

**2/20th ARA****News**

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BLUE MAX, this is CONCRETE EIGHT "Fire Mission". "This is BLUE MAX, send your mission over" "Grid follows, (817) 547-6537, That is Lorinda SCHMITT's desk.

I received a call from Lorinda SCHMITT July 23rd. She told me that she was sorry that she had messed up and that our unit wouldn't be in the JULY/AUGUST issue of the SABER. I was early as I usually am but was so early that she forgot that it was there. Waldo can you believe that? I was down for a while since I wrote the last issue, had problems with the PC but I seem to be up a running again.

Yes, guys I am sitting here waiting for some more information to write about. I have received letters from several guys thanking me for what I am doing and what I wrote about in the year that I have been writing about our great unit. I did receive one letter from someone that said I am not writing what you want to hear. I can only write what I get for information or what I remember. If you have something you want me to write about PLEASE LET ME KNOW what it is. I don't care if it is only a little that you remember. I can write what it is and maybe get something back on it or maybe I can pull some of it out of the records if I know where to look. If I know what you are now doing in your life and you would like I will print that. I for one would like to know what you now are

doing.

If you have something that you remember I am sure that many guys would like to here about it. Please write or call so I will have more to write. I am looking for orders that I am sure a lot of you guys have. With orders I have found and will find many of the great guys that served with our great unit.

I have received very little for mail since the last issue. I hope you guys haven't forgot about me. I made contact with a few guys and had a real nice talk with wife of one of my old pilots. Let us take a moment to remember this pilot. I flew with him in 67-68 while he was a pilot and section leader with C Battery. William 'Bill' OTT passed away 28 May, '94 in a Ft. Sam Houston, TX hospital after a lengthy illness. Bill was laid to rest on the third June at Ft. Sill where he had earned his commission as an Artillery Officer.

He joined the service in 1963. COL OTT (a CPT while with C Battery 67-68) had retired from the service after more than 30 years and had served two tours in VIETNAM. His awards included: SILVER STAR; LEGION of MERIT; DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS; BRONZE STAR; and others.

I remember flying with CPT OTT and remember that he flew many of the CS Gas missions. When a CS mission came up CPT OTT would take it with SFC Steven COLE and one of the guys from armament, the crew chief usually stayed back at the Battery area. Steve COLE reminded me that he only had two days left in country when he flew the last mission with CPT OTT. His wife who I have been in touch with has sent me many slides that I will go through and copy. There are photos from Tam Ky as well as at LZ Evans with several of guys that served with C Battery. I am proud to have known and flown with him. Clear left, Sir!! You will be missed by this writer as well as many others. Rest in peace

Bill.

29 Dec., 1967 at 1740 Hrs an UH-1B #164-14034 Aircraft from C Battery was lost to hostile fire near Quang Nam: BT 001 553. The A/C crashed and burned in the water. Lost were four great men; Aircraft Commander WO Larry R. DOYLE, (Panel 32E, Line 092), Pilot WO Ronnie H. BEALS, (panel 32E, Line 090), Crew Chief - PFC Lupe P. LOPEZ, (panel 32E, Line 095), and door gunner- CPL Clifton HENSON (panel 32E, Line 094), (HENSON had come to our Battery from another unit, and was still waiting for orders assigning him to us). The aircraft was in a direct combat support mission. During the approach to the target area, there were more than 99 holes (this is a term that I believe was used too mean to many to count) from 7.62mm which hit the fuselage. The A/C crashed in the river and all crew were lost. I have been in contact with Wesley (Wes) COZART who was a pilot with C Battery and who flew with Ron BEALS several times. Wes sent me some photos and I am putting in a photo of Ron, taken at Tam Ky in 1967.

On 31 Dec., '67, B Battery lost one of its A/C, UH-1C #64-14184 at Bien Hoa, the crew was Aircraft Commander LT. J.L. WISDOM and Pilot WO1 J.R. NEWBOLD. Both had minor injuries. The A/C was at the refueling point when a loud explosion was heard from the engine area. Flames shot out of the intake, then enveloped the A/C. That was close! Everyone walked away.

By the time you are reading this I will have been to the VHCMA reunion in St Louis, Mo. I started my trip on June 28th to drive out. If I didn't get help for this trip I wouldn't be able to go, some one that

knew I wanted to go and loaned me the money. The drive was much cheaper then a plane ticket. The VHCMA reunion next year will be in Tucson, AZ and will have a 2/20th reunion room. That is the plan as of now. There is a bone yard near there with lots of UH-1's. The plan is to go see if we can find any of our old birds. I want to also mention that the 1st Cav reunion will be in Milwaukee, WI next year and I am in hopes that we can have a 2/20th mini reunion up there.

I was in hopes to make it to the Cav reunion as well but wasn't able. In the year that I have been writing for you in the Saber some guys have sent me a little to help with the expenses (thanks). I am not paid for what I am doing (although the feeling I get from knowing I have helped many of you is a good one). Retired MG Morris BRADY and CSM Steven COLE are working with me to try to start a 2/20th Association so watch your mail. I have 300 names and addresses of guys that served with 2/20th.

Anyone that wants a copy of this list, please send me \$3.00 to cover the mailing and help defray some of what it cost me, along with your name and address. Please include when you were with the 2/20th and the Battery you were in. Also please include your rank and phone number if you want me to have it (I will only print it if you say it is OK) Also I now have Blue Max patches like we had in 1968. They are \$5.00 each. A roster and the patch the cost together will cost \$6.00. If there is interest in getting the Armed Falcon patch, please let me know. I would also like to know if there is interest in these patches to be made into window stickers. If anyone else has an idea of how we can generate operating expenses please let me know. If I stop being your writer I would like to be able to have working capital to give to anyone that takes my place. All profit will

go into a fund for research and to help with the cost of phone calls and postage expenses. Please give me some feed back on setting up a mini reunion at the 1st Cav and/or VHCMA reunion! I also would like feed back on setting up a 2/20th Association.

Anyone that remembers other radio call signs besides BLUE MAX, ARMED FALCON, FALCON, TOUGH BARON, and BLITZKREIG that 2/20 ARA used and the dates used, please let me know. BLUE MAX was used starting in early 1968 right till the end. F Battery 79th Arty, 3rd Bde of the 1st Cav. took over the BLUE MAX call when C Battery became F 79 on 6 June, 1971

If you were in a unit that 2/20 helped out of a jam, please contact me so I can tell a little about it. I hear thanks from some of the Marines that we helped in 1968 up at the DMZ.

A few weeks ago, I received a call that really caught me off guard. The caller said he was from Italy, and that he reads what I put in the Saber. I couldn't believe that what I write is read on the other side of the world. He told me that he had served in Vietnam 65-66 and that he was going to write to me. As of this date I have not heard from him, if you read this please call me or write because I was so knocked off my feet that I didn't even get your name never mind your address.

As I look at the last few issues of the Saber I see that many of those that I have written to have joined the 1st Cav or rejoined. Welcome guys, I am glad you added your names to the list. Gale V. LAMB is one that I did not have on my list. I enjoyed talking with you the other day. Gale was the 1SG for A Battery 1966 and then went to Battalion and became the S3 in 1967. I am proud to be a point of contact for everyone. You have no idea how much this means to me and how much it has helped

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Russ Warriner's Chevy Blazer



CPT William OTT taken at Tam Ky South Vietnam 1967 just before the C Battery moved North.



Lewis W. HAWN receiving Bronze Star. Does anyone know who the officer pinning the Medallion is?

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me to tie of those loose ends that I have had for all these years. I know from the phone calls and letters that I receive that I am doing a lot to help others as well.

When I was at LZ Evans in 1968 my A/C and crew were sent to B Battery to help them and also was sent to A Battery to help. One of these times was when the a Battery Commander was leaving and the new Commander had come in. The Battery was going to have a farewell for the Battery Commander. I think this was LZ Sharon, I had only been there for a day when my A/C got shot up and had to leave for repairs. I received a VHS tape of that day from one of the guys. He was an avionics man and a friend had taped some of that day. rank GIAQUINTO was his name.

Looking at some of the things that I have found sure brings back the memories. Like finding out the tail # of the A/C that LOPEZ was on. I was able to remember others like. #64-14040 (the Gray Ghost) that Jerry BOERM was the crew chief, and #64-14054 and 64-14059 (one of these was My A/C for a while). Those were B models. Does that get anyone's mind of on a run? Call or write me and let me Know, Please!!!!

**545th MP News**

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I attended the 48th reunion at Killeen/Ft. Hood, TX. It was one of the most exciting events I have ever attended. We made new friends and met old buddies and I got to know John HASKELL, MAJ (Ret). John is a past commander of our 545th. A group of us went to see the current 545th in

Does anyone know where CPT STEWART (maintenance officer 67-68 with C battery) or SP5 Jerry GARRETT (who was a crew chief) are? I told you I was going to write about something that happened before I got to C Battery. Well, here goes. As you all know we used our ammo boxes to build everything. We built showers and all kinds of things. Every usable nail was saved also. If you remember the rockets came in boxes that were made by the MILLER BOX COMPANY of TUSCALOOSA, AL. We had some real good carpenters in our Battery as I am sure all the batteries did. Steve COLE and CPT STEWART decided to write to the MILLER BOX COMPANY and this is something like what was written.

Dear Sir;

We are sending you this letter because we do not think you know what your ammo boxes are used for after they get here in South East Asia. As you can see by the photos that we are sending with this that we do not throw away anything. Every nail that can be saved is.

We do have one problem that we can't solve. That is that with all the guys that can build things there isn't a single person that can make those round donuts that you call

action. We were met with open arms and given a great tour of their facilities and motor pool. Near the front door of the 545th headquarters is a granite block that came from a firing range at Camp Drake, Japan. It is engraved with PFC GOTO's name. He was an interpreter in the 545th and he and CPT CHURCH were on the way in a jeep to check an area when they struck a land mine and were both killed instantly. PFC GOTO was the first 545th KIA; he died for his country 23 July, 1950. I was given this well written history of the "First Team's Finest". The 545 MP Co. was constituted on February 15, 1939 in the Regular Army, as the MP Plt., Headquarters, 1st Cav. Div. On July 4, 1942 the unit was activated at Ft. Bliss, TX and deployed with the First

toilet seats.

I do not know the wording that was used but I know that in a few weeks we received 8 seats of all different colors.

I for one am glad that CPT STEWART and SFC Steve COLE (now retired CSM) sent this letter out. It was much better to sit on a seat like home than just a hole.

Robert VARNEY is a friend who was a pilot with C 227th who crashed. I have known him for a few years but didn't know about where he had crashed or when until he talked to me about it and asked for my help in finding out a little about it. Many of Bob's friends thought he didn't make it home. I researched the when and where and who of that day. The name of crew chief, door gunner, pilot and two pax that I found were passed on to SILVER WINGS, Frank TIERNEY (Waldo, HA! HA!) and also to Mel CANON of 294 Alyssum Circle, Nipomo, CA 93444 who is looking for any information on the 227 from 65-71. I am proud that I could help you guys out. I hope that you can help me as well some time.

In the May/June issue I wrote about Glenn H. SHEATH-HELM wanting information on Nov 28, 1967. Glenn I lost your address here somewhere so if you see this call me or write again. That was a B

Cavalry Division to the Pacific Theater during WW II. The platoon participated in campaigns in New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Leyte and Luzon. It was during this time that the "First Team's Finest" underwent its baptism by fire suffering its first combat losses. The First Team's Finest was reorganized and redesignated the 545th MP Co. in March 1949 and shortly thereafter found itself again in the heat of battle, participating in seven campaigns on the Korean peninsula. In October, 1957 the unit was deactivated but as the situation of the world changed so did the Army, and the need for the First Team's Finest was once again heard with the activation of the unit on 1 September, 1963 in Korea. Peace for the troopers of the 545th was short lived; hav-



L-R: Tom JOHNSON (T.J.), Ronnie H. BEALS (Ron) killed Dec. 29, 1967, and Howard T. COMER (T.C.).

Battery A/C and I believe that the pilots were Mike BAUMAN and a Scott FRISCH. Both, I have been told are in sunny California. The crew chief was Sam TENORIO of Encino, NM. Sam was a real good crew chief and his name is on panel 31E, line 002. He was given the rank of Sergeant and is remembered by Jerry SOMMERS who I have to thank for calling me with the information so I could finish my search with my Wall Program.

I just found out that we lost another one of our great pilots, WO Lewis W. HAWN who was in C Battery 65-66 at An Khe. He passed away 20 Jan., 1995. I talked his son Brian when he was at his mother's home. He has sent me some information and a photo.

I received a call from WO Jerry MOSES the other day but I wasn't here to take the call. All I know is that he was in transit so I am guessing that he is still in the service. I hope he writes or calls back. I want to know more about the photo he was telling me about.

I found William A. McCASSLIN who was another of my pilots. As I talked to him I found out that he was my pilot when I went down when the engine failed. He told me that most likely Dewitt B. LANCASTER was the other pilot that day.

