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OCTOBER REUNION SUPER AFFAIR

John Quinn, Vice President of our Association and year 2000 Reunion Host, advises us that all is proceeding as arranged with the reunion.

John reminds us to make reservations soon as possible.

You **MUST** fill out and send in **YOUR REUNION ASSOCIATION FORM** as shown on Page 28 to John Quinn, and then separately you **MUST** fill out and mail in **YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION FORM** on Page 29 to **THE HOTEL** as soon as possible. It is extremely important that both forms be filled out and mailed in to the appropriate destination. Do not send both forms to Quinn or to the Hotel. Each **MUST** receive the form designated for them.

Also, if your year 2000 dues have not been paid, please send them in with the membership form on Page 30. This form should be sent to the Association Treasurer George Harvey as indicated on the form. Please do not include your annual dues with your Hotel or Reunion deposits. It messes up the bookkeeping.

**REUNION INFORMATION,
PAGES 16, 17, 29 & 30**

AS THIS ISSUE WAS GOING TO PRESS, WE RECEIVED THE EXTREMELY SAD NEWS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT A SERIOUS CANCER WAS AFFECTING BOARD MEMBER JACK LEGG. LET US ALL STOP FOR A MOMENT AND OFFER A SILENT PRAYER FOR HIS FULL RECOVERY AND EARNESTLY HOPE TO SEE HIM AND HIS WIFE ELLEN AT THE REUNION IN MILWAUKEE.

ARLINGTON RITES FOR JOHN A. SULLIVAN

On a cloudy Monday, April 17th, family and friends gathered at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. for the funeral of our late President John A. Sullivan.

Death had claimed Jack Sullivan on December 11, 1999 after he lost his battle with cancer. His wife, Marie and the family, decided that the cremated remains be interred alongside thousands of other veterans buried in America's famous military cemetery.

The family present included children and grandchildren of Jack and Marie as well as other relatives, friends from hometown, school days and military service. Fellow-veterans Gil Isham, Bob Petzold and John Carrig represented the Seventeenth Infantry. A light rain was falling as the cortege approached the gravesite.

The ceremony included prayers, somber music, rifle salute and taps. The Third Infantry Honor Guard folded the flag with quick precision. It was then presented to Marie Sullivan by the Chaplain who expressed words of condolence. A representative of the Arlington Ladies also offered her sympathy to Marie. The ceremony was now ended and it was fitting that the rain ceased as we departed in silence.

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For Photos Of
The Ceremonies
At Arlington**

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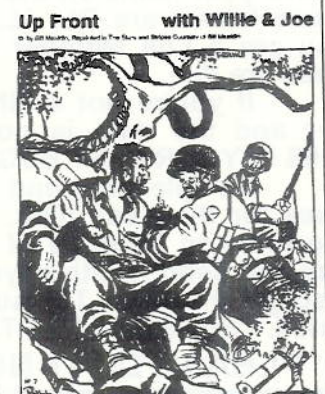
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**Sure I Got
Seniority
Over You.
I Got
Busted
A Week
Before
You Did !!**



BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS

(By LTG W.W. Quinn)

On or about the end of March 1951, I received a letter from a CPL Staz B. Swinsinski from Okinawa.

As I had done before in hundreds of similar cases, I asked the CG of the 8th Army, Gen. Van Fleet to intercede with the D/A for a transfer of the Corporal, with copies of his letter as justification.

Sure enough, he showed up and joined the regiment in late April, 1951.

What is so impelling about this story is that in the letter he wrote to influence my approval of his transfer to the 17th, he lied like a trooper. The justifications he quoted were totally fictitious.

A little more than a year ago, I was contacted by a Col. Harrington, an instructor at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

He informed me that he had obtained a copy of Swinsinski's original letter to me from the CG's staff. He was so impressed with it, that he read and dis-

cussed it with a class at the Army War College.

Furthermore, he located the Corporal's family and convinced a nephew of his to come to Car-



lisle Barracks for an introduction to the CG and also to discuss the courage and fortitude of his uncle Staz.

I was notified and invited to the occasion, but unfortunately a prior commitment made it impossible for me to attend. However, I made a call to the nephew during the ceremony

and congratulated him on the character of his uncle.

In an interview with the Colonel at the college, the nephew admitted that his uncle's letter to me back in 1951 was completely false and contained no substantive facts at all. His uncle had been motivated to fabricate that letter in order to assure that he would be transferred into the 17th, such was his desire to serve with us.

Corporal Swinsinski made it into the 17th. He became the "Buffalo" he wanted to be.

This is a story of pride that is stronger than esprit d'corps. He wanted to serve with the Buffaloes he read and heard about.

He served the regiment, the Army and his country faithfully. SFC Swinsinski was killed in action in North Korea November 24, 1951.

For a copy of his original letter, and the certificate proclaiming him to be on The Korean War Veterans Honor Roll, Please turn to page 20.

Sincerely,

Bill Quinn

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Stu Rothman

On the front page of this issue, there is a story in a box that asks if you're "THROWING YOUR NEXT BUGLE AWAY?"

Please go back and read it again, if you haven't already. We are losing a lot of Bugles because of this situation.

We have been printing CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED on our Bugles for a couple years now. When we do this, the Post Office cuts the labels off issues with bad or changed addresses and throws the Bugle away, and sends us the changed address.

Too many of them we see are from Active Duty members on Fort Wainwright who have gone PCS or ETS. What is worse is that many of them are from Fort Wainwright Active Duty

members who have moved off post or to different housing, or who have directed their mail be changed from their Lorraine



Avenue box number to a quarters address. In all these cases, The Post Office DOES NOT FORWARD the Bugle. They throw it away and send us the label with the new address.

This issue is THE LAST ONE where we are requesting the "CHANGE SERVICE". If you move or change your box number or address without telling us, you will not be get a Bugle.

We're very sorry, but with the printing, the postage, the change service request fee, it's costing us more than \$2.00 a newsletter AND they get thrown away, not delivered. This has been totaling some \$30.00 to \$50.00 per issue and we simply cannot afford to waste this money.

PLEASE, PLEASE then let us know IN ADVANCE if you move, even if it's just from one P.O. Box to another. The P.O. WILL NOT forward your bulk mail.

AND, if you go on vacation or leave, check the box on the P.O. form for them to hold ALL YOUR MAIL, not just First Class, or notify us to hold your Bugle until a certain date. We'll do that for you with pleasure.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Stewart N. "Stu" Rothman

I've been working quite a bit on my new upcoming book lately, and it appears that it will be out on the market before Christmas 2000. It's an Autobiographical, Pictorial Travelogue, to which after my recent Korean re-visit trip, I've added a chapter on the 17th Infantry Regiment and my experiences in it.

This book covers my travels and experiences in the nearly all 50-states and more than 55-foreign countries I've shot and covered assignments in.

Also, I've recently received publicity and news releases from some of our members about the books they've written. To this of course there's "BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS", which is now being offered at The Battalion Store at a reduced price of \$5.00 to active duty personnel and members of our Association.

In view of all this, I think it would be a nice feature to add to our newsletter a "Book Review" type of column, or page if we have enough response.

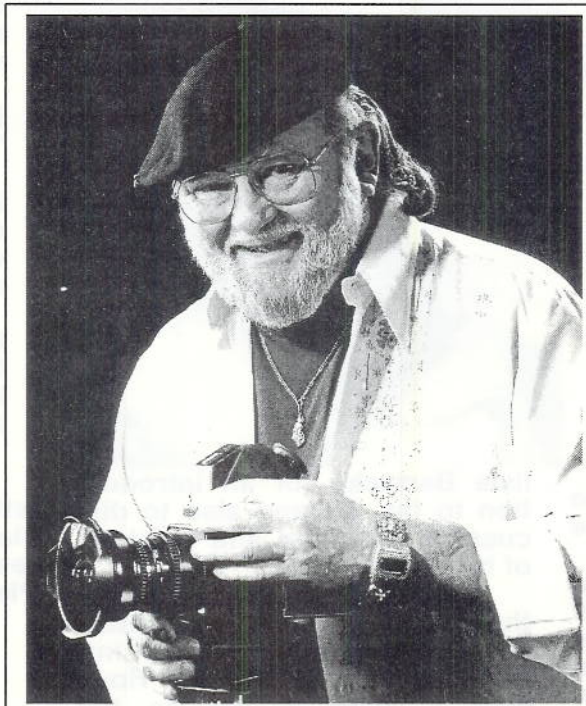
So all you authors out there, send me a review of your book, or a photo and copy of it. I will return all books, or if you wish, I will send them on to our Association Historian, Past-President John Carrig, who will

put them in The Association Archives.

You do not have to have written a hardbound industry-published book that is available in bookstores throughout the country to be included in this section. I'm looking to feature books, articles and stories written by our members. If you've written an article that has been published in a magazine or collected works, and have a Xerox copy of it, send it to us with the information where and how copies of that publication may be obtained.

Although it would be nice if your book or work featured the actions and experiences of the 17th Regiment in WW-II, Korea, Viet Nam, or Desert Storm, Your work does not have to specifically be about the Regiment. I'm thinking of works "by" the members of our Association, not just about our Association.

Please include the pertinent information about the book or article; Publisher, Price, Availability, and where and how it may be obtained, including if any discount were being offered to the members of our Association.



AN EARLY REUNION

Jack Legg, (Then Lt.) Sent us this reunion booklet and menu from September 3rd & 4th, 1955 at Stuttgart, Germany. The Booklet doesn't indicate whether this was the first reunion of the regiment, but Legg states that it was the first reunion he attended since serving in the Seventeenth.

The program indicates that Brigadier General Quinn was the main speaker and a Mr. Tom Stone presented the main toast and a Chaplain Bledsoe gave Grace before dinner.

The dinner included Prime Roast Rib of Beef, Salad, Vegetable, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, & Fruit Salad with Creme De Menthe topping, and Champagne.

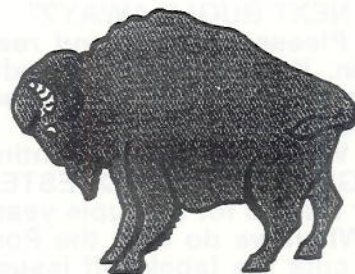
It's interesting to note that the Cocktail time lasted an hour and a half but there was only one hour allowed for dinner.

