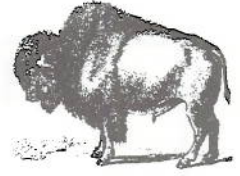


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ONE MORE ISSUE !!!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In our last issue, November, 1998, we stated that as per a decision by the Board of Directors, we were not going to send future issues of The Buffalo Bugle to those members who were not either Life Members of the Association, or who were not paying the \$10.00 annual dues.

However, General Quinn, our "Colonel Of The Regiment" and Honorary Chairman of the Board, felt so strongly about his conversations with Jake and Laura Wittler about unifying the East and West Associations, and bringing the World War II veterans together with the Korean War veterans, that he prevailed upon President Carrig to have me produce one more issue that would be mailed to the entire mailing list, whether the individuals concerned are up to date with their dues or not. General Quinn even offered to subsidize the additional printing and mailing costs.

This then will be THE LAST ISSUE you will receive if your dues are not current. However, to keep those interested in the Seventeenth aware of reunions, functions and news, we will place future issues on our Web-Site, the address of which appears on page two.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM LAURA WITTLER

"To The Friends Of Jake Wittler"

I had a call from General Quinn in which he reported, to this former secretary, the fact that this years 17th Infantry Regiment Reunion was a great success: an emotional meeting, yet with fun.

I was pleased to learn that a new program permitted admission to membership of five Lineal Descendants. What a great concept. Jake often mentioned that idea to me.

The only disappointment was that so few of our old gang attended. I understand that there were only a total of seventy Veterans, Lineal Descendants, and Active Duty Personnel in attendance, and only eleven were World War II Vets from our old crowd.

General Quinn had mentioned to me that the reason the Board of Directors of the Association decided on San Diego was to accommodate the West Coast and Fort Crook members from World War II.

I think that everyone should know that two days before he died, Jake sent General Quinn a letter, (the last one he ever wrote), in which he expressed his hope and dream that there would be a complete unification of the WW-II Vets and the Korean Vets, in our brotherly Association.

To this end and in Jake's honor and memory, I am writing this letter to ask all those who served in the 17th in war or peace, anytime, anywhere, to grasp hands and join together to make one strong Association.

Please, I ask you again to do this for Jake.

Laura Wittler

BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS JAKE WITTLER

By LTG W.W. Quinn

"A nicer guy never lived," those are not just my words. I've heard them from so many, many people. I first met Jake at Ft. Ord in 1983, when he invited me, as the new Honorary Colonel of the Regiment to join his group at their annual reunion there.

Their meeting coincided with my new routine of bi-annual visits to the active battalions of the 17th. In this case, the 3rd and 4th battalions at Ft. Ord.

As a result of several reunions he organized, I joined what was then mostly a group of WW-II vets. I discussed with Jake the possibility of joining together what were then two groups of veterans of the seventeenth. Jake sent me many

notes and letters thanking me for my efforts to consolidate our ranks into one Association.

As a result of his enthusiasm, I decided that the Korean Gang (East) should go the course in a consolidation effort, and so urged them to attend Jake's group reunions. In his last letter to me, Jake expressed his desires that all vets of the 17th, from whatever era, should join together.

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Up Front with Willie & Joe

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"Just gimme a coupla aspirin.
I already get a Purple Heart."

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BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS

(By LTG W.W. Quinn)

THE SOLDIER

The soldier has a mind and he thinks, both individually and collectively. He becomes at once the most important element for us to understand. He is not a cold unreasoning machine, but an elemental practical human being, - - the "foremost" instrument of combat." Detached from civilian influences and thrust into a new and strange way of living which have introduced problems of individual adjustment, he turns to his officers for guidance and intelligent assistance. He is just as sensitive to hunger, fear, privation, exultation, enthusiasm and depression as the ordinary man on the street.

Basically they are the same man. The American soldier has a

highly developed sense of fair play. His nature resents any shadow of weakness, favoritism, and insincerity in his officers. He is quick to respond justified praise and is equally prone to react unfavorably



to unmerited rebuke. He does not like to be babied or coddled. He

does like his officers to be strict, fearless, honest and interested in his welfare. Individually he is proud by nature and resourceful by temperament. In the mass he is apt to think subjectively rather than objectively. He instinctively respects sincerity, example, courage and character in his leaders, though if his officer be weak he will take instant advantage of that fact. In combat, he combines all the things he is fighting for within the person of a successful leader. That leader to him personifies success. The same thing is true to a more limited extent in times of peace.

There is thus brought into being that powerful, though elusive, moral force known as "morale." Though morale of the soldier reaches its greatest heights in the face of repeated victories on the battlefield, it is no less important in time of peace. This briefly is the soldier whom we must know and understand.

"TRUTH AND COURAGE"

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

VISIT TO ALASKA

By Stu Rothman

At the 1998 reunion in San Diego, several members of the Association asked LTC Jeff Holt, commander of 1st Bn-17th Inf., about the possibility of a group coming to Fairbanks, Alaska during June, 1999, when LTG Quinn was to make his bi-annual visit to the troops.

Col Holt was more than enthusiastic and plans began. I wound up being the un-elected host for what appears to be a mini-reunion. General Quinn's tentative arrival date is June 14, 1999, and he plans to stay at least three days.

Tuesday, June 15th is currently planned as "Buffalo Day" at the 17th. Activities throughout the day will include post and field activities culminating in a Grand Ball that evening at the Officer's Club.

Many of the Association members that I have been in contact with have advised me that they will arrive here in Fairbanks on June 13th. Some are retired military and are qualified to stay at Murphy Hall, the married and bachelor, visiting and temporary quarters on post. However, Col. Holt advises me that June is an extremely high oc-

cupancy month at the post due to PCS and ETS personnel, and it is doubtful that many will be offered quarters during the visit. Col. Holt also advises that even though accommodations may be scarce, the dining room at the Battalion Dining Hall will be available for a minimum fee to all Association members during their stay.

I have therefore investigated the various hotels and motels in the Fairbanks area. Fairbanks in the



summer time is an extremely desirable destination and hotel rates are high. The Regency Fairbanks Hotel is one of the best hotels in town. Their rates are \$165.00 per day, plus tax. I have prevailed upon them to offer us a rate of \$99.00 per day, plus tax, for either singles or doubles. I am also checking into the

various B & B facilities, of which there are many. However, most of them will be in the \$100.00 range as well, so the Regency is a good deal.

Since even the Regency will be at maximum occupancy this summer, we must make reservations early. Therefore all members who are definitely coming for the visit must, repeat MUST contact me with a credit card number and an arrival date as soon as possible. Also, let me know how long you wish to stay. I am in the process of arranging several options for individuals and the group after the visit, such as a visit to The Malamute Saloon, with a Robert Service Floor Show, an outdoor "All-You-Can-Eat Salmon Bake, a visit to Mt. McKinley, the University of Alaska Museum, and more. I just need to know as soon as possible how many are definitely coming, and how long you'll be staying.