Well, until the next FIRE MISSION this is your BLUE MAX crew Chief working on the next load of ammo. Let it be 17lb'ers not 10lb'ers from now on.

First Team,  
 Russ Warriner

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ing been "Proven In Battle", they found themselves facing the rigors of combat in the Republic of Vietnam. The First Team's Finest was sent to Vietnam in 1965 where they would remain until 1971 participating in thirteen campaigns. During this time the 545th MP Co. found itself running the gauntlet along the Vietnamese/Cambodian border with another opportunity to excel earning a Presidential Unit Citation, a Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation with one Oak Leaf Cluster and three Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry. Always first, the 545th won the coveted J.P. Holland Award in 1970, thus earning the title as the United States Army's best MP Co. while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. The First Team's Finest settled at Ft. Hood, TX in 1971 and while ever vigilant, enjoyed peace for almost two decades until they were called on again to help bring peace to the world with strength and order. The 545th deployed with speed and power with the First Team to Southwest Asia in support of operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm where General Schwarzkopf ordered "Send in the First Team and destroy the Republican Guard". Here the First Team's Finest received yet another Meritorious Unit Commendation. Even today the First Team remains highly trained and ready for war. Whether keeping peace on the streets of Ft. Hood or peace in the world, the 545th MP Co. has earned the title... "FIRST TEAM'S FINEST". That's all for this time.'

**NEW YORK CITY****VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

The United War Veteran's Council, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Citizens of New York invite you to join them on Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street on Sat., 11 Nov., 1995 for "The Nation's Parade,"

the official United States closing ceremony for the nation's celebration of victory in WWII. For information contact Harry BOYLE at 223-27 Manor Road, Queen's Village, NY 11427, (718)479-1711.

John SETELIN is updating the directory of veterans of the Ia Drang battles and needs your help. Please send him your name, address, rank and

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 IA DRANG BATTLES  
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unit of service to include company level (C-1/7 Cav, B-1/5 Cav, etc.) so that he can keep you informed of what's going on. Even though you think he

already has the information, reconfirm with him at 10001 Highview Ave., Glen Allen, VA 23060.

## 77TH FA NEWS

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This will be the first of what I hope will be a regular contribution to "The Saber". I served with A Battery, 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery from January to July 1968 before transferring to G-3 Operations. I joined the 1st Cavalry Division Association in the mid 80's. This decision was more important than I first realized as it led to my reintroduction to many of the young A Battery soldiers I served with in Viet Nam. The 77th Artillery Association founding father, Bob BOSMA, contacted me through the 1st Cavalry Association.

The 77th Artillery Association was formed to promote the history and fellowship of the unit. Biennial reunions have been the highlights of 77th activities. The most recent reunion was held at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in July, 1995. Redlegs from WWII, Korea and Viet Nam attended. COL Bob BEMENT had not been to Ft. Sill for 55 years. Troy BUNN, a WWII 77th veteran, was present also. The oppor-

tunity to share history among veterans of three wars is truly remarkable. While the mission of each war was different the emotions and memories have many parallels.

Dennis PIEHL attended his first reunion. Dennis earned the Silver Star on LZ Peanuts on 5 May, 1968 and was seriously wounded on 7 May. He is now medically retired. Dennis was in the A Battery FDC. After 27 years he was reunited with several other Battery members. At Ft. Sill were Mike MAYNARD, Executive Officer Charles MARSHALL, The Top. Both were awarded Silver Stars for their actions at LZ Peanuts on 4-5 May, 1968. Les WARD, Chief of Section and his wife Jan and children, Scott and Tori who drove from Virginia and Barry LUEDKE, FDC were also there. Barry seems to take great pleasure in giving Dennis a hard time, something about who had the most blond hair left after 27 years! Les and Dennis were both wounded on 7 May, 1968 probably by the same mortar round. Les is also medically retired due to these wounds.

The 1st Battalion, 17 Field Artillery and 6th Battalion,

27th Field Artillery provided support during the reunion. Roger GRAY, a retired C Battery, 77th Artillery veteran, coordinated the activities.

I was unable to attend the Ft. Sill reunion as I accompanied my 16 year old daughter, Rachel to the USA Shooting Sports National Rifle Championships in Chino, CA. Rachel was one of about 35 young women shooters invited to attend the nationals. This gave the young shooters the chance to compete with the top women USA Olympic team hopefuls. While I had truly wished to go to Ft. Sill the Chino trip had a very moving and unanticipated experience. We were invited to attend the first reunion of the American-Vietnamese Special Operations (SOG) Association. The invitation was the result of a Vietnamese officer who saw a news article on Jeanette CHERVONY, daughter of SGT Eddie CHERVONY. Eddie was killed at LZ Peanuts in May, 1968. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star. The SOG members wanted to adopt Eddie's daughter, Jeanette and her 1 year old son, Eddie, Jr. into their Association. They

wished to adopt her into the Vietnamese family to honor all Americans who served and died for their country.

Jeanette told a very moving story about the impact of the death of her Father on her life and her family. She was presented with many gifts from the Vietnamese. The most emotional part of this reunion was the honoring of the five American Special Forces and Marine Recon veterans who attended the reunion. I was also asked to come forward with the five. As I turned to face the audience I was nearly overcome by the standing ovation given to us by over 300 Vietnamese soldiers and their families. A Marine Recon standing next to me said, "No American has ever done this for me". The Vietnamese knew what the Vietnam War was all about...Freedom.

I had the opportunity to talk with Eddie's wife and answer some of the many questions she has kept in her mind for 27 years. I again was reminded of the many questions and guilt I have had during these 27 years. I found it very helpful to have the opportunity to talk with some of the family members who lost loved ones at LZ

Peanuts. We all have memories of the war. Some humorous and some stressful.

There truly is a brotherhood among warriors. This brotherhood includes many of the family members also. The chance to visit with other 77th vets and their families is a wonderful experience. After the initial fear of revisiting the Viet Nam experience a 1st Cavalry or 77th Artillery Association reunion is an experience we all should repeat many times. The fear and guilt soon disappear. I'm reminded of a passage in the book "Green Knight, Red Mourning" by Richard OGDEN. "Be proud you served and grateful you survived. You know you more about life than anyone else around you." So true, especially with the current political turmoil in this country.

Former 77th Artillery Regiment veterans of all wars are encouraged to join the 77th Artillery Association. Contact Bob 'Doc' BOSMA, P.O. Box 141, Boonville, MO 65233. I need your input if the 77th is to be represented in "The Saber". Contact Ron WEISS at 717 S. California St., Helena, MT 59601-5852 406-442-9296.

## 61st FA News



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Hello Troopers:

Time again to write. The summer has been hot and dry. Time sure goes by fast.

First we would like to wish a speedy recovery to Frank MOWERY who had open heart surgery (four way by-pass) in June.

Received a phone call from Harry BROWN. It was good

to hear from him. Hope to visit with him this fall.

By now all should have received a letter from Pat BOHNERT concerning the Oklahoma City Reunion, next year's reunion and his resignation as volunteer chairperson of the 61st FA BN Assn. A volunteer is needed to take over the duties.

As a Korean Veteran I looked forward to attending the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital. It was held on July 27-29, 1995. The First Cavalry Division had a block of rooms at the Hyatt in Arlington, VA. I stayed at the Hotel which was very convenient to the dedication site. Many Cav members were there. Our host was George RODGERS who did an excellent job. I attended the hospitality room each evening

hoping to see some familiar faces. Didn't see any. While there I had the opportunity to meet and speak to General Arthur J. JUNOT, Retired, who is the Executive Director of the Assn.

The dedication started on Thursday, July 27th. There were many dignitaries who spoke. After the speeches the Memorial was opened to the public. It was a very moving experience for me and the others who attended. There was a tent city set up covering various subjects of the Korean War era. At 10 p.m. we were treated to a beautiful display of fireworks.

Friday, July 28th started with the muster of all branches of service starting with speeches by heads of each branch of service. Activities after the muster included various shows

in tent city. Entertainment was provided by the Korean Choir, The Air Force Band, Church Choirs from the DC area, Air Force Singing Sergeants Choir to name a few.

Saturday, July 29th began with a parade of the Korean Veterans from all branches of services, followed by Korean Veterans from other countries that participated in the Korean War. The parade was down Constitution Ave and lasted about three hours. It was a beautiful sight to see. After

the parade more entertainment was available for the rest of the day.

During the three days the camaraderie among the veterans was heartwarming. People would stop and thank the veterans for their service in the Korean War. It's an experience I will never forget.

Informed by Mrs. Elrod that her husband, Woodrow R. ELROD, passed away on April 19, 1990. May he rest in peace.



KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.  
 DEDICATION - JULY 27 - 29, 1995

### New Members Listing

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E-7 BOLDEN, KELVIN D. ICD 4-5 ADA 9503  
 SP-4 BOOKER, RICHARD E. DISC 6311  
 T-5 BOKASH, ANDREW J. 61FA 4508  
 1LT BOSSHARDT, BYRON C. C 2-8C 9301  
 E-6 BOTWINICK, KATHLEEN S. ICDH 9304  
 2LT BOUDREAU, JOHN H. HBB DVATY 6802  
 CW-2 BOWDEN, JAMES A. 22AV 6605  
 W-02 BOWMAN, BERNARD J. C 2-20ARA 6701  
 PFC BRADEN, HERBERT A. 8C 5302  
 SP-5 BRADY, RICHARD 0-130FA 7011  
 SGT BRADY, J. ALLAN 61FA 39  
 T-5 BRANCH, CLINTON L. A BEING 5406  
 SGT BRANNEN, CHARLES C. HQ 2-7C 5104  
 CPL BRENNACK, STEPHEN R. A 1-7C 49  
 2-LT BRENNICK, ALBERT R. D 22AV 6507  
 MR. BRILL, DAVID M. 1-ASSOC  
 CPL BROCK, CARL F. HBC 7C 5105  
 2LT BRYAN, JASON A. DVATY 9504  
 SGT BRYANT, ALFRED F. 8C 45  
 WO-2 BRYANT, KIM AAAAAA  
 SGT BUMGARDNER, ARTHUR C. 1MED 40-43  
 E-5 BUIQUET, JOHNSON A. B 1-22AV 6812  
 CPL BURDS, DAVID 7C 5108  
 PFC BURGHOFFER, ESTON A. D 1-7C 5212

CPL BURK, ARNOLD R. 99FA 4901  
 PFC BURKE, LORENZA 2-7C 58  
 E-5 BURKETT, THOMAS W. HHC 1CDH 6508  
 2-LT BURKHARDT, TODD 2-5C 9503  
 2LT BURNHAM, JAMES H. B 1-7C 5103  
 SGT BUSHEY, FRANK L. C 2-5C 7001  
 SGT BUTTRAM, CARLIS G. 13-8C 5101  
 CPL BUZBEE, RALPH J. 603TK 4503  
 SP-4 CALL, GEORGE H. JR. 1-7C 6707  
 COL (RET) CALLAWAY, JACK G. 1-30FA 6907  
 SGT CALLEN, GERALD G. E 1-7C 5103  
 SFC CAMPBELL, KEITH M. 68CHE 77  
 PFC CANEDY, BERNARD W. F 2-7C 5106  
 WO-1 CARPER, BOBBIE S. A 1-22AV 9501  
 SGT CARTER, LARRY W. HHC 8ENG 6903  
 SGT CARTHIEW, DENNIS B 1-7C 68  
 PFC CASSIDY, JOHN F. 1-5-7C 51  
 2LT CASTON, DEXTER E. 1-5C 9503  
 1LT CATAW, ARTHUR F. F 2-7C 5011  
 SPC CAVNESS, JASON 22AV 9503  
 LTC CHAMBERS, JAMES E. 27FSB 95  
 CPL CHAROUS, ANTON E 2-7 5012  
 E-4 CHELLURI, NAGESH D 1-5C 9303  
 SP-5 CHIESA, BRUNO J. 13SSG 56  
 LTC (RET) CHOLE, HILBERT H. 1-9C 67

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Start talking to your buddies now about Reunion.  
 It's more enjoyable with a buddy.

**Jeb Stuart**

**Continued from pg. 15.** half of Manila, but the legislative buildings lay on the far side of the Pasig River. This large river runs east-to-west through the middle of the city and there were only three or four bridges across it. The chances of the Japanese turning the river into a major delaying obstacle were pretty good. If they managed to do this, it would make the legislative buildings relatively hard to reach.

General YAMASHITA had withdrawn his troops from Manila to defend the Lingayen beaches, and, failing that, intended to withdraw into the northern mountains around Baguio and the Cagayan Valley for a prolonged defense. He had left Admiral Iwabuchi and his 20,000 Imperial Marines to rescue the supplies stored in the port area of Manila. Yamashita had reportedly ordered that Manila be declared an open city, as it had been when the Japanese got there in Jan. of 1942. He hadn't taken into account the fact that Iwabuchi was still stinging personally from the defeat of the Japanese Navy at the Battle of Leyte Gulf the previous October and was having none of this open city nonsense. It is rumored that Iwabuchi later realized the folly of his ways and tried to leave town, but by that time it was too late and he had no choice under his Samurai code but to defend himself. He did this at the cost of all of his men, 100,000 bystanders, and the admiral himself. During his one-month stand "The Pearl of the Orient" sustained more damage than any other city during WWII except for Warsaw, Poland.