Ten minutes were allowed for Gen. Quinn to cover Buffalo Highlights, and only five minutes to cover presentations to Honorary Buffaloes.

If anyone remembers whether or not this was the first reunion, please contact us.

17th RCT REUNION

STUTTGART, GERMANY
3-4 SEPTEMBER, 1955



FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Lt. Col. Jeff Holt

This is my final contribution to the Buffalo Bugle as the commander of the First Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment. On 28 June, my wife, Peggy and I will say goodbye to the *Thundering Herd* and head east to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

I will join a long line of officers who have had the incredible satisfaction of serving in the US Army's finest infantry regiment. For almost two years I have been part of an organization that has done it damnedest to live up to a long held reputation for greatness. It is possible I may be slightly biased, but I believe we have successfully upheld the high standards for which the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment is famous.

From Guam and Tinian Islands to the high desert of California and through the long cold winters of Alaska, this battalion has served with distinction. Never has this battalion faltered when asked to go forward and accomplish a mission.

Leaders and soldiers simply have too much pride to ever let that happen. As a commander, it has been a humbling experience to watch these events unfold. Humbling because you are forced to realize that in a battalion loaded with so much talent, the smartest thing you can do most often is simply stay out of the way! CSM Tim Green and a host of superb leaders have made this not only the most pleasurable job in my military career but also the easiest. I can never thank them

enough for allowing me to be part of their accomplishments.

I can also not say thanks enough to the proud veterans that provide this regiment with its unique character. From our Colonel of the Regiment, LTG "Buffalo Bill" Quinn to those who served in combat as 19 and 20 year old platoon sergeants, there have been inspirational stories by the score.



I have shaken the hand of a Medal of Honor recipient and watched many an eye grow misty as the colors of our regiment pass by. I am sure I speak for every soldier in the regiment when I tell you how much impact these distinguished veterans have had on today's Buffaloes.

I am particularly indebted to LTG Quinn for his wisdom and guidance and to Stu Rothman for all his personal efforts as our liaison here in Fairbanks. There are many other veterans and their wives that I hope one day to thank in person, but for now please accept my gratitude for your undying support of the regiment.

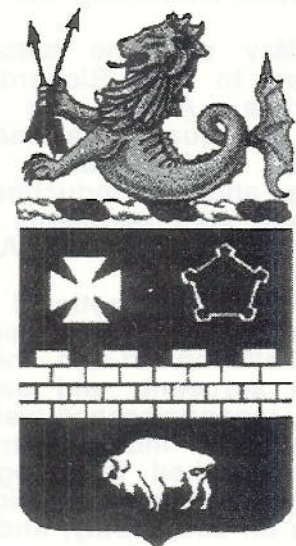
I am confident that this strong sense of regimental pride will exist long after CSM Tim Green and I have departed Alaska. CSM Green will leave behind more than 160 current regimental association members and an exceptionally proud corps of non-commissioned officers.

LTC Edge Gibbons, my successor, has already been very active in other distinguished regimental associations. He is extremely anxious to continue the close relationship the battalion has established with the Seventeenth Infantry Regimental Association. With these elements in place I am sure that the 17th Infantry tradition will continue to flourish.

I am also humbled by the realization, that I will be forced to say, "During this last two years it is never easy to leave command, but when you have to leave a unit as exceptional as the 17th Infantry it is doubly painful."

I think I can well understand what LTG Quinn must have felt when he was forced to leave the US Army's finest combat regiment in 1951.

Truth and Courage



Greetings, Fellow Buffaloes

By CSM Tim Green

Greetings, fellow members. The battalion and our regiment have come a long way since the last Bugle in March.

This edition includes an article by SPC Zener, battalion S5 and Buffalo Store proprietor, detailing our training at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California in February, and our fourth consecutive victory in the annual Brigade Winter Games in March, a military style Olympics pitting all the battalions in the brigade in a variety of events from arctic warfare skills and survival to boxing to conventional sports.

Stu Rothman covered our Year 2000 Noncommissioned Officers Ball in April that included the retirement retreat of a deeply beloved Buffalo, 1SG Stuart R. Johnson.

April was also the first time that the regiment petitioned the Chief of Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia to designate several current and former members of the regiment as Distinguished Members of the Regiment.

The nominations are at Fort Benning for consideration and the results are not available at press time, however, helping Stu Rothman assemble all the impressive biographies and put the petition together, I anticipate the Chief approving all the nominees. This is a worthwhile endeavor that I trust the battalion's future leadership will continue.

May saw the battalion deployed to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska for two weeks of squad level marksmanship and tactical field training, and the induction of two great staff sergeants into the exclusive Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

What an emotional day May 3rd was: SSGs Gregory Bray, battalion 81-mm mortar platoon sergeant, and James Gilliam, reconnaissance platoon sergeant were inducted into a club established to recognize the very best noncommissioned officers on active duty, and the

presenter was retired Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell, Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War. The significance of the day? Our regiment's 139th anniversary since its formation at Fort Preble, Maine in 1861!

As with any military organization, the battalion continues to lose members, and we are losing many fine association life members this summer, with many more departing this fall.

SFC Anthony J. Petrone, our former anti-armor platoon leader, departed for Washington, D.C. in March after he and his platoon did an incredible job defeating enemy armor at NTC.

SFC Joe Midyette departed in April for the East Coast after serving admirably as a rifle platoon sergeant and a member of the S3 (training and operations). Joe's old platoon in A Company received an Association Certificate of Appreciation from former president John Carrig for 100% platoon membership in the association.

HHC first sergeant 1SG Phillip R. Albert, present at the San Diego reunion, departed in May for Fort Carson, Colorado to be a first sergeant in the 10th Special Forces Group. Phil was recently toasted at Fairbanks VFW #3629 for his selfless service to many soldiers and veterans programs in the Fort Wainwright and Fairbanks communities.

SFC Stephen G. Thomas departs in June to be a SCUBA supervisor in the Florida Camp of the Army Ranger Course. Stephen served as a rifle platoon sergeant in C Company and as a member of the S3 (training and operations); and former B Company first sergeant 1SG Stuart R. Johnson retires 1 July after 20+ years of selfless service to our nation. Stu served in combat zones in Grenada, Panama, and Southwest Asia. Lastly, LTC Holt and I both depart in June.

This will be my last column as the battalion command sergeant major. My replacement, CSM Darryl Moore, arrives with his lovely wife Allyson in mid-June. Darryl is highly accomplished, having served with the 509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy,

multiple tours with the 75th Ranger Regiment, and his last job as the command sergeant major of Operations Group, JRTC, Fort Polk, Louisiana. In fact, Darryl and I are "swapping" jobs; him to an enviable position with the Buffaloes, and me to big boots to fill. Darryl and new battalion commander, LTC Edge Gibbons will build on our greatness and lead the Buffaloes to new heights in these early days of the new millennium.

This has been a joyous, high-spirited, and emotional tour of duty for me. I tell my soldiers that my goal for them is to look back on their tour with the Buffaloes as the most personally and professionally rewarding tour they will ever serve. We cultivate an appreciation for regimental history and a relationship with the veterans of our storied past; we develop better soldiers and leaders through tough, realistic training, strict enforcement of standards, and iron clad discipline--men that can fight and win on the battlefield as our forefathers have.

I do not want to leave, nor do I like to see accomplished Buffaloes depart, but change is as inevitable as it is necessary. Change brings about newness, fresh ideas, different perspectives, and an opportunity for many more soldiers and their families to experience the Buffalo phenomenon.

The confluence of my appointment as a command sergeant major, my posting to Alaska, and my assignment to the 17th Infantry Regiment was no accident. I believe this all came together as a plan of Providence. I cherish my relationships with LTC Okita and LTC Holt, all 11 of my first sergeants, the thousands of officers, noncommissioned officers, soldiers, and all veterans. I was privileged to serve as the historic and traditional keeper of our regiment's magnificent colors. I am a Buffalo, I am proud of that, and I will never give that up.

Until next time, I again ask God to continue looking over us all, His Buffaloes.

THUNDERING HERD!!!

CSM Tim Green

WORKING & PLAYING HARD

by SPC Michael Zener

In the months of February and March the Buffaloes led the way once again. Whether it is going to Fort Irwin and destroying the OPFOR (opposing forces) at NTC, or taking on the rest of USARAK (US Army Alaska) in the Winter Games, the 1-17th always comes out on top.

In February the battalion deployed to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. This is the test site for all of the Army's forces to train and test their skills out on the relentless force known as the OPFOR. When we arrived spirits were low and one could tell by the look on each other's face, that anticipation

ahead of us. The very first day we moved out for the "Box" it began. A relentless rain, that did not stop for three days. No matter how hard the rain fell or the wind blew it was enough to dampen the spirits of the 1-17th soldiers. Our first mission was to defend a hill known as the "Whale". This task while at first

making from the battalion commander on down to the lowest level. However, the Buffaloes once again came together and were victorious. After the missions were completed and we got some well-deserved chow it was right on to the live fire ranges. A combined force of mechanized armor, artillery, and ground units assaulted the battalion. The 1-17th stood strong and sent the enemy packing with their tails tucked.

In the month of March the battalion had just returned with little time to prepare for Winter Games. Most of the teams were thrown together at the last minute. These games consisted of many events, ranging from; boxing, wrestling, racquetball, basketball, and even an Iron Man

competition. It is well known around USARAK that the 1-17th usually dominates most of the events. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't call it luck. I would call it the 1-17th Buffalo



seemed virtually impossible because of the size of the terrain. The 1-17th task force came together because of the combined efforts of the 1-17

and other slice ele-



was high. We spent two weeks in what is known as the "Dust-

ments such as engineers, air defense, and artillery. After the mission we were all shocked at just how well a plan can work out if everyone works together and never stops fighting, no matter what odds. The next mission for the Buffaloes were to assault a known enemy position, which was very heavily guarded the mechanized OPFOR threat. This mission was more difficult than the first, with all decisions being made on the fly. It took some on the fly corrections of some mistakes and decision



pride to do the best at everything. The Buffaloes placed 1st Place in the bench press and basketball, 2nd Place in wrestling and 3rd place in the Iron Man Competition. These are only a few of the numerous sports that the Buffaloes excelled in. The crowning achievement was winning the Winter Games again for the fourth year in a row. As always, the Buffaloes have and always will lead the way.



bowl". This name is self-explanatory. As the days passed we grew more and more anxious to complete the task

1ST Bn-17th INF NCO DINING OUT

The Last Frontier Club at Fort Wainwright, Alaska was the site of the year 2000 NCO Dining Out. It was held on 20 April 2000 and it combined the Battalion's NCO Hail and Farewell function with the retirement ceremony of 1SGT Stuart R. Johnson, Life Member of the 17th Infantry Association.

