

Fifteenth Infantry Regiment



15th Infantry Regiment Association Newsletter

January 2000

Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Benning April 26-28, 2000

The dates and location for the 2000 Fort Benning Rendezvous are locked in. A Golf Tournament at the Follow Me Golf Course followed by an Ice Breaker at the Sheraton begin the festivities on Wednesday, April 26th. The next two days are full of events sponsored by LTC Bob Pricone and his 1st Battalion team on Kelley Hill. CPT Chris Hollifield, the Rendezvous coordinator, has a schedule set up to keep everyone interested and busy. A Schedule of Events is on page 8. At Registration in the Sheraton a complete agenda with all the transportation details will be available. Please complete the Registration Form on page 15 and mail it to CPT Hollifield along with your personal check for the cost of all events you plan to attend.

The Columbus Airport Sheraton Inn (Exit 6, I-185) again serves as our headquarters hotel for the Rendezvous. A block of rooms was reserved at a \$60 rate for April 25-28. Reservations must be made directly to the Sheraton at **706-327-6868**. Do not call the Sheraton national number. Reservations must be made prior to **April 11th** to obtain the reduced rate. Inform the reservation clerk that you are with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. When made in advance, reduced rates are available prior to and following the Rendezvous, also. For those of you planning to fly in, courtesy transportation provided by the Sheraton is available to and from the Columbus Airport.

Thursday, April 27th begins with a weapons capabilities exercise (CAPEX) at Red Cloud Range on Dixie Road in Fort Benning. Mitchell Red Cloud is a Medal of Honor recipient from the 19th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War. Since we're in the field for the CAPEX, lunch that day will be a Meal Ready to Eat. This, of course is the modern version of the C Ration. For those of you who haven't tried an MRE before, prepare yourself for a culinary treat. These MRE's have some great menu selections. Following our MRE lunch, we take a short trip back to Kelley Hill, the home of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (M). At Kelley Hill we'll visit the 1st Battalion area. A barracks dedication is planned for one of the 1st

Battalions newest barracks buildings. In addition, we'll have the opportunity to visit the Battalion Headquarters and the China Room. After the Battalion area visits we'll move to the Kelley Hill Recreation Center for the Can Do Barbecue. The menu for the Barbecue is listed on page 15. At the completion of the Barbecue we'll be transported back to the Sheraton.

Friday, April 28th is another busy day. On Friday morning transportation will take us out to the 1st Battalion area, again. The General Membership Meeting is scheduled in the China Room. This is another opportunity to see some great Regimental memorabilia. At the same time a visit to the National Infantry Museum is scheduled. This allows those of you not attending the General Membership Meeting to visit this great museum dedicated to the infantryman. A No-Host Lunch is scheduled in the Battalion Dining Facility (Messhall). Another opportunity for some great Army chow. Immediately following lunch we're invited to attend the Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company Change of Command. CPT Ring is the outgoing commander. This is his second company in the Battalion. He's a real Can Do soldier. The incoming commander is CPT Pete Granger, previously the B Company Commander.

The highlight of the Rendezvous is Friday evening. Transportation will be available to take us from the Sheraton to the Regimental Dinner at the Fort Benning Officers Club. A cocktail hour will precede the Dinner. Current members of both the 1st Battalion and the 3rd Battalion are scheduled to attend. The menu selections are listed on the Registration Form on page 15. Don't forget to send this in to CPT Hollifield.

There are no planned events for Saturday, April 29th. This is the normal check out day. On page 14 are some Columbus area sites of interest.

This 2000 Rendezvous is scheduled to be a great event. LTC Bob Pricone and his 1st Battalion team have put together an excellent agenda for us. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call CPT Chris Hollifield at 706-544-2918 or 2920.

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The Dragon

The Dragon is the quarterly publication of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. It is published in January, April, July and October. Neither its editorial nor articles content carry official endorsement of the Association. Input for the Dragon is due by the last day of the month prior to each month of publication.

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- To perpetuate and foster the history and traditions of the Regiment.
- To provide opportunities for uniting past and present members of the Regiment into a close and cooperative alliance.
- To promote morale and high esprit de corps among members of the Regiment.
- To acquire and maintain a repository of regimental historical memorabilia.
- To assist in the maintenance of monuments dedicated to the units of the 15th Infantry Regiment.

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Korean War Writing Contest

The Chosun Ilbo (a major Korean newspaper) is holding a writing contest about the Korean War open to Korean and foreign nationals alike. Believing that with time the experience of the Korean War will be lost, the contest is restricted to content describing personal, family, or group experiences of the war.

The War was not just a war between soldiers, but affected many here and abroad. Submissions must describe the actual experiences of the writer or of someone who dictates his or her actual experiences to be recorded by someone else. Children of persons who experienced the war are especially encouraged to make submissions. All submissions will be donated to a Korean War research institute. Winning submissions will be published together as a book.

Dates: June 25, 1999 to May 31, 2000. A winner will be selected on the 25th of every month, beginning in July.

Length: 2 to 3 pages of A4 paper.

Awards: Winning submissions will be printed in either the Chosun Ilbo or the Weekly Chosun. The submission winning the one Grand Prize of 5 million Won (about \$4,000) will be published in June of 2000. Winners of eleven Second Prizes, to be published every month, will receive 1 million Won (about \$1,000). Eleven Merit Prizes winners will be selected and awarded 500 thousand Won (about \$450) as well.

Send submissions to:

"Korean War, Our Story"

Cultural Projects Department

The Chosun Ilbo

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Chung-gu

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Operation Fully automatic, recoil operated, air-cooled

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Capacity 250-round belt

Weight 41 lbs. (18.5 kg) with tripod

Overall length 41 inches (104.1 cm)

Rate of fire 400 to 550 rounds per minute

Effective range 1100 yards (1000m)

Mail Call



My name is Jay Stallings and I was referred to you by the 3rd Inf Div Association in Los Angeles. My father was 1Lt. Jack W. (Wilburn) Stallings, Jr., who was killed Sept. 3, 1951 in Korea while in the 15th Inf Rgt, 3rd Inf Div, in tanks.

I've been trying to get more information about him, but he was reassigned to his new tank unit only about a month before he was killed, and I don't know where he was assigned before that.

He was to have rotated home about a month after he died, so he'd been in Korea for awhile. (Possibly left Ft. Lewis in about April or May of 1950. I was born there in March and after three weeks my mother and I went to Texas to stay with his parents when he went to Korea via Japan).

From what I've been told, soldiers were moved around alot in Korea and were in small units, so many people in the same group would not know each other.