All of this, however, was still in the future when MacArthur decreed the "Flying Column". After receiving his decree, General MUDGE spent about a day gathering the troops he thought it would take to accomplish his mission. These troops included, among others, attachments from the 44th Tank Battalion, a bunch of air cover from the Marines, and--luckily--a Navy demolitions expert, LTJG Jim SUTTON. He divided the column into three serials, assigned missions to each, and, at one minute past midnight on 1 Feb., fired the starting gun. The race was on.

The column fought its way at top speed down HWY 5, spinning off flank security along the way. At the Novaliches bridge, about ten

miles short of Manila, they hit a snag. The Japanese had mined the bridge and wired it for demolition, and they were laying down heavy sniper fire to discourage all efforts on the part of the Cav to confound its destruction. Here's where having Jim SUTTON along was a stroke of good fortune. Jim, apparently protected by some sort of a providential Star Trek force field that repelled sniper bullets, ran out on the bridge and cut all the demolition fuses, enabling the column to cross with dry feet. LT SUTTON's next running--with his shiny new Distinguished Service Cross--was for congress, where he won a seat in the House of Representatives.

Once past the bridge, one of the serials headed east to secure the Novaliches reservoir and the water filters at Balara, both of which were essential to the water supply of the city of Manila, while the other two serials kept heading for Manila.

Closer to the city, one of the remaining serials bore south along the eastern outskirts toward Ft. William McKinley. That left the final serial headed down Quezon Boulevard straight toward Santo Tomas Internment Camp where 3700 civilian men, women, and children were watching all these developing fireworks with a strange mixture of excitement and dread. After three years in the "protective custody" of the Japanese, they were excited that SOMETHING was happening, even if it turned out to be bad news. At the same time, they dreaded the possibility that it was, in truth, the bad guys headed their way with fire in their eyes and malice in their souls.

On 3 Feb., after a couple of wrong turns, the Santo Tomas column picked up a Filipino newspaperman and clandestine intelligence officer, CPT Manuel COLAYCO, who guided them straight to the main gate of the prison camp. At about nine in the evening, after a brief flurry of resistance put up the Japanese guards during which CPT COLAYCO was fatally wounded by a Japanese grenade, the 44th TK BN's Sherman "Battlin' Basic" knocked down the gate and the war was nearly over for the internees. A night of delirious happiness, a standoff and hostage crisis in one of the campus buildings, and two or three days of murderous artillery dueling followed. Only a couple of months of seem-

ingly interminable processing still stood between them and repatriation.

Two missions down, two to go.

During the day following the liberation of the Santo Tomas camp, the 37th INF fought its way into Manila from the northwest and liberated Bilibid Prison, which contained several hundred civilians who had recently been transported down from the northern mountain city of Baguio. Their removal to Manila was fortuitous, because Baguio sustained enormous damage in the months that followed Yamashita's retreat from the central plain, and wasn't liberated until April or May. Bilibid also held a number of military prisoners, some of whom had been captured in the Bataan and Corregidor fighting but were obviously too sick or wounded to participate in the Death March.

The number of freed prisoners was now above 4000.

Admiral Iwabuchi was busily destroying what he still held of the city of Manila and he was defending the area south of the Pasig River with his back to the 11th Airborne, which was moving northward against him.

The 11th ABN, however, had two other missions. Corregidor had to be taken in order to open Manila Bay to shipping, and there were still the 2500 civilians at prison the camp at Los Banos, which was at the southwest corner of Laguna de Bay, a giant lake about fifty miles south of Manila. If these prisoners were to be saved, they would have to be moved out of the camp, just as the men at Cabanatuan had been. In this case, however, the entire Japanese 8th "Tiger" Div. of Nanking, Singapore, and Burma notoriety was dug in around the east end of Tagaytay Ridge, about ten miles west of the camp, waiting for the 11th Airborne to come down the ridge to them. If any overland evacuation of the Los Banos prisoners was attempted, the Tigers could be standing right in the way.

The east shore of the lake was too far away and it was still in Japanese hands. That left only an overwater evacuation path north to American lines.

Again, on 18 Feb., another set of planners wheeled into action. With invaluable intelligence provided by Peter MILES, a recent Los Banos escapee, the planners decided that their best bet was an airborne strike with guerrilla

ground support, followed VERY closely by amphibious evacuation along the west side of the lake to friendly territory at Mamatid and thence to the new Bilibid prison at Muntinlupa. True, the prisoners would be trading one prison for another, but at least they would be in American hands--if the plan worked.

The Japanese guards in the prison camp had disappeared for a couple of days earlier in February, but they were back now, and they were not happy campers. They had evidently lost face due to their temporary disappearance, and their commander had endured a severe chewing out when his superiors found that he had left his assigned post. Anyway, he was back, with teeth-marks in his bottom and vengeance in his heart.

The American planners would try to put to use two things that they were pretty sure they knew about Japanese. First, that their actions would be influenced by conditioned response and, second, that they would adhere faithfully to an established routine.

The first--conditioned response--factor was established by having American planes always react with extreme force to any ground action exerted against them. The Japanese soon learned to leave our airplanes alone, because any resistance from the ground was immediately met by withering return fire.

The second--routine--factor had been established long since by the guards' daily schedule. Every morning the off-duty portion of the guard detachment left their weapons behind and turned out for calisthenics. For a brief period they were vulnerable.

Early in the morning of 23 February two P-61s buzzed the area, and in those days

there weren't many pieces of flying machinery that looked inherently meaner than a P-61 Black Widow. The guards, conditioned not to run for something to throw at them, ignored them and continued with their morning calisthenics

in the hope that the planes would lose interest and go away--which they did. At about 7:00 AM these night fighters were followed by nine C-47s coming in low and slow from the north, across the lake. The guards ignored them for the first few critical moments just as they had ignored the P-61s.

Suddenly, as the C-47s passed over a cleared area east of the camp at a minimum

jump altitude of 400 feet, a string of a dozen parachutes blossomed behind each of the planes. This was the signal for the guerrillas, who had crept into position during the night, to come screaming down the slopes of Mt. Makiling, firing on the guards as they came. From the minimum altitude, the jumpers hit the ground almost immediately after they left the planes and a short, violent firefight ensued during which the entire guard detachment was neutralized.

The prisoners, watching all of this in wonderment from whatever cover they could manage, became aware of increasing mechanical commotion from the direction of the lake. Strange looking contraptions labored toward the shore, rose from the water, and thundered down the central street of the camp. These were the "amtracks" of the 674th Amphibious Tractor BN that were to take the prisoners aboard and swim back to the safety of the American lines.

The prisoners were ordered into the tractors, but they were accustomed to taking orders from the Japanese, and you ALWAYS dragged your anchor when following those. The women, being women, immediately began worrying about what to pack for the trip. "A liberation? I've never BEEN to a liberation before! What DOES one wear?"

The jumpers, guerrillas, and amphib people were sweating the arrival of the Tiger Div. because they knew they going to have to make at least two trips to carry 2150 prisoners plus airborne troops. They finally decided that the only way to hurry the evacuation was to eliminate the decision-making process by torching the barracks and "coaxing" the ex-prisoners into the tractors.

Two trips north under covering fire from the .50 caliber machine guns in the ring mounts of the tractors and the final liberation was in the bag. In just over three weeks, almost seven thousand prisoners had been freed.

It is doubtful that anyone along the planning line--in his wildest imagination--would have thought that any one of the liberation missions would turn out as well as it did. For them all to work flawlessly was an outcome not to be hoped for in advance or believed in retrospect.

Yet this Month-That-Was remains lost in the fog of apathy except in the minds of those

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**Jeb Stuart**

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who participated in these raids, in the official histories of the units involved, and in the forever-grateful memories of those who benefited from the unfathomable bravery of the battle-ragged young men who snatched them from the un-hinged jaws of eternity. Too bad, really, because this is what American history is made of.

There is comfort to be had - I feel - in the fact that Jeb Stuart is probably lying there on the outskirts of Richmond with a big smile on his face.

**Silver Wings**

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ride a HARLEY! Whatever happened to our buddy CHARLIE! Mike LEARY's business is going fine! Phil ZEMKE's always wants to drop a line! PINK is still on the go! John FISKEN is probably looking at snow. Bob "227" JOHNSON is enjoying TX! If I don't stop now, Lorinda is going to kick my

**TAPS**

**WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE DEATH OF:**  
**AREGOOD, T5** Charles E., 7th Cav, 4 Jul., '95.

**BURRIS, SGT** Tom, G-5th Cav, 16 Aug., '95.

**ENGBRING, 1SGT** Raymond E., 302nd Recon Trp, 8 Jun., '95.

**EWELL, Bert P.**, HHT-5th Cav, 20 May., '95.

**HORSLEY, T5** Roy J., 8th Cav, 1 Sep., '95.

**MOLLOY, MAJ** Mike E. A., 7th Cav, 21 Jul., '95.

**PHIFER, TSGT** Dave V., A-5th Cav, 6 Feb., '95.

**SMITH, SGT** Daniel O., 12th Cav, 5 Aug., '95.

**STRATTON, WO** Grant, Hq-16th QM Sqdrn, 30 Jul., '95.

**WILSON, SGT** Eldrod, HHT-8th Cav, 3 Jul., '95.

**NEW MEMBERS LISTING**

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CPL CLARK, DONALD E. JR. HHT AVNBDE 9405

PFC CLIFFORD, RICHARD L. 12C 4612

PFC CLITES, DONALD V. E 7C 5105

2LT COFFEE, GEORGE I 82FA 9504

CPT COLLINS, BENJAMIN F. III DISC 9407

CPL COLLINS, MILTON E. C 5C 5010

MR. COLLINS, WILLIAM R. 2-9C 63

LTC CONNER THOMAS J. 3-82FA 9505

E-2 COPE, DAVID 2-82AV 9503

E-6 CORDOVA, DAGOBERTO HHB 4-5ADA 9306

CPT CORNES, ROBERT S. C 15FSB 9508

T-4 CORPUZ, GEORGE T. 1AC 48

E-5 COSBY, RALPH M. 2-12 67

E-8 COX, BRYAN HHT 1-7C 9401

E-4 CREUTZBERGER, EDWARD B. D 1-7C 4910

CPT CRUSE, JOSEPH A. 4-5ADA 9506

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PFC CZYSCON, LARRY S. C 2-5 6903

CPL DA FOE, JAMES H. A 1-7C 5012

TEC-5 DA PONTE, JOHN JR. SC 4609

MAJ DANIELSON, JAMES D. A 70TK 5106

SGT DAVIS, HAROLD K. 13SIG 5309

SFC DAVIS, JENNINGS B. B 52FA 57

SGT DAVIS, MARY J. B 1-5FSB 9307

SFC DE GARMO, JAY R. F 2-7C 5104

SGT DEMENT, BOBBIE J. D 1-8 5101

CPT DENNEY, DAVID H. C 215FSB 9501

E-6 DIAZ MARTINEZ, GILBERTO A. 68C 88

CW-3 DIBENEDETTO, STEPHEN 15MED 6604

CPT DICKINSON, GLENN K. ENGBDE 9506

PVT DOAN, LOUIE 13-7C 5105

SFC DOBY, ROBERT J. 68C 9502

MR. DODD, BOBBY AAAAAA

SGT DODD, JOHN K. AAAAAA

**BACK TO THE PHILIPPINES****IN '96**

For a variety of reasons, a 50th Anniversary tour to the Philippines was offered with a short deadline for contacting the Tour Agency. In response to repeated requests, that Agency, Murdock Travel, is offering a repeat trip back to the Philippines for POWs and their Liberators beginning on 1 February, 1996. Murdock Travel informs us that the tour, designated as the Back to '45 - POWs and LIBERATORS - Philippine Journey, will feature a visit to Manila staying at the famous Manila Hotel with city tours to Holy Ghost Convent, Malacanang Palace, Ayala Museum, Fort Santiago with Walled City Intramuros Tour and the WWII American Memorial Cemetery. February 3 will be spent at Santo Tomas. From Manila on to Corregidor with visits to Los Banos and Tagaytay Ridge. The POWs will take off a few

**16th Cav QM**

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As you know I am behind as usual, but I will get after it now and try to catch up. I sure did get a surprise when I received a phone call from Perry LUSBY (Med). He was attending the reunion in Fort Hood and wondering where all of us were. Sorry we didn't make if Perry, but I lay odds next year we will have a substantial turn out where ever it may be convened. I sure was pleased to hear from you. My good neighbor, Clyde TURNER, gave me a listing

