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THE EDITOR'S

N EXPERT! LOOK II

If you find some MISTAKES

Please consider that

they are there for a

very good purpose We publish some thing for everyone....

and some people are always looking for

MISTAKES!

In this publication.



Hi, y'all and I hope this finds all of you in good spirits and good health.

I recently had a letter from Jim Wittenmyer who edits a Newsletter called "Fire in the Hole" for the 139 A/B Engr. Bn. In it he said, "There are two main problems in such an undertaking: 1- getting response from the guys, so that you have current news to pass along and 2- finance. We have chosen to ask for donations and that has worked much beyond my expectations. If I could just find the key to motivate them to send in their stories, and news items, I would call it a big success. They are

a wonderful bunch of men; tell them you need money, and it pours in, but they just do not like to write letters."

This has been my experience also. It may not move you to take pen or pencil in hand but a letter or pestal card from you about anything at all would be welcomed by all your fellow 596ers and especially by this Editor.

Help!

A little girl ran into the classroom and announced: "Teacher, two boys are fighting out on the playground and I think the one on the bottom would like to see

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute. -Gil Stern in Chicago Tribune

"I finally know what distinguishes man from the other beasts: financial worries."

-The Journal of

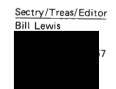
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THE EDITOR'S DROP ZONE ----- continued

The San Mateo Reunion was outstanding. The overall attendance was about 480 with 270 of them being troopers. As usual the 596ers turned out in force. There were 36 of us there——66 including wives and children. This was enough to once again win the attendance award.

We had a large and well appointed Hospitality Suite with revolving volunteer bartenders, headed up by Ed Phillips, who provided ample Attitude Adjustment libations. We visited, hugged, laughed a lot, shed a tear or two, retold oft told war stories, embellished a few war stories, invented a few war stories, suppressed a lot of war stories, had sing-songs, looked at old photographs, took new photographs, and just generally enjoyed being with one another for three days.

At a time in life when our mind makes appointments that our body can't keep, it is a great pleasure to reminisce about our experiences during those extraordinary 1943-45 years with the wonderful friends who shared those same and similar experiences. Is that living in the past? Perhaps so, but it is great fun to do it and at our time in life we have a lot more past to think and talk about than future.

Allan Goodmanwas recognized for his service as our first elected (CED) President and Don Saunders was elected to that position for the next two years. Earl Dillard was elected Junior Engineering Officer (JED) and I am allowed to continue as Editor of our 596 Newsletter.

The next reunion will be in San Antonio, Texas on 25,26,27 June, 1985. Don't miss it! We will have longneck beer, world class chili, Tex-Mex food, the Alamo, s—kicker dancing, Mariachi music, bargain priced boots, the River Walk, real cowboys, Saturday night cowboys and three languages and cultures, American, Texican, and Mexican.

We had several first timer, new faces at this reunion that was celebrating the 40th year since we first met at Camp Toccoa and Camp Mackall: Joe Herrera, Taylor Myers, Mike and Violet Kovach and daughter, John (Red) Guthrie, Ned and Maybelle Hosterman, Jim Nolan, Harold and Jeanne Roberts, Allan and Betty Ward.

Also present were Al and Alice Goodman, Joe Senter, George Mitchell, Gene and Mary Jo Hyman, Wes and Gladys Williams, Lyle and Mary Ann Madison, Brooks Moses, Ed Phillips, Bob and Garnet Dalrymple, Earl and Edith Dillard, George and Winston Shull, Gene and Elaine Markle, Alton Wayne Harrell and daughter Cindy, Bernie and Thelma Barnes, Barney and Zella Freiberg, Hal and Polly Eddy, Charley and Ann Pugh, Dick and Florianne Bartholomew, Manuel and LaVerne Ventoza, Michael and Catherine Bulino, Bill and Gloria Hudson, Russ and Mary Pearson, David and Olga Pierce, Herb and Marie Reichwald, Don and Marian Saunders, Henry and Marian Simpson, Bob and Betty Wilkerson, Pete and Rose Zubricky.

With the staunch support of my 596 friends, I was elected President of the 517 Para, Combat Team Assoc. for 1983-85. Thanks for your help.

INTER ALIA

Kay Phillips continues her recovery battle from the stroke she suffered in November of last year. I'm sure she would appreciate a card or note from her 596 family members.

Joe Miller is fully recovered from the eye surgery that prevented him and Mary from attending our reunion. The Millers Congers are planning on making the southern France Tour next August.