Initially some two dozen members indicated to me that they intended to join the visit. Since then I have mailed out some preliminary information to them and a few have dropped out and a few more have joined the list.

I NEED NOW A DEFINITE INDICATION OF WHO IS COMING AND WHAT KIND OF ACCOMODATIONS YOU REQUIRE. PLEASE WRITE OR E-MAIL ME ASAP WITH YOUR INTENTION AND REQUIREMENTS. I WILL BE PREPARING A FINAL MAILOUT OF INFO NEXT MONTH.

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Lt. Col. Jeff Holt

EDITOR'S NOTE:

At press time, Col. Holt was on TDY in Hawaii and unavailable for his column here. We have therefore printed a copy of the column he recently wrote for the Battalion's new Newsletter, The Blue Shield.

"Even the very best of military traditions are hard to sustain in the fast paced world of today's Army. Battalion newsletters are a case in point. It has been almost a year since the last issue of our newsletter. In an organization as dynamic as the Thundering Herd, it is often understandable how such a lapse occurs, but it is also very unfortunate. Newsletters are an old tradition and one that serves a very valuable purpose. Let me try to explain why I feel newsletters such as the Blue Shield are so important.

First, you need to realize that the Thundering Herd is a large organization. An organization filled with dedicated professionals and many devoted family members. That means on any given day or week there are great things going on in the Battalion. Some of those accomplishments may be individual in nature, such as the Battalion's

near domination of the Brigade and Post soldier of the month competition. Other achievements may reflect the exceptional performance of squads, platoons, companies or the en-



tire battalion. A newsletter serves to make everyone, soldiers and families alike, aware of these accomplishments. While it is natural and healthy to take great pride in the accomplishments of your squad, platoon, or company, it is equally important for everyone to realize how deep the talent pool is across the entire Battalion.

While it is important to recognize our past glories, it is even more important to prepare ourselves for future challenges. Each publication of the Blue Shield will serve to inform sol-

diers and families of upcoming exercises, competitions, and critical events such as promotion boards. The better each of us is able to individually prepare ourselves for these events, the better the entire organization will perform. This is particularly true for our families. I am committed to ensuring they receive the most up-to-date information possible, particularly where time away from home is involved.

Finally, The Blue Shield offers an opportunity to address areas of concern. Those concerns may relate to potential hazards, such as the threat of cold weather injury; or the concerns may be targeted to dangerous and destructive behavior, such as domestic violence or alcohol and drug abuse. While it may be important to raise these concerns, it is far more important to provide soldiers and families with information necessary to reduce these hazards or to receive help to eliminate destructive behavior. Each issue of this newsletter will provide points of contact to assist you in dealing with these threats to you or your family.

I look forward to future issues of the Blue Shield. I am certain the upcoming achievements of the HeadHunters, Apaches, Bulldogs, and Hard Rock will fill many pages. Have a safe and joyful holiday season.

Truth and Courage!"

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

In the November 1998 issue, we unfortunately had a couple of typographical errors that a couple of our members were kind enough to bring to our attention.

As the readers will remember, we printed a history of the regiment that General Quinn had given me that was originally written and printed in 1951. The papers were old and yellowed and much was hard to read. Harold Hauberg of Nebraska wrote to point out that there was no Ft. Creek. It was Ft. Crook where he enlisted in 1938. Thanks Harold, we're sorry for the misprint.

George Adam from Texas wrote that the Col. Daly we referred to was actually Col. Wayne C. Zimmerman, and the reorganization date referred to should have read 1943, not 1940.

Again, thank you for the correction.

We also had a letter from a Charlie Ellington of Texas, who questioned the first paragraph on the Attu Campaign on page 19 of that issue. The history we read stated that everyone had Arctic Gear. Ellington states that his Company I went ashore at Massacre Bay in the second or third wave. He states that they had no Arctic Boots, socks or gloves of any kind. He also stated that if they tried to write home about the summer uniforms that were issued, the letters were censored. We don't know-we weren't there, but we're printing this comment from Charlie, as we wanted all our members voices heard.

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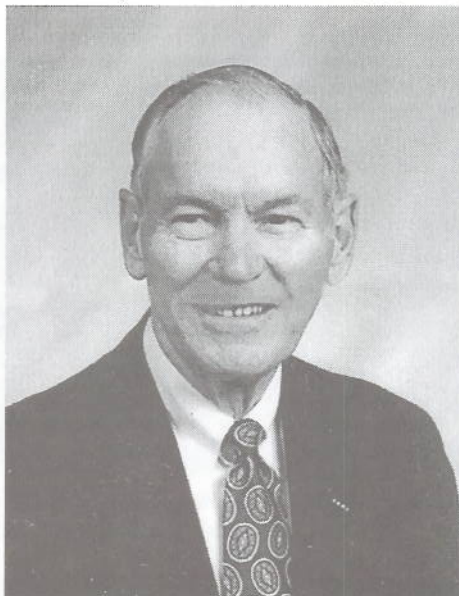
By John T. Carrig

The purpose of the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment Association and the object for which it is formed, is to locate and to communicate with all present and former members of the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment, including its Supporting Units.

To this end we hold annual reunions, publish the Buffalo Bugle on a regular basis and endeavor to spread the word of our existence through the efforts of our members and by coordinating our activities with organizations having generally the same purpose.

President Max Clayton of the Seventh Infantry Division Association called me and we discussed the possibility of exchanging Membership Rosters and the mutual advantages of so doing. President Clayton said that he currently abides by his Association's decision not to make such an exchange. He is unaware of whether or not a change might be made at their next reunion in September 1999. I have broached the subject several times to our Board and to the Membership but have received no comments one way or

the other as of this date. Let me hear your views on whether we should provide our membership list to the Seventh Infantry Division. [Within the Association, our Secretary will forward your sealed letter to a fellow-veteran whom you wish to contact. Be



sure and provide his full name, unit and date of service as well as any other information on a separate sheet to aid in locating the man in question.]

Once again, with this issue we are giving non-members a final chance to sign up as members or to be dropped from the Buffalo Bugle mailing list. With few exceptions, all who read the Bugle are veterans of service with the Regiment and are eligible to join the Association. It should be clear to all by now

that being a veteran does not in itself make a person a member of this Association. Over the years many non-members have sent warm letters recalling their days with the Regiment sometimes including photographs as well. Although some of the letters were published in the Bugle, including this issue, many of these "loyal and dedicated" Seventeenth Veterans have not bothered to become members of the Association. Why not prove your loyalty and join with your fellow-veterans and help make this a larger and stronger association?

