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Fort Devens, MA

1:00 P.M. Business Meeting

November 9, 1988National Guard Armory
Victory Road Dorchester, MA

NO MEETING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

January 14, 1989Americal Museum Fort Devens, MA
1:00 P.M. Business MeetingFebruary 8, 1989Americal Museum Fort Devens, MA
1:00 P.M. Business MeetingCOMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I wish to announce at this time that our National Adjutant of many years, Bill Dunphy, has resigned and he will be sorely and truly missed. Bill earned the respect and friendship of most everybody that he came in contact with. He was dedicated to his work and always did more than was expected of him. The accolades could go on and on and fill a book, so I will say THANK YOU BILL!

By the time you receive this Newsletter the Clambake will have gone by the board and the Christmas Party will be just around the corner. Information on that will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Please help the people that chair our various functions by sending in your reservation before the requested deadline. This makes for an accurate head count and saves an awful lot of extra running around that sometimes lead to problems.

Your Commander received a very nice letter of thanks from Bob Klokis, our good Samaritan in Pennsylvania. I know of some members that sent him money, which he promptly returned.

He did accept a copy of 'UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS' and a baseball cap. It was a very small price to pay for so much kindness.

Bob Thornton
National Commander

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

John J. Carey Jr.
101 Med Bn
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*Gary W. Peach
18 Artillery
Nelsonville, OH

Ltc Lewis W. Doyle
182 Infantry
San Antonio, TX

*James R. Stringham
198 LIB
Rockford, IL

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247 Field Artillery
St. Petersburg, FL

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125 Quartermaster
Newton Centre, MA

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182 Infantry
Spencer, MA

*Vietnam Veteran

NEW MEMBERS

John M. Wicke
196 LIB
Matawan, NJ
#William Dunphy

Charles R. Martin
11 LIB
W. Collingswood, NJ
#Edward den Braven

Michael J. Piazza
11 LIB
Pawtucket, RI
#Frank Diorio

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246 Field Artillery
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198 LIB
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245 Field Artillery
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182 Infantry
Columbus, OH
#David Rossi

William A. Gold
26 Signal
Baltimore, MD
#Bill McLaughlin

NEW MEMBERS

Harold J. Ashe
132 Infantry
Chicago, IL
#Bernie Chase

Henry E. Barton
132 Infantry
Elgin, IL
#Bernie Chase

Bruce L. Bishop
182 Infantry
Tomahawk, WI
#Ltc Peter Messina

*Michael D. Burnes
11 LIB
San Diego, CA
#Ron Ward

John Calia
132 Infantry
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#Tony Yeso-Bill Dunphy

*Brian J. Mulcrone
23 Military Police
DePlaines, IL
#John DeGroot

*Hon. Tom Ridge
1st Corp.
Washington, DC
#Ltc Peter Messina

*Olen F. Ridling
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Fort Devens, MA
#Frank Diorio
* Vietnam Veteran

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1 Cav
Glenview, IL
#John DeGroot
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TAPS

Clarence W. Galetti
132 Infantry
Bellwood, IL
August 1988
Life Member

Joseph F. Marotta
182 Infantry
Bourne, MA
August 12, 1988
Life Member

Nolan J. Hurley
478 AAA
Glen Burnie, MD
August 15, 1988

Arthur J. Brennan
121 Med Bn
Southport, CT
August 24, 1988

IN MEMORIAM

Dear Bernie :

I realize you will not require the usual official notification on Joe Marotta's passing. I am writing this little note just to share a few thoughts of Joe with you.

I'm sure we both knew for some time that Joe was not long for this world, but in spite of that his death is very hard for me to accept. Somehow I guess I saw sort of a "father figure" in Joe during my membership in the Cape Cod Chapter. I always felt I enjoyed a special friendship with him. I well recall during the last meeting he attended that I was at, he maintained a very "amused" and appreciative look on his face when I gave that rambling account of memories of the 164th Infantry. It had been sorta triggered by the recent account in the Americal Newsletter. That is just one of many memories I will cherish of Joe.

I have sent a contribution to the American Heart Fund in memory of Joe, also a sympathy card to Mrs Marotta. However please include me in anything of that nature to be done by the Chapter.

Kindest regards,

Art. Chapman

Art, Joe was a tremendous worker for both National and the Cape Cod Chapter. He will surely be missed by all our members.

Mr. Chase

I'm writing to inform you of the death of Clarence Galetti. He was a member of "K" and "I" Company of the 132nd Infantry.

Clarence was also the Public Relations man for the 132nd Infantry Reunions. We depended on him for all the video taping of our events.

You'll probably get a few more letters from the committee members on this, but I thought I would write and let you know. I was one of the bar tenders at our last reunion that you attended. Thanks again for the tie clip.

As ever,

Dick Schubert

Thanks for the information Dick. You and your partner did a great job at the 132nd Reunion.

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
On what day - or what hour
Now is the only time you have
So live it with a will
Don't wait until tomorrow
The hands may then be still

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

THANKS

To the ADVA Family;

I would like to thank all of you for your phone calls, card, and prayers during my illness.

YOU ARE TRULY THE FINEST!

It will be quite some time before I get back in stride, but I'll make it. Again thanks!

PNC Henry and Sally Morash

CHAPTER NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER
DC, DE, KY, MD, NJ, NY, OH, PA

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Robert T. Hock
12 [REDACTED] Reading, PA, 19601
Tel # [REDACTED]

The Chapter has no plans for any Chapter activities in the near future. Commander Bob Hock will be meeting soon with John O'Keefe to discuss plans for a Chapter Reunion in September 1989.

WILLIAM F. MCGOLDRICK - CAPE COD CHAPTER
PLYMOUTH & WAREHAM, & SOUTH OF THE CAPE COD CANAL

COMMANDER Hugh Murnaghan
346 [REDACTED] West Yarmouth, MA, 02673
Tel # [REDACTED]

The first three meetings of the new season will be held at the V.F.W. Post in Hyannis at 1:00 P.M. on September 12, October 10, and November 14, 1988.

Memorial services will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery on Sunday November 13, 1988 at 1:00 P.M. There will be a short parade before the ceremony.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served at the conclusion of the service. Everyone is invited to the American Legion Post #188 for refreshments.

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SOUTH EAST CHAPTER
AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Ed A. Heartquist
200 [REDACTED], Tarpon Springs, Florida, 33589
Tel # [REDACTED]

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER NEWS

Fall meeting of the Southeast Chapter will be held as follows:

Delta Court of Flags
Orlando, FL
November 15-16-17-1988
(mid-week)

The meeting will be for three days and two nights. The room rate is \$52.00 per night, single or double, plus tax.

Deposit of \$52.00 is required by November 1, 1988 and it should be sent to:
Delta Court of Flags

[REDACTED]
Orlando, FL
32819-7988

Any questions on Hotel
call Ann Bodnar at [REDACTED]

For additional info contact;
Arthur Wood
[REDACTED]
Homosassa Springs, FL
32647
or call [REDACTED]

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

CHAPTER NEWS (cont.)