172nd Brigade CSM David A. Nethken, upon receiving the folded flag from the Honor Guard, said, "Ladies and Gentlemen,...this is not an easy thing to do this night. There are only two times that you present a set of colors. When a soldier dies and when a soldier retires. This evening we pay tribute to Master Sergeant Stuart Johnson who after twenty long years of faithful and dedicated service retires from our ranks this evening.

I first met MSG Johnson around 18 years ago when we served together in the 2d Ranger Battalion at Fort Lewis. As odd as it seems, it was as if it were last month. Time does that to you. Time.. .time well spent.. .as a soldier.., nothing more and nothing less.

You know a soldier's life is different. It is a calling unlike our civilian counterparts, who watch a clock and head home at 5:00. Ours is a lifestyle, a lifestyle that only us and those like us can understand. It isn't about money. God knows there isn't any money in this job.

You'll never get rich..., but you will get enriched. For we do this because we choose to... not because we have to. We do this because it is right. We share experiences as soldiers that only WE can relate to. The happy times, the sad times, the fun times, and the times that sucked. In fact we talk more about the times that sucked more than we do anything else.

I can take six soldiers who don't know each other, from all over the globe; bring them here in this room; and within minutes they will be carrying on a conversation as if they had known each other for years. That is what being a soldier is all about. That is what keeps the fire in our soul. Things like that cause us to be who we are.

All of us in this room joined the Army willingly. No one forced us to be a soldier. And for what ever reason we joined; be it for adventure, because Dad or a close relative was a soldier, for patriotism, or for whatever undisclosed

cause, we did so because, we chose to.... Not because we had to. For most of us here in this room tonight, we keep doing this because America needs us to.

Twenty years is a long time in a man's life and you make a lot of personal sacrifices along the way. You lose things that you can not get returned. But, the one thing that you do get, is the satisfaction that you made a difference in people's lives. You safeguarded the liberties that so many Americans today take for granted. That is why this flag means so much, and that is why it is only proper that he leave here tonight with it.

Master Sergeant Johnson, I present to you this set of colors, on behalf of the citizens of this great land, for twenty years of selfless dedicated service as a soldier in the United States Army. You will be genuinely missed."

SGT Nethken then passed



the flag to MSG Johnson and the band played tributes.

1SG Johnson was born in Durand, Michigan on 19 February 1956 and entered the Army on 8 February 1980 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, to attend basic combat training. From March to May 1980, he was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, to receive advanced infantry training and attend the basic airborne course. His first duty assignment was at Fort Lewis, Washington, from June 1980 to March 1985, serving in Company B, 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger) as a rifleman and sniper.

While there he deployed with his unit to Grenada in support of Operation Urgent Fury. From March 1985 to March 1990 he was assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry (ABN), Fort Kobbe, Panama, where he served as a squad leader and platoon sergeant. He participated in Operation Just Cause in December 1989. 1SG Johnson then reported for duty at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, serving

from March 1990 until January 1993, in Company C, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry as a platoon sergeant.

He deployed with the 101st Division in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He then attended the Drill Sergeant School at Fort Benning, Georgia in November 1993 and was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry until April 1996 as a drill sergeant. In April of 1996 he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light) as the Operations NCO at Brigade Headquarters until April 1997.

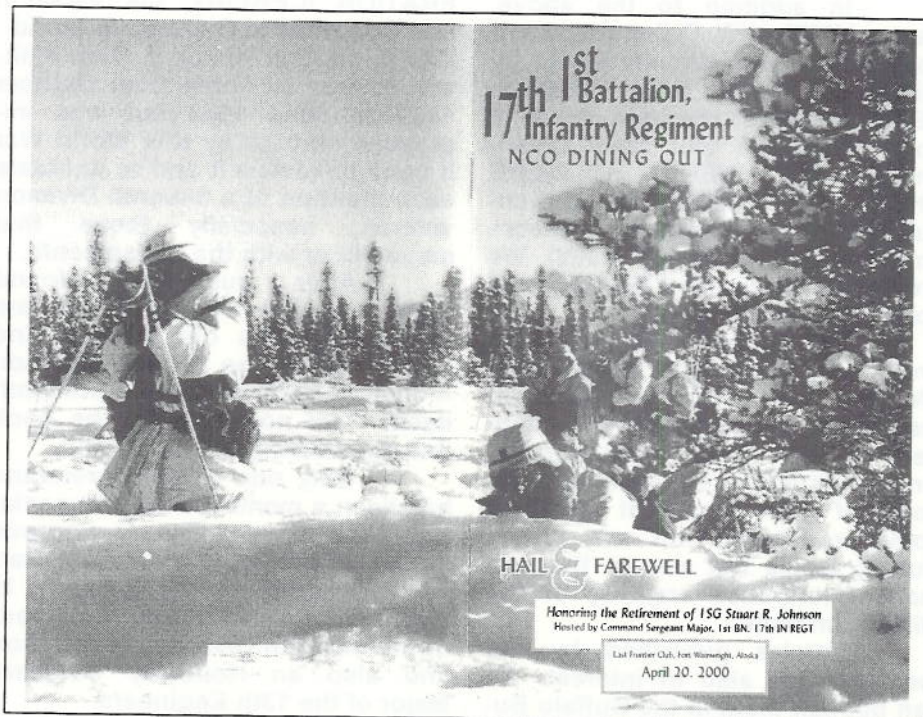
After attending the First Sergeant's Course he was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment as the First Sergeant until 1 October 1998. 1SG Johnson is presently assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment and will retire in June after 20+ years of faithful service to the United States of America.

1SG Johnson has attended the Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course; Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; First Sergeants Course; Basic Airborne Course; Pathfinder Course; Air Assault School; National Match Pistol/Rifle Course; and the Hazardous Cargo Course.

His daughter Amanda, 19, resides in Iowa City, Iowa, and his son Aaron, 10, resides in Kernersville, North Carolina.



1SG Johnson and CSM Tim Green of the 1st Bn - 17th Inf, with the Plaque awarded to Sgt Johnson.



THE FRONT AND BACK COVERS OF THE EVENTS AND PROGRAM BOOK WERE IN FULL COLOR, SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE YEAR 2000 NCO DINING OUT, HAIL & FAREWELL AND SPECIFICALLY THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF 1SGT STUART JOHNSON AT FT. WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

The Booklet Was So Complete, That It Even Included A Membership Application For The 17th Infantry Association.

It listed the ceremonial toasts, along with the NCO Creed and the Brief History of Non-commissioned Officers. Listed also were the Lineage & Honors of the 17th Infantry.



This photo, taken on 18 Feb 1952 at the 7th Inf Division airstrip, was given to us by 1st Cav Veteran's Association President, Roy Blumenauer during our recent Korean trip. It pictures, Left to Right, Col. Royal Reynolds, C/S 7th U.S. Inf Div; Lt. Gen. John O'Daniel, CG I Corps; Maj. General. Willard Wyman, CG IX Corps; Brig. General. Orlando Mood, C/S EUSAK; Maj. General. L.L. Lemnitzer, CG 7th U.S. Inf. Div.; Col. Claude McQuarrie Asst CG 7th U.S. Inf. Div; Gen. John Hull, Vice C/S EUSAK; Gen. James Van Fleet, CG, X Corps; Maj. Gen. Williston Palmer, CG X Corps; Brig. Gen. H. Mack Roper, CG 7th U.S. Inf. Division Arty.

DOING THE RIGHT THING ????

Editor's Note: We received this brief story in a message from CSM David Nethken of the 172nd Inf. Bde. This is the Brigade at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska that our 1st Bn 17th Inf is a part of.

Doing the right thing? We try to apply that daily in all that we do. What about when you are tired? Leading when tired is hard! Finding that extra energy to rise above it all when most would quit or ignore a critical task is a personal responsibility. Read this excerpt from a soldier's diary. He made an impact on the world. Would history have changed had he got selfish and quit? Read the note then look on Page 20 for the man's identity.

"I was exhausted when I reached my command post, but a warm meal refreshed me. Sleep was out of the question. The wounded had to be attended to; ammunition and hand grenades had to be supplied to the companies in the front line;

Provisions had to be brought up to the individual companies; the communications platoon had to lay a double line to the artillery fire direction center, and the combat report for August 13 had to be forwarded. We finished all this work and at 0400 I tried to get some sleep, but it was so cold that I gave up the idea; so I took Lieutenant Warner and I inspected the nights work in the early dawns light. I had not had a chance to remove my boots for more than five days and as a result, my feet were badly swollen; also, I had no opportunity to renew the bandage on my left arm or the change the blood stained overcoat hung around my shoulders and my likewise blood stained trousers. I felt very debilitated, but the weight of responsibility was such that I did not consider going back to the hospital."

CHRONICLES OF THE SEVENTEENTH

By John Carrig, Historian

In the March edition of our Buffalo Bugle we announced that in this column we would publish articles written by our members. As a start, I have been reviewing the 353 Official Survey Forms received and have asked several members to grant permission to publish material, which they had included with their Survey Form. If we are able to meet the deadline before going to press, some members' are included. If not, wait until next edition!

As we are well aware, the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment had more than its share of battle experience during hard-fought campaigns. A glance at the military history records confirms that the Regiment has been in much action since its activation in May 1861. Much of this history is reported with varying degrees of accuracy in official and unofficial manuscripts, books, interviews and articles.