Our next reunion will start on Thursday, 16 September and end on Sunday, 19 September 1999. On Friday, 17 September we will receive a welcome and briefing at Fort Benning, take lunch there and visit the National Infantry Museum. If their schedule permits, we may be treated to a parachute drop (to watch!) or some other demonstration by today's Active Army units. The hotel in Columbus, Georgia will be announced as soon as price negotiations are completed.

Special Recognition to the first Plt, Co. A, which achieved 100% enrollment in this Association. I commanded this unit for eight months during the Korean War, and I take extreme satisfaction in seeing that the 1st Plt., Co. A still sets the standard with this unique achievement!

Contribute To The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library Wall of Honor and Wall of Remembrance

Both walls to be constructed in the Convention Center of the National Korean War Museum

Wall of Remembrance

In remembrance of sacrifices for freedom

The Korean War claimed the lives of over 33,000 Americans. The Gold Star Gallery of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library will recognize each and every man and woman who died in Korea during the war, as well as those who died on the DMZ after the cease fire. In addition, the Wall of Remembrance in the convention center will recognize loved ones who died during or after the war—a great way to pay tribute to your own special Korean War veteran.

Wall of Honor

Forever remind the world not to forget Korea. This wall pays tribute to those who donated funds to construct the museum.

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Support Korean War Veterans Museum

The museum and library is being built in honor of all Korean war veterans and especially for the veterans that were killed and the ones that are still missing. It is located in the central part of the United States so that no one will have to travel clear across the States to visit it.

It is being built with funds that are donated by veterans, veteran's organizations, businesses and corporations and is not being funded by the government. This museum is something that is necessary to let people know about the Korean war and the people that fought in the war and the good that came out of that war. Most of our school children do not know anything about the Korean War. Some history books only have a small paragraph about the war. This is not much considering that 54,246 Americans were killed during the war. 101,000+ Americans wounded, and 8,000+ that are still missing.

We must educate the youth and let it be known to the rest of the country about the Korean War, if not they will be missing a very important part of history. The museum and library is something that can be visited to learn about the Korean War.

**BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS
JAKE WITTLER, Cont. From
Page 1**

A copy of that last letter from Jake follows:

*Dear General Quinn:
It is a pleasure to report that the Korean veterans have shown a great deal of interest in the 17th Infantry reunions and they are now the primary source of new members joining the reunion group. I sincerely feel that your presence at these reunions will continue to stimulate the Korean veterans to join our 17th Reunion Group and carry on the patriotic spirit and traditions of the 17th Infantry.
Thank you again General, for the interest you have shown in our group. We are all looking forward to meeting you and your family.
GOD BLESS YOU, SIR.*

Jake Wittler

Jake told me personally that he wanted us all to be in one dynamic association, dedicated to the memory of our buddies, and to the pride we all share in having served in the 17th Infantry, period. OK, Jake, we've received your message and we're going to try to obtain your dream and your goal.

B.B.Q.

PHOTOS FROM ATTU, JUNE 1943

We received the following photographs from Alfred Hehman, Taylor, Texas, taken in Attu, Alaska, June 1943. During that time Hehman served in the 2nd Plt, Co H, 17th Inf. I thought it particularly unique that the letter containing these photos was postmarked December 7, 1998.



This photo pictures the platoon posing for a group shot on a hillside overlooking the sea.



Pictured above are the troops setting up tents for a well deserved rest after the Battle-of-Attu.



Pictured above and to the right are more views of the troops just after the culmination of the main Battle-of-Attu, in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska.



Modern Day Buffaloes Continue to Make History

By CSM Tim Green

In the spirit of 17th Infantry Regiment soldiers before them, two of our current Buffaloes embarked on a journey that ended on a historical high note of 172 Infantry Brigade (Separate) modern era history.

Sergeant Sean M. Bengé of Company B was recently selected as the Brigade Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and Specialist Robert S. Russell of Company A was recently selected as the Brigade Soldier of the Year. What makes these soldiers' accomplishments so historical was the reactivation of the brigade to active duty after a 12-year absence, during which time the brigade was designated the 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division.



SGT Sean M. Bengé

Spc. Robert S. Russell

SGT Bengé and SPC Russell competed earlier in the year at Battalion NCO of the Quarter boards and Battalion Soldier of the Month boards. The interview type of board pitted only those soldiers demonstrating the highest honor, integrity, and duty performance against each other. SGT Bengé and SPC Russell were our Battalion NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year respectively, and went on to compete against the representatives of four other battalions, totaling upward of 4000 soldiers.

Through tenacity, persistence, personal sacrifice, and the support of the other 570 Buffaloes, these men became the first NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year of the newly reflagged 172nd Infantry Brigade. What a tremendous honor to our battalion and to the continuing glory of our regiment that Buffaloes, BUFFALOS, achieve this most fitting accomplishment.

Another great modern era first is the membership accomplishment of 1st Platoon, Company A, President John Carrig's former platoon. You may recall I said in my last article that 1SGs Phil Albert and Tim Mullins came away from the San Diego reunion totally energized by the magnificent spirit and camaraderie of the veterans, and launched a motivating and inspiring appeal for membership to the future vets of the regiment (read: present day Buffaloes). Platoon Sergeant Joe Midyette in turn inspired his men, and has just recently reported 100% platoon association membership!!! I called President Carrig with this great news and he sent me a "100% Enrollment Award" to be presented to the platoon at an upcoming awards ceremony. 1st Platoon's accom-

plishment reminds me of the I & R Platoon, a small but dedicated group of men that hang out together and share everlasting fraternal bonds. Congratulations 1st Platoon, Company A.

The battalion continues to train world-wide with Headquarters Company down at Fort Lewis, Washington for a month; Company A departing in a few days for the Infantry Company Course at Fort Greely, AK; Company B recently returning from a joint operation in Hawaii that drew the highest praises from the Hawaii-based 25 Infantry Division Commanding General, and other officials; Company C departing in February for Japan to train with the Japan Defense Force, and the entire battalion deploying to Guam in March for Operation Tandem Thrust. Just what every soldier wants: Fun, Travel, and Adventure. All these training events provide the battalion with opportunities to remain fully capable of deterring war, or conquering should deterrence fail.

Another bit of good news is our former commander LTC Mike Okita's recent selection for promotion to Colonel. Mike was a first rate commander for this battalion. Mike's success contributed to his selection as a Ranger Battalion commander, but it also left this battalion with a culture of excellence that continues to be built upon by LTC Holt. We all look forward to Mike commanding his own regiment in the future. Congratulations, sir, from all the Buffaloes on your selection. HOOAH!!!

Lastly, an appeal to you veterans of the 17th. For any organization to continue it must recruit new members, and this battalion has now recruited over 80 new members. The 17th Infantry Regiment Association will continue for many more decades. As the only remaining battalion of our beloved regiment, we want to display artifacts of our regiment's past for current and future Buffaloes to enjoy, study, and display for posterity.