SGT DODD, LEIGHTON B. F 2-7C 4901  
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 MSG DOYLE, HERBERT S. 17AV 6508  
 E-6 DOYLE, QUINCY M. SR. 5-C 49  
 MAJ DRAGON, RANDAL A. HHC 2-5C 9406  
 E-4 DRENSKI, GEORGE T. A 22AVN 68  
 SP-4 DREYER, CARL F. B 8ENG 6506  
 PFC DRONEBURG, JACK W. B 8C 5208  
 E-4 DUARE, CARLOS N. A 1-8C 9401  
 MR. DUFFY, JOHN J. 1-ASSOC  
 E-6 DUNCAN, JAMES B. C 91RCN 9308  
 SGT DUNLAP, DAVID W. HHC 1BDE 9411  
 CSM (RET) DUNN, MICHAEL A. B 1-21FA 6909  
 PFC EARNST, DONALD E. A 1-5C 5107  
 CW-5 EARWOOD, CHARLES M. AVNBDE 9507  
 E-9 EASTER, DARRELL D. C 2-8C 7008  
 SGT EDDY, RAY R. F 2-7C 5107  
 SGT EDWARDS, LYLE P. 270RD 49  
 SGT EDWRDS, ROBERT D. A 1-7C 5110  
 MR. ENDICOTT, JAMES A. JR. AAAAAA  
 COL ENGLE, MARSHALL G. 7C 5008  
 2LT ERDLEY, MEREDITH M. 312M 9506  
 CW-2 ERICKSON, ROBERT M. A 1-9C 6806  
 CPL ESCARSEA, ALEXANDER A 1-7C 5109  
 CPL ESSER, WILLIAM J. D 1-7C 5106  
 CPL ESSINGTON, GORDON L. D 1-8C 5301  
 CPT EWING, JAMES E. E 2-5 9502  
 SGT FALARDEAU, HOWARD G. A 8ENG 5105  
 PVT FARRELL, CHARLES E. SC 51  
 E-4 FARRIS, JASON C 1-9C 9411  
 T-4 FEINGERSH, MARTIN HQ 1C 4204

E-6 FERGUSON, HOWARD L. 2-5 69  
 SGT FERGUSON, JERRY S. D 1-5C 6909  
 PFC FIELD, ALBERT A. M 7C 5107  
 MAJ FINKE, JON E. HHC 1CDH 9408  
 MR. FIRRIOL, JOSEPH D. 1 ASSOC  
 E-9 FISHER, EARL H. A 1-8C 5002  
 SGT FISHER, JEFF E. C 4-227 9308  
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 SP-4 FLEMING, MARIE A 2-8C 7201  
 CPT FLETT, STEVEN J. HHC 9502  
 E-7 FLOHR, WILLIAM H. BHQ 1-7C 5104  
 CSM FLORES, FERNANDO Q. A 1-3C 6808  
 1LT FLOWER, LEO E. E 2-8C 9207  
 MAJ FOLEY, WILLIAM A. JR. CSC 2-7C  
 PFC FORTENBERRY, OLLIE H. A 7C 4211  
 PFC FOSTER, ROBERT M. C 8C 5101  
 CPL FRANCISCO, MORRIS C. A 1-7C 5108  
 E-4 FRATTAROLA, RONALD 6801  
 PFC FRAWLEY, EARL T. JR. E 2-7C 49  
 E-6 FRETZ, ARTHUR JR. A 1-8C 6806  
 1LT FRIEND, DANIEL C. 1 227AV 9507  
 1LT FRIEND, KATHLEEN KANE HHC 1CDH 9401  
 CPL FROST, CULLEN D. B 8C 5109  
 MAJ FULBRIGHT, DAVID E. HHC DISCOM 9507  
 CPL FULFER, JACK G. F 2-8C 50  
 T-4 FULLER, CHARLES A. 82FA  
 2LT FULMER, SCOTT C. 2-82FA 9504  
 E-4 GAFFNEY, PATRICK A. HHC 1-5C 6612  
 SGT GAGNIER, GLEN C. 1 BAND 9404  
 PVT GAIN, STEVEN D. A 2-82FA 9504  
 E-5 HAIR, KENNETH W. HHC 1BDE  
 MR. HALL, AUBRY L. 13SIG 65  
 1SG GAMBINO, JOE A 1-7C 6610

MSG GARCIA, FERNANDO L. HHC 1BDE 9301  
 E-7 GARCIA, MIKE HHC DVATY 8105  
 PVT GARRETT, JIM E. 12C 3712  
 CPL GARRIDO, JOHN E. 70TK 50  
 SGT GARRISON, JOHN 2-5C 6512  
 SGT GAST, HENRY T. 11-7C 5102  
 CPL GIBSON, JIMMY D. 1-7C 5106  
 MSG (RET) GIFFIN, ELMER D. A 1-7C 4905  
 SFC GILBERTSON, JEFF HHC 1BDH 8009  
 E-5 GILCHREST, JOSEPH L. LRRP 15MED 67  
 SPA GILLOTTI, DONALD 4C 59  
 E-5 GIORDANO, JAMES T. MED 3-215CSB 7201  
 E-5 GIST, DOUGLAS M. C 1-7C 64  
 MAJ GLANCE, JESSE W. B 1-9C 6606  
 E-4 GLESTEIN, LAWRENCE N. 371RR 6709  
 E-5 GOMEZ, CARLOS A 2-5C 6607  
 MR. GONZALES, JIMMY J. AAAAAA 6802  
 E-7(RET) GONZALES, ROY HHC 1-8C 8612  
 E-4 GOODLAND, KATHARINE HHC 115FB 9407  
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 MSG(GRET) GRIEST, GEORGE F 2-7C 4807  
 SGT GRIFFIN, JESSE L. JR. D 229AV 7201  
 PFC HACHA, THOMAS H. A 1-7C 4907  
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 CPL HAMILTON, THOMAS J. ICDH 5106

**COME TO D.C. IN 95**

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**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN D.C. IN '95**

175, Hardwick, MA 01037, PH: (413) 477-8260, an old A Trooper has been staying in touch and I sure appreciate his letters concerning his war time experiences. Sometime back, he stopped by Ft. Clark, TX, and his visit brought back memories of the 5th Cav. He was happy to find out that the restored Ft. Clark was now a museum. I hear quite often from the HQ Troop First Shirt, Jim ROBINSON. He has a small cancer behind his ear, but has concluded that drinking beer helps it a lot. He advised that Carl JOHNSON (H) former Mess SGT was not doing well at all. His address is: 2603 South Tyler St., Amarillo, TX 79109, I'm certain he would like receiving a

card from all of you. Norman GRAHAM (B), 1150 Simontown Rd., Gap, PA 17527 wrote and gave me some information that I was in need of. Frank M. SISLER (B) 438 W. Chestnut St., St. Peter, MN 56082. Drop him a note troopers, and wake him up. We have got to have a good turn out at next years reunion. He heard from Pete FRIGO's wife, and she informed him that Pete died August, 1991. Bob WISSEHR (B) also expired Feb. 19, 1995. Come on B Troopers. Lets get with the program and stay in touch. Pete, I sure do appreciate your help. Here is hoping you and yours the best, and I am sure planning on seeing a good turn out at next years gathering.

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 E-4 HANIFEN, HERB 2 20FA 69-70  
 E-6 HARGROVE, THOMAS M. C 2-12 6904  
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 LTC HEINEKEN, THOMAS K. 3BDE 9502  
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 PVT HENLEY, WILBURN E. A 1-7C 5009  
 E-4 HERNANDEZ, DAVID II 1-82FA 9410  
 SSG HERNANDEZ, JOSE B 2-5C 6605  
 E-5 HERWIG, BUTCH 2-5C 77  
 SGT HESDRA, JOHN T. E 5C 3903  
 E-6 HICKOX, RICHARD C. SR. C 228AV 6705  
 E-6 HICKS, DAVID B. A 8ENG 65-66  
 E-4 HILL, EDWARD J. HHT AVNBDE 4301  
 E-7 HILL, ROBERT L. 13SIG 6209  
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 E-5 HOBBS, ROBERT W. B 1-5C 65-66  
 E-5 HOLLOWAY, GREGORY R. A 5-7C 6803  
 E-6 HOLMES, CONNIE M. AAAAAAA  
 SGT HORAS, THOMAS B 8ENG 49  
 SP-4 HORIN, DENNIS R. C 1-12C 6704  
 T-5 HORNE, FRED 112C 45  
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## 82nd FA News



Willard Gray  
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Cannoneers,

The 48th Annual Reunion is behind us, and again I was able to attend. There were four of us in the GRAY party....Gene (wife), Jayne (daughter-in-law), Melissa (granddaughter) and myself. We started before breakfast, and about nine o'clock we were eating biscuits and gravy at the Dairy Queen in Hamlin, TX, here people involved in N.A.F.T.A. traveling on Hwy 83, will be able to see the Cav patch on Wayne HODNETT's (61st F.A.) mail box. Later, after lunch in another Dairy Queen, Jayne, our driver, brought us onto the hotel parking lot about 2:30 p.m., without getting us a ticket! This might not have been the case if I was driving as I tend to get heavy footed as the destination is approached. Registration started Wed. so when we arrived there the parking lot was wall to wall vehicles, most bearing some type of Div or Regt. insignia. License plates indicated that some vehicles had come many miles.

So, join my party and I'll walk you through the reunion as I saw it. Gene took care of the chores at the reservations desk as by this time I was visiting. Engineers, guys from the Cav Regts. and some whose units are unknown to me, but whom I've met at one or more reunions. This is the sixth or seventh reunion which has been headquarters in this facility and the routine doesn't vary much. One or more of the banquet rooms, w/removable partitions is provided as a reunion room. The walls are covered with flags and banners of various chapters.



61FA L-R: Jim MARKS, Korea; Bob STARK, WWII; and LT DOTY, WWII.

Tables are along one wall and have Manilla folders with names of all units on them. Attendees make their way here to sign in and to see who got there before them. Nineteen signed in before me, twelve after. Their service years reached from 1936 to 1966. They are in the order in which they registered; LTC Robert F. SCOTT, C-Btry, 43; Robert SULLIVAN, A-Btry, 43-45; Jim W. HARN, A-Btry, 48-52; Bobby SKIDMORE, A-Btry, 51; John E. SMITH, E-Btry, 38; Joseph YEACKLE, HQ Btry, 42-45; Billy BLACKWELL, E-Btry, 65-66; Bob STARKS, E-Btry, 36-41; DM. SMITH, B-82, 40-43; Robert NELSON, Ser. Btry, 46-47; Royce GAGE, Ser. Btry, 46-47; Charles FULLER, Ser. Btry, 46-48; Jim PRAPPAS, Ser. Btry, 46-48; Bill STREPPONE, Ser. Btry, 46-48; John FOLTZ, Ser. Btry, 46-48; Linord D. SIMPSON, A-Btry, 39-45; Howard ESPEY, A-Btry, 41-45; Robert DRYER, E-Btry, 36-39; Willard GRAY, B-Btry, 41-45; John KUSSWITT, Ser. Btry, 45-47; Jim Stewart, A-Btry, 48-51; Robin ROMINGER, A-Btry, 42-45; Robert HILL, A-82nd, 41-45; Robert WILLIAMS, A and HQ Btry, 41-45; J. Pat HENRY, A-Btry, 41-45; LaClair A MELHOUSE, A and HQ, 42-45; Ben PRICE, B-82nd, 43-45; Jim FARQUHARSON, B-82, 43-45; Harold ROETTGER, 82nd C-Btry, 42-45; Frank CUMMINS, A-Btry, 39-45; Dan ANTONIGTTI, Ser. Btry, 46-47; Only the above signed in but I saw others. Just outside the reunion room, tables were manned by reunion officials where we picked up our tickets for events that we wanted to take part in. Besides the ice breaker, I had tickets for the regimental breakfast and open house. We Arty. people had breakfast in 3/82 Arty. dining facility...a dining facility is not to be confused with a mess hall. Here we were asked what we would like then watched them prepare it and it was good. 1SG SKIDMORE said that it



82FA COL Ben PRICE and wife.

was the best food that had come his way all week. After breakfast the Div Arty. CSM took us on a tour of Div Arty HQ. Then at Howze theater the Cmnd. Gen. gave us a state of the Div report. The only downer in the above is that the Army still gets up early! We felt bad eating after sunrise while troops outside were doing their thing after running several miles. Next came luncheons for Vietnam Vets, Korean Vets, and WWII Vets....The last was the one that I had tickets to. Looking over the crowd reminded me of family night at WWI American Legion meeting when I first came home. Guys, WWII people are growing old. The conversation was good, speeches good (brief). We had five former internees from Santa Tomas as guest, and the 40th Tank Bn, which was with the Cav on the Flying Column and who crashed the gates for the internee rescue had representatives with us. (Thinking about it later, if anyone was in disagreement with Mr. TRUMAN'S actions Re: the bomb, they didn't make their differences known). We next observed the Div Retreat ceremony at Cooper Field---very impressive with the band, Regimental Colors, Battle Streamers, and this was followed by a charge of the Horse Platoon. This alone is payment for standing out in the sun. The Assn. President COL (Ret) Ernest TERRELL told us that the Horse Platoon had been invited, and had accepted space in the Rose Bowl Parade....so mark your calendar for this event. Next was a BBQ dinner followed by a historic tableau which I might describe as the evolution of the Cavalryman...his dress, talk, and implements of armor from Civil War days to present. There was time between these events to return to the hotel to freshen up, and to revisit the reunion room, the souvenir shop, the TV room, ect. LTG Hal MOORE and Joe GALLOWS were autographing copies of "We Were Soldiers Once and Young". People who have read this and know about such matters have said this is the best account of infantry fighting in print. Some of the guys in my son's National

Guard Unit wanted autographed copies...may be that the General had writers cramps when he had signed all my copies. Read this book fellows, people fifty years removed from this sort of thing can rifle the pages and smell cordite.

