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MONTHLY A.D.V.A. MEETINGS

June, 1989
NATIONAL CONVENTION

July, 1989

NO MEETING

August, 1989

NO MEETING

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My term as National Commander will be over shortly, maybe by the time this Newsletter gets out. I must say it was a learning experience and I met quite a few more friends of other organizations and at times had some hectic moments, some sad moments, and some pleasant moments.

I have tried in previous messages to get the members to get new members or to reinstate some old ones. I would also like to see if it wouldn't be possible to get a few more curators for the Museum at Fort Devens. All we ask is one day a month twice a year or we will gladly take whatever we are offered. Mr. Turner will be happy to put you on the roster.

Finally, but not least, I want to thank all the people that put up with me and assisted me. I don't want to start naming names for fear of leaving somebody out that shouldn't be left out. I will mention the women such as Ethel, Doris, Fran, Jan, Dot, and Lorraine--the men know who they are.

I hope that all who attend the National Convention enjoyed themselves and I want to say thanks to Arthur, Tom, and Ed and their wives for all their hard work. I know it's hard work, having done it, and without the wives help, forget it.

With no loose ends left hanging, I can't seem to think of any, I'll turn over operations to Bernie Carroll and offer him any help I can give.

Bob Thornton
National Commander

P.S. One last plea, please, if you see anybody collecting for the Armed Services YMCA, and/or the USO, donate for the men and women who are serving their country in our military forces.

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Armed Services YMCA work is carried out by a network of branches and affiliated YMCA Associations across the Continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and in the Republic of Panama and the United Kingdom.

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A.D.V.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 1,2,3 1989
Delta Court of Flags
Orlando, Florida

HAVE YOU ASKED A BUDDY
TO JOIN A.D.V.A.?

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Joseph P. Giachetti
101st Medical
Braintree, Mass.

Daniel Notley
Associate Member
Bangkok, Thailand
#Self

Woodson C. Tucker
Division HQ
San Antonio, TX

Charles A. Whiteacre
39 MPS
Fort McCoy, FL

NEW MEMBERS

Wendell Adams
198 LIB
Tatum, TX
#Self

Edward S. Alekel
HQ 221 F.A.
Methuen, Mass.
#Michael Buglione

Richard M. Bagdasarian
4th of the 3rd
Middleboro, Mass.
#Charles A. Keefe

Ronald E. Bart
11 LIB
Hermitage, TN
#Self

Dan T. Bates
6th Spt. Bn. 11 LIB
Florissant, MO
#Robert Thornton

Barry Kent Britton
46th Inf., 198 LIB
Ocala, FL
#Robert Thornton

Clifton E. Burleigh
Co. I & Med. 164 Inf.
Flint, MI
#Rush G. Propper

William T. Butchard
180th F.A. & 39 MPS
Dennis, Mass.
#Robert Thornton

Francis E. Chesley
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Socorro, NM
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Co. E 51st (LRRP)
Woonsocket, RI
#Raymond J. Morin

James S. Davis
23 Admin
Bunnell, FL
#Arthur Wood

John DeRosa
Bty. C 11 Arty 11 LIB
Hamden, Conn.
#Self

James G. Driscoll
101st QM
Milton, Mass.
#Andrew Olints

Roger D. Dwan
82nd Motor Bn.
Lawrence, Mass.
#Frank Diorio

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Btry C 221 F.A.
Charlotte Harbor, FL
#Robert Thornton

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Btry. A 221 F.A.
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Billy W. Garrett
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#Robert Thornton

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#Paul W. Santogeanis

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Springfield, VA
#Bernie Chase

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McLean, VA
#Linda Wilson

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Co. B 182 Inf.
Parkville, MO
#Robert Thornton

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132 Inf.
McKenzie, TN
#Self

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Associate Member
Bangkok, Thailand
#Jeff Chapman

Edward T. Ozzie
Co. G 132 Inf.
Park Ridge, IL
#Self

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101st Medical
North Weymouth, Mass.
#Bill McLaughlin

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Americal Band
Janesville, WI
#Jim Buckle

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Co. B 1st Reg. 6th Inf.
Fairfax, VA
#Frank J. Cox

Thomas R. Sibley
5/46 1/2 CAV
Baton Rouge, LA
#Self

Earl Wyatt Smith
Co. F 182 Inf.
Decatur, IL
#Bob Zorn

Alfred Sommers
Co. C 182 Inf.
Fulton, MO
#Arthur Wood

Lee W. Tucker
HH Co. 26 Eng. Bn.
Indian Mound, TN
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SICK CALL

Thomas G. Flaherty
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(Service Btry. 221 F.A.)

TAPS

John F. Doherty
HQ Co. 182 Inf.
Roslindale, Mass.
March 28, 1988

John F. Doherty
26th Signal
Red Bank, NJ
April 19, 1989

Charles Leel
132 Inf.
Oroville, Wash.
March, 1989

Ian Weir
Co. B 182 Inf.
South Newbury, NH
April 7, 1989

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Our National Chaplain is not at the Masonic Home in Charleston, Mass., and he would appreciate hearing from his friends. His address is:

Rev. John S. Franklin
[REDACTED]
Charlton, MA 01507-1000

We will be loyal to these gallant men and we pledge to them that they have not died in vain for America. Battles are won by those who fall.
Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, 1944

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

DUES NOTIFICATION PROCESS

1st Notice Membership card mailed IN ADVANCE of payment of dues.

2nd Notice Overdue notice printed in ADVA Newsletter.

3rd Notice Overdue notice mailed to member.

Final Notice Thirty days from notification name will be removed from roster.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DUES NOTICES

The January Dues Notices were mailed out during January 1989. Please remember that dues are \$12.00 per year. This is your third notice since we mailed your card in advance of payment and we printed delinquent numbers in the March/April Newsletter. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBERS

J-0330	J-0386	J-0487	J-0518	J-0598	J-0651
J-0344	J-0421	J-0488	J-0519	J-0600	J-0659
J-0350	J-0426	J-0490	J-0520	J-0617	J-0660
J-0355	J-0428	J-0495	J-0521	J-0618	J-0664
J-0358	J-0429	J-0497	J-0522	J-0631	J-0669
J-0361	J-0438	J-0498	J-0523	J-0633	J-0674
J-0365	J-0453	J-0505	J-0530	J-0635	J-0678
J-0369	J-0458	J-0510	J-0536	J-0639	J-0680
J-0378	J-0471	J-0511	J-0575	J-0641	J-0693
J-0383	J-0477	J-0512	J-0593	J-0642	J-0695
J-0384	J-0483		J-0595	J-0650	

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WHEN YOU MOVE, THERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU MUST DO.

SEND YOU NEW ADDRESS TO

Bernard Chase
A.D.V.A. National Adjutant
[REDACTED]

South Yarmouth, MA 02664
AND TO
Americal Newsletter
[REDACTED]

Boston, MA 02140

HAVE YOU MOVED? NEW ADDRESS?

CLIP AND MAIL TO HEADQUARTERS

Americal Newsletter
P.O. Box 1381
Boston, MA 02140

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

CHAPTER NEWS

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

COMMANDER: Hugh Murnaghan
ADDRESS: [REDACTED], West Yarmouth, MA 02673
TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

The Cape Chapter had a luncheon meeting on April 10, 1989, the ladies were invited to this meeting and a fine group was on hand. A good time was had by all who attended. The meeting on May 8, 1989, will be at the V.F.W. Hyannis, Mass. At the May meeting, the election of officers will be held. There will be no formal meetings in June, July, or August. Quite a few of the Chapter members will be going to the National Convention in Orlando, FL, in June.

Headquarters
Far West Chapter

Pleasant Hill, California 94523
[REDACTED]

FAR WEST CHAPTER NEWS

On behalf of the Chapter we again extend condolences to one of our staunchest members on the loss of his beloved wife. Lois Markovich, Napa, California, passed away in early March after a short illness complicated by an onset of pneumonia. There was no way of informing the members who were friends of Frank and Lois, for which we are sorry. Both Frank and Lois were very dedicated to ADVA and participated in almost all our events, including the Carlisle, PA, convention. She will be missed by all who knew her. Frank was a member of 721st Ordnance (LM) Co. of the Americal, WWII.

In late August I am hoping to meet with the Southern California members, at a time and place to be established later. My youngest son will assume command in August of the USS Fresno, homeported at Long Beach, CA, and I intend to attend the change of command ceremonies on board ship. While in the area I would like to meet with our members with a view towards rejuvenating that Chapter and finding someone to take over that unit. When I have a firm date I will complete plans and let the So. Cal. members know. If anyone from down there has any ideas, please contact me.

Lloyd Morrell
Regional Commander

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Will the people who have items from the Museum at home please return them as soon as possible. Nothing is supposed to leave the Museum without the expressed permission of the Curators on duty or the permission of the Museum Director, and then only when signed out in the register. Certain items don't leave under any circumstances. There is also a two to three week loan period. NUFF SAID!