When we conceptualized the regiment room we anticipated a display case for all the major periods of our regiment's existence. Some of you men sent us prized and invaluable artifacts, but overall it is not enough to fill a single display case, no less a room. Many of today's youth do not care about military "history" and probably would not treasure the items you men accumulated from battlefields or over a career. I have been scanning the eBay web site and bidding on artifacts from the periods our regiment served in, but until I win Ed McMahan's \$10 million, I cannot even hope to fill a regimental room. I need your help.

When you go to the reunion at Fort Benning next year, go to the Infantry Museum. It is one of the best military museums in the world. Can you imagine if we did that on a regimental scale? What a marvel we could create of regimental history. If you would like to have your artifacts live on in appreciation, and displayed for a greater good, please consider donating your mementos to the regimental room. Uniforms, battle gear, medals, weapons, helmets, all the "neat" things soldiers love to see, would be greatly appreciated. As I said, our members will ensure the association continues, but I would like to see a solemn and reverent place for artifacts to continue as well.

Until next time, I ask God to look over each one of us, His Buffaloes.

A Soldier's View

By PFC Richard Osness

Greetings to fellow buffaloes from the 1st Battalion 17th Infantry Regiment. The past year brought us many challenges and varieties in some truly remarkable training events.

We started the year with an excellent joint training exercise called Northern Edge, which is located in the frozen tundra of Alaska. The first phase consisted of seizing and defending a hostile airstrip. In the second phase the buffaloes were called upon to attack enemy strongholds at the Simpsonville MOUT complex. For the first time in Alaskan military history AH-64 Apache attack helicopters assisted the assault by providing firepower and a long-range reconnaissance. With the help of the Apaches, artillery, and 500-pound bombs from US Air Force A-10 Thunderbolts this field problem was truly one for the record books.

After experiencing the arctic tundra, the buffaloes deployed to the tropical island of Oahu for Operation: Tropic Stampede. Here we sharpened our skills further by encountering natives of a small village in an attempt to retrieve information as to where the drug lab was in the

area so that we could put it out of business. After three weeks sweating in the mountains, we earned a long deserved break on the breach for some R & R.

In September we had the opportunity to host a platoon from the Singaporean Allied Forces, while we sent a platoon from Bravo Company to Singapore. We showed them our MOUT (military operations in urban terrain) techniques and how we accomplish objectives. They showed our platoon how to be a better combat unit in a tropic environment. The exchange left the buffaloes with a greater appreciation of various combat styles.

The buffaloes charge into 1999 with a series of company level deployments. Currently HHC's scouts, AT, and mortars are deployed to Ft. Lewis, WA to conduct some exciting live fire exercises in Operation: Arctic Ice Pick. Within a week of their return, Charlie Company will deploy to Japan for a joint forces field problem. The Bravo Company Bulldogs leave for Ft. Richardson in a few weeks to play the bad guys for the 1-501 PIR, while Alpha Company does some extensive training in the arctic tundra at Ft. Greely, AK.

In March the buffaloes come together for Northern Edge 1999, which promises to outdo Northern

Edge 1998. Less than three weeks later the battalion will deploy once again overseas to Guam for operation Tandem Thrust 1999. While in Guam we will conduct an uncertain non-combatant evacuation as USARPAC's (US Army Pacific) crisis response force, and then launch an offensive on the island of Tinian in order to regain operational control. The experiences the buffaloes will receive in the beginning of 1999 are immeasurable.

With all the field problems and exercises going on in early 1999, the big anticipation is for this year is when LTG William Quinn (Ret.), Buffalo Bill himself, will visit us with some of the other veteran buffaloes. This long awaited visit will help educate the newer soldiers who weren't here last time as to what it really means to be a buffalo.

1998 was a great year for the buffaloes, and 1999 promises to be even better. As the training gets more elaborate, our skills become more perfected, and we become a more effective fighting force. The 1st Battalion 17th Infantry continues to remain as one of the nation's strongest infantry battalions, and will continue to do so for many years to come.

"THUNDERING HERD!"

LINEAL MEMBERS OF THE 17th INFANTRY



The left photo features E.L. Warner and his son, Elmer L. Warner Jr., One of the new Lineal members of the Association. In the right photo, are other Lineal members, Left to Right: Christopher Robbins (Life), Grandson of General Quinn; Leslie Drumhiller (Life), Daughter of Stu Rothman; President Carrig; Gen. Quinn; Lisa Temple and Beverly Stoddard, both daughters of Shirley Stoddard. As we veterans of the 17th Infantry Regiment pass on, our heritage and history may be held in the hands of our Lineal Descendant members. This new category was developed by General Quinn and Association President Carrig as a way to extend membership in the Association to our children and grand-children.

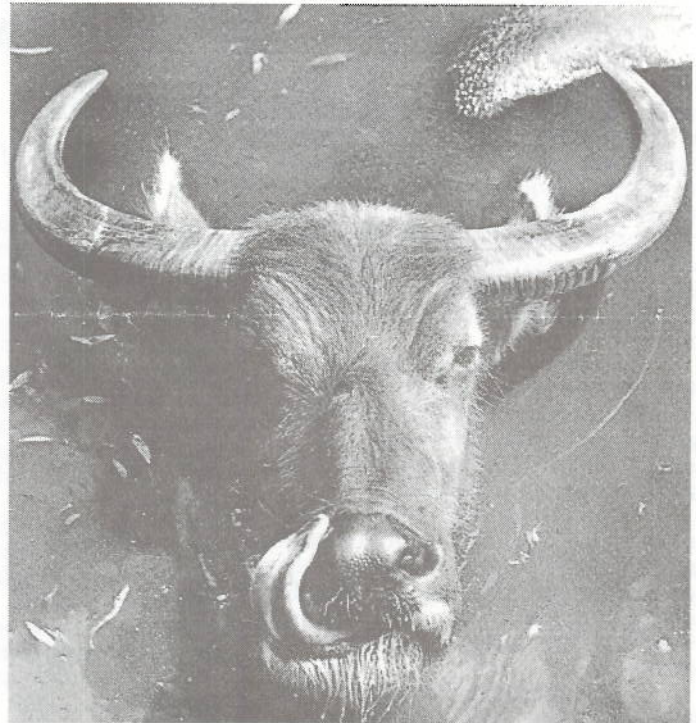
If you have a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, who would like to join the Association, please fill out the application on page 23 in this issue and send it to President Carrig. In this way will we insure that the Buffaloes will live forever.

WATER BUFFALO'S IN WORLD WAR II

General Quinn passed these photos of Water Buffaloes at work during WW-II on to me the other day. While it's true that the 17th Infantry was not known as the Buffaloes during WW-II, Quinn remarked that it was interesting to note how long the Buffalo had been around and used by Asians and G.I.'s alike during the war.



