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Your Board of Governors meets at least once each quarter to consider ways to further the objectives of the Association in enhancing the programs vital to meeting the mobilization readiness of the Army Reserve: and, to conduct such other business that may come to the attention of the board.



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Committee For The National Interest

Your Committee for the National Interest has been working on three fronts this past year while maintaining a watchful eye on several other areas of potential concern.

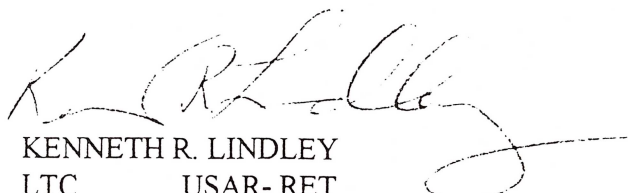
As the year began we forwarded a Resolution to Congress supporting an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The propose of the Resolution was to encourage Congress to pass an amendment to make such acts as defaming, defacing, or otherwise desecrating the National Colors by individuals or groups of individuals in public or in private a felonious act, subject to the prosecution and punishment under the laws of the United States. The 104th Congress acted on this measure with passage in the Senate and a narrow defeat in the House. It remains to be seen how or if the 105th Congress will deal with this subject.

As for the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), there is good news for now. We have advocated that the COLA for military retirees and other federal retirees should coincide and begin on January 1. Congress has passed legislation that provides COLA's for military retirees in April 1996, January 1997 and to coincide with federal civilian retirees COLA's in 1998. This is as always subject to change and we must remain alert to any efforts to reduce COLA's earned.

The third area of concern by your Committee has been the effort by some in Washington to eliminate military medical support to retirees and their families who are Medicare-eligible. This is a very complex issue with many ramifications but bills introduced in the House of Representatives (HR 580) and the Senate (S 1487) address favorably the more important issues. Your Board has written on your behalf to key Representatives and Senators expressing our support for these bills. The key proviso of these bills is to provide Medicare-eligible military retirees and their families access to space available care at military facilities and to re-imburse the DoD with Medicare funds. Since DoD's medical care is less costly than the private sector, it is a win-win-win situation for Medicare, the taxpayer, and Medicare-eligible beneficiaries.

We continue to watch with concern the number of Base closure's world wide and the reduction in the Armed Forces. As this letter is being written, China is sending a strong message that it is a Military power to be reckoned with and Cuba has recently flexed its muscle.

We ask you to write your elected officials and remind them that this is no time to let the Armed Forces to decay. Now is the time to have a strong, well equipped, and well-trained force.



KENNETH R. LINDLEY
LTC USAR- RET
CHAIRMAN

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Guest Speaker

COL LEWIS LEE MILLET



COL Lewis Lee Millet's military career spans the years from World War II through the Vietnam conflict, and is in keeping with a family tradition. He is descended from Thomas Millet, who died fighting in the Indian Massacre at Brookfield, Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1675. John Millet served in the Gloucester Regiment during the Revolutionary War, and both Colonel Millet's great-grandfathers served in Maine Regiments in Texas and Louisiana in the civil war. His great-uncle William died at Andersonville Prisoner of War camp. An uncle served with the 26th National Guard Division during World War I.

During Colonel Millett's career he has served as an anti-aircraft machine gunner, an artilleryman and forward observer, infantryman, a paratrooper (5 jumps in Laos

and 11 in Vietnam) and as an intelligence officer. Colonel Millet is a graduate of the Infantry School, Ranger and Airborne Schools, as well as Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He holds a BA from Park College and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Emerson College, Boston.

Among the decorations awarded Colonel Millet are the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with OLC, Bronze Star (V), Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Canadian War Cross and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Colonel Millett enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard in 1938. He was an armorer-artificer in the US Army Air Corps when World War II began. He deserted the US Army to join the Canadian Army. When the United States entered the war, Colonel Millet transferred back to the US Army. He subsequently won enlisted promotions and a field commission during the European fighting. He has served in two armies and three wars while fighting in Africa, Europe and Asia.



Citizen-Soldiers Worry, Wonder About Viet Nam

By ANDY FULLER
P-B Staff Writer

CAMP ROBERTS — Some 5,000 Army reservists are training in the sun of Camp Roberts—and the shadow of the escalating Viet Nam war.

Citizen-soldiers of the 63rd Infantry Division, including many Pomona Valley men, are participating in their annual summer training encampment here which continues through next Saturday. There also are 1,500 artillerymen of the division at Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation 40 miles north of here and 1,200 men in tank exercises at Fort Irwin near Barstow.

Southern California reservists have been coming to this sprawling, sparse military post for two weeks of battle exercises since 1954.

This year there is a difference.

THE HEAT, the open, dry landscape and the World War II barracks of this 4,000-acre post 15 miles north of Paso Robles have not changed. The training, employing the Army's most modern weapons in realistic combat situations, has not altered greatly.

But there is a difference in mood and awareness. There is an acute awareness of the latest developments in Viet Nam, the President's decision to tighten the American commitment and what this may mean for the 63rd, "ready-reserve" unit which could be called to active duty at any time.

Southern California newsmen who visited Camp Roberts for the encampment's annual press day last week had opportunity to question reservists on their hopes and/or fears for the future. Actually, the most rampant Viet Nam jitter had subsided when the reporters arrived. President Johnson had already announced that he would double the draft call but not call up reserve or National Guard units at this time.

Officers and enlisted men at the camp were glued to radios and TV sets during the presidential news conference. And though a wave of relief swept the camp, the civilians in military readiness seemed quite cognizant that there could be further Viet Nam mobilizations.

"We all think of being called up," one soldier said. "But the Johnson talk helped."

Another referred to a cartoon in a Los Angeles newspaper as summing up feelings well.

The cartoon showed a man slumped over a bar, dejectedly holding his forehead, with about a dozen empty martini glasses in front of him. One bartender is commenting to another, "I don't know — I suspect he's in the reserves."

One officer, asked about call-up possibilities, commented stoically, "Well, that's what we're here for."

He added that even if the 63rd was called up, its role probably would be to replace regular Army units going overseas rather than being shipped out immediately.

