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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Our Christmas Party on December 6 th was a huge success!

Joe Tunis, former member of the 245 FA, and his wife Eileen, came all the way from the Scranton, PA area to attend. Joe brought along his old Army uniform and donated it to the Americal Museum.

Our thanks to the Museum Director, Ken Turner, for opening the Museum on Saturday so that Joe and Eileen could pay a visit there.

Mike Cunningham, a former member of the 198 LIB, and his wife also attended. Mike has just finished a book on his experiences in the Army.

Our next social affair will be the Dinner-Dance on April 23, 1988. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Try to make this Dinner-Dance, I'm sure that you will enjoy it.

Pete Messina reports that all is ready for a great Convention, June 9-12, 1988 at Carlisle, PA. The enclosed flyer has all the details. Get your reservations in early. I have already had many inquiries about this Reunion. We are planning on making this the biggest and best Convention ever!

Bernard Chase
National Commander

DATES TO REMEMBER

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
April 23, 1988

NATIONAL CONVENTION
June 9-12, 1988

AMERICAL MUSEUM

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

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

PLEASE CONTACT Ken as follows:

Ken Turner
Melrose, MA 01880
Tel#

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

If you were so good last year that you could find no reason to make a New Year's Resolution, how about making a resolution to bring in at least one new member in 1988. There are thousands of eligible men out there and they should be given the opportunity to join. How about it?

TAPS

George R. Ratchford Jr.
246th FA
Gastonia, NC
November 23, 1987

Col. Peter C. Tatro
182nd Infantry
Haverhill, MA
November 30, 1987

Herbert S. Huberm
182nd Infantry
Brant Rock, MA
December 29, 1987

William F. Cosman
182 Inf. Med Det
Andover, MA
July 22, 1987
Non-member

Col. Robert B. Longino
31st Infantry
Fayetteville, GA
October 6, 1987
Non-member

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

George R. Ratchford Jr.

George R. Ratchford Jr., 71, died November 23, 1987, at the Gaston Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Gaston County, Union Community, son of the late George Riddle and Mary Helen. Bigger Ratchford, was a member and elder emeritus of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Clover, SC, veteran of World War II, in which he served in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre and was awardee three Bronze Stars, a charter member of the Union Road Volunteer Fire Department and retired manager of Avon Bonded Warehouse.

Survivors include his wife Marie Huffstetler Ratchford, a brother Paul, astepson Roy Westcott, a stepdaughter, Louise Daniels, seven stepgrand-children and three step great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. John A. Gess and Vernon West at the Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Memorial may be made to Bethel Presbyterian Church 2445 Highway 557, Clover, SC 29710.

George was a Life Member of the Americal Division Veterans Association and served overseas with the 246th Field Artillery Battalion

Sent in by E. R. Horton

IN MEMORIUM

The Americal Division Veterans Association makes a generous donation to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association annually, in remembrance of our dear departed comrades.

Col. Peter C. Tatro
Colonel Tatro was a former member of the 182nd Infantry. He went overseas as a member of the 1st Battalion and was commissioned following graduation from the O.C.S. in New Caledonia.

He served as a platoon leader in E Company and also in F Company and also a Company Commander in the Phillipines.

He was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by two daughters, Gail Tatro Julien and Lynne Tatro Hilton of Haverhill Massachusetts.

NEW MEMBERS

*Nicholas Capezza
Babylon, NY
11th LIB
#Hector Cuevas

*Richard D. Young
Wakefield, MA
11th LIB
#James P. Nardone

*Anthony J. Collicchio Jr.
Wilmington, DE
3/18 Artillery
#William Dunphy

*Richard Hazelgreen
Leominster, MA
196th LIB
#Frank Diorio

*John M. Collins
Wheaton, IL
11th LIB
#Self

Edward W. Vandergrift Jr.
Denton, MD
132nd Infantry
Reinstated

*Orin O. Hayes
Portage, IN
196th LIB
#Ray Fawkes

*Donald T. Rawa
Lyndhurst, NJ
198th LIB
#Richard D. Young

*Robert W. Hornlein
Stamford, CT
18th Arty
#William Dunphy

*Jimmy J. Stalling
Smithfield, NC
23rd Adm Co
Mary "Larry" Young Hines

*Fred Kapp
Bayside, NY
723 Maint
#Ed den Braven

*Frederick B. Thompson
Tujunga, CA
174th AHC
#William Dunphy

*Bruce F. Kipp
West Chazy, NY
523rd Sig
#CW3 Davis

Martin Lindon
Brentwood, NH
101st QM
#Bob Bessler

Bill E. Marshall
Independence, MO
121 Med
Reinstated

*James J. Hendricks JR.
Baltimore, MD
198th LIB
#Self

Marion S. Novinski
St. Petersburg, FL
125th QM
#William Dunphy

Alfred A. DeLong
Grand Junction, CO
245th FA
#A. Mac Haskell

*Ray Phillips
Niles, MI
198th LIB
#Michael L. Mayalik

*Robert W. Septor
Honolulu, HI
11th LIB
#Frank A. Kolbrener

*George C. West
Indianapolis, IN
11th LIB
#Michael L. Matalik

*Eric M. Smith
Annapolis, MD
198th LIB
#William L. Dunphy

*Edward J. Nahas
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11th LIB
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WE ARE NOW COMPUTERIZED!

If I have misspelled your name, left out a comma, missed a period, transposed the numbers in your address, put street instead of road, a small letter instead of a capitol, wrong state, wrong zip, I am truly sorry. Please cut out the label and send it with the correction to;

Jim Buckle
Wakefield, MA 01880

I will chastise the computer.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO THAT BUDDY YET?
IF NOT, CALL HIM TONIGHT!

MONTHLY A.D.V.A. MEETINGS

February 10, 1988

National Guard Armory
Victory Road Dorchester, MA
1:00 P.M. Business Meeting

March 9, 1988

National Guard Armory
Vicory Road Dorchester, MA
8:00 P.M. Business Meeting

April 13, 1988

National Guard Armory
Victory Road Dorchester, MA
8:00 P.M. Business Meeting

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?
CHECK THAT CARD!

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Francis E. Atchue 101st Engineers West Boylston, MA	William A. Barter 221st Field Artillery W Yarmouth, MA	Russell R. Bingaman 26th Signal Battalion Boyertown, NY	Theodore M. Blatter 246th Field Artillery Brooklyn, NY
*Albert A. Blosser 11th LIB Uniontown, OH	Charles Brooks 182nd Infantry Dighton, MA	Peter J. Bukirj 132nd Infantry Chicago, IL	Albert Caliguri 26th Signal Battalion Newton, MA
*Roland T. Castronova 11th LIB Peabody, MA	William M. Chaney 147th Infantry (Attached) Indianapolis, IN	William S. Coronella 101st Medical Regiment Somerville, MA	Carl O. Cupples 245th Field Artillery Redding, CA
*James A. Dalton 198th LIB Muncie, IN	*Charles R. Dannison 11th Field Artillery Alto, MI	*Stephen J. Dingle 52nd Infantry Walla Walla, WA	James H. Doherty 182nd Infantry Green Village, NJ
Leonard Forecki 182nd Infantry Milwaukee, WI	Clarence W. Galetti 132nd Infantry Bellwood, IL	Eligio A. Garcia 182nd Infantry National City, CA	H. N. "Jack" Hallman 26th Signal Battalion Philadelphia, PA
William L. Heady 101st Quartermaster Northampton, MA	Rev Neil M. Higbee 164th Infantry Sedro Wooley, WA	*Larry W. Heimann 196th LIB Carmel, IN	Wilbur P. Henley 247th Field Artillery Darlington, SC
David I. Klayman 182nd Infantry Framingham, MA	Anthony P. Klemko 164th Infantry Harrisburgh, PA	Carl E. Kohler 57th Engineers Millbrook, AL	John J. Laffey 221st Field Artillery S Weymouth, MA
*William J. Loadholtes 123rd Aviation BDE Fort Benning, GA	Frank D. Mader 221st Field Artillery Lacresent, MN	William K. Maddox 182nd Infantry Portland, TX	*Russell J. Marceau 198th LIB Clayton, NY
Daniel R. Masterpole 182nd Infantry Rotterdam, NY	Edward A. Moraux 221st Field Artillery Acushnet, MA	Howard P. Moulton 182nd Infantry Danvers, MA	William E. McCormick 182nd Infantry Wachapreague, VA
John J. McGlynn 182nd Infantry Butte, MT	Verdinal T. McKean 164th Infantry Alameda, CA	Robert F. McGann 221st Field Artillery Woburn, MA	Walter J. McKenna 925th A W-AA-BN Warwick, RI
*Lawrence V. McNamara Jr. 196th LIB Deerfield, FL	*Gary I. Noller 196th LIB Lenexa, KS	Robert J. O'Malley 101st Medical Regiment Davis, CA	Alfred Petrucci 182nd Infantry Wakefield, MA
Francis J. Quinn 182nd Infantry Saugus, MA	Everett D. Roper 101st Medical Battalion Needham, MA	James J. Russo 182nd Infantry Canton, MA	Col Robert F. Scofield (Ret) 182nd Infantry Melrose, MA
Edward J. Sheffield 182nd Infantry Wakefield, MA	Arthur J. Smith 182nd Infantry Shohola, PA	Clyde C. Smith 125th Quartermaster Hammomd, IL	Harold Stein 26th Signal Battalion Pittsburg, PA
Louis C. St Pierre 101st Medical Battalion Worcester, MA	Thaddeus W. Sybil 125th Quartermaster Reading, MA	*Everett M. Williams Jr. 198th LIB Woodbury, NJ	Frederick R. Wonson 182nd Infantry Rockport, MA