The last two events I had tickets to were: Unit lunch, Div Arty. and the Award Banquet. The unit lunches are too big for one hotel and the other hotels along Hwy 190 come into play. The Arty. was hosted by Park Inn. COL TERRELL who has been a worker in upgrading the things pertaining to Arty said "That this was the biggest and bestest yet". I agree. I agree. The main speaker was MG CASEY who had nice things to say about 'Cannon Cockers'. People from different Regts. of Bn introduced themselves. Several members of the 30th Arty, a Div Unit in Vietnam were present and said we should expect them at future reunions. This announcement drew applause. A-Btry 82nd WWII had three officers who had commanded the Btry. Two Chiefs of Section and the 1SG finished filling the table. Over a dozen people were in our corner who knew each other fifty years ago. A lot of

pictures were taken, addressed exchanged, and MAJ HENRY put the bite on the 82nd guys for my postage fund...collected about \$140.00. Thanks guys! MAJ HENRY would like some of the photos taken. Send to me and I'll censor and pass them on. The Awards Banquet was held in the Belton Expo Center. This facility is a few miles towards Temple from Ft. Hood, and it's huge. There have been times when we were on one side and a rodeo on the other. The guest speaker was GEN John H. TILELLI, the Forscom Cmdr. During Desert Storm GEN TILELLI, then a BG commanded the Cav Div. More visiting and picture taking. The Granddaughter had a date with the school house Monday so we didn't stay for Memorial Service. She was willing to stay a while longer--by this time she had met some nice young people from Orlando and Birmingham. Maybe next issue we can get a guest columnist to write about the reunion room...COL FARQUHARSON, MAJ HENRY, MG MELHOUSE, Joe YEACKLE, SGT CUMMINS (1st reunion) stayed until closing time.

GRAY



82 FA WWII Standing L-R: SIMPSON, GRAY, WILLIAMS, SULLIVAN and HILL; and seated L-R: ROETTGER, YEACKLE, AND ESPEY.



82 FA 1SG Jim STEWART and wife.

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A. HUMES, PFC Richard JAHNKE, PVT Herbert R. MCKENZIE, PVT Milton J. MLASKAC, PVT Houston MONTFORT, PVT Melvin W. MORDEN, 2LT Cecil NEWMAN Jr., PVT Robert J. OBIEN, PFC Brook T. POWELL, PVT Bruce A.

REAMS, CPL Ernest REGNEY Jr., PFC Walter SCHUMAN, PVT George SEMOSKY Jr., PFC John W. SIMMONS, CPL Glen L. TANGMAN, PFC Tony TAVARES, PVT William D. TRAMMEL, CPL William W. WILLIAMS, CPL Siegfried S. ZIMNIUCH.

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vision to those of our ranks who have fallen in battle. We record their names here as a perpetual roll call in honor of their selfless sacrifice. We, your comrades in arms, salute you and rededicate ourselves to the principles of duty, honor, and country for which you gave the last full measure of devotion. We therefore present this memorial to you the living troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division to remember what they lived for and what they thought worth dying for—to remind you that others have committed themselves as you have committed yourselves to go into harm's way in defense of the principles which continue to make this country a great nation—to motivate you to carry on the task of defending freedom—and as a re-

minder, from those who served, to continue to Live the Legend." General LAPORTE accepted the memorial with a promise to maintain the high level of training and preparation for deployment for which the Division has become noted.

A video tape of the dedication ceremony is available from the Association Headquarters at a cost of \$15 per copy, postpaid.

The bronze plaques are the result of a two year effort to memorialize the honored dead of the First Team. Originally Sherman P. HAIGHT, Jr., then Executive Trustee of the Foundation and now a member of the Association Board of Governors, suggested that the memorialization take the form of regimental alcoves in the 1st Cavalry Division Museum at Ft. Hood. A committee, chaired by COL (R) John T.

HODES, was formed to study the feasibility of such a project. A search for a listing of the war dead led to the National Archives which furnished magnetic tapes of Korean War and Vietnam War casualties and a printout of World War II casualties. Since the casualty listings did not identify assignment lower than Division level a Regimental breakout was not practical. A number of alternative formats were considered and rejected, and finally the committee recommended and the Board of Governors concurred in the bronze plaques which now line the walls of the chapel—simply the names of each of the Division's War Dead listed in alphabetical order by war era as obtained from the casualty lists maintained in the National Archives in Washington D.C.

Along with the contract for

bronze plaques the book idea was pursued further to determine if the casualty lists could be sorted by war era and produced at a nominal cost. With the data already organized for the plaques, four separate Books of Honor, one for each war, listing the names of the war dead and a short historical foreword were published and sold at the reunion. Additional Books of Honor can be ordered from the Crossed Sabers Souvenir Shop, P.O. Box 5774, Ft. Hood, TX 76545, \$10 for WWII, \$15 for Korea, \$20 for Vietnam, and \$5 for Desert Storm. All prices are postpaid.

Also at the urging of Sherman HAIGHT, Honor Scrolls—each listing one of the names on the bronze plaques—were presented to reunion attendees who had requested them and who attended one of the Unit

Luncheons on Saturday, 12 August. Additional scrolls can be requested from the Association Headquarters at a cost of \$1 each. Any profits from the sale of video tapes, Books of Honor and the Honor Scrolls will be used to defer the cost of the memorial plaques.

The President of the Association has appointed a Special Memorial Committee chaired by Sherman HAIGHT and charged with the responsibility for locating as many as possible of the next of kin of the soldiers whose names are listed on the memorial plaques and informing them of the existence of the memorial. If you can assist the committee in accomplishing its mission, contact Sherman at 32 Chestnut Hill, Litchfield, CT 06759, (203) 567-4045.

**WANTED**

If you know or have information about any of the following, please communicate with the contact listed.

**BROCK**, 1st Larry D., D-1/5 CAV, KIA Apr 69 near Tay Ninh. Best friend is looking for information and/or photos. Contact Phil Pounds, 4905 Copperbend Blvd., Austin, TX 78744, (512) 443-7613.

**FUITEN**, 1LT James, G-Trp 12th CAV, Admiralties, Leyte and Luzon, wants to hear from anyone in the unit. Contact his son, Steven FUITEN, 2459 S.E.T.V. Hwy #305, Hillsboro, OR 97123, STEVE1255@AOL.COM.

**JENKINS**, Bobby, Co. L 7th CAV, Japan, 1954-55. Contact James D. HALL, 389 Twp. Road 791, Sullivan, OH 44880.

**NELSON**, Wally and/or **ROBINSON**, Ellis D., E Co 5th Cav,

stationed in Chitose with Manuel (Babe) MONIZ. Contact Marjorie Moniz, 25 Barker Ave, Warren, RI 02885.

**NEW**, SFC Wilmer (Charlie), 545th MP Co, 1946-50 in Japan. Contact William J. McMULLEN, 345 Anderson Ave, Milford, CT 06460-7002, (203) 874-2053.

**MATHIS**, 1LT James T (MaGoo), C-2/19 FA, FO for B-1/5 CAV 1970-71, and/or **REED** (REID, READ), Don or Donald, RTO for 1LT MATHIS, C-2/19 FA, 1970-71.

Contact LTC Hugh F. FOSTER III, 821 Dunbar Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013-1715, (717) 249-6219.

**POWELL**, Phillip, Wounded enroute to Australia in Jun 1943. Contact Howard H. WISSMILLER, 3051 E. Wissmiller Rd., Mikado, MI 48745-9772.

**AUSTRALIA SERVICE IN WWII**. SGM Fay RANDALL is looking for anyone who served with the 1st CAV Div in Australia to accompany him to Port Stephen in 1966 to attend dedication of a memorial to the U.S. Forces who trained there. Contact him at 10335 Sageplum Dr., Houston, TX 77089.

11th Air Assault Division and 1st Cav Division (Airborne) patches. Contact Marlin K. STUMBO, 1475 Bristol Pike, Lot 22, Morrisville, PA 19067, (215) 943-7723.

**CH47 CRASH, 25 JUL 66 NEAR PLEIKU**. PFC Elmer G. PRATT, D-1/9 Cav, won Soldiers Medal rescuing 5 persons from a burning Medevac Hook which crashed 300 m from his unit. Critical that he locate these 5 persons. Anyone with info about crash or the 5 persons contact Lynne Atkinson, 609 B St., Petaluma, CA 94952, (707) 762-4985.

**SCRAPPY WHITE** calling all who served in 2/8 Cav (Korea). Contact Joe Christopher, 210 N. Citadel Ave., Tucson, AZ 85748, (520) 885-0673.

**VIETNAM MEMORABILIA**, Letters, Diaries/Journals, Scrapbooks, etc. Contact Ernest QUINN, 99 Walden Ct. Chickamauga, GA 30704, (706) 539-2147.

**NEW MEMBERS LISTING**  
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MAJ HOY, JAMES R. JR. HHC 1CDH 9507  
 CPT HUBER, WILLIAM P. HHC 1CDH 9506  
 SFC HUBLER, IRVIN C. 1-9C 6707  
 SGT HULETT, GARY G. 11PAT 6605  
 E-8 HUME, MICHAEL E. HHT AVNBDE 9302  
 CPL HUNTER, MARK G. 44TK 4410  
 E-4 HUSSEY, LEON T. D 2-5C 67  
 CPL HUTCHINS, CHARLES A. 11-7C 4908  
 CPL HYANES, WALTER L. F 2-7C 5008  
 E-3 HYNEK, EMIL D 1-7C 5110  
 INDIANA VETERANS HOME 1-ASSOC  
 2-LT ISENBERY, EARL M. 2-82FA  
 PFC ZETT, JOHN P. C 99FA 5109  
 MAJ JACKSON, DONALD HHC 1CDH  
 MAJ JACKSON, JERRY D. B 228AV 68  
 CPT JAUCH, CHRIS AAAAAA  
 E-2 JENKINS, CHARLES JR. B 2-12C  
 E-4 JENKINS, RODERICK D. HHC DISC 9302  
 SP-5 JOHNSON, JAMES A. 3-1C 7004  
 CSM JOHNSON, LARRY HHC 312MI 9508  
 GS-13 JOHNSON, MICHAEL R. 1-LAO 9303  
 E-7 JONES, JOHN P. C 15FSB 9308  
 SGT JONES, PAUL R. SC 48  
 CW-2(RET) JONES, ROBERT M. H 2-8C 4809  
 LTC JONES, ROGER W. HHC 1CDH  
 E-4 JOSEPH, ALEX 68CHE 9307  
 CPL JUSTICE, WILLIAM D. C SC  
 E-5 KARLIN, MICHAEL 15ADM 6808  
 CPL KARS, EGBERT G 2-7C 48  
 MR. KECK, C. ALLAN B 1-7C 5108  
 MAJ KEEFER, SANDY HHC 1CDH 9506  
 PV2 KEEGAN, THOMAS F. HHC 1BDE 9410  
 LTC KEHRER, ROGER L. 2-12C 6701  
 SP-5 KENDALL, WILLIAM D. 372RK 6708  
 E-5 KENT, LAWRENCE 15ADM 5711  
 CW-3 KETZ, FREDRICK W. 229AV 6806  
 SGT KEY, HOWARD A. JR. E 2-8C 4909  
 SGM KHAN, HENRY A. AAAAAA 6908  
 E-3 KIEFFER, SHAWN A. 68CHE 9401  
 SG KIMBLE, DEWAYNE A. 1-82FA 9501  
 CPT KIMZEY, KEVIN 2-5C 8706  
 SGT KING, GALE N. K 7C 9203  
 SGT KINSLEY, ARTHUR F. D 8ENG 5103  
 CW-2 KLEIN, SAMUEL R. 1-227AV 9312  
 CPL KLEIN, WALLY A 1-7C 5008  
 PFC KOBARA, KEN C 1-7C 5110  
 SFC KOFFSKI, JOHN H. L 7C 5110  
 BG KONITZER, TOM B 2-20ARA 69  
 SP-5 KREIGER, THOMAS 1-7C 6607  
 SGM KRETZER, SAMUEL H. A 15SS 6508  
 SFC KRZEWINSKI, ERVIN W. 8ENG 47  
 SGT KUCZA, JOSEPH B. D 1-27AV 8912  
 LTC KUHR, GREGORY S. BENG 9506  
 1SG(RET) LABORDE, HAROLD J. C 1-12C 61  
 CW-2 LACKEY, GARY C 2-20ARA 6801  
 E-3 LACY, FREDRICK O. 1-68CHE 9312  
 CW-2 LAIRD, KEVIN R. 1CDH 93  
 E-8(RET) LAMB, GALE 2-20ARA 66  
 CPL LAMPSON, BILL E 2-7C 5012  
 E-6 LANDIS, TOM A 1-30FA 7006  
 PFC LANGAN, DANIEL C 12MED 4410  
 COL LANGFORD, OLLIE L. 1-21FA 6507  
 2LT LAST, JON A. C 1-8C 9505  
 PFC LAUBSCHER, ROBERT E. 82FA 4701  
 SGT LEAVITT, CHARLES E 7C 4812  
 SP-4 LEBLANC, ROBERT J. 11GSC 65  
 PFC LECHMAN, JOSEPH J. 61FA 5406  
 SGT LECHNER, GEORGE J. 2-7C 5103  
 SGT LEDOUX, JOSEPH J. HHC 1BDE  
 E-4 LEE, BRIDGET M. F 227AV 9202  
 CW-2 LEE, JEFFREY M. A 1-227AV  
 PFC LEE, ROBERT E. G 2-8C 48  
 LTC(RET) LEHMANN, DOUGLASK. BENG 6110  
 SFC LESICKO, ANTON D 1-7C 48-51  
 1-LT LESTER, H. RUSSELL JR. C 99FA 5207  
 E-6 LEWIS, FRED B. JR. B 1-9C 7309  
 LTC LEWIS, HAROLD E. SR. K 3-7C 5010  
 SP-4 LEWIS, MICHAEL W. 1-5C 7410  
 SSG LEWIS, SAMUEL T. 68CHE 9503  
 CSM LIBERAT, DAVID J. 1-5C 9301  
 SGT LICKER, EUGENE S. E 1-5C 5309  
 MR. LITVIAK, WILLIAM M. C 5-7C  
 SGT LOCHRAN, BILLY J. AAAAAA 9105  
 SP-4 LOGAN, DEWAYNE D 2-8C 6904  
 CPT LONG, JOHN W. A 1-5C 91  
 E-5 LORENZ, ROBERT E. 1-7C 70  
 SSG LOWER, DORSEL B 82FA 4101  
 SP-4 LUEMEN, RICHARD A. C 1-9C 6609  
 1LT LUSSENDER, DONALD A. F 2-7C 5109  
 CPL LUTEY, RICHARD J. SR. E 7C 4807  
 PFC LYNN, G. CRAINE. ICDH 4610  
 MR. MACWHINNEY, BRUCE HHC 2-5C 8110  
 BG MADORA, A. J. 1-21FA 7012  
 E-8 MAIER, RICHARD A. C 4-SADA 9402

