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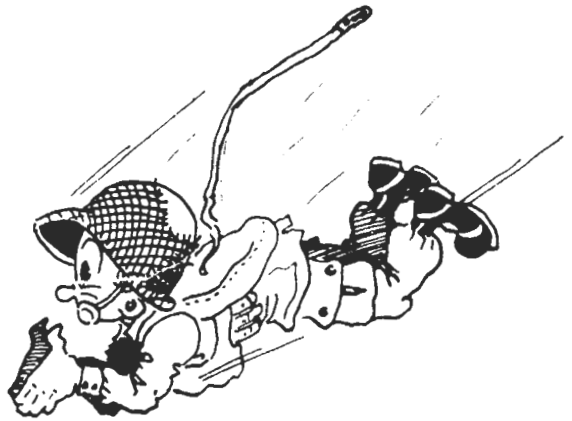


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Greetings and salutations once again to all the 596 Family. This issue is primarily directed toward informing you about all details of our upcoming Reunion in San Mateo, CA on 11, 12, 13 August, and trying to persuade all of you that you should be a part of this fun-filled and memorable occasion. For some of you it will be a long and expensive trip, but I'll wager it will be an experience you will remember and treasure for the

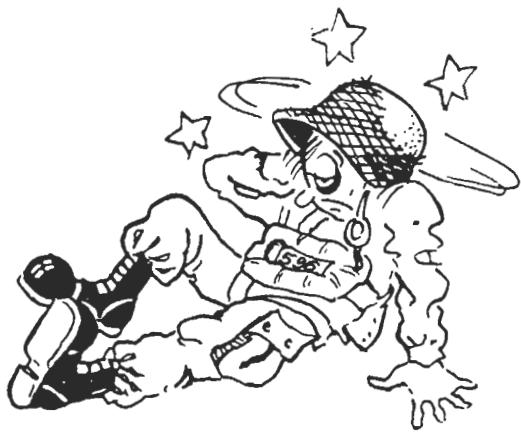
rest of your life. You will be hard pressed to think of a way to spend an equal sum of money and reap the same amount of benefit and pleasure.

Alice Goodman has made all the arrangements for the 596 ladies to make a most interesting and enjoyable tour and luncheon on Saturday. Now they will have something to do that is planned specifically for them and will have some relief from war stories and watching we men have a few too many. Details of these Saturday activities will be found on other pages in this issue.

If you need information or assistance of any sort related to the Reunion feel free to call on the Jumpmaster, Bill Davis, 916 Constitution Dr., Foster City, CA 94404 ----- 1-415-345-8982

★ ★ The 596 PCEC Hospitality Suite will be rooms 218-218A-219 in the South Wing of the Villa Hotel.

Rooms in the South Wing rent for \$45 single and \$52 double. Rooms in the adjacent newer North Wing rent for \$56 single and \$63 double. Those who delay too long in calling or writing to make reservations may have to stay at the nearby Dunfey Hotel. Rooms at the Dunfey are \$53 single and \$63 double. There will be frequent shuttle busses from early to late between the two hotels at no charge.



596 SHORT BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA--

-Sat. 13 Aug., 5:30 PM, Hospitality Suite

1. Introductions
2. Awards
3. Election of Officers

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Were it not for the financial support provided by so many of you, this Newsletter would only be four pages in length. I'm grateful for the help because I believe the Newsletter is more interesting and informative than it otherwise would be. Thank all of you who have written because that gives me the best material for this publication and thanks to those of you who have sent words of encouragement. It is nice to receive some evidence that someone is reading it. Since the last issue of the Newsletter, the following men have sent generous personal checks :

Earl Dillard, George Shull, Ned Hosterman, Ed McKinley, Dr. Jim Lyon, Warren

Leatham, Hank Simpson, and our ever dependable friend from the 460 PFAB, Cameron Gauthier. THANKS!!

John Chism, Co-Jumpmaster of the Reunion, writes, "As you know, the one thing which really makes the Reunion great is the contact with "new" finds of troopers who have never been to a reunion before. Hopefully the '83 Reunion will bring out more of them."

George Shull and the lovely Winston plan to be in San Mateo in August. George wrote to tell me the story about the 2nd Platoon winning an endurance march at Camp Mackall and each member of the platoon was rewarded with a 3 day pass. Sgt. Morgan called them all together and told them that anyone not showing up on Monday for reveille had better give his soul to God because his ass was going to belong to Morgan. On Monday morning everyone was there except Sgt. Morgan who once again lost his stripes----at least for a few days. Sgt. Morgan probably made Sergeant more times than anyone who ever served in the U.S. Army.

Warren Leatham wrote from Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) where he is the Project Manager for a \$24.3 million irrigation development. He said that project would keep him there until 1985 but that he will try his best to get leave in August so that he and Evelyn can be present at our Reunion.

Ernie Kosan writes that he is not ready to retire at age 60, so recently, he and 3 associates have formed their own company and Ernie says this is a very exciting time for him. Triangle Associates International of Langhorne, Pa. provides procurement services for other companies who need assistance in this area. Additionally they act as buying agents for foreign companies seeking to purchase materials in the U.S.. They are also manufacturer's representatives for several companies. Ernie and Judy send their warmest regards to all the gang and will definitely be in San Mateo this August.

Roy Herren and George Savelli represented the 596 at the Airborne Snowbird luncheon on Saturday, March 12, in Clearwater, FL. This annual affair was organized this year by our 517 Sectry/Treas. Bill Lewis. Colonel Graves was also in attendance.

In March, Don Saunders had disc surgery on his back. I talked with Don about 10 days after the surgery and he was up and around but just barely and will be very limited in his movement and activities for several more weeks. I'm sure Don would appreciate a note from you to help alleviate his boredom.

DeOle Priddy, whom we just recently located, and his wife Donna have 5 children, 4 girls and 1 boy. De Ole has been in heavy construction all over the west coast and Alaska but presently he is taking it a bit easier as he recovers from a heart attack last July. Drop him a welcoming line if you have the time. He is delighted to hear from our gang and plans to be at the reunion.

Gus Madison visited with Don Saunders in January of this year. It seems as if more and more of our fellows each year are arranging to visit with one another.

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National Cemetery Eligibility Clarified

Spouses of veterans are eligible for burial in national cemeteries when the veterans to whom they're married are buried or entitled to burial in a national cemetery.

DAV National Service Director Authur H. Wilson recently reported that many veterans and their spouses are not applying for burial plots in national cemeteries because they believe only veterans are eligible for burial there.

"This misunderstanding," he remarked, "has caused many veterans and their spouses to spend large sums of money on private cemetery plots so they may be buried in the same cemetery."

He noted that the spouse, widow, or widower's admission for interment in a national cemetery strictly depends on, in most cases, the veteran's eligibility.

Honorably discharged veterans are eligible. Veterans released from military service under conditions other than honorable may or may not qualify, depending on a special determination by the VA. Dishonorably discharged veterans are ineligible.

Wilson also pointed out that unmarried children under 21 years of age and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children may be interred in a national cemetery.

The VA currently operates more than 100 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico. The Interior and Army Departments operate an additional 16 national cemeteries.

A DAV resolution adopted at last year's national convention calls for legislation to establish at least one national cemetery in every state so veterans and their spouses may be buried close to their homes.

Wilson urges veterans and their spouses to contact their DAV National Service Office if they have questions about their eligibility.

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MEDALS FOR VETERANS

By Joe Del Quaglio

THE PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

MARCH-APRIL 1983

According to a recent article in the Washington Post, the time is right for acquiring the medals we never received. Lt. Cmdr. Robert J. Schultz, Navy liaison officer at the National Personnel Record Center in St. Louis is quoted as saying, "Almost everyone (with an honorable discharge) who served during some period of conflict, or during peacetime when the emphasis was on national defense, is eligible."

Some of the medals being distributed are:

- World War II Victory Medal; December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946.

- National Defense Medal: June 27, 1950 through July 27, 1954; and from January 1, 1961 through August 14, 1974.

- American Campaign Medal: Service in North and South American regions, December 7, 1941 through March 2, 1946.



As many of us know, a fire at the National Personnel Record Center in 1973 destroyed millions of records. But, says Commander Schultz, "Almost all of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard files were recovered as were a good number of the Army and Army Air Corps files." If your records were among those burned, your claim still can be processed, but the checkers will need details about your unit, service dates, and other pertinent information.

The Record Center contains 71 million military personnel files, and annually processes about 600,000 letters requesting information about medals. It is estimated that some 125,000 medals will be shipped this year. Most requests come from World War II veterans, but some World War I medals are still asked for—generally for use at funerals.

Your request must include branch of service, unit, identification number, and service dates. Ask for a

check on your eligibility to receive the Vietnamese Government Campaign Medal and unit citations as well. Once your claim is verified an order is given for your medals to be shipped, and this will take some time. To obtain a medal earned by a person in your family who has since died, include a copy of the death certificate with the necessary records.

Send your request to: National Personnel Record Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO. 63132. There is no charge for medals.

Since the last Newsletter we have found some new 596ers for you to add to your Roster:

Mason H. Phoebus(Theresa)- [REDACTED]

DeOle H. Priddy(Donna)- [REDACTED]

Eugene L. Wilson- [REDACTED]

Tex Lowe, current President of the 517 PRCT, is having some problems with one of his knees that is interfering with his work on the new home that he and wife, Betty, are in the process of constructing. They have a child and grandchildren living in Ft. Worth, so Tex and I have had quite a few opportunities to get together during this past year and a half.

General David E Grange, Jr. will be our honored guest and featured speaker at the Reunion Banquet. He started out at Toccoa, GA, with the 517 as a Private and now is Commandant of the Sixth U.S. Army and the Presidio at San Francisco and is a Lieutenant General.



How about writing me a few lines for the next Newsletter? And send a photo or two----- old or recent. I will copy them and return right away. Several of you have never written me anything about yourself. We are all interested in learning more about one another. If you enjoy this Newsletter, express that sentiment with a letter about yourself and family. Thanks in advance for the kind of help that I really need to keep putting out a worthwhile Newsletter.

Mason Phoebus writes, "The years seem to have flown by but the memories of the 596 remain very dear to my heart. The years have been good to me. My wife, Theresa, is one in a million. I work for the city of Baltimore as a carpenter and plan to retire in October of this year. I'm glad we are in contact again and hope we stay in touch."

Charles "Doc" Keen, Jr. and his son, Charles III, visited with us on the evening of 20 March. His son is a patient of mine and "Doc" was visiting with him in Ft. Worth. Doc is a 517er and was at "Dog" Jordan's mini-reunion in Hatfield, PA, along with Kosan and Madison, among others. Doc and Dog both plan to be at our Reunion and also plan to make the European trip in August, 1984.

Over Easter, Bob and Garnet Dalrymple flew to Washington to spend a few days with his brother, John. While there he talked on the phone with Jim Greenwood who is Vice-President of the Southern Railroad. It seems that the Southern RR and the Norfolk and Western RR have merged and soon plan to move their corporate headquarters to Atlanta, so Jim and Hildred will be moving there also. Bob also visited McKenzie Hall at Fort Belvoir, VA. All around the walls of the Castle Room, officers banquet and dining hall, are plaques with the emblems of all the great Army Engineer outfits. Most of them were considerably larger units than our own and have a longer history but none are greater or more deserving of recognition than the 596. Bob has made a preliminary reconnaissance and tentatively obtained permission to have a plaque mounted there for the 596 Parachute Engineer Company. Apparently very few engineer companies have been accorded this honor. On their way back to Arizona, Bob called and told me about this and inquired if I thought this is something our fellow 596ers would like to do. I told him that I thought most of you would approve and asked him to pursue it seriously. The cost of having such a plaque made up is very little and our treasury can handle it. Bob also investigated the possibility of registering the 596 emblem with the Army Office of Heraldry but was informed that this is not possible to do for inactive military units.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I was, as perhaps some may remember, the first CO of the 517th. In many ways, it was and remains, my "first love". Unfortunately, I was not privileged to command the regiment in combat. I take great pride in having selected the three incomparable battalion leaders, Major Bill Boyle, Major Dick Seitz and Major Mel Zais, all of whom went on to distinguished military careers. Did you know that: When activated on 15 March 1943, the aggregate strength of the 517th PIR was 11....all officers? The first fillers arrived at Camp Toccoa for "consideration" of assignment to the 517 BEFORE the enlisted cadre reported for duty....and the officers cooked their first meal? The 517th was the first parachute unit to use a Mock-Up tower as a "test of intention" prior to acceptance for assignment? As a direct result of this, the 517th was the first and only unit (this includes the 460th and the 596th) to have entire battalions go through jump training without a jump refusal? The 517th was the first unit to use the steel helmet during jump training and thereafter, all used them? The 517th was the first Parachute Regimental Combat Team to be so designated?"

GENERAL LOU WALSH, JR.



PLEASE NOTIFY EDITOR OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On 24 February, Dick Bartholomew phoned me from the D/ FW Airport. He and Florianne were returning home from his Father's funeral in Florida. He said that Florianne's health is much better. Dick has also recently received a promotion with his company where he is an industrial health engineer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!!

1983 is the 40th Anniversary of the formation at Camp Toccoa, GA of the 3 units that made up the 517 PRCT.