Ray Hild had to have knee surgery last July and that kept him and Mary from the reunion.

Jack (Red) Guthrie has been involved in the construction of a 500 KV electrical transmission tower in the Virginia mountains. It is scheduled to be completed this month. Red was at the reunion and looks GREAT! He is Division Construction Supervisor for Virginia Electric and Power Co. in Charlottesville, VA.

Tom and Mary Small are back in the U.S.A. (Hickory, NC) for a year and then back to Zambia for their last tour before retirement. They have been doing a wonderful work in Africa for the past 30 years. Mary and Tom visited with us in September. Tom and I had an enjoyable game of golf and Mary and Ann enjoyed seeing the Fabergé Collection at the Kimball Museum. The Smalls both look great.

Warren Sandberg had planned on making the reunion but he had an acute flare up of an old back problem that prohibited any travel. The Sandbergs have 3 boys and 4 girls and the youngest graduated from high school last June. One son is a Staff Sergeant in the 82nd Division and has been a paratrooper for 10 years.

Brooks Moses wrote me shortly after his return home from the reunion to say what a great time he had getting together with all those <u>old</u> guys and that he was already thinking about the 1985 reunion in San Antonio. Nobody is more enthusiastic and gung ho about the 596 than Moses.

James Rogers married Carrie McQueen on 11 June in Denver, CO. The marriage ceremony was in a park under a parachute and with several Airborne men in attendance. A truly Airborne wedding. Carrie is a poet, writer, and artist. We all wish you both a long and happy life together.

Winston Shull wrote that she and George enjoyed the reunion and their visit in San Francisco afterward.

To Those Over Forty

As a man grows riper, he reads more of the Book of Experience and less of the Book of Prophecy. He thinks more about the worth of folks and less about their collateral. He boasts less, boosts more.

He observes that snobbery is a confession of inferiority and kindly politeness the trade mark of the only aristocracy worth mentioning. He relishes an argument less and notes that streaks of criticism can be washed away with the suds of tolerance.

He hurries less and accomplishes more. And he comes to know that the best trophy any man can win is the love and understanding of those who need him!—Menasha Rotary Rays.

INTER ALIA ---- continued

Robert Dail has a construction firm in Virginia and does residential, commercial, and industrial building. He says he was the youngest 596er --- born 8 November 1925. Any challengers?

Joe Senter is Operations Facilities Coordinator for Cartwright Engineering Corp in El Paso, TX. when he isn't playing golf.

Roy & Naomi Herren have finished their new home in Ruskin, FL. It is a shorefront lot and a beautiful place.

Earl and Edith Dillard took a month off for the Reunion plus stops in Reno, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, and East Texas. They also visited with Alethe Flannery Baker, widow of Lt. Flannery and their daughter in Los Angeles. While there, someone stole all of Earl's 596 photographs and memorabilia from his auto. They are planning on the Southern France Tour next August and are also planning to buy a home in East Texas to be nearer their children.

Jack and Jean Goudie and their family members are off on a 10 day Carribean Cruise over the Christmas holidays and send their best wishes to all of you.

Jim Benson retired last April and he and Dot are seriously considering the France Tour.

Our people can't wait to get together——the following men arrived in San Mateo anywhere from one to four days before the official reunion began: Goodman, Madison, Simpson, Hyman, Barnes, Pearson, Dalrymple, Pierce, Dillard, Shull, Saunders, Eddy, Phillips, and Pugh.

Pop Spencer had Special 596 Airborne socks knitted at his own expense for everyone at the reunion. I'm sure he would enjoy a Thank You note from those of us who are the proud owners of such unique footwarmers.

The Nominating Committee for new officers of the 596 to be voted upon in San Antonio in 1985 are: Bob Verdi, Brooks Moses, and Hal Eddy. Verdi says that anyone who wishes to be nominated for something should drop him a note———and don't forget to enclose MONEY.

Dick Bartholomew is Manager of Operations at Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation in Henderson, Nevada.

Does anyone have a correct address for David Twight?????

In November, Ray Sampson had surgery for torn ligaments in his left shoulder and the healing is progressing less rapidly than expected. I am sure Ray would appreciate a cheerful word or two from some of his buddies.

I have photos of everyone who was at the Reunion but I sent many of them to Don Lassen and he used quite a few of them in the December issue of "Static Line" and hasn't returned the photos to me yet. I will have more reunion Photographs in the next Newsletter.