A reservist who has extra reason to hope that mobilization is far off is Andrew Lopez, a plasterer who lives at 5390 Matland St., Ontario. Lopez's wife was expecting a child while he was at the encampment.

The Ontario man is a member of C Company, 3rd Battalion, 30th Infantry, headquartered in Upland. The company includes many Pomona Valley men as well as others from the Riverside area. Two other Upland Reserve Center companies were taking part in the exercises at Fort Irwin and at Hunter-Liggett.

THE MOST spectacular was an attack across the cold Nacimiento River which adds a refreshing touch to the semi-arid land.

Simulated small arms fire and mortar explosions thundered from the opposite shore as about 20 men lugged a heavy landing boat into the water, paddled furiously against the current and landed on the other side to leap, firing, into swirls of smoke. After the attack they dashed back to the boat and paddled back to their launching point, exhausted.

The maneuver, as all others seen at the camp, was carried out in dead earnest with everything real except the enemy and casualties.

One officer commented that the Viet Nam crisis has added to the effectiveness of training this summer.

"The men are more serious this year," he said. "They think 'I might have to really do this after all' and learn to do it right."

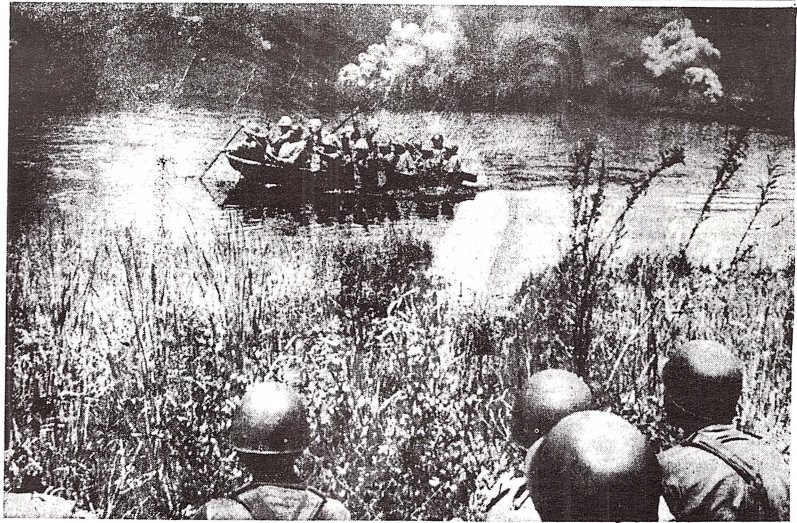


DIRECTING FIRE — Mortar targets are quickly charted by, left to right, Andrew Lopez of Ontario, Bill Bunchek of Riverside and Cal Poly student Keith Iselin of Upland.



INTO THE DRINK — Citizen-soldiers push off from shore in a river attack exercise. It is a maneuver which would prove

highly valuable in watery areas in Southeast Asia. Grenade combat tactics also are given high priority.



RIVER CROSSING — A boatload of infantry reservists paddle across the Nacimiento River against a background of smoke and mortar fire in a simulated river attack at the 63rd Infantry Division's summer encampment at Camp Roberts. Combat training is highly realistic. (P-B photo)



MORTAR CREW — Leonard Daup, Riverside, sights at Nathan Williams, left, Pomona, and Rex Wallace, Ontario, stand by.



BREAK — Walt Williams, left, of Hollywood and Marvin Lachman of Sherman Oaks pause to catch their breath.



FOOT SOLDIER FIRE POWER — Otto Bagi of Pomona holds a rocket launcher which can knock out tanks. Ray Gomez of Ontario levels the standard infantry tool, the M-1 rifle.



COMMAND POST — Capt. Harvey Deme of Redlands, commander of C Company located Upland, calls orders to men in the field. The radioman is Jerry Gehle, also of Redlands.



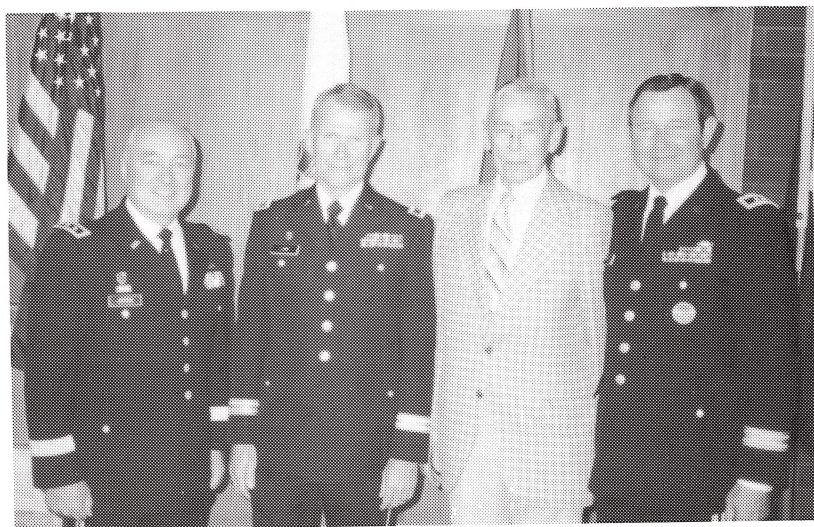
MOBILE THREAT — Clockwise, from left, around a jeep-mounted recoilless rifle, an anti-tank weapon, men crew

members Tom Barnes of Ontario, Ted Wiseman of Pomona, Mark Biron of Colton and Ed Justice of Riverside.

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YANKS LAUNCH NEW ATTACK ON PENINSULA

Minsk Falls Before New Soviet Drive

200,000 Germans Believed Ringed

MOSCOW, July 3—Marshall Stalin late tonight announced the liberation of Minsk, the last large Russian city held by the Germans.

The vast new Russian offensive, which in a matter of days enveloped Vitebsk and Mogilev, yesterday afternoon saw Red Army troops less than 12 miles from Minsk, and by tonight the city was overrun and liberated.

The fate of the 200,000-odd Germans encircled in the city was not revealed. Yesterday two Russian columns were reported astride the main escape routes from the city, and Russian guerrillas, long waiting for a chance to meet the Germans in force, were said to be grouped along another inadequate escape route.

