pvt. Lipps 46. Pvt. Morrelli 47. Pvt. Burgin 48. Pvt. Isabella |
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K.I.A. = Killed in Action

W.I.A = Wounded in Action

(1) = Died of Wounds

Benjamin H. Wahle, "Ben," 87, died peacefully at home with his family at his side on September 15, 2005.

He was born August 30, 1918, in Helena Montana to Ben and Delia Wahle. He attended the University of Montana, where he pledged Phi Delta Theta.

Ben enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, before deploying, he married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Palmquist in 1942. He was stationed at Schofield Barracks before joining forces in the South Pacific. He became Captain of the 24th Division of Company G. In two years, he had participated in the invasion of Biak, Hollandia and Schouten Islands. He was in the second wave to invade Leyte Beach in the Philippines on October 21, 1944, fifty minutes after H--Hour on D Day. At one time, he endured 28 days of virtual isolation while his Company maintained position on an important supply route of the enemy.

Upon arrival back to Helena, Ben was greeted by his wife and saw his son, Brian, then two, for the first time.

He began a thirty-year career with the IRS, retiring from the San Francisco Regional Office in 1973. He was very active in civic affairs in Helena, Exalted Ruler of the BPOE 193 in Helena and Chairman of the March of Dimes. He also received the Veerbeek Award in 2003.

He was passionate about hunting, fishing and wildlife. He was an expert rifleman. Many of his friends half his age expressed Ben was as much of an influence to them as he was to his men in his Company sixty years ago. Later in life, Ben enjoyed traveling with his wife Peggy and reunions with his fellow veterans. He was also known to family and friends to be a great storyteller.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Marguerite Wahle of 63 years, sons Dr. Brian Wahle of Napa, California and Ben Wahle of Fort Worth, Texas; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interment has taken place. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to The National Down Syndrome Congress, 1370 Center Drive, Ste., 102, Atlanta, GA., 30338 or Hospice, 110 North Dutton, Santa Rosa, Ca. 9540L

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Our America

My husband earned a purple heart
In a foreign land across the sea.
He was serving with the 24th
Fighting to keep our country free.

Because of him, and other veterans
We have the right to speak our mind.
The right to criticize those who lead
The right to vote and hold a sign.

When danger strikes we come together
Regardless of race or place of birth.
We proudly wave our beloved flag
To honor the Greatest Place on Earth.

Written by: Nancy Muldoon (Mrs. William Muldoon)

Editor's Note: The 2004 Verbeck Bowl Award was presented to Bill Muldoon at the 24th IDA Annual Reunion in Albuquerque, NM

My Dear Friends

I just got word from Henry Arakaki, that Mike is terminally ill in a hospital in Japan. The doctor gives him another 3-4 months to live. For those of you who never knew Mike he is the Japanese lad who worked in the kitchen at HQ Btry. 63rd Field Artillery of the 24th Division. When orders came to go to Korea Mike was asked to go and he subsequently was captured. The North Koreans could have shot him had they knew he was a Japanese National and in Korea illegally. Mike became the head interpreter and was awarded the Medal of Freedom. He became a citizen by act of Congress and went into the American Army serving 20 years of honorable service. He retired and became a computer analyst for the government. This year he was granted full federal service for the time as a POW in Korea. Those who know Mike will tell you that he is a great guy and a real hero. Let us hope and pray that some miracle will be granted to him. Cards can be sent to: Kiyobito (Mike) Tsutsui, 4-6-35 Sumiyoshi, Tokushima City, Tokushima Ken 770, JAPAN

Love to you all,
Shorty the Tiger
Tamagosan

.. Sorry I did not get to the reunion this year. Hope to make it to next. I hear rumors that it will be in Indianapolis, IN next year. Sure hope so.

Jim Lemon, P.O. Box 95, Friendship, IN 47021-0095

Jim, rumors are right this time.

Don't forget to see Jim's photos from WWII in the 21st INF section on Page 20, ~Editor

A Thank You Letter from a Drawing Winner to the Sec/Treas., Don Maggio



It was quite a surprise to get check in the mail. Thank you very much, it will come in very handy.
As you know my older brother Robert is still over there.
He was with the 1st Bn. A. CO., 19th, 24th ID.
Thank you again and God Bless the 24th Infantry Division.

Richard I. Quatier

Here's the list of \$500 Drawing Winners.

Edward G. Bouzan - Pembroke, MA
Kim Evans - Nevada City, CA
Richard C. Joseph - Norwell, MA
Richard T. LaFlame - Lynn, MA
William C. McClure - Beaver Dam, KY
Richard & Patricia Quatier - Vancouver, WA
Alfredo Rodriguez - Laredo, TX
Charles H. Stukins - Englewood, OH
Raymond Tomczak - Philadelphia, PA
Anthony J. Wojtas - Oneida, NY

Anthony donated his winnings back to the Association. Thank you Anthony!

