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Garryowen and Welcome ...

Labor Day is history and the weather is finally starting to be cool at night giving a well- deserved respite to the air conditioner. Soon the furnace will be kicking in and the cycle will again be complete. After 53 years on this planet perhaps a job with some type of security would have been the much-loved yet maligned HVAC repairperson.

Let's get to the news: the following troopers are deserving of special recognition for being elected to the Board of Governors for The First Cavalry Division Association at the recently concluded reunion at Ft HOOD. Ronald "Shortround" MIGUT who served in C 1/7 during RVN. Shortround has been working for a number of years to build up a roster of those troopers who served in C 1/7 and I applaud his "willingness" to become involved at the national level. Sherman P. HAIGHT, who served in HHT during WWII and has served with distinction in a number of positions at the national level as well as in our own 7th Cav Association. This span of service in the 7th Cav is what continues to make OUR organization a special one. If memory serves Sherman is also a "plank holder," meaning that he was one of the guys who thought there should be a place to foster the camaraderie that was forged on the field of battle during WWII. That idea grew into a Division Association of which there are thousands upon thousands of members. A hearty GarryOwen to these two troopers. Millard GRAY sends his condolences for not being able to attend the reunion and to receive the Korean War Medal due to some health issues but he offers this tidbit of information. He rode guard on the Mexican border, then shipped to Australia for jungle training and then participated in the island campaigns and went ashore in the second wave for the liberation of the Philippines. After earning enough points, was sent home, discharged and the re-enlisted and was sent back to Japan, pulling guard duty on the war contraband. Then the Korean War broke out and he was shipped over to the peninsula, receiving a Purple Heart, and convalescing in Japan and back to finish his tour. During his time in the service Millard spent 7 years and 10 months in the 2nd Battalion. Is there anyone out there with this kind of longevity with any unit of the 7th? GarryOwen to both Millard and his lovely wife Carolyn.

It is time to start thinking about a new slate of Officers for the 7th Cavalry Association, whose term expires at the reunion, next year in Colorado. If you have any interest in being nominated to any of the Officer positions, please contact Bill RICHARDSON, Jim BRIGHAM or myself. In order to be elected

to an officer position you must be able to verify service with any unit of the 7th Cavalry. Contrary to popular belief, the elections are held during the luncheon at the reunion (sorry, no proxy's) and the term is for two years. This is your chance to step up and be counted as we continue to grow the organization by fostering the ideals of camaraderie. At the same time, we will need a new scribe for our organization. I have been writing this column for over 5 years (Milwaukee '96) and the column that I send to Texas in July of '02 will be my last one. That will complete six full years and 37 columns as your reporter and I have tried to report what our diverse readers have wanted to hear. It has been a labor of love and quite frankly I didn't believe that it would have gone on this long (thanks Ed), but it is time for someone else to take up the pen. These columns are only as interesting (or not) as the material that is received. The position of scribe is a non-elected position, so if you have an interest, please let me know.

I recently received a letter and a picture from John L. ANDERSON, who served in A 2/7 in '70. A friend of his found a silk Japanese banner in a landfill, of all places, in Wood County, WV. The banner has hand drawn First Cav and hand drawn GarryOwen Crests on it. It measures 26.5" by 36.5" and contains the names, cities and states of 12 troopers, whom John assumes helped capture it. These troopers are as follows: Frank KARPINSKI, St. Louis, MO; Virgil TALLANT, MS; Harry BOWMAN, Johnson City, TN; Arthur STUNKRAUS, Leonard, ND; Edward P. LAND, Lexington, KY; Fred SCHAAB, Evanston, IL; Rufus BRYSON, Blountsville, AL; Ernite MARTIN, Oakland, CA; Hollis MERRIFIELD, AuSable Forks, NY, Deems HOLLINGSWORTH, Faison, NC; Richard W. DEAN, Belfair, WA; and Robert E. COOK, Sigel, PA. If any of you are reading this article and can shed some light on this fascinating piece of our WWII experience please contact either John or myself ASAP. John can be reached at either andjjja@msn.com or 304.679.3176. Perhaps this article might be better off in The First Cavalry Division Museum?

Tom RICHARDSON, A 1/7, e-mails to advise that shortly after attending the reunion in TX, he started to receive a lot more SPAM in his in box, including some potentially nasty viruses, including the obnoxious HAHAHA, indicating possibly that the roster had fallen into a bad person's possession. His point is well taken, although I believe it to be a coincidence, but the warning should not go unheeded. If you do not know the sender, you would be well advised NOT to open any attachments. Even knowing the sender WILL NOT guarantee that you will not receive a virus. This roster has a number of improvements over previous year's editions, to include e-mail addresses. This electronic medium allows us to communicate with each other virtually instantaneously and with almost no monetary cost, however if you want me to exclude your e-mail from next year's roster, please advise. I have even received this HAHAHA at work so I'm reasonably confident that the names come from places other than our roster. The insidious nature of these viruses is that they ferret out a person's e-mail address and then send out the message to that address listing, an unsuspecting person then opens the attachment and the cycle continues. I would also suggest that if you don't have a good viruses protection program, you invest the \$29 to get one.

Jim SAVAGE, our Website manager reports that he has secured the continued rights to OUR 7th Cavalry Website for another 5 years. He also asks me to remind everyone that the Association has FREE e-mail service. For more information on this service please visit the Website and ask how to get the free service. This is just one more service that your Association brings to you. Jim also reports that the 4/7 has a new Commander as of 1Sep as LTC HILL has taken over for LTC Joseph WALLACE. As everyone should remember the 4/7 still serves on the Korean peninsula, standing literally in harm's way, each and every day.