*VIETNAM VETERAN

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The following cost for LIFE MEMBERSHIP was increased \$25.00 per age bracket January 1, 1988. Any member that does not forward a check with the new increased cost for LIFE MEMBERSHIP will have his request returned.

William L. Dunphy - National Adjutant

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— Get Involved —
We Are Winning — Get That Membership In**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN ADVA			
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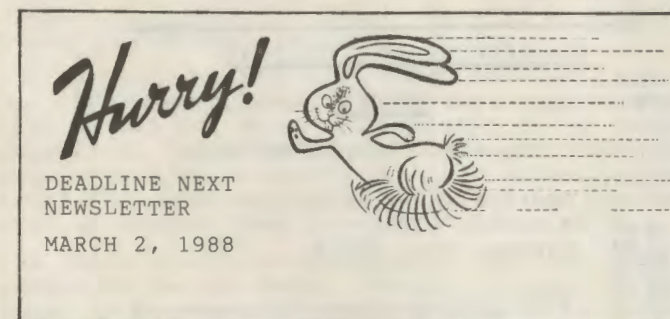
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*	*	*	<u>SEPTEMBER DUES NOTICES</u>			*	*	*
1st NOTICE Dues Membership Card mailed in ADVANCE of Payment.								
2nd NOTICE November-December Newsletter your Membership Card # was printed.								
3rd NOTICE January-February Newsletter Membership Card # Payment Overdue								
S-24	S-17	S-47	S-45	S-44	S-55	S-49	S-57	
S-53	S-65	S-68	S-72	S-74	S-76	S-69	S-91	
S-103	S-110	S-113	S-132	S-127	S-140	S-148	S-160	
S-161	S-170	S-166	S-175	S-179	S-191	S-192	S-260	
S-210	S-211	S-214	S-216					

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CARD # AND REMIT YOUR DUES:

* * * * JANUARY DUES NOTICES * * *

The January 1988 Membership Cards were mailed out this month. PLEASE REMEMBER that Dues is now \$12.00 per year.

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT AS PAYMENT:



I would like to request that the membership try to direct to the Adjutant to following information. As I am the keeper of the records it is some times confusing when a second or third party receives the following items and forwards same to the Adjutant.

1. Dues Payments
2. Address Changes
3. Life Membership requests
4. Deceased members

As I am the one that ends with the problem when some thing goes wrong it would help to keep the paper work flowing in the proper direction.

All News items should be mailed to Jim Buckle or Ron Ward as they handle that item.

William L. Dunphy
National Adjutant

CHAPTER NEWS

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

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

See attached flyer for information about the June 1988 National Convention that is been Hosted by the Eastern Regional Chapter.

The plans for the September, 1989 Chapter in New Jersey are in the preliminary planning stage. You will be informed of the progress of this as the time gets closer.

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

REGIONAL COMMANDER: Herbert L. Murphy
[Redacted]
Tel # 1-517 754 1338

Regional Commander Herbert Murphy has informed National Headquarters that the Great Lakes Chapter will host the 1990 National Convention and that Joe Micek and Bob Muehrcke have offered to Co-Chair the National Reunion for 1990 and have selected the Marriott Hotel in Oak River. Joe & Bob are on the look out for help plus they would like the Vietnam Veterans to help on the committee work. This is not a WWII organization or an Vietnam organization we are the Americal Family all working for a common cause to build a strong unit.

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

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

The next meeting of the Eastern Regional Chapter will be held at the Vanderbilt Inn on the Gulf, Naples, Florida. The dates selected are as follows April 23, 23, and 24, 1988. Room rates will be as follows for three days and two nights (\$40.00 for a single or double-plus tax) A deposit of \$40.00 is required by March 15, 1988

Vanderbilt Inn on the Gulf
[Redacted]
Naples, Florida 33963

Additional information if required can be had by contacting the following

Mr. Arthur Wood
[Redacted]
Homasassa Springs, Florida, 32647
Tel # [Redacted]

CHAPTER NEWS (cont.)

SOUTH EAST CHAPTER (cont.)

Arthur Wood has informed Headquarters that the South East Chapter has made arrangements at the Holiday Inn, Orlando, Florida for the 1989 National Convention to be Hosted by the South East Chapter. The dates will be June 1, 2, 3 & 4, 1989 watch the future Newsletters as the final details are made.

CENTRAL MID WEST CHAPTER
IA, KS, MO, NE

CONTACTS: Don L. Ward
St Louis, Mo, 03123

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

Ron and Chuck are both Vietnam Veterans and have been working to get a Chapter off the ground. Chuck has mailed to all the members in the area of the (4) states a questionnaire seeking information of who was interested in forming a Chapter. So gentlemen if you are interested in having a Chapter in your area the ball is in your court get those questionnaires in to Chuck or Ron and if you have misplaced it write or call. Please note if you are A WWII Veteran we still want you to join this is not just for the Vietnam group.

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

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

NO REPORT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

COMMANDER: Vacant

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

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

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

William L. Dunphy
Chapter Coordinator

Expanding Horizons

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

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

COMMANDER: Carlo A. Pola
[REDACTED] Sandwich, MA., 02563
Tel # [REDACTED]

Carlo reports that the Cape Cod Chapter held their Christmas Party on December 7, 1987 at Michaels Restaurant, Sandwich, Ma and about twenty members and their wives were in attendance. Not to be out done with one Christmas party the Cape Cod Chapter were invited by the American Legion Post #188 Sandwich, MA for another party. The highlight of the evening was the Singing Sisters. Commander Dick Gallant of Post #188 (plus an Americal Member) we have many thanks for inviting the Chapter to the party.

The monthly meeting of the Cape Cod Chapter will be held at the VFW Post (Opposite the Hyannis Airport) Hyannis MA., at 1.00PM

February 6, 1988

March 14, 1988

April 11, 1988

All members are invited to attend plus the wives.

NEW ADDRESS WHEN YOU MOVEDon't keep it a SECRET - Let us know

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Have a great '88
-by joining

164 INFANTRYFARGO MONUMENT HONORS WORLD WAR II VETERANS164 INFANTRY

Ervin Swapp of Detroit Lakes, Minn., remembers February 10, 1941, as a "cold, snowy and blowy day," -the day he and 215 other Fargo area men and boys marched off to war.

Swapp was just a 16 year old then. Headquarters Company and Company B, 164th Infantry, of the North Dakota National Guard marched from the armory - now the sight of the International Center apartments - seven blocks up Broadway to the Great Northern Depot, then the Milwaukee Road Depot.