Thanks to: Sec/ Treas. Don Maggio

Just talked with Mr. Orrin Irvine. He received his new membership card and I also received a payment from his daughter, which he wants applied to his '06-'07 dues. I only hope I am as alert as Mr. Irvine when I pass into my 80's. He is 83 years old. Has had strokes and other health problems. Lives in a nursing home in Altadena, CA. was with 24th Signal when it departed Hawaii in WW-2. Made the S. Pacific Islands. Told me 24th Inf. Div. was to lead the assault on Japan. They did not believe the Japanese surrounded, etc. His unit landed at end of war and served occupation duty at Makiyama. His granddaughter was the last Pasadena Rose Bowl Queen. I will send him a card and invite others to communicate with him. Orrin Irvine, 2212 El Moreno, Altadena, CA 91001-3062, Phone: 626-345-9943.

A call to Mr Levine today let's us know that he is, "Just going along." Mr Levine sounds very well and would enjoy hearing from some of you 24th soldiers. ~ Editor

Wes, thanks for keeping us up to date on all the vets and their families. I am the wife of Hugh Hewitt. He is in the hospital trying to recover from having a knee replacement removed, due to infection. It was 2 years ago he had the replacement and it has just got worse. He has been in for 3 weeks, and will probably be there another 3, due to having to have high powered antibiotic IV for 6 weeks. Then hopefully he will be able to have the knee replaced again. That will be another three or four weeks (along with therapy). Keep him in your thoughts.

Alma (Hugh's wife) 7030 W. 24th Odessa, TX 79763-6013

Thanks to Wes for forwarding Alma's note to the Taro Leaf. ~ Editor

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Cont.)

I have been in contact with James Bolt who served with my brother Boyd Tucker during the Korean War and he sent me a copy of the Get-Well Poem he wrote for Joe Duran, another member of the 63 FABN who passed away on 01 Oct 2005. I told him he should send it to you for consideration of publishing in the Taro Leaf. He asked me if I would do it and gave me his permission. I scanned all 4 pages for you to read. If it were typed, it wouldn't be as long, but I wanted you to see a copy of the original. I think it would be a great tribute to Mr. Duran. These men have all been such a help to me in my search for info on my brother Boyd. Thank you for your time and consideration, Pat Robbins

Please See Joe's Poem on Page 15 ~ Editor

Mrs. Ursula Dahlen wrote that General Dahlen is in ill health and hospitalized. Cards may be sent to: MG Chester A. Dahlen, 7400 Crestway Dr #1027, San Antonio, TX 78239-3098

Thanks for your help! Can't wait for another Reunion!

Heidi Edgar, 797 Ames Barineau Road, Havana, FL 32333-6707, Phone: 850-576-4984, Email:

Bravo29_98@yahoo.com

Look for the Heidi's letters in the Looking For Section. ~Editor

Another word from Heidi:

"When a woman goes wrong, the men go right after her."

— Mae West as Lady Lou in "She Done Him Wrong" ---

Since two Officers of the Association are 3rd Eng: thought I would try and help a little. I was with them from 1942 through end of the war. Joined the Assn shortly after it started. Paid dues yearly for a while, then Life #130.

Appreciate all you fellows do.

Many Thanks,

John sent a Punch Bowl Donation.

John Baldwin

**Check the Back Cover
for your Dues Date!**

Thank you for my dues notice. I do enjoy the Taro Leaf, you do a great job and it is a great magazine.

I always send it in December. So it will be a little early this time. When you get our age you do forget.

I am a Pearl Harbor Survivor and earned a Purple Heart.

John Bruening



Dear Don,

Thanks for the dues reminder! I enclose my check for \$30.00 to cover two years, and I think that will bring my dues as paid to January, 2007. If that is incorrect let me know.

I value my world war II association with the 24th Division, short as it was. I was assigned to MacArthur's USAFFE HQ. G-2, as a Special Agent of the Counter Intelligence Corps, and we were attached to the 24th Division's 11Q as a CIC detachment for the Hollandia operation, and later I was on temporary duty for the Leyte landings.

As each issue of the TARO LEAF arrives in the mail, I immediately sit down and read it cover to cover; it is indeed a great publication, and has been for many-years through the several editorial and publication changes.

Don, I send you and the other officers of the 24th Infantry Division Association my best wishes, and thanks for doing so much to keep alive the spirit of the 24th.

Sincerely

James F. Conway

I just received the Summer 2005 Taro Leaf and am complying with your requested info on updating membership records as follows:

Lloyd E. Gardner

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Correction: That was a nice tribute to James Diamond on the back cover. I did not know James personally but knew of his heroism since our companies worked very closely in the tough Mintal River, Mindanao crossing, in May, 1945. The correction is the "two weeks" time period before the Japanese surrender. The surrender did not occur for 3 months later until after the Atomic Bombs strikes in Aug and the then official surrender in Sept. There was a considerable amount of "mopping up" in June, July, and Aug by the 24th and other divisions.