It might be helpful if we were to list in this column the published works, which discuss and report on our glorious history. As a start, I will list some of the books, which have been authored by our members. As you know, the Association will purchase from any member a book, which he has written. One requirement is that the subject be military history, preferably including mention of our Seventeenth Regiment. The Association then donates such works to the Army Military History Institute at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. These are the books purchased and donated to Carlisle to date:

FACES OF WAR, Korean Vignettes by Arthur W. Wilson and Norman Strickbine (1996)

THE CORNFIELD COMMANDO by Neil F. Young (1990)

TOY SOLDIERS by John A. Sullivan (1991)

MISFITS SOD & THE BATTLE FOR HUGUNTO-RYONG by Jack Dean (1997)

In addition to the above, General William W. Quinn donated a copy of his book directly to the Institute: BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS. Another member wrote a book about his Viet Nam experiences: WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE...AND YOUNG. This was co-authored by LTG Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway (1992). We are unaware if General Moore sent a copy to the Institute.

The purpose of our book project is somewhat self-serving. We feel that it is an excellent method of encouraging our members to write books and articles. One result is that the name and record of our Regiment receives some prominence not only in our Buffalo Bugle but also in the permanent reference archives of the Military Institute.

Articles published by our members are also of interest. We can publish them in the Buffalo Bugle provided the author obtains permission from his publisher for us to use copyrighted material. Articles that have not been published may be submitted directly to me for possible inclusion in this column.

These are ongoing projects on which we are working:

1. A list of published books about World War II and the Korean War whether anecdotal histories, documentaries, novels or official histories. Possibly a ten-year reading list for you!

2. Preparation of a listing of the senior commanders of Seventh Division, the 17th Infantry Regiment... and if possible, commanders of battalions and companies.

3. Continual review of Official Survey Forms to encourage those who offered to share stories photographs and memories with us. Once we reach mutual agreement on the final version, such items can be published in the Buffalo Bugle.

Your thoughts and recommendations on these projects are earnestly solicited.

Recently, I received a contribution from Life Member Richard G. Whitson of Orinda, California. Dick sent us a book by Gerald Astor, published by Bantam Doubleday Dell, NY in 1995. The title is OP-

ERATION ICEBERG, the Invasion and Conquest of Okinawa in World War II, an Oral History". Dick Whitson served in Korea from October 1952 to June 1953 but was impressed enough by this World War II book to review it and to annotate each mention of a Seventh Division veteran, especially those that served in or with the Seventeenth.

After a quick scan, I found eight veterans whose stories are included in this oral history And who served in the Seventh Division -- four of them in the Seventeenth itself. I am now reading the book and discovering others as well.

Only one of these veterans has been a member of our Association. He is Maurice Reeves who was in the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, organic to the Seventh. In fact, Mr. Reeves is a Past President of the Seventh Division Association and also an Honorary Sergeant Major of the 13th Engineers.

We will try to locate these Okinawa Campaign veterans and encourage them to join our Seventeenth Infantry Association. Meanwhile, the book will be kept in our Historical Files and available as reference for any of our members. These are the eight veterans noted in the book;

17th INF Fitzgerald, Jack --- Lea, Roland -- Rodman, Gage --- Smith, Ed

7th Div; Berger, Solomon --- MacArthur, Bob --- Prather, Eugene ---Reeves, Maurice If you recognize any of these men as former buddies, perhaps you can help us locate them...

When you receive a letter from me about submitting a "war story", anecdote or photos, please respond promptly so that we can coordinate getting your material into the Buffalo Bugle. Some short items may be summarized in this column; others could be a feature article.

Do not forget that the Buffalo Bugle itself goes into many reference libraries, So take advantage of the opportunity to have your name included in the historical record of our Regiment — not quite like "being mentioned in dispatches", as the English phrase it but still well worth the effort and little time it will take you.

TRUTH AND COURAGE!

John Carrig

"Sniper Ridge" November 22, 1952,

By Ralph E Thorpe
Service Co. Detached 17th-Tanks

As we entered the valley to the north of Sniper Ridge in the retriever we held a distance of around two to three hundred yards behind the tanks. Al Savage and myself were in the turret manning the twin fifty's on the turret ring. The Chinese and North Koreans occupied the ridge at this time and of course everything to the north of it. Being in an open turret with the enemy on both sides was not the safest place to be, but we could see everything that was happening. The tanks were there to fire on the enemy on Sniper Ridge then, as I remember it to proceed on to the east end of the ridge and exit the valley.

They immediately began to draw machine gun and 57 MM. cannon fire, which did not bother them. After penetrating the valley about seven or eight hundred yards the tanks pulled up and began to punish them with machine guns and 76's. After a few minutes the communist gun emplacement on the Ridge directly to our left began to fire on the tanks with high velocity 76 MM guns.

We were behind the tanks about two hundred or so yards and were ordered to hold up and hide as best we could next to the tallest willows we could find and hold our fire, with any luck they would not see us. We backed up and moved to the north side of the road as far as we dared in the soft ground, then sat there and watched as they fired on the tanks.

Al and I had our cameras with us and were taking pictures of the cannons firing on the tanks. My camera was a 35-mm; Al's was a movie camera. We were there about five minutes before drawing any fire. They finally turned some cannons on us, one round to the front of us about forty feet, the other one fell short but on line and closer in.

We had the driver back up another fifty feet so they would have to do more than just elevate their muzzle. Sitting still, Al and I began taking pictures again. We heard the whine of a Jet coming in firing on the commies on Sniper Ridge. We looked to our left and saw him coming in, the ground fire coming up was very heavy and we could see he was being hit hard.

The cannons fired again but both rounds were in the road in front of us. Al and I never took our eyes off the aircraft but did hear the rounds hit the road. I yelled down to

the driver to get ready to move again but what happened then was something I shall never forget. The aircraft suddenly turned 45 degrees left and still diving went toward the gun emplacement that was firing on us and the tanks. He was hit again and we saw what we thought was the canopy fly off, then the right fuel tank fell I thought at first he would pull up and eject but he did not, and as we were yelling "bail out man bail out", he dropped the nose of his aircraft.

I said Al he's not going to pull up; he's going to fly right into those cannons. We watched, feeling very helpless as he deliberately flew into the gun emplacement. As far as I know we were the only ones who witnessed this except his squadron and the air controller.

The tank crews were busy trying to keep from getting hit, and the men with us had their hatches down. There is no doubt given time those cannons could have destroyed us, we had no place to hide.

I told Al I had not seen a parachute and asked if he had seen one, I was hoping he had, but he said he had not. The tanks continued to fire on Sniper Ridge for a while, then we were ordered to close up and followed the tanks out.

In my mind he is an honorary "Buffalo". The following text accompanied his "Medal of Honor" and was sent to me by an aviation artist doing research for the Air Force Art Collection. If anyone has information that might be of help to him, his name is Gerald Asher 6837 Northpark Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76180—2669. I am sure my memory missed some details.

"On the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1952 Maj. Charles J. Loring Jr., Operations Officer for the 80th Fighter Bomber Squadron, was leading a flight of four USAF Lockheed F-80's on a strafing mission, picking up directions from a T-6 forward air control aircraft (a two-place low wing single engine propeller job.) along the way. Major Loring was briefed by a controller to dive bomb enemy gun positions on "Sniper Ridge" which were harassing friendly ground troops. After verifying the location of the target, Major Loring roll in on his dive-bomb run. Throughout the run extremely accurate ground fire was directed on his aircraft. Disregarding the accuracy and intensity of the ground fire, Major Loring aggressively continued to press the attack until his aircraft was hit. At approximately 4000 feet he deliberately altered his course and aimed his diving aircraft at active gun emplacements concentrated on a ridge northwest of the briefed target,

turned his aircraft 45 degrees to the left, pulled up in a deliberate controlled maneuver, and elected to sacrifice his life by diving his aircraft into the midst of the enemy emplacement."

In truth he had uncommon courage. For 48 years I did not know his name. It is good at last to know who he was. My cousin George Elliot was the commander of Air and Sea Rescue at the time this happened, I told him a few years later what I had seen, and said I thought the man had deliberately put his aircraft into the cannons. George only shook his head yes and said, "he did".

We did not talk about it anymore, and until this article I have talked to no one else about it, but now feel I must share the story of this extraordinary man with those of us who are still here.

BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS: TRUTH & COURAGE

Editor's Note: We just received word that the Buffalo Store has a number of copies available of Buffalo Bill's book for a special price of \$5.00. The following publicity release was issued when the book was printed. See Page 27.

Buffalo Bill Remembers is a book of anecdotes and stories about Lieutenant General William W. Quinn's years in the Army before and during World War II and as commander of the famous 17th infantry during the Korean conflict. A personal friend of the late Senator Barry Goldwater (who provided the book's introduction), General Quinn shares some of the experiences that intelligence officers, historians, and veterans of those wars will appreciate.

A unique and interesting aspect of General Quinn's book is his account of relationships with some of recent history's most renowned figures, among them General MacArthur, Reichmarshal Hermann Goering, President Ayub Khan of Pakistan, Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, King Paul of Greece, General Omar Bradley, General George Patton, and others.

Buffalo Bill Remembers, which sold originally for \$18.95, is no longer available in bookstores, but copies can be obtained from the Battalion's Buffalo Store for \$5.00. See Page 27 for ordering information.

LOOKING FOR

Jack L. Reynolds
13221 Elkwood Ct.
Midlothian, VA 23112
Ph: (804) 739-7180
E-Mail:

MaryJackR@aol.com

Is looking for Charles Troutman and/or any others from his squad that may have been wounded in an action during an attack in Kumwha valley, Oct. 8, 1952. He's also looking for anyone who can tell him how to get hold of Morning Reports for Fox Co. during the period September 1952 through October 10, 1952

Don Krug, "B" Co, 17th RCT from 12/51 to 12/52 is trying to contact friends who he was stationed with in Korea during that period.

His E-Mail is:

END30@aol.com

Mary Ann Sutphin

E-Mail: msutphin@tcia.net

Is looking for early issues of The Buffalo Bugle published in Korea and/or any information or photographs of the raising of the American Flag on the Manchurian Border. She's also trying to contact men who served with her husband between the period Sept. 1950 through May 1951.

Mary Suman

Public Relations Specialist
City of Norfolk
Norfolk, VA

Ph: (757) 441-2965

E-Mail:

msuman@city.norfolk.va.us

The city of Norfolk will be hosting a three-day Korean

War Commemoration this fall, from September 15 to 17.

A special feature will be a dinner honoring Medal of Honor winners. We are particularly trying to locate any living relatives of 1st Lt. Richard T. Shea, MOH.