FAR WEST CHAPTER
AK, AZ, N CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, ND, SD, UT,
WA & WY

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Lloyd J. Morrell
[REDACTED] Pleasant Hill, CA., 94523
Tel # [REDACTED]

FAR WEST NEWS

In early November there will be a dedication of the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the State Capitol at Sacramento, CA. A date has not been published at this time, but will be announced later. I am suggesting that as many Americal veterans as possible attend this dedication as a group. Arrangements will be made to have the Americal colors available for the event. If there is to be a parade, arrangements will be made to march with our colors. I will need some indication of how many plan to attend, so drop me a post card or call me.

The last Newsletter indicated some activity for September in the Bay area. Unfortunately, before I could get plans together I was scheduled for major heart surgery on August 11th and will be recuperating will into August and part of September.

Lloyd

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER
IL, IN, MI, MN, WI

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Herbert L. Murphy
[REDACTED] Saginaw, MI, 48604
Tel # [REDACTED]

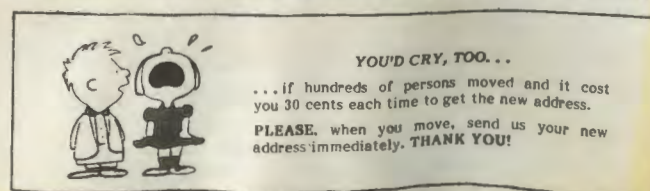
The Great Lakes Chapter held their Spring meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, at the Knights Inn. Twenty one members and their wives were present. Mitchell Przybycein and Fred Hitzman reported on the progress made in planning for our Fall meeting to be held at Oak Brook, Illinois, Marriot Hotel. Reservations for this meeting will be made at the Chicago Marriott, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521 [REDACTED]. Rooms are \$50.00 a night. They also reported that they are gathering information for our National Convention to be held in the same area in June of 1990 at which our Chapter will be host.

Commander Herbert Murphy, stated that the election of Chapter Officers will be held at the October meeting.

CENTRAL MID WEST CHAPTER
IA, KS, MO, NE

CONTACTS: Ron J. Ward
[REDACTED] St Louis, Mo, 03123
Tel # [REDACTED]

Charles "Chuck" P. King
[REDACTED] Kansas City, MO., 64119
Tel # [REDACTED]



CHAPTER NEWS (cont.)

SOUTH MID WEST CHAPTER
AK, LA MS, OK, TX

CONTACT: Charles T. Manchester of 1500 Ridgmar Blvd, Ft Worth, Texas, 79116 wrote to Headquarters that he was interested in starting a Chapter in his area. Please contact Charley if you are interested. I have forwarded to Charlie the information required to request a Charter.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

COMMANDER: Vacant

Regional Commander Lloyd Morrell reports that he has a member who might take on the task in Southern California in the near future.

CONVALSCENT

Herbert O'Brien
[REDACTED]
West Peabody, MA
01960

Lloyd Morrell
[REDACTED]
Pleasant Hill, CA
94523

Michael Doyle
[REDACTED]
Haverhill, MA
01830

Paul Donelan
[REDACTED]
Plymouth, MA
02360

Alexander Diorio
Woburn Rehab Hospital
Woburn, MA
01801

Silvio Rossetti
Daniels Nursing Home
[REDACTED]
Reading, MA 01867

AMERICAL MUSEUM

**We've got a job
so important,
it takes a
retired person
to do it.**

Ken Turner - Museum Director of the Americal Museum, Fort Devens, MA invites any member who would like join the list of Curators who open the Museum for the two days a week to join the crowd. This is a good opportunity to meet old friends and renew old times.

PLEASE CONTACT: Ken Turner
[REDACTED]
Wakefield, MA 01880
Or call [REDACTED]

SEND CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO:

Bernard Chase
[REDACTED]
South Yarmouth, MA
02664

ADJUTANT NOTES

IMPORTANT

You Should Know

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JANUARY DUES NOTICES

1st Notice Dues Membership Card mailed in ADVANCE of Payment.

2nd Notice March April Newsletter your Membership Card # was printed.

3rd Notice Dues over due notices were mailed August 1988.

FINAL NOTICE In (30) days your name will be removed from the Roster. How many other Organizations carry an OVERDUE member for almost a year?

William F. Ames
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John D. Wood

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| 61 to 70..... | \$ 75 | " | 3* |
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City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

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VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

FIREBASE CLEVELAND

Firebase Cleveland was GREAT! We had a good hospitality room and turnout for the parade. The pictures displayed were taken by various members. Thanks to all who gave their support.

Ron

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In the May-June issue of the newsletter, there was an item about the Bronze Star Medal being authorized for all men who earned a Combat Infantry Badge during WW2, Korea, or Vietnam. Executive order 9419 authorizes the award only for WW2 vets. Korea and Vietnam vets are not eligible for this special award.

ADVA member Joe O'Brien spotted the error and wrote to us with documentation supplied by the Department of the Army. In a letter to Joe by the Military Awards Branch, LTC H.M. Rangel, stated that there were valid reasons for limiting the special award to WW2 vets. At the end of WW2, General Marshall was concerned that many deserving combat veterans had been overlooked for recognition because the Bronze Star had not been established until February 1944 (more than two years after WW2 began). To alleviate this problem, a special provision was established in 1947 so that any soldier who had been cited for "exemplary conduct in ground combat" was eligible to receive a special award of the Bronze Star. The citation could be in the form of a citation in orders, a certificate, or orders awarding the CIB or Combat Medical Badge (since the initial criteria for these badges required "exemplary" conduct). This provision was not extended to veterans of subsequent conflicts because field commanders were fully aware that the Bronze Star was available for award at their discretion during the entire period of hostilities. Therefore, a written recommendation for the award was essential to ensure that all awards were properly justified.

VETS STILL PURSUING JANE FONDA

From S.J. Nichols in New York, we hear that a coalition of state veterans groups is calling on Congress to investigate whether treason charges should be brought against Hanoi Jane because of her 1972 trip to North Vietnam. If probable cause is found, she is to be tried in US District Court.

The vets group is called the Connecticut Veterans Coalition Forum. Hanoi Jane's spokesman calls them "a tiny desperate minority which will only backfire on all veterans".

Just in case any of you old grunts are in a mood to write to Hanoi Jane and let her know where you stand, her address is printed below. I tried it and was quite surprised when I received a response from her secretary.

Jane Fonda

Los Angeles, CA. 90049

In the May-June issue of the newsletter, we listed new member, Michael Brown as being a veteran of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade. Mike wants everyone to know that he thinks the 198th was a good outfit but his service was with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. The newsletter staff regrets the error.

Dear Ron;

Enclosed is an article from STAR magazine, August 2nd., describing Hanoi Jane's daughter's activities in Nicaragua. I doubt whether Hanoi Jane was sincere in her public apology on television. Even if she used her influence to free any living American POWs I might accept her belated apology, but never forget her collaboration with the Vietnamese communists.