APPRECIATION

Quite a few of our people who were at the San Mateo Reunion made contributions to support the publication costs of this Newsletter. Things were so hectic that I didn't write down the donors names but the list may very well include the entire group who attended (see list elsewhere). I thanked them then and I do so again here, along with the following persons who have made generous contributions since the last Newsletter.

Jack Guthrie ("I" Co.-517 and 596) Joe D. Miller Louis Gelen Ludlow Gibbons (517) Col. Rupert Graves (517) Joe A.C. Williams (517) Gene Markle Hal Eddy Robert Dalrymple Roy Herren Warren Sandberg Monk Johnson Brooks Moses Ray Hild Bob Wilson Harold Roberts Cameron Gauthier (460) Bernie Barnes





My apologies to anyone I may have overlooked.

This is to start you thinking about the San Antonio Reunion on 26, 27, 28 June 1985

Words of Wisdom



MEMORY

When on many things I ponder,
That memory brings to mind;
Does absence make the Heart grow fonder?
For what we've left behind.

Can time erase those pleasant hours?
That far too quick were past,
Or, like dried and treasured flowers
Throughout the years will last:
So every time we turn the page
Memory brings to mind,
And, glad that time can not assuage,
The past so dear and kind.

For we are like a ship at sea,
That leaves it's native shore;
Though seemingly so strong and free,
But, longing evermore,
Just longing for that hallowed past,
Now dimmed with passing years
And, glad that memory can last,
Amidst our silent tears.

Thus memory, can live again,
An set the spirit free;
Bringing sweet dreams, to weary men,
Who are like you and me;
So surely thus will solace come,
For Heart and Soul at Sea;
And who can add the total sum,
That memories bring to thee.

So when I sit and ponder
On things that used to be,
I feel that times make fonder
Past days of Memory.
Kenneth L. Wickett

The pill has taken a lot of the worry out of going to college.

Some military man of great insight and wisdom once said," Men don't take a hill for their country or for the Army. They take it for their unit and their buddies."

My wife says it is more important that girls be pretty rather than smart because men can see better than they can think.

596 PARACHUTE COMBAT ENGINEER COM ANY--SAN MATEO, CA--AUGUST 1983

Reclining: Verdi

L to R 1st Row: Goodman, Williams, Hyman, Phillips, Dillard, Zubricky

2nd Row: Pugh, Markle, Dalrymple, Hosterman, Simpson, Ventoza, Eddy, Bulino

3rd Row: Moses, Barnes, Wilkerson, Saunders, Madison, Bartholomew, Roberts 4th Row: Shull, Pearson, Nolan, Ward, Pierce, Reichwald

5th Row: Hudson, Myers, Kovach, Freiberg

A.W.O.L.: Mitchell, Harrell, Senter, Herrera

WONDERFUL MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS



San Mateo Reunion



A bunch of our guys were whooping it up----



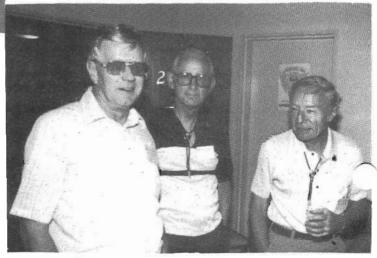
Don Saunders and George Shull



Bob and Betty Wilkerson



Bob aND Marie Verdi



Hosterman, Hyman and Williams

RICH IN LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP



Marie Verdi, a happy Moses & Florianne Bartholomew



Laverne Ventoza



Allan & Alice Goodman



Mary Jo Hyman & Gladys Williams



Dick & Florianne Bartholomew



Olga Pierce, Don Saunders, Dave Pierce, Mike & Catherine Bulino

THESE ARE THE GOOD OLD DAYS



Judge Harrell and daughter Cindy and Joe Senter



Lyle and Mary Ann Madison



Garnet and Bob Dalrymple



Jeanne Roberts, Thelma Barnes, Chas. Pugh



Moses and Markle



Zee & Barney Freiberg-Earl & Edith Dillard

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HAVING FUN!