I have been corresponding with Fred McCaghren in Texas and recently with Bill Cress (who was in charge of tank maintenance) in Alabama. Both were in the 15 Reg't 3 IN in tanks and Bill knew my father but was not near my father when he died.

Because records were destroyed in the fire in St. Louis in 1973, I don't know where my father died or what was going on then.

I'm in Korea now, teaching in a university and would like to be able to go and see where my father was, here. I've gotten alot of information from Fred, but I don't know exactly where my father was, though Fred, too, thinks he knows where my father was buried (near the DMZ) before his body was shipped home.

I didn't know until just before I came back to Korea (Feb '98, I was also here '95 to '96) that my father died in North Korea. I'd always thought it was near Suwon, South Korea. I did know that he stepped on a mine (Bill says you had to jump down from those tanks and usually not into the tread marks which would have been safe).

Any information or direction to someone or a group or official office would be much appreciated, though it would have been much easier to have contacted you (had I known to) before I left the States -- I'm from Laguna Beach and was told this morning that you are in Fullerton.

Thank you very much. Sincerely, Jay Stallings, Andong National University, Language Center, Andong, Korea.

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When I received the October issue of the Dragon it took me back into time when I became a member of the 15th Infantry Reg't. As a draftee, I received my Basic at Camp

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Roberts, CA before joining the 15th in SEP 41 several months before Pearl Harbor. I was 22 at the time I was drafted and 23 when I joined the Reg't. Now at 81 recuperating from a stroke has given me time to think about the past. I was with the 15th from SEP 41 to the end of hostilities in Werfen, Austria. I was a Commo SGT with the Regimental Headquarters. I never missed a day of combat though I spent 15 days in a Naples hospital with the flu. I returned to my unit 2 days before the Anzio landing. I returned home and discharged July 26, 1945 just 4 days before my 27th birthday. Over the years I had kept in contact with many from my unit and now the end of the line is near as most have passed on to eternal life.

My service earned me 127 points. Enough to give me an option to go home by flying or by boat. Flying was an easy pick because it was the quickest way home. After all I never had a furlough. The only one I could have had was wiped out by the Pearl Harbor attack—A December 7th I'll never forget. I was lying on my bunk that morning on the 2nd floor of my barracks at Ft. Lewis, WA listening to some fine music when the program was interrupted telling of the attack.

After the war we boarded 40x8 box cars at Salzburg, Austria that as a freight train took us to Marseilles, France. Then boarded a B-17, Flying Fortress, that took us to Casablanca where the 3ID's first combat took place. From there flew on a C-54 that took us to Dakar, Senegal and across the ocean to Natal, Brazil. We flew from there to Miami in a C-47 making several stops along the way.

Time is not on my side now. I've beaten the odds all my life in sickness, in war, as a police officer and my car being totaled when hit by someone running a redlight on a busy highway. This put me into intensive care with multiple fractures that took 1 1/2 years of therapy to recover. Now I'm trying to beat the odds again. Strong family Christian beliefs I'm sure played a part in my survival. There is no other explanation. //S//



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Korea 1953

This humorous event (in my mind) happened while I was sent to Taegu to pick up supplies (600 pair of socks) for my front line company (Baker Company). I had just got out of the jeep and took about ten steps, and low and behold, wouldn't you know, I ran smack into a Brigadier General. He chewed me up and down for not having my piece (rifle) with me. I said "It's in the jeep, Sir". He replied "Don't you know you must carry your weapon at all times?" At this point I thought for sure I was going to lose a stripe. Then the General said in a very stormy voice "Go back and tell your Company Commander (who was 1LT Jim Boatner) that

you are restricted to the Company area for two weeks".

Then, of all things, the General walked away laughing to himself. It must have taken me several minutes to figure out why he walked away laughing. Then it hit me. Just where in the hell was I going to go anyway? //S//



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As one of the remaining China Hands I feel that I can pretty well say most anything without much worry of contradiction. Quite a lot has been said and written concerning the proud record of the Regiment but recently another record came to mind that probably has not been publicized. During the last few years in China the 15th was probably the most inspected organization in the Army.

Twice each month all companies, while clad in raincoats and field shoes were marched to the Rec. Hall for a visual inspection by the doctor in charge of the G.U. Ward. That was step one. Daily, Monday thru Friday, a similar inspection was held in barracks where the corporals inspected the privates, sergeants the corporals, the First Sergeant the sergeants and of course since top kicks could walk on water they were excused.

I have been told that in today's Army this practice has been discontinued due to the invasion of privacy. Of course in the Thirties that term had yet seen the light of day.

Using simple arithmetic, I calculate that during a twelve month period each Can Do Dog Face had his privacy violated approximately 275 times. //S//



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I'm sorry I'm a couple of months late with my dues and I can't blame my revisit to Korea because I did that during 12 to 18 September this year with Military Historical Tours. This was an outstanding revisit. No one shot at me! In fact, it was hard to believe everyone could be so gracious. Defense Minister, GEN (Ret.) Cho Song-Tae pinned a medal on all of us Korean vets. We visited their Nat'l Cemetery, the huge War Memorial in Seoul, the Memorial Hall for the Inchon Landing, Wolmi-do Cultural Center at Inchon, Freedom Park at Inchon (GEN MacArthur's statue), the Korean Folk Village at Yongin, Kyungbok Palace, Panmunjom and Camp Bonifas and finally the U.S. War Memorial at Imjingak. In between all these visits we stayed at the beautiful Hotel Sofitel. It was a visit that I can heartily recommend to all Korean vets. //S//

Application For Membership
15th Infantry Regiment Association

___ New Member _____ Renewal
 (Date)

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Rank _____ ASN _____

Units served in: _____

Dates served in 15th IN: _____

Date of birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Type of membership desired

___ Regular Annual ___ Active Duty Annual

___ Associate Annual ___ Life ___ MOH

___ China Hand ___ World War I

Complete application. Mail with check or money order payable to the Treasurer, 15th Infantry Reg't Association.

Mail to:

Treasurer Richard Guimond

Use the appropriate seasonal address found on page 2.

Dues Schedule

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Membership Up and Down

By John Burke

In our formative years there have been some particularly special efforts by some members to sign on new members. The results have been most gratifying. On the other hand, loss of members due to non-payment of dues has been our number one problem. Great programs for increasing our numbers can be devised, but if we continue to lose members, all we are doing is bringing in new faces through the front door while others are exiting the back door. Perhaps it's time to practice a little one-on-one rescue.