Pictured above is a photo of natives in the Orient using Water Buffaloes in farming. Pictured below are a bunch of troops using the Water Buffalo to haul and set up radio communications wire in the field.



This shot of a Water Buffalo licking his lips is one of General Quinn's favorites. He said it reminds him of just after partaking of a Rum and Coconut Milk Highball.

General Quinn also sent me a rather interesting article from the December, 1967 issue of Scientific American magazine, where the Water Buffalo was identified as a gentle beast that is a source of power and food for a substantial fraction of humanity. The article continues that the Water Buffalo has much to recommend it and states that it has been studied far less than many other domestic animals.

In India they were domesticated as early as 2500 B.C. In China, about a thousand years later. Today in Egypt there are as many Buffaloes as there are cattle, more than one and a half million.

It's estimated today that throughout the world, there are more than 100 million Buffaloes, so it's safe to say that our logo is going to be around for a long time.

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We are currently working with President Carrig and Treasurer Harvey to establish a more complete code that will show your dues status as well.

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ATTENTION WORLD WAR II VETERANS

Mr. Tracy Derks of Kingwood, Texas is currently researching information for a book on the Leyte Campaign in World War II. His book is going to center on and feature recollections of individual veterans. He informed us that he is especially anxious to include detailed accounts of the exploits of the Seventeenth Infantry in this book.

He said that he felt that too often histories of World War II in that area focus on the backdrop of MacArthur's personal glory in returning to the Philippines and the Naval Battle of Leyte Gulf.

Mr. Derks said that despite the toll and spilled blood of units such as the Seventeenth Infantry, the extent of the Leyte fighting seems mired in historians' thoughts as only a prelude to Luzan.

Association President Carig encourages our veterans of the Philippine campaigns to gather their recollections and take part in this project. He said that only you know the fighting and suffering you endured, now tell the world!

You may contact Mr. Derks by Postal Mail, Telephone or E-Mail.

His address is as follows:

Mr. Tracy Derks
5618 Spring Lodge
Kingwood, TX 77345
Telephone (281) 360-6344

He will accept COLLECT CALLS and will interview you by phone. Or if you prefer, you may send E-Mail to him at the following address.

tracy_derks@administaff.com

BRIGADER GENERAL RICHARD A. RISDEN PASSES AWAY AT 92

Ray Clark sent us a clipping from The Leesburg, Florida newspaper, December 5, 1998, announcing the passing of General Risden on December 2nd.

The general commanded the 17th Infantry Regiment in Korea, during part of 1951.

He graduated from West Point in 1933, and served in command assignments with the 65th, 29th and 26th Infantry Regiments. Following those assignments he was appointed Chief-of-Staff, G1, of the 2nd Armored Division, after which he attended the Command General Staff College. Upon graduation he served in the War Department in Washington, D.C.

He saw action in the North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. For his actions he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Italian Cross-of-War Merit.

In Korea with the 17th, he earned the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action near Chich'on, two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

At age 51 he was awarded the United States and Chinese Badges of the Qualified Paratrooper. He was the first American to graduate from the Chinese Army Airborne School.

He retired after 38 years service.

AN OPEN LETTER TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS

It doesn't seem possible, but in a little over a year, we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War. This may seem like a long time, but when you consider the ten years that went into the planning, fundraising, construction and dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., it's just a blink of an eye!

The U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation is co-chaired with me by my good friend and fellow Korean War Veteran, General William Westmoreland. We represent the soldiers and Marines who groveled in the mud, froze in the winter and suffered heat prostration in the summer. However, the magnificent contributions of the men and women of the Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, who also served so gallantly, has not, and never will be forgotten. All who served their country during the Korean War are welcome and strongly encouraged to participate in these 50th anniversary commemorations. If you were on active duty between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953, you are a Korean War Veteran even if you did not serve in Korea.

Korea 2000 is the recognition of the 50th year commemoration anniversaries, by the United States and the Republic of Korea governments, of the tremendous sacrifices made, for the cause of freedom, between 1950 and 1953. Major events are being scheduled in the years 2000, 2001, and 2002, culminating in a big 50th anniversary commemoration, in both the United States and Republic of Korea, in 2003.

The Foundation works very closely with the U.S. Department of Defense Commemoration Staff headed up by LTG Claude M. Kicklighter, U.S. Army (Ret.) as well as General John H. Tilelli, U.S. Army, CINC, U.S. Forces Korea, in Seoul. We have also established a close rapport with the President of the Republic of Korea, The Honorable Kim, Dae-jung, to ensure that our efforts are mutually supportive.

“LOOKING FOR“

In the July issue of the Buffalo Bugle, we published some photos sent in by Sam Cohen. We had a note from Calvin Nance of Pacific Grove, California wanting to contact Sam about the photos.

We've had a request from Bill McWilliams, 2229 Fiero Dr.,

Las Vegas, NV 89134; Tel: (702) 363-6968, who is looking for information on Lt Richard Shea Jr., Who was awarded the MOH Posthumously, for his actions at Pork Chop Hill. Any members of Co A or Co G, who had contact or who have knowledge of Lt Shea and his actions are requested to contact Mr. McWilliams, as he is doing research for a book on the 17th.

One of our major objectives is to locate all Korean War Veterans. This may seem like a simple task, however, by the Veterans Administration own statistics, less than twenty (20) percent of the Korean War Veterans belong to any national organization or association. That includes the VFW, DAV, KWVA and American Legion, as well as the other unit associations. Why is this so? Quite simply, because the Korean War, and the veterans thereof, were truly forgotten. When the Korean War Veteran came home he or she simply went back to school, got married, raised a family and "essentially" got on with their lives.

Our primary responsibility is to locate the missing 80%, and as a minimum, notify them of the national and international events that will commemorate their great contribution to stopping the expansion of communism in the early 1950's which ultimately lead to the fall of communism.

You can help! Please fill out the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. Reproduce as many copies as you need and hand them out to all your foxhole buddies as well. You will be placed in our National Korean War Veterans Database and in the future will personally be informed of all the 50th anniversary commemoration events when they come on line! Sincerely and fraternally,

Ray Davis

Raymond G. Davis
General, U.S. Marine Corps
(Ret.)- Medal of Honor — 1950
Co-Chairman

Please fill out the form
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National Korean War Veterans Database

Please type or print!

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Unit(s) assigned to during the war:	Dates of Military Service	Branch of Service
Division	From: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Army
Regiment		<input type="checkbox"/> Navy
Battalion	To: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Force
Company		<input type="checkbox"/> Marines
Wing		<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard
Squadron		<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine
Ship		
Other		

Military Occupational specialty during the war: _____
(Example - pilot, infantry, artillery, aircrew, etc.)

Highest Rank held: _____ Rank in Korea _____

Retired Military: Yes No Retired Rank _____

Personal Decorations/Awards: _____

Major Campaigns participated in: _____

Personal noteworthy experience during the war: _____

Note: We have received numerous requests from the media for access to the Korean War Veterans for books, documentaries, videos and other personal interviews.