With the liberation of Minsk, it was announced that Russian aircraft in great force were bombarding supply dumps and other vital enemy centers far behind the Minsk front.

The Russian drive continues.

No. 1 Allied Ace Bags 33rd P.ane

Wing Commander James E. (Johnny) Johnson became the Allies' highest ranking ace when he shot down his 33rd German plane over Normandy last weekend. Johnson surpassed the record of 32 set during the Battle of Britain by Gr. Capt. A. G. (Gallo) Maslan, of the RAF.

The English commander of the Canadian Spitfire wing has spread his 33 victories over three years of fighting in support of Ninth Air Force B2Gs during the last eight months.

Highest ranking American aces with 27 German planes each are Capt. Robert Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., and Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, of Oil City, Pa. Gabreski, a P47 pilot, is still flying. Capt. Johnson has returned to the States.

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By Earl Mase
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We Go to Press In France

History repeats itself. The Stars and Stripes, first conceived in Paris during World War I, is with this edition reborn in France. And it is right and proper that this newspaper should be produced here on July 4th for many of those it serves have shed their blood to liberate the city in which it is produced.

As the battle of liberation continues the greatest news story of all time unfolds. You who are playing on "the first team" deserve to know promptly, just how the game is progressing.

To keep you informed is our job and we plan to cover every engagement and record in the pages of this publication a full report of your courage, initiative and success.

At first we can offer you little more than a news sheet, for our plant and its equipment still carry the scars of recent battle; but as mechanical facilities are improved and news channels are established, we will begin to offer you all those features you have come to associate with the name Stars and Stripes.

And with the publication of this edition comes our pledge to provide a daily newspaper service for the American Forces in France.

Award Bronze Star Medals To 33 in Fourth Infantry

8th Army in Italy Nears Trasimene; Siena Falls to 5th

Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army yesterday entered Siena, ancient Italian city 125 miles north of Rome, after a full in fighting during which both sides refrained from shelling the historic town.

Meanwhile, more than 500 Italy-based heavies smashed at all walls and reservoirs in Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Gen. Clark's headquarters revealed French troops led the march into Siena.

The BBC announced the British Eighth Army was approaching Lake Trasimene and very heavy fighting "was reported all along the west coast."

The War department in Washington disclosed last night that Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson was now in Italy inspecting troops.

REARHEAD VETS IN U. S.

PORT DEVENS, Mass. July 3.—More than 100 veterans of the Anzio and Cassino battles in Italy together with men from the southwest Pacific and Persian Gulf command passed through the Army receiving station today enroute home under rotation of troops plan.

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pinned down while Lt. Kulp moved his company back to engage the enemy. On the second day, Kulp and his reserve, 1/Lt. Earle Dooley, of St. Louis, put the strategy of platoon fire and movement into effect, and in one attack gave the enemy an eight-minute burst of fire from every available weapon. That's when the white flags began to sprout from the German lines. About 144 officers and men marched out in columns of twos to surrender. An American patrol brought in 75 more prisoners, and after the area was thoroughly shelled by mortars and cannon another batch of Germans came out. The score in clearing out this one crossroad: Americans no casualties; Germans more than 300 prisoners (including everything from colonels down and some marines and airmen), an 88, an 81 mm. mortar, large and small mortars, small arms, machine guns and documents.

U. S. FOURTH INFANTRY HQ., July 3.—Lt. Col. Garret R. Bryant, of Temple, Tex., and T/3 John W. Zvonchek, of Keiser, Pa., who talked 155 enemy troops into captivity after being captured themselves and held for several hours, were among 33 officers and men of this division to receive Bronze Star medals for meritorious service from June 6 to 14.

Others receiving the award were Lt. Col. Robert H. Barr, Owensboro, Ky.; James A. Bryant, Jackson, Miss.; Sewell W. Crisman, Meyersdale, Pa.; William T. Gayle, Washington, Harry F. Hanes, Mississippi City, Miss.; Parks Hunt, Atlanta, Ga.; Richard S. Marr, Oak Park, Ill.; William W. Ragland, Danville, Va.; James D. Sams, Coral Gables, Fla.; Paul W. Steinbeck, New Haven, Conn.; Dee W. Stone, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Orlando C. Trozet Jr., Memphis, Tenn.; and William E. Walkup, Augusta, Ga.; Maj. Huston M. Bely, Kingswood, Mo.; John L. Dekey, Cumberland, Md.; Guy O. DeYoung, Long Beach, Cal.; David B. Goodwin, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; Phillip A. Hart, Detroit, and John L. Swink, Westfield, N. J.; 1/Lt. Oliver D. Appleton, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Marvin H. Schueike, Omaha, Neb.; and William B. York, Salt Lake City, Utah; 2/Lt. Robert F. Long, Newman, Ill.; M/Sgt. James Chissey, Ft. Screven, Ga.; Irwin S. Cohen, Cleveland, Ohio; Hugh C. Orth, Rockville Centre, N. Y.; and Julius F. Zvonchek, Merion Heights, Pa.; Sgts. Raymond C. Dolinski, East Hartford, Conn., and Alfred P. Tulinis, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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ACTRESS TO AID NURSES

SEATTLE, July 3.—Frances Farmer plans to become a nurse's aide, her mother said yesterday. The actress will register for service either here or in Hollywood.

Curfew

Cherbourg and other liberated towns and villages in Normandy are off limits to military personnel, with the exception of those on duty, according to Military Police headquarters.

Curfew hours are from 2200 to 0500 hours. All personnel are prohibited from buying food in hotels and cafes, it was said, but wine and beer may be purchased between 1800 and 2130 hours.

Thrust Along 10-Mile Front In Southwest Gains Despite Rain and Lack of Air Support

American forces today were stretched across a 10-mile front in the southwest sector of the Cherbourg peninsula driving ahead in a new attack launched against the enemy early yesterday morning.

The attack, coming seven days after the fall of Cherbourg, was directed in the general direction of Le Hays du Puit, about 14 miles west of Carentan and on the main trunk road running south from Cherbourg. It was announced last night that an advance of two and a half miles was made at one point.