In case you or the other veterans have not yet read the enclosed article, I'm sending it to you.

Sincerely,

Al Cotta, 121 Med Bn

Editor's note: I thank Al for sending the news item on Hanoi Jane's 19 year old daughter. The article is too lengthy to reprint in the newsletter. To be brief it described how Vanessa, a junior at Brown University, recently returned from her second trip to Nicaragua where she has worked on a building project, hauling wood. She is quoted by the STAR as saying "What I'm doing is different from what my mother was doing in Hanoi. At the time my mother thought she was making a humanitarian gesture. I'm not trying to make a statement. I'm just trying to help build a school and clinic for an individual town."

F. Clifton Berry's latest book, CHARGERS, is out and being well received by former members of the Americal Division. I obtained a copy from well known donut-dolly and ADVA member, Larry Hines. I noticed that the donut-dollies were not forgotten in this book. It features three photos of Larry wearing that familiar light blue dress standing outside the Charger Hotel and the firebase of the 3/21st Infantry (Gimlets). I have not completed reading the book yet but just fanning through it I noticed interviews with a couple of ADVA members that I've been fortunate enough to personally meet at one of more of our hospitality rooms. Gary Noller and Andy Olinits are two of them. Better get your copy in a hurry before they sell out. To order one call [redacted] ext. 9479. The cost is approximately \$7.

Mr. Berry is an ADVA member who served with the 196th as operations officer during 67-68.



FIREBASE CLEVELAND

George Martin, Bill Meek, Charlie Daniels, Don Rice, Cliff [redacted], Jeff Parks, Larry Snyder, Zed Bell (Left to right)

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

The Vietnam Women's Memorial Project has moved its office to the below address.

Vietnam Women's Memorial Project

[redacted]
Washington, D.C. 20009

New volunteers are joining the project all the time. Please call the office if you need to find out who the volunteer coordinator for your area.

Poster petitions are coming in regularly but we need more. Send them to your member of Congress or if you have petitions with signatures from more than one Congressional District, send it to the VWMP office to use with Congressional Committees, the Fine Arts Commission, etc. If you need more petitions, contact the VWMP office in Washington.

By a vote of 96 to 1, the Senate passed S. 2042. The House Bill had 219 co-sponsors when it went to its Sub-Committee hearing on June 21st, but a new bill (HB 4870) was introduced. This bill has the same language as the Senate Bill and will eliminate the need for a Senate-House Compromise Committee and further delays. However, each one of the 219 House members must be contacted to co-sponsor the new bill and we still need the rest of the members of the House to agree to co-sponsor. We have found that many members of Congress are supportive once they have been contacted and the intent of the bill explained to them. In many cases, just one call from a constituent was enough. So please pick up the phone and call. This bill will hopefully come before the full House in September.

The above update on the VWMP was supplied by an Americal Donut-Dolly, Linda Wilson.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check for \$16.00 for a years membership.

I did not know there was such an Association until I met a Pete Davenport, and he gave me a copy of your Newsletter, where I got the application, and I might add I enjoyed your Newsletter.

I was with Co. A, 1st Bn., 6th Inf. Reg., 198 LIB in Vietnam from October 1967, to May 1968. I would appreciate all the history you have on the 198th, and a couple of bumper stickers.

Thank you,
Mel. DiMassimo



FIREBASE CLEVELAND (Photos by Jim (Pigman) Crum)

THE 196TH LIB LOCATE-A-BROTHER 1989 REUNION
June 23, 24, 25, 1989
Marriot at the Airport
St. Louis, MO.

For all people attached to the 196th 1965-1972

Registration forms will be sent with the next Locate-A-Brother newsletter. There is no need to contact the Marriot. Rooms will be \$52 per night for single or double.

Bring your family. There is plenty to do and see around St. Louis and information is available.

Friday June 23rd: GET TOGETHER NIGHT

We will have a sign in sheet at the main desk, name tags with unit will be issued, and computer searches will be made available.

We have a hospitality room that will seat 500 people from 0800 hours until evening.

We also have a display room set up for all displays and memorabilia. The room will have 30 tables, VCR, and projectors available. If you have something to share, please bring it to the display room!

Saturday June 24th: STAND DOWN

The hospitality room will remain open from 0800 hours until 1700 hours. The display room will remain open from 0800 hours until evening. 1800 hours we will have dinner. No money is required before hand but we will have a donation jar available. No one will go hungry! Immediately following dinner we will have some very impressive speakers. Then it's STAND DOWN TIME at the CHARGER HOTEL! Confirmation is still pending on the band and guests but we assure you it will be one to remember!

Sunday June 25th: Hospitality room and display room will remain open till noon.

More information will be sent to you in the upcoming Locate-A-Brother newsletters. If you have any questions, please feel free to write or call us.

20 years is long enough... it's time for a 196th reunion!!!!

Tony May Jim (Pigman) Crum
Phoenix, Oregon 97535 Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614



DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN

Dear members;

I would like to hear from any of the men I served with. I would especially like to contact the men pictured below. We were with A Co 5/46th Infantry 198th Brigade during 1968.

I will be at the Kokomo vets rally September 16 and 17, staying at the Ramada Inn, Kokomo, IN.. Hope to see you there.

Ray Phillips

Niles, MI. 49120

Phone [REDACTED]



(ME) Robert Hall J. D. White
LZ Ann or LZ Paradise 1968



'Andy' Anderson Black brother who saved my life.

HHC 1st Bn 46 Infantry
Anyone who knew, or was a buddy of Spec/4 Charles J. Gibilterra, please get in touch with his brother bob whose address is;

Robert J. Gibilterra
Philadelphia, PA 19111

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN

Dear Members;

SP/4 Joe Cooper was a grunt with the 196th for several months, including Tet 68' on the DMZ. In Fall of 68' he transferred to Division HQ and became our driver. But Joe was much more than that. He was our caretaker, big brother, and part of the team. While we were forward every day, Joe was picking up supplies, going to the PX or post office, bottle feeding the baby kitten we found at the Montagnard village or putting our programs together. He coordinated our trips in pairs to the three hospitals every Saturday and flight line run with coffee urns on the back of the truck. He did many things above and beyond, like riding shotgun as we drove down highway 1 to visit Marine CAP units. Joe was special to us and we'd like to find him. All we can remember now is that he returned to California in March 69 (DEROS and ETS). If anyone can help us, please contact Linda Wilson at [REDACTED] Arlington, VA. 22204

Red Cross "Donut-Dollies"
Linda Goettman Wilson
Carolyn Krupp
Larry Young Hines



Dear Mr. Buckle;

First, thank you so much for the last 3 editions of the Americal Newsletter. It has been a pleasure and an honor to receive and read this newsletter. I first became aware of the newsletter from Roland Castronova, a dear friend of mine.

If at all possible, would you please include the following notice in the next edition of the Americal Newsletter.

I am trying to contact anybody serving in the same platoon as my brother. My brother was killed in Vietnam on February 25, 1968.

With the help of the Americal Division Alumni, I feel confident I will make contact with someone who served with in Vietnam during the period my brother was there.

