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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

With Veterans Day coming up soon, I hope that many of you are making plans to attend the various ceremonies that are held in Washington, D.C., each year on that date. Being at the Vietnam Memorial or at Arlington Cemetery on November 11 is the type of experience that you would never forget. I've been fortunate to attend many times and hope to continue that tradition as long as I'm able.

In addition to paying our respects to the men who made the supreme sacrifice, you will find this a good time to visit with fellow Americal vets. Our Division always has a good showing. The Association has funded a hospitality suite for the weekend at our usual spot, the Hotel Washington. We're located about a half hour walk from the Vietnam Memorial.

Last year the female Nam vets hosted a fund raiser for their memorial and I understand they'll be doing the same this year. Their "DMZ to DELTA DANCE" will be held at the J.W. Marriott on Sunday, November 11. It was obvious from last year that the ladies who served in Vietnam are held in great respect by their male counterparts. Let's all turn out again this year and show them our continued support for their memorial.

For more information on the dance, contact Linda Goettman Wilson, PO Box 4011, Arlington, VA 22204 (703) 920-2179



Yes, I want to help honor America's women Vietnam veterans. My tax deductible contribution is enclosed.

Send me more information about how I can help make this dream a reality.

I am a woman who served during the Vietnam era.

I have not yet added my name to "Sister Search". Please send me registration information.

I am already listed with "Sister Search".

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Clip and mail along with your contribution to:
 Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc.
 Washington, D.C. 20009

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October 13, 1990

Americal Museum Ft. Devens, MA
 General Meeting 1:00 P.M.

November 10, 1990

Americal Museum Ft. Devens, MA
 General Meeting 1:00 P.M.

December 9, 1990

Christmas Party, Hanscom Air Force Base
 1:00 P.M.

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Another big month in the membership drive. We have signed up a total of 180 new members in 1990, plus 10 members have been reinstated.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

CHECK THOSE CARD NUMBERS ON PAGE 2

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AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN

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Tarpon Springs, FL 33589
Telephone [REDACTED]

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING A CHAPTER?
THE CHAPTERS HOLD MANY INTERESTING REUNIONS!

CALL YOU CHAPTER COMMANDER TODAY

CHAPTER NEWSSOUTH MID-WEST REGIONAL CHAPTER

William K. Maddox
Commander

Frank L. Schulgen
Secretary/Treasurer

Jesse Mendoza
Sergeant-at Arms

Dear Americal Veteran:

As most of you know, this Chapter was started by Charles T. Manchester, a Vietnam Veteran from Fort Worth, TX. His job and other commitments prevented him from being able to continue as the Regional Commander. He asked me to take over for him and keep the Chapter moving. I gave it a lot of thought and decided, since I am retired and would have plenty of time to devote to it, that I would. Since I have taken over it has been very exciting and rewarding.

At the National Reunion in Oak Brook, IL this past June, during the general membership meeting, Adjutant Bernard Chase asked our Chapter to host the 1992 National reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

The Reunion will be held June 18, 19, 20, 21, 1992. Y'all will like San Antonio. There are plenty of things to see and do.

We had an organizational meeting July 14, 1990 in Corpus Christi, Texas and elected Frank Schulgen Secretary/Treasurer and Jesse Mendoza as Sergeant-at-Arms. Both of these men are Vietnam Veterans.

We will have another Chapter meeting October 27, 1990 at the same place in Corpus Christi to put together the committees that will organize the 1992 Reunion. All Chapters members are invited to come and participate.

EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

Stephen Dennison
Commander

Peter J. Messina
Secretary/Treasurer

George Yates
Sergeant-at-Arms

By the time this Americal Newsletter is in the mail our Reunion will be history.

I wish to thank all the people that helped to put the Reunion together. That is what made it a success!

Stephen Dennison

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE ANNOUNCE
THE PASSING OF:

EDWIN KUJA
SEPTEMBER 6, 1990

ED WAS THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMANDER OF THE
CAPE COD CHAPTER

★ GUADALCANAL ★
SOLOMON ISLANDS
WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



There is no single memorial on Guadalcanal paying tribute to all the United States services that participated at great cost in the decisive victory which turned the tide in the Pacific War. For the United States, there exists only a haphazard scattering of modest memorials placed years ago by individual military units. (See Sept-Oct 1986 issue of the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER for pictures and descriptions of these memorials).

On the other hand, the Japanese have erected an imposing and dominating three story monument, which includes a two story statue of a soldier. It is today a major attraction for visiting Japanese tourists and relatives of the 21,000 Japanese who died on the island.

A group of WW II Pacific veterans, visiting Guadalcanal in 1986, felt impelled to push for the erection of an appropriate symbol of the United States victory on the island. The Guadalcanal-Solomon Island War Memorial Foundation was formed and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the veteran's organization laws (IRS No. 36-3487460). It has operated with volunteer help with very little overhead or administrative costs. The Foundation was instructed not to use professional fund raisers.