Jerry Cunningham pointed out that we must not only invite eligibles to join, we must make new members welcome and continue to do so. Each of us knows from one to several with whom they served. Many maintain some sort of contact throughout the year. Confirming that comrades are in good stead may be an appropriate update item. We may ask the Secretary or Treasurer to provide a list of delinquents from a particular company or battalion, or who live in a particular vicinity, and then contact them. We may find they are unable to pay or the Association does not relate to their interests. Whatever the reason, a member to member contact will be a movement toward resolving the situation. As a first step, why not call one or more of your comrades today and see if it's not contagious? Say CAN DO!!



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M1918A2 fully automatic

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Capacity 20-round detachable box magazine

(1) Bandoleer (BAR belt): 12 magazines

(2) Magazine changeable in 2-4 seconds (but averaged 6-8 seconds in combat)

Weight 18.5 lbs. (8.33 kg)

Overall length 47 inches (119.4 cm)

Rate of fire 550 rounds per minute

Effective range 600 yards (550 meters)

Ammunition

(1) Ball M2; 150 gr bullet, 50 gr charge

(2) Tracer M25, M1: for designating targets and signaling

(3) Armor piercing M2 (black tip); 165gr/53gr

(4) Armor piercing incendiary for lightly armored flammable targets

Do you know anyone who carried this?



TAPS

Roy A. Lewis

From his wife, Leola, we received the following information.

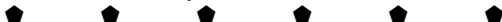
Roy passed away November 24, 1999. He was 82. He proudly served with Company I in North Africa and Italy during which time he was awarded the Bronze Star. After 25 years of service with the Pennsylvania Railroad, he retired as Assistant Superintendent in 1963 and moved to Boca Raton. He was active as a volunteer swimming coach with both local high school and AAU teams. Survivors include his wife, Leola, a sister, two daughters, two sons, and six grandchildren



Grant Young

Reported by Jerome Sapiro.

Grant Young, who served in B Company, died on November 22, 1999 in Boise, Idaho. He served with the Regiment in French Morocco, Tunisia and Sicily where he was wounded. Survivors include his wife Lucy, two sons, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, four brothers and four sisters. He was 76 years of age. Grant owned and operated a barber shop for 46 years. He was active in veterans and community affairs.



Melvin L. Paxton

Melvin of Sacramento, CA died October 11, 1998. Melvin served with the Regiment from 1939 until 1941 when he transferred to the Army Air Corps. He retired from the Air Force in 1959. His death was reported by his wife Dora who says Melvin was very proud of his service in the Can Do 15th Infantry.



Constantinos W. Davis

The following report was received from Jerry Sapiro.

Connie W. Davis, who served in Cannon Company of the Regiment in World War II, died on November 12 in Milwaukee, WI. He was 81 years of age. He is interred at the South Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



Wilbur Sidney

John Burke reported the following.

Wilbur A. Sidney, born April 27, 1926, a Distinguished Member of the Regiment, passed away January 18, 2000 at his home in Orlando. He served with the 15th Infantry in Korea as well as in Company I during World War II. Wilbur and his family appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Web Sites Worth a Peek

www.kimsoft.com/korea/eyewit.htm – This site places the Korean War in a chronology based on the experiences of a Korean soldier. He describes in great detail his eyewitness accounts of combat in Korea.
members.aol.com/vaysmeer/3rdsociety7.htm – The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division web page. It includes the current issue of Watch on the Rhine along with history, unit, reunion and Division news.
www.2id.org - The 2nd Infantry Division, Korean War Veterans Alliance Homepage. I know these guys weren't in the best Division but they have a great webpage. It includes the casualty lists for all US Army Forces in Korea. There are great maps and links to lots of other sites.



Post Office to Recognize Distinguished Soldiers in 2000

Commemorated for their heroism and leadership in World War I and World War II, these four stamps honor distinguished soldiers Alvin C. York, John L. Hines, Audie L. Murphy and Omar N. Bradley. York was awarded the Medal of Honor for his single-handed capture of German soldiers during World War I. General John L. Hines, also a veteran of World War I, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal for his bravery and leadership in combat. He went on to become Army Chief of Staff. Murphy received the Medal of Honor for saving the troops in his company and single-handedly breaking up a German attack toward the end of World War II. Bradley commanded the First Army during the 1944 Allied landing in Normandy, later serving as Army Chief of Staff and the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The stamp art features black-and-white photographs of these four men. Color photographs of shoulder sleeve insignia are used as design motifs to indicate units the soldiers served in during their illustrious careers. This is the design of the stamp series approved for publication in the year 2000 and posted on the USPS web site.

POST 2000 REUNION TOUR TO KOREA

Roy Montgomery, President of California-Pacific Tours, Inc joined us at our Savannah reunion, and brought with him brochures about the Society of the Third Infantry Division Battlefield Tour to Korea scheduled for Sept. 4-11, 2000. He was very pleased with the response he had from our members. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the tour, the itinerary, and the price.

This tour is scheduled to leave early in the morning of September 4th from the San Francisco Airport for those attending the reunion. For those who want to take the tour, but not attend the reunion, there are many Korean Airline gateway cities throughout the United States where you will be able to fly, some to connect with the tour in San Francisco, but many to fly direct to Korea where you will join the tour. The additional cost from any of these gateway cities is only \$200. For those who want to attend the reunion and take the Korean tour, you may fly to and from San Francisco airport FROM THESE SAME GATEWAY CITIES for only \$200.

This tour is open to family and friends, WW II veterans, and especially Korean War veterans. We have planned battlefield tours to places where you fought in South Korea. We will go to the Iron Triangle Area, and will go as far north as we are allowed. We will visit the DMZ and the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom, We will visit Camp Casey and have lunch with soldiers of the 2nd Inf. Division, We will be briefed at 8th Army Headquarters, will visit the landing sites of Inchon, and will visit the world renowned Korean War Museum. The tour will be of interest to all as we will taking in interesting historical and cultural sites including a dinner at the famous Korea House where we will have traditional Korean cuisine and will be entertained with beautiful Korean dancing and music.

There will be a welcome banquet by Korean military and government officials and a farewell banquet on our last night where our Korean War veterans will receive a newly authorized Korean War Veterans Metal. Our veterans will be among the very first to receive this medal which will only be given during the four commemorative years of 2000-2003 to those Korea War veterans who visit Korea. The Korean government is building and dedicating a monument for each US Army division that fought in Korea. It is our hope our monument will be dedicated while we are there on tour. We are working diligently to have this happen.