Roosevelt Signs Bill Kiting Pay Of Infantry GIs

WASHINGTON, July 3.—President Roosevelt today signed into law a bill boosting the pay of expert Army infantrymen.

The legislation will give a monthly increase of five dollars to foot soldiers not in combat areas and ten dollars to those in combat zones.

Eligible men will receive the pay hike provided they meet qualifications set up by the War Department. Complete details of those qualifications have not been released by Army officials. Those qualifying will also receive a special medal, it was announced.

Army officers told the House Military Affairs committee that approximately 70 percent of the infantrymen would qualify for the increase.

The legislation makes no reference to Navy or Marines Corps personnel.

Although legislators have not decided when the extra pay will become effective, reliable sources predicted eligible men would receive the increase as of July 1.

Strike Spreading In Danish Cities

STOCKHOLM, July 3.—Reports from free Danish sources are that the general strike in Copenhagen has spread to other Danish towns. The Germans however, have said that conditions in Copenhagen have returned to normal.

One Death in 561 Army Medic Says

BOSTON, July 3.—The Army's highly-developed technique for quick care of the wounded is paying dividends on the Continent. Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, chief medical officer of Allied Headquarters reported to the War Department. He said among 561 wounded in two groups visited during a tour of hospitals in England, only one death had occurred.

Raymond Threw a Strike at Jerry, But He Forgot to Arm the Grenade

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On patrol in a Normandy cow pasture, Raymond was attacking six or seven enemy machine guns in a hegerow when one slug nipped his skull, knocking him out temporarily. When he came to he got up and went on for the

hegerow. He had lost his rifle, so as he neared the enemy position he threw his last grenade. It landed smack in the middle of the enemy gun nest—but didn't explode.

Raymond had forgotten to take the rubber band off the handle. "I just sat down and said to myself, 'this is a helluva mess' and the Germans I almost killed sent me to an aide station. They kept me 'till the American" came and took the place."

The artillery forces which laid down heavy concentrations during the assault had one of their biggest days since the invasion of the continent got under way.

The British Second Army, meanwhile, was engaged in reforming its forces southwest of Caen and strengthening its bridgehead across the River Ordon following a concentrated barrage of land and naval artillery over the weekend which according to a German correspondent at Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's headquarters, said had reached "an unprecedented pitch."

The shells which poured from massed artillery batteries made the ground around the River Ordon "quiver every few seconds," the German writer said in a dispatch monitored by radio and reported in London.

Another enemy report quoted the commander of the SS Hitler Jugend Division as saying, "We are faced with a gigantic superiority and the Americans and British are attacking ceaselessly with several divisions. At St. Lo the enemy has regrouped his forces completely. More and more Allied tanks are being thrown into the battle."

Germany is employing elements of seven panzer divisions against the British in the Tilly - Caen sector.

