VA Research in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Anxiety disorders are a group of syndromes including panic disorder, general anxiety disorder, phobias, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Post-traumatic stress disorder is a syndrome that follows exposure to a traumatic stress. Symptoms include persistent reexperiencing of the traumatic event, avoidance of stimuli associated with the trauma, and hyperarousal. Typical stressors include natural disasters, violent crimes, accidents, and warfare.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) historically has been referred to as combat fatigue, war neurosis, or shell shock. Clearly, intense trauma may produce vivid memories that could last a lifetime. Only recognized as a distinct diagnostic entity in 1980, PTSD is now recognized as a disease that carries considerable morbidity, resistance to treatment, and a chronic course. Patients often experience learning difficulties and have difficulties with memory.

Research indicates that in PTSD several brain structures may be dysfunctional with alterations in multiple neurotransmitters. Future clinical research should focus on these neurobiologic dysfunctions so that more effective therapy evolves to counteract the acute responses to trauma. One approach would be to develop drugs that specifically block conditioned fear. A better understanding of the relationship between specific brain structures and neurochemical systems and clinical symptoms could identify new, targeted therapies for PTSD patients. Research has not identified why some patients are more predisposed to development of PTSD after exposure to trauma. It is thought that the primary symptoms of PTSD are related to neural mechanisms involved in fear conditioning, behavioral sensitization, and altered function of specific brain regions and neurochemical systems. Many patients, in an attempt to decrease the stress involved in PTSD, frequently abuse alcohol and opiates.

VA is unquestionably a world leader in research on PTSD. As a result, VA researchers have continued to play a prominent role in establishing the American Psychiatric Association’s diagnostic criteria for PTSD. VA supported the first systematic epidemiologic study undertaken by any nation to assess the current and lifetime prevalence of PTSD among its military veterans. This study, The National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study (NVVRS), also broke new ground by focusing on the importance of sex and ethnicity as risk factors for PTSD. The NVVRS group of over 3,000 veterans included distinct groups of African American, Hispanic, and female veterans. Sensitivity to such ethnocultural issues has been carried one step further in the Matsunaga Study, an NVVRS-like survey of Navajo, Sioux, Native Hawaiian, and Japanese American Vietnam veterans in which cross-cultural psychological expertise is integrated with rigorous epidemiological and PTSD assessment methods.

VA research has developed some major questionnaires and interviews for assessing PTSD among military veterans. These include the Mississippi Scale for Combat Related PTSD, the Women’s War-Time Exposure Scale, the MMPI-PTSD Scale, and the Clinician Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS). These scales, initially standardized on Vietnam veterans, have also been successfully modified for research on World War II, Korean, and Persian Gulf veterans (including former prisoners of war) and for American forces recently returned from UN peacekeeping operations in Somalia.

VA has also led the way with psychophysiological and neurobiological research on PTSD. A recently completed 15-site cooperative study on the psychophysiology of PTSD has confirmed the work of earlier VA research showing that PTSD patients exhibit heightened autonomic nervous system reactivity when confronted by stimuli reminiscent of the initial traumatic event. Clinical application of these findings has resulted in improved assessment techniques and behavioral treatment approaches for PTSD patients.

JAPAN IS ‘SORRY’ BUT POW ARTHUR CANNOT FORGIVE

By JOHN JEFFAY
Manchester News

Former prisoner-of-war Arthur Lane this week bitterly attacked the new Japanese leadership over its belated apologies and offers of war reparation.

He claimed their sudden mood of repentance for prison camp atrocities was nothing more than a cynical maneuver to boost their world image. And he said their offer of $10,000 compensation to British survivors and widows was pitiful.

Arthur, aged 72, from Stockport, was forced to work for three-and-a-half years building the Bangkok to Rangoon railway after he was captured by the Japanese during the Second World War.

He has since published two books based on his experiences and is due to bring out a third later this year.

"Thousands of people are still suffering from what they did," he said.

"The Japanese are supposed to be great believers in the Code of Bushido (Gentlemen’s Honour) which states that if you dishonour another person and you wish to repent of that you must cut off the top joint of your little finger and send it to them."

"I’ve been dishonoured and I’m still waiting for the Prime Minister to send me his finger. Then I’ll believe he’s sorry."

The new Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa announced last month that his country was finally facing up to its guilt nearly half a century after the war ended.

He said billions of yen could be made available for reparation to former prisoners of war.