They boarded trains bound for Camp Clairborne, La., where they were scheduled to undergo a year's training. But many would not return home for five years, until after the end of world War II. Many would not come home at all.

"All our folks were down there to see us off on the train," Swapp recalled. "It was nothing but a bunch of kids was what it was."

Forty six years later, survivors from the companies have erected a memorial to members of the units. The reddish granite monument is constructed of four flat pieces of stone and stands approximately four feet high and eight feet in length. It is located at the Gilbert C. Grafton American Legion Post, 505 3rd Ave. N in Fargo. It was dedicated October 24, 1987.

The idea of a monument for the Fargo National Guard companies that marched off to World War II began to take shape early this year, at the funeral of a company veteran, said Walter Byers, a Fargoan and member of "The Committee of Four" that promoted construction of the memorial.

Memorials in various places honor Vietnam veterans and those who fought in Korea, Byers noted. "B Company has been gone (more than) 45 years and there's never been any monument of and kind around Fargo," he said. "At least there'll be something there to remember the men."

The monument cost \$3,500, Swapp and Byers said. The funds were donated by the Legion post, which also agreed to locate the monument on its property. Backers of the project hope someday to pave the area around the monument with old street bricks removed from Broadway "as a symbol of the February 23, when we marched down Broadway," Byers said.

The names of all 216 members of the companies are etched on the monument. Project organizers once hoped to give special designations to the names of those who died in the War. But company members scattered to different units and veterans records have been lost since the conflict.

Organizers found it impossible to track the fate of company members and settled for a simple listing of names without rank or other designations.

"We've tried so hard, but they were in so many different units and so many different combat areas we just haven't been able to track down how many were killed and how many were left." Byers said. "I doubt if we'll ever really find out."

"Just man to man you're on that stone, buddy to buddy," Byers Added.

Many members of the companies were less than men when they left for their one-year training assignment in 1941, Swapp recalled. A number of soldiers were 16 or 17, though some were over the age of 40, he said.

The war was on by the time the units completed training at Camp Claiborne.

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A few got medical discharges, while others were released because they were so young, Swapp said. But military commanders ordered the remainder of the units to the South Pacific, first to Australia and then to New Caledonia for jungle training.

"A lot of them didn't like it but there wasn't a hell of a lot you could do about it," Swapp said.

The men of the Fargo unit first saw combat at Guadalcanal.

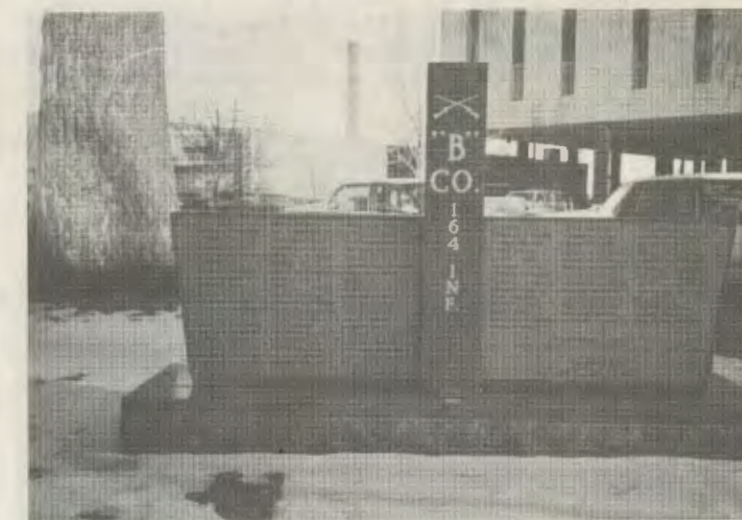
"That's where everything started breaking up," Swapp recalls. "A lot of them were killed. A lot of them were wounded and shipped back home."

The dedication for the monument to the men of Headquarters Company and Company B likely will be a small affair, Byers said. The state Legion representative may provide the dedication address, and organizers hope to gather as many veterans of the units as they can locate, he added.

Organizers also are hoping a little publicity will catch the attention of some unit members they have not been able to find, Byers said.

"We expect some strangers in town," he said.

By Jim Neuman
Staff Writer - The Forum



The 164th Infantry Regiment

This issue is dedicated to the 164th Infantry Regiment. The following paragraph, taken from Stanton's "Order of Battle," gives a very brief account of the dates and places that concerned the 164th Infantry. --- It by no means tells the complete story--only the men involved know of the agony, the pain, the anxieties, the suffering, the anguish and the joy of final victory that lies between these line of dates and places. Such is the life of and Infantryman!

164th Infantry Regiment No Dakota National Guard

10 Feb 41 inducted into federal service at Fargo N.D. assigned to the 34th Division and moved to Cp Claiborne La 27 Feb 41 where relieved from assignment to the 34th Division on 8 Dec 41 and attached to the Fourth Army; transferred to Ft Ord Calif 17 Dec 41 and assigned to GHQ 30 Jan 42 and departed San Francisco P/E 19 Mar 42; arrived Australia 7 Apr 42 and New Caledonia 19 Apr 42 where assigned to the Americal Division 24 May 42; departed Guadalcanal 13 Oct 42 (attached to 1st Marine Div 13 Oct-9 Dec 42); departed Guadalcanal 1 Mar 43 and arrived in Fiji Islands 5 Mar 43; departed 18 Dec 43 and arrived on Bougainville 25 Dec 43 which left 8 Jan 45; arrived on Leyte Phillipine Islands 21 Jan 45 (attached Eighth Area Command 7 Mar-5 Apr 45) and antitank company participated in assault on Cebu Island 26 Mar 45; remainder of regiment landed on Cebu 10 Apr 45 and on Negros Occidental 26 Apr 45 (attached to Eighth Army 1 Jul 45-past 14 Aug 45); arrived in Japan for occupation duty on 8 Sep 45 and arrived in Seattle P/E Nov 45; inactivated at Ft Lawton Wash 24 Nov 45.

CAMPAIGNS: Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Leyte Southern Phillipines

AUG 45: Cebu Island Phillipine Islands

(End of Quote)

The Americal Division was the first Army ground unit to go into offensive action against the Axis forces in World War II. The 164th Infantry led the charge! After our Navy had suffered severely at the hands of the Japanese Navy, a new boss--Halsey--took over and he rushed the 164th Infantry to assist the beleaguered Marines. The 164th Infantry plugged the holes in the Marine lines that were spread altogether too thin. The lines held against determined Japanese assaults.

The first man to become a KIA in the 164th Infantry was Corporal Kenneth S. Foubert of M company. Many more men from this gallant Regiment were to be killed and wounded before the end of that long jungle road was reached.

You men of the Americal know the rest of the story

THE FIGHTING 164th INFANTRY BAND

The fighting 164th Infantry Band, formerly North Dakot's own 164th Regimental Band shipped out of the States with the Regiment early in 1942. Upon arrival at a South Sea Island Base (New Caledonia) the Band together with the Regiment set up in bivouac several miles from the staging area.

While stationed here the Band under the direction of C.W.O. Gerald E. Wright was busy with their usual routines duties of furnishing entertainment for Company personnel within the Regiment and for nearby hospital personnel and patients. In the late summer of 1942the Band lost several of its original members.

CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN

THE FIGHTING 164th INFANTRY BAND (Continues)

S/Sgt. Raymond Ellerman, Sgt. Robert Sanders, and T?5th grade Monte Vanderhork attended O. C. S. during the summer and after several weeks training received their commissions. Lt. Ellerman was assigned as a Platoon Leader in one of our line companies, Company L, 164th Infantry. Here he gained the favor of his men and was very much respected and liked.

The bandsmen during the late summer had no idea that they were to go into action so soon. On the 5th and 6th of October we received several lectures concerning battle dressings and first aid. It was on the 7th of October during a night movie at Regimental Headquarters area that our orders came. The movie, an interesting musical, was stopped and all enlisted personnel were ordered back to tjeir respective areas immediately.