For more information, please check out our web site at:

www.city.norfolk.va.us

Dean Hovey

12852 W. Ft. Lowell Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85743
Ph: (520) 616-7230

E-Mail: DeanHi@aol.com

Is looking for anyone who may have served with his father, MSG. Howard C. Hovey on Pork Chop Hill during July of 1953. He was in Company "A". He was KIA 6 July 1953.

For anyone seeking information on obtaining the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, Contact the Web Site: www.uskorea2000.org

Association Historian John Carrig informs us that an excellent book on the 17th Regiment in the Civil War is RED DIAMOND REGIMENT by William B. Jordan Jr., published by White Mane Pub. Co., P.O. Box 152, Shippensburg, PA 17257-0152

Judith Knight

Korean Memoirs
P.O. Box 205
Bath, SC 29816

judirue@gateway.net

is attempting to assemble a collection of stories and experiences by Korean War Veterans.

James Jackson

E-Mail:

patsy.jackson2@gte.net

Is looking for a buddy who was the barber in Fox Co. He doesn't remember his name, but he says the guy had a great sense of humor. All he remembers is his nickname, "Tony The Barber." Anybody remember him, please give James a shout.

L. Sommer

111 E. Houghton St.
Tuscola, IL 61953

Ph: (217) 253-4620 or
(217) 253-2535,

A researcher in Illinois is seeking Korean War Veterans experiences during the war.

Kent Parsons

E-Mail:

Kent.Parsons@sabre.com

Is looking for information about his father who served in Korea Aug-52 to Apr-53. He passed away in 1986 and the family would like to contact those who knew him.

oirish@calweb.com

The O'Leary Clan has just learned that their father was in the 17th Regiment from Jan-20, 1943 to Dec-31, 1945 in Company "C". They really like to hear from anyone who knew him.

Brendon Coyle

3131 Garry St.
Richmond, BC
Canada V7e 2S5
Ph: (604) 277-6345

E-Mail:

brendon_coyle@telus.net
Is trying to contact and interview as many veterans as possible of the Aleutians-Attu

Campaign for inclusion in an upcoming documentary he is producing.

John H. Hooper

Ph: (863) 439-2509

Is trying to locate a SFC Carl F. McDaniel, who took over from him as Officers Mess Sgt., when Carl rotated home. They were in Hq & Hq Co., Aug-51 to Apr-52.

Don Blackburn

E-Mail: Bayonet7@aol.com

Is looking for the following men who he served with in Able Co. during 1952.

Francis J. McGuire (Mass)

Malcolm Dipperstein (Ill)

Charles Keith (Mich)

C.V. Tucker (KY)

William Woody Wike (S.C.)

Christopher Woodbury (GA)

Thomas G. Poor (ALA)

Robert Jones

178 South St.

Goshen, NY 10924

Son's E-Mail:

JEJ0139@aol.com

He served in the 17th 1952-54 and is looking for any buddies who knew him.

Robert E. Douglas

redouglass@worldnet.att.net

is looking for a company roster from the period from Mar-51 to Feb-52

Domenic Pastore Jr.

Dpast32@aol.com

Is trying to document the Korean War service of Pvt. Perley L. Burdick, who served in Korea during 1951.

Burdick passed away Aug 11, 1985 and Domenic is trying to obtain information on his unit and his friends.

Joe Blossom &
Joe C. McClendon
At Fax: (405) 842-0049 or
Fax: (405) 879-9586

E-Mails:

JoeBlossom@aol.com

jmccleendon@chesapeake-energy.com

are trying to locate any of the following men.

Lt. Fairfield "L" Co.

Lt. Matthew "L" Co.

Lt. Swigert "L" Co.

Lt. McMillian "I" Co.

Lt. Ed Bannister "K" Co.

Cpt. Crowson "I" Co.

Paul Gannoe

Paul.Gannoe@mail.house.gov

Is trying to obtain information about Sonny Boy Simpson. The last he heard of him was when he was wounded near Tang-Wan-/ni in June-1952 and received a Silver Star.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO NOTIFY US WITH ITEMS FOR THE "LOOKING FOR" PAGE, EITHER BY POST MAIL OR E-MAIL

OBITUARY

We are saddened to announce that member Leslie Boner passed away earlier this year from complications resulting from Alzheimer's Disease. He spent three years in the 17th Infantry Regiment from 1938 to 1941. During his career he received the Victory Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead, Eastern Theatre Ribbon w/ four Bronze Battle Stars, the French Medal of Jubilee Liberty, and the Good Conduct Medal.

GUN CONTROL?

EDITOR'S NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING STORY HAS BEEN CIRCULATING AROUND THE INTERNET FOR SOME TIME. WE THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO PRINT IT HERE

"In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

"In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. "Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

"China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

"Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

"Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

"Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million 'educated' people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated."

Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: 56 million. The next time someone talks in favor of gun control, ask him or her "Who do YOU want to round up and exterminate?" With guns, we are citizens. Without them, we are subjects.

P.S. "Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence."



This photo of the 1st Platoon, Company A, was taken at Hwatchon in July 1951. It was sent in to us by new Association member Erwin J. Godowa, of Wauconda, Illinois. If there's anybody that recognized themselves, you may contact Erwin at 563 Farmhill Circle, Wauconda, Illinois 60084-1290

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

From a speech made by Capt. John S. McCain, USN, (ret) who, as you know, represents Arizona in the U.S. Senate.

"As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home. One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes 'til he was 13 years old.

At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country - and our military - provide for people who want to work and want to succeed. As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing.

Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed it on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now. But I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with

the flag sewn inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in.

We cleaned him up as well as we could. The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian.

He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world. You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance, to the Flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic, for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

KOREAN WAR BATTLEFIELD TOUR

October 9 through 17 are the dates set for the 17th Regiment Association's tour of the battle-sites in Korea. This tour will follow the reunion in Milwaukee and will offer a great re-visit opportunity for Korean veterans. Most of you should have received a brochure by now, but if you need more information or a copy of the brochure, Call 1-888-822-5258. Their E-Mail is info@cptours.com and their Web Site is www.cptours.com

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity.

DO YOU NEED YOUR MILITARY RECORDS

by Ray Clark

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was sent to us by Association member Ray Clark in answer to questions recently posed by other members who were searching for information.

1. Official Unit Records (with reproduction costs).

a. 7th Inf Div Monthly Command Reports. Also, 17th Inf Regt Monthly Command Reports. Send a letter with your detailed requirements to the following address. You will receive a bill in return showing the cost of reproduction. If you want the copies made, return the agency copy with payment by check, MO, or credit card. That agency charges about 33 cents a page, with a \$10.00 minimum. National Archives at College Park 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001

b. 17th Inf Regt Company Morning Reports. Send a letter with detailed requirements to the following address. The morning reports are not unit rosters, but do contain important information on unit members, such as the date a member joined, departed, went on leave, entered hospital, KIA. The individuals last name, first name, middle initial, Army serial number, rank, plus an abbreviated remark are shown. If you are looking for wounded or KIA, I suggest you also ask for a few days after the event since record keeping was often slowed by combat.

With your request you must send a deposit of \$8.30 (in a personal check or money order payable to National Personnel Records Center) and agree to pay the remainder if reproduction costs more. You will receive a bill for the remainder with the packet of requested materials. Their research and reproduction costs about 75 cents a page. National Personnel Records Center

Attention: MR & PDC 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

c. Delete para b. and replace with: Monthly 17th Inf Regt Officer Roster, or, Monthly Company Enlisted Roster. Send your request with \$8.30 payment to the same National Personnel Records Center address, except that the attention line is: OR. The Monthly Officer Roster contains all regimental officers as of the last day of the prior month, alphabetically by rank, and includes last name, first name, middle initial, race, Army serial number, MOS, date assigned to the theater. It will not show the Company or Bn an individual was assigned to. The Enlisted Company Roster is identical except for a Company. It is alphabetical, with the same data for a particular company as the Regt Officer Roster. It will not show the internal company assignments.

2. Personal Military Records.

a. Army service 201 from the day you entered service to the day you left (plus any other US military services you may have been a member of). Send a letter to the following address; include all serial numbers, social security number, when entered service, when discharged etc. Your first paragraph of the letter should say:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act I request that I be supplied a copy of all documents and records pertaining to me while I was a member of the US Army. I agree to pay any fees that may be assessable for these records and service." In about three weeks you will receive a packet of your records except supply, medical, or security clearance applications.

National Personnel Records Center

Attention: FOIA Office 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

b. Military Medical Records and VA Medical Records.

Send your letter to the following address to receive a copy of your medical records while on active duty and also VA records. Quote the Freedom of Information Act entry shown above. In your letter give the VA your Army Serial Number(s) and VA Claims Number. The address for your letter is: Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Service (723) Attention: FOIA Office 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420

c. Defense Security Clearance information. If you were ever granted a DOD security clearance you can get a copy of all unclassified information on file about you. Write to the following address, giving them personal data that they will need to identify you. Be sure to quote the FOIA paragraph shown above. Defense Investigative Service Investigations Control and Automation Attention: FOIA Office P.O. Box 1211 Baltimore, MD 21203-1211

3. Present or Former Federal Civilian Employees of military agencies: Send a letter to: Chief, Accession and Disposal Section Civilian Personnel Records, Attention: FOIA Office National Personnel Records Center 111 Winnebago Street St. Louis, MO 63118

4. Why do I recommend using the Freedom of Information Act to get copies of records? Because you will be sure that you get a copy of every document on file. Because it is free - the agencies concerned do not bill you unless you have a gigantic requirement. And lastly, it is fast - the agency is required by law to respond within 30 days, or provide an explanation why it cannot comply.