I had a conflict and was not able to attend the Philadelphia reunion and I hope it was a big success.

Mr. Don Maggio

Am sending my dues. I enjoy the magazine very much. I am always eager to find someone in the magazine that I served with or that I know from the past. Some of the places are familiar enough.

I wish you well.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Hoogendoorn

"U.S. Army Days"

By ~ Don Duffy, 34th INF

This is a little story about two boys from Pennsylvania whose fate was triggered by events that took place in Korea on June 25, 1950. KPA troops cross the 38th parallel and invade South Korea setting into motion the Korean War.

These two boys were still in high school at the time where life was good and each had not a care in the world.

Both would be drafted into the United States Army. Bill Engstrom on December 11, 1952 and Donald Duffy on December 12, 1952.

Both boys would be processed into the army at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Bill and Don were buddies through the whole 16 weeks of basic training. Basic training ends somewhere around the middle of April 1953.

They say their goodbye's thinking they shall never meet again. They wish one another good luck and hope they do not wind up in Korea and hope for Europe.

Don was processed at Camp Drake, near Tokyo where he happily learned he was assigned to the 34th Infantry Regiment at Camp Fuji, Japan. Don was thankful that he was not going to Korea.

Don arrived at Camp Fuji at about dinnertime on a rainy and foggy night. He is assigned to Fox Company and shown to his barracks and what bunk to put his bag on and told to go to the mess hall for dinner. On the way to the mess hall Don meets none other than Bill Engstrom on his way back from dinner. Happily surprised, Don asks, what company are you in? "Fox Company" says Bill. "Great! So am I" said Don.

Don returns from dinner and low and behold his bags are on the bunk next to Bill's. It's a miracle he thought, what great luck. Of course it was no miracle at all! It was the alphabetical system! The "D's" and "E's" are side by side and it has been that way since George Washington started the system.

One-day orders came down to pack their gear, they were moving out. That was the last day of June, 1953. They packed everything they owned into their duffle bags. All the company records, supplies, weapons and equipment was packed for shipment. We knew this was a big move and suspected we were on our way to Korea. They loaded everything into trucks including themselves and were transported to Tachikawa Air Force Base. The entire 34th Infantry Regiment was loaded into flying boxcars and flown to Korea. This all took place in a twenty-four hour period. The entire 24th Division was moved back to Korea in seventeen days. The 34th regiment landed at Pusan along with division headquarters and was housed therefor a short time before moving North on trains and placed in a blocking position at a place called "The Iron Triangle." The 34th Regiment was put into a position behind the 2nd Division on "Line Wyoming" guarding the approaches to Seoul against a possible Chinese breakthrough.

Fox Company was placed in trenches high up on a hill overlooking a river and instructed to start digging. The ground in front of the trenches down to the river below was marked, "Danger-Minefield." Don and Bill again side by side started to dig the trench deeper as instructed. Well! When you dig a trench deeper you hit rocks. What do you do with these rocks? They came up with the idea of throwing the rocks down into the minefield. They rolled rocks galore down into that so called minefield and never once set off a mine much to their disappointment.

They sat in those trenches and watched the rest of the army and the North Korean army shoot back and fourth at each other every night. Every night was like watching fireworks back home on the Fourth of July.

Thank God the guns were not aimed in their direction.

The cease-fire was to take affect on the 27th of July, 1953. On the night before both sides fired off all their ammunition and it was a sight to behold. The skies were lighted with gun flashes and exploding shells like nothing these young soldiers had ever witnessed. There was a 155 MM long tom gun emplacement on the hill behind our position and in the daylight you could see these very large projectiles being shot over into the enemy positions with the naked eye and see them right to the target.

Duffy remembered saying to others gathered around, "What a shame for anyone to get killed tonight!"

Later that day they were again ordered to pack up and move out.

When they arrived at their next duty station they were pleasantly surprised to find very nice quarters in steel huts with hot showers. They were assigned to guarding the American stockade in conjunction with the 91st MP Battalion. The stockade housed American GI's that were incarcerated for breaking military laws and Korean laws. Their duties were to guard the stockade in guard towers and inside the compound and in the solitary confinement cells. One of my duties was to take the garbage which was some what separated from vegetables, meat and slop in 55 gal. cans. A Korean driver drove the truck to an orphanage and the cans were transferred to other cans. This garbage fed this entire orphanage and the people were only too glad to get our slop. The first time I went on this detail I realized just how hard these poor people had it.