Dr. Robert C. Muehrcke, a former rifleman in the Americal Infantry Division was elected Chairman, Luther Jordan Jr., an officer in the First Marine, was elected Assistant Chairman, Joseph Micek, a former platoon sergeant in the Americal Division was elected treasurer and Robert F. Reynolds, a former bomber pilot in the R.A.F. was elected secretary.

Our objective is to erect a lasting tribute to honor Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Air and Coast Guard men, and Fiji Armed Forces--who participated in the Guadalcanal Campaign and the subsequent battles up the Solomon Island Chain through the Bougainville Campaign.

The following is only one of the six segments to be engraved on the first directional wall at Skyline Drive.

WELCOME TO THE AMERICAN GUADALCANAL MEMORIAL

THIS MONUMENT IS A LASTING TRIBUTE HONORING THOSE AMERICANS AND THEIR ALLIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN FROM 7 AUG 42 TO 9 FEBRUARY 43. IT PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THOSE SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES AND AIRMEN WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IN THE CAMPAIGN THAT LED TO THE LIBERATION OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. THIS REMEMBRANCE WAS ERECTED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE GUADALCANAL-SOLOMON ISLANDS WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, U.S.A. AND THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION. MAY THIS MEMORIAL ENDURE THE RAVAGES OF TIME UNTIL THE WIND, RAIN, AND TROPICAL STORMS WEAR AWAY ITS FACE BUT NEVER ITS MEMORIES.

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196 LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE

Dear members;

I am in the process of writing a history of the 196th. LIB. So far I've completed six chapters of the period 1965 to 1967, this is based entirely on the Quarterly Reports and Combat After Action Reports and other official documents... the dry facts, so to speak. What I would like to have is some personal accounts to add to it.

My reason for writing such a history is not for personal gain but because I became fed up with all the other histories that have been written. They certainly were not based on the same information that I have accumulated. One statement that really pissed me off was in Shelby Stanton's "Rise and Fall of an American Army" that the 196th. Brigade had cracked under fire during the "Battle of Attleboro". I was there and didn't see anything that would indicate any validity to that statement. I will admit, there was a lot of confusion and mistakes were made. But when you consider we were slightly outnumbered, lacked the fighting experience that the 9th. VC Division had, plus the fact we had them backed into a corner. I dare say, both sides were satisfied when contact was broken the afternoon November 5, 1966.

Sincerely,
Lewis L. Cole
CSM USA Retired
[REDACTED]
Millston, WI 54643

D/4/21 INFANTRY 11 LIB

Dear members;

I am in need of your help. I served in D 4/21st. 11th. LIB from Dec. 1970 to the time of deactivation about June 1971. I volunteered for detached duty with this LRRP and sniper unit. I recently asked DA for copies of my 201 file. Unfortunately, one, there is no record of this duty. Two, during one of my missions I was marked AWOL 1-11 May, 1971. This situation could be remedied by an affidavit from two of my comrades or my Lieutenant. Needless to say, I no longer have the addresses. If you are able to help me, here are some names: Lt. Schmedline, E-4 Roger McGuire, CA, E-5 Jack O'Reilly, NJ. Those are the only names I am able to remember. If you require any further info, do not hesitate to call me collect at 407-220-7571. This is extremely important to me. Any help you could provide would be extremely appreciated.

Charles Niewadomski
[REDACTED]
Stuart, FL 34997

D/4/3 INFANTRY 11 LIB

Editor;

Reference to the Americal Newsletter July/Aug there is a correction to be made on my unit. I was listed as Co B 3/4th. Infantry. It should read Co B 4/3rd. Infantry 11th. LIB. I'm proud of my former Battalion, the "Old Guard". Could you please make the change.

Sincerely,
Al (Fast Freddy) Salazar

Dear Ron;

D/4/3/ INFANTRY 11 LIB

Thanks for getting my picture squared away in the latest newsletter. I was surprised and very pleased to also see the letters. I heard from a few guys who were in the ambush with me and we're getting our act together and possibly writing a book on that time period. I've also heard from a former pilot and an ex-door gunner from the 174th. AHC. I've sent them both copies of the "Sharks". The tri state reunion in Dubuque seemed like a big success. Over 200 vets had pre-registered with about 125 more showing up at various times over the week end.

Word has it that there will be a huge Vietnam vet gathering in Denver next June. It's going to be a big parade similar to the one in Chicago a couple of years ago. In fact it's being organized by those who were involved with Chicago. They've got Mile High Stadium already reserved and are pushing big name acts for a concert. As soon as more facts become available, I'll pass them on.