For those of you who don't remember, the weather in Korea in September is nice. This will be one of the first commemorative tours into Korea, and their military and government will be going all out to give us a warm welcome and great hospitality. Seoul is a great city to visit, and the shopping districts are world famous.

The tour includes accommodations at first class hotels, include America breakfasts, and the three banquets, and lunch at Camp Casey. The airfare, six nights in hotels, the meals, the daily tours all for a very reasonable price of \$ 1,590, double occupancy. You may receive brochures and learn more about this tour by phoning, faxing, writing, or emailing California Pacific Tours at 1475 Huntington Ave. Suite 101, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Phone (888)822-5258, fax (650)615-4751, email rpm@cptours.com, and website, www.cptours.com

Korean War Remembrances Wanted

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is preparing to publish an anthology of reflections--your reflections--on that traumatic era in our nation's history. If you would like to share your memories of "The Forgotten War", please read on.

Individuals interested in participating should forward manuscripts (including a diskette if prepared on a personal computer) to Sandra J. Daugherty, Assistant Director, Programs, AUSA Institute of Land Warfare, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information about the anthology, contact the Institute of Land Warfare by phone (800-336-4570, ext. 627, or direct dial 703-907-2627); fax (703-525-9039); or e-mail sdaugherty@ausa.org.

No matter what the event in the history of America's Army, no one can tell the story better than those who were there! Please tell us about your Korean War experience so we may share your perspective with everyone who cares about where our United States Army has been and where it's going.!

World War II Letters by Walter Cronkite

Dear WWII veterans and their friends/families:

I am researching a book entitled World War II Letters by Walter Cronkite, which is a collection of letters from soldiers to their friends and families back home. World War II Letters will have letters from soldiers from every country involved in the Second World War, including the United States, England, France, Japan, Germany, Russia, Canada, Australia, and other countries. The book will be published by Knopf.

But we need your letters! Do you have a letter from your father, husband, brother, sister, wife, mother, or friend that you want to share? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact me at the following address:

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www.adlerbooks.com/wwiileters.html

If you have any questions about this book, I would be happy to answer them. I really appreciate your help.

Without your support, this book wouldn't be possible.

**Society of the Third Infantry Division
2000 REUNION
AUG. 31-SEPT. 4
BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA**
by John Shirley

Veterans of the 15th Infantry Regiment are cordially invited to attend the 81st Annual Reunion of the Society of the Third Infantry Division. This reunion will be located on the banks of San Francisco Bay near the airport at the San Francisco Airport Marriott, the hotel that hosted reunions for us in 1990 and 1992. This reunion will commemorate the start of the Korean War, and Korean War veterans will be honored attendees. There is a special tour designed to be of interest to Korean War veterans as well as our City Tour and Lunch Cruise on San Francisco Bay. The Welcome Party will have a Korean theme with entertainment, food, and decorations following the theme.

We are making an effort to have the various affiliate groups to the regiment and division attend, and several have decided to co-locate their annual reunion with us. We are pleased Outpost Harry, Co. L. 15th and some of the members of B. Co. 15th will be with us. The leaders of the various affinity organizations are urged to contact me for information or help in making arrangements for your group to attend. We are making a special effort to invite veterans of foreign units that fought with the Division.

Edd Adam is making arrangements for the 8th Annual Regimental Dinner for Saturday, Sept. 2. We expect the usual fine support by our active battalions as well as the division.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Burlingame and Seoul.

John Shirley, 15th Inf. Reunion Chair 925-447-2256



US Rifle Caliber .30 M1 Garand

- Length:** 43.5 in. (1103 mm)
- Weight unloaded:** 9 lbs. 8 oz. (4.37 kg)
- Barrel:** 20 in. 4 grooves, right hand twist
- Magazine:** 8 round internal box, clip loaded
- Muzzle:** velocity 2800 fps, 2903 ft-lbs.
- 500 yards:** 1918 fps, 1362 ft-lbs.
- Ammunition:** 174 grain bullet, 50 gr charge, Ball M1
- Effective Range:** 440 yards

**April 26-28 Can Do Rendezvous
Schedule of Events**

Here is the general listing of planned events. A complete schedule with transportation times will be available at Registration. Bus transportation will be provided to all events at Fort Benning.

Wednesday, April 26

- 1000-1500 Can Do Golf Tournament at the Follow Me Golf Course
- 1300-1900 Registration at the Sheraton Inn
- 1800-1900 Icebreaker social at the Sheraton Inn

Thursday, April 27

- 1000-1200 Weapons Capabilities Exercise at Red Cloud Range
- 1200-1230 Field ration (MRE) lunch at Red Cloud
- 1330-1500 Barracks dedication and tour
Battalion Area and China Room visits
- 1630-1830 Can Do Barbecue at Kelley Hill Rec Center

Friday, April 28

- 0900-1100 General Membership Meeting in the China Room
- 0900-1100 National Infantry Museum Tour
- 1100-1200 No Host Lunch at the Battalion Dining Facility (Messhall)
- 1230-1300 Headquarters Company Change of Command
- 1800-2130 Regimental Dinner

Saturday, April 29

- 1100 Check out of the Sheraton

Army Trivia

1. Name the speaker and the recipient of this famous order: "Cross the Channel, enter the heartland of Germany and free the continent of Europe"?
2. Which automaker built the first Jeep?
3. What was the P-38 fighter called?
4. All Army units are designated by numbers except what size unit?

Answers on page

Mail Call continued from page 4

Albert Lopes
4964 Page Mill Drive
San Jose, CA 95111-4053

Thanks for the letter that I received today. Wherein you explain the rules and something about a Rendezvous you are planning for April 26-28 at Ft. Benning. I would certainly like to attend. I was in that neck of the woods after WWII for a few days. I liked it!

Enclosed are those few bucks that I owe you. I do not believe that I will be able to make the Rendezvous. It's a little far from my abode. But, I attended our little meeting here at John Shirley's luncheon. It was great I would like to see Fort Benning again! I'd probably not know a single soul in the group. I joined the 15th Infantry on April 9, 1939 and served in the Regiment until they packed up and returned back to the States. //S//



Bill Sheridan
29 Sycamore Road
Havertown, PA 19803-4406

Sorry for the late dues. It certainly was not because of indifference. I was hospitalized for a month and had some serious surgery—which is still giving me some problems.

I wish you would have a reunion closer to us Yankees sometime. //S//



Dick McCall
415 W. Lincoln St.
Findley, OH 45840-3145

I can only guess the dates for my tenure in the 15th Infantry. I have noticed that over the years I can't remember facts that at the time were burnt into my head. I would never have imagined I would ever forget them.