Anything that you can do to help locate my brother's comrades will be greatly appreciated.

Sp/4 John J. Magee U.S. 51615975
Company A, 1st Bn, 52nd Infantry
198 LIB Americal Division

Tour of duty October 23, 1967 - February 25, 1968
Location: Chu Lai

Please forward any information to ;
Ann T. Magee

Braintree, MA 02184

**NEW JERSEY AGENT ORANGE COMMISSION**

Trenton, New Jersey 08607-1717

TO: **WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BETWEEN 1960 AND 1973 (MILITARY, RED CROSS, MISSIONARIES, AND OTHER CIVILIANS)**

FROM: The Women's Advisory Committee of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission

The purpose of this open letter is to solicit the participation of women who served in Vietnam during the war years in a research study being organized by the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission.

This initial study will focus on problems of reproduction such as spontaneous abortions, still births, infertility, birth defects, and early menopause. We, as the Advisory Committee, along with the staff and researchers associated with the Commission recognize that there are other problems that are not reproductive in nature. This study is therefore a starting point, and other work will be undertaken in the future.

In addition to women who have had reproductive problems, we need women who have had no problems at all as well as women who to the best of their knowledge have had no exposure to Agent Orange.

The primary researchers of the study are Dr. Peter Kahn of Rutgers University, Dr. Michael Gochfeld of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Dr. Christoffer Rappe of the University of Umea in Umea, Sweden. Dr. Rappe is an expert in dioxin chemistry, and one of the principal features of the study will be the measurement of body dioxin levels of the research participants. The first phase of Commission sponsored research was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in the issue of March 18, 1988.

Name _____

Address _____

Unit/Location
in Vietnam _____

Period of Service
in Vietnam _____ to _____

Date of Birth _____

Rank _____

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID?
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"LARRY" HINES DAVE GRIEGER



ROSEANN SPRAGNE, LINDA WILSON, MIKE MARTIN
"LARRY" HINES, CAROLYN KRUPP (Photos by LINDA)

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

TRAGEDY AVERTED BY 196TH 'CHARGERS'
by Capt. George F. Bennet

LZ HAWK HILL, (196 Inf Bde 10) - Courageous actions and sharp wits were instrumental in averting a tragedy recently by 15 "Chargers" of the 196 Infantry Brigade.

The Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, had just departed their Night Defense Position (NDP) on a routine search and clear mission when their training was put to the maximum test.

The platoon led by 1st Lieutenant Carl D. Hewitt III of New Johnson, Tenn., had gone only 100 meters when the explosion of a Chicom grenade rang through the air. This combined with the crack of AK-47s alerted the platoon that they were in the heart of an enemy ambush zone. In addition to the flying bullets, enemy whistles were sounded as the VC prepared to assault.

Initially the fire was so strong that when they hit the ground, each man was convinced that he was the only survivor. This immediately was recognized as an error when their instincts and training enabled the platoon to return fire and repulse the attack. Not only did they repel the advance, but they were also credited with five confirmed kills, out of enemy of unknown size. In rebuffing the charge each soldier displayed true valor.

An estimate was made by Sgt. Jack Farmer of Monterey, CA, the platoon sergeant. "I returned fire with my M-16 -- started throwing frags and directing the fight," Farmer said. "I also went to bring up the pig (M-16 machine-gun)."

Once the initiative was regained, S/Sgt. Frank S. Ferguson of Los Angeles, a 3rd tour volunteer, maneuvered his machine-gun into position. He leveled a devastating curtain of fire upon the enemy, which gained fire superiority for the platoon.

Sgt. Ervin E. Powell of New Washington, OH hasn't been in the field long enough to receive his (IB (Combat Infantryman's Badge) yet his quick thinking and aggressiveness enabled him to save the life of a platoon member.

Powell saw a VC discard his AK-17 and pick an injured Medic's M-16. Powell immediately shot the VC and proceeded to administer first aid to his wounded comrade.

Reinforcements were airlifted into the area of contact. However, the enemy knew he had met the "Professionals." He rapidly broke contact and evaded. The members of the platoon, all volunteers, were later awarded four Silver Stars, nine Bronze Stars for valor, and two Army Commendation Medals for valor.

The three aboved named Sergeants are I not Americal
Division Veterans Association members. Did any of
our members take part in this fight or know anyone
that did? We would appreciate having your story
for the Americal Newsletter.

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HAVE YOU SIGNED A MEMBER LATELY?
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Andy Olints Chris Noel
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COVER STORY

On August 7, 1942, the United States Marines invaded the island of Guadalcanal--the first offensive ground action of American forces in World War II.

During the bitter six months campaign that followed, every branch of the United States Armed Forces became involved in the struggle to push the Japanese into the sea.

The battle of Guadalcanal was historic because it here that the Japanese Army suffered its first defeat since it began offensive action in China in 1932. During these many years Japan's Army had rolled across China, attacked Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, Indo China, the Malayan Peninsular, Dutch East Indies, New Guinea, New Britain, Northern Solomons, dozens of lesser known islands and had never tasted defeat.

But the Japanese Army was defeated and from here the United States Armed Forces started on that long road that ended in Tokyo.

Shortly after the end of World War II an organization was created by the men and for the men that fought

on Guadalcanal, in the sky above Guadalcanal, and on the waters that surround Guadalcanal. This organization is -- **GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN VETERANS** -- If you are eligible to belong and you do not, you should. the person to contact is:

Gene Keller

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

On August 7, 1988, forty six years after the invasion, the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans organization dedicated a Museum in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The picture on the cover is that of a monument that was erected in front of the Museum.

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As you all know, during the time the Marines were landing on Guadalcanal, the Americal was on alert in New Caledonia.

The Navy had a bad time of it following the invasion of Guadalcanal and because of the loss of carriers and the loss of four heavy cruisers in one night, they withdrew taking with them much needed Marines supplies that they had been unable to unload.

The waters around Guadalcanal were not safe waters to take a convoy into and it was not until October that more troops were sent to support the Marines.

On October 13, 1942, the 164 Infantry Regiment landed on Guadalcanal take their place beside the Marines and in so doing were the first United States Army ground unit to take offensive action against the Axis powers in World War II -- that put the Americal Division on the road to Tokyo.

About the same time that the 164 Infantry landed on Guadalcanal, Admiral 'Bull' Halsey took over command of the South Pacific area and then things began to happen.

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☆ GUADALCANAL ☆ SOLOMON ISLANDS

WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

GUADALCANAL -- 46 YEARS LATER



It was quite a trip! We flew from O'Hare to San Francisco, then to Honolulu, then to Fiji, (Nadi Airport--or Nandi as we knew it) and finally to Henderson Field, Guadalcanal.

The three day stay in and near Suva was neat. They are some beautiful resorts on the beaches. I stayed at the Travelodge, next door to the old Grand Pacific Hotel. (Remember it well from my visit to Suva after leaving the 'Canal in April of 1943). While in Suva I purchased some cultured pearls and black coral necklaces for the ladies of the household.