Sometime later in the summer the American GI prisoners were relocated and the stockade was converted to a POW camp for Chinese Nationalist soldiers that were being repatriated in "Operation Big Switch" In this operation the POW's were taken off ships in Pusan Harbor and escorted under guard to the POW camp. The duties at the POW camp were about the same as guarding the American GI's but much more vigilant with orders to shoot any prisoners trying to escape or start riots.

It was a very cold winter in Korea that year, much colder than the winters in Pennsylvania that's for sure.

Christmas of 1953, which was their second Christmas away from home, was spent at the POW Camp in Pusan.

In February of 1954 Fox Company was reassigned to guard a tungsten mine in Sangdong. We arrived there on February 10th in the late afternoon. The mining village was located just above the 37th parallel and just West of Taebeck in the eastern section of South Korea. It is a very mountainous region where there were many anthracite mines and the largest tungsten mine in the world.

The very first day that the mine camp was taken over by Fox Company, in the late afternoon of February 10th, on a very cold and wintry day we suffered a disaster. We got to the camp late in the afternoon and got all our gear stowed away and settled down in our nice quarters in steel huts with cots for sleeping and nice warm kerosene stoves. The company commander, First Lt. Asensio, invited Don into the locked PX which was fully stocked with all the usual supplies. He informed Don that he was going to run the PX. Don was happy to have the assignment and went to bed. Sometime during the night a fire started in one of the huts and the entire camp burned to the ground except one or two buildings, Don's PX was not one of them, it burned to the ground a total loss.

Luckily everyone got out with as much of their gear as they could carry and no one was hurt which was a miracle in itself because ammunition was exploding in the fire and flying everywhere. Some men got out with just the underwear on their backs and no shoes, on a very cold February night with snow on the ground. They spent a very uncomfortable four or five days till tents and supplies could be shipped in. They had to build wooden floor structures and erect squad tents themselves because there were no engineering outfits for miles.

Once again Duffy and Engstrom were side by side in their squad tent where they spent a rather comfortable stay for the next two months.

While at this location in Sangdong there were no recreation facilities. No movie house or bars and no place to go except one hot bath house in the village. It was a large indoor pool which had a men's day and a ladies day. The men could not read the rules and at times would show up on ladies day. It did not seem to bother the men and the Korean ladies did not put up any objections but stayed at one end of the pool and did a lot of giggling.

This duty ended on April 11, 1954 when Fox Company was reunited with the rest of the 2nd battalion at the Taro Leaf Camp in Yangu Valley.

Bill and Don stayed at this location till their time to rotate home on October 12, 1954. The day those orders came out to go home was the happiest day for 75% of the company and a sad day for the younger 25% of Fox Company that had to stay and see their buddies leave.

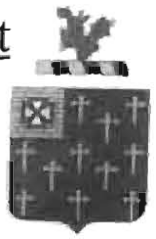
This trainload of veterans was looking forward to getting home and getting their lives back in order as civilians. Being home safe and sound and with more money in their pockets than they ever had before was a blessing. They may have earned more money in those two years as civilians but then they would have spent more money. Much more important than money was the experience gained, it was priceless. Don has often said that he would not trade those two years for all the money in the world. It is too bad that the youth of today do not have the same opportunity to serve their country as Bill and Don did. If there was ever such a thing as a good time to be drafted into the army, there could not have been a better time for these two boys from Pennsylvania. The Korean War was in progress, they had very good training in the states and in Japan, they were involved in the dramatic transfer of an entire infantry division into a combat situation and airlifted into a combat zone with full combat gear on. They were put into a combat zone while the war was still on and could see both sides shooting at one another and saw the war end without getting shot at. They were part of six varied and very interesting and exciting assignments that made the time fly by and eliminated any chance of boredom.

Bill and Don both received honorable discharges together on November 3, 1954, exactly 22 months and 22 days service for Don and one day more for Bill, as he was drafted one day earlier on December 11, 1952.

These two men, no longer boys, parted company at Fort Meade and headed home.

They did not meet again till the following April of 1955 when Don and his new bride, Barbara, stopped to see Bill at his home in Stoneboro, Pennsylvania.

The fact that Don, or anyone for that matter, would stop to see an army buddy while on his honeymoon is proof of how much this friendship was valued. Bill and Don have not seen one another since but they do talk on the phone from time to time.



Visions of Hiroshima



Marcel "Sal" Frederick was interviewed by his local paper about a recent visit to Hiroshima. Below are photos and an excerpt from the article

Marcel "Sal" Frederick was in Hiroshima, Japan with his Army unit just six weeks after an atomic bomb exploded above the city Aug 6, 1945. Frederick shows pictures he has collected of the devastation.