If my memory serves me correctly, it was May 1944 until I ended up in the 3rd General. I do know why you don't have this information. My name was never in the 3rd Division History Book. My picture appears twice in Taggart's History but not my name. Years ago I was shown a roster of some thirty or forty names that had never been printed in the History. I can not recall anymore but the gentleman that had the list may have sent me a copy. I hope he did as he was going to forward a list to the proper channels. I'm sure you can recall how those things seem to work out.

Let get back to my story. I was in the 3rd General Hospital with a tag on my neck stating that I was going to Walter Reed, when the Krauts started that big deal in Bastogne.

Believe me when I say I was suddenly pronounced ready to go to Bastogne. This was the first I knew that I lost my happy home. Now you and I both know that the 3ID was not in Bastogne, but that's where I was sent. To make a long story short, they got my butt out of there and I was sent back down close to Paris. I finished out the war in a 155 howitzer outfit and ended up in Austria.

Well that's the way it turned out for me. It was right after Christmas 1944 that I was sent out in the snow. I believe I went in the hospital on October 13, 1944. The problem I am having is that I have an attic filler to the brim of things that I would be better off giving my kids and pitching everything else.

I will try to find the roster that may have been sent to me but I won't promise it over the Holidays. //S//

Action On Kelley Hill

By CPT Russ Lewis

Alpha Company, 1-15, began this quarter with a change of command between 1LT Robert Brown and CPT Russell Lewis. Between inventories and inspections the soldiers prepared for the upcoming gunnery exercises. We spent long hours in the simulator practicing and preparing to shoot the real thing, while the infantry squads trained for their upcoming Dismount Tables I & II. The Company's hard work and preparation paid off when the Gators earned Top Gun Company in the Battalion. We had 10 out of 14 crews qualify distinguished and three qualified superior.

During gunnery we also practiced our acting skills by supporting the making of the new Army commercials. The film crews spent a day filming us conducting convoy movements. Keep watching the television, and you might just see us!

Upon completion of gunnery, we executed two battalion-run situational exercises dealing with peacekeeping operations. The soldiers negotiated with a hostile crowd at a checkpoint and successfully provided aid to injured civilians. Overall, the two-week training event was successful in maintaining our capabilities.

In November, we received the mission to deploy to the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin. We quickly prepared our equipment and personnel and flew to California for a little over four weeks. During that time, the Can Do soldiers supported 3-15 IN and the rest of 2nd Brigade during preparation and recovery from their training. We shared Thanksgiving Day with 3-15 IN and appreciated the fine meal their cooks prepared. We completed the mission at NTC and returned back home to FT Benning in time to spend the holidays with family and friends.

Since then, we prepared for and assumed the mission of the Immediate Ready Company for the XVIII Airborne Corps, from C/1-15. We stand ready to deploy a mechanized infantry company team anywhere, anytime in 18 hours.

The Gators had a great quarter of training and enter a new year prepared to accomplish any given mission.

Can Do!

Regimental Reorganization Following the Civil War

By LTC Tim Stoy, Regimental Historian, on assignment in the U.K.

In my previous articles, I discussed the lineal history of the regiment up until 1869. This article will cover in a bit more detail the moves the regiment made in the four year period from the end of the Civil War until the Army's reorganization in 1869. In short, I'll tell you where the Regiment served during Reconstruction and at the beginning of the Indian Wars.

In August 1865 the 15th Infantry was broken up, with the battalions being scattered throughout the country. The Regiment had ended the war stationed at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee with the rest of the Regular Brigade. The First Battalion was sent to Fort Adams, Rhode Island to be stationed with Regimental Headquarters which had remained at Fort Adams during the war. The Second and Third Battalions were sent to Mobile, Alabama. In December two companies of the First Battalion were sent to Mobile, to be followed by the rest of the battalion in January and February 1866. The Second Battalion moved to Vicksburg in January 1866. Regimental Headquarters arrived in Mobile in March 1866. On 28 July 1866 the President approved the establishment of 45 regiments of Infantry of 10 companies each, and on 23 November it was announced that the First Battalion would become the 15th Infantry Regiment, while the Second and Third Battalions would become the 24th Infantry and 33d Infantry respectively.

In July 1866 the Regiment moved to Macon, Georgia and remained there until September, when it again moved to Mobile. In the fall of 1867, the headquarters and the five companies of the Mobile garrison went into camp at Stark's Landing to avoid the yellow fever prevalent at the time. In December it returned to the city. In February 1868, the regimental headquarters moved to Montgomery, Alabama. Companies A, B, and I were stationed at Huntsville; C and D at Montgomery; E Company at Jacksonville; H, F, G, and K at Mobile.

In August 1868 the regiment concentrated at Mobile and on the 16th proceeded by steamship to New Orleans en route to Texas. Upon arrival at Marshall, Texas the regiment was distributed as follows: Regimental Headquarters, C and D Companies to Nacogdoches; A Company to Livingston; E Company to Palestine; F Company to Huntsville; H Company to Jefferson; and B, G, I, and K remaining in Marshall.

On 11 March 1869 the Army directed the consolidation of infantry regiments, with the 15th Infantry to merge with the 35th Infantry (formerly the 3-17th Infantry). In June 1869 the Regiment assembled at Austin, Texas and departed on the 16th of July to meet the 35th Infantry at Fort Concho, Texas. On 18 August the two regiments officially consolidated as the 15th Infantry. On 19 August the Regiment departed Fort Concho for New Mexico. It arrived at Fort Seldon, New Mexico on the 27th of September. The last assembly of the full regiment for almost 12 years occurred on 29 September. Afterwards, the Regimental Headquarters, continued on to Fort Craig. E Company took its post at Fort Cummings. D Company was at Fort Bascom. McKibben's Company was at Fort Stanton, with Whittemore's and Steelhammer's companies at Fort Bayard. Companies B and I were with Regimental Headquarters at Fort Craig. G and F Companies were stationed at Fort Wingate, and Ellis' Company was stationed at Fort Garland, Colorado. The average march for the companies in their movement from Texas to New Mexico was 1500 miles.