One evening while in Suva, the tour group were guests of the Returned Services League--similar to our VFW or American Legion. I had an interesting conversation with a former Fijian Scout and an Aussie who served on the 'Canal in 1942-43. Beer and d'oeuvre's were served all during the evening. Melanesian farewell songs closed the festivities

Arrived at Henderson Airfield on 8/4/88. I was very surprised at the very small terminal. Several plaques, dedicated to the Army Air Corp, were on the wall of the terminal building and just outside of the entrance were several monuments to the Marines. As we bussed to Honiara, we stopped at the old rusting dump containing Amphibious Tanks and then on to 'Invasion Red Beach'. Really nothing there--an old Jap artillery piece--no markers, no monuments, no signs, no directional arrows, --no nothing! I took a long distant look at Savo Island, Iron Bottom Bay and Florida Island.

The next stop was the abandoned Fighter Strip on Koli Point. The cement runways are still intact. After a trip over a very poor road, a stop was made at Edson's Bloody Ridge. Here there is a six foot marker. Not much for a great battle! Bussed over the Lunga, Alligator Creek, Ilu, Tenaru and Matanikau rivers. Then off to Mount Austen to see the impressive 4 story Jap monument and Peace Park. Finally to Hotel Mendana for a much needed rest.

The evening featured dinner at the Laperouse Restaurant, just west of the Mendana. The dinner guests were 'Jock' Stevenson, our architect on Guadalcanal, and Bob Reynolds, head of Valor Tours.

The next day we talked to a group of Aussie GI's who were part of a bomb demolition team. By using detectors and information supplied by the Islanders, the team is locating and destroying old ammo dumps, bombs, grenades, and shells.

Bussed toward Cape Esperance and located a Sherman tank deep in the jungle (named Jezebel). Then to a nearby beach to view the remains of a Jap transport and we next visited Fred Kona's World War II Outdoor Museum and saw all of the debris of war: parts of planes, artillery, machine guns, shells, etc. Viewed the GVC monument alongside the Jap monument--very impressive. Fred Kona then served refreshments under wet palm leaves. This included watermelon, bananas, mangoes, coconuts--fresh from the jungle! Continues next page

GUADALCANAL 46 YEARS LATER (Continues)

Then to Vitale, (place were Japs evacuated 9,000 soldiers on 2/7/43 to 2/8/43) I had a patrol out that same day, just across the bay where the evacuation took place! Following this stop we journeyed to our planned Memorial Site on Hill 72, Skyline Drive. The Matanikau River is on the eastern base of our bluff site, about 3-5 miles inland (south of the ocean).

On Saturday we boarded an old wooden boat and headed across Iron Bottom Bay for Tulagi, Gavutu, and Tananbogo at about 7 mph. Coolers with beer and lunch were aboard and some Scuba divers joined us.

The first stop was made on Tulagi and we visited the beach stormed by the Marines on August 7, 1942 (One of our group had been in that assault). Then on to Gavutu and Tananbogo for a view of the landing area. (one of our group had been in on the invasion of Gavutu.

We had left the Scuba divers at Tulagi to search the bow of the USS New Orleans sunk near Tulagi. On our return trip we stopped to pick up these men. The had brought up a dozen USN flashlights they found in a rotting box under silt and coral. Each of us were given one 'torch'. The flashlights were fairly well preserved. After I clean mine up I may donate it to the GCV Museum.

On Sunday noon I sponsored a luncheon, by previous arrangement, at the Jade Garden Chinese Restaurant. Guests included the US Attache, British High Commissioner, Secretary to the Prime Minister of the S.I., Minister of Lands, our architect, Rev. Dave Bidon, and a radio newscaster. We discussed our proposed Memorial Park and the U. S. Battle Monuments Commission's huge obelisk (our joint venture). After lunch a Memorial Service was held at the site.

Monday, my group left for Australia and I remained on Guadalcanal until Thursday August 11, 1988 to conduct further business in regards to our Memorial Park. During this time I was interviewed by the local radio station and I spent a full day revisiting battle sites including a visit to Sir Jacob Vouza's home, deep in the jungle. Souza and his wife are buried there.

I also toured the hills on Mount Austen and particularly Hill 27, (elevation 1,540 feet), which my Battalion stormed on Dec '42 and Jan '43. I believe I actually found one of my fox holes on Hill 27 which had a lot of coral rock on it, hence, not to over grown with jungle green. The site of the Battle of the Tenaru was visited along with Col. Fox's observation bunker. The final stop of the day was the Seventh Day Adventist Betakama Church/School. Here also is an interesting collection of war relics.

I had an excellent driver/guide with an air conditioned Toyota. Heat and humidity were terrible!

Before leaving for home I was interviewed by Radio New Zealand and had a long meeting with American embassy Attache', Bill Warren.

This is a brief outline of my activities during this most interesting, hot, humid, weird and exciting tour of the World War II battle sites on Guadalcanal. Technically I was representing the U.S. Battle Monuments Commission and the Guadalcanal-Solomon Island War Memorial Foundation. I was able to accomplish a great deal

and our construction plan will be underway shortly. I met many officials, both in the public and private sector, and it was a very interesting, informative, exciting, and productive visit.

P.S. I took a spoonful of sand/dirt from each battle site and put same in a plastic bag. I plan to mix them all in a special jar, with a proper label, and maybe give the jar to the GCV Museum. (Did you clear this souvenir through the Agriculture Dept. when you left? Ed.

Ed Note; Joe Micek served in G Company, 132 Infantry during the Guadalcanal campaign. He is presently Senior Vice President of the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans and Treasurer of Guadalcanal-Solomon Islands War Memorial Foundation.



JAPANESE MEMORIAL MOUNT AUSTEN GUADALCANAL



JOE MICEK MOUNT AUSTEN HILL 27

REUNION



164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

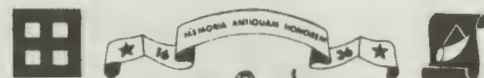
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OCTOBER 7-8-9, 1988

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182D INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
EVERETT, MA. 02149

DON'T FORGET! The 352d Anniversary Ball of the 182 Infantry will be held at the Holiday Inn in Somerville, MA on October 22, 1988

For more Info;

Company D 182 Infantry
Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Or call John Person at _____

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DEADLINE NEXT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1, 1988

YOU WANT IT WHEN?!

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SEND ALL CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO:

Bernard Chase
South Yarmouth, MA
0202664

NEW CALEDONIANS SIGN PEACE ACCORD

Paris-(Reuters)Aug 20, 1988-Political foes in France's troubled Pacific Islands signed an eleventh-hour peace accord yesterday which raised hopes of a decade of calm in the territory before a 1998 vote on independence. After two days of haggling, nationalist leaders and settlers loyal to France emerged just before dawn to sign a lengthy peace plan drawn up by Paris's Socialist government. The plan, to be put to a referendum in October, calls for an independence ballot in 1998 after a transitional 10-year period of limited self-government. During the transition, the territory is to be divided into three provinces, two of them expected to be won in elections by the separatists, a major concession to the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front. The agreement provides for an amnesty for 200 Kanaks jailed for separatist violence.