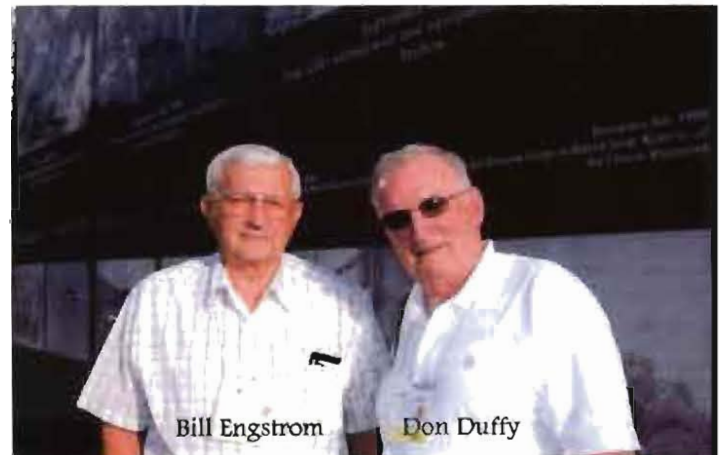


It was not Frederick's first time in Hiroshima. As a member of the 24th Army Infantry Division, he was one of the first Americans to enter the city – six weeks after the bomb was dropped.

"It was a ghost town," Frederick said. "There was absolutely nothing moving anyplace."

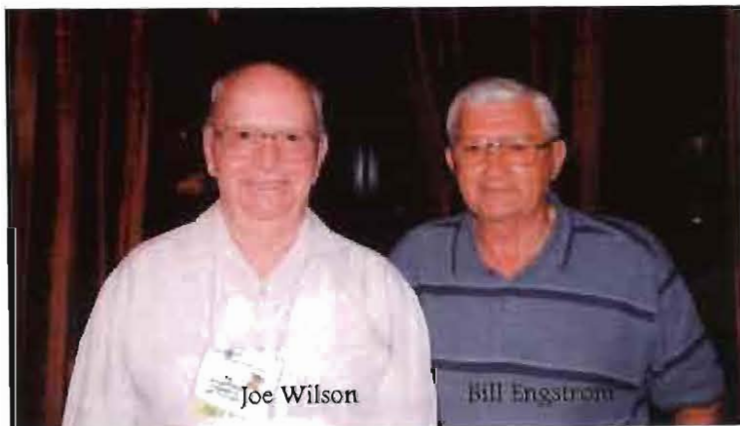
Frederick and his fellow soldiers were in the devastated city to help the Japanese rebuild. Just weeks earlier, they had been training in the Philippines for a land invasion of Hiroshima.

You ask at the recent reunion in Philadelphia that I send you some of the pictures that I took. There is one picture that I would like very much to have you put in the Taro Leaf. It is a picture of myself and Bill Engstrom taken at the Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia. We were from Fox Company of the 34^m Infantry Regiment serving in Korea in 1953 to 1954. We had five members from our company at the reunion. It was the first time that we have gotten together since we left Korea over fifty years ago.



I am attaching a story about the remarkable circumstances of Bill Engstrom and myself as close buddies while in the army. I know the story is too long to be put in the Taro Leaf but I would like for you to read it just to see why I would like this picture placed in the Taro Leaf. The picture shows Bill Engstrom on the left and Don Duffy on the right.

The other members from Fox Company were Joe Wilson from Columbia, SC., Leon Gale from Laceyville, Penna. and Jack Goedeke from Easton, Maryland.