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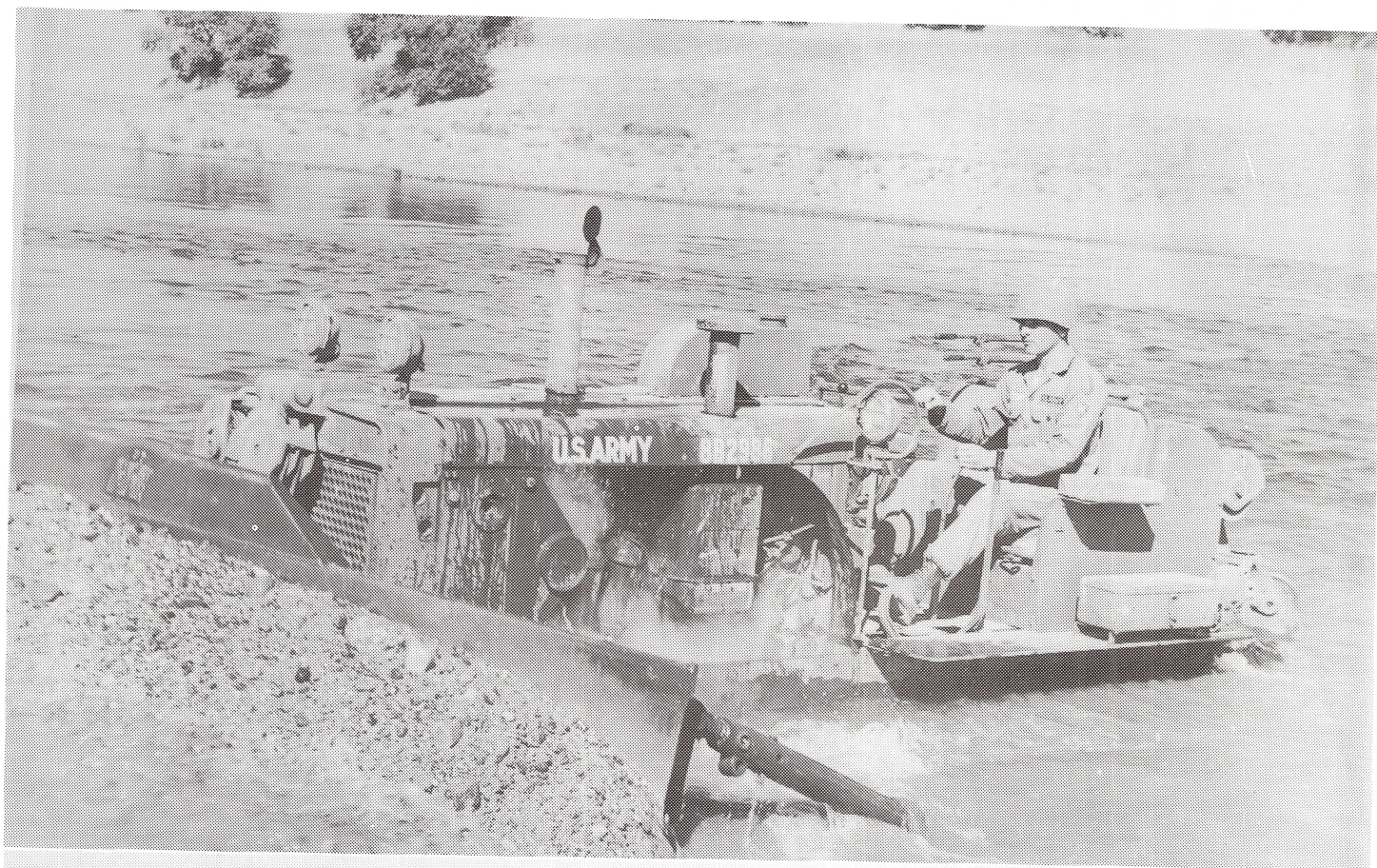
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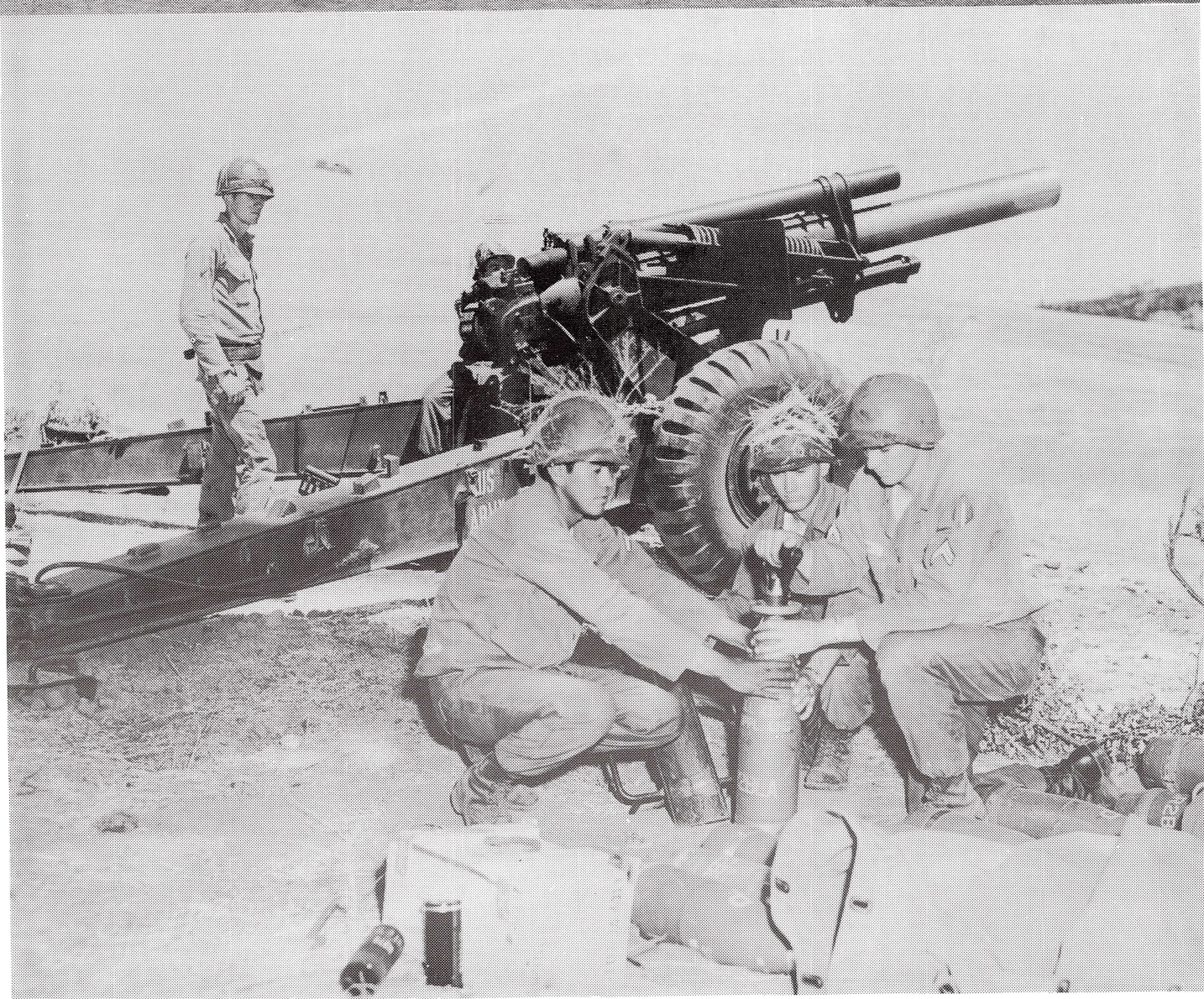
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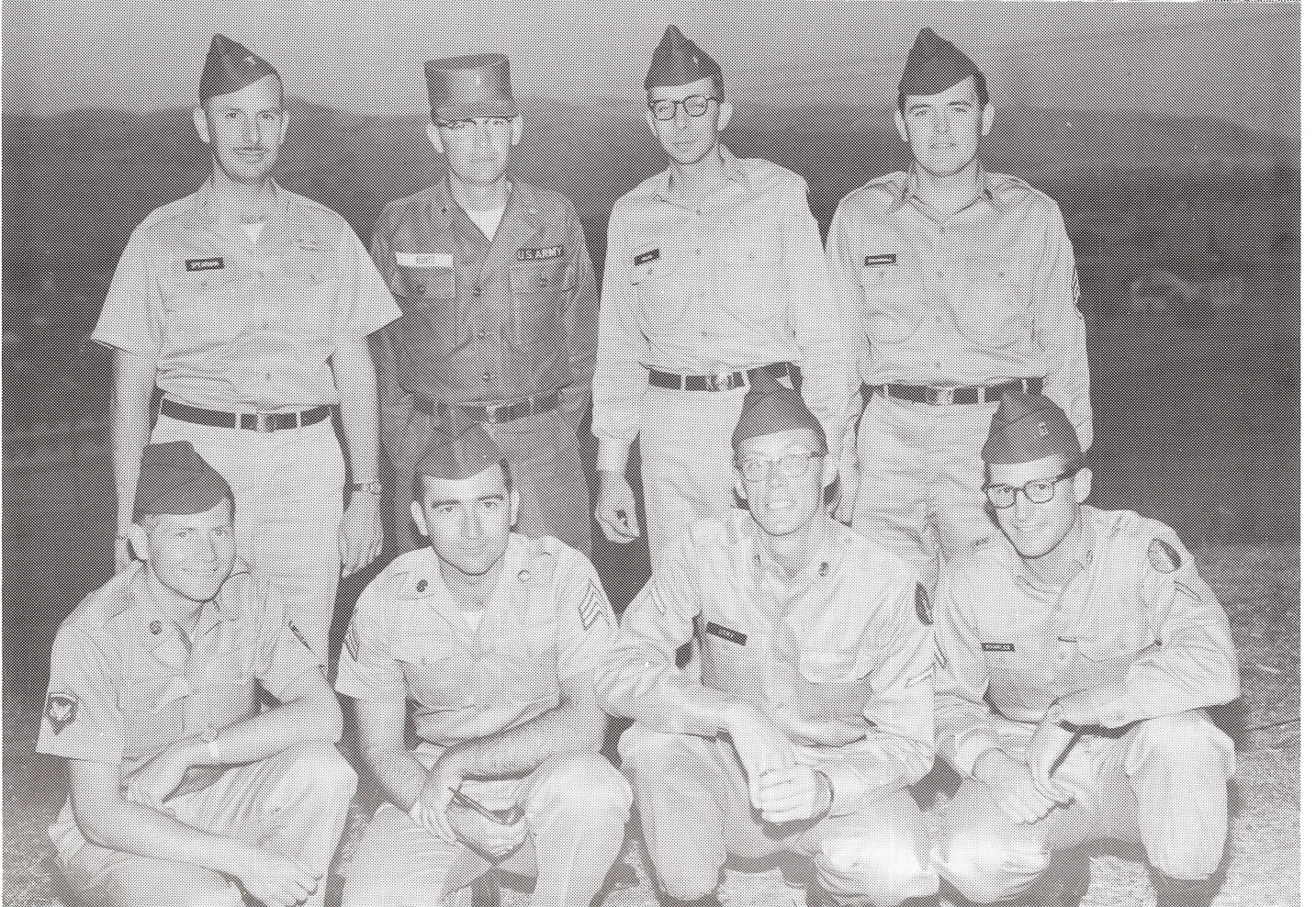