But the move is thought by many to be a pre-emptive bid to halt a lengthy hearing at the European Court of Human Rights brought by ex-POW groups.

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HELP

Did you know or do you remember Col. Leonard Roscoe Crews, Cir. # 0-793? He was Supply Officer Harbor Defense. Headquarters Battery, was in the Death March and a Prisoner of War. Would appreciate hearing from old buddies or friends.

Joe L. Crews 
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FUTURE MEETINGS

Executive Board Meeting — Little Rock, Arkansas. Excelsior Hotel, Jan. 20-23, 1994. Room rate $60.00 s/d — call hot el (501) 375-5000.


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VA researchers are second to none in neurobiological studies of PTSD. Such research indicates that this disorder is associated with marked abnormalities in several major neurobiological systems. These include the adrenergic, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenocortical, thyroid, and opioid system. It appears that other neurobiological systems that enable humans to cope with severe stress are also altered in PTSD, but research in this area is just beginning. Such findings are paving the way for the development of effective drug treatments for PTSD.

VA research findings and clinical experience indicate that PTSD is a complex and persistent illness that is difficult to treat in chronic patients. As a result, studies on treatment outcome comprise an important area of research among active VA investigators. These include controlled trials of behavioral or pharmacological therapies for patients with chronic PTSD. Other studies have focused on the effectiveness of different inpatient therapeutic strategies for alleviating PTSD symptoms. An important outcome study, currently in progress, is testing a treatment approach for patients dually diagnosed with both PTSD and alcohol dependency or abuse.

Non-VA investigators and clinicians have applied the knowledge gained from the VA studies. Many abnormalities found in veterans with PTSD appear also to be present among survivors of non-combat traumatic events such as sexual assault, natural disasters, child abuse, political torture, and industrial accidents. In addition to its pertinence to the understanding and treatment of PTSD in veterans, VA research has also had an important influence on research and treatment concerning anyone who suffers from PTSD.

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was mandated by the U.S. Congress in 1984 under Public Law 98-528 to carry out a broad range of multidisciplinary activities in research, education, and training. Such initiatives support system wide efforts to understand, diagnose, and treat PTSD in veterans who have been exposed to traumatic stress during their military service. The current National Center, which was established in 1989, is a 7-part consortium with divisions located in White River Junction, VT, West Haven, CT, Menlo Park, CA, Boston, MA, and Honolulu, HI.

The Center is a world leader in research on psychological, psychophysiological, and neurobiological aspects of PTSD. Such activities include the development of diagnostic assessment tools, identification of biological markers, and development of effective treatments for PTSD. Although the Center has a core recurring budget that supports many of its staff members, it depends on VA sponsored research programs for much of the research it conducts. Examples of some current VA sponsored projects are as follows:

- The Psychophysiology Cooperative Study tested over 2,000 veterans from 15 VA's across the country. It will improve diagnosis in veterans who seek treatment for PTSD.
- The Women's Trauma Consortium Project is working on several studies relating to the health status, symptom evaluation, and treatment of female veterans from WW II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.
- The Ethnic Minorities (Matsunaga) Study is an epidemiological survey of the prevalence of PTSD among American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Asian American Vietnam veterans. Its results will assist VA in providing appropriate diagnosis and treatment of PTSD in minority veterans.
- There are 2 longitudinal studies of veterans who served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. Both will help clinicians identify individuals who may be at risk for developing long-term problems after military service.
- The Clinical Psychopharmacology Program testing the effectiveness of Prozac and Clomipramine for treating PTSD.
- The Clinical Laboratory is testing an innovative treatment for veterans dually diagnosed with both PTSD and alcohol/substance abuse.
- The Evaluation Division is assessing PTSD treatment outcome at treatment units throughout the VA system.

NEVER PLAN TOMORROW
By JOSEPH A. PETAK
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American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, Inc.
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Dear Sir:
I am attempting to contact survivors of Bataan and Corregidor and/or former POWs imprisoned in Japan who may have served in my late uncle, Mack Smith, CPL, USMC, USMG, serial number 278217. He was stationed in Shanghai, China in 1940 with Co. F, 2nd Bn., 4th Marines and later HQ Co., 2nd Bn., 4th Marines. According to his service record he was also a member of A or I Co., 1st Separate Marine BN. in Oct. 1941 until joining I Co., 3rd BN., 4th Marines in Jan. 1942. He was taken POW in May, 1942 with the surrender of Corregidor and was incarcerated at Bilibid Prison. It is unknown when he was transported to Japan but records indicate he was a prisoner at Sakagreima (Osaka, Japan) and Akenobi (Yokohama, Japan) prison camps. He was liberated at the latter camp on Sept. 6, 1945 and subsequently returned to the USA aboard the USS Ozark. Upon stateside return he was assigned to Casualty Co. No. 2, USNH, Oakland, Calif. 2 Oct. 1945. Shortly thereafter he was granted 60 days leave and returned to his hometown of Dinuba, Calif., where, tragically, he died Sept. 1945 due to injuries received in an auto accident.