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Supply Price List

Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea	Control #	Item	Description	Price Ea
1	24 ID Colored Patch		\$3.00	41	19 th Lapel Pin		\$5.00
2	24 IDA Colored Patch		5.00	42	24 ID License Plate (new) w/TL		6.00
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4	24 ID White Cap w/Patch	First to Fight	10.00	44	Desert Storm Hat Pin		3.00
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6	24 ID Decal	4"	3.00	46	Korean War Cap Black	Veteran or CIB	12.00
7	Bolo Tie w/TL Gold		15.00	47	Bumper Sticker-CIB		3.00
	W/Gold or Black Chain			48	Bumper Sticker –		3.00
8	Bolo Tie w/TL Silver		16.00	49	Proudly Served w/TL		
	Silver w/TL Silver			50	6 th Tank BN Cloth Patch	Cloth Patch	5.00
9	Belt Buckle w/TL		15.00	51	Purple Heart Medal	HP-754	3.00
	Gold or Silver Belt Buckle			52	Bronze Star Medal	HP-926	3.00
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11	24 Sig BN Unit Crest		5.00	54	Korean Service Medal	HP-929	3.00
12	19 th Inf Crest		5.00	55	Nail. Defense Service Medal	HP-957	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			56	Victory Medal	HP-958	3.00
13	21 st Inf Crest		5.00	57	Silver Star Medal	HP-959	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			58	ETO Campaign Medal	HP-962	3.00
14	34 th Inf Crest		5.00	59	DFC	HP-965	3.00
	Current Issue \$10 Pr			60	Korean 8000 Missing	HP-115	3.00
15	11 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	61	CMB 1 st Award	HP-569	3.00
16	13 th FA Crest	\$10 pr	5.00	62	US Flag Clutch Back	HP (V-37)	3.00
17	19 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	63	24 th Medical Bn Crest		10.00
18	21 st Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	64	Pacific Campaign Medal	HP-963	3.00
19	34 th Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	65	American Campaign Medal	HP-964	3.00
20	11 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	66	Army of Occupation Medal	HP-051	3.00
21	13 th FA Pocket Patch (Color)		5.00	67	Meritorious Service Medal	HP-056	3.00
22	24 ID Crest		5.00	68	UN Service Medal	HP-059	3.00
				69	Philippine Liberation	HP-361	3.00
24	34 th Inf Lapel Pin		5.00	70	Korean Service Ribbon	HP-099	3.00
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	Mini DRESS MESS			72	DSC Hatpin	HP-308	3.00
26	CIB (2 nd Award) I-1347 (Mini)		6.50	73	Bring 'Em Home/Back	HP-214	3.00
	Mini DRESS MESS			74	American Defense Medal	HP	3.00
27	CIB Lapel Pin		5.00	75	Vietnam Service Medal	HP	3.00
28	19 th Cap Dark Blue/Crest		10.00	76	24 ID Hatpin		3.00
29	21 st Cap White/Embroidered Patch		12.00	77	24 ID Tie-Regular		20.00
30	21 st Cap Dark Blue /Embroidered Patch		12.00	78	24 ID Flag, 3x5 Screen Print	Outdoor Flag	55.00
31	34 th Cap Dark Blue w/Crest		10.00	79	63 rd Field Artillery	Cloth Patch	5.00
32	24 IDA Cap Dark Blue w/Patch		10.00	80	Army Commendation Medal	HP	3.00
33	Cap w/TL, Red or White GERMANY		12.00	81	Soldiers Medal	HP	3.00
34	24 IDA Red or White Caps		10.00	82	POW Medal	HP	3.00
35	24 IDA Green Cap		10.00		Armed Forces Reserve Medal	HP	3.00
36	24 ID White Mesh Cap		10.00	83	1" Decal 24 ID		.10
37	3 rd Eng. Crest		5.00	84	Sell 12 for \$1.00		
38	14 th Eng. Crest		5.00	85	24 th Christmas Cards	10 ea. Packet	8.00
39	5 th RCT Pocket Patch		5.00	86	World War II Tapes (starts Australia)		15.00
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5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION KOREAN WAR



Cpl. Robert Perez

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry — 1950 - 1952

In June 1950, when the North Korean Army attacked across the 38th Parallel, the 5th Regimental Combat Team was stationed in Hawaii. The 5th was rushed to Korea, debarking at Pusan on 31 July and moving into defensive positions with the 25th Infantry Division on the western side of the Pusan Perimeter. The Regiment saw its first action as part of Task Force Kean and participated in the heavy fighting in the Masan-Chinju and Bloody Gulch area.

On 31 August, the 5th Infantry and the 555th Artillery were assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, replacing the 34th Infantry and the 63rd Artillery, which were disbanded. In September, the Regiment was attached to the 1st Cavalry Division and took part in the breakout from the Pusan perimeter, crossing the Naktong River and taking Waegwan, then rejoining the 24th Division.

After the Inchon landing and the breakout from Pusan in September, the 24th Division moved north under I Corps, recaptured Taejon, crossed the 38th parallel, and drove deep into North Korea. By 1 November, lead elements of the Division were only 18 miles from the Yalu River. When the Chinese intervention forced a general withdrawal, the Division held a bridgehead on the Ch'ongch'on River long enough to allow all I Corps units to escape to the south, then moved south of Seoul. In January 1951, the Division fought on the Imjin and Han Rivers as Eighth Army was pushed south by the CCF attacks.

Transferred to the IX Corps, the Division took part in Operations RIPPER and KILLER, fought in the "Iron Triangle" and helped blunt the Chinese spring offensive. As peace talks began in the summer of 1951, the 24th Division held positions near Kumhwa. After the truce talks began in July 1951, fighting along the front, while continuous, was generally limited to combat patrols and limited objective attacks. In October, the Division took part in the last large scale offensive action of the war, launching an attack on Kumsong.

In January 1952, the 24th Infantry Division was replaced on the line by the 40th Infantry Division and returned to Japan. The 5th Regimental Combat Team remained in Korea as part of the Eighth Army reserve. Hostilities in Korea ended in July 1953.

COMMANDERS

Col. Godwin Ordway • Col. John Throckmorton

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UN Defensive • UN Offensive • CCF Intervention • First UN Counteroffensive • CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive • Second Korean Winter • Summer-Fall 1952 • Third Korean Winter
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Korean Presidential Unit Citation (Korea)

Dear Billy

10/10/05

I had this Battle History made for my uncle (Bob) some years ago after his passing. After becoming a member and reading the TAO LEAF I was hoping that this could be presented on the 5th IAR Regimental page.