"The Chronicle of the 517 PRCT" by Clark Archer will be completed and for sale at the Reunion in San Mateo this August. It will not, as previously reported, be given as a part of the registration packet but will be sold at cost-----probably \$2.00 or less. After the reunion they will be advertised for sale to our members for a slightly higher price.

Don Saunder's sister, Helen, died 16 April, 1982. Several of you may remember Helen because Don took several into Rome to meet her when she was a Lieutenant with the 33rd General Hospital. She retired from the military as a Bird Colonel. Don attended the Varsity Operation Banquet in Syracuse (17th Airborne) in March and one of the first familiar faces he saw was that of Major Mason who was head of H & S Co. of the 139th ABN Engr. Bn and also Norm Aikins of Hqs. Co of the 139th. He also enjoyed visiting with Cameron Gauthier and Leo Turco, both of the 460th. Don says this is definitely his last year to teach.

Judge Harrell says, "To me, a problem drinker is one who never buys.."

Bernie and Thelma Barnes are waiting for the green light to jump off for San Mateo. Bernie was stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco from 1935 through 1938 and is looking forward to visiting there once again.

The last time I counted, there were between 85 and 110 of our 596 family (includes wives and children) who plan to be in San Mateo in August.

Ned and Maybelle Hosterman are eagerly anticipating the Reunion---their first.

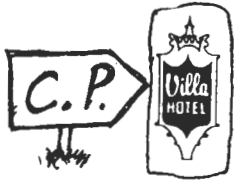
Earl Dillard wrote in February that he hadn't seen so much snow since the Battle of the Buldge as in Lubbock this year. He said that he had talked on the phone with George Williamson, his former BAR man, on the occasion of George's retirement from Monsanto Chemical Co... Earl said that he and Edith may move to East Texas later in the year to be near their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren. It also happens to be the area of Texas with the best lakes and streams for good fishing. He invites all of you to come help him catch some of them. The Dillards will be at the Reunion.

Speaking of reunions, after the last one in Orlando, one of our buddies, who wishes to remain unnamed, told me that it had been the perfect festive occasion----the first three days he would never forget and the last night he would never remember.

Ray and Mary Hild write that they are looking forward to their first Reunion. Ray has sent many WW2 photos, poetry and other material that have added much to this Newsletter.

Dennis Shipley drops by my office from time-to-time when he is in Ft. Worth on business. He is Vice-President of Shahan & Son, Inc., a very large painting and decorating contractor.

On the San Francisco Peninsula



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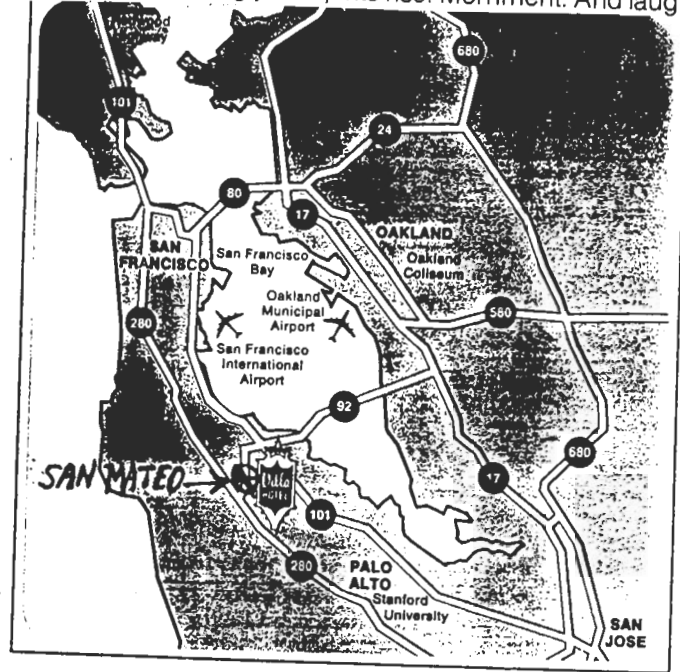
Villa Hotel is located just 15 minutes from the San Francisco International Airport. Take Highway 101 southbound from San Francisco or northbound from San Jose, take the West Hillsdale Boulevard exit to El Camino Real, then drive three blocks south.

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Join in the Fun

Reach out and touch someone.

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YOU'VE GOT TO SEE IT

AGENDA:

- 11 Aug: 0900-1700 -- Registration in Villa Hotel lobby
(Thurs): 1730-1900 -- Presidents cocktail party
- 12 Aug: 1000-1800 -- Bus tour to San Francisco. Lunch at the
(Fri) Presidio Officers Club. Sight-seeing/shopping
- 13 Aug: 0900-1100 -- Business meeting
(Sat): 1100-1300 -- Unit Photographs (Photos/album included in
1230-1430 -- Wine Testing (registration fee.)
1830-1945 -- Cocktails
2000- ?? -- Dinner - Dance

New combat team Lapel Pin/Pendant as gift.
See attached literature regarding Golf Tourney, Reno-Tahoe Bus Trip,
and Eight day Three Island Hawaii Vacation.

DON'T BE A.W.O.L.

NOTE: Bring a warm jacket or sweater as afternoons and evenings can be chilly.

The Drop Zone has been well reconnoitered and all objectives have been selected. The Villa Hotel in San Mateo is a beautiful spot for a soft landing.

The VILLA HOTEL & RESTAURANT SQUARE is delighted to host our 1983 reunion. Their facilities consist of 300 sleeping accommodations, the elegant Villa Chartier Restaurant, the Villa Lanai (Polynesian) Restaurant and a 24-hour Coffee Shop; all serving excellent food. Executive suites are available.

Located in the hub of the San Francisco Peninsula Area, we are close to a Large Shopping Mall (within walking distance), dozens of fine restaurants, theatres and night spots.

Few cities can offer such an inviting combination of recreational amenities, Great Weather and nearby attractions. Golf, tennis, sailing are all year round activities. Enjoy the spectacular attractions at Marine World Africa USA, the San Mateo County Fairgrounds and Bay Meadows Race Track. All of these points are within five minutes.

You will probably be interested in seeing many of the major attractions and sites between ~~San Francisco and San Jose~~ whether in town groups or on your own. Both Southern Pacific



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VILLA HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Our Reunion Committee has negotiated for an allocated number of rooms. Please refer to the Hotel Reservation Card regarding the North and South Wings. The North Wing is only a few years old and the rooms are a little larger, however the South Wing has been completely refurbished and we wish to assure you that all rooms are first class.

Rates are: South Wing (Singles) \$45.00 and (Doubles) \$52.00. North Wing (Singles) \$55.00 and (Doubles) \$62.00. The same rates will apply for an extended stay up to two weeks.

Numerous early inquiries seem to indicate a large turnout for this reunion so our committee has blocked additional rooms at a nearby hotel (Dunfey). Should we be quartered in two hotels, transportation will be provided.

As in past reunions, it will be necessary for you to make your own specific arrangements. To confirm your reservation, simply complete the enclosed Villa Hotel Reservation Card and mail directly to the Villa Hotel (no stamp necessary). Please comply with instructions regarding deposit, etc. Villa Hotel telephone is (415) 341-0966. 24-Hour Courtesy Van Transportation is available by using Villa Hotel Courtesy phones located in Baggage Claim area at San Francisco International Airport.

~~Please confirm and make your reservations no later than July 15, 1983. DO NOT MAIL YOUR VILLA HOTEL CARDS TO YOUR REUNION CHAIRMAN.~~

GENERAL INFORMATION: San Mateo, California is easily accessible by automobile with good highways from all directions. Our Hotel is only fifteen minutes from the San Francisco International Airport. Most airlines both domestic and international serve the San Francisco International Airport. Most car rental agencies are located on or near the airport property. The Villa Hotel is a Hertz Agency and cars may be picked up and left at the Hotel.

The Villa Hotel can handle up to four campers/motor homes. Contact the reunion Chairman. Others will have to check the RV/Camping directories.

San Francisco Peninsula

Full Speed Ahead

It doesn't take long for an ideal destination to catch the eye of the meeting planner, and the San Francisco Peninsula — San Mateo County — is rapidly developing the infrastructure required to develop an idyllic area into a particularly attractive region for meetings.

Sunny, warm, unspoiled and uncrowded, San Mateo has something for everyone: quiet beaches, wooded mountains, picturesque cities and quaint fishing villages. It boasts more golf courses than Palm Springs and grows more orchids than Hawaii.

The beautiful peninsula is fringed on one side by sandy beaches and windy cliffs overlooking the ocean, on the other by sheltered harbors and peaceful coves lapped by the placid water of San Francisco Bay.

Inland, stretching for 50 miles between San Francisco to the north and San Jose to the south, are 18 communities hugging the shore and winding through the brushy canyons of the central mountain ridge.

Flowers bloom year-round in a temperature that rarely goes over 70 degrees or drops below 40. The sun rules here — high hills trap San Francisco's raw winds and thick fog in the city — and the air is crisp and clear.

South of San Mateo County are the renowned vineyards in Santa Clara Valley. They spill onto the Peninsula where several modern wineries have replaced those established years ago by the mission priests.

Location: San Mateo is strategically located in the center of a booming industrial region. It is minutes from the great computers (Silicone Valley). Two major cities are just minutes away. And it is midway between two of the country's finest universities. UC at Berkeley and Stanford University.

San Francisco International Airport: The drive from the airport to area hotels can be shorter than the distance from one terminal building to another at some sprawling airports.

Still, the airport is the world's fourth largest in volume — over 900 flights arrive and depart daily. Each month, it serves over 1,000,000 passengers, every fourth arriving from overseas.

Tourist attractions

Theme parks are always tourist meccas, and the San Mateo area boasts two. On the edge of the bay is the largest marine and wildlife park of its kind — Marine World/Africa USA. Besides a 60-acre oceanarium complex where playful dolphins entertain, the park features 600 animals, a replica of a South Seas village, water-sport shows and speed boat races.

Just south of the county line in Santa Clara is the family-entertainment playground, Marriott's Great America. The 200-acre park features giant roller coasters and super-thrill rides, live stage productions and marching bands, working craft shops and restaurants — over 100 attractions in all.

Also in Santa Clara County are some of the oldest vineyards in California. Santa Clara Valley has been cultivated since the mid-1700's when the Franciscans planted the first vineyards.

Today, the finest grapes are harvested not only in small family-owned wineries but in two of the largest — Paul Masson and Almaden. The latter both give tours of the wineries — among the most sophisticated facilities in the world — and host wine tastings several times a day.

Another grand landmark is located in Woodside. This estate boasts one of the county's most magnificent lavish gardens. Designed to resemble the Lakes of Killarney region in Ireland, the 16-acre park is meticulously cared for and is open to the public.

One of the finest gardens is in San Mateo. Here, a peaceful oasis was created by the landscape architect from Tokyo's Imperial Palace.

One of the areas leading art centers is the Allied Arts Guild, a cluster of Spanish-style buildings in Menlo Park. Here, three and a half acres of shops and gardens are dedicated to art studios and craft shops.

The studios include a jeweler, a glass blower, a portrait painter and weavers adjoining a shop which sells handwoven linens and wools as well as pottery and other crafts.

Sports are a year-round way of life on the peninsula. There are 50 golf courses — some private and some public, all challenging and well-tended — in the area.

The finest courses were designed through redwood forests and command panoramas of the coast mountains and the sparkling waters of the ocean.

San Mateo's Bay Meadows Race Course — a 200-acre complex with a nine-hole golf course, heated grandstand, gourmet dining, and luxurious clubhouse — is one of the busiest in the world.

There are nearly 200 racing days a year with quarter-horse, harness and thorough-bred events all scheduled. Twice a year, evening sessions of harness races are held under the lights. The horses also run daily during the annual San Mateo County Fair and Floral Fiesta held at the Fairgrounds adjacent to the race course.

Even the attractions of San Francisco are on the peninsula's doorstep, however. Only minutes away are all the restaurants, theatres, shops, nightclubs and sightseeing tours of the Bay City.

Half a dozen fleets offer scenic boat rides of the Bay — the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Fisherman's Wharf and the San Francisco skyline can all be seen in a few hours.

Daily coach tours of San Francisco also leave from the hotels in the San Francisco Airport area. Tours of San Francisco by night, the giant redwood trees of Muir Woods, and the Bay cities of Sausalito, Oakland and Berkeley are all within a 35-minute drive. □



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SAN MATEO

The county of San Mateo proves to be full of pleasant surprises. Nature has been bountiful there; the county stretches for about 57 miles along the Pacific Ocean south of San Francisco. The region abounds with fine beaches, mountains and redwood forests. San Mateo offers a full range of services and amenities that are conveniently located for the meeting planner.

Area Code: 415

Population: 589,200

San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 888 Airport Boulevard, 94010, (415/347-7004); John G. Steen, CAE executive director.

Services: (Free) counseling, housing and meeting arrangements, (free) registration help.

Materials: (free) typewriters, brochures and stick-on name tags, program covers.

Climate

Average Temperature: Jan., 58; Feb., 61; Mar., 64; Apr., 67; May, 70; Jun., 75; Jul., 76; Aug., 76; Sep., 77; Oct. 72; Nov., 65; Dec., 60.