Linn Hoopes
D/4/3 11th. LIB

Dear Ron;

I enjoyed Jim Blaylock's letter in the last ADVA Newsletter and appreciate his fire missions shot for us from LZ Siberia. Like Jim I also confirm the firepower Jesus Christ gives us in facing life's problems. A few months ago I began attending Wed. evening Bible study taught by a veteran 2/11th. cavalryman based at Chu Lai during 1966-67'. The word of God takes on real meaning when our faith is made strong in the belief that Christ is the truth, the way, and the life. The lessons learned in combat seem to be put in the right perspective when I'm studying the Bible. It's taken twenty years but am pleased to say I've found the answer. Anyone in the Atlanta area is welcome to contact me and I'll give directions to the weekly 8pm Wednesday meeting.

phone [REDACTED]
evenings & weekends

Regards,
Jim Sobery

196 LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE
Dear Bill & Ron;

I noticed in the veteran locator section your ad concerning members of the 196th LIB. I was a 1st. Lt. M.S.C. in the 198th. The reason for this letter is that I'm looking for my best friend 1st. Lt. Bruce Molten, M.S.C. of the 196th. LIB. He was stationed in DaNang 1970-71 at the Army Hospital (old Marine Hospital). He was from the state of Mass. and was last known living in the Dallas, Texas area. For the past three years I have tried every way I know of to find him, but nothing has turned up yet. I thought he might make contact with you or someone else may mention him. If you come up with anything that might help me locate him I would appreciate hearing from you or if you have any suggestions that might be helpful I would like to know them.

Friends, I know this would be a lot of trouble but I'm sure as veterans you realize the importance to me to find my best friend. Thanks for everything and GOOD LUCK.

Paul W. Walker
[REDACTED]

Poyen, AR 72128

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COMMO PLATOON HHC 198th LIB REUNION

I am pleased to report that the Commo Platoon of the HHC 198th LIB had a good turnout for our reunion July 14-15 in Pittsburgh, PA. We ended up with 15 veterans and 11 wives, and everyone had a good time. Don Thering furnished us with a VCR tape that he had converted from 8MM movie camera film that he took while he was with us in Chu Lai. It only lasted 15 minutes, but it showed LZ Bayonet, LZ Baldy, the two Marine jet bases at Chu Lai, the bomb dump still exploding 8 hours after it was hit during TET, our teletype jeep being loaded on a Chinook when it was taken to Kham Duc, aerial shots from a helicopter of the Chu Lai area, and numerous beer parties we had whenever anyone got their orders to DERO. I've enclosed two pictures that were taken at the reunion.

I would personally like to thank everyone that attended and made our reunion such a great success. Special thanks to Ron Kappeler and his wife Mary Ann for obtaining most of the addresses and phone numbers that made our reunion possible.

It should be noted that during our dinner on Saturday, when we were all together, we observed a moment of silence for our radio repairman Don Kilberg of Arlington, Texas, who was killed by a drunk driver about ten years ago. Don kept our radios and teletypes running when no one else could, and we were all sad to learn of his death. If anyone knows his parents, or his son, please tell them we all think he was a great guy, and one we could all look up to.

Steve Monroe
HHC 198th LIB



Front row left to right, Morris Spadaccini, Canaan, CT; Larry Dowless, Lumberton, NC; Pete Lutz, Fairfield, CT; Russ Marceau, Clayton, NY; Don Thering, Shepherd, MI; Jerry Merkle, Tonawanda, NY; Back row left to right, Bill Duncan, Upland, IN; Jim White, Annadale, NJ; Charlie Lockett, Quakertown, PA; Ron Kappeler, Pittsburgh, PA; Mike Moses, Newcomb, NY; Jerry Bodine, Louisville, KY; Steve Monroe, Cameron, WV; Mitch Moses, Newcomb, NY; Rich Sommer, Belgium, WI.

Plannin' to
MOVE???

OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE CHARGED 30 CENTS
FOR EACH AND EVERY NEW ADDRESS!
Jim Buckle
[REDACTED]
Please send us your NEW ADDRESS!
Wakefield, MA 01880

COMMO PLATOON HHC 198th LIB REUNION



Front row left to right, Kathy Monroe, Pat Schommer, Dolly Spadaccini, Betty Jo Dowless, Kay Duncan
Back row left to right, Maureen Lutz, Janice Lockett, Barbara White, Sue Merkle, Claudia Bodine, Mary Ann Kappeler

B/3/82 ARTILLERY 196 LIB

Dear Bob:

I want to see the Guadalcanal-Solomon Islands Memorial become a reality. Therefore I'm jumping on Ron Ward's bandwagon and making my personal contribution.

Best wishes and GOOD LUCK.

Sincerely,
Ed
B/3/82 Arty

THANKS

Thanks to Al 'Fast Freddie' Salazar we have a copy of a Newsletter put out by the 4/3/Infantry.

I will use some of the stories in the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER at a later date.

Both Al and John Riley wrote in to say we had their units listed incorrectly. They are both proud to be listed as members of the 3 Infantry--THE OLD GUARD!