An hour later we were busy packing;and thirty-six hours later we received our final inspection aboard ship by Admiral Gormley. A few minutes later we were moving slowly out of the harbor into the open sea.

Several days later on the 12th of october, about noon, I was called into the ship's orderly room and was requested by Major George Schatz of the Medical Detachment to divide the men into four units, and to assign each to one of the Battalion Aid Stations and the fourth to the Regimental Aid Station. The Band personnel were place on special Duty as Litter Bearers Rifle with Medical Detachment of the 164th Infantry.

The next day October 13, found us as Litter Bearers and First Aid men landing on the beaches of Guadalcanal - Kukum Beach and Lunga Beach. Our landing operations began shortly after six A.M. and progressed without mishap until ten A. M. when we were given our first Air Raid alarm. Approximately thirty bombers came over us, dropping several personnel bombs on the beach and the remainder of their load on Henderson Field. We had our first casualties at this time. A boy from Company M was killed and several wounded. I remember how I scurried around trying to find a deeper hole to get into; and later realized that that boy could have been me. After this I was never cought standing up when Jap bombs were exploding. We had another air raid in mid-afternoon. The Bandsmen as soon as was possible reported to their respective Aid Stations, whereupon many were further assigned to line company platoons as Litter Bearers and First Aid Men.

Shortly after six in the afternoon the Japs opened up on us with artillery; Marine of the 1st Division told us that this was the first time that they had opened up with the heavy stuff. The shelling lasted for over an hour and then quieted. During this time we were somewhat confused. We did not realize what a serious situation we were in. Soon after the shelling the Companies began to reorganize and move away from the beach toward Henderson Field and respective Battlion defense sectors. it was while we were in the process of moving toward our defensive areas that the Jap Task Force opened up on us - Two Battlewagons, several Cuisers, and eight or nine Destroyers. Men scurried for almost any type of shelter. A slight depression in the ground, an overcrowded Marine air raid shelter, an open air Jap latrine, or luckily an unoccupied foxhole. All Hell broke loose - I know that someone was taking care of us or we would not have lived through this. The shelling seemed never to end; they threw everything at us. I remember how fervently I prayed.

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THE FIGHTING 164th INFANTRY BAND (Continues)

After what seemed like eternity itself the shelling quieted. In the early morning of the fourteenth, Marines came down off the defense line and wondered if our regiment had been wiped out. We did not suffice many casualties. There were several men killed during the night's shelling.

During the fourteenth we went to our respective defensive sectors, and dug in immediately. Several days later the Band having been assigned to their respective Battalion Aid Stations were again assigned to line company platoons by their Battalion Surgeons and went into action on Henderson Field in the second major battle for Henderson Field, October 25 through 27, 1942. During this action every Bandsman exhibited extraordinary service in the handling of the wounded and dead of our Regiment and wounded Marines of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, namely the 1st, 2nd,5th, 3rd Detachments, and the 7th Regiment in line on the perimeter defense of Henderson Field.

Here I saw and handled many of the first wounded and dead of our Regiment. One Bandsman, Sgt. Foster Mace of Lisbon, ND, distinguished himself in the thick of the fight, not only as an Aid Man and Litter Bearer, but also as an assistant mortar man for one of the heavy weapons platoons of Company M, 164th Infantry. All Bandsmen were in active combat with the enemy during this engagement.

After the fight, over 2,000 enemy killed, the Regiment had a short breathing spell, likewise the Band. However, just to catch our breath and then into action to the east near the Koli Point. Here Here from November 4-13 the Band again displayed the bravery and heroism of our American soldiers and Marines. Sgt. Paul Holvick, Fargo, ND, and Leroy Busching of Milnor, ND, received Regimental Commendations for rendering meritorious service in the evacuation of wounded under heavy Jap fire. At this time S/Sgt. Douglas Campbell, Lisbon,ND, and myself with a litter squad proceeded several hundred yards through Jap lines to evacuate wounded personnel along the jungle trail. It should be noted during this action, Major George Schatz, Regimental Surgeon, received the Silver Star Award, and T/Sgt. Donald Delap. Med Det, Forward Aid Station, received a Regimental Commendation for their services performed.

One group of Bandsmen with Sgt. Charles A. Abel, Gwinner, ND, AND Cpl. Charles T. Bell, Enderlin, ND, assigned to 1st Battalion Aid, were at this time with the 1/164 in action against the Japs west fo the Matankau River in the vicinity of Point Cruz. They received high praise from the rank and file of our line personnel for their services performed. It was a bloody, sweaty, hell on earth.

Middle Novemlter found us again in the vicinity of Henderson field. Here we took up our original defense line pending the outcome of Naval action near Savo Island. Here the Nipponese Naval Armada sent to strengthen their forces on Guadalcanal met with defeat. This was November 15, 16, 17, 1942

Several days later saw the Regiment in contact with the enemy west of the Matanikau River. I remember too vividly, the hell that broke loose after crossing the river. Here the Band performed meritoriously in action. Pfc. Lynn M. Koster, Lisbon, ND, and Cpl. Hugh I Massee also of Lisbon, displayed outstanding courage in under fire. Private Kloster received the Silver Star award, the commendation was submitted by the rifle platoons of Company L and K, 164th Infantry, for his gallant action. One member of the machine gun section of Company M made this statement to me several months later

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Our story continues,

--"As long as Little Oscar(Kloster) was there, I wasn't afraid, because I knew if I was wounded, he would come and get me."

during this engagement, three of our members were wounded in action, Sgt. Mace, Cpl. Massee, and Cpl. Melvin Carlen.


After twenty-eight days in the battle of the Matanikau, the Regiment received replacements and was sent back to a designated rest area near Henderson field. Here a long deserved rest awaited us. Fresh beef and occasional, but rare, turkey was also waiting. our Band instruments arrived on January 4, 1943 and we began to function as a Band again under the direction of Lt. Ellerman. On January 15, 1943, the Band delivered its one and only concert on Guadalcanal.

On February 23, 1943, under the direction of Lt. Ray Ellerman, played for Memorial Services- "Our Honored Dead of the 164th Infantry."

On March 1, 1943 the Regiment left Guadalcanal for Fiji. Again the Band was in full swing again, playing for dances, concerts, and several Battalion and Regimental parades.---Life returned to the usual routine as we prepared for the next adventure.

The 164th Infantry Band received high praise from members of the regiment and particularly from members of the Medical Detachment for their meritorious servic at a time when action and courage counted. I am very proud of this organization of which I was a part. This Band takes great prid in itself; and we are thankful that God made it possible fir us to return after effective combat against the enemy. And Thankful that we played an active part in the outcome of the major offensives on Guadalcanal, in the service of our country.

T/Sgt. Franklin A. Schoeffler
T/Sgt/ Band 164th Infantry



Thanks to Donald Berg of Fargo, ND for sending the article on the monument that has been placed in front of the American Legion Post commemorating units of the 164th Infantry. Also, many thanks to Donald for taking the time to snap some pictures. One of these pictures is on the cover of the Newsletter and several more are inside. Donald is a Vietnam veterans who served with the Americal in Vietnam.

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VETERANS AND
FRIENDS OF THE OLD ARMORY

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"Preserving the History of Williston"



MEMBERS OF THE 164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

As you are all aware the Reunion of the 164th Infantry Association was just held in Minot on October 9, 10, 11, 1987

During the general business meeting on Saturday, the Veterans and Friends of the Old Armory announced that the Old Armory in Williston would be dedicated as a lasting memorial to the 164th Infantry. We feel the 164th members deserve this recognition. The rededication will be held in 1989, as this is our completion date set for the project. The Old Armory is also a Sate Centennial Project.

The Old Armory dates back to 1915 and was used to train troops of the 164th for the Mexican Border Campaign in 1917, World War II in 1941, and the Korean Conflict in 1952, in which company "E" participated. It was then decided that the Veterans and Friends of the Old Armory would solicit the members of the 164th Infantry Association on an individual basis towards the restoration of the Old Armory. The 164th Association out of Bismarck has been authorized to forward this solicitation on to the members of the 164th.

Some members have already contributed and we would like to thank them for their support. We, of course, will accept donations of any size.