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Dear Jim;

A couple of months ago I was in Noumea and drove by the building where the old Hotel du Pacifique, with its famous long bar--almost the length of the building--and slot machines were located 1942-1946.

Enclosed are a couple of pictures that I took and as you can see from the sign it is now used as an establishment for equipment rental. The doors which existed when we knew it, always open, have been closed in.

When Jacques Chirac was head of government in France, law and order was maintained in New Caledonia for two years but when Mitterrand and the Socialist replaced Chirac's conservative government, the peace was broken on the small island of Ouvea where Libyan trained terrorists killed four gendarmes by blows with axes and machetes. It is a pity because the gendarmes were on Ouvea to protect the good Kanak-Melanesians from the bad ones. There only half a dozen whites on Ouvea--a couple of missionaries, teachers, and a doctor.

The American news media tells the story as is all Melanesians, 43% of the population, is against France. This is just not true. Even on Ouvea, a week before the brutal murder of the gendarmes, there was a pro-French rally, held by Melanesians and run by Melanesians, in spite of threats by the terrorists. 500 people attended.

I would estimate that perhaps 15 or 20 % of the population is for independence from France. Certainly not the 43% the press would have us believe.

Just thought you would like my views.

Best wishes;
Col. Harold Holcombe

Sorry--the pictures would not reproduce

HAVE YOU PAID YOR DUES?

SEND THEM TO:

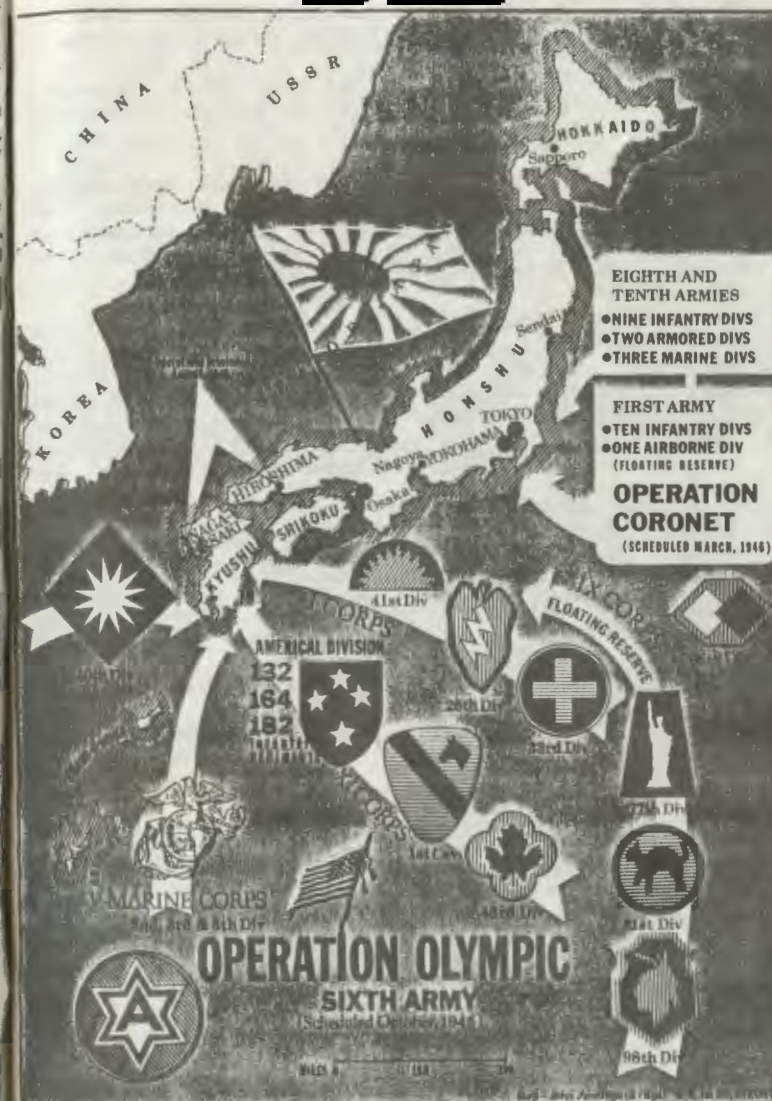
Bernard Chase
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

Robert T. Hock

Reading, Pa 19601



Dear Jim;

Enclosed please find a copy of the Invasion Plan for the Home Islands of Japan. I hope you can print it in the Newsletter

I took this copy from the book "Orchids in the Mud", the history of the 132 Infantry Regiment.

I think our Vietnam buddies would be interested in seeing what President Truman's decision to drop the "A" bomb saved in the way of casualties from the Army, Navy, and Marines and Air Force. (As usual, after it was all over the Marines would get all the Glory!)

It would be good if the American News Media, newspapers, magazines, and TV, would show this each year on the Anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima. As Paul Harvey says, this would be "The Rest of the Story".

Bob Hock
132 Infantry

GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN VETERANS

On August 9, 1988, in honor of the 6,000 men who lost their lives during the Guadalcanal Campaign, a beautiful monument and museum were dedicated at Kalamazoo, Michigan. More than 350 veterans, many from the Americal, and their wives witnessed this impressive ceremony.

The inscription on the base of the monument reads;

FOR A PAL

This Sculpture Is Dedicated
To All My Navy Shipmates
Marine, Army, and Coast Guard Buddies
And Allies Of All Faiths, Who
Served In The Guadalcanal Campaign
From August 7, 1942, to February 12, 1943
These Brave Men And Women Were
Part Of The First Landing In
World War II, Pertaining To The
Pacific Theatre Of Operations.

The cost of the monument was paid for by O. L. "Bud" Turner (26 SeaBee's) and his family. His words of dedication are those on the base of the monument.

(This write-up was sent in by our Adjutant, Bernie Chase. Bernie attended the dedication as a representative of the ADVA. The picture is on the cover.

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AMERICAL DIVISION FIELD ARTILLERY REUNION

Dear James;

I am late in writing to you since our reunion in Chattanooga, TN but I have been real busy at home taking care of my garden and etc.

The Americal Division Artillery Reunion turned out very well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There were 45 members in attendance. Where were five Vietnam members present and two more joined us for dinner. The dinner meeting was taped and a VCR tape is available if anyone wishes to buy one. The tape is 37 minutes long and the cost is \$8.50. Most of the members present purchased a copy.

Our next Reunion will be held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. More details and a date will be announced later.

I am enclosing the names of four members of the Americal Division Artillery that have passed away and request that a copy of the next Newsletter be sent to their families.

Joseph W. Truelove
245 Field Artillery
Asheville, NC
February 24, 1987

Douglas F. Stewart Jr.
246 Field Artillery
Martinsburg, WV
January 25, 1988

Richard A. Hartman
246 Field Artillery
Canoga Park, CA
March 30, 1988

Alfonso R. Perez
246 Field Artillery
Atkins, TX
May 6, 1988

Sincerely,
E.R. Horton

The next Newsletter will be mailed to them. ED

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LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

ANTI-TANK 182 INFANTRY

Larry O'Boyle checked in from sunny California and wants to be remembered to the old gang--especially Anti-Tank 182 Infantry. Larry's address is listed below and he would like very much to hear from his old friends.