The THIRD INFANTRY REGIMENT has a long and glorious history.

The LINEAGE of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, the OLD GUARD goes back to 1784. June 7, of 1784 it was born as a Company of the First American Regiment. The unit saw action in the War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, served in France in WW II.

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and fought in some ten counteroffensives in Vietnam.

The 4/3 Infantry was decorated with Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969.

E Company of the Third Regiment also received a PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION and it follows:

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

TO

THE RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON
COMPANY E, 4TH BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, AMERICAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ARMY

The Reconnaissance Platoon, Company E, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in action against a hostile force near the hamlet of Phuoc Loc, Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam on 6 and 7 September 1968. The platoon of 27 men was conducting a combat sweep operation on 6 September when it became engaged with a battalion-sized enemy force entrenched in fortified defensive positions. Exposed to the heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire from the estimated 400-man enemy force, the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon gallantly fought against the numerical odds and established defensive perimeters. Maintaining their positions integrity, men of the platoon, with complete disregard for their own safety, braved the heavy fire to bring their fallen comrades within the perimeter. Although under heavy fire and repeated attacks from the enemy, the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon valourously held their positions, directed airstrikes and artillery fire on the enemy positions, and repulsed all enemy efforts to overrun their defenses.

The Platoon was able to engage the enemy force until reinforcements arrived during the early morning hours of 7 September. A sweep of the battlefield on the morning of 7 September revealed that the Reconnaissance Platoon had killed 48 enemy soldiers. Intelligence from captured prisoners indicated that the enemy force had suffered 88 casualties, rendering it ineffective as a fighting force. The Reconnaissance Platoon is credited with spoiling an impending attack on the city of Quang Ngai by discovering by discovering and inflicting heavy losses on one of the key enemy forces poised for attack, thereby sparing free world forces and the population of the city of Quang Ngai much loss of life, equipment and personal property.

The heroic actions of the men of the platoon aided in the defeat of major enemy forces which had been poised for attacks on the major cities of Quang Ngai Province. The gallantry and devotion to duty of the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon, against numerically superior enemy forces, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon themselves, and the Armed Forces of the United States. (Sent in by D.J. Sobery)

A/4/3 Infantry 11 LIB

Correction:

When my membership appeared in the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER, it listed my outfit incorrectly. The correct one is:

Co. A 4/3 (Old Guard) Infantry

Thank you,
John G. Riley

WE CAN'T FORGET INC.

Dear Brothers:

First let me start by saying that it's great to be back with the greatest outfit in the U.S. Army! Both of my tours were with the Americal. First tour 1969-D/4/21 Inf 11 LIB, second tour 1972-C/3/21 Inf 11 LIB. I would be interested if anyone has any pictures from these units. I lost all my items while moving.

The main reason that I'm writing is to put out a call for help from all the brothers of the Americal. Let me explain. A couple of years ago I met a veteran, Ken Smith, who just so happened to be a Medic with the Americal in Vietnam. Ken had a dream back then to open a shelter for homeless veterans, and to be run by veterans. This would be a shelter to help the veteran get back into the main stream of life and regain that pride he had when he was one of the Nations best. Ken ran into a lot of dead ends and a lot of "it can't be done", by a lot of top people.

Over one third of the people living on the streets of America are veterans. Ken would not take 'no' for an answer and because of his persistence a year ago Ken opened the doors of the old V.A. building on 16 Court St. in Boston, MA. A new name went up on the outside of the building--New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

It is home now for about 150 brothers. We need HELP to keep it running so we are asking the brothers of the Americal for help. We can use everything at the shelter. What ever you give the brothers will be grateful--clothing, food, books--there is nothing we can't use and we all know that it takes money to run a shelter.

For more information please write to:

The New England for Homeless Veterans

Boston, MA 02108

Let them know that you are from the Americal Division Veterans Association.

Your brother,
Dick Del Rossi

Reading, MA 01867

ARE YOUR DUES PAID



AMERICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 1990

1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

HANSCOMB AIR FORCE BASE

BEDFORD, MASS.

TICKETS \$20.00 per PERSON

ROAST BEEF DINNER

CASH BAR 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS DECEMBER 1, 1990

LIVE MUSIC - LOU COLUMBO'S BAND

No tickets will be mailed. The committee will check you at entrance.

Make checks payable to Americal, and mail to.

ROBERT N. THORNTON

[REDACTED]

MELROSE, MASS. 02176

Don't forget to bring a cash gift so we can make

Christmas a little better for our Veterans in the Hospital.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

SICK CALL

Angelo Cataldo is recovering from surgery and would like to hear from his friends. His address: Angelo Cataldo

Lakewood Village Lot 176
Vero Beach, FL 32966

The following men are 'under the weather' or 'confined to quarters' and would like to hear from their old friends:

Michael Doyle Sam DeMarco

Haverhill, MA 01830 Watertown, MA 02172

Rev. John S. Franklin
Masonic Home

Charlton, MA 01507

Please drop the men a line. They will be glad to hear from you.