Average Precipitation: Jan., 11; Feb., 10; Mar., 9; Apr., 6; May, 3; Jun., 1; Jul., 0; Aug., 0; Sep., 1; Oct., 4; Nov., 7; Dec., 10.

Clothing: Year round light weight clothing. Jackets/sweaters advisable for evening.

Accommodations

Total first-class hotel rooms in area: 7316
Airport

The San Francisco International Airport located in the center of San Mateo County has 900 arrivals/departures daily. The airport is served by Air Canada, Alaska, American, British, CAAC, China Airlines, Continental, CP, Delta, Eastern, Japan Airlines, LTU International, Lufthansa, Mexicana, Northwest, Pan American, Philippines, Republic, Singapore, Stol Air, TWA, United, Qantas and Western. Commuter carriers include: Air Cal, Air Oregon, Aspen, Golden West, Inland Empire, Pacific Express, SFO Helicopter, West Air and Wings West.

Transportation

Cabs: There are 15 cab companies. Fares are metered at \$1.30 at flag drop, \$2.10 for the first mile, \$1.30 for each additional mile.

Mass Transit: San Mateo County Transit System, fees vary; Samtrans, serves the entire San Mateo County, Northern Santa Clara County and downtown San Francisco, (415/871-2200). Southern Pacific Railroad, (415/871-2200). CALTRAIN serves the San Francisco Peninsula from San Jose to San Francisco.

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Attractions

Museums

■Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education, Coyote Point, 94401. Interesting exhibits and live animals, emphasizing the plants and animals of San Mateo County. Open. Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. (342-7755).

■San Mateo County Historical Museum, 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd., 94402. The story of San Mateo told through a variety of exhibits, dioramas and models. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat., 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sun., noon-4 p.m., (574-6441).

Local Sightseeing

■Ralston Hall, located on the College of Notre Dame, 1500 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Victorian mansion completed in 1868 furnished with priceless antiques. Tours by appointment, (593-1601).

■Spanishtown Historical Society, uncondacted walking tour of historic sights, at Main and Kelly Aves., (726-5202).

■Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Coast Highway 1, Moss Beach. Wildlife sanctuary where all living things and inanimate are protected. L lectured tour of tidal pools at low tides, (728-3584).

■Marine Ecological Institute, 811 Harbor Blvd., Redwood City, tours aboard 85-foot research vessel offers introduction to delicate ecology of San Francisco Bay and the Delta. Instructors point out marine life, discuss currents and waves, adverse affects of pollution, land fill and poor planning., (364-2760).

Participant Sports

There are 33 golf courses, 230 tennis courts, fishing and racquet ball.

Spectator Sports

Football

San Francisco 49ers, 711 Nevada St., Redwood City 94061, (415/365-3420).

Baseball

San Francisco Giants, Candlestick Park, 94124, (415/467-8000).

Horse Racing

Bay Meadows, P.O. Box 5050, San Mateo, 94402, (415/574-RACE).

Basketball

Golden State Warriors, Oakland Alameda County Coliseum., (415/638-6000).

The Peninsula: From the University to the Good Life

The Bay Area's other great institution of higher education, **Stanford University** in Palo Alto, is inevitably tied to the history of the Peninsula through its founder, Leland Stanford, one of the "big four" who controlled the Central and Southern Pacific railways.

The campus occupies 8,200 acres of some of the finest real estate in California. It's on what was the Stanford Ranch, which is why it's nicknamed The Farm. Tours of the campus leave the visitor booth (321-2300, extension 2551)

on Palm Drive daily at 11 A.M. and 2:15 P.M. The observation platform of **Hoover Tower** is open from 10 to noon Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 4 P.M. every day (25 cents for adults, free for children). The **Stanford University Museum of Art** houses an extensive European and Oriental art collection, Egyptian antiquities, Rodin bronzes and Stanford family mementos, including the Golden Spike driven in Utah in 1869 completing the first transcontinental railroad. **Memorial Church** is a landmark of stained glass and Venetian mosaics.

Not far from the campus, at Arbor Road and Creek Drive in Menlo Park, the **Allied Arts Guild** is a showplace of colonial Spanish buildings and gardens housing shops and artisans' studios. The **Tea Room** (324-2588) is a popular place for lunch. Also in Menlo Park, **Sunset Magazine** offers tours during the week of its ranch-style headquarters, handsomely landscaped Western gardens, and test kitchens. Call 321-3600 for schedules.

For a spectacular look at wildlife, **Marine World/Africa USA** (365-7446), just off U.S. 101 in Redwood City, combines an oceanarium with exciting shows and a large collection of African wild game roaming free behind water barriers (open from 9:30 to 5:30; adults, \$9.95; under 12, \$6.95; under 5, free).

Antique buffs from all over the country are attracted to **The Collective** at 55 E. Third Street in San Mateo (347-2171). Here, 70 dealers are housed in a 20,000-square-foot Tudor sprawl of shops displaying antiques from early America, England and France.

One of the most beautiful drives in America is along **Skyline Boulevard**, which defines the spine of the Peninsula's mountains. At some points along the highway, you can see both the bay and the Pacific. The **Bella Vista**, at 13451 Skyline in Woodside (851-1229), has been a tradition for more than 50 years. It was recently renovated and expanded, but nothing could improve the view of the bay. The cuisine is French and Italian and emphasizes milk-fed veal; dinner (about \$20 to \$35 for two without drinks) is served every night but Monday.

The drive north from the Bella Vista is one of the most stunning approaches to San Francisco, which rises in the distance as if out of the mists of a dream. ■

and day-and-night

fun...

On Saturday morning, 13 August, a bus will leave the Villa Hotel at 9:45 AM for a 10:00 AM, two hour tour of the Filoli Mansion and Garden at Woodside, CA, about 6 miles from San Mateo. From there the group will go by bus to the Allied Arts Guild for lunch and a shopping expedition and then back to the hotel by 3:30 PM. The Filoli tour will cost \$6.00 per person. Each person will pay for her own lunch and there will be a reasonable charge for the charter bus transportation based on the number of persons who participate. Enclosed is a card that we ask you to fill in and drop in the mail to Alice Goodman so that she can make all the necessary arrangements with a good idea of how many people will be making this interesting and enjoyable tour. WALKING SHOES AND A SUN HAT ARE RECOMMENDED.

FILOLI

History of Filoli

Filoli was built early in the present century (1916-1919) for Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bourn II, prominent and wealthy San Franciscans. They chose Willis Polk, a well-known California architect, to design their mansion. Bruce Porter, with the subsequent help of Isabella Worn, laid out the 16 acres of garden. The site was chosen because of its proximity to the holdings of the Spring Valley Water Company, which was headed by Bourn; also because of its resemblance to the area of the Lakes of Killarney in Ireland. The Bourns lived at Filoli until his death in 1936. The estate was then acquired by Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth, in whose possession it remained until 1975, when Mrs. Roth most generously deeded it to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The house is an outstanding and important example of country house architecture in the United States, and is one of the few in California that remains intact in its original setting. This truly magnificent setting is protected as Filoli lies within the Crystal Springs Watershed south of San Francisco. The gardens, now mature, have benefited from the loving and meticulous care and harmonious additional plantings provided during the nearly forty years of Mrs. Roth's occupancy.



The Garden

The garden is placed along a north-south axis that slowly rises as it leads southward from the mansion. There is a succession of separate areas, each with a distinct character. They have been designed to take maximum advantage of the natural surroundings and vistas, and a very successful blend of the formal and natural has been achieved. The Walled Garden (shown above) is entirely enclosed by a handsome brick wall and it combines a number of elements traditional to formal garden design.

A focal point of this area is the charming Tea House, designed by Arthur Brown, Jr., in the Italian Renaissance style. Mr. Brown also designed the nearby Carriage House, which is dominated by an enchanting bell tower in the tradition of Sir Christopher Wren; this structure currently houses a collection of antique carriages made available to Filoli by the San Mateo County Historical Society. Plantings in all areas of the gardens of Filoli have been selected so as to present a splendid floral display throughout all seasons of the year.

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An Essential Facet of Cultural Nourishment: Lunch

Everyone will have a catered lunch here.

History of the Allied Arts Guild



The Allied Arts Guild stands on a small portion of what was once the vast Rancho de las Pulgas, land grant from the King of Spain to Don Jose Arguello, Commandant of the Presidio de San Francisco in the early 1800's. In 1929, three and a half acres of this beautiful property were bought by Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Merner as a site for a crafts guild, similar to those in Europe. The Merners collaborated with architect, Gardiner Dailey and artist, Pedro de Lemos. The original barn and sheep sheds on the grounds were preserved, and new buildings were constructed in Colonial Spanish design.

The gardens, reminiscent of those in Granada, were planned by Mrs. Merner and named in the Spanish manner: "The Court of Abundance" at the entrance to the main building; "The Garden of Delight", or Blue Garden, and the "Cervantes Court"—the inner court featuring a mural of Cervantes dedicating his masterpiece, Don Quixote. Paths were paved with stones from San Francisquito Creek; tiles and objects of art brought from Spain, Tunis and Morocco decorated the walls. Murals and frescoes were created by the de Lemos family and Maxine Albro, well-known artists. Craftsmen brought their talents to the studios. Shops were added, and the Allied Arts Guild became a reality.



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PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM

REUNION

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AUGUST 14-21, 1983

HONOLULU-KAUAI-KONA

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- * Neighbor Island flights
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PRICE GUARANTEE: Prices are per person, based on two (2) people sharing a double room and does not include tax on car rentals. Fares are subject to increase.

- * Triple and single rates are available upon request.

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HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY EXTENSION---continued

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This is your chance to RELAX and see the spectacular SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS and BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE plus two exciting nights at THE CASINOS.

AUG. 14: Our tour leaves the Villa Hotel at 12:00 Noon. We will follow Interstate 80 across the Sacramento Valley and over the Sierra Nevada Mountains. We will arrive at the MGM Grand Hotel at approximately 5:00 PM. As you leave the bus you will receive your room key and \$5.00 cash. Luggage and tips are included in the package price. At 7:00 PM our driver will be available to take anyone who wishes to go to Harrahs in downtown Reno for a \$10.00 cash gratuity. You may return anytime by shuttle bus or taxi or you may wish to see one of the many shows in Reno or the show at the MGM Grand.

AUG. 15: We will leave Reno at 11:00 AM and stop at the Sand Harbor State Park for a breathtaking view of the lake. (Option - if we order sandwiches from a Reno Deli we could have a picnic lunch here). We should arrive at the Sahara Hotel about 2:00 PM where we will receive \$10.00 cash and \$3.00 food and beverage coupon. Your evening is free to take in a show or perhaps dinner and a game or two.

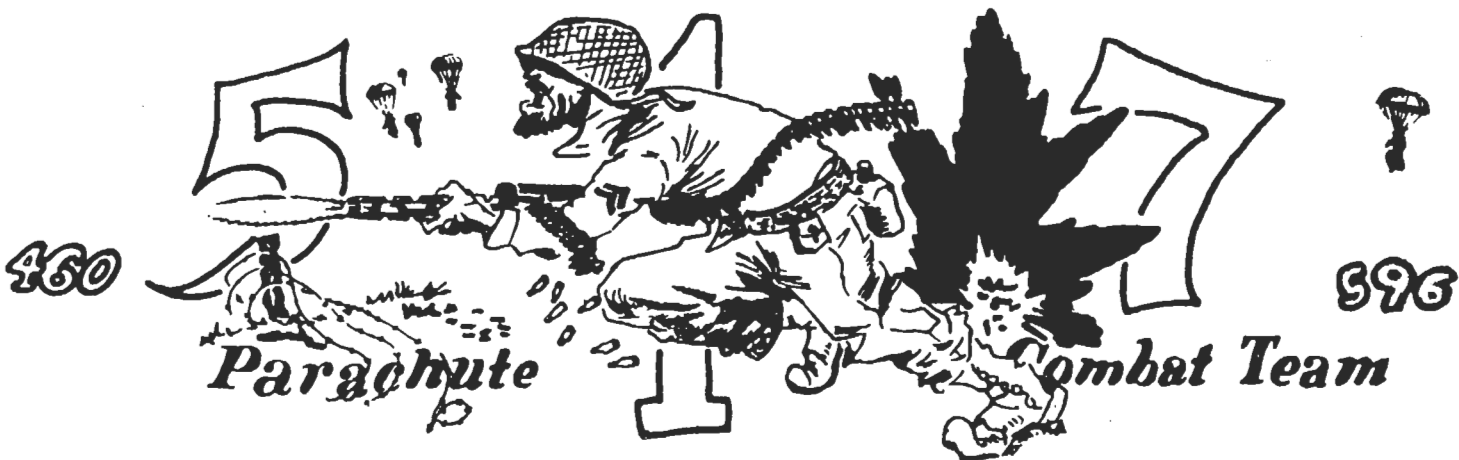
AUG. 16: We will leave South Shore at 12:00 Noon for our return trip. We will take a different route over Echo Summit and through El Dorado National Forest. We should arrive at the Villa Hotel about 5:00 PM.