Send donations to;
Veterans and Friends of the Old Armory
Williston, ND 58801

Please state what unit you were in and any other comments you wish to make.

Sincerely,
Jerry Wilder
President of the Board

The Old Armory in Wakefield, MA was dedicated on January 15, 1913. This building saw the troops march away to the Mexican Border, World War II, and then was abandoned by the State. The town of Wakefield took it over and it is now converted to office space and managed by a quasi-government group.

When the town of Wakefield first took the building over it was named the "AMERICAL CIVIC CENTER" on the recommendation of Daniel Burbine, brother of Thomas Burbine, a long time member of the Massachusetts National Guard. Tom was inducted into the Federal service in this Armory, went overseas with the Americal and did not return home until the war was over. Of the original seventy-five members of E Company, 182nd Infantry, he was the last member to return home from overseas.

What has happened to the old Armory in your town?

Not too many years ago every town had a local armory and the cities had two or more. If your town did not have an armory there was one in the next town.

At one time, not too many years ago, the local armory was the center of the social life, especially in the small towns. A supper, a dance, or a reception was a common affair to be held in the local armory.

Lets hear what has happened to your Armory.

New Caledonia

THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAL MUSUEM AT POINDIMIE



Those of the Third RPIM have not spared their labor

The foundations and a part of the concrete footings of the future Americal Museum of Poindimie were completed on Wednesday April 22, 1987 by the parachutists of the 4th Company of the 3rd RPIM commanded by Captain Oliver Tramond.

This crescent shaped building of steel with a surface area of 315 square meters will house various materials and war objects of the Pacific War recovered from the Territory after many years. At the interior of this museum will be presented different sections of the armies stationed on the Territory at this time: French, Australian, New Zealand and naturally American.

The realization of such an enterprise demands time and money. On this subject, the president explains; "As all associations, we need aid. Because of that I launch an appeal to Caledonians of all ethnic groups signaling that we need cement, concrete reenforced steel beams--in order to concrete this museum dedicated to those who gave their lives for a free Pacific."

Voluntary contributions may be made to;
Paul R. Paturel
Americal Museum Association
Noumea, New Caledonia



The birth of the Americal Museum of Poindimie

(Translated by:) Mrs Julia Messina
Harrisburg, PA

Americans are still welcome in New Caledonia. Apparently they still remember that we helped them in their hour of need.



HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 1381
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02104



43rd ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
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Tel. [REDACTED]
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Dinner at 8:00 PM

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Music by Three's A Crowd

Menu: Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken Supreme

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Co-Chairperson Barbara Callahan

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Note: DEADLINE For reservation April 13, 1988

NO - and we repeat NO tickets will be mailed to your home.

The Committee will be at the door to check of names as you arrive. So please send your Check Early.

Make checks payable to A. D. V. A.

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January 11, 1988

Dear Members and Friends:

Each year our Association publishes an Ad-Book in conjunction with our Annual Dinner Dance, which will be held Saturday, April 23, 1988.

We distribute these booklets, free of charge, to all members, friends of the Association, a special mailing list, and to our advertiser. Each year our advertiser grow in numbers, offering a wide variety of services to the general public. We urge you to keep this booklet as a guide and patronize the merchants contained therein.

This is our main fund raising program of the year, and the funds that are raised, helps the Association in many ways.

Listing as a Booster allows for one typed line and cost \$5.00. Listing as a Sponsor allows two typed lines and cost \$10.00. A business card size ad is \$25.00. We will duplicate your business card. Payments must be enclosed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bernard C. Chase
National Commander

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[REDACTED]
SOUTH YARMOUTH
MASS. 02664

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK

Dear members;

I've been asked to spread the word on Hanoi-Jane so let me tell you how she got on my s*** list. Starting back in 1967, she began going beyond protest against U.S. leaders and began to actually promote the propaganda line of Hanoi. She began to undermine the morale of GI's and encouraged the men stationed in Europe to desert. Later that same year during appearances at Duke and Michigan State University she stated, "If you understand what Communism was, you would hope and pray on your knees that we would someday become communist." Let's not forget men, that we were sent to the other side of the earth to fight the communist, but this one now struts the streets of America as a multi-millionaire. Some justice, huh. In 1972, Fonda really crossed the line when, through the assistance of Moscow, she arranged to make a trip to Hanoi; even though travel to North Vietnam by U.S. citizens was forbidden by our law. While in the enemy's camp, she made daily propaganda broadcasts over Radio Hanoi stating that U.S. pilots were intentionally bombing hospitals, schools, and orphanages. She described our pilots in North Vietnamese prisons as "war criminals" but they were not being tortured or mistreated by the "humane and lenient Vietnamese government." I'd suggest you all read former POW and U.S. Senator Jeremiah Denton's book, When Hell Was In Session, to get a true outlook of the kind of treatment that was dished out to our POW's during captivity. Of course lets not forget the well circulated photo of Hanoi-Jane, complete with smiling face, sitting at the controls of a NVA anti-aircraft gun. Way to go Jane. You deserve The Order of Lenin Decoration for that display of treason. I wonder if she's ever read Article III, Section 3, of the U.S. Constitution which states, "Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemy, giving them aid and comfort... Congress shall have the power to declare the punishment of treason."

Since the Attorney General and Congress don't see fit to put Hanoi-Jane in the slammer where she belongs, it's up to us to inform the public of just why the law abiding citizens of this country should boycott Hanoi-Jane, her films, her clothing line, and her exercise tapes.

Sincerely,
Ron Ward

Roland (Meatball) Whitney continues his work on behalf of the POW-MIA's. He was selected by the commander of his VFW Post 6402 in Port Sulphur, Louisiana to chair their last POW-MIA program at the post home. Work commenced a week beforehand when "Meatball" and his assistants constructed a POW cage of bamboo, placed it on a trailer and towed it around town for a week to make the people aware of the issue. The trailer was plastered with signs reading "POW-MIA's never have a happy day", "POW-MIA's where are they?" and "we're coming to get you". When the POW cage was't being towed around town, it was on display at one of the members homes. Naturally with "Meatball's" dedication and hard work the post ceremony was well attended and the POW-MIA issue was given some of the further awareness it deserves.

Keep spreading the word Meatball.

DID YOU KNOW?
Jane Fonda is on TV twice a day, in Russia.

Since the last newsletter went out, I recieved several letters from members who agree with my views on "Hanoi Jane Fonda". The below letter from Jim McQueen may not be timely as this issue went to the press after the protest, but I want to let the membership know what was planned.

Dear Brother Ron;

I will make this brief. "Bernadette Arnold"- "Hanoi Jane Fonda" is planning to make a movie in Waterbury Connecticut. She's due in Waterbury in the late spring or early summer. The town doesn't want her there, period! But some of the powers behind the scenes evidently have convinced hishonor to okay the shooting. (Dollars will be pumped into the city). The whole thing has recieved heavy press here in eastern Mass.. As you know, many brothers and sisters will be down there when she's shooting the film, for a continuous peaceful demonstration. There will be a demonstration initiated by Joe Griggs (Nam vet), on Saturday January 23. Many of us will be there for that. What I want you to do is spread the word on this. Fonda and Hayden need to be stopped somewhere and somehow. Her "P.R." man is calling the vets a "non-vocal minority". Wait until they see us in the spring!

Your Brother,
Jim McQueen

Weymouth, MA. 02188
D Co. 1/52nd. 198th. Bde. Nam 69-70

ADVA member, James McQueen made the front page of the BOSTON GLOBE in the November 11, 1987 issue. I've heard rumors that the GLOBE is not too big on Vietnam vets so the photo of Jim and the article it accompanied is quite an achievement.

The headline read "2,000 in Weymouth MIA Vigil". The article was quite lengthy so we won't copy it all here in the newsletter, however we do want to quote these paragraphs.

Weymouth - "The company huddled in an olive green command tent on the Legion Field. But every hour on the hour, keepers of the vigil for prisoners of war and those missing in action in World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam went out into the soggy snow and lighted a candle for another of the 59 Vietnam MIA's from Massachusetts."