Received a letter from George LLoyd, 247 FA, suggesting that we start a 'Sick Call' column in the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER. We have had such a column right along but we do not receive notification when a member is ill. PLEASE fellow members, let us know when you hear of a sick comrade and we will be more than happy to put his name in the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER.

Thanks very much for writing George. I appreciate you concern. Jim

The sympathy of the Americal Division Veterans Association is extended to Harry Corliss in the loss of his brother.

REUNIONS



1883 1955
164TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-1111

A reunion of the 164 Infantry was held on the week-end of October 5 - 6 - 7, 1990.

The Radisson Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota was the location.

The event will be over before this Newsletter reaches you but the notice did not arrive in time for the July-August issue.

The return address that was given is:
164 Infantry Association

Bismarck, ND 58502-1111

This information is given in the event you want to contact the 164 Organization.

MY APOLOGIES

In the July-August 1990 issue of the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER I made the statement that I believed that M/Sgt Warren Reed was the only member of the Americal Division Veterans Association to have served in three wars. I am guilty of trusting to memory instead of looking at the records.

First--I must apologize to Col. Robert Carbray. We have corresponded many times and I should have remembered that he served in the 132 Infantry, Americal Division, during World War II, 19 Infantry, 24 Division in Korea, and 3/61 Infantry, Americal Division in Vietnam. (I tried to call him to apologize but he has an unlisted number).

Second--I apologize to Carlo DePorto for he too served in three wars. (Our records do not show this however) Carlo served in the 247 FA, Americal Division in World War II, 43 Surgical Hospital in Korea, Hdq, U.S. Army Medical Command in Vietnam.

Carlo's military career started in October of 1939 To October of 1972. He spent three years in the NY National Guard, thirty one years in the Regular Army, and has spent six years, so far, in the Maryland Militia Force.

Carlo, make yourself known to me at the Convention next year and I'll buy you a drink.

I am certainly proud of these three men. They have served their country well.

Jim Buckle

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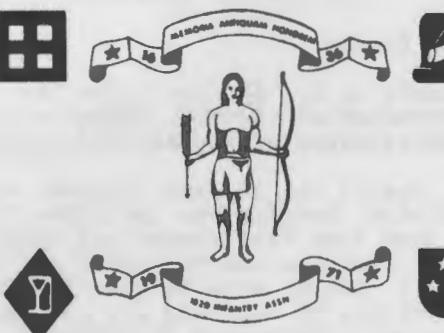
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FIRST CORPS of CADETS

A SALUTE!

This is a salute to the First Corp of Cadets, Massachusetts National Guard. (211 Coast Art)

The history of the First Corps of Cadets may be traced to 1726, at which time the Cadets served as a bodyguard of the Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, bearing the title of the Company of Gentlemen Cadets. They have been authorized to use October 16, 1741, the date of the commission of their first commander, Lt. Col. Benjamin Pollard, as a charter date. Their subsequent service has been uninterrupted, with the exception of an official suspension between 1774 and 1776.

The First Corps of Cadets was one of the first units the Massachusetts National Guard to be Federalized during World War II. That date was September 16, 1940.

This year, September 16, 1990, the Cadets are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their induction by holding a reunion at the Naval Air Station in Weymouth, MA.

History does repeat--the first unit of the Massachusetts National Guard Army Reserve will be mobilized this weekend for duty connected with "Desert Shield". This weekend will include September 16!

Units of the Massachusetts Air National Guard were mobilized on August 17, 1990.

The National Guard gives good value for the money the government spends on them.

You may sleep tonight--YOUR GUARD IS UP!

NEW CALEDONIA

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of Mr. Henri Daly, Chairman of the newly formed organizing committee to promote a celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the landing of U.S. Military Forces on New Caledonia, 12 March 42, I am writing to inform you of our preliminary objectives and to gain any advice or aid that you may be able to give.

The concept of a celebration has been met with full support from the local French government which includes the High Commissioner from France, the President of the Territorial Legislative Congress, and the Mayor of Noumea. Mr. Henri Daly is in Paris to contact the American Ambassador to France and to enlist the support of the United States Government.

The initial steps for this project are:

1. To establish a date on or around 12 Mar 90
2. A consensus regarding the participation of American War veterans of all services who were on New Caledonia during WW II - including wives.
3. to obtain names and addresses of directors of other veteran organizations - American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars etc.
4. to arrange for the best possible rates on airfare, hotels, etc... in order to attract as many visitors as possible.

Depending on transportation schedules the celebration and sojourn in New Caledonia should last about one week. A monument for that moment of history of New Caledonia is in its incipient stage and dedication would take place during the celebration.