Thus we find the Regiment scattered throughout the Southwest at the end of 1869. My next article will continue from that point. tim@stoy.freeserve.co.uk



Edd's Message

Hello to all CAN DO soldiers and veterans in the Year 2000! Another year, another century... and another millennium! Another opportunity to become a working part of our great Association. Many of us volunteered to serve our great Nation in times of peril and all of our young CAN DO soldiers have volunteered to serve and keep the citizens of our great Nation safe and free! My grandson, Jordan called me on Nov 11 and thanked me for serving in the Army during WW II. I thank all of you for your unselfish devotion to your Country - Americans serving Americans! Have you ever thought about those people that you have known who have influenced the direction of your life? As we enter into the new year, take a moment and reflect about those people. I can recall several - one in particular who was my Platoon Leader - I say leader because he led the platoon. He didn't just direct or command the first platoon of Co A, 15th Inf Reg't. I cannot recall of ever seeing him anyplace except up front, setting the standards and example for us to follow. I have told CPT Michael J. Daly of his influence on my decision to stay in the service as a career. Hopefully, some of his outstanding traits rubbed off on me.

My wife, Deanna and I sincerely hope that each of you and your families had a very happy and joyful holiday season!

I was pleased to receive an invitation to the holiday activities of 1-15 INF and express my regrets that I could not attend due to medical reasons. I welcome LTC Banach and his 3-15 INF soldiers back from their rotation to the NTC. I am sure they set some new records that will be difficult to train up to!

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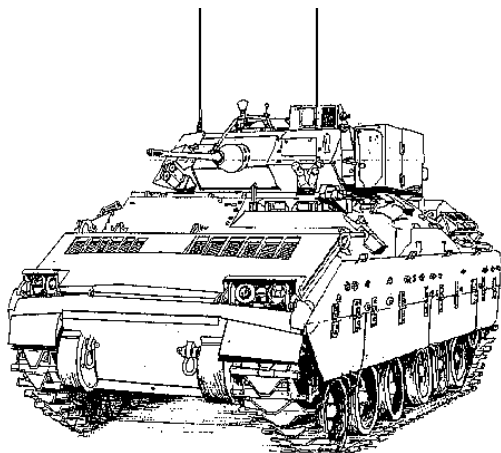
Edd's Message continued from page 10

I am looking towards the 2000 Can Do Rendezvous April 26 - 28, 2000 at Ft Benning. Else where in this issue you will find the highlights and a reservation coupon to attend and enjoy the activity. This years Rendezvous will be hosted by LTC Pricone and his 1-15 INF soldiers. I know we can look towards a very pleasant and enjoyable get together. There will be information in the Watch, also.

I commend Mike Horn for volunteering to be our Editor of the Dragon! His first issue was very good! Thanks Mike for all you do for us! A big welcome to our new officers and appointees. John Burke, Vice President; Richard Guimond, Treasurer and Public Relations; Leon Lebowitz, Secretary; Roger Lochmann, Pat Heagerty, and Mike Halick, Trustees; Jerry Cunningham, Custodian of Memorabilia, Tim Stoy, Historian and Mike Horn, Editor. Thanks very much for accepting the challenges that lay ahead! I have asked our Trustees to get more involved and assist on the Membership Committee. They will be your contact for information, recommendations, and assistance as needed. Pat Heagerty will be responsible to those with last names beginning with A thru E; Mike Halik for those beginning F thru K; and Roger Lochmann for those beginning R thru Z. Until we find another Trustee, I will handle those beginning with L thru Q. They will also be responsive to report deaths of veterans and their spouses to the Chaplain and the Editor. In addition, they will assist, when they can, in ensuring that our veterans have appropriate military burial honors.

I have made contact with the San Francisco Airport Marriott and John Shirley relative to our 8th Regimental Dinner. The Regimental Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2000. Hopefully some data will be available for the next issue of the Dragon.

Before we all forget, I want to develop a history of the Association. I have asked Whit Mullen to check his records. I ask everyone who has any information to please send it to me and I will then turn it over to our Historian, Tim Stoy to finalize. A big CAN DO to each of you!



Sound Off

By Jerry Cunningham

My Dear Fellow "Dragon's,"

It has been a great honor to serve as your Honorary Sergeant Major for the past six and a half years. While serving as the HSGMOR, I had the privilege to serve with some the "Best".

With deep regret I am departing this position. I must move on to further higher ground. That higher ground is to run for the President of the Society of the Third Infantry Division. I am asking for your support in this area as you supported me in the HSGMOR area.

By my departure, a vacancy is created in the position of Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment. As such, I am appealing to one of you to replace me in this very important position. I am sure some of you Can Do soldiers will step forward and report in to accept this great position, privilege and responsibility.

I will continue to be part of our Association and support you in every way that I can. Please contact me at the address on page 2 if you have any questions or want more information about becoming the HSGMOR.

May God bless each one of you.

CAN DO!

2nd Annual Regimental Raffle

by Dick Guimond

The 15th Infantry Regiment Association is having it's 2nd annual raffle for five \$100 cash prizes. The drawing will be held at the Rendezvous activities at Ft. Benning, Georgia April 26 through the 28th. Members do not have to be present to win. A donation of \$1 per ticket would be appreciated. You do not have to returned any unused tickets. It is suggested you use your self sticking return address on the raffle tickets, to save a lot of writing.

As promised in the first raffle letter, the Assn. is holding the annual raffle during the Rendezvous, generally held in April or May, so as not to conflict with the Society of the Third Division raffle.

The net proceeds from the raffle will be used in two areas. First to assist in bringing the life membership fund up to actuarial standards.

Second is to assist in the expense of printing and mailing the Dragon newsletter, four times a year. The Dragon is the Association's key to communicating to the members four times a year about activities of the 15th Regiment, present members and the active duty officers and soldiers.

Your support of the raffle will be sincerely appreciated.

**Financial Statement
15th Infantry Regiment Association**

**OCT 15, 1998
through DEC 31, 1999**

INCOME

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ED ADAM	\$10,415.40	
ANNUAL DUES	\$4,255.00	
LIFE DUES	\$1,580.00	
ASSOCIATE DUES	\$60.00	
BLAZER PATCHES	\$760.00	
RAFFLE	\$2,891.00	
DINNER RESERVATIONS	\$5,850.00	
DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS	\$283.62	
AWARD AND MONUMENTS DRIVE	\$780.00	
VANGUARD INTEREST	\$242.88	
RETURN CASH WITHDRAWAL FOR REUNION	\$500.00	
	\$27,617.90	\$27,617.90