Larry O'Boyle

Rancho Santo Margarita, CA
92688

Tel: 714-858-7267

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COMPANY H 182 INFANTRY

Dear Jim

In your last Newsletter you mentioned different outfits that took part in the battle for Hill 260 but you did not mention Company H.

Company H supplied the machine gun section for the Hill and I was a member of one of the crews that was on the Hill when the battle broke out. I was on the Hill for three or four days until I was wounded.

Please make sure that Company H, heavy weapons section, is included in that battle.

E. J. Zagiba
Company H

Ed Note; Please forgive me for not mentioning Company H in previous Newsletters. I am fully aware of the part the Heavy Weapons Company plays in an Infantry outfit. I believe most of the stories that have been printed have been about personal experiences and it just so happened that no one ever wrote in from H Company.

I will have all the records shortly for H Company during the month of March 1944 and H will certainly will be not left out of the battle. I remember H Company well because you had the best darned Mess Sgt. in the Regiment--that was Sgt. Brooks. Thanks for writing and for the memo.

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101 MEDICAL REGIMENT

To the Americal;

Enclosed please find my donation for the Americal Museum in New Caledonia. Thank you.

Dom Pantaleo

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BOUGAINVILLE VETERANS

Martin Bolha is attempting to write a fiction story of combat on Bougainville during world War II. He would like to hear from anyone who was involved in any action there. Write to;

Martin Bolha

Yucca Valley, CA 92286

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COMPANY L 182 INFANTRY

Commander;

Since I don't know who in now the Commander of our organization, I'm addressing my letter as such.

Having been unable to attend this years Reunion, I'm enclosing a check for \$25.00 for the Americal Museum in New Caledonia.

I appreciate what the New Caledonians are doing, although I wasn't there when the Division was formed, I was later destined to join you in November of 1943 via New Caledonia, where the cross roads of my destiny was formed.

If it's to late to send money, or the fund has been discontinued, apply it to the Association wherever needed. If the fund is still active I will further contribute to it. Yes, I hope that this project in someway will help promote world peace, also to remind people of the supreme sacrifice some of our comrades made in a far off land.

Sincerely,
Fernando Vera

The fund is still active Fernando. Thank you for your donation.

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AMERICAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

Enclosed please find my application for membership in the Americal Division Veterans Association.

I must tell you at this point that you have a staunch Americal Division standard bearer in the person George Medeiros Sr. of Florida. For the past two or three years George kept asking, "Rheo, have you forwarded you membership application yet"? To which I kept answering, "Sorry George, not yet".

Todays enclosed request for membership makes it quite apparent that George's membership convictions overpowered my feeble rhetorics of yesterdays.

I was first assigned to the 101st Medical Regiment, Company G. While on New Caledonia, before heading for Guadalcanal, I was transferred to Headquarters Company, Americal Division Headquarters as assistant and secretary to Divisional Chaplain Rev. Father James E. Dunford, Ltc. One of the greatest Chaplains the Americal Division ever had.

I served in that capacity from 1942 to July 19, 1945, the date of my departure from the Pacific Theater to the continental United States.

I would like to know if is possible to acquire past publications of the Americal Newsletter? If so, at what cost.

I am now anticipating you favorable notification of acceptance and I am also looking forward to, a not to distant, social or membership meeting.

Sincerely yours,
Rheo L. Carpenter

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

121 MEDICAL BATTALION

Dear Bill;

It has been a couple of days since I received your most welcome correspondence. As usual, it takes me a while to move on any important undertaking. However, I have started to make my move by getting out pad and pen. The application and check are now ready to be put in the envelope with this note, when with some measure of luck it is finished.

Actually, what I have in my mind right now, with this long prologue, is a way of saying to you, actually how much it means to me, after all these years, to be able to get on the phone and talk to old friends. It meant a great deal to renew old friendships with you and Tony DeYeso. Forty years is too long a time to allow to come in between conversations. It is a great feeling to know that one can call grand guys like Tony and yourself a friend with a great deal of pride.

This is what motivated me towards asking for membership in such a brotherhood and the Americal Division Veterans Association. I would be very happy to have you accept my application after all of these years. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Elmer "Al" Matola

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182 INFANTRY

I just got my 164 Infantry News the other day and saw your article in there. I was in the Americal on January 1945 on Leyte, Philippines and I was with the 182 Infantry.

We were on Leyte until March of and on the 24 or 25 we made a beach head landing on the island of Cebu from there I was sent back to the 124th General Hospital on Leyte. Was there at Base K until I re-upped for a year and got back to the States in December of 1945.

I was wondering if you have a roster of the guys in the 182 Infantry as there were a lot of guys from Minnesota in there that I had taken basic training with. We were together on Cebu and they went to Japan but I could not get back with them.

Anyone that remembers me please write to:

Albert L. Rode

Bloomington, MN

Tel;

Yours in comradeship.
Albert L. Rode

Sorry Albert but there is not a roster of the 182 available. If you tell me what Company I might be able to help out with some names. I will send you a copy of the Americal Newsletter and there is an application for membership on the back page. ED.

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Dear Mr. Thornton;

I thought that I would drop a line to thank you, the members of the ADVA and also their wives for the cards and letters that we have received. I would also like to extend my thanks for the copy of Under The Southern Cross, the patches and tie bar that were sent by Fran Diorio I think. I lost the note and envelope that came with the articles, so I could not even write a thank you card. I started reading the book while on vacation and it has given me insights into the fighting in the Pacific that could not be gained elsewhere.

Some of the letters hat I have received infer that people helping other people would not happen in other areas of the country. Having been born and raised in the anthracite area of Pennsylvania (Kulpmont, that's near Shamokin) we were always taught to help others when they were in need. My mom and dad taught by example. They also taught that you don't accept money for helping. A "thank you" and a good feeling are worth a whole lot more than money. Sue and I have attempted to teach our girls the same principles. Maybe those principles are taught only in the coal region, but I don't think so. People here in Adams County seem to be just as helpful, as evidenced by those who stopped to offer help and those who got help with the tire. Perhaps we all need to help each other more.

We were more than happy to help make an unfortunate situation a little more comfortable and would like to again thank you and you members for the cards, letters, and book

Sincerely,
The Klokis Family
Bob, Sue, Danl,
Stacy Ann, Erin Sue

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182 INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

A happy Fall to all our compatriots in the ADVA

We held our annual cookout on August 7, 1988 at the home of Doug and Joan Tarbox. Attendance was good, weather was fine, and it was a great success.

To all you folks of the ADVA who served at any time with the 182 Infantry--if you desire to again become associated with the "182" we invite you to join our association. Drop us a card with you return address and we will send you information and an application. Send to; 182 Infantry Association, [redacted] Everett, MA 02149.