We turn to the Americal Division Veterans Association, first, since it's history started on New Caledonia and our contact with members of the staff has been a link of friendship over the years.

Thanking you in advance for any advice information that you may be able to give us.

Yours sincerely,
Emery C. Level III

Noumea, New Caledonia

Ed. Mr. Paul Demene also wrote to us and his letter was translated by Mrs. John S. Franklin. There has been an organization in New Caledonia, for many years, called the "Friends of the United States". The purpose of this organization is to foster better relationship with the United States and to memorialize the men that served on New Caledonia during WW II.

This letter is late in appearing in the Newsletter because of a delay in translation and the letter from Mr. La Valle III was sent to another party and had just recently arrived at the Newsletter. These letters will now be turned over to National Headquarters.

Mr. La Valle III is the son of an American that settled in New Caledonia after the War.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

721 Ordnance Co.

Dear Jim:

I enjoy reading the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER and have always been proud of the fact that our division was the first U.S. Army (ground troops) troops to go on the offensive in World War II--the BIG ONE! Thanks to the 164 Infantry Regiment who supported the Marines on Guadalcanal.

I was a member of the Americal from its inception on New Caledonia having arrived there with Task Force 6814 and served with the Americal until discharge 5/27/45. I was a member of the 721 Ordnance Co.

Enclosed are some pictures that I took on the 'Canal.
Regards,
Leo Bauer

Ed Note: Thanks for the pictures Leo. As you can see we used some of the immediately and the rest will be used at a later date. All pictures are welcome, along with a story and dates.

To answer your question about the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association--we share many members with them and have a good relationship.



Southern Exposure -- Leo Bauer



Col. Akio Tani's Pistol Pete

109 STATION HOSPITAL

Dear Mr. Buckle:

Many thanks to Mr. Ed Oberle for the history and letter about the S.S. Argentina in the March/April issue of the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER.

I was one of the 30 Army nurses with the 109th Station Hospital on the Argentina. The nurses were from Fort Devens and Camp Edwards so winter clothing was the order of the day. Not until Panama were we able to buy some summer things to wear and did not get Army uniforms until Melbourne and Noumea.

My memories aboard the Argentina include the loading of cases of bee and coca-cola for over two days at the Brooklyn Navy Yard with never a taste of any of it until the hospital was set up at the Orphanage in Noumea. Learning to play cribbage using the "Mae Wests" for seats; the 182 Infantry and the 101 Quartermaster officers were the teachers. the show and party at the swimming pool on crossing the equator with King Neptune presiding. And, who can forget the nightly out".

After the reloading of the ships in the convoy in Melbourne, the 109th was changed to the Santa Elena for the trip to New Caledonia.

I hope that the picture of the Argentina, and Mr. Oberle's history and letter has reminded others of that "military cruise", as he calls it, that in spite of all the discomforts, there were some good things too. Even the cribbage games stopped when going through the Panama Canal, and the locks, and finding the Southern Cross became a nightly event.

Each issue I look for a familiar name listed with the 182 Infantry and the 101 Quartermaster, the two units that I knew best. The 109th moved several times on New Caledonia, and I knew some of the Q.M. units--a unit at Bourail, and Headquarters in Noumea. This has been a good chance to "look back" and remember.

Sincerely,
Jane Reider Terry

Ed: Thank you so much for your letter Jane. I believe you are the first nurse to write to the NEWSLETTER since I have been associated with it.

I hope that some member, that remembers you for taking care of him while he was wounded or sick will write in to thank you.

AMERICAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Bernie:

Enclosed is balance on my Life Membership.

I haven't heard whether there were any past NEWSLETTERS available. If so they would be interesting reading to catch up with the guys from the 26 Infantry Division who became members of the Americal Division through Task Force 6814.

Regards,
Al Conrad

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

101 MEDICS

Dear Jim:

RE: the 178 Door Gunner's letter wanting to add "23 Infantry Division to our Decal and Lapel Pins".

It is not my intention to start a controversy, however, I do have a few thoughts and comments opposing the aforementioned additions.

1. Please wait until ALL of the original Americal Veterans Veterans who served in the SOPAC have answered the final Roll Call before you modify our singularly distinctive designation. We are proud of it as it now stands. It takes only a few words or comments to proudly answer the question, "What is an Americal"?

2. Our comrades who served and died in the SOPAC did so under the non-numerical designation. Just think, the only Division in the entire U.S. Army to be recognized by the War Department and having its name chosen by an Enlisted man. Spare us the distinction of carrying it to our final resting places. Then and ONLY THEN change as you will!

3. As a closing thought: I would suggest that since our beloved ADVA is incorporated under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, proper legal procedure be researched before any changes are attempted lest we incur the wrath of the law.

Sincerely, yours in comradeship,
Herb O'Brien

Herb, all I can say is AMEN!