"Last Sunday morning, in one corner of the Legion Field, they set up a stand with an eternal flame. At its feet, fanning toward Middle Street, they planted a dense triangle of small American flags, representing 92,691 Americans lost or imprisoned in the four wars. Along the triangles perimeter was one candle for each Massachusetts serviceman still lost in S.E. Asia. For three days and nights, first one, then another candle was blown out and then re-lighted in a place of honor for one hour, until 8 last night, when the last of missing Massachusetts fighting men had been honored."

"The vigil was the idea of James McQueen and his wife, Donna. McQueen, a member of the Americal Division (D Co 1/52 198th Bde), was wounded in a morning reconnaissance when one of his crew of four stepped on a booby trap made from a U.S. grenade. Donna's late father, a career combat engineer from Somerville, was captured and held prisoner for eight months in Germany."

A new member to the Association, R.W. Hornlein, would like to hear from men he served with in A Battery 3/18th Artillery. He operated from LZ Cindy, Tra Bong. This was a fire base for 8 inch and 175 MM guns, 20 miles west of Chu Lai. Contact him at this address.

R.W. Hornlein

Stamford, CT. 06906

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK (Continues)

Dear Ron;

Looking for help from you again. I'm still trying to get together with MP's from the 23rd MP Co.. I've run into one besides Joe. His name is Brian Mulcrone and I met him on a train going to downtown Chicago. His background is computers and he has come up with a program to piece together any information possible on individuals and put it all together. If anyone has any names, dates, home states, etc., of any of the MP's from the 23rd MP Co., it would be greatly appreciated. These names would also appear on DOS orders etc. with the social security number which is also handy to have. We hope to get as many of these guys together for the Americal reunion in Chicago (1989). I'm sure the MP's would appreciate it if anyone has some helpful information.

I also had the pleasure of seeing the Americal museum this summer with my family. Many thanks to Al and John for showing us a great time and not letting my two year old son give them shell shock. I went to the Army museum at Fort Devens also where the colors for the Americal are kept. They have'nt put on all the campaign ribbons on all the unit flags as yet, but you can't help but be impressed by all the unit citations etc. that are on.

Please keep up the great work on the newsletter and say a heartfelt hello to all my Americal Brothers and Sisters.

John "Dutch" DeGroot"

Editors note: I've mentioned in the past that we have'nt recruited many MP's into the ADVA. If you meet one, tell them about the Association and give them Dutch's address. I've hoisted a few brews with Dutch at Americal hospitality rooms in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and not a single grunt has tried to throw him out the window for anything he or any of his partners did on a payday night in a Chu-Lai beer hall. Honest guys, we all like the MP's.

Dutch's address: John DeGroot

Mount Prospect, Ill. 60056

Dear Ron;

The Sept.-Oct. newsletter had photos of the wreath laying ceremony Sept. 18, 1987 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The honor guard at the tomb are members of 1/3rd Infantry Regiment. "The Old Guard". I had been in 4/3rd Infantry during 1969 operating out of fire base San Juan Hill, RVN. When on operations we were supplied with uniforms about every two to three weeks. Since these were washed in streams by Vietnamese laundresses our fresh fatigues usually had sand in the pockets but always felt good when exchanged for our dirty uniforms. searching through the wrinkled but laundered pile of jungle fatigues for anything close to a reasonable fit while everyone was doing the same is more easily imagined than described. Sometimes the seams rotted and split so that sunburned bottoms were a painful problem. It is uplifting to see the 1st Bn. so immaculately turned out in dress uniforms at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Yours truly,
Jim Sobery

HHC 198th LIB

Dear sirs;

Please except the enclosed check as payment for my Life Membership. I am proud to be a part of this fine organization.

Keep up the good work on your Newsletter.

Chu-lai 67-68

Russell Marceau

Within the ranks of the ADVA's membership, we have many men who continue to spread the word about the still missing prisoners of the Vietnam War. In this issue we want to bring attention to the work being done by member Dale Fry and the Coalition for the Full Accounting Of All POW/MIA's. Dale is the Coalition director. They are a non-profit, non-political, volunteer group, dedicated to the full accounting of POW/MIA's. Dale and his volunteer helpers are on the road three or four times a month making appearances at various gun shows, air shows, military functions, service groups, etc.. They claim to be California's only full-time POW/MIA group. The Coalition newsletter which is similar in size to or own Americal newsletter, contains the latest news media and government reports on POW/MIA facts. I subscribe to it myself and find it to be very interesting reading. Below are some POW/MIA facts that were contained in the last issue.

Between 1975 and 1984, there have been over 598 first-hand live sightings (eyewitness) reports of Americans being held against their will, and over 2,372 second-hand reports, yet Hanoi maintains that they have no live Americans.

There are currently more than 4,000 DIA reports that are not open to the public. Of the nearly 2500 servicemen listed MIA, our government admits to having knowledge of 1,289 of these missing Americans being held in enemy hands at one time.

The U.S. has actual photographs of some of these men, taken in captivity and in other instances, our government has copies of taped broadcasts by Hanoi in which the North Vietnamese claimed to capture some of these men. Some even wrote to their families.

Of the 591 Americans who were returned, not one was maimed. Common sense tells us that some of those captured had to be seriously injured.

In Laos, over 600 men were lost, primarily air crews, Green Berets, and CIA personnel. These men were on top-secret missions and conducting operations that were not acknowledged by the U.S. government till years later. The U.S. did not want to call attention to the fate of men missing on covert operations or bombing missions in Laos that the U.S. was denying was taking place. There was no incentive for Laos to release prisoners while the U.S. retained the option of continued military operations which included the bombing of their country. Laos did not release a single POW.

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Sirs;

I was with the 11th at Duc Pho, 69-70, D Co. 1/20th Infantry. I'm looking for any buddies from this time period. Also I'm looking for 11th Bde patches, Sykes Regular Unit Crest, and any Americal newspapers that were published in Vietnam. If you know where I can find these, please let me know.

Thank you,
Dennis Sperry

Iowa 52623

Editors note: For shoulder patches of the division, get in touch with ADVA member Dave Greiger, PO Box 12105 Columbus, Ga. 31907. As for the crest, maybe another member can help you after this newsletter goes out. The same goes for the newspapers.

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK (Continues)

Over the years I've been asked by many men about the 196th Light Infantry Brigade shoulder insignia. The question usually was, "what is that thing supposed to be, a piece of burning rope?". Well thanks to former 196th trooper, Jim Crum, who has obtained a copy of the official U.S. Army orders authorizing the insignia, we'll reprint the pertinent details. This order was dated 29 Oct. 1965.

To: Commanding General 196th Infantry Brigade
Fort Devens, Mass. 01433

The following shoulder sleeve insignia for the 196th Infantry Brigade is authorized:

DESCRIPTION

On an oblong blue shield arched at both ends, three inches in height and two inches in width overall. A yellow double headed match crossed and looped at the bottom and enflamed at both ends.

SYMBOLISM

The color blue is used to denote Infantry. The yellow and red allude to the Calvary and Artillery. The double headed match, used during the days of the matchlock musket, was lighted at both ends to insure readiness.

Dear Americal Brothers;

I served with the Americal's 198th Brigade from 70-71 (Sept). I have quite a few friends in the LA area that served with the Americal from 67' till the colors were disbanded. I would like as much information on the Division, past and present. During 1971, I was involved in Lam Son 719 and also an unsuccessful POW raid into Laos. If you can get me info on these missions or sources I can talk to, I would greatly appreciate it. Being involved in the POW-MIA issue here in LA and all these years not knowing and wondering what went wrong in that raid and everything else, (Happy Valley, Horseshoe, Lam Son 719, Vihn Loc). It has left a deep void in my heart. My son is 9 years old and is starting to ask questions. If you know what I mean. Not only do I have a few friends here in LA from the Americal, I also have a couple of friends in Hawaii that I keep in contact with from the unit. I have National Geographic maps but it doesn't cover my AO's in depth. Thanks. Hope to hear from you soon. Americal all the all the way!