SP-4 MALOFF, DONALD 1-5C 6111  
 MR. MARCO, AM SERENO 1-ASSOC  
 SP-4 MARSHALL, PETER B. ASSOC 5406  
 SP-4 MARSHALL, SAMMY A. BAND 1CDH 9402  
 SFC MARTIN, BOBBY J. D 8C 5010  
 CPT (RET) MARTIN, EDWARD F. JR. 7C 45  
 SFC MARTIN, JERRY L. SR. DVATY  
 SFC MARTINEZ, JOE C. B 99FA 5012  
 CPT MARTINEZ, GEORGE C. HHC DISCOM 9505  
 SGT MASTERSON, THOMAS F. 2-8C 4212  
 1LT MATTHEWS, BEN F. E 2-7 5101  
 MR. MAURIZIO, MILANO 1-ASSOC  
 E-7 MC CABE, ANTHONY A. C 2-12C 6811  
 SGT MC CARTHY, JAMES B 2-8C 68  
 E-5 MC CLURE, THOMAS H. 320RD 6103  
 E-5 MC CRANIE, TOMMY C 1-12C 6703  
 1SG MC KINNEY, JERRY L 7C 50  
 CPL MC MILLAN, WILLIAM I. F 13SIG 51-52  
 LTC MCCULLY, MELITA 13SIG 9505  
 LTC (RET) MC LAUGHLIN, GARY F. 2-20ARA  
 CPL MEDLOCK, W. HAROLD C 5C 51  
 MAJ MEGINA, JOHN J. HHC 1CDH 9507  
 MSG MENDEZ, ANTONIO B 2-8C 6807  
 SFC MENDOZA, HARRY N. 2-8C 51  
 SGT MEREDITH, WILLIAM B. 574ENG 5208  
 SGT MEYERS, RAYMOND F. D 1-5C 6608  
 MR. MILLER, EARL G. 68  
 CPL MILLER, EUWIN H. JR. C 1-7C  
 SGT MILLER, JACKIE P. B 1-61FA 49  
 PFC MILLIKEN, WILLIAM J. 1-8C 4701  
 E-7 MILTEER, ANDRE V. BAND 1CDH 80  
 E-7 (RET) MITCHELL, PHILLIP J. A 11AA 6312  
 MS. MONIZ, MARJORIE AAAAAA  
 CPL MONROE, GENE S. SR. A 1-7C 5007  
 E-4 MOORE, ARTHUR L. D 1-9C 6607  
 SFC MOORE, RICHARD W. C 8C 5107  
 MR. MOORE, ROBERT L. AAAAAA 4911  
 E-4 MORIN, DANIEL AAAAAA 9407  
 E-5 MOSS, CHARLES M. JR. B 3-82FA 9403  
 SGT MOUZAKIOTIS, GEORGE N. M 3-7C 5105  
 CW-3 MULDER, KARL M. A 15TC 6707  
 SGT MULLEN, FRANCIS J. 2-8C 4503  
 PFC MULLER, WILFORD F. B 7C 5108  
 CPL MURTHA, DONALD G. F 2-7C 5106  
 E-5 NASH, WAYNE E. 545MP 8804  
 E-5 NEVENHOVEN, MERLE J. K 3-5C 5109  
 1LT NICHOLSON, JOHN R. A 2-19FA 7008  
 E-8 NOVRESKIE, ALLEN D. HHC 1-12C 9307  
 E-4 NOWLAN, PHILIP A. B 5-7 68  
 CPT O' KELLY, SHANE M. HHC 3BDE 95  
 PFC O'BRIAN, JOSEPH T. M 3-7C 5008  
 SFC O'BRIEN, JOHN IAC 68  
 SGT O'BRIEN, WILBUR D 1-7C 9105  
 SFC OAKS, ROBERT A 1-7C 4904  
 PFC ODEGAARD, CLAYTON T. M 7C 5108  
 COL ODIERNO, RAYMOND T. DVATY 9506  
 T-5 OLEARY, JOHN M. D 1-5C 4601  
 SGM OLSON, DALLAS D. HHC 1CDH 9301  
 E-7 ORR, VERNON E. HQ 61  
 CPT PACKER, GREGORY W. SR. 4-227AV 9111  
 PFC PALMER, CHESTER W. B 5C 5106  
 E-4 PAPALEO, VINCENT J. 1-12C 79  
 E-4 PAROW, FREDERICK B. F 227AV 9412  
 E-4 PARTINGTON, RICHARD 15SS 6310  
 COL PATTERSON, KENNETH M. C 12-12 73  
 E-5 PAYNE, CEDRIC D. 1-5C 92  
 CPT PAYNE, LARRY E. C 2-20ARA 6606  
 E-4 PELLETT, ALBERT L. C 1-7C 6603  
 E-4 PENDERGRAS, STEVE 371RR 6802  
 SFC PENNEPACER, LEON S. K 3-7C 5007  
 1LT PERKINS, LLOYD G. C 1-7C 5105  
 E-5 PESINA, FERNANDO JR. HHC 1BDE 9206  
 SP-5 PESKEY, ROBERT L. B 27MNT 6305  
 E-4 PHILLIPS, JOHNNIE LESLIE 1-82FA 7908  
 PFC PHIPPEN, LOREN D. L 2-7C 5106  
 ISG PHIPPS, MARLON B. AAAAAA 91  
 E-4 PLEMENS, MICHAEL LEE C 1-5C 8910  
 MR. POWELL, JOHN H. B 1-12C 6803  
 SGM PRATT, LARRY C 1-9C 62  
 MR. PRATT, MICHAEL W. 8ENG 9306  
 PFC PRENTICE, LISA HQ 1  
 C-8 PURNELL, BRUCE E. E 1-7FA 8109  
 T-4 PYLE, GRADY B. 1 SIG 4212  
 E-5 RABB, MICHAEL D. ICDH 9412  
 LTC RACKLEY, DUANE 2-7C 95  
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 SGT RAUCH, RICHARD D. A 1-7C 5202  
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 E-5 REAVES, BRADLEY JR. B 2-7C 6802  
 CPT REESE, JAMES P. 2-5C 9504  
 E-6 REESE, JERRY DAYLE B 1-12AB 65  
 E-7 REINDELL, RICHARD L. B 77FA 4907  
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not present to witness Larry's ability. Since they live close to Ft. Lewis, Larry can always take Maxine there to put on a demonstration for her. We do have pictures to show Maxine. I might add the training NCO was reluctant to let Peter and Larry participate but CPT MARTIN gave the approval. I wonder, did the NCO not want his young troopers to be shown up by the SKYBEAVER era Troopers? Terrific job by both of you men.

Sandie HINTON assisted in setting up the banquet and collecting the funds for covering all the functions. As you know we did run into some unexpected funding problems. I do apologize for the confusion. This being the first reunion I believe we did very well and will do better at the next reunion. We all thank you Sandie.

COL Edwin TOWNSLEY and wife Jan from VA were in attendance. COL TOWNSLEY was the Bn. Cmdr 1967-68 in Vietnam. Everyone was pleased with having COL TOWNSLEY to join our Assn. It would seem that everyone had suddenly remembered what a terrific person and Cmdr. he was. Everyone expressed how wonderful Jan TOWNSLEY is. This was their first reunion and I truly believe they enjoyed themselves.

COL Thomas B. RETH and wife Chris from VA were in attendance. COL RETH commanded Co. A in Vietnam 1971. This was the first reunion for Tom and Chris and I believe they enjoyed themselves. Tom is very knowledgeable on the new engineer equipment.

Lloyd SAATHOFF and wife Rachel of IL were in atten-

dance. Lloyd served with Co. "B" in Korea. We all listened very attentively when Lloyd spoke of his experiences. He is very proud to have served in the 8th Eng. and the Div. At the banquet, LTC BEST stated because of the effectiveness of the mine field record made by Lloyd during the Korean War, his troops had very little difficulty in clearing the minefield after the war. This was their first reunion of many more to come. Lloyd and Rachel wrote and sent some pictures of the reunion at Ft. Leonard Wood. I thank both of them for the pictures and information in their letter. I will not be able to publish them until the next issue of the Saber because of space constraints.

We were joined by Robert and Carlene SCHULTZ of NV. Robert served with the 8th Eng. from 1940-46. Now that is what I call dedication. Bob is very proud to say that he served in the 8th Eng. Squadron. It gives us all great pleasure just knowing this couple is part of our Assn. Dee and I have had the opportunity to visit with Bob and Carlene while we were in NV.

Melvin SCHIELD and wife Mary were also present at the 8th Eng. Reunion and Memorial Plaque dedication. Melvin served with Co. "B" in Korea 1951-52. I have enclosed before and after pictures. All I can say to Mary is: THANKS for all the help in organizing the Reunion. During our elections of officers, Melvin was elected Treasurer.

John HUDACHEK, son of Bill and Becky HUDACHEK received a Beaver from our Assn. (See Photo). John was very pleased to be at the reunion and we were all very pleased to have met him. Karen, Debbie and Suzie HUDACHEK were there too.

These young women and young man were well mannered and mature and took an interest in everything and everybody. John and Becky can truly be proud of their children.

COL Hans VAN WINKLE and wife Debra of MO were in attendance. COL VAN WINKLE was the Bn. Cmdr. 1990-91. He led the Bn. through the Iraq War. We were glad to have COL VAN WINKLE and wife Debra to attend another reunion. They are currently living at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

LTC Louis R. BEST and wife were in attendance. The BEST family is now stationed at FT. Leonard Woo., LTC BEST is Cmdr. of a training Bn. He served as Executive Officer of the 8th Eng. Bn. while in Iraq. LTC BEST and wife, Shirley have been big supporters since we began forming the 8th Eng. Assn.

CSM Harold BAXTER of MO was in attendance. CSM BAXTER was very instrumental in getting our memorial dedication off to a good start and was there for us when we needed him the most. CSM BAXTER is the Engineer SGM at Ft. Leonard Wood. I believe he served two tours with the 8th Eng. Bn.