May we release your name and address to the media? Yes No

Will you serve on a Foundation committee? Yes No

If yes, what is your preference: _____
(Ex: Organizing, Finance, Membership, Event Planning, etc.)

Will you help organize events for your City/State? Yes No

Are you a member of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA)? Yes No

In order to help defray Korea 2000 administrative costs, I would like to make the following voluntary donation; Korea 2000 is a 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit foundation:

\$20.00 \$40.00 \$60.00 Other

Check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Make payable to "Korea 2000 Foundation."

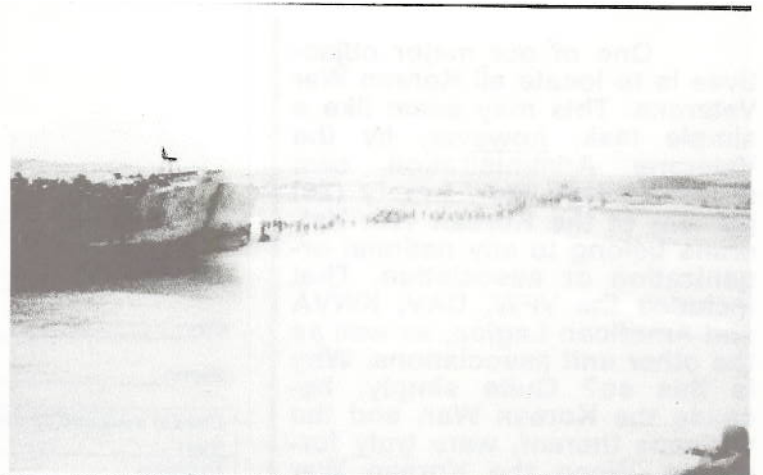
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Association Member HARRY FREY, who was assistant Battalion Surgeon, sent us these photos taken in Korea in 1950 and 1951.

The top left photo shows LTC Francis Carberry, C.O., 1st. Bn. With a large poster print of whom we think is North Korea's Kim Il Sung.

Beneath it is a photo of setting up the aid station in a schoolhouse near Pungsan, 31 Oct 1950

The next photo show the C.O. With a captured photo poster of Russian Premier Joe Stalin

Beneath it is a photo of a tank column moving down a village street in Ichon, Korea, 1950.

The top photo in the second column is of the amphibious landing at Iwon, 28 October 1950.

The next photo is of POW's being brought into the 1st. Bn. C.P.

The next photo is of a mortar emplacement at company D, 1st Bn., North of Pungsan

The bottom photo is of a POW CP camp at Kwamp' Yong-Ni

In the top photo, right column, POW's are shown arriving at the 1st. Bn. C.P.

**The second photo in that column shows, left to right, WO Petersen, Co A.(KIA); CPT Roberts, Co A (KIA); LT Soltanoff, Co A (EVAC); and CPT Johnson MC 1st Bn Surg
The two men in the background are unknown.**

The bottom two photos are from Task Force Charlie near Hoengson, February, 1951



These photos reproduced here are a great example of the use of the InterNet and E-Mail.

Harry did not send me these actual photographs. He scanned them into his computer and attached them to an E-Mail message he sent to me.

This way, he keeps his original photographs, and I am able to download them and then insert them directly into the Bugle as I work on it.

I recommend this method highly.

On the next two pages, 14 and 15, we have reproduced a group photo of Anti-Tank Company, 17th Infantry, taken in October or November, 1941 at Ft. Ord, California.

It was sent to us by A Co. member, Ed Graham.

Anti Tank Company



Lt. Alton M. Hoffman

17th. Infantry



Lt. Eakon H. Sladever

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Lt. Arnold T. Barber

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Lt. Charles W. Norton

Fort Ord ~



Sgt. Otto M. Durham



Sgt. Samuel P. Maulk

~ California

Fort Des Moines - 1918

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Lt. RICHARD T. SHEA,
M.O.H., 17th RCT, 7th Inf.

On March 5, 1953 Moscow Radio announced Joseph Stalin was dead. Stalin had used his enormous influence among communist powers to persuade them the "conflict" in Korea was necessary; it diverted NATO attention from Red objectives in Europe.

With Stalin gone, a sign of hope for change in hard-line communist policy emerged—China agreed peace talks at Panmunjom should reconvene in April. And though perverse, in a further sign of hope, communist forces unleashed a series of offensives designed to gain them a better bargaining position. The heaviest Chinese attack fell on a bitterly contested knob called "Pork Chop Hill".

In a driving thunderstorm the evening of July 6, Company A, 17th Infantry, U.S. 7th Infantry Division was nearly overrun by enemy troops. Despite determined GI counterattacks, Communist Chinese Forces fought their way into U.S. trenches,

gaining a foothold atop *Pork Chop's* crest.

Because he'd supervised construction of fighting positions on *Old Baldy*, Company A's executive officer knew *Pork Chop* well. Lt. Shea stood out among defenders, bounding from position to position, passing out ammo and assuring young infantrymen. "Help will be here... we can make it."

Shortly before dawn a group of CCF riflemen moved along a trench toward Shea's position. Reacting instantly, the lieutenant unholstered his officer's pistol and, firing rapidly, ran directly toward the infiltrators. When his pistol emptied, Shea tore into remaining enemy with a trench knife, slashing those still able. They hurriedly retreated. When dawn broke, Shea led several counterattacks, which gained vital positions for A Company's sector. When finally during the afternoon Company G moved up to reinforce *Pork Chop*. Chinese artillery killed or wounded nearly half their number. Lt. Shea placed its survivors under his command.

Repeatedly the lieutenant went after enemy holdouts. Determined to silence a Chinese machine gun. Shea worked his way under fire to within a few yards. After tossing two grenades, he stood and walked right at the enemy, carbine on his hip, firing until the entire gun crew fell.

On the third day of unrelenting combat, Chinese troops launched a massive attack. With Lt. Shea's forceful leadership the battered GIs fought off charge after charge. Though outnumbered, Lt. Shea ordered his band to counterattack.

Screaming like banshees GIs streamed from their trenches, Shea, a former cross-country star, in the lead Shea was hit but only temporarily stopped. In the words of Company A's commander, "He *was again wounded, but continued with a courage I have never seen displayed by any man.*"

Overwhelming CCF reinforcements were soon thrown into the onslaught. Lt. Richard T. Shea, Medal of Honor *"was last seen in close hand-to-hand combat with the enemy."*

LETTERS AND NOTES FROM MEMBERS

We received several notes and letters from members since the last Bugle was published. The reader will have read several of them in this issue. Others we're going to try and combine in a new feature that we're calling, Letters & Notes From Members.