I hope everything is on the up & up with his Battle History.

Thank you

ERIC B. KONTZ

Antique postcards of pre-WWII Japanese Imperial Army





The summer issue of 2005 had a good article by Lt. Col. Roy Tate, who commanded the AAA units of the 24th from Dec. 1950. He mentioned A Battery of the 21st AAA AW Bn. (SP), which later became B Battery of the 26th AAA, this photo is of Captain Dan Williams who commanded this Battery along with 1/Lt. Olen O'Connor, Platoon Leader.

This photo was taken during the summer of 1951.

Submitted By ~ Col. Olen O'Connor USA (Ret)



Marvin Reed at Fort Bliss, TX

Marvin Reed & Virginia Reed in El Paso, TX, 1951



Submitted By ~ Marvin Reed, 26th AAA



Training at Fort Bliss, TX – May 1951



Marvin Reed – Korea, July 1951

Mavin Reed & Lucy Cole
El Paso, TX 1951



Hap in reserve, Korea, Aug 1951
Taken and Submitted By ~ Marvin Reed



A collage of company photos. ~ Submitted by Jack Starr, 19th INF



A Story from Ed Farmer, 21st INF.

When we arrived in the Phillipines on Oct 20, 1944, the 21st Infantry has landed two days earlier on Southern Leyte on the Island of Panoon. Our mission to capture "a Japanese P.T. Boat Base and an Airfield" located there. The ships dropped our Regimental Combat Team off thses and sailed away. If you think thousands of men can't get lonesome, think again. Two days later the whole Japanese fleet sailed up the Sarigo Channel right on by us. Later in the afternoon they met the U.S. Fleet and the Big Battle began. All that day and night the battle raged. On the high ground where we were we could see the ships burning. The Japanese were throwing "16 inch" rounds all over hell. I want to tell you when they hit they can lift you right out of your slit trench. When daylight came there were Japanese sailors swinning ashore. The 21st Infantry was the only Army Unit to witness this great "Battle". We were very happy to be picked a few days later to rejoin the rest of the 24th Division near Palo, Leyete. Incidentally we were at 400 miles from any other American troops on Ponosn.

In the series coming on History Channel being done by "Flashback Television Limited," Ben Wahle and I were selected to give our stories re "Breakneck Ridge," ect.

The people were really surprised when they found that Infantry Troops has watched the fighting taking place. This part re the Twenty-First was a real surprise because they had thought only Naval Personnel had witnessed the fighting. Received a call from London saying the Series "Pacific War" will be showing on the History Channel sometime in December. I will be receiving a tape of the whole thing. Will keep you informed.

Best regards,
Ed Farmer, 21st INF

Carolyn Farmer, wife of Ed Farmer, fell and broke her shoulder, October 13. Their address, for those who would like to send a card, is 3680 Bryan Street, Reno, NV 89503~ Editor

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about," the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick and tired of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her." And he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like Heck they're getting a divorce," she shouts. "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her dad, "You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" And she hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

EXIT LAUGHING (or Crying)

When things get tough -
Just keep your head and try to look inconspicuous.



Notes 'n' notions from Jim Pettit

The Savannah (Ga.) News reports that scientists in the Philippines have determined that sweating after drinking beer attracts mosquitoes. So does the scent of dirty socks. Maybe it would help to strain the beer through the dirty socks before drinking. Maybe not.

Reader Jim Pearson, commenting on a man's willingness to mix flavors, suggests a shot of Jim Beam and Diet Cherry Coke.

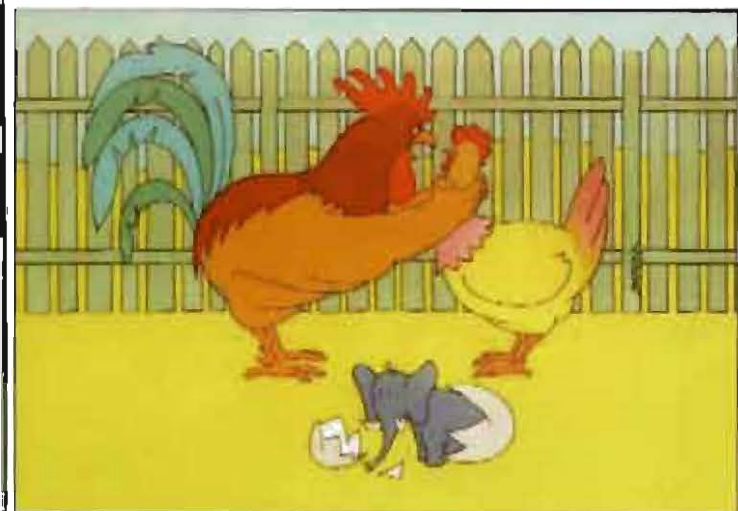
Scientists say our sun will burn out in about 5 billion years. Think I'll wait until next Thursday to worry about it.