101 ENGINEERS

Dear Mr. Buckle:

I was one of the original members of the 101 Engineer Regiment, when it was called up for duty in 1941. After war was declared against Japan, the 101 Engineers was shipped to Australia and then to New Caledonia, where became part of the Americal Division.

Unfortunately I was left behind because the Regiment and Division had made a commitment to 6 Corp Headquarters for me as a draftsmen. I had graduated from Drafting School at Fort Belvoir and apparently they needed my expertise. I was later transferred back to the 101 Engineers, which had been reactivated and was placed under the command of Col. Gustavson. I remained with the outfit until we were separated from the 26 Division and placed under Eastern Command and redesignated the 61 Combat Engineers. I was made 1/Sgt and sent off to Colorado with a Cadre, which became the 271 Engineer Light Combat Bn. From there I was sent to Camp McCoy where we activated the 1141 Engineer Combat Group. Eventually I ended up on maneuvers in Tennessee and then the 1130 Combat Group in Oklahoma.

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Many of my old comrades of the 57th kept up their correspondence periodically during this period of time. However, I am trying to locate a few of them, and would like to know if it is possible to get back issues of the AMERICAL NEWSLETTER? I understand that Sgt. Gavaza, who was a close friend of mine, died about six years ago, also Capt. John E. Rowan, who was my Captain. I would imagine that have been articles about the 57 Engineers in the Newsletter from time to time. I would like to obtain issues which might have information about the 57th's doings etc.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your interest and courtesy.

Sincerely,
Chester L. Somers

Lowell, MA 01852

Hey you Engineers, how about getting a note off to Chester?

182 INFANTRY

Dear Jim:

My father is a member of ADVA. I spoke with Arthur Pope last week. I told him I was looking for a copy of "Under the Southern Cross" by Francis Cronin. He suggested that I contact you as he bought the book from you. Can you help?

I will also be sending you some of my father's pictures taken during the 1941 Carolina Maneuvers. Thank You,
Paul Botelho

Paul; I turned your request for a book over to Ken Turner, the Museum Director, and he will send it as soon as possible.

Thank you for the pictures. They will be used at a later date. Jim

182 INFANTRY

Dear Jim:

I recently attended a Retired Enlisted Men's National Convention in San Antonio, TX. While there I met two men who fought on Guadalcanal. One was from the 25 Division and the other from an Artillery unit. I can't remember his unit but I did get his name and address and told him him I'd ask National to send him an application so that he may join.

While going over old issues I notices the picture of the "Million Dollar Tree" on Bougainville. There was no name under the tree. I'm sure it is named for Lt. Dick Roy of the 2nd Platoon of G Company, 182 Infantry. He was our leader and our Platoon was known as Roy's Raiders.

Yours in service,
Pat Farino

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LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

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Ed Note: Pat, I am unaware of the "Million Dollar Tree" being named in memory of anyone. I went through that skirmish and have quite a bit of information in my files on that "Tree" but I have never heard that it had been named for Lt. Roy.

Thanks for those pictures. I will go through my files (the mess on my desk) and get it back to you shortly. See you next June on Cape Cod. Jim

COMPANY D 121 MED BN

Mr. Buckle:

Do you know if there is a Medical Chapter of those who served overseas?

I would like to contact Capt. Marshall or Capt. Raymond of the Co. D 121 Med Bn. They were on Bougainville in May of 1944.

Thank you,
Joseph Pavlina

York, PA 17402

Can anyone help Joe?

57 ENGINEERS

Dear Jim:

I am writing to inform you of the death of one of our comrades. He was a member of the 57th Combat Engineers, Co. B, who served under General Howard Elliott in Task Force 6814 and on Guadalcanal where he was injured. Lester B. Clements passed away on February 27, 1990 in Lebanon, PA and was buried Saturday March 3rd. He was a dear friend and will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,
John Gentile

101 QUARTERMASTER

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is my check for the Guadalcanal Memorial. I just wish that it could be more.

It is an excellent cause and I hope you get good response from the membership.

Herb Page

CO. D 121 MED BN

Dear Jim:

I had been concerned about the future of the AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION after the WW II Americal veterans have been written into the "Book of Memories".

(Continues next column)

Well, my mind is now at ease, and the WW II Americal veteran, I think, will agree. Our brothers-in-arms, the Vietnam veteran, have come to the rescue; they have assured a sound and indestructible existence for the ADVA.

This can be compared, in a sense, to Mom and Pop, who, after having established a family store, can now happily retire with confidence, because their children will assume the responsibility of operating the family enterprise, the grandchildren in turn standing by to continue with management at a later date.

Therefore, a resounding round of applause for and our hats off to the Vietnam veterans of the Americal Division! And a hearty congratulations to National Commander Ron Ward and SVC Roland T. Castranova in their newly elected positions!