PHOTOS FROM OUR MEMBER'S SCRAPBOOKS



MOH Winner Joe Rodriguez with USO Entertainers Monica Lewis & June Brunner at Tokkol-Li, Oct-51



A buddy who's last name was King is all that's remembered about this photo taken in the summer of 51



"A" Battalion HQ in t



Harry Johnson with MSG Jerry Thurnhurst in January 1952



Keeper of The Saga of The Buffaloes, Captain Hal McCown



Officers returning from Pan River across from Mun



Delbert Reed with Commo Chief "Indian" at Bunker Hill, 1951



Lt Bob Telford passes The Yalu Rock to Lt Col Hal McCown, CO of the 17th



Regimental Artillery F.O. in the summer of 51



Harry Johnson and Delbert Reed at the San Diego Reunion





the Fall of 1951



Delbert Reed with a 7mm Recoiless Rifle soldier behind him, sitting on Bunker Hill in the summer of 1951

Delbert Reed with a 7mm Recoiless Rifle soldier behind him, sitting on Bunker Hill in the summer of 1951



Cpl Porter, W/O Clemmons, Sgt. Castell and MSG Jerry Thunhurst



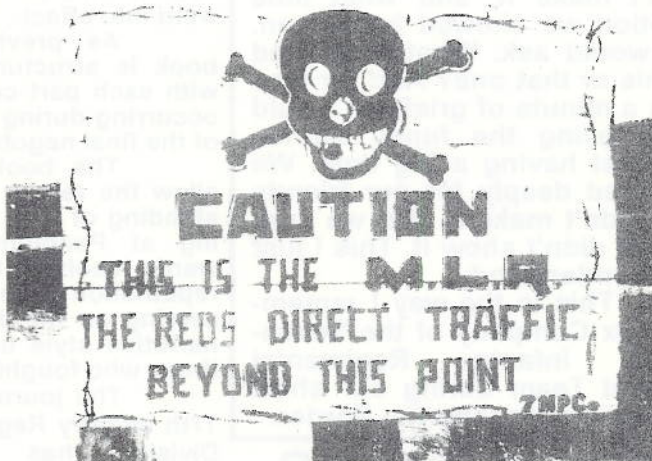
Cpl Delbert Reed, E-Co. With a Battlefield Skull in the spring of 1951



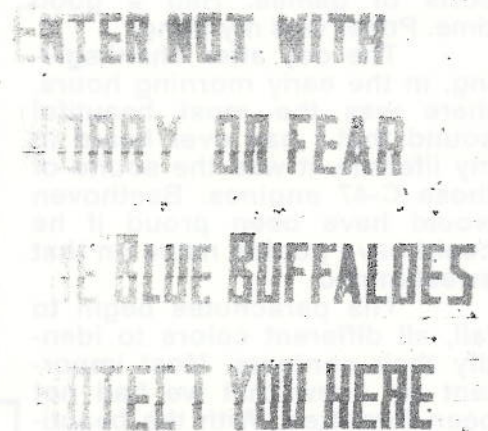
Looking at Bunker Hill in the Summer of 1951



Delbert Reed on the right, Sgt Lames on the left, name of the guy in the center is unknown



A pair of interesting signs sent us by Howard Chambers. He took the photos in the Kumhwa Area in the Spring of 1952



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Remembering the Yalu

By James Jackson
Arlington, Texas

There have been many stories told about the Seventeenth Infantry and the way it was at the Yalu. My story is from my own memory and the way I remember it to be.

I was with Fox Company. Our Company Commander was a very tall good-looking guy with above average intelligence. A God to most of us, still is to me, Captain Al Snyder.

After a very difficult struggle we reached the Yalu just prior to Thanksgiving Day 1950. And I admit we all felt a little cocky. Captain Snyder called a NCO meeting and gave us a briefing on our situation. We were completely cut off from all allied forces.

We were short on ammo medical supplies, clothing and food rations. But he assured us everything would be OK. He advised us that there was a Chinese build up of about 100,000 troops just across the river. But that would be all right we could deal with that. I sincerely believed every word he said.

Thanksgiving Day was very pleasant. The weather was nice. The cooks heated up some of those C-Rations. Did the best they could with what they had. It was a good day. We played all sorts of games. Had a good time. Poker was my thing.

The day after Thanksgiving, in the early morning hours, there was the most beautiful sound that I had ever heard in my lifetime. It was the sound of those C-47 engines. Beethoven would have been proud if he could have put his name on that sweet music.

The parachutes begin to fall, all different colors to identify their contents. Most important we knew that we had not been forgotten. With the beautiful weather and the very best of food. Turkey, Ham, fresh fruits and vegetables, unbelievable great pastry. It was a feast to remember. I had completely blocked out or just forgot about that Chinese buildup just across the river, after all Captain Snyder had said everything would be OK.

Late in the afternoon Captain Snyder returned from Regimental Headquarters and called for a joint officer and NCO meeting. He started off by saying it doesn't look good. I cannot remember all that he said. But there are some things that stand out very clearly in my mind. We are in a box and there is only one way out. *"We will burn and destroy everything we cannot carry on our backs. Col. Powell will be leading this forced march."*

I remember thinking, how in the hell is this very old man survive a forced march such as this one. He had to be at least forty. Captain Snyder went on to say that some of were not going to make it. But he made it very clear. We would carry our wounded at all cost. And our dead if at all possible.

As we begin our preparation for our journey to the south. The most severe winter storm of the century hit. Boy was it cold. The Chinese were nipping at our heels. The North Koreans were in position and prepared to give us a memorable reception. I think it was the words of Captain Al Snyder that kept me going. *"Everything will be OK. We are going to make it."* And make it we did.

Now fifty years later, I sadly think of our buddies that didn't make it, and what little emotion we showed back then. We would ask. What happened to this or that one? And for less than a minute of grief, we would start telling the funny stories and just having a big time. We all cared deeply for our friends that didn't make it. But we sure as hell didn't show it. This I just don't understand.

This is the way I remember Fox Company of the Seventeenth Infantry Regimental Combat Team during our short stay on the Manchurian Border.

PEACE TALKS

A New Book by Joe Gonzales

PEACE TALKS is a tetralogy consisting of three hundred fifty manuscript pages of 92,000 words divided among twelve chapters. The book will include 71-photographs, ten illustrations and 12-tables. In addition there will be three appendixes consisting of a Chronology, a

List of Company members and a List of Casualties suffered by the Company during the period covered by the book.

This book covers the talking war, which was an effort to control world opinion. The shooting war had the sole purpose of testing the will of the opposing combatants. Those serving on the line became pawns in the clash of wills. The Americans held the moral high ground on the issue but were undermined by a lack of support from the American people that grew deeper with each passing day and with the growing casualty lists. The dichotomy continued for fifteen months and ended only when the Communists became convinced that they were losing both the war for control of world opinion and the ability to force concessions through the use of force along the battle line.

The Iron Triangle area of central Korea became a battleground for the test of wills in the shooting war. It was here along the outpost line of the 7th Division that the Chinese threw down the challenge and it was here that the men of the Division paid the price to achieve what has turned out to be a lasting though shaky truce.

PEACE TALKS takes the reader on a journey through these final months with an American rifle company against the backdrop of the peace talks at Panmunjom. The journey began on 28 April 1952 when the Peace Talks deadlocked over the issue of voluntary POW repatriation and ended on 27 July 1953 when the Armistice Agreement went into effect.

As previously stated, the book is structured as a tetralogy with each part covering the events occurring during one of the phases of the final negotiations.

The book is structured to allow the reader to gain an understanding of how the events unfolding at Panmunjom directed towards resolving the voluntary POW repatriation issue impacted those serving on the line. It is written in narrative style using the words of those who fought.

The journey of Company E, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division has been recreated through research conducted at the National Archives, personal interviews and the recollections of the author. Historically the book is based on battalion, regiment and division combat journals available at the archives, personnel records from the National Personnel Records Center and the Korean Conflict Casualty File.

1st Bn-17th ON ATTU

by 1st Lt. Andy Estep

Standing on the beach with the waves lapping at my feet, and mountains and cliffs towering around me, I began to understand the apprehension and fear of the unknown that the young men of the 17th Regiment must have felt as they ran from the landing craft onto the island.

Attu Island, the last island on the Aleutian chain is battered by foul weather and wind as it howls across the North Atlantic into the Bearing Sea.

Occupied by the Japanese during World War II and retaken by the men of our Battalion 57 years ago, not much remains to tell the story of what happened there, except the wind, rain, snow, muskeg, cliffs, and mountains reaching to the sky in quiet reverence.

On May 11, 1943 the U.S. 7th Infantry Division stormed Attu Island, and after heavy fighting over 20 days wiped out the entire Japanese garrison. Throughout that time the 17th Infantry Regiment participated in overcoming foe and the natural elements.

This was the first battle of the war in which U.S. troops re-took American soil from the Imperial Army. Nine members of the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment returned to the island from 9 May -13 May 2000, to walk the battle site and commemorate the sacrifice paid by our brothers in arms.

The intent was two fold; build a greater understanding of the historical events in which real men overcame challenges, and experience the island in its natural elements.

Following a 6-hour flight from Kodiak Island in a Coast Guard C-130, we landed on Attu, unsure of what would be ahead. Our first impressions of the island were desolation and isolation.

The clouds formed a ceiling around 800 feet above sea level, obscuring everything but the bases of the many mountains that surround the airstrip. Mixed snow and rain cast a gray pallor on the snow-covered muskeg, while whitecaps whipped the waves onto the rocky shore.

The members of the Coast Guard Loran Station quickly showed us our lodging in the old abandoned transmitter building. We were soon exploring the area around Massacre Bay, seeing the aging and rusting remains of buildings, vehicles, and docks from the post-war occupation by the Army and Navy.

Our entire group had done in-depth study of the battle prior to arriving on the island, and now that we were there we realized the impact that terrain and weather must have had on all actions on the island. Mountains and cliffs that rose from sea level to over 2,600 feet surrounded the landing beaches in Massacre and Holtz Bay.

Inland were narrow flat-bottomed valleys with mountains commanding overwatch of every approach. No trees exist on the island only knee high brush and muskeg in the low land with steep slopes and ravines reaching up the mountain slopes.

Our group departed the southeast corner of the island to follow in the footsteps of the invasion, over the mountain pass to the northeast side of the island where the 1st Battalion encountered action in the area of Holtz Bay and Pendergast ridge.

We carried all our equipment and supplies, outfitted with snowshoes, due to the heavy snow conditions up Massacre Valley over Jarmin Pass and down into West Holtz Bay. The trek took about 6 hours to cover 8 miles. In the mountain pass we were witnesses to several avalanches that cleared the mountain tops of snow and sent it thundering down into the valleys like an artillery barrage.

On 11 May 2000 Holtz Bay looked much the same as it did 57 years ago to the day the invasion took place. The locations of where the Alaskan Scouts, and 'Red beach' where 1-17 came ashore are clearly discerned.