Maynard BERNARD of SD who served in the Korean War joined us for the first time at the reunion. He is very informative and we all enjoyed him very much. Maynard had a friend who attended the reunion with him, however, I have lost the name. Please send me his name again Maynard.

Anthony VILLANUEVA of CA was with us at Ft. Leonard Wood. We are always glad to have Anthony to be with us. He was one of the first to want to start our Assn. He has been a big supporter since the very beginning at Columbus, GA 1990.

All of these people--members, wives, and families--are tremendous assets to the 8th Eng. Assn. They pitched right in and provided the assistance needed to make the reunion and memorial dedication the success that it was. Each is a terrific person who fits right in with our group--dedicated to our Assn., friendly and courteous and knowledgeable of our history and traditions. We enjoyed having them at the Reunion with us and look forward to seeing them all at the next Reunion.

The following information was submitted by Melvin SCHIELD reporting on his trip to Washington, DC for the

Korean War Memorial dedication.

Korean War Memorial Dedication--Military personnel of the Korean War have finally been recognized! Those who left their home and loved ones to go to a foreign land and contain the spreading of communism, those who were able to return unscathed, those who suffered injury, those who were P.O.W.'s, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those still unaccounted for. We now have our Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC to honor all these veterans.

The events both in and outside the tent city were impressive and the attendance was overwhelming, considering the tremendous heat and high humidity. However, the organization was well aware of this and had plenty of small water bottles during the entire week to keep heat exhaustion victims to a minimum.

All nations which participated in the Korean War were represented, but the Korean Government went all out in sending its top military drill teams and civilian groups. The children's choir was very heartwarming to watch and listen to. These people really have shown us how much they appreciate what has been done for them.

The 8th Eng. Combat Bn. was well represented under the 1st Cav Div Color Guard both during the muster ceremony and at the parade.

Melvin spent his first day in Washington visiting the hospitality room of the 1st Cav at the Hyatt Hotel. Our 1st Cav Div Assn. President Ernest P. TERRELL, Jr. brought a couple in which he had met in the lobby. This couple was

looking for Melvin who immediately recognized Leo BEVELAQUA whom he had not seen since 1951. Leo and Melvin had initially met in Co "B" 8th Eng. Combat Bn. in Korea, 1951. They developed an unbelievable bond and seemed to be able to read each other and would always try to go on patrols together. Leo and Melvin were on a patrol together with the Greek Forces and some tanks, when while removing mines, one of them exploded leaving Leo deaf.

Melvin, Leo and his wife Rita spent the next two days attending the various activities and taking in most of the displays in the tent city. They were able to attend the Korean Memorial Ceremony and after getting through the security check system, were seated on the fifth row from the front of the stage where President Bill CLINTON, Vice President Al GORE, South Korea President Kim YOUNG and a host of other dignitaries were seated. Melvin added that the security was extremely heavy at that time. The ceremony was beautiful and the memorial is one that everyone will have to see. The night scene with lighting is just spectacular.

Another highlight was the parade on Sat. and being with the 1st Cav Div. The 8th Eng.'s Colors were on loan from Ft. Hood and carried by W.D. HUNGERFORD of FL. Since we were one of the first units it enabled us to see the parade in its entirety after we finished. The crowd greeted us with enthusiasm, cheers and clapping and it made you feel so proud knowing that what you had done many years ago, was finally recognized by

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John HUDACHEK receiving a Beaver from Gary L. ULLOM



Melvin R. SCHIELD in Washington, DC at the dedication of Korean War Memorial.

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Melvin would like to thank George ROGERS, Jr. of Springfield, VA, the host of the hospitality room for a job well done and appreciated by all who came by.

The following was also reported by Melvin on the 1st Cav Div reunion in Killeen, TX.

At the 1st Cav Div Memorial Chapel on Thur., the dedication of memorial plaques honoring those who gave their lives while serving in combat with the First Team was held.

During the ceremony I was seated near the beginning of the Vietnam Plaques. As I glanced over the plaques I noticed LTC Andre G. BROUMUS's name. LTC BROUMUS was the only Bn. Cmdr. of the 8th to pay the supreme sacrifice during the Vietnam war. After the ceremony I went over and was looking at the Korean veterans plaques when the Killeen Daily Herald reporter interviewed me regarding my Korean ex-

periences.

On Fri. was breakfast at the 8th Eng. Bn. with COL MADDOX and LTC KUHR, COL MADDOX is the ENG Bde. Cmdr. and LTC KUHR is the Eng. Bn. Cmdr. LTC KUHR is very supportive of our 8th Eng. Assn. It is really great to have him on board. In attendance at the breakfast were John LOHNE, Larry and Maxine GREIDANUS, Ernest and Billie LAMMERS, Melvin and Mary SCHIELD.

After breakfast a tour of the living quarters of the modern day soldier was conducted. This tour was most impressive. This was followed by a video which again was most impressive. Tours were also conducted of tank and Bradley GUNNERY and the museum. On Sat. a luncheon was conducted with COL MADDOX and LTC KUHR, COL MADDOX and LTC KUHR gave a presentation on the current make up of the Eng. Brigade and Bn. under their command. Those in attendance were MAJ WINZLER, along with his parents from Reno, NV, Ret.

COL WINZLER and his wife, Ernest LAMMERS, Maxine and Larry GREIDANUS, T.E. RIGOR and son Don, W.D. HUNGERFORD and wife Lois, Melvin and Mary SCHIELD and Preston HINTON.

The following 8th Eng.'s were in attendance for the 48th Annual 1st Cav Div Reunion: Larry and Maxine GREIDANUS of Washington, HHC, 68-69, James O. BIERWITH of MS, Btroop 48, Ted MUND of TX, Co "A" 40-45, Mel ALLEN of CA, Co "C" 65-66, Kenneth M. SMITH of MI, Truman E. RIGOR of IL, Troop "A" 43-45, W. D. HUNGERFORD and wife Lois of FL, 50-51, Hiram YARBROUGH of WA, 33-39, John STERBOINSKY of NJ, H/S Troop 42-45, Joseph F. AIELLO and Wife Rose of FL, Troop "A", 42-45, Bud DAVIS of WA, Co "C" 65-66, Melvin SHIELD and wife Mary of TX, Korea 50-51, COL John L. MOMEIER of TX, HHC Bn. 67-68 and 72-74, Henry P. HINTON of AL, HHC 68-69, John LOHNE of MO, HHC 66-67 and 69-71, Richard WILLIAMSON and wife of FL, 59-60, Ernest and wife Billie LAMMERS of MR, Co "C" 70-71, Wilbur G. FLOES and wife, Shirley of CA, Co "C" 68-69, MAJ Michael WINZLER of TX, currently Bn. S-3, Robert O. SCHUG and wife, Virginia of FL, Troop "B" 45-46, and LTC (Ret) Everett Alan SMITH of TX, Bn 57. If I have missed someone or I do not have the name of your

family members and/or friends please notify me.

I would like to thank Melvin for a very informative letter. He did a superb job of reporting. I was hoping to hear from a few more Korean Veterans prior to the issue. All received will be published in the next Saber.

The following persons have been found since the last issue: Arthur T. BOOKER Jr. of PA, Co "B" 56-66, who deployed to Vietnam with the first group from Ft. Benning. Art says he has been unable to find anyone from the 8th Eng. Bn. I told him he can't say that now because overnight he has found over eight hundred, twenty of whom he served with in Vietnam. He was very surprised that anyone was looking for him. Arthur said to tell all "Welcome Home". He is looking forward to seeing some of his comrades. We also found Matthew L. WATSON in CO, who deployed and served in Co "B" 65-66. Others from Co "B" have been looking for Matthew. Also found is Merle V. BERGLOF of MI. Merle too deployed with Co "B" to Vietnam in 65-66.

I am again told that some people feel we do not write enough about WWII, Korea and peacetime era 8th Eng. vets and events. As I said before, I need input from those of you who served in WWII, Korea, Desert Storm and peacetime. A few of you have responded. I will again request input on current activities from LTC KUHR. I

believe we will get a response from him. Each active duty member and veteran of service with the 8th Eng. Bn. is invited to provide input for this column. If you do not submit then you should not complain about the content of the column.

We have been getting great comments on the shirt that was designed for the dedication of the 8th Eng. Memorial Plaque. Everyone seems to like it. Some have called and ordered more for friends and family members. There was a comment that shirts were only available to those who could afford them. This is not true. Everyone that we are aware of that could not afford one or who has had some medical expenses were given a shirt free of charge every year. Each year some of us donate money for this very purpose. I will not publish the names of those who have received the shirts free but they know who they are. They were only told that a friend had bought the shirts. I might add that the comment did come from a person who is not now or ever will be an 8th Eng. We would welcome this person as an Associate member upon his written request. In the future please direct comments and questions to me to receive an answer as promptly as possible and eliminate confusion and rumors. I hope this issue can now be put to rest.

As we are out of space I will now close for this time. Keep your information coming to keep our column active.

Gary L. ULLOM

Melvin R. SCHIELD 1951 - Korea Co. "B" 8th ENG Bn.

## 9th Annual Mid-Year Regional Reunion

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Associations are invited to have a representative for signing up new membership, conducting individual association meetings (Sat. following elections), and just getting together with those you have served with.

Contact Bill DEHART or write to Florida Chapter, 1933 Winnebago Trail, Fern Park, FL 32730-3015 for registration forms and additional information.

Misplaced photo.

## 13th SIG News

Frank McKiernan

739 Roy Rd.

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Hi Guys,

Hope you are enjoying the last days of summer. Come on Fall.

Received some sad news. The passing of Jim SHIELDS wife, Ruth. She was a won-



### NEW MEMBERS LISTING

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SFC TUNSTALL, JAMES D. 2-7C 5104  
 E-4 TURPIN, MIKE D 1-12C 6702  
 COL UNGER, GUINN E. C 1-7C 6807  
 2LT URBANIC, MATTHEW S. 215FSB 9505  
 2LT VANNATA, JONATHAN J. 2-5C 95  
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 CPL VOLZ, JAN 11AVNGP 6806  
 SGT WADE, JAMES E. SC 5009  
 E-4 WAGNER, JOHN A. 1-21FA 6705  
 T-4 WAGNER, RICHARD J. 227AV 45  
 E-4 WALSH, WILLIAM J. JR. B 1-15MED 6610  
 WALSH, WILLIAM K. C 227AVN 6902  
 E-4 WALTER, JERROD W. D 1-9C 9401  
 SSG WALTON, WILLIAM A. C 229C 7401  
 E-4 WASHINGTON, LAWRENCE H. 1-7C 8801

SSG WATSON, ERNEST B. K 3 5105

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 MAJ WATSON, JAMES L. JR. 3-82FA 9507  
 CPL WEAVER, MAHLON C. G 2-7C 1151  
 COL WEBSTER, WILLIAM G. JR. 1-BDDE 95  
 COL WEIMER, MICHAEL B. 1CDH 9507  
 SGT WERNER, WILLIAM T. HQ 8C 48  
 CPT WERTZ, MICHAEL E. AVNBDE 9508  
 SGT WEYGANT, DAVID A 1-12C 66  
 SSG WHITACRE, EUGENE H. C 1-7C 46  
 E-4 WHITE, DANNY P. HHC 3-8 94  
 SP4 WHITE, JOE 1-30FA 6908  
 MR. WHITE, JAMES 1-ASSOC  
 PFC WIECZOREK, ROBERT W. H 2-5 5003  
 CPL WIGLEY, NATHAN G 2-7C 5109  
 SGT WILKERSON, EARL F. SC 4911  
 E-4 WILKIE, RICHARD E. M 75IN

derful person and will be missed by all.

Heard from Fred SCHAAFF and Jim POWELL.

I would like to here from more. Remember this is your paper.

Unit next time.

Press on

Frank MC KIERNAN

PFC WILLIAMS, THOMAS S. AAAAA 65  
 COL WILLIAMSON, CRAWFORD E. 3-7C 5008  
 MR. WILLIAMSON, KENNETH E 99FA 45  
 E-3 WILLIFORD, KIMBROUGH 68CHE  
 CPL WILSON, ROBERT W. 13SIG 7C 48  
 E-5 WILSON, SONJA L. HHC 1BDE  
 LTC (RET) WITTWER, GLADE S. 8ENG 490  
 MR. WORKMAN, RONALD 1-ASSOC  
 MAJ (RET) WUENSCH, MARC J. 1-9C 70  
 MR. WYGLE, PETER R. 1-ASSOC  
 M/Sgt WYNNS, EDWARD L. K 3-7C 5108  
 CPL YANEZ, LEONARD 13-5C 5110  
 W-3 YARBROUGH, WILLIAM B. 8ENG 3312  
 E-5 YOUNG, DENNIS S. HHC 1CDH 9408  
 LTC ZAHM, KAREN 8C 65  
 E-3 ZICK, NORBERT P. 1-82FA 9310  
 E-5 ZINSMAN, HANZ 1AV 7002  
 SGT ZWAAG, GENE YANDER 2-12C 690

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Lorinda SCHMITT getting a hug from John T. HODES after presenting him with an award.