Just like Mom and Pop, the ADVA can rely on Ron and Roly, as well as on other Vietnam veterans, for a lasting and glorious existence. The ADVA is in capable hands!

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
Co. D 121 Med Bn

26 SIGNAL COMPANY

Dear Jim:

Just want to say a word of thanks to you and others for all the good work. As member of the original Task Force 68114 I was part of the Americal Division Signal Office and the 26th Signal Company. After 39 months I was rotated home from Leyte.

Since our ranks are thinning rapidly, the Newsletter brings back memories of times when our Nation was united as we may never be again. Thanks to all of you for keeping those memories alive.

Sincerely,
Earl P. Cook

Earl including a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution which reads; Retired Maj. Gen. Crump Garvin, a highly decorated combat veteran of World War II died of cancer on September 5, 1990. He was 91.

Gen Garvin graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1920 and at the outbreak of the war he became Chief-of-Staff of the Americal Division in the battle for Guadalcanal. He commanded the 164 Infantry in the Fiji Islands and during the fighting on Bougainville Island.

The future general became Chief-of-Staff of the XXIV Corps and participated in the battle for Leyte.

Gen. Garvin was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit many other medals, including 10 battle stars.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

221st F.A. Bn.

Bougainville Island February 1944. Just about two hundred yards off the coast of Bougainville at the mouth of the Torokina River there was a small island. From this small island about 5:45 a.m. every morning a Japanese Soldier would row a small boat to the main Island of Bougainville. No one ever saw him return to the small island but the next morning he would be rowing ashore again. On this particular day from the Americal Division Observation Post the Division big brass saw him and were discussion what this soldier was doing every day. Colonel Landers Commanding Officer of the 221 F.A. Bn. said "I don't know what he does every day, but this is the last day he will ever do it. Later that morning Colonel Landers had Battery C 221 F.A. number one gun register on the middle of the water way between the small island and Bougainville.

The next morning at exactly 5:45 a.m. the Japanese Soldier got in his boat and started to row towards Bougainville. The 221 F.A. Bn. twelve gun crews were standing by their 155 howitzers, and when the Japanese Soldier reached the middle of the water way between the two islands, the command was given to the Battalion to fire three rounds. Thirty six rounds were delivered on the target area in about twelve seconds. Needless to say the Japanese Soldier was never seen again. A false rumor spread around the Division that the 221 F.A. BN. painted a picture of a Japanese Battleship on the barrel of there 155 howitzers.

221 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

FIRE MISSION: Shell HE Charge 5 Fuze Quick #1 Gun Loaded and ready to fire SIR

Dear Barney Chase and Americal members:

Many thanks for the C Battery News. Was saddened to hear of Chief Gun Sergeant Manny Frates passing. I was looking forward to seeing him at the Americal picnic on August 4.

I have received some great letters from Frank Mader. For the past five years Frank has been getting six men from C Battery together for a mini reunion. At a reunion in Battle Creek, MI Larry Wigman, Louis Marra, Vic Savari, Frank Mader, William Matheson, and James Garrett attended. They are getting together this year at the home of Bill Matheson in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

I enjoyed the National Convention in Chicago very much and I am looking forward to the Eastern Region Reunion in September.

Would like to hear from some of the old gun crews. Especially Dominick Russo. I would like to thank him for saving me from being killed or wounded while we were getting our gun into position during the invasion of Cebu. The firing was coming from my side of the truck and Russo hollered, pulled me aside and blazed away with his Thompson Sub-Machine Gun. I sure would like to thank him after all these years.

Best regards and God Bless,
Leo W. Orfe

Mount Holly, NJ 08060

245 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Dear Sir:

The Americal Division Artillery on the weekend of May 5, 1990 in Williamsburg, VA. Enclosed is a picture of--left to right--George Stone, Howard Thompson, Willie Jones, Paul Kistler, and William Smith.

Sincerely,
Howard Thompson



Picture forwarded to the Newsletter by Bill McLaughlin. Bill attended the reunion but had to return early.

26 SIGNAL COMPANY

Hello Jim:

You may like to publish this note:

I am an Italian who came to America as a boy in 1935. I proudly served 43 months in the Pacific with the 26th Signal Company, Americal Division.

I believe this information will be of interest to all our ADVA members--it made my blood boil! The Italian Army, World War II Veteran receives a monthly pension from their government. How do you like that for apples?

The Italian people think the American veteran receives a much bigger pension because we are the richest country in the world. They are shocked when I tell them otherwise.

My best wishes, especially to the ones I served with in the 26th Signal.

Anthony M. Albani

Guess we should have lost the war Tony. It seems I am always hearing a familiar quote though--Ask not what your country can do for you--but what you can for your country.

We won't be the richest country in the world, if we still are, for long if we keep giving all those countries aid. Jim

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER AMERICAL NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 1, 1990.

If your letter was not in this issue it will be in the next issue. Many, many letters this month. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Jim



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