James Jackson of Arlington, Texas sent us an article from a November 1985 VFW magazine titled, "THANKSGIVING, KOREA 1950". It was written by Col. E. Lloyd Murphy, who in 1950 was a 2nd Lt. Plt Leader in Fox Co, 17th RCT.

Murphy writes that they had just reached the Yalu River two days before Thanksgiving. The mountains, sub-zero temperatures, and grueling 150-mile march was wearing on them all, but they had made their goal

and were now waiting to be sent home by Christmas as General MacArthur had promised.

600,000 Chinese changed all that, but before the attack, Murphy writes about an airdrop from USAF C-82's that brought them Thanksgiving Dinner and mail from home. It gave them quite a boost and helped prepare them for the rough times ahead.

We received another article from member Remo Trinca of Medford, Oregon. This one, from the Stars and Stripes, oddly enough spoke of Korea at Thanksgiving in 1951. The story tells of how F-Co repelled a 700-man North Korean unit when they tried to push F-Company off of No Name Hill. The enemy suffered more than 425 casualties, representing more than half of their strength during the four-hour attack in sub-zero temperatures.

Trinca was in Fox Co and was in the action at No Name Hill during this engagement.

Three officers, CPT Angelo Nicolette, 2LT Anthony Onorato, and MAJ McCall, all of F-Co

were awarded Silver Star Medals on the spot.

We received another note from Mario "Ben" Benedetto, who joined E-Company on Okinawa in 1945. He went to Korea with the 17th in the fall of 45. He sent us a copy of a flyer distributed by the Korean Labor Union in September 1945 that warns of Japanese imperialism. He also wonders if any of his buddies from that time are still around. If there are, he can be reached at 50 Glasser St., Norwalk, CT 06854.

Finally, we had a note from Pat Ricciardi of Yonkers, New York who described the Memorial Day Celebration and ceremonies in Yonkers this past year. As Ricciardi describes the way the city fathers and the Memorial Day Committee ignored the Korean Vets, it brings home the phrase that too many of us have come to know,

"Korea - The Forgotten War"

We can only hope that Mr. Ricciardi brought this to the attention of those in office in Yonkers at that time.

RAT HUNTING IN KOREA

*Editor's Note: The following
Story was sent to us by
Association Member Ray Clark,
Who at the time was H-Co.
Platoon Leader.*

*For obvious reasons, the
PFC's name has been
Omitted from the story.*

I had a PFC in June 1953 in my Machine Gun Platoon of H-Co., who had earned the dubious nickname of "Rat Hunter". He was one of those short, roly-poly fellows who go through life looking like an unmade bed or duffel bag stuffed too full. He was sort of a happy go lucky gregarious guy, always needing a shave and haircut, meaning well but not cut out for military life. He said that he had been an auto mechanic in civilian life, and since he had a tendency to goof up in the MG Platoon, spent much of his time assisting in the company motor pool.

As fate would have it he was made the Company Commanders temporary driver. The CO was not entirely happy with his driving but since it was temporary, put up with him. One day the Bn Cmdr needed a driver and borrowed him. We received rave reports from the Bn Cmdr about what a fast driver he was. H Company was happy, the Bn Cmdr was happy, and he'd finally found his niche.

One day as I was riding in a jeep to the rear from Hill 347 I found we were behind him driving the Bn Cmdr in his jeep. We dropped back to avoid their dust and they soon disappeared from our view. As we topped the ridge where burlap had been erected over the road to block the view from the Chinese, they had long since passed and were gone. At that point the dirt road turned sharply to the left with a perpendicular drop-off on the left side and a steep cliff on the right.

Up on the rocks at this turn there was a large Engineer Corps Castle painted in red with the inscription "Castle Rock" in white. Anyway, the road dropped steeply for about 250 yards, then turned abruptly to the right. The road had a narrow choke point around this corner, which was bordered by a steep cliff on the left and a rice paddy on the right. There had been problems here in the past because water coming off the cliffs on the left had washed out the road as it flowed across into the old rice paddy.

As we came around the curve we saw that the road was dug up at the choke point where a 13th Combat Engineer work crew was about to put in a new culvert.

The Bn Comdr.'s jeep was sitting in about twenty feet away in a rice paddy sunk nearly to the hood in mud and water. The Bn Cmdr was sitting unhappily on the windshield top and the driver was wading to shore.

We stopped and assisted the combat engineers to pull the jeep out of the paddy. The driver,

needless to say, soon afterwards was sent back to Company H in disgrace. We asked what had happened and his reply was, When I came around the corner at the top of the hill I kicked the jeep out of gear and let it roll.

I sent him to one of the two MG squads supporting Company A on Hill 347. Since I was down in "Baldy Valley" I saw him infrequently. One day I was told that the 7th Div Cmdr, MG Trudeau, would inspect the troops and fortifications on Hill 347 the next day. I hustled up on the hill and briefed my MG Section on the usual stuff when the brass is expected, ie: stand at attention and salute when reporting, wear helmets and flak jackets, clean the MGs and ammo, make up range cards, put out aiming stakes, etc.

I had been told that the sleeping bunkers would not be inspected. Since the two MG Squads held a section of the trench line, they had their own sleeping bunker. Anyone who had been on night watch could sleep in during Trudeau's visit.

The next day MG Trudeau and entourage arrived as scheduled. I reported and led him on a tour of our short area of the trench. We ended up at the intersection of the main trench and the men's sleeping bunker trench, where I pointed out the bunker about fifteen yards away. We had been standing there a minute listening to MG Trudeau speak when, "BLAM," a shot was fired inside the sleeping bunker. Everyone tensed and stood a little taller but MG Trudeau chose to ignore the shot and continued talking. Everyone relaxed a little when "BLAM, came another shot from the bunker. This time there was no ignoring it. Trudeau, with me in tow, and followed by the others trooped into the bunker.

There we found my PFC, laying on a top bunk dressed in dirty fatigues but with his boots off He was at the extreme right end of the bunker with his feet pointed toward the left end. The butt end of an M-1 carbine was lying on his chest with the muzzle between the toes of one of his feet. To Trudeau's question as to what he was doing, he said, "There was a big rat running back and forth on the beam and I was tracking him.

The Bn Cmdr ordered that he be sent off the hill and he ended up working full time in the company motor pool as a mechanic.



Buffalo Bill
sent us
this photo
of a logo
with the
17th Crest
and the
American
Eagle

SPECIAL REPORT FROM PRESIDENT CARRIG

As we were finishing up this issue, we received word from President Carrig that he had been able to negotiate the price at our reunion hotel in Columbus down to \$69.00 per night, single or double.

It is a hotel that President Carrig had used for a reunion about five years ago, and with which he is very familiar.

Complete registration information, contact phone numbers, registration forms and exact dates, as well as program schedules and other activities will all be listed in the next issue of the Buffalo Bugle.