Jim BRIGHAM, our Association VP wishes to invite all 7th Cavalry to the 2/7 mixer on 9Nov at the

Hilton National / Crystal City in Arlington. Cash bar opens at 1800 with the buffet set to begin at 1900. This mixer will be very informal and a special program will follow the dinner. This is the Friday of the weekend of the annual gathering of those who fought and solemnly remember the casualties of LZ XRAY and ALBANY, now 36 years ago. Joe GALLOWAY reports that the movie appears to be set for a spring '02 release, perhaps even around Memorial Day. What a fitting tribute that would be. I believe that some of the film stars (the actual stars are the Band of Brothers) are planning to attend the Ia DRANG reunion. More on that later.

I'm looking for a couple of troopers who sailed to RVN from both the 1/7 and 2/7 to send in a few paragraphs describing what the quarters were like, the chow, the training, the accommodations, seasickness, freedom to explore or just anything that you remember about the voyage. I'm also looking for any trooper who sailed to Australia during WWII to share their experiences and I will tabulate and compare everything that I receive in a later column. Come on guys, just jot down a few lines and send it on. I still have unfinished business in the name of tabulating call signs from all era's. For example the 1/7 was Red Baron for a very LONG time: Alpha was Phantom Raider; Bravo was Crazy Horse; Charlie was Kool Killer; Delta was Silver Spartan and Echo was Swift Strike. In today's "politically correct" world some of these call signs would never see the light of day. The First Platoon was of course 1/6 and so on. In about July or August of '70 someone lost an SOI and we seemed to change our Battalion, Company and Platoon names, it seemed every couple of weeks. I'm not sure who was more confused the NVA or us. For example the 1/7 became Brutal Effort: Alpha was Pouring Hunger; Bravo was Twisty Gulps; Charlie was Fenton Stages; Delta was Ultra Option and Echo became Citrus Brunt. A six became a 14 unless you were 1/6, who became 40; 2/6 became 73; 3/6 became 75 and 4/6 became 76. I'm not making these up either. I wonder what "cloak and dagger" guy dreamed these names up. To this day I'm still referred by guys that I served with as 2/6 (Alpha) or 3/6 (Charlie). To me those call signs have defined who I am and what I became. Raider 2/6 has so much more panache than Pouring Hunger 73. Who were you? Send it in and I'll tabulate it for a column as well as a page in the next roster. Call signs are also part of who we are (were).

At dinner this evening my wife was sharing a story about our daughters roommate who recently returned from a 3-week trip to Africa. It seems as though she had neglected to take her daily anti-malaria tablets and is being checked out by the medics as possibly having contracted malaria. I told her that as the 2/6, I was required to administer the weekly Big Orange Pill and the Daily Little White Pill and keep a roster of those activities. When I cleared Phuoc Vinh I was issued a 30-day supply of pills and was quite happy to take them every day.

Regarding pay, as a 1LT, I earned \$577.20 basic pay, supplemented by \$65.00 for Hostile Fire (we all got that), \$47.88 for subsistence and \$44.65 for something else, which equates to a grand total of \$734.73 per month. Whatever that last figure was for, \$43.09 of it was deducted back out every month and of course my riflemen were getting shot at for a lot less.

Some time in the next few weeks send a hearty GarryOwen to BG (ret) Arthur J. JUNOT at Association Headquarters. "The General" has done a wonderful job as Executive Director for our Division Association and has provided me personally with wise counsel over my five plus years as scribe and president. In fact while you are at it, give thanks to Bob LITTLE, Lorinda DAVISON and Martha FISHER. These folks are the ones who "make it happen" for The First Team Association. Bob was also the 2/7 Battalion Commander from Mar - Aug of '66. Thank you Art and may you enjoy your retirement.

I'm pleased to report that Dennis KECK was recently promoted to Sergeant Major. During the late spring of '70, Dennis was a Rifle Platoon Leader in C 1/7. When the RIF took place in the early '70's he got out of the Army for about five years and then re-enlisted as a Sergeant. When the time came for the official promotion ceremony to take place he called his former buddy Phil ZOOK to do the honor. This achievement speaks highly of our RVN brothers, some of whom continue to serve our Army and Nation. Congratulations to both Dennis and Phil.

The following troopers attended the recent 125th anniversary of the Little Bighorn Battle this past June: Greg SCHLIEVE; Jim BRIGHAM; Sid LINVERS; John McBRIDE; Donald KOPIS; Fred STEVENS; James SAGERHORN; Michael DOROBIALA; Al JELTON; David PRZEPIORA; Charles KINCAID; John HUNTZ; Bill RICHARDSON; Harold Bannister; John CROWDEN; Kenneth HEIN; Howard Patterson; Felix YASIS and Phil ANDERSON. I am also pleased to see that the '04 reunion will again be in Milwaukee and you Midwesterners, if you have never been to a reunion, should plan on that. We had a grand time in Wisconsin in '96. Julie and the cats along with the old and gray Phantom Raider 2/6 say GarryOwen from Michigan.

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Your foxhole buddy is just a phone call away. Why not try to find him now? If you have copies of orders for awards, company rosters or copies of morning reports any item with list of names you are urged to make copies and send to Jim Brigham for addition to the reference file. This file is used to verify those seeking membership and also to form search lists.

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