In the past year I have contacted numerous survivor organizations and individuals in hopes of contacting person/s who served with my late uncle, but to date the results have been negative. My mother (his sister) and I would greatly appreciate any or all of this letter being placed in your newsletter or paper. I sincerely feel it is our last, yet best, opportunity to contact former friends, fellow Marines, and/or POWs who knew Mack Smith.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Tom Zerol
346 Jorje Way
Henderson, NY 10014
(702) 456-4204

RIGHTS TO BOOK ACQUIRED

Dear Friend:
My agent in New York City has just advised me that Wiley Publishers, a major firm in Manhattan (New York City), has acquired rights to my book on the Rangers/Alamo Scouts rescue mission at Cabanatuan.

William B. Breuer
3815 Westview Drive, NE
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312

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SAM CALDWELL
Sam F. Caldwell of Lakewood Drive, Ocilla, who spent nearly four years as a prisoner of Japanese armed forces during World War II, died Saturday morning at a lengthy illness at the V.A. Medical Center in Dublin. He was 73.

Caldwell was among the Corregidor and Bataan defenders in the Philippines in the opening weeks of the war. He was among the Japanese forces held for 13 days in the infamous Bataan Death March, and spent three years, nine months in Japanese prison camps in the Philippines. He endured the ordeal, returning to Atlanta in October of 1945 one day after his 25th birthday.

A native of Cook county, Mr. Caldwell was born Oct. 22, 1919, the son of the late George T. and Nellie Cousins Caldwell. Retired as a clerk at Dill's Ace Hardware in Ocilla, he had lived here since 1947 and was married to the former Myrtice Cook. He was a member of the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor, the V.F.W., Disabled American Veterans, and the Flatland Chapter of Ex-Pow's. He and his wife attended a number of reunions of the ex-prisoners of war held at various points in the country in past years. He was also a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtice Caldwell, Ocilla; two sons; William Caldwell of Lakewood Drive, Ocilla, and Carl Caldwell, 35; an honorary member of the Shriner's and a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church.

Three brothers: Carl E. Caldwell, Ceci Caldwell, and Melvin Caldwell, and a sister, Mildred Epps. Three grandchildren also survive.

OCA DAVIS
James R. Davis, a retired rear admiral who directed construction of Navy seaplane bases during World War II and was a prisoner of war for more than three years, died Aug. 30, 1993, after a lengthy illness. He was 81.

Rear Adm. Davis was born in Providence, R.I., and was a 1934 graduate of the Naval Academy. He served two years at sea before transferring to the Navy's Civil Engineers Corps. He earned a master's degree in civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and was a member of the Sigma Xi honorary science fraternity.

In November, 1941, while serving at the Cavitte Navy Yard in the Philippines, he directed Navy Seabees building advanced seaplane bases. During the Japanese bombardment of Corregidor, Rear Adm. Davis and a small force of men maintained electrical power to the besieged island fortress for four months, giving the Navy time to recover from the Pearl Harbor attack and helping to prevent an invasion of Australia.

Rear Adm. Davis was captured and served as POW administrator of the Shinagawa POW Hospital Camp, where he observed the destruction of Tokyo. He was awarded two bronze stars after the war.

Following assignments in California, Virginia, Seattle and Washington, D.C., he was promoted to rear admiral at age 47. He served as commanding officer of the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Huene before returning to San Diego as director of the Southwest Division of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

In 1968, Rear Adm. Davis took dual command of the Pacific Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks, and the Naval Construction Battalion, Pacific. Based in Pearl Harbor, he directed all naval construction from Alaska to Australia, including the vast buildup for the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Legion of Merit when he retired in 1966.

He returned to San Diego, where he served as director of public works for the Port Authority. He retired in 1970 to pursue his interests in earthquake preparedness and seismic engineering, and often spoke to service clubs. He was a member of the Schoila Club and Q.E.D.