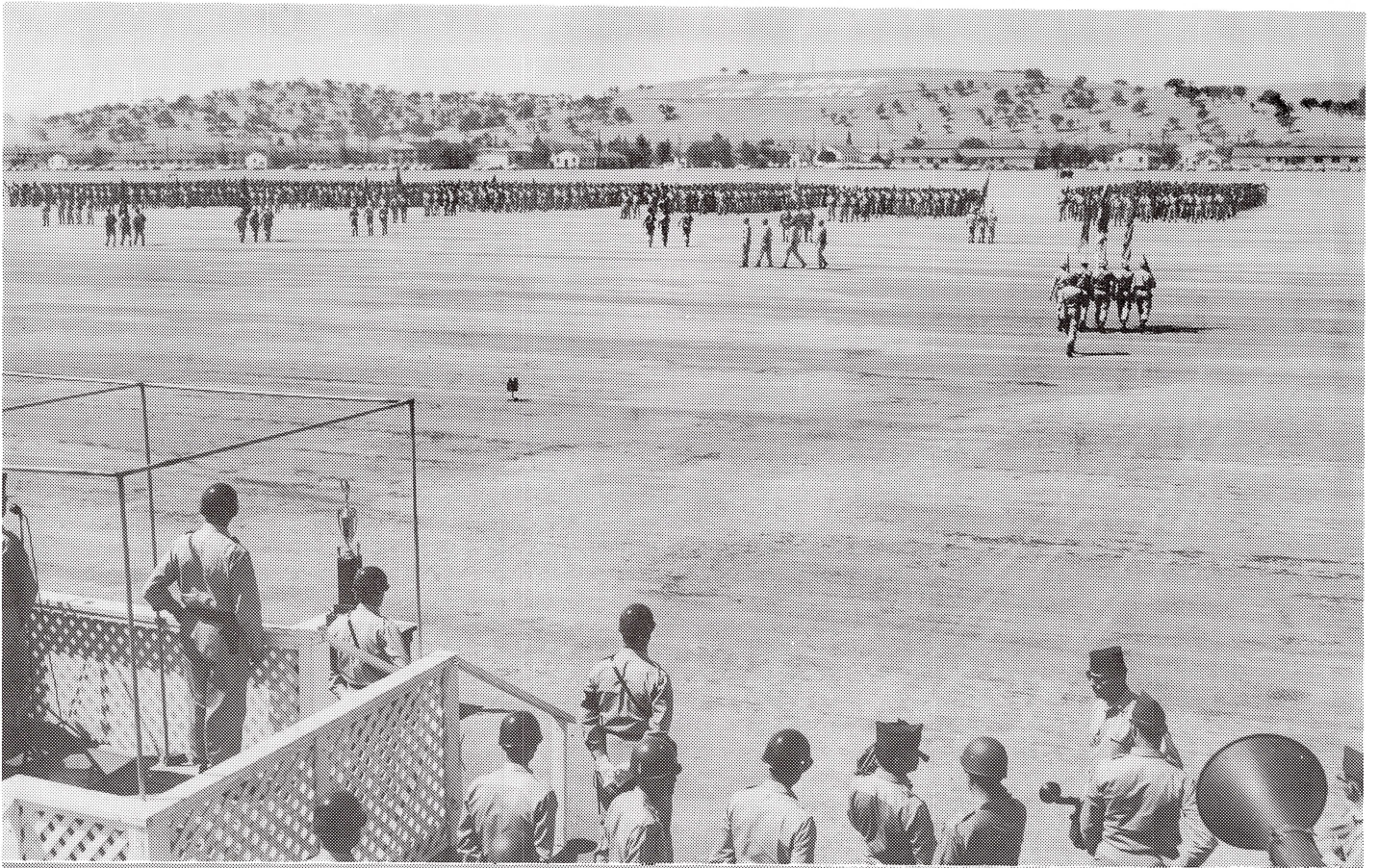
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CW4 ROBERT A. GRIFFITHS, retired, G4 section, expressed his concern for his long-time friend and associate MAJ Dale Hart, and so do many of us. He also mentioned COL Jim Prices move east and their long association.