Bumper sticker:

Your Opinion, Although Interesting, Is Irrelevant.

Quoting: "I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult." - Rita Rudner

From Fayetteville Observer, Fayetteville, NC



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

COW PATTIE PERFUME

Scientists are now officially bored

The New Zealand agricultural company Summit-Quinphos revealed in March that it has a working model of an automated nitrogen-inhibiting sprayer that fits under a cow's tail, and that it has a government grant to develop the device. A company spokesman said nitrogen from cow urine, concentrated in small patches in a field, currently must be neutralized by expensively treating the entire field.

However, the company's "tail-activated" gizmo immediately fires a blast of inhibiting chemical at the ground directly below every time the cow lifts her tail for a call of nature. (A New Zealand Herald reporter made Summit-Quinphos scientist Jamie Bleenerhasset solemnly swear that the announcement was not an April Fool's joke.)

WELL OF COURSE!

(1) Transsexual convicted prostitute Monica Renee Champion, 37, was finally picked up by police in Richmond, Va., in August; there had been arrest warrants for indecent exposure against her in the city's South Side as a male and in the city's North Side as a female. (2) Tyrone D. McMillian, 33, who was arrested after a high-speed chase through three New York towns in August, told the arresting officers: "I've been playing a lot of Grand Theft Auto and NASCAR on PlayStation. I thought I could get away."

(1) Paris Satine, 46, the madame of a legal brothel in Maroochydore, Australia (north of Brisbane), who was a nominee at an awards banquet for Excellence in Business (which was being held at a local hotel), was arrested for soliciting clients during the event. (2) London's Sunday Telegraph reported in July that, because of the shortage of military supplies caused by troops deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, British Army soldiers on training exercises were ordered simply to shout "bang bang" rather than fire practice rounds.

LIFE IMITATES ART

According to a February report in the Israeli daily Ma'ariv, Itzik Sinkowitz is suing a pet shop owner in Beersheeba for selling him a sickly Galerita-type cockatoo (price: the equivalent of about \$2,000) that died shortly after Sinkowitz got him home. As in a classic *Monty Python* sketch, the shop owner initially insisted that the parrot was merely lethargic and needed time to adjust to his new surroundings, but when the parrot (to use the *Python* dialogue) was shown to be "a late parrot," "an ex-parrot," "a stiff," and to have "joined the choir invisible," the shop owner still refused to return the money.

In the Stephen King novel, Christine was the name of the demonic car, but Christine Djordjevic of South Haven, Ind., is the owner of a car that started and drove off, unattended, in March and crashed into her neighbor's home. Police concluded that the culprit was Djordjevic's remote starter, which had been installed by the previous owner imprudently, in that, on stick-shift cars, it can work in gear.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

In September, Anthony R. Martin, 52, of Belleville, Ill., became the latest person to call the police and complain that someone had stolen his illegal drugs. Martin told the investigating officer that a hostile neighbor had taken his marijuana plants, but when he showed the officer the room where he usually kept them, the plants were actually still there. Martin then said whoever took them must have returned them. He was charged with growing marijuana. (He also admitted that he had been drinking.)

Chuck Shepherd,
News of the Weird (Weird News@earthlink.net)

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The Medal of Honor, the nations highest sward for military Valor is given to those who have acted with supreme courage and to disregard their won safety in the face of most hazardous conditions. It is an award that only a comparative handful of men in the world are entitled to wear. It is bestowed by act of Congress and reflects Democracy's gratitude to those who, in moments of risk, offered everything they had in its defense, including life itself. The medal is but a humble token, a gesture of recognition for sacrifices, which cannot be repaid to its honored holders, their survivors, in worldly goods.

Twelve soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division, between 1944 and 1951, so distinguished themselves with sacrificial and intrepid acts on the battlefield and received this highest decoration. Three recipients are from World War II and the other nine received their awards during the Koran War. Only General Dean, Lieutenant Dodd, And Sergeant Adams lived to receive the Medal personally. Sergeant Duke survived combat but died later in a North Korean POW camp. All others were killed in action, and along with Sgt. Duke received their decorations posthumously.

Major General **William F. Dean**, Berkley, California
CG 24th Infantry Division
20 – 21 July 1950, Taejon, Korea

During intense fighting in the battle for Taejon, armed with only a hand grenade, he single-handedly attacked an enemy tank. He also directed fire of his tanks from an exposed position that offered neither cover nor concealment, while under enemy artillery and small arms fire. When the enemy overran Taejon, Gen. Dean refused to leave with the lead elements of the retreating division. Instead, he remained behind to organize his retreating forces and direct stragglers to safety.

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