182d INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

Our 16th

Annual Memorial Service and Breakfast was held at The Post 210 American Legion Hall in Saugus on May 21, 1989. This affair was

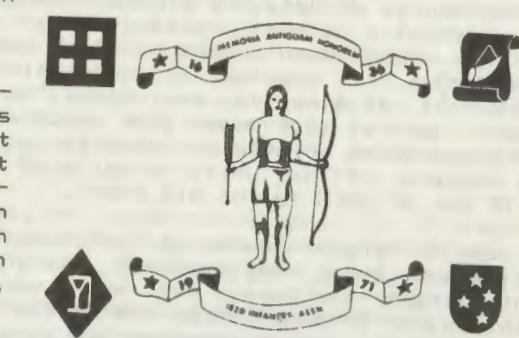
well attended and a fine breakfast was enjoyed by those attending, catered by John Murphy of our Association.

We "kicked off" our 1989 membership drive on January 1st. To date we've picked up 21 former veterans of The 182d Infantry Regiment (16 in 1988 and 5 in 1989) who were Americal Veteran's Association members but not members of our Newsletter that there are many, many former 182d troopers in ADVA who are not members of their initial 182d parent Association. Should any of you folks like information on our Association, with a view toward joining us, drop us a post card or note with your name and address. The address is The 182d Infantry Association, P.O. Box 278, Everett, MA 02149. By return mail we will ship you a copy of our bimonthly newsletter, a brochure, and an application for membership, to help you in making a determination.

Presently, well into our 1989 membership drive, we've picked up four of your ADVA folks as new members. Last year (1988) we added 14 former members of The 182d thanks to the space allowed us by your Editor, Jim Buckle. So, if any more of you folks desire affiliation again with those who are carrying on the heritage of the 182d, drop us a note.

It is with a great deal of loss that we announce the passing of the Reverend Laurence M. Brock (SJ), senior chaplain at Boston City Hospital and Boston University Medical Center from 1948 to 1968. Father Brock died on Thursday, February 9, 1989, in Weston at The Campion Center, a Jesuit retirement community. He was 85. Father Brock went on active duty with the 182d Infantry Regiment and served as an Army Chaplain. He also served as command chaplain for the 4th Army. After World War II, Father Brock was a chaplain for the Massachusetts Army National Guard, Massachusetts State Police, and the first Catholic priest to serve as chaplain in The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts in that company's 328 year history. He was also deputy state chaplain of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from 1954 to 1973. Father Brock attained the rank of Brigadier General in 1963 on his retirement from the military. Born in Charlestown, Father Brock graduated from Boston College High School. He attended Shadowbrook Seminary in Lenox and received his master's degree in Philosophy from Weston College in 1930.

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He was ordained at Weston College in 1935. A funeral mass was said for Father Brock at The Campion Center where he was buried in the Campion Center Cemetery on February 12, 1989.

Charles L. Doyle
9 Jefferson Avenue
Everett, MA 02149

COVER STORY

The title of the picture on the cover is "The Americal Band," but there is a little more to the story than that.

In the days before Pearl Harbor, the eighteen National Guard Infantry Divisions were all square divisions. This meant that they consisted of four infantry regiments and supporting units. There were two brigades in a division and each brigade consisted of two infantry regiments and their support. Part of that support was a band. Every infantry regiment had its own band and the artillery units and quartermaster and medical regiments also had a band. During battle, the duty of the infantry band, originally, was to serve as litter bearers.

After the declaration of war, the square divisions were cut to three infantry regiments and the brigade system was abolished--along with the regimental band. A triangular division had only one band--the division band.

Task Force 6814 took along several bands but after several reorganizations, they were all more or less formed into one band--The Americal Division Band.

CWO Chet Whiting took over as leader of this unit and in late summer 1944 he brought the Band back to the United States. They became the Army Ground Force Band and toured the United States on bond drives.

Now the story:

Organized in Janesville, Wisconsin, in June 1927, as the 121 Field Artillery Band, Wisconsin National Guard, it retained CWO Sartell as its leader throughout its existence. In October, 1940, the Band entered Federal service with the 32nd Infantry Division and was later designated as the 173rd Field Artillery Band.

The Band came to Ft. Riley in March, 1943, though it was redesignated as the 8 AFG Band, School Band. Once more the units designation was changed and in May 1944 it became the 180 AFG Band which it remained until it was sent overseas in July 1944, to become the Americal Division Band. This unit joined the Americal Division in November 1944 and served until the end of the war.

CWO Sartell served in World War I, World War II, Korea, and many years in the National Guard. He retired in 1960 and passed away in 1976.

Information for this story was supplied by E.J. "Doc" Sartell Jr., CWO Sartell's son.

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

IRON HAND CALLING!

That radio call sign was the "signature on the air" of the 23rd Military Police Company assigned to the Americal Division during the Vietnam war. I was a member of that unit and am today a member of the ADVA. My name is Brian Mulcrone. I served in the 23rd MP Company from late '70 through June '71 as a sergeant assigned to the provost marshall office at Chu Lai. I had been trained at Ft. Gordon as a 95B military policeman and went to Nam in May 1970. I spent the first part of my tour in Qui Nhon with a unit of the support command. In the fall of '70 I was transferred to the 23rd MP's where I spent the balance of my tour until DEROS in '71. Today I am married, father of six, and a computer systems training manager in the Chicago banking industry. While commuting home on the train one night in Chicago, I "met" another MP from the 23rd MP Company. John "Dutch" DeGroot started his tour in '69 and was assigned to the "gallant" 3rd Platoon (of LZ Bayonet fame) attached to the 198th LIB at LZ Bayonet. Today, he is married, father of three, works as a talented lithographer in Chicago and serves as an MP, U.S. Army Reserve.

OUR MISSION: Locate every former member of the 23rd MPs who ever served before, with, or after us. Dutch and I suspect YOU MAY BE ONE OF US! Wanna know why? Read on.

On June 10-12, 1990, the Americal Division Veterans Association is planning a division reunion in Chicagoland at the Marriott Hotel, Oakbrook, IL, with the Great Lakes Chapter functioning as the host organization. General chairman is Joe Micek, 4935 Frank Parkway, Norridge, IL 60656, (312) 457-0453. In preparation for that event, Dutch and I began hatching a plan to bring together our unit's alumni. Our intent is to spend approximately one year in advance planning to identify and locate person who ever wore the Southern Cross on an MP brassard. We are interested in identifying ALL members of the unit at all grades--officers, NCO's, warrants, EM's, etc.--and all jobs--MPs, PMI, clerks, mechanics, armorers, supply, cooks, and even s*** burner.

To be successful and have a grand reunion we need your help in locating former members of the Military Police units assigned to the Americal from 1967 through 1972 or those units which worked within the division's AO in Military Region I. It would include those platoons assigned to the separate brigades of Task Force Oregon, the 23rd MP Company, the 300th MP Company ('71-'72 at Chu Lai), elements of the 504th MP Battalion and, even, Marine Corps MPs.

Look around the house and go through your old Nam letters. Did you talk about people and things that happened with them, to them, etc. in that correspondence? Ask your family and friends if they kept your old letters. It's amazing what people will save regarding war memories. Start today writing the names and all known facts about people you served with

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during your tour.

Another source of data are old records such as designated travel, assignment, awards, DEROS, or other such orders on which names and SSANs appear. If you look at those old sets of orders full of Army "bureaucratese," you will be surprised at the names you discover. We need those names to help us identify people who were members of the units noted. WE WANT TO INVITE ALL OF THEM TO THE BIG EVENT.

And don't forget those old photos, slides, movies, and, even, audio tapes. An individual might forget the name, but when we show a photo, share an experience, the little details come into focus and we remember the people.

We need your help in locating the MPs that were part of the American Division. To help us do this we need this information:

- real name
- where from? City, state, nation
- what work done before entering Army?
- plans for future?
- were the returning to school
- married? children? parents?

Any and all of this will help us make sure that all former Americal MPs are part of the big event in Chicago.

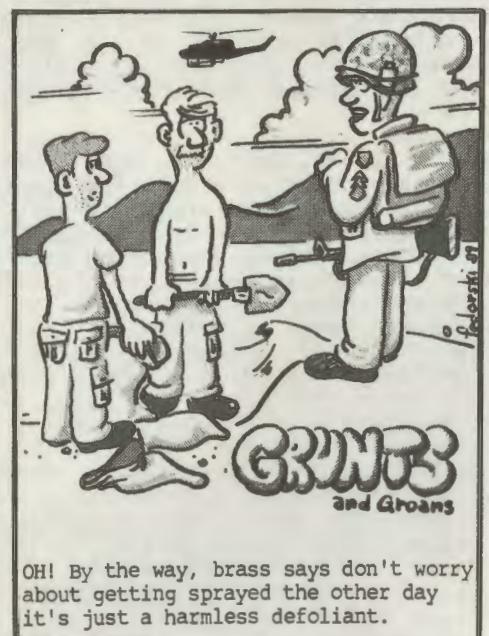
Any and all assistance and ideas are welcome and encouraged. Write and/or phone Dutch or me.