CW4 CYRIL H. "BOB" DORSK, retired, 336th Avn Co, still a busy man even in retirement says last contact with members of our Division or association was at MG Louis Kaufman's funeral.

LTC ROBERT H. SMITH, retired, A C/S G4. says he and Dot are fine. Visitors included Ed and Dottie Barr last year and Jim and Eilene Price came by before they left for North Carolina. Our daughter is going to get her Master's Degree in May at 49 years, which we are very proud of. We have four grandchildren, one boy at home, one girl a Senior in HS, one boy a Jr. at Hundset State and one girl a Jr. at Willamette University in Salem, OR. Dot had a stroke (mild) while we were in Spain in Oct 94. It took a year for her to recover, then in Sept 95 she fell and broke her hip and now has recovered from that. I'm still fine and keeping busy. Regrets he cannot make the annual meeting.

COL WILLIAM R. SEAVER, retired, S3 263d Engr Bn, later CO 304th MMC. Working part time for the Association of California School Administrators--assisting superintendents, etc, with problems. Serving as a director for Calleguas Municipal Water District that provides water to 75% of Ventura County, approximately 500,000 residents, am also a commissioner for the Ventura County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. We are enjoying retirement and our six grandchildren. Hope to travel to Europe this year and continue traveling in the US. I hear from a lot of military friends at Christmas but no one lately. Hope the 30th Anniversary celebration goes well and sorry we cannot attend.

COL RUSSELL PARK, Public Affairs, O CPAO, Wash DC, (IMA) presently employed U.S. Army, Hawaii. Public Affairs. Retiring from Federal Gov't June 9 and moving to Coron-

ado, CA. With Social Security, we will be 3 and 4 time dippers. Judy and I are scheduled to go to San Francisco in July and then on Sept 7 to Athens, Greece. In October, we tour Turkey and November drive Southern route across USA back to San Diego. On March 1, 1997 we meet Judy's sister from Washington D. C. in Christchurch, New Zealand and they do New Zealand and Australia and I do Antarctica and maybe the Himalyas. We had a great visit with Howard Eighthy and his family and see Terry Stacey and his family in Richmond, VA. There is just too much to do and not enough time to do it. Hope to see Will Ebel in November.

CW4 GEORGE F. MURRAY, JR, retired. Since our last meeting we have been on the go. My wife Rosemary and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in September. We renewed our vows and then our children gave us a big surprise party. Family and friends from nine different states were present. A week later, we took off for a nine week vacation in which we went 12,000 miles and visited 29 states. We left Riverside and stopped to visit with friends and relatives from California to Maine--on to Florida and back home again. Some nights were spent at military installations with fine accommodations. Our visit to Nashville, Tenn. was for a week at my 25th Infantry Division Association reunion. It was a lot of fun seeing old friends and buddies that I served with in the Army. After Nashville we headed to New England and spent a week in Newport, Rhode Island, right on Narragansett Bay. We visited the Naval War College and Museum along with the Church that President Kennedy and Jackie were married. New England has many historical places. Then to the backwoods of New Hampshire where, along with Rosemary's sister and brother-in-law, had a house on the lake. We managed to get there just as the foliage was at its peak and all the houses were decorated for Halloween with witches, goblins, pumpkins and corn stalks. We went exploring covered bridges in the day time and played cards with other friends at night. From New England we ventured down to Florida, stopping in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. We stopped to see a cousin in Virginia who I hadn't seen in 50 years. Then on to Florida where I visited another cousin who didn't even remember me. He was only about 7 when I left our home town. A weeks stay in Florida and a few rounds of golf we headed for home. We got home just in time for Thanksgiving and the beginning of all the holiday festivities.

He also enclosed a couple of news clips on Flag Desecration. One published in the International Edition of USA Today. The other a clip on the failure of the Senate vote in which the California Senators votes were split. He says he wrote Boxer about her vote.

COL MAL PACKER, retired, 63d DivArty. Met with members of Artillery #87 Chapter of ROA. Toured the French Riviera with another couple from the Italian to the Spanish Border. Gambled and lost at Monte Carlo.

COL JAMES B. PRICE, JR, CO 763d Maint Bn, retired. As I am sure most of you know from reading the Blade, the Prices have moved to North Carolina. Pisgah Forest is about 35 miles southwest of Asheville just outside of Brevard (population 5800). We live about two miles from the center of town-no parking meters and the sidewalks get pulled in at about 6:00 PM. Quite a contrast with Studio City. We have been taking several courses at Brevard College. The advertised mild winters didn't hold for this year-starting with the blizzard of 96 and followed a week or so later by an ice storm that had 18% of North Carolina without power. Our county, Transylvania, was lucky on the ice storm-major damage all around us but just several brief power outages in our area. We did get about a foot of snow that kept us snowbound for three days. All in all an interesting winter. We hope that any of you traveling in this area will give us a call and stop by.

MSG NORMAN G. MILLER, retired, Plt Sgt, Co C, 30th Inf. 63d Inf Div USAR. Sorry we will not be able to attend the annual meeting because of a recent accident and illness. My wife had a bad fall and broke her right arm-will be laid up for 2 to 3 months before she fully recovers. I had eye surgery last Thursday and that will take time for recovery also.

COL LAURENCE J. STUPPY, retired, CO 363d Medical Bn, retired from practice of medicine 1 Jan 95. Has heard of the death of MAJ Ray Gorman. Has traveled with wife Mary to Egypt, Jordan, Berlin and Eastern Europe.

BG ROBERT D. UPP, retired, Ass't TJAG, the Judge Advocate General of the Army. Jane and I recently met General and Mrs. Hixson by chance in the Camp Pendleton

Base Exchange and had a brief visit. We had just got back from a six weeks trip which included a luxury cruise of five weeks on the Renaissance VI from Athens to Singapore with stops in Cyprus, Israel, Egypt, Suez Canal, Yemen, Oman, India, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Sorry we have to miss this year's annual meeting again, but the date scheduled conflicts with the California state convention of the ROA in San Jose. As a committee member, past state president (1960) and national president (1972-73), they advise me that my presence is required in San Jose.