Our annual election of officers for the 1988-89 year will be held on October 20, 1988. Come on down and cast your vote.

Don't forget the 352d Anniversary Ball--see notice elsewhere in Newsletter.

Charles L. Doyle
Secretary

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HAVE YOU CALLED THAT BUDDY LATELY?
DO IT NOW!

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

164 INFANTRY

Dear Jim;

I just got my copy of the '164 Infantry News and it said that you would like some news from someone from the flame thrower team that assisted the 182 on Hill 260. I was one of the men in that platoon. I was from Anti-Tank Co.

From my Company there was myself, Jack Crawford and a fellow whose last name was Christoph. The rest of the platoon was from different Companies.

We were in training to use flame throwers but on the third day of our "training" we were on our way up to Hill 260. We spent nine days on the Hill taking out one or two flame throwers a day.

On the day I went up we took five flame throwers. We fired the juice from four and set it on fire with number five. What a blaze!

Our platoon consisted of 1 officer and 26 enlisted men. I was second in command of the platoon and when the Platoon Sergeant was wounded I took over. We stayed together for a time after Hill 260 but we were not called into service again.

Of the 26 men in the Platoon, one was killed and twelve were wounded. I received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. My wound was not too serious so I guess I was pretty lucky.

Yours in comradeship
John L. Strauss

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125 QUARTERMASTER

This is to inform you that we had two mini reunions. Our first reunion consisted of five guys--Clyde Smith, Joe Zukerman, James Logalbo, Walter Duda and Marion Novinsky. We had lunch at the Skokie Club in Skokie, IL and then we went to my apartment and really had a good time.

Shortly after that I was vacationing in California and thanks to Paul Santogeanis I was able to get together Les Martinson, Ben Kelly and Curt Bennet

If any members of the 125 Quartermaster would like to get together for a reunion in Chicago in the near future please contact;

Joe Zukerman

Skokie, IL 60077

If anyone out there knows David Baker please have him contact me at the above address.

Joe--the ADVA Convention will be in Chicago in '90

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COMPANY B---182 INFANTRY--- MED DET

Sir;

Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$12.00. Please use this for someone's dues in memory of Robert D. Appell.

I remember the day on one of the hills in the Philippines, Bob Appell had the whole of B Company laughing, crying, and cheering by his antics.

Sure enjoyed the poem by my old 1/Sgt E. J. Amirault in the last Newsletter.

Yours in Comradeship,
William E. McCormick
(Mac the Doc)

121 MEDICAL BATTALION

Former members of the 101st Medical Regiment, later redesignated 121 Medical Bn, attended a luncheon at Amelia's Top Side Cafe, Marina Bay, Quincy, MA in observance of Guadalcanal Day August 7, 1942 - Many stories were repeated and some members renewed old acquaintances after 40 years.



Al Riley, Lenny Sullivan, Frank Ganley, Gerry Guerriero, Frank Sullivan, Don Pantaleo, John Shea, Marti Takki, Frank Doherty (Front Row) Bob Keenan, Bill Coronella, Tony DeYeso, Tom McQuade, Bill Dunphy (Back Row)

Submitted by Bill Dunphy

At the Past National Convention held at Carlisle, PA former members of the 101 Medical Regiment, redesignated the 121 Med Bn, renewed old friendships and as Life Member John Philibert (center) said, it was good to see former buddies after forty-four years. This was John's first convention and he has promised that it will not be his last.



Ralph Serino, Herb O'Brien, Bill Coronella, Henry Doherty, (Back Row) Sam Ravagno, John Philibert, Bill Dunphy, (Front Row)

Submitted by Henry Doherty

OBSERVATION HILL

0700 10 MARCH---- 3rd platoon, 17th Infantry have been taken into American perimeter on observation hill followed by 1st company 3rd Bn, 13 Infantry. fortification made on north point of perimeter. 10 Perimeter killed, our losses one killed and five wounded. 12st Company continuing to attack.

0800 10 MARCH---- Observation Hill now occupied by 1st Company except ridge extending N. W. of observation tree. 2nd Company now deployed east perimeter base of hill. No further casualties.

0900 MARCH 10---- Estimated platoon of enemy seized south portion of perimeter. Estimated two platoons of enemy reinforced ridge N.W. of observation tree. Heavy enemy casualties. North perimeter attacked north Enemy platoon on south by 2nd Company and have but were repulsed to original positions on south perimeter. Our losses four killed, three wounded.

1100 10 MARCH---- Enemy platoon, on south perimeter receiving reinforcements. Enemy dead identified as belonging to 182 Infantry, Americal Division.

1200 10 MARCH---- Enemy attack from south perimeter crushed by 1st Company, many enemy casualties. Our own losses one killed, one wounded.

1300 10 MARCH---- Additional enemy attacks from perimeter and NW ridge defeated. Many enemy casualties and many wounded.

1400 10 MARCH---- Enemy attack between Torokina River and perimeter forced back by 2nd Company. Three dead. Our losses two wounded.

1500 10 MARCH---- All quiet on hill. 1st Company improving positions.

1600 10 MARCH---- Heavy enemy mortar bombardment. Our losses five killed, 6 wounded.

1700 10 MARCH---- Heavy enemy attack from south perimeter in progress.

1800 10 MARCH---- Enemy forced back to original positions on south perimeter. Our losses 4 killed, 2 missing, 6 wounded. Enemy casualties heavy.

1900 10 MARCH---- 2nd Company attacking south perimeter from east. Heavy fighting in progress.

2000 10 MARCH---- 2nd Company has returned to original position. Enemy too well fortified to be attacked up hill from east. Enemy employed grenades in clusters. Our losses 7 killed, 11 wounded. Enemy casualties estimated as heavy.

2100 10 MARCH---- All quiet on hill. 3rd Company moving into perimeter to prepare for attack on south perimeter.

2400 10 MARCH---- Plans completed for 3rd Company to attack at 0600 toward south perimeter. Nuisance fire from NW Ridge toward south perimeter with two infiltrating attacks repulsed.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

portion between south perimeter company not to attack support by fire.

0700 11 MARCH---- enemy preparing to attack.

0800 11 MARCH---- Enemy team eliminated. Captured new weapon and are sending it back to HQ. 3rd Company attack now set for 1000. Enemy casualties 1 killed and 1 wounded.

1000 11 MARCH---- 3rd Company attacking -- good progress being made.

1100 11 MARCH---- 3rd company back in original position. 7 killed, 11 wounded. 1st Company will attack on left. 3rd Company on right 1300 hours.

1400 11 MARCH---- Enemy cleared from south perimeter. 17 killed, 15 wounded. Evidence show at least one enemy company wiped out.

The report ends here. It would be interesting to read the rest of it but apparently it was lost in the battle.

Ed Note; Are any readers able to place themselves in this action? It does tie in with American reports

Lt Hammitt has passed away but he was a career man and conducted a great deal of research into the battles he was involved in and wrote several papers while attending Command Schools. He turned much of his writing over to Lew Turner.

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