EXPENDITURES

GEORGE DOYLE, PRESIDENT	\$137.54	
EDWIN ADAM, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT	\$936.71	
JOHN BURKE, VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP	\$380.03	
RICHARD GUIMOND, TREASURER	\$1,154.11	
TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	\$67.71	
REUNION EXPENSE	\$782.66	
MARRIOTT HOTEL 175 MEALS	\$5,704.48	
11 MEALS REFUNDED DEATH AND SICKNESS	\$365.00	
RAFFLE EXPENSES	\$957.75	
4 ISSUES OF THE DRAGON	\$3,834.98	
CAPITAL EXPENSE 25--15TH INF. CREST	\$275.00	
TUSCOLA MEETING	\$100.00	
PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MAILING TO 200 VETERANS GROUPS	\$57.42	
WITHDRAW CASH FOR REUNION DESK	\$500.00	
		\$15,253.39
INCOME OVER EXPENSES		\$12,364.51

BALANCE IN ALL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31-1999		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$4,716.63	\$4,716.63

VANGUARD MONEY MARKET FUND		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND PRINCIPAL	\$5,705.00	
INTEREST EARNED IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$242.88	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$5,947.88	
AWARD AND MONUMENT FUND	\$1,200.00	
TRANSFERRED FROM CHECKING INTO SAVING	\$500.00	
LIFE FUND--A & M AND SAVING TOTAL	\$7,647.88	\$7,647.88
GRAND TOTAL		\$12,364.51

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Dick Guimond

Under officers expenses, I would like to add there is no expenditures for travel, lodging or salaries, only compensation for Assn. daily business and operating expenses. The general expenses of officers and trustees, are for postage, printing, copies, phone calls and office supplies. There are expenses concerning the national reunion, such as plaques to retiring officers, trustees, two NCO's and two soldiers of the year. The plaque the retiring officers and trustees receive is in recognition's for there dedicated and loyal service to the Can Do Assn.

We assisted in the expenses in co-sponsoring a buffet and icebreaker at the Marne club. The money collected for dinner reservations is paid out to the hotel, a break even situation. The Assn. single largest expense is printing and mailing the Dragon four times a year.

We had a two prong attack, on delinquent and past due members by John Burke, vice president and membership chairman and trustees Patrick Heagerty, Michael Halik and Roger Lockmann which was a success, which involved printing and postage expenditures.

Your Assn. is working in bringing the life membership fund up to actuarial standards, which will take a couple more years. John Shirley's drive for awards and monuments fund brought in \$780. Previously there was \$183.25 an inactive memorial fund. At the Tuscola, Illinois board meeting May of 99, this fund was combined with the A & M fund. An additional \$236.75 was added to the fund from some of the raffle proceeds, making a total of \$1200 set aside in the Vanguard money market fund towards this project.

With the continued support of the raffle, we can maintain our dues structure of \$10 a year. When you subtract the life membership fund and A & W fund it leaves \$5216.63 in the daily operating fund. We save on expenses as much as possible the president uses his church facilities and the treasurer's uses his local VFW club for small printing jobs and making copies, without charge. We are signed up for the most reasonable long distance phone service for the Association.

3rd Battalion News
by LTC Stefan Banach

Greetings from Fort Stewart, Georgia! Our last submission ended with the Battalion preparing for the National Training Center during the Marne Focus Exercise in October. Needless to say, the rotation at NTC was safe and superbly executed by the soldiers of 3-15 IN (M). As we had expected there were many lessons learned from the rotation that will greatly assist us as we move into the Division Ready Brigade status and prepare to deploy at a moment's notice from the national command authority.

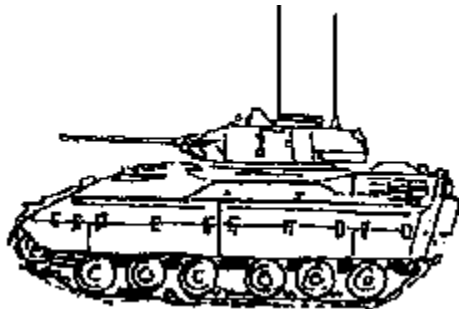
Within the next four months we will be handling a myriad of tasks to prepare us even further for the Division Ready Brigade status. The month of January will allow us to qualify all of our soldiers on individual weapons and other critical combat tasks. We will also begin an M2A2 mini-gunnery cycle to qualify unqualified crews during Bradley Table VIII. The first week in February is when we assume the DRB status, which will last until the end of March.

Throughout January and February there will also be a concerted effort by everyone in the Battalion to closeout Charlie Company and elements of Headquarters Company in order to meet the Force 21 requirements the Division must satisfy.

Much of the training focus in March will be geared toward EIB training. The fine NCOs of 3-15 IN (M) will spearhead most of the efforts in the EIB train-up, leading to EIB testing the first week in April. Once EIB is complete our training for the Bosnia SFOR peacekeeping mission will begin with Individual Readiness Training.

There will also be a few company changes of command in June and July. The outgoing Delta Commander, CPT Glen Blumhardt will take over Headquarters Company from CPT Stephen Smith in July, and CPT Art Williams, who is currently the S-4, will take command of Delta Company in June. In Alpha Company, CPT Steve Stock will relinquish his command in July to CPT Eric Berdy. CPT Berdy comes to Alpha Company from the Brigade operations section.

Further on down the road, we will deploy to the Joint Readiness Training Center in July and execute a rotation in accordance with the peacekeeping train-up. When we redeploy to Fort Stewart in August, the soldiers will go on a much deserved block leave for two weeks, prior to the deployment to Bosnia in September. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in the spring. CAN DO!



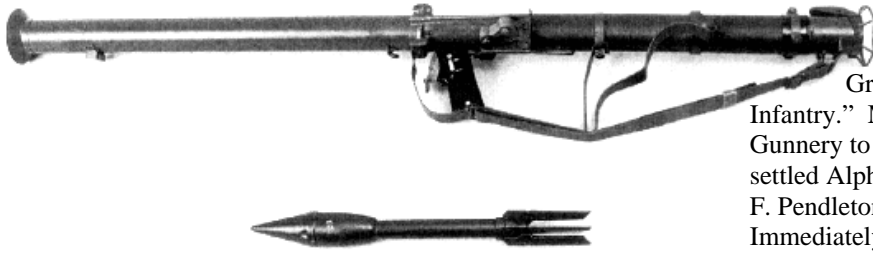
Attention: Dismounted Drill
By John Burke

Now that I have your attention, check out the mailing label on this newsletter. If 1999 appears next to your name you are delinquent in your dues. Annual dues are payable by October 1 with a grace period to January 1 before being dropped from the rolls. To avoid the costs of mailing dues notices, the Association normally relies on notices placed in the appropriate issue of the DRAGON. This practice has proven successful in past years. Consistent with the Associations commitment to retain all members on the rolls, the Board of Trustees elected to extend the time for payment through the distribution of this edition of the DRAGON. This year cards and letters were sent to all delinquents. The response has been very good, but there are still some of you out of step. If 1999 appears next to your name on the mailing label---you are out of step. Please fall in and dress right dress by sending your dues check to the Treasurer at the address on page 2.