For those of you who wish to spend the night of the 16th at the Villa Hotel it will be necessary for you to make a photostatic copy of your blank registration card and fill the copy out with the Aug. 16th date. Thereby mailing TWO SEPARATE REGISTRATION CARDS to the Villa Hotel. This way you will be assured of reunion rates on the 16th.

The price of this three day, two night Reno-Lake Tahoe Package is \$73.00 per person Double Occupancy, \$100.00 Single Occupancy. This includes transportation (restroom equipped buses), hotel rooms and gratuities. JULY 7TH IS THE DEADLINE DATE FOR YOUR CHECK AND THE TRIP COUPON. (BELOW).

This is a tour planned for both the gamblers and those of you who would like to see this beautiful corner of Northern California. We hope you can afford the time to take advantage of this trip.

For further information contact: Rudy Aube (415) 351-1516 or Address below.



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All golfers fill out the Registration Form below and mail by July 10, 1983 to 517 P.C.T. 1983 Reunion, ATTN. GOLF - P.O. Box 4691 - Foster City, Ca. 94404.

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IMPORTANT !!!! REUNION INFORMATION

The time for our Eleventh Reunion is fast approaching. By the time you read this column, you will have received a mailing from Jumpmaster Bill Davis and I hope you have already sent in your registration and made your hotel reservation. Now it's time to start thinking about transportation. If you plan to fly to San Mateo, please shop around among the airlines that fly to San Francisco from your area for the most reasonable fare. There is considerable competition between the airlines presently and a lot of fare cutting is going on. A good travel agent will be happy to search out the best price from your area.

We have made arrangements with American Airlines for them to give everyone attending our Reunion a 25% discount on the regular round-trip coach airfare to San Francisco from all areas served by them. If you travel by American Airlines, when you call to purchase your tickets they will charge you their lowest fare----- it might be the 25% discounted fare or it might be a special or excursion fare in effect that costs even less. Do shop around with all airlines that go to San Francisco from your area. If American Airlines has a fare that meets or beats the competition, please give them special consideration because they have given us special consideration. If you do travel with American, please purchase your tickets through our special contact numbers listed below or have your travel agent do it for you.

If you purchase the 25% discounted fare, your flying dates there and back must be between 9 August and 24 August. You may fly into San Francisco International Airport or into Oakland or into San Jose. The San Francisco airport is the most convenient to our hotel.

You will have to purchase American's 25% discounted tickets at least 14 days prior to departure but no later than 10 days after reservations are made. Completely unused tickets and partially used tickets submitted for refund will be subject to a \$30.00 cancellation penalty.

If you wish information about the most convenient flights to and from San Mateo or wish ticket price quotations, call on weekdays between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM your local time this SPECIAL TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER--1-800-433-1790. In Texas, dial 1-800-792-1160. When making reservations, call the TOLL FREE number and mention our special STAR NUMBER S-5636. Only by mentioning this special number will the reservationist offer you the special discounted fare. The air fare may be charged to your credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, you will be invoiced and tickets mailed after your check is received.

Leaves from a War Correspondent's Notebook

By Hal Boyle

WITH THE U. S. 517th PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM (AP)
—Every parachute trooper sweats out that 13th "black cat" jump.

Cpl. Burton E. Meador, Waco, Texas, made his without benefit of a parachute. He was dozing peacefully in his billet in a frozen sector of snowy Belgium one night when flames swept through his third floor room.

A fellow trooper accidentally had kicked over a can of gasoline and a stream of it ran by a hot stove and ignited.

There was only one sure exit—a window—and there was a three-floor drop to the ground. But Meador didn't hesitate. He dived out the window, counting from force of habit as he fell, and plunged into a deep snowdrift—unhurt.

"That was my 13th jump—and I didn't even have time to worry about it," said Meador.

A Nazi military decoration made a perfect target for Pvt. Ellwood Dobbins, of Boston, Mass.

Moving forward on the flank of a company attack, Dobbins saw a German wearing an Iron Cross on his chest about 10 yards away.

Dobbins drew a bead on the medal and put a bullet directly through it—and the enemy heart behind it.

In an attack to relieve a pinned down parachute company, Pfc. Donald "Kitty" Karr, of Barberton, Ohio, hit the dirt on the top of a small knoll when small arms fire splattered around him.

Suddenly he heard German voices directly under him—and realized that he was lying on a Nazi dugout.

Karr, who speaks little German, called out in a stern voice:

"Throw your rifles outside and surrender."

Out came the rifles followed by three Germans with their hands

up. All Karr had for a weapon was an empty mortar tube—about as dangerous as a three-foot rain pipe!

Returning from a sniper unit to clean out some woods for his infantry company, Pvt. Gerald G. Stokes, of Tampa, Fla., became separated from his group.

When he bumped into the men from the relieving infantry unit he walked up to the company commander and said:

"What's going on?"

The captain took one look at his "Gott Mit Uns" belt, his Iron Cross and Nazi bayonet—all battlefield souvenirs—and immediately put him under arrest as a Nazi suspect.

"I am a paratrooper," yelled Stokes indignantly.

"You're too small to be a paratrooper," replied the captain.

Stokes was herded back to a prisoner of war pen, probably the most forlorn paratrooper in the history of airborne armies.

There someone recognized him and a few minutes later he was free and boiling mad. He gave the captain a meaning look as he stalked away.

"It's funny," said the captain.

"I thought he was the first prisoner we had taken with a southern accent."

A new way to double a cigaret ration has been found by Pvt. David G. Twilight, of Hawthorne, Wis.—but it is a little dangerous.

He was with a group building an "up front" bridge and the enemy was pounding away with 88s. During one "10 minute break" Dave reached into his jacket for a cigaret.

He found that a piece of shrapnel had ripped through the jacket, cutting his pack of cigarets squarely in half.

"Here, fellows, have a quickie," he proffered. "I've got two packs of 'em."

Leaves from a War Correspondent's Notebook

By Hal Boyle

WITH THE 517th PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM, WESTERN FRONT, Jan. '46 (delayed) (AP)
—"I still feel funny about that hill," says Lt. Dick Spencer. "We never lost a hill before—and we have never lost one since."

Dick will never forget "that hill" because he thought he had disgraced the paratroopers there. He ordered his platoon to pull back after 22 of its 28 men were killed or wounded trying to storm the slope and knock out 22 enemy pillboxes—a full-sized job for a regiment.

"They had us cold that day," said the slim little 24-year-old former University of Iowa journalism student. "We had been taught how to win, but nobody had taught us how to lose. We didn't know how because we never expect to—in the paratroops."

Dick was assistant platoon leader that day, weeks ago, when they attacked the double-sloped hill at Col De Braus, France, in the Maritime Alps.

"We thought those pillboxes were empty," said Dick. "I studied them for 15 minutes through a telescope and didn't see a sign of any movement. But just as we started up the hill I felt something was wrong."

"Then I heard a shout and looked up and the air was full of hand grenades and anti-tank grenades," Dick said.

One grenade burst at Dick's feet. His leg was numb and he was bleeding from his mouth and ears. Several men were killed or wounded, but Dick and three others managed to drag themselves to the nearest pillbox where Dick set up an aid station.

Two men trying to bring up water were killed. Although realizing he was facing incredible odds, the young platoon leader—he had just come back from the hospital the night before—reorganized for a second attack.

"The Germans opened up again

and the leader was killed at the start," said Dick.

Although the Nazis caught them with burp guns, machine-guns, rifles and grenades, the paratroopers surged up the hill. Men fell every few steps. The Germans began dropping mortar shells behind them and flames spread in the grass and brush.

Finally they had to fall back to where Dick was caring for the wounded. One German was killed almost at the entrance to the pillbox. A paratrooper staggered back with a wounded man under each arm. A third wounded man, clinging to his waist, was shot through the lung. The paratrooper himself was wounded in the face, arm and shoulder. He wears the Distinguished Service Cross now.

Only six men were unhurt. The only non-com on his feet was a sergeant with a bullet wound in his knee. He looked down at Dick and said:

"What'll we do, sir? We are being butchered. But we will try once more if you say so."

The lieutenant gave the order to pull back. They worked their way down the hill, with each man helping the wounded as best he could. Eight paratroopers on another hill opened fire and routed a column of 200 Germans trying to cut them off.

"All the way back I thought I would be thrown out of the paratroops for falling back without orders," Dick recalled.

Instead, he got pats on the back from the battalion commander, who had given orders, after the first attack, for the platoon to withdraw. But their radio was knocked out, the platoon never got the order—and made a second gallant try.

Two days later a battalion and two companies of paratroopers—more than 500 men this time—attacked and took the hill, capturing 18 Germans in the first pillbox alone.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The 517th was a unique fighting outfit. In over 32 years of serving in numerous outfits, airborne and "straight-leg", I have never served with braver, more dedicated men. I guess my most vivid memory of the 517th goes back to Camp tocco. The officers are still a great source of pride to me. They did everything they asked the troopers to do and then some! As a young (18 year-old) private I was most impressed. I have tried to emulate their leadership techniques throughout my own career. I and still see Major Seitz and Captain Cross leading us up that dusty trail, doubletime, to the top of Mt. Currahee!" GENERAL DAVID E. GRANGE, JR.

War's No Fun, But 517th Is Ready for Any Job

By Ivan H. (Cy) Peterman
Inquirer War Correspondent
By Wireless

WITH ADVANCED U. S. FIRST ARMY TROOPS,
Germany, Feb. 13 (Delayed).

WHEN the 517th Parachute combat team, veterans of the Italian, Riviera and Belgian campaigns, pushed through Hurtzen Forest's hall of horrors and stumbled into the war's worst minefield, they were not unduly dismayed. Everything happens to them and, sublime or ridiculous, it's always dangerous.

Back in 1944, they arrived a week late for battle, were tossed into the hottest sector of the campaign for Florence without even time to shake off their sea legs, and then battled from Grosseto to the city of art and beauty. They were attached to the 36th Division, later to the 35th, and when it was time to invade southern France, General Patch annexed them to his Seventh Army.

Their descent on France was certainly unconventional. Scheduled to leap from 1200 feet, they piled from their planes only 150 feet above the treetops, falling all over the map, miles from their appointed rendezvous, to skulk for weeks be-

hind the enemy lines, fighting singly, or in twos and threes, until they could reassemble. Later, as a combat team, they fought until the Germans were chased through the Belton Gap, and then held a portion of the Alpine line.

THE Red Cross took pity on the boys and decided to parachute goodies to them: there were doughnuts and coffee, and whisky with tea for the British contingent, says Lieutenant Dick Spencer of Des Moines, Ia.

The 517th was enjoying a breather when von Rundstedt's rampage began; they piled into trucks and rushed to Soissons in case the Germans should penetrate that quarter, but before they disembarked their orders were changed seven times. Eventually they were thrown against the 116th Panzers, as part of the American Third Armored front.

"IT WAS tough going. I was with the Third Battalion—they took us from Malmédy for a night attack on Manhay—we fought everything, including American tanks with German crews. Our own planes dive-bombed us, our own artillery fell on the boys when they got too far front, the town was lousy with snipers. And once we were five and a half miles in advance with both flanks exposed," Spencer said.



Near Trois Puits, things were so confused that Lieutenant John H. Neiler, demolitions officer and regimental staffer (they combine and improvise in screwy fashion in the 517th), son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Neiler, of 600 Napoleon st., Johnstown, Pa., went forward with another man to blow up a bridge. It wasn't a Hemingway bridge episode; they merely took explosives and walked down the road, hoping for the best. Arriving at a river bank allegedly in our hands at that point, Neiler was surprised to see a group of unfamiliar characters.

"These guys look like Jerries—must be prisoners," he remarked. "We are Jerries, only you are the prisoners!" came the reply, the English having a distinctly Teutonic flavor.

LEUTENANT NEILER promptly reached for his A6. The German shouted "Nix!" and fired. The Lieutenant's helmet flew into the air. "In the half-light, Neiler dropped into the snow and began firing at the group, while bullets spattered near us. Another bullet grazed his head, parting his hair, but drew no blood, as he backed into the dusk and escaped," Spencer reported. The Johnstown lad happened early upon the minefield when the 517th joined in the attack on the Roer River dams, and like Lieutenant Joseph Novik, of Tarrytown, N. Y., he said it was the biggest and most intricate ever encountered.

Dear Charlie:

February 2, 1983

I never cease to be amazed at the quality and the appearance of your Newsletter. It is excellent. It is also one of the first put out in the Airborne community. I don't know why you don't do the 517 page for me each month in the STATIC LINE. Let's talk about it at the Airborne Awards in April.

With your permission, I want to use that list of New Year's resolutions on page 10. They are hilarious, and I will of course acknowledge the source and author.

Again my heartiest compliments. I think you're a frustrated newspaperman.

Airborne,

DON
DON LASSEN
Editor—The Static Line

BUMPER SNICKERS

Reality is for people who can't handle drugs.
Cocaine is God's way of telling you you're making too much money.
If you've seen one nuclear war you've seen them all.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the headlamp of an oncoming train.
Honk! If you don't have herpes.

Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere.

I didn't invent sex, I'm just perfecting it.

Joan of Arc is alive and medium well.

Welcome to Texas, Now go home.

I've got something money can't buy poverty.