Brian Mulcrone

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Dutch DeGroot

Mount Prospect, IL 60056



Lou Fedorski sent in this cartoon and wrote: "I used to do cartoons for the 11th Brigade (Continued on next page)

THE 196TH
LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE

1989 REUNION

JUNE 23, 24, 25, 1989
MARRIOTT AT
LAMBERT AIRPORT
ST. LOUIS, MO

Schedule of Activities
Friday, June 23, 1989

Sign in at the desk and unload your duffel bag. Proceed to the Hospitality Suite which is the main ballroom. Register at our desk in the Hospitality Ballroom, receive your ID name tag, obtain computer searches, and reunite with your 196th family. Any spare time, upon arrival, can be spent taking your memorabilia to the Memorabilia Ballroom to set up your display. The Memorabilia Ballroom is adjacent to the Hospitality Ballroom and will be guaranteed 100% alert, 24 hours a day. The Hospitality Ballroom will open at 0800 hours. A cash bar will be in the Hospitality Ballroom. The Memorabilia Ballroom will have VCRs and projectors for your use.

Saturday, June 24, 1989

The Hospitality Ballroom will open at 0800 hours and remain open till 1700 hours. At 1700 hours prepare for dinner and return to the Hospitality Ballroom at 1800 hours. At 1800 hours we will have a buffet dinner. No money is required but we will have a donation jar. Following dinner we will have our STAND DOWN which will continue until ?? A cash bar will remain open.

Sunday, June 25, 1989

Hospitality Ballroom will remain open until 1200 hours. All memorabilia must be removed by 1200 hours.

Facts and Information

1. Marriott registration form is set up for June 22-26, 1989. This is for your convenience if you would prefer to come early and/or stay late.
2. Marriott has 602 rooms...no sweat! Adjacent hotels are set up to honor your rate and accommodate you accordingly.
3. At NO time during our reunion will there be a dress code.
4. A very special 196th Sergeant Major and his company will be filming our reunion. This will be made available to you, at a later date, on VCR tape.
5. We may even have a speaker or two...along with a few other surprises.
6. Plain clothes and uniformed security will be throughout the Marriott and the memorabilia Ballroom. We have taken every security measure possible. We do not foresee any problems as we are all 196th family, however, we cannot be held responsible for any lost articles.
7. If you have not already done so, we suggest that you contact the St. Louis Convention (Continued on next page)



Center to receive a free packet on the sights in and around St. Louis. This is for vacationers, your family, or just in case you decide to come early or stay late.

St. Louis Convention & Visitors Comm.

St. Louis, MO 63102

Also, some of the men are setting up individual unit tours, outings, and get-togethers. We feel this is great as that's the way we were in Vietnam. We will try to keep you posted if your particular unit has such a scheduled event.

8. If you need transportation, please contact us. We will try to link you up with one of the many busy charters, flight charters (west coast), car pool convoys, or caravans being scheduled.

The response to the reunion is beyond anyone's belief. Please complete the Marriott's registration form and return it to them as soon as possible. Your entire family is invited to meet your 196th family.

Any questions...please contact us.

Tony May [REDACTED] Jim "Pigman" Crum
Phoenix, OR 97535 [REDACTED] Canal Fulton, OH 44614
B 3/21 '68 [REDACTED] B 2/1 '68-'69

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Everyone who was in Nam will recall how most guys had nicknames, some of them pretty humorous. From our friend Tom Hebert, a former "jar-head" who publishes the Vietnam War Newsletter, comes this interesting list he has compiled from his subscribers.

AKA, Alday, Amtrack, Bac Sy, Batman, Bear, Bear Man, Beep Man, Beep Beep, Black Eagle, Blue, Bog Bob, Boots, Brass, Bro Rabbie, Bush, Buzzard, Cheek, Chief, Claymore, Colonel, Crash, Crow, Dago, Death, Deros, Ding Dong, Doc Hatchet, Docker, Fast Eddie, Father, Fleet, Fox, Foxy, Frag, Frenchie, Garbage, German, Gotch, Gunslinger, Hack, Hamster, Hardcore, Highpockets, Hulk, Jimmy Jet, Killer, King Aka, Krazy Mike, Hawk Eye, Legs, Lurch, Magoo, Moon Shine, Mouse, Muddy, Murf da Surf, Mustang 2X-Ray, Nicaragua, Nut, One-Six, Papa San, Pappy, Pearhead, Pig Farmer, Polish Angel, Polock, Psycho, Ram Jet, Ranger, Razor, Riff Raff, S.W.A.K., Saginaw, Scar, Senator, Sgt. Ambush, Sgt. Poncho, Sgt. DJ, Sgt. Rock, Shanko, Short-round, Sky Pilot, Snoopy, Snake, Stash, Stump, Sugar Foot, Sunshine, Swamp Rat, Tango Tango, Tee Tee, The Fox, The Kid, Two Two Mike, Uncle Bud, Water Buffalo, Widomaker, Wild Bill, Wop, and Zap.

ALPHA COMPANY, 1/20 11TH LIB

Dear Ron:

I would appreciate a mention in the newsletter
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that our company, Alpha Company, 1/20th 11th Brigade is planning a company reunion for the fourth week in June (23rd & 24th) 1990. Men who served between 1969 and 1971 please write or call me for more information.

Dan Camacho

Heraldzburg, CA 95448

evenings

Our unit served in the area around Duc Pho, the very southern tip of I Corps. We worked the beach areas, paddies, and mountains. At the time I joined A Company they were providing security for a land clearing operation--heavy equipment--along the South China Sea. This area was known to us as the Gaza Strip. It was an area known for VC activity and it was decided to raze the entire area. This was done efficiently with a squad of dozers on line, one blade width at a time. There were many casualties in this operation due to the many booby-traps in the area. The VC were effectively placing booby-trapped artillery rounds and inflicting casualties from grunts to tank commanders. Over a period of time, A Company was reduced to around 40 grunts. That's when I entered the company, Nov. 5, 1969. It was a time of infusing new blood, from Captain on down. Many new personnel joined the company during this time.

One this it provided A Company with was a rather stable core of grunts who spent most of their tour in Nam together. That time together created bonds between us that are still in place today. The eagerness for a reunion among the men I have talked with testifies to the fact that friendships formed in the course of a tour of duty don't have to end there. I also eagerly await June 1990 to be with those men who I respect for what they gave their country.

Sincerely,
Dan Camacho

CAN YOU HELP?

Were you on LZ Snoopy with the 1/82nd Artillery during the period November 1970 to September 1971? Do you know anyone who was? If so, contact Tim Dewald, P.O. Box 178, Streeter, ND 58483.

Former "Donut-Dolly" Linda Wilson, who was a familiar sight on many of the fire-bases near Chu Lai, wants you all to know that the Vietnam Women's Memorial project has moved their office to Washington, DC. The new mailing address is P.O. Box 53351, Washington, DC 20009, phone 202-328-7253.

Dear Members:

I served with the Americal Division in Vietnam between June '67 and August '70. I was stationed on FB San Juan Hill with the 6/11th Artillery, B Battery, gun #3. Bn Hq was located at Duc Pho. At the end of my tour, the Americal Division Magazine did an article in which I was photographed and interviewed. I left for home before the item was published and I forgot about it until just recently. I would
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greatly appreciate it if you can help me locate this particular issue.

Thank you,
Allen E. Shafer

Isleton, CA 95641
(916) 777-5696

THE MOVING WALL

The Beverly Vietnam Veterans Post #1 proudly announces the hosting of THE MOVING WALL. The Moving Wall is a 1/2 scale version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. This will be the first time that the Wall has ever been in this area and we expect a large attendance.

At the present time we are trying to notify as many veterans' organizations as possible to inform them and invite them to our opening ceremonies. The opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 1, 1989, at 11:00 a.m. If any group would like to participate with their color guard or organization colors, a short parade will be assembled at 9:30 a.m. in Beverly to march to the wall.

Our guest speaker will be Col. John A. Dremesi, Ret. Col. Dremesi was one of the most highly decorated Air Force officers of the Vietnam Conflict and was also a POW for 6 1/2 years. He is also the only POW to escape from the Hanoi Hilton twice--and survive. Col. Dremesi wrote the book CODE OF HONOR, which is the book that was used, in part, to produce the movie "Hanoi Hilton."