Sick Call



Donald Arthur, a Charter Member of the Association is currently on the Sicklist. Don served in Company F during World War II. He is recovering in the Orlando, Florida VA Hospital following recent knee replacement surgery.



M9A1 2.36 inch Rocket Launcher

Weight: 15 pounds, 14 oz.

Overall Length:

61" assembled, 21.5" disassembled.

Muzzle velocity: 265-275 feet per second

Sight: T90

Rate of Fire: 10 rounds/min

Rocket: M7A1 shaped charge, rocket motor ignited electrically 3.5-pound (1.6-kilogram), length 19 inches.

Range: Range up to 400 yards, effective to about 120 yards

Charge: 8 ounces of pentolite, could penetrate up to 5 inches of armor

Columbus Area Sites of Interest

Did you know the last land battle in the Civil War took place in Columbus, GA in 1865? This and several other interesting sites of interest are in the Columbus area.

These include, of course, Fort Benning. On Fort Benning you'll find the National Infantry Museum, the Army Airborne School, the Infantry School and the School of the Americas.

In downtown Columbus, you'll find a Civil War naval museum. It features artifacts and gunboats from the Civil War recovered in the Columbus area.

In Andersonville, about an hour and a half drive from Columbus you'll find the National POW/MIA Museum and the Andersonville National Historical Site. This is the site of the Andersonville POW Camp of Civil War infamy.

The Little White House of President Franklin D. Roosevelt is located in Warm Springs about 45 minutes north of Columbus.

The Little Grand Canyon at Providence State Park is an excellent scenic site. It's a natural rock and sand formation that looks like the Grand Canyon in Georgia.

Calloway Gardens has excellent golf facilities, a huge horticulture and plant exhibit area and a butterfly habitat facility.

Information on these and other sites of interest will be available at the Sheraton.

First Battalion News

By LTC Bob Pricone

Greetings from Fort Benning and the "Home of the Infantry." My last report ended with us preparing for Level I Gunnery to continue refining our fighting skills. When the dust settled Alpha Company had walked away with the CPL Charles F. Pendleton Trophy for being the TOP GUN Company. Immediately after gunnery, the Cobras from C Company conducted a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX) for the Infantry Officer Advance Course Students. They did a superb job of showing what it takes to place overwhelming direct and indirect fires on the objective to set the conditions with which to defeat the enemy. HOOAH!

Two of our companies stepped up to help out other units in training. The Bravo Company deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana to support the 82nd Airborne rotation and Company A deployed to the National Training Center (NTC) to support our Division's 2nd Brigade Rotation. Both companies showed the Can Do spirit and set the standard.

In December, 1-15 Infantry became the "Tip of the Spear for the Nation." Once again we are the DRF (Division Ready Force) ready to go whenever the call comes. The call has not come yet, but we remain steadfast and ready. One of the most exciting things this quarter was the testing of the weapon systems for Gen Shinseki's vision of the Medium Weight Brigade. In his words, the modern battlefield "requires an organizational structure that integrates the unique capabilities of the Army's light and mechanized forces and Army XXI experimentation in headquarters design and human dimension of warfare into a rapidly deployable, early entry, medium weight force." Company B sent a platoon to Fort Knox to aid in the testing. These soldiers get to see first hand our Army of the 21st Century. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this year's Can Do Rendezvous at Fort Benning. If you have any questions or concerns please call CPT. Hollifield at 706-544-2918. Thank you for your continued support of the 15th Infantry Regiment. **"CAN DO - HOOAH!"**

Answers to the Trivia Questions on page 8.

1. GEN George C. Marshall—GEN Dwight D. Eisenhower
2. The Bantam Car Company
3. "Lightning"
4. Company/battery/troop

Rendezvous Registration and Reservations

Lodging

Lodging reservations must be made directly to the Sheraton.

The Columbus Airport Sheraton Inn (Exit 6, I-185) again serves as our headquarters hotel for the Rendezvous. A block of rooms was reserved at a \$60 rate for April 25-28. Reservations must be made directly to the Sheraton at **706-327-6868**. Do not call the Sheraton national number. Reservations must be made prior to **April 11th** to obtain the reduced rate. Inform the reservation clerk that you are with the 15th Infantry Regiment Association. When made in advance, reduced rates are available prior to and following the Rendezvous, also. The Sheraton provides transportation to and from the Columbus Airport. Free gym passes are available at the Sheraton as well as other amenities. A daily buffet breakfast is provided for \$5.95.

Rendezvous Registration – April 26th

Register in advance by completing and submitting the form below. You can register the afternoon of April 26th at the hotel, also. A \$5.00 registration fee is charged to defray administrative and Icebreaker expenses. Please print the name of your spouse or guest on the reverse side of the Registration/Reservation Form. This is used to print name tags.

Can Do Golf Tournament – April 26th

You must register in advance by completing and submitting the form below. Greens fee will be paid at the Fort Benning Golf Course. Prices vary depending on military or civilian status.

Can Do Barbecue – April 27th

The cost of the CAN DO barbecue is \$7.00 per person. The Barbecue will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center a short distance from the 1st Battalion Headquarters. A bar is available in the Rec Center. The price includes hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, iced tea and gratuity.

Regimental Dinner – April 28th

The Regimental Dinner will be held in the historic Fort Benning Officers Club. The menu includes a choice of either Chicken Cordon Bleu at \$17.00, Prime Rib of Beef at \$20.00 or a Vegetarian Platter for \$14.00. Please indicate your menu choice on the form below.

Please complete the form below and make your check out to the 1-15 OSAF Fund. Mail your check and registration form by April 11th to:
 CPT Chris Hollifield
 HQ, 1-15 Infantry
 Fort Benning, GA 31905
 Call CPT Hollifield at 706-544-2918 or 2920 if you have questions.

Registration/Reservation Form			
Name		Rank	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Event	Number	Price	Total
Registration Fee	1	\$5.00	\$5.00
Golf		XXXX	Pay at the Golf Course
CAN DO Barbecue		\$7.00	
Regimental Dinner			
Chicken Cordon Bleu		\$17.00	
Prime Rib of Beef		\$20.00	
Vegetarian Platter		\$14.00	
Enclosed is my payment for →			

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