Robert Rodriguez

Norwalk, Ca. 90650

1/52 LZ Stinson 70-71'

1968 F Troop -- 8th Cav 1969

Dear Bill;

Enclosed is payment on my Life Membership.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter. It has gotten better in the last year! Keep up the good work.

It looks like Hanoi Jane will be in Waterbury, CN this year. I hope the local vets will demonstrate against the treasonist bitch. Maybe the National Commander should write Congress in an attempt to ban sales of her books, video tapes, etc. in the Military Exchanges! Something to think about.

Will close for now. Happy New Year.

Joe Condholtes



YOU'D CRY, TOO...

...if hundreds of persons moved and it cost you 30 cents each time to get the new address.

PLEASE, when you move, send us your new address immediately. THANK YOU!

Past issues of the newsletter have contained items about Steve Dingle. While with the Americal in Nam, Steve was awarded the Silver Star, however efforts are currently underway to have that decoration upgraded to a Medal of Honor. This photo shows Steve who is now a S/SGT. with the Army Reserve, at the dedication of a Vietnam memorial in Walla Walla, Washington. The project was funded from private contributions, veterans groups, foundations, businesses and other institutions.

Steve, my hat's off to you. It's good to see an old "GRUNT" who has stayed at his fighting weight.



ATTENTION 281st ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

I am working on a reunion of the 281st Assault Helicopter Company that was stationed in Nha Trang, South Vietnam.

The Former members of the 281st AHC are planning a reunion for the summer of 1988 at San Francisco, CA. Anyone interested can contact;

Duane Brudvig

Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 Or call [redacted]

Thanks!

Duane "Tubby" Brudvig

ATTENTION 1/81st ARTILLERY

During the past year I have tried to organize a reunion of A Battery 1/81 Artillery of the Americal Division.

I have advertised in the VFW and American Legion magazines as many times as they permit. Response has been dismal at best. I am searching for men who served this unit in the later part of 1969 and all of 1970 I managed to get a unit roster for 1970 and tried to forward letters through the Social Security office but this did not work.

If you can suggest another avenue of approach to organizing this reunion I would greatly appreciate your suggestions.

Sincerely,
Jack Logsdon

Shawneetown, IL 62984

You might try sending us your roster and we will do a search for you and see if we have any members on our rolls.

Your letter will be forwarded to our Vietnam Editor and he will contact you.

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CHECK THE LIST OF DELINQUENTS LISTED IN NEWSLETTER

VIETNAM NEWS NETWORK (Continues)

The newsletter has heard from member, Col. Darrell Meader. He's making an effort to have a POW-MIA postage stamp commissioned by the postal service. He's circulating petitions for that purpose. Below we quote from his letter.

Dear Sir;

Today's date marks another historical event in the history of our great nation, and that is Veterans Day... A day that symbolizes we have not forgotten our veterans.

It is with the above in mind that I am making one more strong effort in keeping in the light that we still have men who are POW-MIA's not only from Vietnam, but other wars as well.

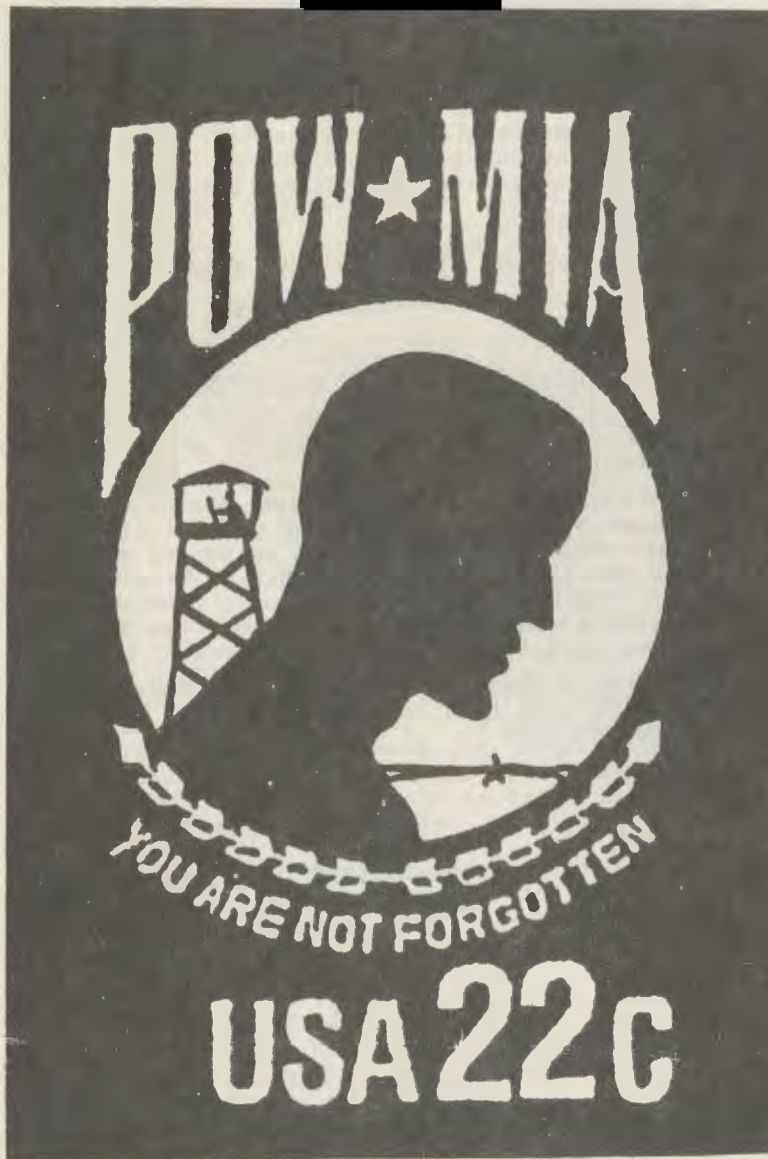
I make a plea with you and other fellow Americans not to forget those men and women... A stamp in honor of them is so simple, and small yet it will remind those around the world, our own people, and those that will surely follow to protect our rights, and future of America that we shall never forget, nor give up one single American.

I believe and in faith it shall be done that with your support we shall have them returned. I do not seek money for this venture, rather a signature and for you to pass on the word. Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of America.

Sincerely,

Col. Darrell L. Meader

Fort Wright, Kentucky 41017



When one American
is not worth the effort
to be found, we as
Americans have lost.

Dudley Farquhar
Operations Triumph

No. Reading, MA
01864



Dudley Farquhar became involved in the POW/MIA cause while attending a V.F.W. meeting in Ipswich, MA where the guest speaker was a classmate of Capt. Arthur Hardy, an MIA in Laos in 1972.

What started out as a concerned Vietnam Veteran working out of a small town blossomed into what is now a distributor of POW/MIA related products on a national level. Dudley has been involved in radio talk shows, cable T.V. programs, and numerous speaking engagements to veterans organizations and other community groups. Dudley Farquhar is also responsible for the sale of over 400 POW flags across the country. Working with military organizations such as the V.F.W., DAV, American Legion, Amvets, and numerous Vietnam Veterans groups, he has consistently fostered an attitude that by working together for a commonality of purpose, the individual concerned American can contribute to the total accounting for those who served. He has raised thousands of dollars for "The National League of Families," a non-profit organization made up of family members who still don't know the fate of their loved ones. Working together we can make a difference. Capt. Arthur Hardy's remains were returned in 1983, but the issue lives because of concerned Americans who care to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Dudley Farquhar

Ed. Note; Dudley Farquhar served with the Americal Division Chu-lai, Vietnam, 1/1 CAV

THE CONVOY

Infantry, American all, loaded on trucks, headed south and they called.
"Give us cover on the highway,
we don't want to get hit. We got one man wants to ride along....anyplace for him to sit?"

Young kid climbed into the front seat I dipped and rolled on both sides of the street. I stayed two miles in front, and two miles on both sides to screen. The way I was flying we'd get blown away before the enemy was seen.

At least the convoy would be on alert, when they saw the smoke from my ship in the dirt. I was hunting, probing, expecting to be seen, and I looked at my guest, damn was he green!