We would greatly appreciate your earliest response to this letter and should any other groups express interest, please feel free to have them notify me.

For suggestions or further information please call Victor Capozzi at (508) 774-3530 days or (508) 922-6643 evenings.

Respectfully,
Victor J. Capozzi
Jr. Vice Commander
Beverly Vietnam Veterans
Beverly, MA 01915

MOVING WALL COMES TO THE BRONX

A major event will occur in The Bronx during July with the arrival of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall. The date of this event will be July 12th-18th, 1989.

The Moving Wall will make its first appearance in New York state on this date. Many groups will be involved in the program, both veterans and concerned citizens. The chairpersons for this event is Ronald Lipschitz, Chairperson, Bronx County Vietnam Veterans Membership Committee of the Jewish War Veterans and Patti Devine, Chairperson of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park and Past Bronx County Commander of the American Legion.

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The exact location is still under consideration at this time. The locations being considered are the Veteran's Memorial Park in Throggs Neck or Pelham Bay Park.

For more information, contact the chairpersons at the following address:

BVMP Inc. - Wall

Bronx, NY 10465

VIETNAM COMBAT VETERAN VIEWPOINT

1. The Vietnam veteran's duty was to arrest the Communist takeover of South Vietnam. The Vietnam veteran, when serving in Vietnam, accomplished his duty. Moreover, the Vietnam veteran won every battle he fought, including the Battle for Khe Sanh. Thereafter, the U.S. military withdrew its combat troops from South Vietnam on August 11, 1972. On January 27, 1973, a four party Peace Accord and Ceasefire was signed in Paris by all sides: U.S.A., South Vietnam, Viet Cong, and North Vietnam. Our last [non-combat] troops left South Vietnam on March 29, 1973. When the ceasefire was signed, more population and land were under Saigon control than any time previously. So, in this regard we left winning and with military victory in 1973.

2. Six months after our last troops left, the International Control Commission reported North Vietnamese troops committing daily violations inside South Vietnam. While on monitoring patrol over South Vietnam in 1973, a Commission helicopter was shot down by the North Vietnamese Army. The Commission withdrew in July 1973. Full scale war returned. The ceasefire's failure was North Vietnam's fault. In December, 1974, the U.S. Congress ended U.S. military hardware aid to the South Vietnamese military with the Case-Church Amendment.

3. In early 1975, the world press reported a massive, multi-division, tank and troop invasion launched from North Vietnam down into South Vietnam. Without continuing U.S. military aid and replacement parts, South Vietnam alone surrendered to North Vietnam on April 30, 1975. By then U.S. troops had been gone from South Vietnam's soil for over two years. This invasion ultimately reached Cambodia.

4. Unsuccessful foreign policy is different from battlefield defeat. The U.S.A. as a nation was not invaded, occupied, nor signatory to a surrender document. Therefore, it is a hasty generalization to state: "The U.S.A. lost the war in South Vietnam." It is false to state that the war in Vietnam was an either/or situation: "either the U.S.A. won the war or the U.S.A. lost the war." Both statements are illogical since they do not allow for the existing alternative: the U.S.A. participated in the war successfully until the 1973 ceasefire; all sides signed the ceasefire; the U.S.A. withdrew at that time; the 3rd war in Vietnam, between South and North Vietnam, was fought from 1974 to '75 resulting in South Vietnam's defeat and surrender on April 30, 1975.

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5. The Vietnam veteran was the U.S.A. per se in Vietnam. Therefore, how may a nation be defeated in war if its military troops are not actively participating at the time the defeat occurs? Militarily speaking, then, the South Vietnamese lost the war. Politically speaking, some politicians lost the war. Unsuccessful foreign politics is different from "defeat" in war.

Approved by
Gen. William C. Westmoreland

Submitted by
Veterans of the Vietnam War

A BRIGHT SHINING LIE

In this month's mail I received a copy of a TIME magazine "conversation" with Neil Sheehan, author of A BRIGHT SHINING LIE, a history of the war in Vietnam and of one charismatic Army officer, John Paul Vann. Vann was killed in a helicopter crash in Vietnam in 1972. The people who attended his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery read like a list of "Who's Who" of U.S. involvement in South Vietnam.

Sheehan himself began covering the war in 1963 and first met Vann in the delta. He also spent over 18 years working on this book. He supported the war then, he doesn't now.

I recently completed reading the book. It is long, but interesting. Regardless of whether you agree with Mr. Sheehan's current stance--"it is difficult to admit that we made a mistake"--I recommend this book to all who are interested in Vietnam, veteran or not.

John Paul Vann died as the senior civilian adviser for the Central Highlands, a post that, in effect, made him a major general. Vann saw the reality of Vietnam as early as 1963, says Sheehan, but the war consumed him (Vann) and he couldn't leave it. All the contradictions of this war--military versus political--are discussed in depth in this book. It is one of the few "historical" accounts of Vietnam that I had great difficulty putting down until I was finished.

Oscar Patterson III, Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief
Americal Newsletter

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION THE FIRST TEAM 42ND ANNUAL REUNION



The 1st Cavalry Division Association will be conducting their 42nd Annual Reunion in Killeen, Texas, from June 29 to July 2, 1989. Killeen is the neighboring community to Fort Hood, home base for today's 1st Cavalry Division.

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Considering that the 1st Cavalry Division has thousands of veterans who have served with this famed division over the past six decades and three wars, we know there are many more to be reached.

As a key information outlet within your respective community, we are counting on your help to get the word out. It is not necessary to "sell" the 1st Cavalry Division, or the reunion. It is strictly information that the reunion will be taking place that we request.

We would appreciate your printing in any and all publications you deem appropriate the following short news release. Thank you.

COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS -- February 1989

The 1st Cavalry Division Association will hold their 42nd annual Reunion at the home base of the active duty division--Fort Hood, Texas, from 29 June to 2 July 1989.

For more information about the reunion, or to preregister, write:

Reunion '89
1st Cavalry Division Association
[REDACTED]
Copperas Cove, TX 76522

GENERAL PRESENTS 'IMPACT' AWARDS

Two members of the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery's Charlie Battery were presented "Impact" awards last Monday for their effort in helping to repel an enemy attack two weeks ago.

The two--1LT Stanley G. Phillips, the battery executive officer, and SP5 Marvin R. Lee, a power generator operator and repairman, were given Bronze Stars for valor in a ceremony at LZ Liz, where the attack occurred.

Making the presentation was BG Edwin L. Powell Jr., assistant Americal Division commander. Col. Leslie B. Hardy, Americal Division Artillery commander also participated in the ceremony.

Both LT Phillips and SP5 Lee were cited for actively engaging the enemy during the attack on Liz which, in addition to C Battery, is also home for Co. B, 1st Bn., 20th Infantry.

The battle for this hill included a four-hour firefight preceded by a heavy 82mm bombardment. In addition, a number of NVA ground troops penetrated the perimeter.

Impact awards are designed to honor, almost on the spot, soldiers who have displayed exceptional valor during contact with the enemy.

LT Phillips and SP5 Lee were the first "impact" award winners in the battalion since it came to Vietnam last July.

Lee, a native of Tarboro, NC, worked as a mechanic before entering the Army in August, 1967. He is scheduled to leave Vietnam in July, 1969.

LT Phillips, a former student at San Jose State College, is a native of Castro Valley, CA. He arrived in Vietnam last November after an assignment at Ft. Lewis, WA.

THE PAN-TELL, June 23, 1969
1st Battalion, 82d Artillery

EDITOR'S NOTE: This item and a very nice letter came from Doug Remley, East Boothbay, ME. More about this in the next issue.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

I am searching for Russell Woodman Brady. He was originally from Massachusetts and served with the Army in New Caledonia. If anyone knows this man, please contact:

Jim Buckle
[REDACTED]

Wakefield, MA 01880

CO B 101ST QM RGT & 125TH QM CO

Dear Oscar:

Just received word that one of our people has been in the hospital for 18 days in Florida and had many tests run. He was told he has Alzheimer's Disease. He was released on 31 April and will return with his wife to their home in New Hampshire on May 25th by plane.

They just lost their oldest son, Randy Jr., about six months ago--a Vietnam vet, I believe.

Our man started our in the National Guard at Woburn, Mass., at age 18 on 4 Oct 1937 with Co. B, 101st QM Regt. Did Camp Edwards in Jan 1941, Task Force 6814, Jan 1942, Australia-New Caledonia-Guadalcanal--then to the 494th QM Depot Co (supply) and returned to the states in 1945.

Randy was full of life, lost of fun, and a very happy kind of guy--still is--and a good friend to all.

Randy has been disabled for years and I think it's time our people knew about his condition.

Please use any part of this to get the word out. Thank you.