Born -again athiest.

Honk if you are Jesus.

Jesus saves but Moses invests!

Christians aren't perfect-just forgiven.

All extremists should be killed.

Unemployment isn't working.

The Lord giveth, the IRS taketh away.

The Xerox people never do anything original.



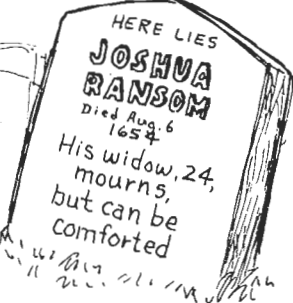
PLANE TALK

A woman on a plane was mentioning to the man next to her that she'd visited San Jose, but she pronounced it San Joe-say.
"That's 'San Ho-say,'" he corrected her. "In California, you should pronounce all the J's as H's. When were you there?"
The woman thought for a moment, and then said, "In Hune and Huly."

Paris Pinups

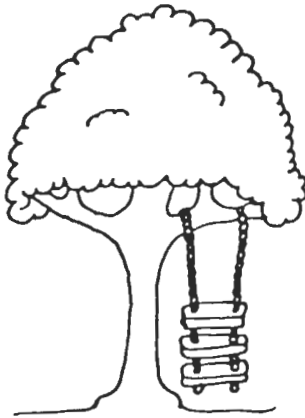
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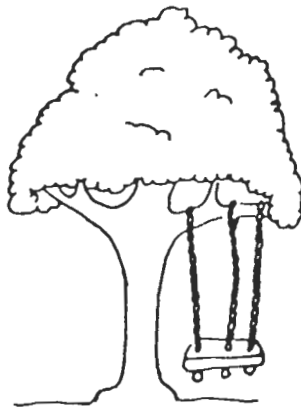


"The way they stare!—Don't people ride bicycles in America?"

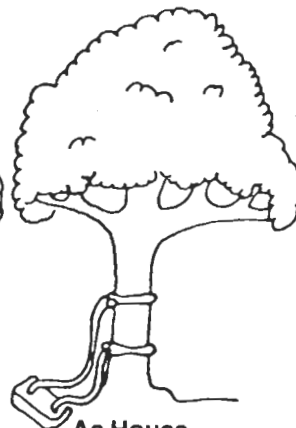
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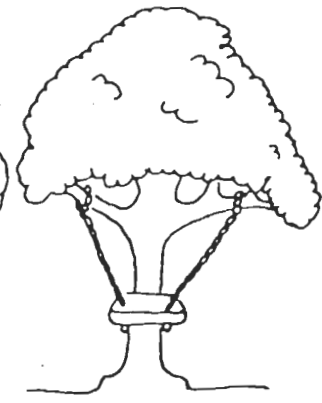
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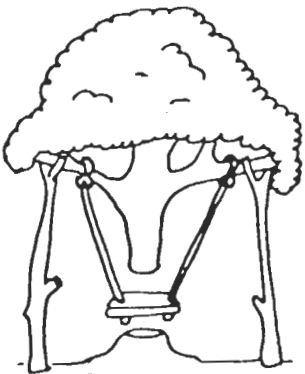
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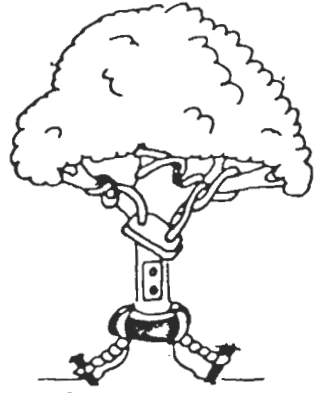
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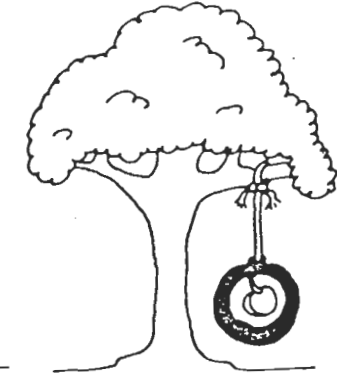
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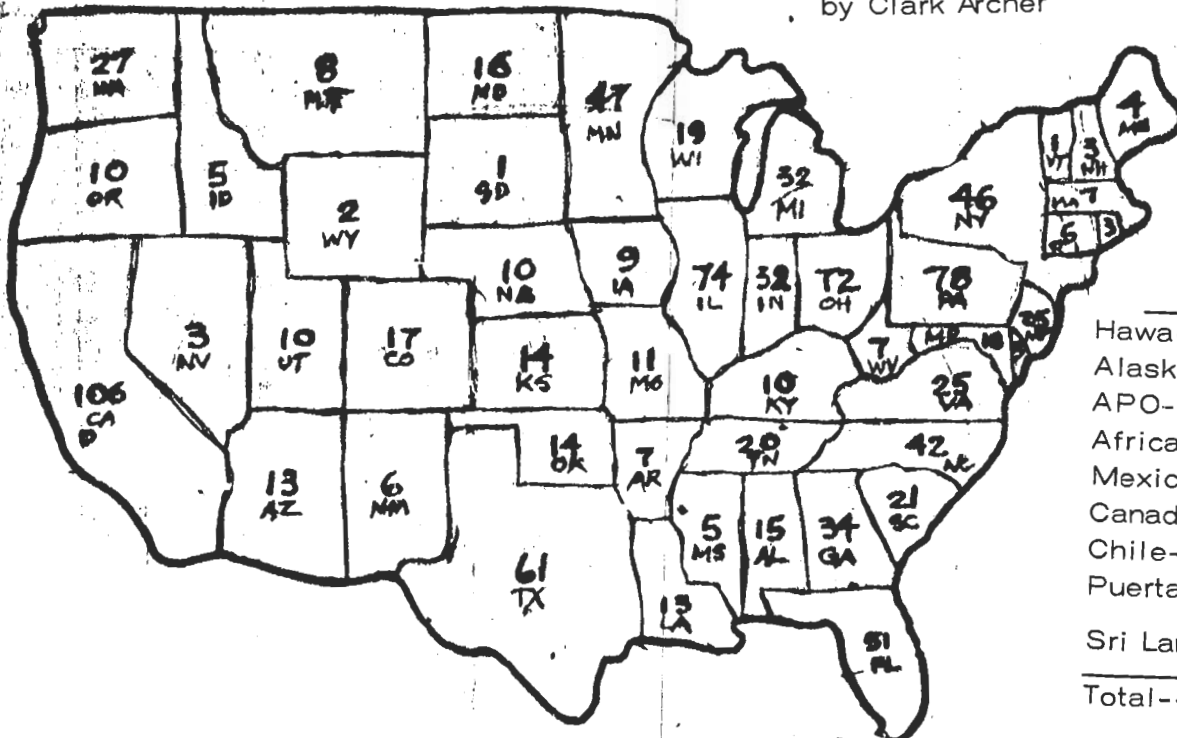
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What the taxpayer really wanted

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by Clark Archer



ADDITIONS

Hawaii	-----2
Alaska	-----1
APO	-----2
Africa	-----1
Mexico	-----1
Canada	-----1
Chile	-----1
Puerto Rico	-----1
Sri Lanka	-----1
Total	-----11

PARA-DEFINITIONS

BY CHARLES PUGH

PARABLAST-usual words from CO or 1st Sgt.

PARABLE-what some troopers are full of

PARAPETS-trooper's boots

PARADE-3.2% beer

PARADIGMATIC-trooper digging foxhole under fire

PARADISE-payday toys

PARADISIAC-a stimulant for troopers

PARADOS-two Mexican troopers

PARAESTHESIA-unfeeling trooper

PARACHUTE-what comes after 1000, 2000, 3000---you hope

PARAGENETIC-second generation paratrooper

PARAGON-AWOL trooper

PARAGRAPHIC-X-rated trooper

PARALACTIC-trooper who enjoys jumping or one who likes milk

PARALLAX-trooper laxative (sometimes a jump)

PARALYTIC-trooper frozen in the door of plane

PARALYZE-a trooper's untruths

PARAMAGNETIC-the attraction the earth has for a trooper whose chute fails to open

PARAMOUR-trooper in love

PARANOIA-normal trooper mental state

PARAPHERNALIA-the things that fill jump suit pockets

PARAPHRASE-"On the double" or "Give me fifty"

PARAPLEGIA-Italian trooper's question to his girlfriend

PARAPSYCHOLOGY-Never volunteer again

PARASITE-where jumpers congregate---usually a bar

PARAVANE - troopers self-esteem

PARASYMPATHETIC- trooper gets this only with a broken leg or worse





FIVE DAYS TOO LATE

by Hal Boyle With 517 PRCT
(Meridian Star- AP Special)



In a regimental command post envious soldiers read a telegram:

Corporal Blank holds a letter appointing him to the USMA in 1945.

It was one of those things hundreds of soldiers dream about--an appointment of a frontline fighter to the United States Military Academy. The telegram continued:

"If found physically qualified Corporal Blank will be returned to the United States to undergo training."

The chance of a lifetime! No more crawling through freezing snow under mortar fire, no more shivering at night in lonely foxholes-- and no more "C" rations. The soldier was a parachute corporal who had fought through Italy, France, and Belgium.

A runner took the telegram to company headquarters to bring back the corporal immediately with full equipment-- ready to start at once for home and West Point.

But no happy corporal came back. The runner returned with this brief message from company headquarters:

"Corporal Blank was killed in action at Trois Ponts, Belgium."

The telegram had come five days too late.

~~Any good battlefield commander prizes the regard of his men above any recognition that higher headquarters can bestow. That is why Capt. Earl E. Ehly, former Philadelphia physical education instructor, treasures a letter written by a wounded man in his company to the commander of the 517th Parachute Combat team.~~

"Dear Sir," the letter said. "I am in hospital now with a fractured skull. Being an enlisted man under your command I would like to bring to your attention the kind of officer you have under your command.

"The officer I am referring to is Capt. Earl E. Ehly. Here were his actions while we were engaging the enemy at

(continued)

Soy, Luxembourg. We were advancing against a heavy concentration of small arms fire, mortar fire, and 240-millimeter artillery fire. Capt. Ehly was hit in the leg, and as I started to help him an artillery shell of the 240-millimeter kind fell between us wounding about six more men. Capt. Ehly, neglecting his wounds and the mortar fire, crawled to me and gave me first aid treatment and words of encouragement. I wrote this letter of my own free will."

The letter was signed with an enlisted man's name.

The letter-- which means more to Ehly than the hero's ribbons he wears over his left pocket-- didn't add what the boys who patched up the wounded at the aid station remember. Capt. Ehly wouldn't permit them to give him blood plasma until he was personally shown that the supply on hand was sufficient for all his wounded men.

OBVERSE



REVERSE

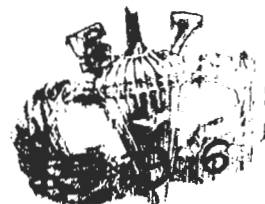


open for engraving name, etc.

In June, this coin/medal will be available in either silver colored metal or bronze. The coins will cost \$3.50 each in bronze and \$4.00 in silver. A holder and chain of the appropriate color can be purchased for \$2.00 to convert the coin into a necklace. You can place your order in advance with the Editor but don't send any money until you are asked for it.



Paratrooper wings like the two illustrations will be available soon at a very reasonable price---probably \$5.00 plus \$3.00 if you wish the combat jump star affixed. The wings with the 517 numerals across the top can also have the 596 numerals attached across the body of the wings for a few dollars more----- probably \$3.00. They will be advertised in our News-letter and in the Static Line when they become available. Phillips Publications is having these made up for us.





JIM MAC FADDEN SENT ME THIS MOVING AND BEAUTIFUL LETTER WRITTEN
BY LT. GEORGE FLANNERY'S MOTHER.....Editor

October 26, 1944

Dear Capt. Dalrymple and Men of the Third Platoon

Ever since I read the letters which you sent to my son's wife, Alethe, I have wanted to correspond with you men who were so very kind in letting us know your thoughts and feelings. You men fought and lived and some of you died with my son and to know the mutual respect and feeling between you and he is of the greatest satisfaction to me. I only wish I had known you as I did George's friends in school. They were always close to me and at all times felt free to come to our home. Someday, after this is over, I hope that any one of you will feel the same way. Nothing would please me more.

Although he is gone we do have one thing to be thankful for. He gave us a lovely daughter and now a beautiful granddaughter, who I pray lives in the image of him.

Knowing you men knew George for the man he was, I am sure you will agree with me when I say that I could not have given a more perfect son for my country. Words are fruitless in describing the loss I feel, a mother's loss. But you men who knew him in the world, knew him as the son I wanted him to be, you may understand.

I pray that this war will soon end and that all of you may safely return to your families.

I remain yours,

Mrs. George I. Flannery
517 Jackson Street
Pasadena, 2, California

Mrs. George I. Flannery

February 2, 1983

Dear Dr. Pugh,

Your call was a surprise to me and a little confusing in that I am now Alethe Baker. When you asked for Flannery, I thought you wanted to speak to my daughter, Patricia, and she in turn realized that you wanted to talk with me. I have often wondered about the friends George and I had during the war years and what had happened to them. I recognized quite a few names in the Roster which you included in your mailing.