Floundered and rusting landing craft engines still remain above high tide mark, with a radial engine from a Japanese floatplane resting in the sand, cylinder heads scoured smooth by the years of waves.

Trenchlines still exist on shore with fighting positions and rusting items being reclaimed by the grass and tundra. Seeing all of this first hand made us consider our brothers in arms, slipping and sliding on all fours through the mud to climb the steep slopes to overcome the Japanese positions. Wet and cold from wind and moisture they battled mountains and enemy to seize the island by giving more than 100% effort.

Upon our return to the Coast Guard station we prepared to depart the island and return to Anchorage where we would drive home to Fairbanks. Many thoughts lingered in our minds as we departed Attu Island: the proud heritage and esprit de corps of the 17th Regiment.

The intestinal fortitude and mental toughness of the men needed to overcome the brutal environment and defenders to secure the island. Yankee ingenuity and flexibility enabling them to overcome obstacles to succeed in their mission, and appreciation for the sacrifice that they paid by battling mountains and foe.

From the Secretary's Desk

This month, June 25, 2000 marks the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

I would personally, on behalf of the Association like to thank and congratulate all the veterans living and dead, who answered their country's call to defend a land they probably never knew existed.

That land is called KOREA.

Their tremendous courage and sacrifices stopped the spread of communism and preserve a democratic South Korea. It was a painful reminder that:

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

I would also like to encourage all our members to participate in some of the 50th Anniversary special Commemorations Events that are planned for the year 2000.

There are three (3) that stand out in my mind.

1. Documentary Film -- The Korean War, which can be seen on the History Channel (TV), Sunday June 25, 2000

2. Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C. --- July 27, 2000

3. Revisit to South Korea, October 9-17, 2000.

This planned trip is the efforts of our President Stu Rothman, and the itinerary is AWESOME.

You can contact Stu. or call Roy at 1-888-822-5258 for more information.

In closing, I want to remind everyone of our upcoming Reunion, which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 5,6,7,2000.

TRUTH AND COURAGE

Sincerely,

Larry Haynes, Secretary

Letter & Certificate continued From Page 3

BUFFALO BILL REMEMBERS

19 March 1951
Naha Okinawa

Dear Col Quinn,

Please excuse me for being so formal in writing to you sir I am appealing to you for help I remember when the Korean war started so that I could get a assignment in Korea. Instead, they (the Army) put me in a T.C. outfit on Okinawa. I have never been in a T.C. outfit until my current assignment.

I have a brother in the 24th Inf Div. and he is listed as missing in action. Another brother of mine is in the National Guard in Korea. When I was in Japan this time last year, my parents were killed in a train accident, and I did get a leave, but I stayed out until the war started.

I would very much like to replace my elder brother who is listed as missing. I have had six brothers who were all in the service and all have seen some combat. I want to show my brother that I can take anything that they did. Please Colonel, help me to reach Korea. I will be grateful to you the rest of my life. I would give anything to get assigned to your outfit. I am not much of a writer sir. This is the first time I asked any Commissioned Field Officer for a personal favor. Please help me sir! May I hope to hear from you soon.

P.S.

I thank you so very much

Sincerely,
1st Lt. Stanley B. Swinsinski
8110th Army Unit R.P.C.
APO 717 40 P.M.
(Enterland)

Stanley B. Swinsinski

Jefferson, OH
Born 1928

US Army
Sergeant First Class
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Killed in Action
November 24, 1951

Sergeant First Class Swinsinski was a member of the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was killed in action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on November 24, 1951.

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS HONOR ROLL

**“DOING
THE RIGHT THING”
Answer To The Question
From Page 9,
The Man Was:
IRWIN ROMMEL**

HAVE YOU LOST TRACK OF YOUR VA DIVIDEND

Some Veterans Rate Overdue VA Dividends. This is not the old scam where you pay for help in “collecting” premiums. Veterans now can check the Internet to see if the Department of Veterans Affairs owes them money from old VA life insurance policies. These dividends are owed to veterans from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War who have lost track of their

policies and failed to collect dividends and other proceeds, says the VA. Survivors also may rate unpaid dividends.

Go to

insurance.va.gov/index.htm

Enter your name, and the site will search a roster of all those owed VA insurance dividends. Although others may search, the actual veteran (or survivor) must contact a VA Insurance Center to claim an overdue dividend. For more information, call toll-free at 1-800-800-669-8477 or E-mail vainsurance@vba.va.gov

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THE FINAL FAREWELL

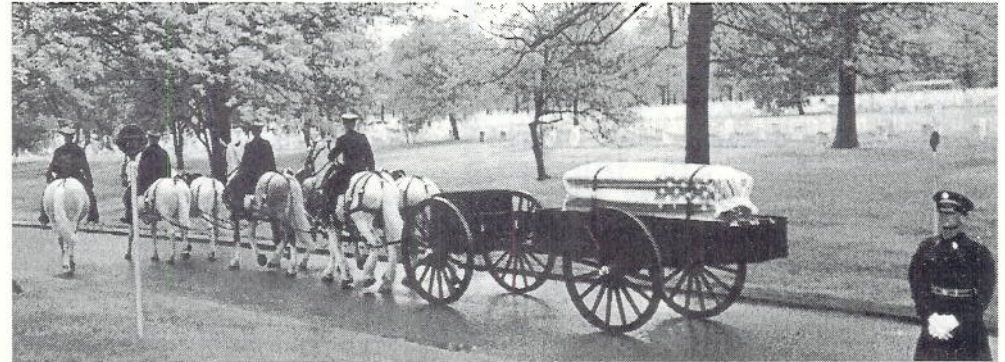
On a cold, rainy 52-degree day, John "Jack" Sullivan was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

At 10:30 AM on April 17th his family, together with friends, gathered to say farewell to an exemplary individual who served his fellow man for 68 years on this earth. His youngest daughter, Ellen, arranged the proceedings.

Although it was raining, a good number of the group decided to walk behind the 6 horse drawn caisson a matter of three blocks. The marching band lead the group followed by the American Flag draped casket, followed by the walking, and then the cars.

A group including his wife Marie, 4 of his 5 children, previous neighbors, John T. Carrig Jr. Past President, Gil Isham and myself, a new member who was rescued in Korea on February 20, 1953 by Captain Sullivan.

FAREWELL CAPTAIN SULLIVAN
Submitted by Robert Petzold, Easy
Company.



IN MEMORIAM
JACK SULLIVAN
December 11, 1999

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS
TO THE
SHERATON FOUR
POINTS HOTEL AT
MILWAUKEE AIRPORT**

FROM CHICAGO: Take 1-94 north to Milwaukee - Exit 318 (Airport). Take Howell Avenue Exit off 318. Turn left on Howell. Drive approximately 3/4 mile to Four Points Hotel Milwaukee Airport, which will be on your left.

FROM NORTHEAST MILWAUKEE: Take 1-43 south. Follow Chicago exit (1-94 south). Exit 318 (Airport). Take Howell Avenue Exit off 318. Turn left on Howell. Drive approximately 3/4 mile to Four Points Hotel Milwaukee Airport, which will be on your left.

FROM NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE: Take 45 south (Zoo Freeway) to 894 East (Airport Freeway). Follow Chicago Airport directions to Exit 318 (Airport). Take Howell Avenue Exit off 318. Turn left on Howell. Drive approximately 3/4 mile to Four Points Hotel Milwaukee Airport, which will be on your left.

FROM MADISON: Take 1-94 East to Milwaukee. Follow Chicago Airport directions to Exit 318 (Airport). Take Howell Avenue Exit off 318. Turn left on Howell. Drive approximately 3/4 mile to Four Points Hotel Milwaukee Airport, which will be on your left.

**A POEM BY JUDITH
KNIGHT**
Lineal Life Member

"PURPLE HEART"

I left behind a family.
Left all that I held dear.
Not born to be a hero,
But swallowing my fear.

I saw my share of fighting.
I lost my closest friend.
I lost my legs in battle,
But I came home again.

I came home before War's
end.
Hardly strong and whole.
I earned this Purple Heart.
It's all I have to show.

It tells the world I am a man,
Who did my job and more,
I fought for Korea's freedom,
On that cold and distant
shore.

Here, I'd left my family,
There I'd left my friend.
I'm back with my Purple
Heart,
Yes, I've come home again.

**STORIES OF
KOREAN WAR VETERANS
SOUGHT FOR RURALITE
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The Ruralite Magazine, published for 46 consumer-owned electric utilities in the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and California, reaches thousands of rural American households, is planning to publish a special honoring Korean War Veterans.

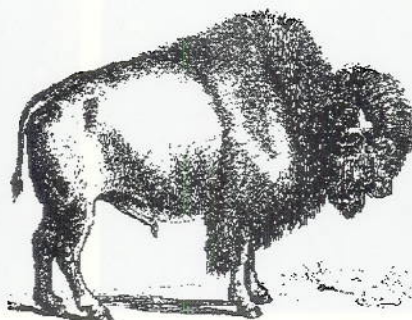
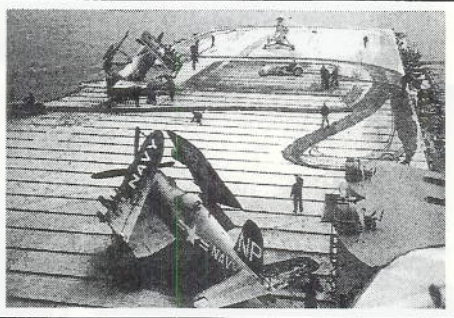
The story will be in the September 2000 issue, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the landing at Inchon that broke the backs of the North Koreans and turned the tide of the war in Korea.

Korean War Vets are asked to send stories and photos to them at:

REMEMBER OUR VETS
Dept 500
P.O. Box 558
FOREST GROVE, OR 97116

All photos will be returned after the September issue is published.

Pictured below are U.S. Troops in the streets of Seoul fighting house-to-house during the landing, and troops climbing over the seawall during the action. Also pictured (left) is the USS Valley Forge, which was stationed off the coast of Korea during the War.



TIM GREEN

A Soldier's Soldier

By Stu Rothman

For several years now, Tim Green has been the Command Sergeant Major for the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

It has been my pleasure to work with and associate with him. He is dedicated to the heritage and history of the battalion, the regiment, the brigade and the United States Army.