Lorinda SCHMITT presenting Sherman HAIGHT with an award.



Susan and Tom HARTIN



Bob JOHNSON, Ed DAILY, Jim COMBS, and Don BOSSE at the Museum.



## KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Along about snow melt time, we learned that the Korean Memorial Committee was planning to erect a "Pusan Tent City" on the Mall near the site of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. After a lot of writing and telephoning to try and find somebody in charge we were able to obtain some space in one of the tents. Our plan was to have Association application forms available for 1st Cav veterans who came to DC for the ceremonies. Our problem was in finding someone to man the tent and pass out the applications and answer questions.

Jack TALLEY, Vice President of the North Carolina Chapter, came to the rescue. He promised to find members of his chapter who would be willing to help, and he was as good as his word! Throughout the week he and his chapter showed that Cav Vets work together, regardless of which war they fought in. Jack coordinated a group of Korean Vets which included, besides himself, Buddy NELMS, Joe BARNAF and Bill THOMPSON as well as Vietnam Vets Bob COX, President of the North Carolina Chapter, Bob LLOYD, Doc GIBSON, J.R. BEARD, and James COMER. All this in spite of Mrs. TALLEY incurring a broken arm there in Washington. We hope she has recovered completely by now! The President of the Association, Ernie TERRELL, and your National HQ staff truly appreciate your efforts. You should all know that about 50 Korean Vets, who previously didn't know about the Association, are now members because of your efforts.



Basil PLUMLEY leading the troops into the luncheon.



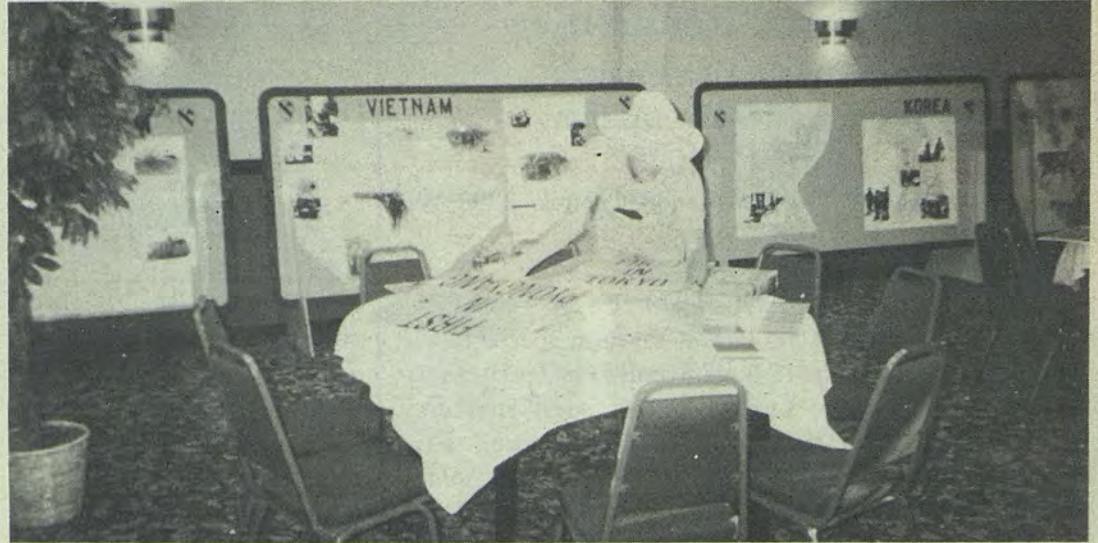
Williard GRAY, Trooper, and Joe YEACKLE in Reunion Room.



LTG (Ret) Andrew CHAMBERS, GEN (Ret) E.C. MEYER and LTG (Ret) H. G. TAYLOR.



Larry SNYDER, Judy LaPORTE, Mrs. BISHOP, BG Leon LaPORTE, Nadine SNYDER, Trooper, and BG (Ret) Arthur JUNOT.



Wayne HAIR preparing the Reunion Room.



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## A FEW MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS OF THE ARMY

### LIFE OF JERRY W. EADES, FROM 1936 TO 1942

#### OUR JOBS"

Ft. Bliss was not a bad place to do duty. It was five miles North of downtown El Paso and sat on flat ground, with open desert on the North and East sides. The Franklin Mountains were on the West side, and El Paso, the Rio Grande River and Juarez, Mexico on the South side.

Ft. Bliss was classed as being in a Tropical Zone, which in the Army back in those days meant that in the winter time first call was sounded at sixteen am. After breakfast, you made up your bunk, cleaned your bunk area and fell out at the Bugle call "Boots and Saddles", which was the horse mounted units "Drill Call" at eight am. We had close-order-drill, then horse exercise, or mounted drill, until eleven am, then groomed, feed, watered and turned your horse into the main corral, and usually got back to Barracks by a quarter to twelve. Chow call was at twelve Noon. At one-fifteen, everyone fell out for fatigue duty of cleaning saddles and draft harness with saddle soap and a wet sponge or any of the other work details that needed taken care of, until recall was sounded on the bugle at four pm. Evening chow was at 5:00pm sharp. Every-one had to have his drill uniform on to enter the Mess Hall. That was Boots and O.D. Breeches, O.D. Shirt and Black Tie. Hats were not allowed inside the Mess Hall. If you came to any meal with a hat on, you had to leave it on the front porch. Slacks could be worn on Sundays or holidays, and the only meal you could eat in the Mess Hall without a tie was the five pm Sunday evening dinner.

In the summer time, or the time we were in Khaki, from first April to first October, first call was at 5:45am. We fell out for drill at 7:30am, and recall was sounded at 11:30am with lunch at twelve Noon, and since Ft. Bliss was classed as a Tropical Post, the afternoons were for rest. So from 11:30am. until 5:45 the next morning, if you did not have any kind of duty you were free to do, come and go as you pleased.

At 4:30 each afternoon, water call was sounded and everyone in Barracks had to go up the stables to water and

feed the battery horses. A lot of the men would go to the Post Exchange or somewhere away from the barracks to keep from standing water call at 5:00pm sharp every day of the year. Retreat was sounded by the bugler of the guard, followed by the bugler sounding "To The Colors". Any one outside the barracks had to stop and salute while "To The Colors" was being sounded. Any time the Battalion or the Regimental Commander ordered it, a Retreat Parade was held. Then the entire Battalion or Regiment would stand retreat parade and the entire Drum and Bugle Corps would Sound "Retreat" and "To The Colors". It was a nice parade to watch, but was kind of boring to the Soldiers, and it always made the evening chow call 30 minutes late. So the Retreat Parades were never held more than once a month and then usually only in the winter months.

In the summer time, we used to have beer parties on the back lawn. The mess Sergeant drew so much money per man, per meal. A good Mess Sergeant could save a few cents per man's allowance from each meal. Once a month a good amount had been put aside, whereby he would give his unit a big beer party, with 10 to 12 barrels of cold beer. Usually some one would bring out a fiddle and a guitar, and a lot of singing would go on until the lights were put out in the barracks. The Officer Row was just across the Polo Field from the back lawns. Once the men were making so much noise, the M.P. 's had to come by and quiet us down, as the Officers could not sleep and had complained. But the men were a good bunch and all went into the barracks and turned in. There were always a few who would have a bit too much to drink, and could not make it back to Barracks. Someone would take a blanket out and put over them and let them sleep the night right there on the lawn. The soldiers looked forward to these beer parties, and did not complain when the food was not up to snuff, but on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Fourth of July, and a number of other holidays, the soldiers were spared noth-

ing and were fed like kings on these holidays.

Every battery had it's own day-room, which belonged to the enlisted men. The 1SGT was in charge of the day-room. It had one or two pool tables, all the latest magazines, nice chairs to sit in, always a good radio to listen to, nice tables to sit at and write your letters home, plus a good number of poker tables and chairs for our poker games. And the day-room was open for two hours after the lights in the barracks were put out. From 9:00am every day until 11 at night the day-room was open to any-one who did not have duty to keep them away. The 1SGT even assigned a man as day-room orderly who cleaned and took care of it.

The summer of 1938, the battery Supply Sergeant, Joe BLANKENSHIP, died one night in his sleep. His quarters was in the end of the supply building which he occupied with the supply clerk, Guy HERRING. SGT BLANKENSHIP had no family, and had requested that his men in the battery attend his funeral. His casket was carried from the chapel, on a Caisson pulled by six black horses, and a black horse was led behind the Caisson, saddled, with a pair of SGT BLANKENSHIP's boots turned backward in the stirrups. All the battery men marched behind the Caisson all the way to the Post Cemetery, and nearly the entire Regiment's members followed the battery to the Cemetery. The two battery buglers marched just behind the four battery officers, with the 1SGT and Supply Clerk marching on the inside of the buglers. At this time we were still using the khaki blouse tunics, and had them on with boots and breeches, spurs and khaki garrison caps. The buglers had their Parade Tabers attached to their bugles, with the regimental crest displayed. The guidon was carried by Jack HOLMAN at the right side of SGT BLANKENSHIP's horse. As the procession entered the cemetery gate, the 7th Cavalry Regimental Band fell in ahead of the Caisson and played the Funeral March the last 300 yards to his grave site and after the grave site

services, a salute of "Fifteen Rounds" was fired by D Btry. 2-82 FA Regiment. Then as first bugler of the 2nd Bn., I stepped forward gave the Bugle Salute and sounded Taps. I was scared I would foul it up, but every one said it was a perfect bugle call.

SGT Joe BLANKENSHIP was well liked by almost everyone and had many friends. There were soldiers from all over the Division attending his funeral. Our Chief Bugler SGT Bret GUYINGER, as well as the Chaplain complimented me on sounding a perfect Bugle Call. The band then struck up a quick march, and marched the battery out of the Cemetery, the buglers, 1SG and Supply Clerk leading the way. I would later sound Taps many times in this Cemetery as soon afterwards it would become a National Cemetery and the buglers stationed there at Ft. Bliss, got the call to play Taps. In the summer of 1940, I would sound Taps at funerals in the National Cemetery from 6 to 12 times in one week, and I was ordered to stay ready to go on fifteen minutes notice. In 1945, Zack TROXEL, who also attended SGT BLANKENSHIP's funeral in 1938, and I visited the National Cemetery at Ft. Bliss, looked up, and paid our respects to Joe BLANKENSHIP. The small post cemetery had been melted into the large National Cemetery as it was in one corner. On close inspection, we came across a number of our old friends buried there.

Before Ft. Bliss started expanding for WWII, I knew every inch of the Artillery Area. The baseball field was located at the corner of Cole Ave. and Artillery Rd. Cole Ave. ended just past Austin Rd., which was Officers Row, and ran into the N. Parade Ground. Artillery Rd. ran from Cole Ave. along the back of the entire 82 FA Regiment Area and ended at Sheridan Rd. The Artillery Drum and Bugle Corps used the baseball field stands to practice. We would be in the stands from 8:30am. until 11:00am. As the mounted troops came by to cross the N. Parade Ground to enter the boondock east by Biggs Field to exercise the horses they would give us a lot

of dirty looks, as if to be saying "You Gold Bricks are sitting there in the shade on your back-sides doing nothing, and we have to be out in the hot sun working. "But they were soon out of sight and we went on with our bugle practice and waited for 11:00am to come so we could go back to the barracks where we would go to the day-room to rest, play pool, write letters, read magazines or just listen to the radio music, and wait for chow call.

We had a man in 2nd Bn. Hq. Btry. named George RUSSO. He was a small man, and did not talk much. He was one of the best horse-shoers in the 2nd BDE. He was a first class private with a 2nd class specialist rate and drew the same pay as a SSG. In my entire time in the Field Artillery, I never knew of a time that George RUSSO, went to town when he was not shoeing horses. He spent all his time down at the post exchange bar. They served a big 16 oz. glass of ice cold beer for ten cents and George would drink 10 to 12 beers every night. Plus he kept pure grain alcohol by the five gallon can under his bunk. The rumor was that in his younger days, he was a Cossack in the Polish Army, had killed a Polish Army Officer and escaped to the United States and had to hide in the Army, but I never knew any one who would ask him about it, and he never talked about his past. I was in the same unit the day he retired from the Army after 37 years of honorable and faithful duty.

He was so well thought of that the Regimental Sergeant-Major stepped down and let George RUSSO hold the Rank of SMG for one day to retire with that rank so he would draw more pay on his retirement. No one ever saw George RUSSO after the day he retired. The rumor was that he went to Mexico, enlisted in the Mexican Army and was shoeing horses for them, and that he was an officer, but knowing George RUSSO, I am sure he made out where ever he went.

Men came, and men went, but the unit kept going no matter who was doing the jobs, and back then each man in the unit had pride in his job.



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