Our man is

Randolph J. Gerard Sr. (Randy)
[REDACTED]

Sanbornville, NH 03872

in Florida
[REDACTED]

Edgewater, FL 32032

Thanks,
Paul W. Santogeanis
[REDACTED]

San Dimas, CA 91773

P.S. Randy's wife Phyllis writes that "I'm well and strong and will see him through this." I'm sure Phyllis will.

SPECIAL TROOPS

Dear Mr. Chase:

A few years ago I loaned the museum a very nice spear that the Solomon Island natives used for hunting, etc. It was very delicately made with a woven design.

I would like to know if the museum people ever treat the spear with any kind of preservative oil to prevent it from cracking and splitting from dryness.

I believe it is a beautiful museum piece and it would last a long time if cared for properly but it probably has never been called to anyone's attention before. Could you please check this out with those in charge of the

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museum? Thank you very much.

Respectfully,
Robert Mullen

Bob: We will check this with Museum Director.

101 QM, ORDNANCE

Dear Mr. Chase:

Received decals and application for membership and fully appreciate your efforts. I feel you are knee-deep in paper-work at this particular point. Good Luck.

However, my principle interest is in receiving continued copies of the Americal Newsletter that I had been getting up until three years ago. I had four different addresses in the past three years and lost contact and hope this letter will change all that.

Enclosed with this letter you'll find a photo copy of my Life Membership that I have maintained for at least the past three years and feel with this at that there is no need for reinstatement. However, I will fill out the application and send it along for your records. Hoping everything straightens out.

Sincerely,
Leo A. Bartlett

Leo: Now that we have your correct address, your Newsletter should arrive on schedule.

11TH LIB

Greetings:

Enclosed are my dues for 1989. I am going to be contacting Ron Ward about the upcoming reunion for our company, Alpha 1/20th, 11th LIB.

I enjoy the fact that the newsletter provides a means of communication between many members of the Americal Division. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Dan Camacho

BTRY B 221 F.A.

Dear Mr. Chase:

I was furnished with your name and address as being the person to write to regarding information pertaining to membership in the Americal Division Association.

Would you please provide me with information pertaining to membership requests.

I was with the Americal from December 1943 to December 1945. I joined Battery B, 221 F.A. Bn. as a replacement in the Fiji Islands after the "Canal" campaign.

In my "dotage," I find that I have become interested as to the lives, these past 43 years, of the guys I served with through Bouganville and the Philippines and the Japanese occupation.

Sincerely,
Jack Warkow

Jack: Glad to have you with us.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?
IS YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT?
IF NOT, DO IT TODAY!

CO H 182ND INFANTRY



PROGRAMME

By the NEW ZEALAND ARMY-AIR FORCE CONCERT PARTY, assisted by Soloists (Composers: Sergeant U. Williams).

1. "Hello, Wintertime."
2. SKETCH—"Cat's Cradle."
3. SONOS—Sergeant ALAN MICHELSON.
4. A SPANISH INTERLUDE—"Dolores."
5. "Tea for Two."
6. PIANO-ACCORDIAN SOLO—TONY FLEMING.
7. "I'll See You Again."
8. SONGS—LOLOMA WITHERBOW.
9. "You."
10. ORIENTAL DANCE—MERLE FORWARD.
11. SONOS—DORIS NIGHTINGALE.

Interval.

"Silent Night."

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Carols.

GOD BLESS AMERICA. THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.
GOD SAVE THE KING.

Government House,
Suva, Fiji.
23rd December, 1943.



His Excellency the Governor and Lady Mitchell
request the pleasure of the Company of
Cpl William E. Porter
at an Entertainment
on Thursday 23rd December 1943
at 4 o'clock.

Government House.

ADVA Members:

I wonder if anyone else remembers this party. I don't know how I got picked, maybe because of my Good Conduct Medal. Anyway, it was a good break. We had dancing girls and they threw snowballs at us—cotton—but we didn't get too close to them. Seeing the Santa Rosa on the cover of the February Newsletter brought back a lot of memories.

Enclosed is \$5.00 for the booster fund.

William "Snuffy" Porter
Co H 182nd Inf
Life Member

P.S. I think we were on the Santa Elena. We had Colonel Obbendoffer (spelling ?), nicknamed "Off the Hopper"—remember guys?

123 AVIATION CO.

Brother ADVA Members:

It's been more than a year since Ron Ward told me a new members first dues are 16 dollars. Hope it has not changed. If so, I will gladly make up the difference.

Also, I'm planning a trip east this Memorial Day and I thought, while I'm out there I would come to Boston and visit the Americal Museum at Ft. Devens. What I'll need is to know what time the museum is open and maybe a phone number of a local ADVA member who I could call in case I need some help. I will only be in town from 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 26, till 10:00 p.m., Saturday, May 27, then I'll be heading down to D.C. for Memorial Day Ceremonies at "The Wall."

Thank you for your help. I'm looking forward to visiting Boston and the Museum.

Best Regards,
Leonard A. Clapes

Leonard: The Museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. We do open it on other days at special requests.

TASK FORCE 6814

Dear Mr. Buckle:

My cruise into the South Pacific in early 1942 as part of TF 6814 was on board the Santa Elena as far as Melbourne. One of the features of that journey was that the ship's on-board swimming pool had been converted into a latrine. Also, the main ballroom had a retracting roof which, after we got into safe Pacific waters, was rolled back during supper hours to help us relish the skin covered boiled potatoes with hard boiled eggs. Two meals per day kept us lean and mean to be ready for our debarkation and march to Victoria Park in Melbourne.

Company D was the ambulance company of the 101st Medical Regiment which left Camp Edwards by train for the Brooklyn POE. We marched from the train directly up the gangplank and how soon we set sail along the Atlantic side of the U.S. I don't remember. Naturally, some of us who knew if we were going south presumed we were going to fight the war in Trinidad until the ships made a right turn into the Panama Canal. Forty three days later we docked in Melbourne which was under brown-out conditions.

Most of the troops left the ships to R&R in Balarat. I was among some of the lucky ones who remained in town to reload the vessels for combat. I have no idea what the Santa Rosa contained other than Company D of the 101st which we then sat in out in Melbourne harbor until we were directed to Noumea, New Caledonia.

If anything, cooking on board the Santa Rosa was worse than on the Santa Elena because many of the passengers were overcome with diarrhea to the extent that all toilets were over occupied so helmets or any other small vessel had to be used to contain the discharge.

I remember the Santa Rosa fairly well.

Sincerely,
Robert J. O'Malley
Davis, CA

BTY A 247TH FA BN

Dear Jim:

Enclosed you will find all the Americal Newsletters for the year 1987. Perhaps someone might like to have them for research work. I just keep in file one year's worth.

Yours in Comradeship
Carlo DePorto

Carlo: Thanks, Jim

101 QM

Dear Jim:

Reference your article in the Americal Newsletter re. "The Cover Story."

My coffee buddy Charles Keeke of Littleton was on the Santa Elena with us.

His outfit was the 101 QM (-) although only a part of it.

He could not remember the units that were on the Elena, but he stated that they were parts the 26th Div. Hqs units.

Hope this helps

Tom B.

125TH QM

Dear Jim:

After reading the cover story in the last copy of the Americal Newsletter, I thought you might enjoy seeing a pamphlet on "Ship's Regulations" handed out on the Santa Elena shortly after leaving port in Brooklyn. As you will see, the units aboard the Santa Elena were some parts of the 182nd Infantry, the 101st Medical, the 101st Quarter Master, and the 180th F.A. If there aren't any other copies of the "Regulations", you might want to keep it for the Museum.

There is also a photo of the Santa Rosa in some rough waters not too far off the coast of Australia. Also a photo of Father Dunford officiating at the "King Neptune" ceremonies while crossing the equator.

My compliments to you and the others that keep the Newsletter going. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Joe Anderson
Marlboro, MA

Joe: Thanks a million. The pictures would not reproduce well, but they will be put in the Museum with the booklet on the Santa Elena.

Jim

E COMPANY 182ND INF.

Dear Jim:

In response to Alfred Guttag's question: "Does anyone remember when the pay was \$21.00 a month?" I would like to say Yes, I do.

When I first joined E Company, 182nd Infantry on November 2, 1932, we got paid every three months and that was a lot of money then. How times have changed.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Sam DeMarco (Ret.)

A COMPANY 101 QM

Dear Jim:

R.E.: Santa Elena

I am sure that A Company, 101 QM was on the ship. Not sure about B Company. There was some of HQ 101 QM also aboard.

I was in A Company so that is positive.

Sincerely,
Bill Heady
Northampton, MA

B COMPANY 101 QM

Dear James C. Buckle:

Thank you for being so helpful to Clyde C. Smith, 125 QM. You supplied him with a list of names only that are members of ADVA and are QM people--101st QM & 125th QM. Smith made a copy for me. In checking it over I found six names missing and I believe they are all life members.