Pat, George's daughter, visited George's grave in Florence, Italy when she was in Europe. As she had not known her father (George was killed in June and Pat was born in August of 1944), this was quite a traumatic experience for her. He suddenly became a reality. Patricia graduated from college with a teaching credential and taught for eight years before she decided that this was not for her. She retrained and is now a legal secretary with the firm, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, the largest in L.A.. She is happy in her work.

I have been divorced from my second husband for 20 years. We had two boys, both are grown and married. This is my first week of retirement from teaching after 28 years of hard but happy work.

I really appreciated hearing from you and thank you for taking your time to look me up. I am enclosing two pictures which you can use if you wish. I would like them returned to me.

Sincerely,
Alethe Baker



George Flannery

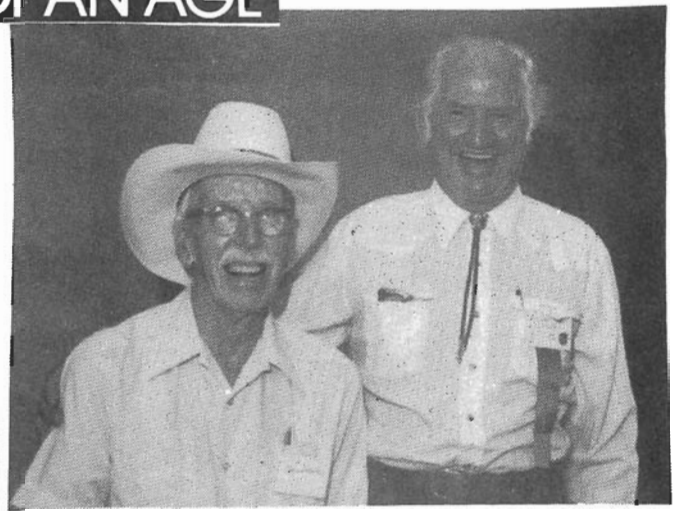


Front Row: Geo. Flannery & Earl Dillard
Back Row: Elob Dalrymple & Ray Hild

PHOTOGRAPHS OF AN AGE



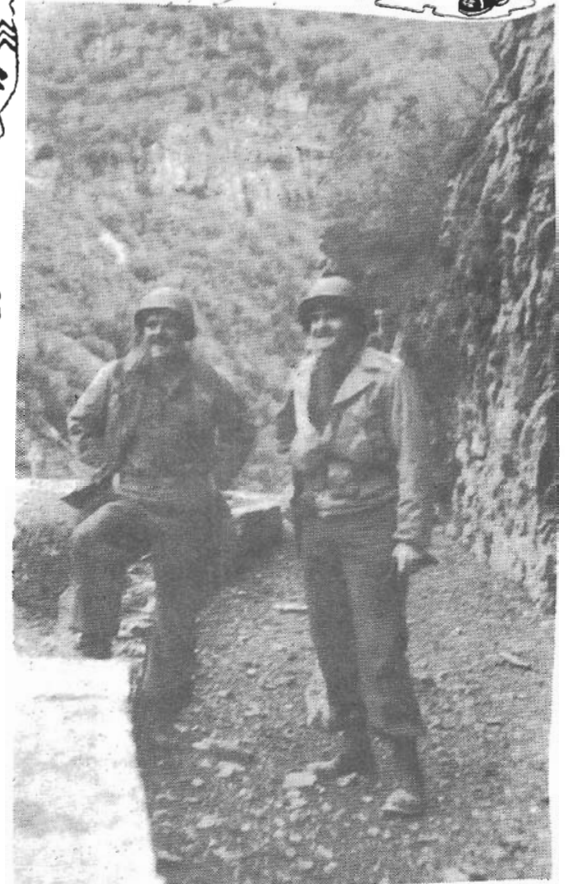
Gus Madisom & Ernie Kosan at Dog Jordan's Mini-Reunion in Hatfield, PA in Sept. 1982



Col. Graves & Pres. Tex Lowe



Who? Who? & Ray Hild



Dick Bramley & Bob Dalrymple
Southern France-1944



Theresa & Mason Phoebus
1969



Evalyn & Warren Leatham

REMEMBER WHEN?



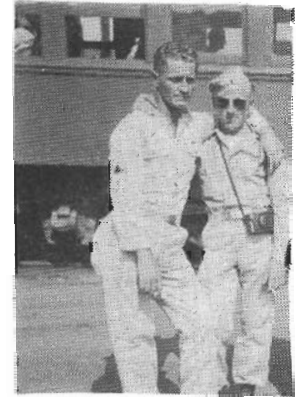
'B' Co., 517 PIR, 11 Nov 1944, Nice, France



Mason H. Phoebus



27. SOSPEL (A.-M.) — Le vieux pont sur la Bévère Photo Munte



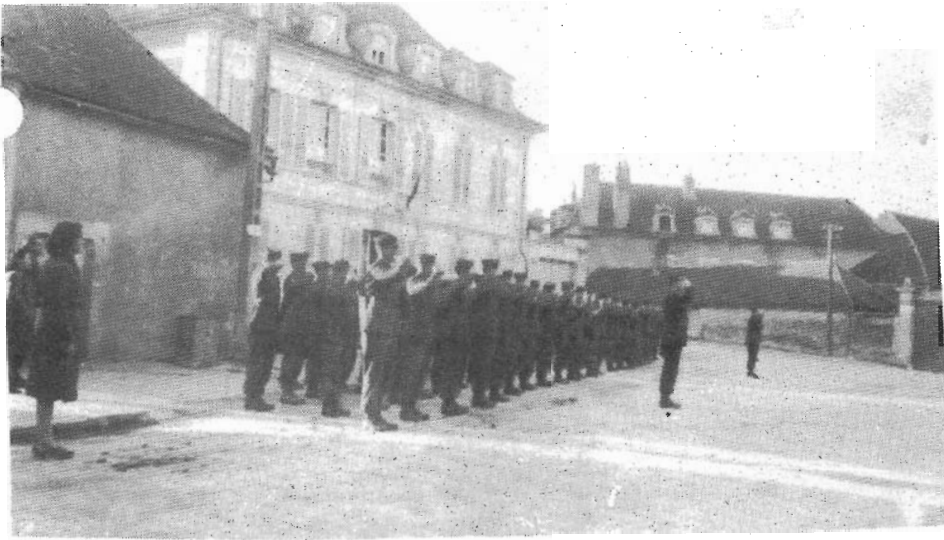
Sgts. Morgan & Barnes



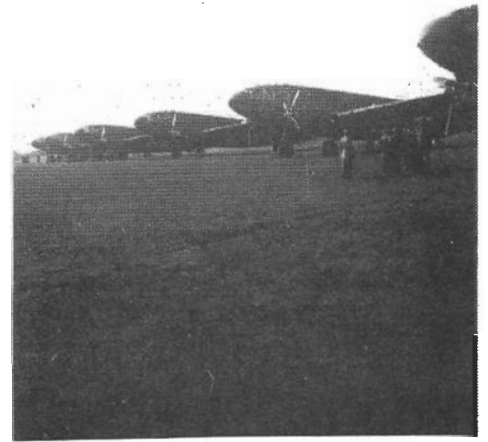
Don Saunders & Al Kunzer



31. - Le Col de BRAUD (A.-M.), alt. 1002 m. - Les lacs



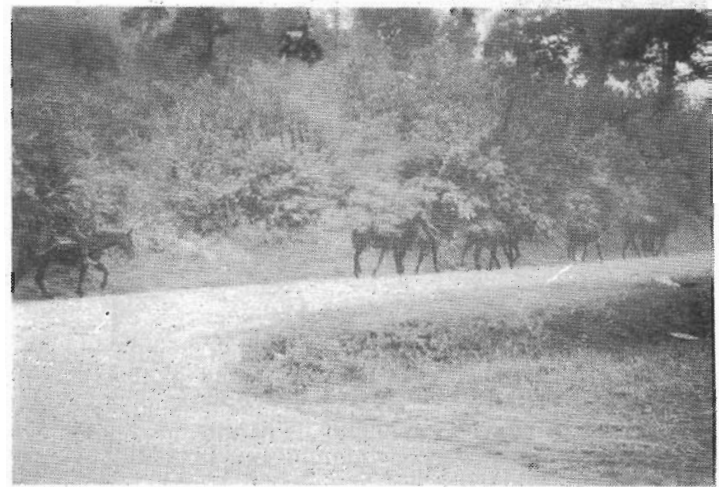
Formation of 596 at Soisson, France, just prior to moving out by truck for the Battle of the Bulge



C-47s prior to take-off for So. France invasion



Co.C, 139th Engr. Bn. Company street in May, 1943



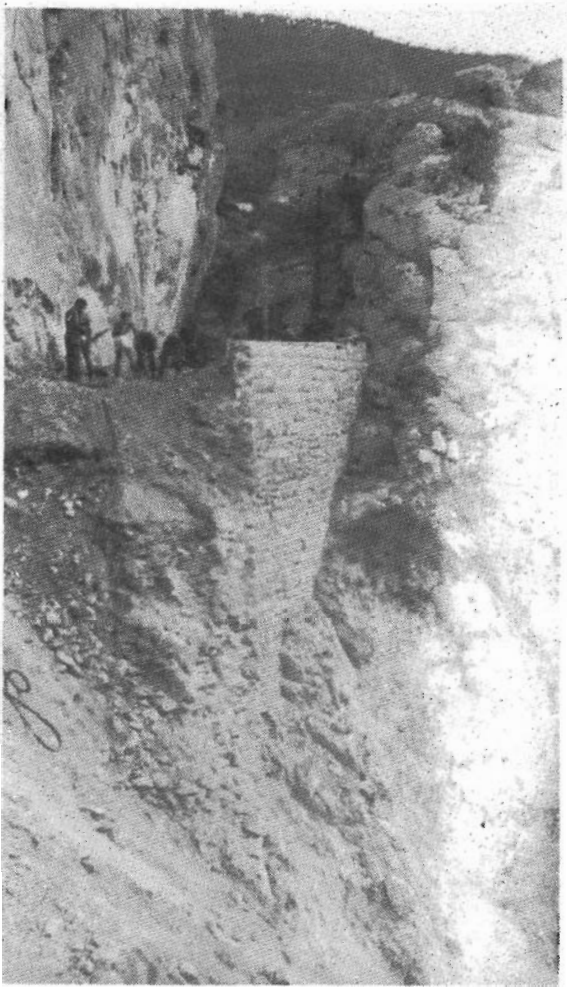
The mules of the 517 in Italy carrying weapons and ammo



596 traveling from Nice to Soissons by 40 and 8 in December, 1944



A 596 masterpiece bridge at St. Martin du Var, France



Another challenge for the 596 on the road to Sospel, France



Knocked out tank, Belgium, 1944/45



Chaplain Brown in Italy



Beach fortification at Nice
A demolition job for the 596



Steel bridge in South of France
Did 596 build this?

YOUR HELP WANTED ON NEW BOOK

John Andrews, author of "The Airborne Album Vol. 1, Parachute Test Platoon to Normandy", is gathering material for Volume 2. In it will be much information and several photographs about the 517 PRCT, provided our members give him some help. I urge you to send him anything you can that he needs as indicated in the following list. He is absolutely to be trusted to return your photos and whatever else you send him that you wish returned. If he uses any of your photos, he will send you an 8" X 10" enlargement of each when he returns them and will also send you a free copy of the book when it is published. He wants photos that are clear and that show paratroopers using airborne equipment, gear, or engaged in airborne training or combat operations. Also photos of people, places and things of special significance to the development of the US Airborne forces or to those forces' wartime experiences.

Special photos of the 517 he is looking for are:

Chuting up and loading for Operation Dragoon

Post-landing photos on or near DZs in France

Pictures made during combat ops

Photos showing the 517, 460, or 596 patches on uniform jacket

Shots showing 460 firing howitzers and moving them

Shots showing 596 at engineering tasks

Photos of 517 PRCT in The Bulge

Photos made at Ft. Benning during jump training

Anything showing 517th's Dragoon Pathfinders, most especially regarding the Rebecca and Eureka radar beacons.

Any photos of 517 PRCT activities in Italy

John would like to have a copy of the After-Action Report of the 517 PRCT related to activities in the Battle of the Bulge.

Can you answer any of the following questions?

What was our unit slogan; "True As Steel", or "Strong As Steel", or "Attack" ?

What were the radio call signs/code words for the Combat Team's Units?

Send to: JOHN C. ANDREWS
2310 Kimball Place
Silver Springs, MD 20910

QUOTABLE QUOTE

" My first military assignment as a rifle platoon leader in C Company of 517 will always be treasured as probably the highlight of my military career. It was my first love and my deepest love. The same comrades who fought so splendidly throughout Europe have fought nobly by their example since in building a better America for us all." GENERAL SIDNEY 'MICKEY' MARKS



THE FRANCO-ITALIAN BORDER CAMPAIGN BATTLE STAR

The 517 PRCT may be eligible for another campaign battle star for the Franco-Italian Border Campaign. The First Special Service Force has a star for this campaign and their leadership has informed me that Sospel is included in that campaign which should qualify us for it also. This is being pursued through official military channels and more information will be forthcoming.