Working with myself and the past two presidents of our Association, he has done more to foster the longevity and continuance of the Association than any other person I know of, with the possible exception of General Quinn himself.

Knowing that he would be PCS and leaving Alaska in June, I decided to host a small farewell party for him.

However, my home dinner table seats a maximum of 14 people. I felt this would not be sufficient to assemble the group of his comrades to honor him.

Therefore, I took it upon myself to engage a local restaurant and set up a banquet for 50-people. I did so and prepared invitations and discussed who to invite with LCOL Jeff Holt, CO of the 1st Bn-17th, and CSM Bjerke, 1SG of Hq. Co., as well as the 1st Sgts of Company's A, B, and C.

Together we picked the group of 50 for the banquet, which we decided to hold as a roast. I would be the M.C. and a half dozen of his closest friends



were selected to be the "Roasters".

I wrote a letter to the Association Board explaining what I was doing and why, and asked the Association to come up with

\$150.00 for a suitable plaque to be presented. I stated that I did not want the Association to pay for this dinner. This was my gift to Tim Green, but I wanted the Association to pay for the plaque, so it would be from us all. I started getting answers that it was OK with the Board to spend the \$150.00 but before I received approval from the entire board, one member called me and said he would like to donate the \$150.00 anony-



mously. Therefore no Association funds were involved.

Later I received a phone call from General Quinn who asked what the cost of the function was. At first I did not want to say, but after he insisted, I told what it was going to run me, and I made it quite clear that I was NOT soliciting donations. But, nevertheless, he sent me a couple hundred dollars to help defray costs in his usual fashion.

I took half of the money Quinn sent and bought a handmade set of Alaskan Birch Wood Bowls for Theresa, Tim's wife.

Too often in service, we find the family is not given proper appreciation when the husband is honored, and I wanted to make sure that the Green's would be honored as a family, not just as the man alone.

The banquet was a fantastic success. The roasters presented an extremely humorous program, and the skit that followed by HQ Company had everybody in stitches.

It was very rewarding and the only downside was that the evening was a pre-cursor to CSM Tim Green leaving the Battalion, but in his own words, this is only a temporary departure.

He is getting close to retirement, and when that comes; he will apply to be Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment and serve with General Quinn, who

is of course The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

That was Friday night, May 19th. The next morning I received the following E-Mail from Green:

"I was humbled to be on the receiving end--what a difference! I was literally shaking from stage fright when I saw all my men and their much more beautiful ladies there. To convince 49 people to keep a secret was a testament to modern Army operational security.

I have served this great regiment for only three years, but I am a Buffalo forever, and will follow in your footsteps of continued service for my remaining years.

The letter Stu read from General Quinn was very moving. Thank you for your fond words of cheer and thanks. You have a knack for being present wherever Buffalo roam.

To my fellow Buffaloes and their wives and girlfriends in attendance: the roasts were accurately portrayed and with a great sense of comic genius. I am humbled and honored that so many of you would attend the festivities. Thank you for sharing in my vision for the battalion and making this one of the most rewarding assignments.

I must thank my wife Theresa and my daughters Erica and Rachel for the past three years as well. They suffered the separations of deployments and the loss of quality time as a family as I threw myself completely into the depths of the organization. Even at home I was "gone," engrossed in my vision for the battalion. We all sacrificed much, and fortunately we are still together as a family, and I hope my efforts will all be worth it if it made a difference for our soldiers.

Thank you all again, and I will be with you wherever Buffalo roam."



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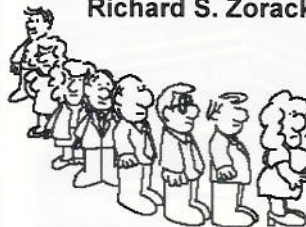
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 Robert W. Wing -Annual
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 Terry May-Annual
 Margaret Krog-Annual
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 Robert B. Stevens-Annual
 Robert J. Stevens-Annual
 Robert L. Stevens-Annual
 Ellen J. Sullivan-Annual
 Robert Wedell-Annual

KOREAN WAR VETERANS NATIONAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY

In Tuscola, Illinois, a National Museum & Library has been established for artifacts and memorabilia from the Korean War. They have been in contact with General Quinn and he has become a member of their Association. They have requested back copies of our Buffalo Bugle to be shown in the library and I am in the process of sending them some. They are building This National Museum on two 11-acre tracts of land near Tuscola, Illinois.

If you would like to become involved in this project, you may send them E-Mail at dcmuseum@Net66.com or visit their Web Site at the following address: <http://www.theforgottenvictory.org>

The contact people at the museum are: Lynnita Sommer, Trustee,
 or Bob Kenney, Board President,
 Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library

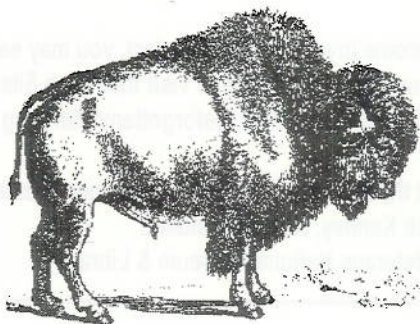
MEMBERS SCRAPBOOK PHOTOS, Cont. From Page 17



Action at Pork Chop Hill and Chinese Hasakko-1, and the Yokkochon Valley
The hill in the center of the left photo was Pokkae, a Chinese outpost.
Ed Pupilava, who sent these in said that he thought he took them around mid-July, when he was with the 17th Inf I & R Platoon.



For those of you who were stationed or went on R & R to Tokyo, Here's a couple shots you may remember. The Ernie Pyle Theater.
The right photo shows it back in the late 40's, and the left photo presents a more modern image.



This photo of an unknown soldier by one of our Command Post signs was sent to us without a name. Anyone know who he is?



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**Note: This is separate from the Hotel Registration and must be sent to:
Reunion Host, John Quinn, W. 122 Welsch Rd., Winneconne, WI 54986**

I hereby register for the year 2000 Reunion of the Seventeenth Infantry Association
at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Oct. 5, 6, & 7, 2000

Name _____ No. In Party _____
Last Name first, PLEASE PRINT ALL ENTRIES

Spouse or Guests _____

Names to Appear on Name Tags _____

Unit(s) Served In _____ WW-II _____ Korea _____ Other _____

Status: Life Member _____ Annual Member _____, If Annual Member, Year 2000 Dues must
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I (We) Plan to arrive in Milwaukee _____ Please Note: The Hotel has FREE
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Fri., Oct. 6, Morning Tour of Brewery, Including Bus, \$12.50 Per Person----- \$ _____

Fri., Oct. 6, Evening Indian Ceremony & Meal at Hotel, \$12.50 Per Person----- \$ _____

Sat., Oct. 7, Evening General Banquet at Hotel, \$30.00 Per Person----- \$ _____
(This \$30.00 includes 18-% Service & 6-% Tax)

Miscellaneous, Incl. Snacks in Hospitality Room, Etc. \$5.00 Per Person----- \$ _____
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Make All Checks payable To: 17th Infantry Association

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**BE SURE TO MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK
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17th Infantry Association Membership Form

Please Check One Of The Following Boxes

- NEW LIFE MEMBER-----
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- ANNUAL MEMBER RENEWAL-----
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Annual Dues--\$10.00, Lifetime Dues--\$100.00, All Annual Dues should be paid to the Treasurer's Office by February 15th of each year. All dues include a subscription to The Association's Newsletter, The Buffalo Bugle, which is normally published three times a year. Life Members receive a Deluxe Certificate and a Solid Bronze Buffalo Commemorative Coin.

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Sponsor's Unit _____

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SEVENTEENTH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL SURVEY OF VETERANS OF THE 17th INFANTRY REGIMENT

NOTE: This information is needed to update and correct the records of the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment Association. It will be kept confidential and will not be shared without the written permission of the member. From this information we will prepare a "Profile Of Membership" listing State of Residence, Units in which served, Wars where members served and other such data of importance.

YOUR NAME _____ DATE _____
Please print with LAST NAME first

YOUR ADDRESS _____
TEL: _____

IF MARRIED, NAME OF YOUR SPOUSE _____ NO OF CHILDREN _____

PRESENT OCCUPATION ? _____ OR FULLY RETIRED? _____

DATE JOINED THE ASSOCIATION _____ LIFE MEMBER? _____ ANNUAL MEMBER ? _____

The following section pertains to your military service:

1. DATE ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE _____ DATE SERVICE ENDED _____

2. DATES AND UNITS OF THE SEVENTEENTH (including supporting units) IN WHICH YOU SERVED:

UNIT _____ POSITION _____ DATES _____

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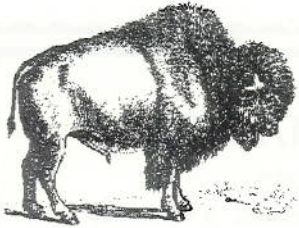
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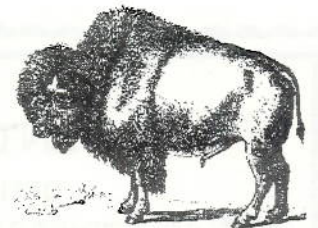
6. DO YOU HAVE WRITTEN STORIES OR ANECDOTES TO SHARE? DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS TO SHARE? HAVE YOU PUBLISHED A BOOK ON MILITARY SUBJECTS? LIST ITEMS WHICH YOU WILL CONSIDER SHARING AT REUNIONS OR ITEMS FOR OUR BUFFALO BUGLE. We will not publish such stories or photos in the Bugle without your written permission. _____

7. If you have an E-Mail address, please include it here _____
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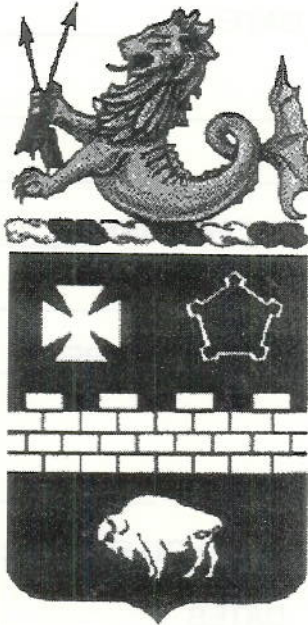
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The Shield is Blue for The Infantry.

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The Badge of the V Corps in the Army of the Potomac,
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