Taylor Myers



Marie & Herb Reichwald



Dave Pierce



Bernie & Thelina Barnes



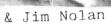
Maybelle & Ned Hosterman & Bernie Barnes



George Mitchell



Al Ward, Pete Zubricky





Roberts & Ventoza





Ann & Tex Pugh



Bob Dalrymple, Jeanne & Harold Roberts



Pete & Rose Zubricky

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG



Williams, Eddy & Hyman



Governor Sanford & Hank Simpson



Clark Archer -Designer and fabricator of the 596 insignia drop



Bob Verdi & Garnet Dalrymple



Harrell, Moses & Dalrymple



Violet Kovach & daughter

OLD FRIENDSHIPS ARE LIKE GREAT WINES; THEY IMPROVE WITH AGE



Bob & Garnet Dalrymple & Ann Pugh



Allan Goodman



Secretary Bill Lewis & Jumpmaster Bill Davis



Dalrymples, Freibergs, Ann Pugh & Dillards at Embarcadero



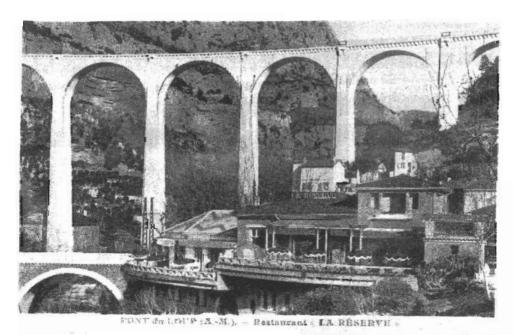
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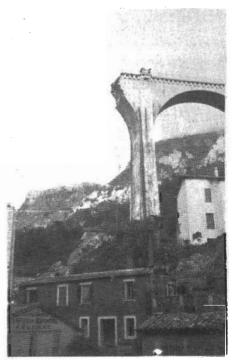
Front L to R-Jackson, Momahan
Middle L to R-McCauley, Cullen
Back L to R-McRoy, Willets



St. Pierre Cathedral--Auxerre, France--1944



Prior to WWII



After the German demolitionists struck



Movie Theatre #1--Camp Mackall, NC---1943

John Holbrook



George Ayling



Sgt. Gibbons



Bucky McCauley



Lavern Moore& John Moon

THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL AIRBORNE COMMAND

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 1943



STUDENTS' TEXT

THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COURSE IN PARACHUTE PACKING. THIS IS THE ONLY TEXT TO BE ISSUED AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EACH STUDENT KNOW THOROUGHLY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. DURING THE COURSE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN ON THE SUBJECT MATTER CONTAINED IN THIS TEXT.

Moses found this relic of Jump School



Saunders & Mills





Bill Wickersham & Red Guthrie in Nice, France--1944



You know Bill.... I think I know what Sgt. Barnes meant when he said he was going to make me head man around this place.

(82nd A/B Div. Alamo Chapter Newsletter)

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF PAUL BROWN, WHY HIS SECRETARY WAS FIRED

Two weeks ago was my forty-fifth birthday. I got up that morning and was not feeling too well; I went into the breakfast room knowing my wife would be pleasent and say happy birthday" and probably have a present for me. She didn't even say "Good Morning" let alone happy birthday. I thought, well that's a wife for you, the children will certainly remember. They came out to the breakfast table and did not say a word. I left for the office feeling pretty low and blue.

As I walked into my office, Janet said "Good Morning Paul and a very happy birthday to you". I felt better, some one had remembered. At noon, Janet knocked on my door and said "It's a beautiful day outside and it's your birthday, lets you and I go for linch-just the two of us". I said "By George, that's the best thing that I've heard in a long time, let's go".

We went to lunch, to a place that we normally do mot go, out in the country and very quiet and private. We had a martini or two, and a nice lunch. On the way back to the office, Janet said, "Gosh it's such a lovely day, is there any reason why we should return to the office?" No, I replied, there is no reason at all, what do you think we should do?"

Janet suggested "Let's go to my apartment and I'll fix you a special birthday martini". We raced to her apartment singing "Airborne-All The Way". We enjoyed two or three special martinis and cigarettes.

Then she said, "If you do not mind I would like to go to my bed-room and change into something more comfortable-something more loose". "No, not at all, not at all", I replied excitedly. She went into the bed-room and in three minutes she came out carrying a huge birthday cake forlowed by my wife and kids each carrying a present- all singing "Happy Birthday tooo youuu". She was fully dressed and I'm sitting there with only a pair of jump boots on.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO ROSTER James Benson-Willard Conger-Bill CochranRobert Dail-Glenn Gainer- James MacFadden-David Pierce-Raymond Sampson-Hank Simpson-Figure Stuckey-Eugene Stuckey-Robert Wilson-De Ole H. Priddy--(Donna)-Mason Harold Phoebus (Theresa)



Eugene L. Wilson(Lou Ellen) --

Dennis Diamon--Ray W. Mullen--

I WISH I'D SAID THAT

Mae West: "When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before."