I'd always heard about folks turning green, but I never thought I'd see green that green. I landed while my cockpit was clean.

Steven Ralph Helm
Lenexa, KS 66215

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continue

221st FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Hi There;

I have been sick off and on for some time. I often think of all the boys from World War II and would love to be with them again but that can't be and that is too bad for it is getting late in the day for all of us.

Please keep me in mind and on the mailing list and call if you need me.

Thanks,

Clifton T. Griffin

COMPANY A 164th INFANTRY REGIMENT

Dear Mr. Dunphy;

I just received a letter and a membership application for the Americal Division Veterans Association on the 27th of November.

I was in A Company 164th Infantry in 1944-45. Mr. Murphy stated that you might be able to locate some of my old buddies for me. I sure would like to correspond with some of them.

I was a PFC from Bougainville to Leyte, Cebu, and Negros in the Philippines and was wounded May 8, 1945 in Negros.

I retired from Ford Motor Company in 1980 and moved to Florida in 1985.

Thank you again,

Walter A. Hickey

Hilliard, FL 32046

How about a letter for Walter all you guys from the 164th Infantry?

ANTI-TANK COMPANY 182nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

A.D.V.A. Hdqts;

Enclosed please find my check for \$50.00 as payment for Life Membership. My date of birth is 17-9-26.

I served with Anti-Tank of the 182nd Infantry on Cebu Island in the Philippines in early 1945. I was reassigned to Hdqt Battery Div Art before we sailed for Japan.

Please send me another Americal decal for my present car as I found out the one on my old car turned out to be quite a conversation maker.

Wishing you all the best and every success in your endeavors,

Art Smith

Dear Bill;

Here's my check for \$50.00, please sign me up for a Life Membership in A.D.V.A.

I really liked the A.D.V.A. Newsletter.

May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bill Maddox

Adj. Note; Guess Bill knows a bargain when he sees it. He just signed on as a member this past Fall

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?
CHECK THAT CARD --NOW!

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANTI-TANK COMPANY 182nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

Dear Bill;

I have been a member of ADVA for about 20 years, thanks to my old friend Bill McGoldrick. (May he rest in peace) I am taking advantage of ADVA's offer of becoming a Life Member.

I paid my dues for 1988 and so I am enclosing a check to make up the difference for a Life Membership.

I am 73 years old and was a member of Anti-Tank Co 182nd Infantry back in April 1941 thru 1945.

Sincerely,

David Klayman

P.S. I would like to know where I can get a 182nd Infantry pin and a Division patch awarded to us when we were attached to the 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal. Please advise and many thanks.

Dave; Will contact you as soon as I get the Newsletter finished. Jim

245th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Dear Jim Buckle;

Please enroll me as a Life Member in the Americal Division Veterans Association. All of you are doing an excellent job as ADVA officers and I sincerely enjoy the Newsletter.

I served with Captain Charles R. Barron in Battery B 245th FA on Bougainville, Leyte, Cebu, and Negros in the Philippines. Our Battery was the one mentioned in the Americal history book, Under The Southern Cross, because of the thousands of rounds we fired at Villaba, Leyte. Additional Artillery officers had to spell our officers due to sheer exhaustion. We were firing night and day, sometimes at barrel sighting range. Captain Barron lives in Bay Minette, AL and I correspond with him quite often.

Keep up the good work! I enjoyed meeting and talking to you at the Americal Division Artillery Reunion in Boston years three years ago.

Sincerely,

Carl O. Cupples

132nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

Dear Jim;

The boys of the 132nd Infantry might be interested in knowing that the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans have a model maker making a diorama of the fighting around Mt. Austen. This should be completed in February.

Also, add to your list of Americal businesses-- Cliff Griffin, formerly of the 221st FA, has named his farm in the sunny state of Georgia-- AMERICAL FARM INC.

Best Regards,

Bill McLaughlin

SICK CALL

Joe Marotta has under the weather these past few months. How about getting a card off to him?

Mr. Joseph Marotta

Schooner Pass
Bourne, MA 02532

Seven day cancellation notice prior to convention is required for deposit refund.



HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION
EASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER
506 CLINTON ROAD
HARRISBURG, PA 17109



AMERICAL DIVISION NATIONAL ANNUAL REUNION

- WELCOME TO CARLISLE, PA

THIS YEAR THE NATIONAL ANNUAL REUNION IS BEING HELD AT CARLISLE, PA, THE HOME OF HISTORIC CARLISLE BARRACKS. ESTABLISHED IN 1757, CARLISLE BARRACKS IS THE OLDEST ACTIVE MILITARY POST IN THE U.S. IT IS THE HOME OF THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE. THE U.S. ARMY MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967 WHERE IT PRESERVES HISTORICAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND ARTIFACTS RELATING TO THE MILITARY HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN ARMY. WE ARE PLANNING A TRIP THERE AND WILL SEE AMERICAL UNIT PHOTOS, UNIT REPORTS AND OTHER AMERICAL DOCUMENTS NOT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE.

I HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH PAUL R. PATUREL FROM NEW CALEDONIA. HE IS PLANNING TO COME TO THE REUNION AND MAKE A PRESENTATION WITH SLIDES ABOUT THE NEW AMERICAL MUSEUM BEING BUILT IN NEW CALEDONIA. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO USE THE CARLISLE BARRACKS GOLF COURSE IN ADDITION TO THE USE OF MILITARY BUSES FOR TRIPS TO GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD, HERSHEY AND THREE MILE ISLAND - HOME OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. AN INTERESTING PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE LADIES AND BINGO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE SO INCLINED.

THE EMBERS CONVENTION CENTER AT QUALITY INN HAS 275 GROUND FLOOR ROOMS, INDOOR POOL, SAUNAS, WHIRLPOOL, AND SUPERB DINING. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 30, 1988. AFTER THAT IT WILL BE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. RESERVE EARLY AS THEY RUN OUT OF SPACE QUICKLY. AIR COMES TO HARRISBURG INTERNATIONAL AND TRAINS TO HARRISBURG. RENT-A-CAR AND LIMO AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT, ABOUT 25 MILES TO CARLISLE... RECOMMEND THAT YOU RENT-A-CAR. SHOULD BE CHEAPER THAT WAY.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO COME EARLY AND STAY LATE, THE EMBERS WILL GIVE YOU ROOMS FOR \$39 PLUS TAX FOR A SINGLE AND \$44 PLUS TAX FOR A DOUBLE PER DAY. THE REUNION IS A GUARANTEED PRICE. A SINGLE FOR THREE DAYS IS \$210 AND A DOUBLE IS \$155 PER PERSON. IF YOU ONLY STAY THE LAST TWO DAYS, THE PRICE IS \$141 FOR A SINGLE AND \$105 PER PERSON FOR A DOUBLE. THIS INCLUDES A BUFFET BREAKFAST AND A DINNER FOR EACH PERSON PER DAY, PLUS STATE TAXES, PLUS ALL TIPS. ALSO A COCKTAIL PARTY FOR ONE HOUR ON THURSDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT PRIOR TO DINNER. ALSO THE SENTIMENTALISTS BAND WILL PLAY FOR US ON SATURDAY NIGHT FEATURING THE HITS OF THE BIG BANDS. THEY HAVE PLAYED WITH BLUE BARRON, LES BROWN, VINCENT LOPEZ AND MANY OTHERS.

A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10 FOR ONE, OR \$15 FOR TWO PERSONS SHOULD BE SENT SEPERATELY TO: PETER J. MESSINA, 506 CLINTON ROAD, HARRISBURG, PA 17109 MADE PAYABLE TO: AMERICAL DIVISION 1988 NATIONAL REUNION. SEND MOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE MOTEL. ROOM CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE EMBERS CONVENTION CENTER.

MAIL TO: RESERVATIONS
EMBERS CONVENTION CENTER

CARLISLE, PA 17013

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NAME _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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CREDIT CARD NAME _____

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EXPIRATION DATE _____

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE NOTE: A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED

TO INSURE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE MAKE THEM PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 1988 AND SEND DEPOSIT.

CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.