HUMOR

PARATROOPER'S ODESSEY

High on the deck of a flying wreck
A paratrooper stands;
He stares straight ahead and listens
with dread
As he waits those final commands

There's a green light's glow and a
shout: "Let's go!"
As he leaps straight into space;
There's the thrill of the drop—the
hard opening shock
And starlight shows fear on his
face.

A quick sigh of relief, then he thinks
of the grief
To be met when he reaches the
ground.
Then he looks far below, for a safe
place to go
From the shells that are bursting
around.

There's a rip and a slash, and hard
jarring crash
And his canopy hangs from a tree,
Though in a poem I can't show it;
'twas hard ground and I know
it,
'Cause the guy in the 'dnute was me.

In a state of collapse, I unbuckled
my straps
And I shakily rise from the sod;
No bones are broke; the night is a
cloak
And I offer a prayer to God.

Then an enemy gun sends me off on
the run,
As I busily hunt our CP
You can think what you please, but
I'm weak at the knees
'Cause the Jerries are hunting for
me.

They say in this war, that we are
fighting for
All the good things in life and for
freedom
But the crazy galoot in the silk para-
chute
Won't live so long as to need 'em.

—Pfc. Charles Flament



—Sgt. Duane Wright

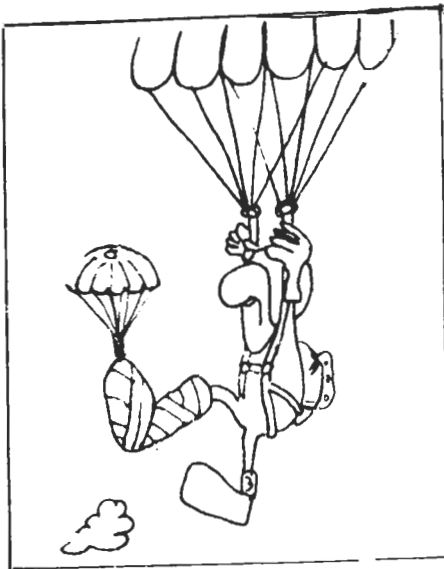
"-8 -9 -10 -Amen!"

HE ASKED FOR IT

Now, you might think I'm crazy.
I sure fooled the doctors, too.
But woe is me — my plans back-
fired—

Here's what I planned to do.
I never liked the Army
On pass, I'd stay out late;
I imagined myself in an iron cage
So I tried for a Section Eight.
First I stole a Colonel's bicycle
And then a sergeant's jeep;
I blew up a Flying Fortress,
Boy, I really went in deep.
One day I walked up to a major
And ripped off his pretty leaves
Then embarrassed a Major General
By boldly calling him "Jeeves."
I thought my plans were perfect;
I was sure that I'd done quite right,
But instead of the discharge I
wanted—

I'm going to be shot—tonight.
—T-Sgt. John Speight



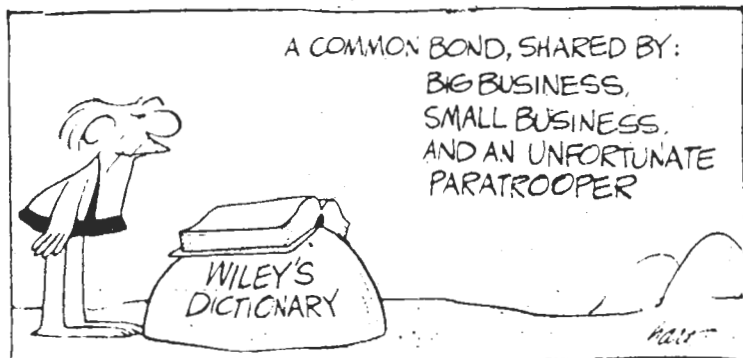
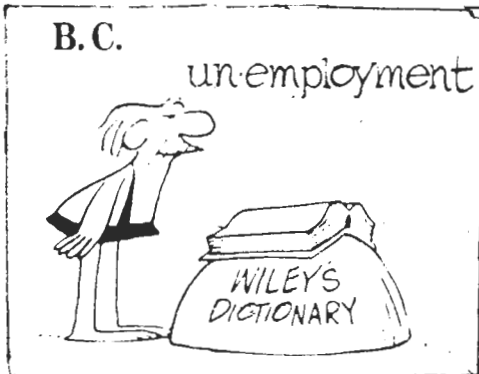
Knowledge is power only
if you know which
facts to
IGNORE

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"When you get out of the Army," snarled the rough old sergeant to the private, "I bet you won't be able to wait until I die so you can come and spit on my grave."

"Not me, Sarge," the private replied. "When I get out of the Army I ain't never gonna wait in a line again."

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REMEMBERING THE 596th PCEC

by Don Saunders-JEO

It all started when we got off the train on a rainy night in Georgia and loaded into 2½ ton trucks which took us to Camp Toccoa. We jumped out of the trucks into mud up to our ankles. In the 5 days at Toccoa much happened to us---most of it discouraging. We were clipper-cut almost bald, made the "avowel of intention" jumps from the 30foot towers, and ran up and down Mt. Currahee. As we ran up the mountain on one of those days, the sergeant pointed out Capt. Dalrymple who was running down with another group and said, "There is your new "C.O.". We interviewed with him the next day to find out if we met his requirements and standards.

We then shipped out to Camp Mackall to the "C" Company area of the 139th Abn. Engr. Bn.. There were only a few of us in the barracks at that time as the 17th Abn. Div. was just forming. It didn't take long for Sgts. Celecz, Mills, Costello, Larson, Roberson, Morgan, Gibbons, Hoffman, and the little guy with the big voice, 1st Sgt. Barnes, to begin whipping us into shape. At that time we only had 12 weeks of basic training as compared to at least 16 weeks for non-airborne soldiers. That \$50 /month was the hardest money I ever earned. What a great group of officers we had; Lts. Hild, Gainer, Dillard, Phillips, McMullen, Zavatiero, Flannery, Larson, Wallam, and our capable leader, Capt. Dalrymple. There were other officers with us for various lengths of time, some not even long enough to get acquainted.

Remember the daily runs we made; sometimes even to the airport and back. I remember Bill Hudson digging the 8 X 8's in the company area; Nelson watering down Bill Jackson's foot-locker after a night at the Beer Garden, and Jackson knocking him through the screen door and out into the road. Elias Nolan taking us all in the monthly payday crap game. (Note: I went to Niagara Falls to see the house and gas station that we bought for him through our monthly contributions.) I can see Jaynes on the bar behind the barracks doing his stuff and Matt Jacque trying to follow. I recall the low stakes card games in the evenings with what little money Nolan left us.

I remember mail call with Springer getting his frequent \$100 bills from home, Roberts his love letters from home and Monahan checking the mail pouch for the rest of us. Remember taking pictures in the Company area on Sundays with Conger, Cochran, Bartholomew, Bennett, Doane, Gelen, Harrell, Hudson, Kenyon, McRoy, Mitchell Moses, Pearson, Pierce, Podrasky, Poe, Pugh, Randall, Roberts, Sandberg, Shull, Schornberg, Senter, Shipley, Moore, Moon, Simpson, Small, Don Smith, Starck, Verdi, and the Spencer boys. It seems like every time pictures were being taken, the same guys were there---and I can't leave out Von and Zubricky.

Listening to the stories after lights out about Brooklyn from Christian, Barbera, and Costello with Shaw and Hudson trying to outdo them. Then the big arguments over who won the Civil War.

Jump School in August at Benning---last jump on Friday the 13th. Remembering the the evening Capt. Dalrymple thought we were getting soft in the head from our jump training so he decided to take us on a short run over to the Alabama Area on the opposite side of the airport---then on the break he gave us 50 push-ups and it was double time back to the Frying Pan area we called home. Stroud having trouble with his chute on all five jumps would have been enough to persuade most of us to give up the troopers. Then the BIG DAY----PARATROOPER WINGS!!! Then a furlough so we could strut our boots, wings, and bloused pants in our hometown.

Back to Camp Mackall for more training, running, push-ups, practice jumps and the ubiquitous presence of Sgt. Barnes saying, "Soldier, give me 150 and make them good ones---and guys you thought were your buddies would stand there and count every single one of them aloud.

Wickersham goes to the stockade and is then transferred to the 517 where he became a legendary one-man patrol. Pop Spencer and Tommy Thompson just making reveille by seconds after a wet week-end in Greensboro. Thompson buying a drink for \$6 from the pint that Verdi had stashed in his foot-locker and the drink was one drink that finished off the entire pint. Tommy then proceeded to break his arm. Capt. Dalrymple failed to see the humor in all this and transferred him to Ft. Jackson. Squirell Myers entertaining his buddies and most of the townspeople of Charlotte by hanging from the flag-pole of the Charlotte Hotel.

Tennessee Maneuvers when the weather was miserable, cold and wet and our guys were sleeping in the mud in pup tents or under a shelter half but not Goodman, McMullen and myself. We were on umpire detail and didn't see too much of the outfit as we spent a lot of time in town eating steak and visiting in Nashville. I remember having a wonderful home-cooked meal during this time prepared by Alice Goodmen. Thanks again Alice.

Back to Mackall for inoculations and preparation to go overseas. Hal Eddy taking more showers than any other six men in the company. Lots of PT. Week-end passes and dances in town with the "townie" girls, generally at a church or school and sometimes being invited to a Sunday dinner at one of the girl's home. Another furlough for everyone before shipping overseas. I got lucky in a black-jack game and turned my last \$5.00 into \$120.00 that made it possible for me to take the furlough.

On to Fort Patrick Henry for processing before shipping out. Remember the dances at the dance hall at the end of our street and waiting in line with the Italian POW's to dance with the girls. Remember how most of us sneaked out of camp and over the fence into one of the nearby towns on several nights in spite of the warning that guards with machine guns and orders to shoot to kill were posted around the camp.

Was it May 17th when we went to Newport News to board ship? After 14 days on the high seas and a few submarine scares, we landed at Naples on 31 May. From here on it becomes another story to be told at a later date. I wonder if Capt. Dalrymple remembers the first greeting he received as he lined us up on the dock as we debarqued. Asleep and sitting in a chair in the doorway of a dockside warehouse adjacent to where Capt. Dalrymple was forming us up preparatory to moving out was a big black private. Capt. Dalrymple, who was standing near the sleeping private, kicked the leg of his chair and as the fellow opened his eyes, Capt. D said, "I'm Capt. Dalrymple and I am in command of these troops." He was giving the fellow a chance to awaken and realize that he should rise and give a salute. Instead, the fellow looked at the men in formation and at the Captain and replied, "You're doing a good job Captain; Don't screw it up."

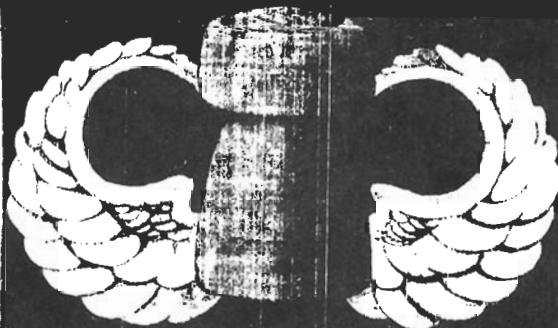
QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I grew up in the 517th. Certainly there was more maturing ahead, but the fact is that, like most of the 18-19 year old recruits (and some officers) who joined at Toccoa, we made a quantum jump in the 2½ years we spent together. The memories, even today, are bittersweet; as they should be, of a fiercely loved combat outfit. Recollections of unbelievable hilarity, death, youthful mistakes, and foolish but beautiful bravery intertwine. Looking back over the years of assignments after I rejoined the Army, I find myself thinking that those 2½ years as a relatively undistinguished but proud enlisted soldier soldier in Co. A, 517th PIR perhaps contributed the most that any experience could to making the responsibilities of rank better understood and easier fulfilled." GENERAL RICHARD J. EATON

12 thru 19 AUGUST 1984

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CAN WE TEMPT YOU?

Shortly after our Reunion in San Mateo in August, you will receive a mailing and color brochure that will have detailed information about this European excursion. This bit of information is merely to whet your appetite and give you as much lead time as possible to be thinking and planning for this wonderful trip.

The plans for us to uncork the Second Champagne Campaign in August, 1984, are still being worked on. The itinerary for the basic tour of Southern France has been finalized and we are arranging Mayoral Receptions at several towns, a cocktail party, parade, banquet, etc.. Optional tour extensions are set to Switzerland or the Chateau Country and Paris or Italy Florence and Rome. This voyage back in time will be one of the highpoints of your life because the French people are going to roll out the red carpet for us. They are more enthused and excited about this 40th Anniversary than we are and look forward to this opportunity to express their appreciation for our part in liberating France.

A voyage back in time.