G.J. Nathan: "I drink to make other people more interesting."

W. C. Fields: "We lived for days on nothing but food and water."

QUOTABLE QUOTE

What manner of men are those who wear the Maroon Beret? They are firstly all volunteers and are toughened by hard physical training. As a result, they have that infectious optimism and that offensive eagerness which comes from physical well being. They have jumped from the sky and by so doing have conquered fear. Their duty lies in the van of the battle. They are proud of this honor and have never failed in any task. They have the highest standards in all things whether it be skill in battle or smartness in execution of all peace time duties. They have shown themselves to be as tenacious in defense as they are courageous in the attack. They are in fact a breed apart....every man an Emperor. Of all the factors which make for success in battle, the Spirit of the Warrior is the most decisive. That spirit will be found in full measure in the Men who wear the Maroon Beret."

TO THE MEN OF THE 596 AND THEIR FAMILIES

I want to thank all of you for selecting me as your CEO (President) for the next two years. I will certainly do my best to serve you well. We still have several members of the 596th to locate and I hope each one of you who lives near one or more of them (See list below) will make a few telephone calls to people with the same surname in the former hometown of our unfound comrades. Between now and our 1985 Reunion we should be able to locate several more of our people with the interest and assistance of several of you.

I want to take this opportunity along with my wife Marian to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully we will all remain well and be able to greet the dawn of many more days to come.

Best Wishes, Don Saunders, CEO

Martin J. Costello--Brooklyn, NY

John D. Cullen--Brooklyn, NY

Claude K. Mills--Inez, KY Richard W. Shaw--Bronx, NY

Joe Diaz--St Paul, MN----(Has unlisted phone) Will someone in Minnesota call their local operator and give her Diaz's name and tell her that he has an unlisted number and there is a medical emergency. Edgar L. Wurch--Bronx, NY Ask her to relay this message to Joe and ask him to call Elmer Szakacs--Turin, NY (you COLLECT and give her your name and number)

Edwart T. Horrigan--Bronx, NY

Kaara A. Johnson--Staten Island, NY

Arthur M. Kemp--Camden, NJ----(Has unlisted phone) Will someone nearby use the tried and true medical emergency ploy with Arthur?

Marion J. Kroll--Chicago, IL

Patrick A. Kelly--Brooklyn, NY

Gustav Larsson--Quincy, MA

Joseph C.H. Laliberte-- New York, NY

George E. Misaege--Brackenridge, MN

John J. Moon--Buffalo or Hamburg, NY

Laverne B. Moore--Auburn, NY

Donald F. O'Neil--Buffalo, NY

John J. Riccardi, Yonkers, NY

Charles F. Roberts--Bryn Mawr, PA

William A. Ross--Syracuse, NY

Ray Clevenger--Kansas City, MO----(Has unlisted phone number) Will someone please try the medical emergency approach with Ray?

William f. Thompson--Syracuse, NY

Charles E. Swanson, Edmore, ND

William H. Morgan--Collingston, LA

Where Are They Now?





JUST BETWEEN US

Some of you have never written me one word over the past few years. This discourages and frustrated your paranoid editor and takes some of the fun out of putting this Newsletter together. If this message is directed toward you, I hope you will make and keep a New Year's Resolution to rectify this oversight. Please. Thanks.

If you guys and gals will write a bit more often or even ONE TIME you won't have to read so much poetry. While I wait for your cards and letters, here is a poem that I really like by William R.McLaughlin (187th) that I saw in the December issue of "Static Line":

It is man's nature wanting always to belong...to the very best, The Elite-where traits like loyalty and courage cannot--will not-- accept defeat.

When ordered to perform an almost insurmountable task, does not question why, but plunges into the battle from an unforgiving sky.

Thus, it has been an Airborne duty--Indeed, from the time that it began, to instill character and honor, and bring out the best in every man.

Often I reflect upon the names...of comrades, who wore the Paratrooper's crest, and I knew from the beginning that I was serving with the BEST.

VA BOOKLET
INDIANAPOLIS (ALNS)
The 1983 U.S. Government's publication,
"Federal Benefits for
Veterans and Dependents,"
is now off the press and
available to the public.

The booklet contains a complete listing of all benefits available to veterans and their families or survivors. There are complete lists of all regional offices, medical centers, national cemeteries and vet centers throughout the nation. Also listed are alcohol and drug dependence treatment centers.

The booklet is issued annually and incorporates all of the changes enacted by Congres during the past year. It is one of the most popular of all booklets printed by the government.