Carrig also reports that the President of The Mid-West 17th Infantry Assoc. Jerome Lowrey, has by mutual agreement of their members, disbanded their association and joined with us. Lowrey donated the final proceeds of their treasury to us in the amount of \$109.33.

Lowrey served at Ft. Crook, Nebraska in Co C, 17th Inf during 1938-39.

Speaking of donations, we must make mention of the following twelve Association members and organizations who also have donated funds to our treasury:

William Quinn	John T. Carrig
Carl J. Cook	William Sanders
George Adam	Arnold Prather
Guy Hamrick	Harry Johnson
Robert Miller	Daniel Sullivan
Robert Christopher and the Handlery Hotel	

President Carrig also mentioned that the hotel he has booked the reunion at is located in an area with many small restaurants. The hotel offers free airport shuttle service as well.

PASS IN REVIEW, The 17th Regiment Association Flag Unit Bulletin

Jim Sheldon, along with Bob Northcutt, Lou Kolb, Gene Zimmerman, and a few other 17th Infantry vets, including Bill McClain, and Fred McGee started and are carrying on with the 17th Infantry Flag Unit in Ohio.

They involve themselves in all Veterans' celebrations.

Most recently they participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Columbus, Ohio, and were included in a massing of the colors at the Memorial Plaza on the East Side of the State Capital Building.

Any 17th Infantry veteran living in Ohio, who would like to be involved with the Flag Unit, is encouraged to contact Jim Sheldon at 1280 Lima Street, Lima, Ohio 45801.

Meetings are held on an intermittent basis. More information may be obtained by calling Jim at (419) 228-4421.



PASS IN REVIEW



17 INF REGT ASSOC. FLAG UNIT BULLETIN

13 July 1998

No. 3

This bulletin is being sent to members of the 17th Inf Regt Assoc who reside in Ohio. A small group of members are meeting on an intermittent basis for general fellowship and to participate in various parades and veteran's affairs as a flag unit. All addressees are invited to attend get together or participate in parades or other activities. In fact we would welcome your participation. So come on and join us. Comments or correspondence should be addressed to J.D. Sheldon, 1280 N. Cole St. Lima, Ohio 45801. Tele: (419) 228-4421.



INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4TH

On July 4th our flag unit led the parade at Delaware, Ohio. Delaware is the home of the famous "Little Brown Jug" race, held each year at the Delaware County Fair Grounds. The people of Delaware are really civic minded and put on a great parade (we circled back at the finish line and had a chance to view most of the elements, which may have numbered as many as 100. The 82d Airborne Association puts on a nice show with about 5 vehicles and 30 to 40 participants, all in full battle dress. Our small group, while not in uniform, give a uniform appearance, by wearing infantry blue ties, white shirts and veteran's organization caps or hats. Our participants included, Bob Northcutt, Lou Kolb, Gene Zimmerman and Jim Sheldon. The parade was uneventful, except for a short shower that lasted just long enough to get us wet. Prior to the parade we had a lunch meeting to make plans for the dedication of the Veteran's Plaza at the State House, details are included separately.



PHOTOS: Upper left - preparing to lead off. Left - Showing off our static display which lists accomplishments of the Regiment. Above - In front of the winner's trophy for the "little brown jug", Kolb, Zimmerman, Sheldon and Northcutt, and the real winner, the 17th Infantry.

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E-MAIL ROSTER UNDERWAY

A few months ago, we received an E-Mail message from Association member Bob Telford. He had been asking around for years about compiling an E-Mail roster of Korean Veterans. Bob had served in several different outfits during World War II, but felt an intense camaraderie with the members of the 17th Regimental Combat Team of the 7th Infantry Division, that he served with in Korea.

He located the Buffaloes through the 7th Div. listed on CompuServe. When he discovered from information on the 7th Division Web Site, that the 1998 Buffalo Reunion of the 17th Inf. Association, was literally going to be "Right down the street" in San Diego, from where he lived in Long Beach, he and his wife made plans to attend.

At the reunion found Harry Johnson with whom he'd served in Korea in '51 and '52. He also found that many there, like Harry, were on the Internet, but no one knew all the E-Mail addresses. That's when

the idea for a Buffalo E-Mail roster was born.

Starting with lists from the 7th and the 17th plus a notice in our November Bugle, a roster began to take shape that included not only the E-Mail addresses but also the rank, units and time of service.

In this first publication of the roster below, we are only listing the individual's names and E-Mail addresses. If the membership indicates the desire, we will publish a more complete listing showing where and when each individual served.

At the same time, Jim Smit, another first-timer at the reunion, began organizing a list, which included the same information for everyone in the 17th so members could identify men with whom they had served.

Working together, the E-Mail roster took shape, and fifty-two Buffaloes received E-Mail mail with Bob's roughed-out list. Between Jim and Bob, confirmation and corrections began rolling in along with half-a-dozen notices of "User Unknown" etc. Some of these resurfaced later with corrected addresses, some turned out to be

relatives who channeled word back to the vets, and others added web pages and lengthy tales of time spent in Korea. Everything that space would allow went into the E-Mail roster.

Still there remained those that indicated missing data throughout the list. In Jan., Bob sent out word that: "This is it!" A couple of late-comers zipped in some data, and the list was finally sent out.

The list includes the person who received the information and the date received. Bob continues to update things as word comes in, and Jim is working on the units and time-of-service for the whole regiment. The E-Mail list will be updated and sent out by Bob periodically. In the meantime, those on the list can get rid of those?" marks and newcomers can be added by E-Mail mailing Bob (see his address on the list).

Bob says the best reward he received came from all those who wrote to him with the simple statement . . .

"Thanks for all the work done."

We agree!

17th Inf. E-Mail Roster

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*Marilyn Monroe, visiting Korea and the 17th Regimental Combat Team,
(THE BUFFALOES),
of The 7th Infantry Division, in the early 1950's.*



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UNIT _____ DATES _____.

UNIT _____ DATES _____.

UNIT _____ DATES _____.

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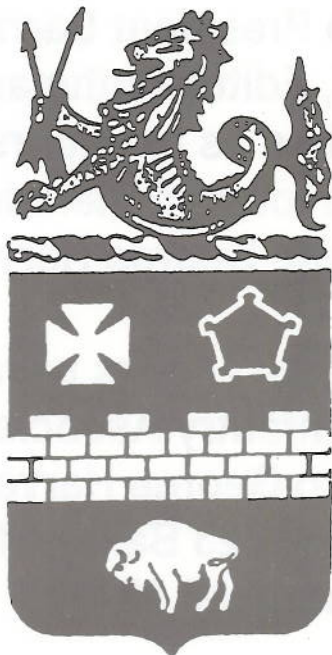
Lately we have had several members make out their checks to President Carrig or myself, Editor Rothman. This requires us to endorse them and forward them to the Treasurer, George Harvey.

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