BASIC TOUR

PROPOSED ITINERARY - 40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION - AUGUST, 1984

Sunday August 12	Depart USA via transatlantic flight to Nice, France. Meals served in flight.
Monday August 13	Transfer to your hotel. Welcome reception and tour orientation.
Tuesday August 14	City tour of Nice, to include rose-colored buildings of the Place Massena; Casino; the bustling Avenue de la Victorie, in character very much like a typical Parisian boulevard. Take a trip up to the top of the Colline du Chateau by lift and enjoy the breathtaking view embracing the whole of Nice.
Wednesday August 15	40th Anniversary Celebration today. Return to the landing area of 1944 of Le Muy with memorial/wreath service at the Draguignan U.S. Military cemetery. Receptions planned with townspeople of St. Tropez, St. Raphael, Cannes and Nice.
Thursday August 16	Free/relax and enjoy independent recreation.
Friday August 17	Grande Corniche tour, which is the highest of the coastal roads linking Nice with the Italian frontier. The magnificent Mediterranean view from the heights of Bellevue north of Ancient Eze; Roquebrune Castle; luncheon at the popular tourist resort of Menton. The return along the Lower Corniche; visits Monte Carlo Casino, the Oceanic Museum and Prince Ranier's Botanical Gardens and the picturesque fishing port of Villefrance.
Saturday August 18	A day of relaxation/or a suggested trip to Cap d'Antibes; Vence and St. Paul. Excursion takes one via the Cap d'antibes to the famous Chapel at Vence decorated by Henri Matisse. The return is made through Saint Paul with a stop to visit its interesting church, Roquefort, Valbonne and Le Cannet.
Sunday August 19	Transfer to the Nice Airport for homeward flights.... or with prior arrangements, extend your stay in Europe.

Tour price includes: First Class hotels with private bath in twin bedded rooms, 2 in-a-room basis. Continental breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 2 dinners. Private motorcoach for tours as outlined in itinerary. Sightseeing as specified. Transfers between airport and hotels if traveling with group. Tips and taxes, services provided. Professional tour escort, portage of one suitcase per person.

Tour price does not include: Air transportation, airport taxes, excess baggage charge, items not on table d'hotel menu, mineral water, beverages with lunch/dinner, liquor, laundry, customary tip to coach driver, and tour escort and items of a personal nature.

Tour price is based on rate in effect on February 7, 1983 and on a minimum of 25 paying passengers. The rate will be subject to change as long as it is quoted in US Dollar regardless of book.

Tour cost: \$795.00 per person twin basis
Single supplement \$150.00.

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OPTIONAL TOUR EXTENSIONS

For those who can stay a few days longer there are three optional tour extensions.

Each is outlined below:

RHONE VALLEY, LOIRE CHATEAUX, CHARTRES, VERSAILLES AND PARIS TOUR

Sun. 19 Aug.-Charter motor coach to Avignon, Cotes-du-Rhone vineyards, Orange & Lyon
Mon. 20 Aug.-To Macon, Abbey of Cluny, Bourges and Tours
Tues. 21 Aug.-Loire Valley visit to 3 chateaux, Chaumont, Cheverny, & Chambord
Wed. 22 Aug.-To Chartres Cathedral, Versailles, and Paris
Thur. 23 Aug.-Paris
Fri. 24 Aug.-Depart to USA Tour Cost: \$806 per person (twin basis)

SWISS ALPS AND LAKE REGION TOUR

Sun. 19 Aug.-Charter motor coach to Milan to visit Cathedral, Plaza Buonarroti, and Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" and on to Lugano, Switzerland.
Mon. 20 Aug.-To Bellinzona and thence to Locarno Castle
Tues. 21 Aug.-To Domodossalo, Simplon Pass and Montreaux
Wed. 22 Aug.-To Gruyeres, Bern, and Zurich
Thur. 23 Aug.-Depart to USA Tour Cost: \$400.00 per person (twin basis)

ITALIAN TOUR---MILAN, VENICE, FLORENCE, ROME

Sun. 19 Aug.-Charter motor coach to Milan to visit La Scala Opera House, the Cathedral, and da Vinci's "Last Supper" and on to Venice
Mon. 20 Aug.-Walking tour of Venice
Tues. 21 Aug.-Venice or go to Vicenza for the day and back to Venice
Wed. 22 Aug.-To Florence
Thur. 23 Aug.-To Rome
Fri. 24 Aug.-Rome and Vatican City
Sat. 25 Aug.-Depart to USA Tour Cost: \$840.00 per person (twin basis)

METRIC MADNESS

In our nation's dizzying rush to adopt the metric system, we must not overlook the cultural changes this conversion will bring. Below are a few of our time-honored proverbs and expressions converted for international use:

- All wool and .9144 meter wide.
- Give him 25.4 millimeters and he will take 1.609 kilometers.
- 37.85 liter hat.
- 111175.46 kilometers under the sea.
- The longest 1.609 kilometers.
- 453.6 gram cake.
- God's little .4047 hectare.
- I wouldn't touch that with a 3.048 meter pole.
- 28.35 grams of prevention is worth 453.6 grams of cure.
- Take it with .0648 grams of salt.
- 96.5 - 66 - 91.5 WOW! Can she type?

Clark Archer sent the following for all you trivia buffs: TOC-
COA is the Cherokee word for "The Beautiful" and CURRAHEE
means "Standing Alone."

MAIL CALL

Dear Charley;

Sure do thank you for remembering, and sending along the sheets of the new 517th stationery. It looks good!

Have had a busy summer, with lots of saddle time (and miles) -- and about as much time in my bedroll as in my bed at home. Just got back from riding this year's Chief Joseph Trail with the Appaloosa Horse Club. Each year they ride a hundred mile segment of the 1300 mile trek made by Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce in 1877. This year it was the Lolo Trail and the Bitterroot Valley in Idaho and Montana. 320 riders, all on Appaloosas. Quite a sight!

Then we stopped off for the Crow Indian Fair, at Crow Agency, Montana, on the way home. 500 big white Crow Tipis, and lots of beads, buckskins, feathers, and horses! And elk teeth, too. The Crow women decorate their blouses and dresses with elk teeth. Just the two ivories. Two to an elk, and some of them had "1000 dresses" -- that means they are decorated with 1000 elk teeth!

Also had a good pack trip up in the Absaroka Wilderness, just east of Yellowstone Park. Fantastic country up there, and lots of wildlife. The last of June, when I was up there, there was still plenty of snow in the high country, and all the rivers and streams were brim full!

If you get up this way, stop in. If not, I'll see you at the next reunion!

Again, thanks.

Dick --

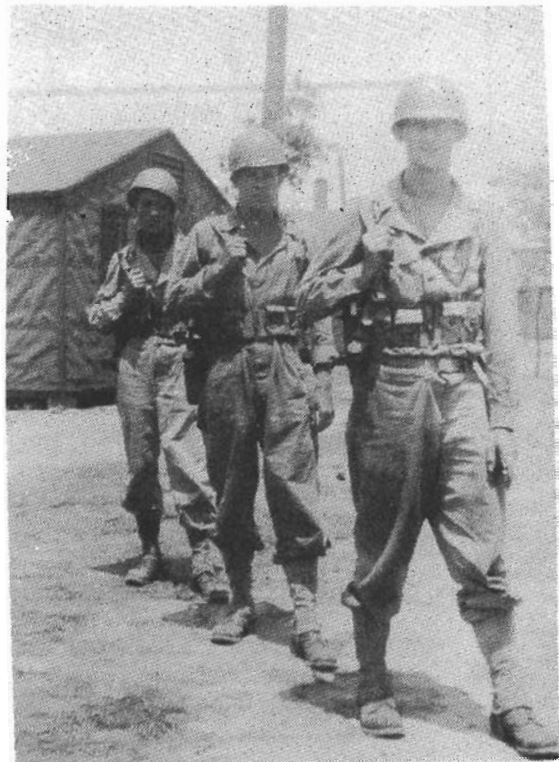
Dick Spencer
Publisher
The Western Horseman

Ed.Note--Now this sounds like something most of us would have enjoyed.

BASIC TRAINEES



Matt Jacque, Don Sherman, & Don Saunders



Bob Verdi, Don Saunders & Bucky McCauley

by Ernie Kosan

Spring 1945 found us attached to the 13th Airborne Division. We were prepared to make a different combat jump almost daily, but Gen. Patton kept overrunning the DZs. With the end of the conflict in Europe, we had a choice----stay with the 13 A/B Div. for possible Pacific Theatre service or occupation duty in Germany. I believe we all chose the occupation duty. We were attached to the 82nd A/B Div. at Epinal, France. The pride that was the 596 became a part of the 307th A/B Engr. Bn.

During the early days in Berlin, Charlie Pugh, the consummate organizer, got the idea of putting together a variety show using the talent available in the 307th and other elements of the Division. The idea was fostered by Charlie's desire to escape the guard duty assignments that he found as unpleasant as the rest of us did.

Charlie and John Holbrook collaborated in writing, casting and directing the show. They enlisted the help of a German, "Tex" Kutscher, and his Mother who managed the Music Institute to be used for rehearsals. They were the source of valuable advice and also musical instruments. Charlie and I went to the Berlin Opera House and made arrangements with the wardrobe mistress, Frau Washer, for all the costumes needed for the show.

As the word got around, talent started showing up. Obviously, there were others desperate to escape the onerous guard duty. Among the talented and semi-talented who showed up was a piano player who played by ear but only in one key. Also a barber shop quartet that sang "You Gotta Accentuate the Positive", among other numbers. I did a couple of numbers in a Cossack uniform, if you can imagine a Cossack singing "Night and Day". The costumes may have been the best part of the show but we didn't think so. The choreographer was a hairy ape from some other outfit in the Division who had danced professionally. He put together a chorus line in drag that was the hit of the show. John Holbrook was the Master of Ceremonies.

We put on the show quite a few times. The high point was a production at a theatre in Steglitz for the staff of the General Hospital and the Division brass. The shocker came when the chorus line did a modified strip and all the rubber "boobs" went floating over the audience. We heard later that the nurses were upset and embarrassed. How times have changed! Slim Jim Gavin came backstage to congratulate us.

We did have a ball!

Ernie Coffelt's Sister and the
Franco-American Souvenir Society

For the past 15 years Albert Moeller, Area Marketing Development Manager for Hallmark Cards in White Plains, NY has been escorting two next-of-kin of one of our comrades buried in the Rhone U. S. Military Cemetery at Draguignan, France. They attend a memorial ceremony at the cemetery on Memorial Day (May 30) and spend two weeks in the south of France. Plane fare, accommodations and all expenses are paid for by the Franco-American Souvenir Society. This Society was founded by the late Walter Warburton of Summit, NJ and Aimie Leocard of Draguignan, France, to better relations between the two countries.

Eight Hundred and sixty one Americans are still buried in this cemetery and several were members of the 517 PRCT. Recently Mr. Moeller was put in touch with Eileen O'Neal, sister of Ernest Coffelt who served in the 596 Parachute Combat Engineer Company and was killed in action a few days after D-Day. Mrs. O'Neal lives in Chattanooga, TN and she and her husband are being considered for the trip to Draguignan in May 1984, thanks to the thoughtful kindness and generosity of the Franco-American Souvenir Society.

MORE REUNION INFORMATION

Every man of the 517th PRCT who has made it from the summer of "43" to the summer of "83" has abundant reason to be thankful for his good fortune and to celebrate. There can be no more fitting time and place to do this than San Mateo on 11, 12, 13 August. Spoil yourself and treat yourself to three memorable days and nights with the troopers with whom you spent three unforgettable and extraordinary years. The warmth and love you will experience are so palpable that outsiders (wives, children and friends) who have attended a reunion are very much aware of it and surprised by the depth of emotion involved.

It Isn't too early for you to begin the countdown on your plans to attend the August reunion. If you haven't written or called to reserve your room, do it NOW. Villa Hotel, 4000 El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94403, Tel. (415) 341-0966. Make a vacation out of it and think about coming earlier or staying on a few days after to visit the nearby wineries, the Monterrey-Carmel area. San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe-Reno.

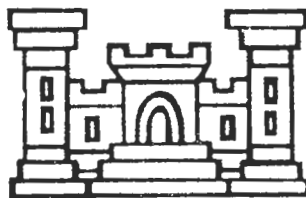
TROUBLE SHOOTING CHART FOR 596 HOSPITALITY SUITE IN SAN MATEO

<u>SYMPTOM</u>	<u>FAULT</u>	<u>ACTION REQUIRED</u>
Drinking fails to give taste and drink is unusually pale or clear	Glass is empty	Get another drink in the glass
Drink fails to give taste and shirt front wet	Mouth not open while drinking or glass applied to wrong part of face	Get another drink and practice in front of a mirror
Feet cold and wet	Glass being applied at wrong angle	Turn glass other way up so that open end points toward ceiling
Feet warm and wet	Improper bladder control	Bring a dog with you and stand next to it while drinking and complain about the dog's lack of house training
Bar blurred	You are looking through bottom of empty glass	Get another drink
Bar moving	You are being carried out	Find out if you are being taken to some other company's Hospitality Suite. If not, complain loudly that you are being kidnapped by the Salvation Army.
Opposite wall is covered with ceiling tiles and has a fluorescent light strip across it	You have fallen over backward	If your glass is still full and no one is standing on your drinking arm, stay put. If not, get someone to help you up and lash you to the bar.

"All the Way"



ENGINEERS



U.S. ARMY

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.
— Edwin Markham

*Soft Landings
and
Sunny Weekends*