The 71-page booklet, prepared by the Veterans Administration, sells for \$4.50. To order, persons should ask for the book by name, and the number: IS-1. The address is Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Just prior to the Reunion, Ann and I had a wonderful visit with Bob and Garnet Dalrymple at their summer place in the Big Sky Country of Montana. Bob tried unsuccessfully to teach me how to fly fish for trout in the Madison River but was it ever FUN!!! And Yellowstone National Park is spectacular. Bob did give me some lessons in drinking martinis and I caught on right away.

Four high-school boys, afflicted with spring fever, skipped morning classes. After lunch, they reported to the teacher that their car had had a flat tire. Much to their relief, she smiled and said: "Well, you missed a test this morning, so take seats apart from one another and get out your notebooks."

Still smiling, she waited for them to settle down. Then she said, "First question: Which tire was flat?"

SECOND CHAMPAGNE CAMPAIGN

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If you have not received the brochure with the details about the upcoming Southern France Tour, please write or call me and I'll send you one. In case you have lost or mislaid the brochure sent to you earlier, here is another reservation form. If you have any questions or wish to go

earlier or stay on longer. please write or call Barbara Seamster. The initial deposit is \$100 per person. The response is very good so don't wait too long to indicate your intentions.

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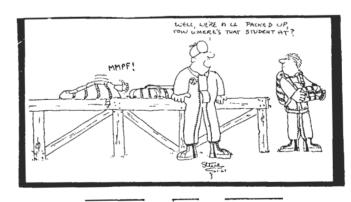
The following definitions of ISM's were provided by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and might be of interest to you:

Communism: You have two cows. The government takes both of them and gives you part of the milk.

Socialism: You have two cows. The government takes one of them and gives it to your neighbor.

areaucracy: You have two cows. The government takes both of them, shoots one and milks the other, then pours the milk down the drain.

Capitalism: You have two cows. You sell one of them and buy a bull.



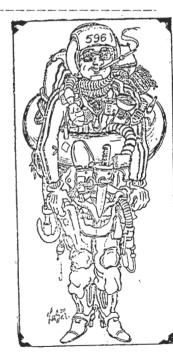
A streaker who was rather dense Tried to hurdle a picket fence. He didn't quite make it, And though he still runs naked, It's no longer a public offense.

Hagar the Horrible

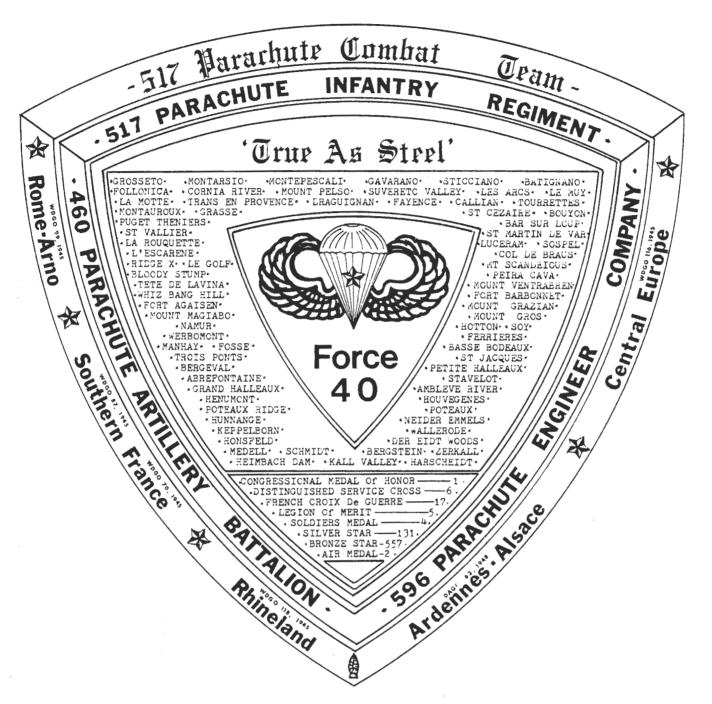




Greenwood and Pop Spencer hunting with one of Moses' Super-dogs.



I can't identify th 596 trooper for cer tain, but he looks suspiciously like same ane from our California contingent.



The men of this Team fought whenever, wherever, and with whomever their lot was cast.



Best wishes
for Christmas

AND

the New Year

"Those who seek for much are left in want of much. Happy is he to whom God has given, with sparing hand, as much as is enough."

Horace