1. Anderson, Joseph A., Co. A, 101 QM
2. Belforti, Charles L., same unit
3. Ferreira, Joseph, 125th QM
4. Kallio, Charles, Co. B, 101 QM & 494th QM Depot Co.
5. Stygles, John H. Jr. (CSM ret.), Co. B 101st QM & 494th QM Depot
6. Studebaker, Lyle E., 132nd Inf & 125th QM

I have sent 44 mail outs with regards to the convention in Orlando, FL. My 125th QM Co. roster has 278 names noting those passed on and those that are members of ADVA. Still, many have not been located. All but one of our officers has now been located.

Clyde C. Smith, Hammond, Ind., has joined me in my search. He is a lot of help--great stories.

I started this at the first of '87. We're past two years now and have only seven new members to show for all the effort. But the contacts have been the real reward. Everyone is so pleased to hear from us. Postage and repo plus phone calls add up fast, but that contact, when made, is great. We will continue till we've accounted for all our people and told the ADVA story. I don't know of anyone researching the people from the 101st QM Regt in total. I am covering Company B on my own. Now have 148 names, 49 dead, 63 missing. Will continue this.

I am writing this for two reasons: to let you know about the names not on my QM list and to let someone in ADVA know that the QM is trying. I realize it's now 1989 and some 44 years is an ADVA but at 70+ it is kind of late.

I wonder if, somehow, ADVA didn't do it wrong. So many people never knew!

Yours in Comradeship
Paul W. Santogeanis
San Dimas, CA

P.S. Please check in Melrose, MA, for my Captain: Courtland B. Bacall, Commander of 125th QM Co. on Fiji. Believe he is in accounting. Sorry, no address.

The only other officers alive are John D. Burke, Lou Fox, Ted Sybil, and Bill Ulbricht (BG ret.). Joe Toner is unaccounted for at this time. Seven others are now dead: (Continued on next page)

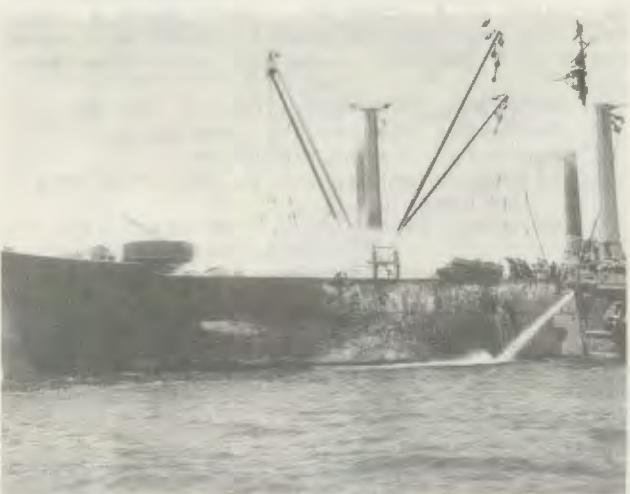
Dave Hayes, Harold MacLeod, Ralph Noonan, Nick Powell, Tom Thornton, Wilford Walker, and Mal White.

125TH QM

Dear Jim:

Here are a couple of pictures I've had hanging around for the last 40 years or so. They are going to pot so I thought you might use them in the Newsletter or the Museum might want them. Hope to see a lot of the old gang in Orlando this summer if all goes well.

Benjamin J. Kelly
Simi Valley, CA



THE ALSEHLA, NAVY CARGO SHIP
NOVEMBER 28, 1942
6:08 IN THE MORNING



CEBU 1942

Ben Kelly, George Morton, Edwin Clark 125th QM
A Mobil service station and a Mobil road map

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Jim:

This is a small note of thanks for all the letters, cards, and phone calls during my three and a half months of hospitalization. No way can I express my feelings to all in the Americal Family.

Thanks to everyone
Larry Morrissey

COMPANY C 182ND INF

Dear Mr. Thornton:

I am putting together a personal military history of my brother, in memorial, who served with the Americal Division on Guadalcanal from November 1942 through January 1943. He was wounded in action and sent home to hospital. He enlisted from Malden. His name:

Clove Anthony D'Angelo
Company C, 182nd Inf.

He was with the Americal Division attached to U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal.

Any information you can send me will be appreciated. Please send to:

M. D'Angelo [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90027

26TH SIGNAL

Dear Jim:

Let me introduce myself. My name is James W. Mitchell and I was in the 26th Signal Company and traveled in the same convoy you did on the Barry. The Barry was not an American ship. The plate on the bridge was covered over but I got a look at it. The Ericsson and the Kungsholm belonged to the Cunard line in Sweden. That is what the plate with all the specifications said. When we left Melbourne to go to New Caledonia the 26th Signal was on the Ericsson. Just outside the harbor, it broke down and took about a week to repair and made the trip on to New Caledonia with only a very small ship for escort.

The nurses for the 52nd Evacuation Hospital were on the Barry. Needless to say, the enlisted men were not allowed on the home deck with them. We pulled into Bora Bora to take on water. Bora Bora was a very pretty place, but while there a lot of people were trading cigarettes for bananas, etc. All of my cigarettes were stolen from my barracks bag.

The marking on the 26th Signal equipment was the Nabisco emblem along with 6814-I. On Guadalcanal, on one end of the island was 14 Jap ships beached. The ones that I could get close enough to see the names was a character then the name Manu. On the other end of the island the Franklin, also beached. The Franklin was taken away sometime later, but I believe all the Jap ships were still when we departed Fiji.

Somewhere I have a picture of Tojo's ice company "under new management" and one of the Barley Field sign at the cemetery on Guadalcanal. I can't find them right now, but I will later.

I worked for Shell oil company at Deer Park, Texas, for 30 years. Had to retire in

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'79 due to ill health. In '83 I had an Aorta rupture on a Life Flite to Houston from Buffalo. But was lucky to survive.

Sincerely
J.W. Mitchell
Buffalo, TX

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND
ALEXANDRIA, VA

Dear Mr. Dunphy:

Thank you for your assistance on the telephone the other day, it is always reassuring to know that the common as well as the heroic deeds remain immortalized by patriotic organizations such as yours. I appreciate your willingness to help me find distinguished members of the 1st Infantry Regiment through your newsletter.

Specifically, I need help in identifying the names and addresses of potential candidates for the Honorary positions in the 1st Infantry Regiment. Under the United States Army Regimental System, the Department of the Army approved the appointment of an Honorary Colonel, Honorary Sergeant Major, and Distinguished Members of the Regiment. The primary mission of these special appointees is to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Regiment, thereby enhancing unit morale and esprit.

The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment is a distinguished retired commissioned officer in the rank of colonel or above, with former service in a unit of the 1st Infantry Regiment or in the chain of command above the Regiment. After a selection process, the Honorary Colonel is appointed to a 3-year renewable term. The duties are purely ceremonial and do not conflict with the chain of command. Attendance to Regimental functions is by invitation and participation is encouraged.

The Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment serves as an advisor to the Honorary Colonel. Eligible candidates are retired non-commissioned officers in the rank of Sergeant First Class (E7) or above with prior service in the 1st Infantry Regiment.

All interested candidates or persons with recommendations may contact me at:

Commander, PERSCOM
ATTN: TAPC-OPB-E (Maj. Leahy)
200 Stovall St.
Alexandria, VA 22332-0411
(202) 325-3143

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Leahy
Major, GS
Regimental Adjutant

MAY 1945

In action around Ulog Creek during the day of May 22, Sgt. Jerome D. Gazler, of Chicago, exposed himself to intense and deadly enemy fire to enable his company to gain ground. Without assistance, the intrepid sergeant tossed hand grenades and fired into enemy caves. Enemy fire slackened and, eventually, Gazler's platoon was able to complete its mission.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

AMERICAL HISTORY

Earlier in this issue you will read about Neil Sheehan's book A BRIGHT AND SHINING LIE. During the past 10 years plus, I have read over 200 books about the war in Vietnam from a terrible exploitation paperback titled ROLLING THUNDER to THE 13TH VALLEY to BAT 21 and so on. In all that reading, however, I have found very little, if anything, about the Americal in Vietnam. Even the major histories of the war, to include Sheehan's work as well as those by Stanley Karnow and Bruce Palmer make little mention of our division other than to talk about My Lai.

When the Americal stood down and left Vietnam, TIME magazine carried a full-page story calling us the "hard luck" division of Vietnam. We didn't fight the media war of the delta nor did we remain embattled as did the Marines at Khe Shan. We fought the "down-and-dirty" war of day-to-day confrontation with the NVA and main force VC units. We often lost more men to booby traps than to combat and, yet, we pacified one of the most notorious areas of Vietnam, southern I Corps.