SGM HOWARD B. EIGHMY, retired, 254th Inf Regt 3/27 Inf. We began in February with lots of maps, plus cruise reservations for our dream trip, the inland passage of Alaska. It all came together in September beginning with our first stop for lunch with Fred and Meg Davidson; then on to Seattle via the Oregon coast. We left the car at Sea-Tac busing to Vancouver, then boarding the "Regal Princess" for seven days of cruising. At times it was a small world. We were surprised to see Johnnie Pattinson enjoying the same cruise. We shopped in Ketchikan, took tours in Juneau and Skagway ending at Seward. We were bused 120 miles to Anchorage where we flew back to Sea-Tac. We picked up our car and started home visiting friends and family along the way. In Portland we met LTC (ret) Sam Bunton who now lives at Lake Oswego employed as a traffic manager for the local school district. Stopped at the Fort Lewis Exchange, a big new complex. Enjoyed a luncheon visit with Pelly and Ruth, ending with dinner with Bob and Alice Morrison in Fresno. All this and visiting family in-between. I have kept in contact with CSM (ret) Charles Cavanee who has recently moved to Fort Worth Texas. Also CSM (ret) Bill Jacobi now living in Fallon, Nevada.

COL EDWARD D. MILLER, retired, CO 1st Bde. In contact with COL Tom Gilliam, COL Banner Rice, COL John McKinney, LTC Louis R. Villars, MSG P. T. Miller. Still writing novels (none published). Attended two WWII unit re-unions in 1995-743d Tank Bn in Minnesota and the 141st Sig Bn (1st Armored Division), in Indiana. Plan attending in Indiana this year. Have 1st grandchild, Jean Luis Chevalier, born 1-12-96. Called BG Stuart Hall and had a nice chat some time ago. Would be happy to see any of my former associates who would be in the Salt Lake City area at any time.

MG ROBERT A. LAME, CO 63d Regional Support Cmd. Current employment RAL Associates. After an

I am building a house for my mother. Am doing the LA marathon (my sixth)(seventh overall-one in Denver) Five grandchildren, youngest son recently married. My favorite pastime driving cross country.

LTC DONALD L. WIRTH, retired, CO Co B, 163d Sig Bn. Retired from Rockwell Int'l. Our current interests are travel, camping, and round dancing. Rae Ann and I still dance three nights a week and one or two weekends a month. We sing in the church choir when we are in town. We are still active in Marriage Encounter where we arrange for the hotel and catering for the Marriage Encounter weekends. I enjoy participating in the 63d Inf Div Ass'n Board of Governor's meetings. In September we left on our trip to the east coast to see the fall colors and visit our son who is stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. We started visiting Presidential libraries. Eisenhower's, Truman's, Harding's, Kennedy's, F.D. Roosevelt's, and Carter's. We visited cemeteries in Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, and Vicksburg, MS in a quest to learn more about our family tree. We visited cousins in Colorado, Wisconsin, Ohio, New Jersey and Texas. We went on a hay ride in Ohio with a cousin. We attended church in a 300 year old church my great-grandfather attended. We attended church where my grandfather had preached. We saw the fall colors in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. We visited West Point, the Statue of Liberty, Annapolis and Washington D.C. We had a wonderful visit with our son Tom and family over Thanksgiving week. Tom shipped out to Bosnia two weeks later. Then we started home, south to Florida, Orlando (Epcot, Magic Kingdom and Universal Studios, did our feet hurt) and Tampa (Cypress Gardens). Then north and west to Atlanta, GA, Vicksburg, MS, and Shreveport LA. We spent Christmas with cousins in Mission, TX. Then on to San Antonio and Mesa, AZ where we spent three weeks of dancing two or three times a day and finally home to California on January 26. We enjoyed the whole trip, each part was a different and wonderful experience. This year our plans are not so ambitious: only a cruise to Alaska and couple of weeks dancing.

LTC JAMES T. WRIGHT, retired, 311th Spt Cmd Corps, still employed with TRW in the

Advanced X-Ray Astrophysical Facility. Now proud grandparents of Amanda Ceristine, Jason Phillip and Parker James Wright.

COL WILLIAM T. ALLEN, retired, Ass't G1, also CS 311th COSCOM. Director Group Claims, The Principal Financial Group. Vacationed in Switzerland, Licktenstein, Austria, Germany and in Italy in 1995. Planning a week in Hawaii before our annual meeting and a cruise to Alaska in June/July. Capt. Doug Anderson, an enlisted machinegunner in the 63d Inf Div dropped in for a visit. He is with the California Department of Insurance. The wife and two grown children are all well and so far, no grandchildren.

BG STEWART L. HALL, retired, Ass't Division Commander. The Hixsons and we are about all there is left of the 63d down south. We still get together for bridge. We have moved into a continuing retirement community, new address in the membership list. Sorry we won't make the 30th reunion. A bit too far for us at this young age.

LTC JAMES B. O'DOWD, retired, DOI 6220th USAR School. After the election of a new Board President for the 63d Inf Div Ass'n, USAR, Sharyl and I spent a week on the island of Maui (May 95). In September, my son Dan and I spent a week at Los Lobos, Mexico fishing for dorado and blue marlin.

COL WILLIAM J. M. MONSANTO, retired, 63d ARCOM. Bremer, Price, Chandler--the All American backfield for the 63d ARCOM at its start-up. I was proud to be with them. I still see BG Rebman and other "originals" like Jim Sutton and LTC Bill Hodges on a regular basis. Since leaving the ARCOM, I have turned greayer of tatch and longer of tooth. I have survived a freeway accident, where my car didn't. Taking a turn for a nurse, I spent a month in the hospital and a few more recovering in the past year. I am now considered to being back full ugly. I have enjoyed travel since my retirement and have visited the Battle of the Bulge areas on occasion. My old fox hole is still there--a hole in the ground that I can never forget. I must admit that seeing the area in the spring and summer sure beats remembering it in the winter. I have made these trips with the 99th Inf Div Ass'n, my old battle unit. I have even met some of my former squad members whom I had thought of as KIA for many years. Camp Roberts in the summer will always be remembered as a place to get fried on the range by day and get fried at the Paso Robles Inn by night. Many a drive back to camp with a

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