In 1942, the original Americal departed the U.S. as Task Force 6814 and became the Americal in New Caledonia. The Americal of the Vietnam war was formed from three independent brigades and became one of the largest, most self sufficient divisions in Vietnam. And while the Marines often took the glory, both at Guadalcanal and in I Corps, the Americal did the dirty work.

The time has come for the Americal's Vietnam story to be told and it must be told in the first person by the men who fought with that "hard luck" division.

I am no author, besides, I could only tell my story and it isn't the Division's story. What I would like to do, however, is to edit the stories you, the members of the Division, can tell. We must leave more to our children and their children than the brief, all too often negative, mentions we seem to rate in the history books.

MY PROPOSAL: To obtain from you, the men who fought with the Americal in Vietnam, first person accounts of your tour(s) with the Division. I would then edit these accounts in a manner so as to produce a book like Al Santoli's EVERYTHING WE HAD: AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAY BE THIRTY-THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT IT or Mark Baker's NAM: THE VIETNAM WAR IN THE WORDS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT THERE.

One thing I have learned in over 15 years of research and writing about the war in Vietnam. It's often not what really happened that counts, BUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK HAPPENED. A lot of people think they know what happened in and to the Americal in Vietnam. We must do all we can to insure that what really happened is recorded.

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Please give this proposal your serious consideration. If you are willing to participate in the project, take some time and put in writing your story. Most of us went to Vietnam as an individual, few were part of standing units. Each of us left the same way. In fact, in the freedom bird that brought me back to the states, I was the only person wearing the Americal patch. And of all the people I knew in basic and advanced training, OCS, and afterwards, only two did I encounter in Chu Lai.

Please, take some time and write your story for use in this proposed, as yet untitled book. Just this past fall, I received three shirt boxes containing all the letters I wrote home during my time with the Americal. I find it hard reading them, but they often jar memories, help me recall a name or place or face. I'm sure that you have the same. Now's the time to get them out, review them, and include copies--please don't sent originals--with your story.

More important, though, I find that these boxes contain a history that is personal, telling, and more heart-felt than any "official" work published to date. I have a daughter, she's almost 16 now, and to her generation Vietnam is an unknown place in an unknown time. I teach college students who have no idea of what Vietnam was all about. It is our responsibility to see to it that future generations will remember and will remember correctly, what happened. If you would like to participate in this most important project of insuring that the Americal's Vietnam history is recorded and remembered, please send your stories, your letters (copies), photos, audio tapes, anything you feel should be preserved to me. When I finish using them to create a book about our division's Vietnam years, I will turn over all material to the Americal Museum at Ft. Devens or, if you so request, return them to you.

SEND YOUR MATERIALS TO:

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Not for fame or reward,
Not for place or for rank,
Not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity,
But in simple obedience to duty
as they understood it,
These men suffered all, sacrificed all,
dared all and died.

AUGUST VIETNAM VET REUNION

The Ken Rakentine Memorial Post #53, Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc., are holding their 4th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion on August 19, 1989, in Waynesboro, PA.

VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION

AUGUST 18 & 19, 1989, WAYNESBORO, PA

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45TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL

The 45th Surgical Hospital admitted its 1000th patient for treatment on March 13.

PFC Harry A. Cutbirth of the 2d Bn., 503d Inf., 173 Airborne Brigade, became the milestone patient when he was admitted for wounds received while participating in Operation JUNCTION CITY, in War Zone C, north of Tay Ninh.

The 45th Surgical Hospital is the Army's newest and most unique medical facility, and the only MUST (Mobile Unit Self-contained Transportable) installation in operation. LTC John D. Williams, the MUST Project Technical Advisor, who is shepherding the hospital through research and development, and into operation, said: "The MUST Hospital has proven its worth in a combat zone and is a great advance in the field of medical service. We should certainly have more of them."

In the MUST system, the inflatable "rubber quonset huts" that comprise the complex can be made completely operation within mere hours. The system features complete environmental control, with airconditioning or heating on demand, controlled by a central power source. The hospital has complete facilities for surgery, convalescence, and administration, with a laboratory capable of all services except tissue analysis.

Commanded by Maj. Gary P. Wratten, the advance party of the hospital staff arrived at Tay Ninh on Oct. 14, 1966. Heavy rain and preparatory land-leveling problems delayed progress somewhat; but one week after the main body arrived on Nov. 6, the new hospital accepted its first patient--a record anywhere.

Maj. Wratten was killed in a mortar attack on the base camp in early November, and the hospital is now commanded by Maj. Charles M. Lyon (El Paso, TX). The staff includes 13 doctors, 11 female nurses, 6 male nurses, and four medical service corps officers. The complete staff is made up of 101 enlisted personnel, who treat an average of 25 patients a day, while admitting an average of 20 per day.

THE CHARGER, 196TH LIB, Mar. 25, 1967

R & R TIPS

One of the biggest boosts to morale for members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam has been the R&R program.

Yet, lack of careful planning by some individuals has turned their prospects of a five-day pleasure trip into a trying experience.

To assure yourself of an R&R journey without care, you should follow the basic suggestions compiled from files made by staffs of R&R centers.

...Make sure you have a minimum of \$125 to cover expenses. Convert script (Military Payment Certificates) prior to leaving Vietnam.

...Make sure your immunization record is up to date. Get the required immunizations before you leave your unit.

...Leave all your guns at home, son. No weapons of any type, including knives, should be taken on R&R.

...Make sure your personal baggage is properly marked with your name and destination.

...Be informed of the customs and duty re-

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quirements of the site you plan to visit. The R&R center staff can help you answer your questions.

...Pay close attention to, and heed, the advice of the R&R center staffs during processing in Vietnam and at the site.

THE CHARGER, 196TH LIB, Sept. 11, 1967

'OREGON' CIVIC ACTION ASSISTS VIETNAMESE

CHU LAI, RVN--The Army's role in Vietnam is not one of fighting alone. To successfully defeat the enemy the confidence of the Vietnamese people must be won.

An important tool used to convince the people the Americans are here to aid them is the Civic Action Program. Its aim is to improve the life of the Vietnamese citizens and reduce their vulnerability to communist exploitation--basically by raising their standard of living, education, and helping restore control and protection by the legitimate government.

Civic action during Operation Oregon is of great concern to the Army. This was the first major contact the civilian populace in Quang Ngai and Quang Tin Provinces have had with the Army.

"Oregon's" civic action program was put into the hands of civil affairs officers Maj. Eduardo A. Torres, 196th LIB, and Maj. John W. Schneider, Jr., 3rd Brigade, 25th Inf. Div. Each was assigned primary areas of responsibility. Then the arduous task of coordinating civic action projects in the numerous hamlets began.

Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) Teams from the battalions of the 196th LIB immediately began to make eight to 10 visits daily to outlying hamlets and villages. Over 500 patients are treated each day. Serious cases are evacuated to distant hospitals.

The MEDCAP treat skin and eye infections, colds, and burns. "Each visit, the team averages nearly 100 patients," stated Capt. Howard L. Wiley, the battalion's civil affairs officer.

The trial civic action program initiated by the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, put four soldiers into the hamlet of Lae Tae to live with the people. The first community project was to rebuild the hamlet church that had been destroyed by the Viet Cong. "The church was an unbelievable mess when we arrived," stated SFC Charles F. Extrom, noncommissioned officer in charge. "But some painting and hours of cleaning has already done wonders."

The 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry is conducting a civic program called Operation Harvest Moon. This operation is chiefly one which provides the area farmers with protection so they may harvest their rice safely. "Before the battalion arrived, harvesting was impossible because Viet Cong would attempt to kill anyone who worked the paddies," exclaimed 1st Lt. Thomas Rutty, civil affairs officer.

Further south of Chu Lai the civil affairs section of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division provided a five-ton truck and assisted the Viet Cong-harassed villagers of Trong Sanh move themselves and their belongings to the

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safer confines of nearby Duc Pho village.

Although Operation Oregon's civic action program is only in its initial stages, much has been accomplished. Favorable acceptance of the troops by the area inhabitants has given the brigades a positive outlook for the success of future planned projects.

THE ARMY REPORTER, Tan Son Nhut, RVN,
27 May 1967

CEBU

Cebu, an island province of the central Philippines, includes the main island Cebu and other outlying islands. It is the most densely populated of the larger Philippine provinces. The island of Cebu has a range of low mountains running down its center. It has only narrow coastal plains except for the Bogo plain in the far north, and has few harbors. Its climate is rather dry, and the coral and limestone soils do not yield good rice crops. The Bogo plain is mainly commercial sugar-cane area, but small farms cultivate maize, coconut, yams, agave, and tobacco. The island does not feed itself. Coal, copper, and limestone are mined in the central hill country.

Cebu City is one of the largest Philippine cities. It is located on the east coast, sheltered by Mactan Island. It is an excellent port.

Cebu is one of the most historic spots in the Philippines. A coastal railway operated north and south of the city prior to World War II, but was abandoned in 1948. The city proper was almost completely destroyed by the Japanese in May 1942 in reprisal for guerrilla operations. American liberation occurred on March 27, 1945, with the port intact, and later rebuilding greatly improved the city.

CEBU BEACHHEAD!

At 0830, 26 March 1945, exactly on schedule, the LVTs bearing the first attacking echelons of the American Division rolled up onto the shores of Cebu between the barrios of Talisay and Tanke, along a sector centered some five miles southwest of Cebu City. The invasion and liberation of Cebu had now begun in earnest.

Because the more than 14,000 men in the reinforced Americal Division did not greatly outnumber the estimated 12,000 Japanese on the island at this time, Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold was required to devise a plan which would result in the most efficient use of the combat units at his disposal. Accordingly, the 132d Infantry, commanded by Col. Claude M. McQuarrie, was directed to land in column of battalions on the Division's right and was ordered to strike toward and secure Cebu City and its vital harbor installation. Meanwhile, the 182d Infantry, landing on the Division's left, was to secure the rail and road crossing of the Mananga River.

Once the beachhead was secure, the Philippine Army's 82d Division was to be placed under Americal Division control.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

123 FIELD ARTILLERY 247 FIELD ARTILLERY

Dear Jim:

Enclose are two photos readers of the Americal Newsletter may enjoy. One is the ship I went overseas on, the Kungsholm, and the other picture is of the armory where I got my start.

I am also enclosing a history of the Kungsholm, or better still the USAT Ericsson as she was known when she entered Army service. She carried, among other units of Task force 6814, 123 Field Artillery, of which I was a member. The 123 FA came out of the 33 Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard.

JOHN ERICSSON



During her pre-war days, this ship--built at Hamburg, Germany in 1928--was the SS Kungsholm for the Swedish-America Line. Upon America's entry into World War II, she entered U.S. service and began operation for the U. S. War Shipping Administration, carrying out Army sailing schedules. Her war time cruising was truly extensive. She made 27 voyages in the Atlantic and 2 in the Pacific, carrying more than 300,000 troops in all.

Named for a Swede-American inventor of Civil War days, this ship measured 609 feet in length, 78 feet in maximum beam, and drew 29 feet. Gross tonnage: 16,777. A Motor Ship, she had diesel-electric drive, twin propellers, and was rated at 15 knots (17.3 m.p.h.) Her wartime passenger full load was 5,460 officers and men--in contrast to her peacetime passenger accommodations for 1,575 paying passengers.

Following the War, she was returned to commercial service. In 1947, however, she suffered a severe fire at New York City. Reconditioned, and sailing as the SS Italia, she then entered the Mediterranean - South American passenger service; later, the North Atlantic service. In 1960, this famed, 8 deck liner began tourist trips from New York to the Caribbean, operating for the Home Lines.

In the spring of 1964, she underwent extensive alterations at a Miami shipyard to become a 500 room floating hotel at Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. But after a while this venture did not prove successful. So the following year she was sold to a Spanish concern for \$740,000 and broken up for her scrap metal value.

ARMORY
Battery F 123 F.A. Regiment
Alton, Illinois



See you in Orlando,
Jack Folmer
Hq. Btry 247 FA

COMPANY E 101 QUARTERMASTER

Dear Jim:

After seeing the cover photo of the Santa Rosa I sure did enjoy remembering back to the sailing of the Sant Elena--my cruise ship. This started me thinking enough to get to work and do something.

After a little research I found out that there were a few of the fellow members of the old 101 Quartermaster, Company E, in this central part of Florida. After a series of telephone calls I organized a small reunion. We met at the Holiday Inn in Plant City on March 15, 1989.

It was great to meet with the old gang again after 47 seven years--almost on the anniversary of the date we landed in New Caledonia. We agreed to try to meet on March 15 annually. I will put the names of the men attending at the end of this letter. A few of us are members of ADVA and of course I am a Life Member and also a member of the Florida Chapter.

I have written to you a couple of times and my letters were put in the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER. I thank you for that.

The National Convention, which the boys from Florida is hosting, is about 18 miles from my home and I am planning to attend for a couple of days.

Thanks for letting me ramble on,

Gabe Mongeau

Members present:

Arthur Little	(Capt)	
Joe Testa	(Sgt)	Motor Sgt
Marty Lindon	(Sgt)	Company Clerk
Charlie Warden	(Sgt)	Parts Dept
Leo Bartlett	(Sgt)	Welder
Gabe Mongeau	(Sgt)	Radiator Repair

We all became members of Ordnance later.

Ed Note: Good to hear from you. I hope you will have signed all of your members up in the ADVA before the next reunion.

72 FIELD ARTILLERY

Dear James:

In the last two issues of the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER regarding Task force 6814 there was no mention of the SS. Uruguay. The Uruguay was the 'Queen' of the convoy, a sister ship of the Argentina.

Her voyage was unique in a way because she had two battles before reaching Australia. Her first came soon after her passage of the Panama Canal. It was Sunday and 5,000 troops, including many, many nurses were treated to a turkey dinner. WOW! What a morale builder! Then came the dawn of Monday and everyone was doing the Turkey trot. Can you imagine what bedlam there was with 5,000 people with the diarrhea at the same time? Let me tell you that many moons were exposed in the strangest places. The following Sunday turkey was on the menu again. How lucky could we be? Monday was a repeat performance of the previous week. The battle left 5,000 casualties but fortunately no deaths.

Battle number 2 came up two or three weeks later. The desalination system broke down. start rationing water! G.I.'s were ready with shelter halves, helmets, and mess kit ready to catch rain water if it should rain. No rain. Armed guards were stationed at every water spigot on the ship. In the chow line you were given a choice---one cup of water or one cup of coffee. The body can go several days without food, but water is hard to do without especially in the tropical zone.

Things took a turn for the better, we left the convoy and pulled into a small island known as Bora Bora. Here the water tanks would be filled.

Hey, look at the natives coming out to greet us in their dugouts! Were they coming out to sell us trinkets or some other things made by the natives? No, they were selling water. This is gratitude? Wait, they're just looking for the Yankee dollar the easy way. O.K., we can play that game too. My radio section had a Parker Brothers Monopoly Game. As soon as someone passed 'Go' we had 200 dollars play money to blow.

Since the natives were asking 25 cents for a canteen fill-up or a dollar for a helmet full, we struck up a deal with them. Drinks for everybody--(water of course). The natives were happy with their new found pretty money--we even told them to keep the change.

The natives were standing in their dugouts, clutching the play money in one hand and waving the other with open palm, and I might add a winning smile on their faces, as we sailed into the sunset for Auckland and Melbourne.

My friends, even to this day tell me, "See Steve, even way back then you were a big spender."

The 72 Field Artillery Regiment was aboard the Uruguay.

Steve Nichols
Hq. Div. Arty.

Ed Note: Thanks a lot for this info Steve. I still haven't figured out exactly which ship the Uruguay was but it must have been listed under it's "Army" name in Under the Southern Cross. Was it the Barry or the McAndrew?

Jim

MEMORIAL DAY

We meet today to honor those
Who served our nation well,
Who marched and fought beneath the flag
Of freedom's citadel.

They faced the foe at Bunker Hill
As musket balls whined past;
Aboard "Old Ironsides," at sea,
They felt the cannons' blast.

At Monterrey, in Mexico,
They fought from door to door,
And those who stood at Gettysburg
Are famed forevermore.

The sailors at Manila Bay,
And men at San Juan Hill
Brought independence to both lands
By courage and good will.

At St Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne
Our soldiers lived and died
Beneath the bursting shot and shell,
Until they turned the tide.

They joined again in World War II
To fight on land and sea -
While airmen soared across the sky -
Confronting tyranny.

Though weary from the wounds of war,
Korea called once more,
And there-at Seoul and Pork Chop Hill -
They battled as before.

Those heroes yet were called again
To serve in Vietnam,
And there they fought for liberty,
For God, and Uncle Sam.

Here, on this special holiday
In memory of them,
We, too, vow freedom shall not die -
And that's their requiem.

David Cole
Bryn Mawr, PA

On page eleven in this copy of the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER there is a letter from Robert O'Malley, formerly of the 101 Medics. He tells of the swimming pool that was on board the Santa Elena that had been roofed over and converted into a latrine. To take his story one step further--people that were privileged to use this latrine will remember that it had a galvanized trough down each side. Each trough had two boards, spaced about ten inches apart, running lengthwise, on which to sit.

In the morning this was usually a very busy place and with all positions covered. Of course there was a steady flow of sea water to keep everything sanitary.

One morning some wag had the bright idea of putting a pile of toilet paper at the end of the trough where the water entered, setting it on fire and letting it drift down stream. It sure brought everyone to their feet!

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