He is survived by his wife, Helen McLaughlin Davis; three daughters, Alison Tibbitts, Patricia Davis and Helen Sue; a son, Dr. Christopher Davis, and four grandchildren.

DANIEL R. AUGUSTINE
Daniel R. DeAugustine, 74, of Jeannette, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 1993, in Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born Jan. 13, 1919, in Johnetta, a son of the late James V. and Rosella Guida DeAugustine.

Prior to retirement, he was employed as a crane operator for the Elliott Co. of Jeannette, with 30 years of service. He was a member of Ascension Church, Jeannette, and a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Force. He was a prisoner of war for three and one-half years; a life member of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 35; and a member of the Academy of Southern Electricians.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Machuga DeAugustine, in 1989; three brothers, James J., Frank and Peter DeAugustine; and a sister, Mary Donofrio.

He is survived by a son, James D.; two daughters, Mrs. Allan (Rosella) Pierce and Susan DeAugustine; a brother, John A.; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Tressa) Remic and Mrs. John R. (Genevieve) Hornung; six grandchildren; and a great grandson.
JOSEPHINE HATTEN

Josephine Hatten, age 70, of Joliet, passed away Thursday, Sept. 9, 1993, at St. Vincent Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born at Red Lodge, Nov. 19, 1922, a daughter of Henry and Emma Wilcox. She was married to Thomas J. Hatten on Nov. 3, 1946, at Billings. Josephine worked for the ASCS office in Joliet for 30 years. She was very active in the Episcopalian Church of Our Savior in Joliet and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Josephine's motivating forces were her grandchildren and her yard. She enjoyed growing roses and dahlias and enjoyed crafts.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas, of Joliet; two daughters and their husbands, Joey and Jerry Voto, Edie and John Kline; two brothers, Burton Wilcox and Bill Wilcox; and four grandchildren, Johnnn, Gerri, Josh and Carrie.

HENRY KORCZAK

Henry Korczak, born Aug. 21, 1910, died Sept. 29, 1993. He was a loving husband to Myrtle Korczak and a loving father to Connie & Jerry Korczak.

Hank had a very severe stroke and was in the hospital only 5 days. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered over Longs Peak in the Rocky Mountains. A Masonic service was held before the plane took off by the Weston Masonic Lodge, Littleton, Colorado. His son and son-in-law went with the plane to scatter his ashes. He loved flying and so we let him do that once again.

PNC JOHN R. LYONS

PNC John R. Lyons, 23908 Gamma St., Moreno Valley, California 92553, passed away on Saturday, July 10, 1993 of liver failure, kidney failure and lung failure (total life support) and finally heart failure. John was WSC Commander 1982-83 and National Commander of ADBC 1985-86. He was one of the originators of the 31st Infantry Regiment Assoc. and was National Commander of that association 1983-85. John had been a member of B Company in 1939 to 1941 when he was transferred to the HQ & HQ Detachment Bn. of the 31st.

John was also the instigator for the WSC “Find a Buddy” project which has gone nationwide for ADBC. He is survived by his wife Jo, daughter Barbara Omstad and his stepson Ed Kirscher.

Editor's Note: We are sorry to report no one sent me a copy of his death notice. I am sure everyone thought the other fellow mailed it in.

DECEMBER, 1993 — 5
Ben Lowe, 87, of San Bernardino, died Oct. 3 at Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Hospital in Loma Linda. The cause of death is unknown, pending a doctor’s report.

Lowe, a native of Sevierville, Tenn., lived in San Bernardino County for 43 years. He worked as a jet inspector for Norton Air Force Base for 10 years after serving 24 years in the Air Force. In World War II, he was a POW in Japan for 43 months. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans, San Bernardino Masonic Lodge 348 F&AM Scottish Rite. He was a life member of the NRA.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; a daughter, Jillene Germond; a son, Tymothy; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held.

G.W. McDaniel, JR.
G.W. McDaniel, Jr., 77, of Dallas, TX, died Wednesday, July 14, in Dallas.

He was born Dec. 23, 1915, in Stigler, the son of George W. and Dicie (Bur nee) McDaniel. He served as a United States Marine during WW II, having volunteered in 1941. He was captured by the Japanese on Wake Island in the Southern Pacific and was held a Prisoner of War for four and one-half years. He was discharged as Sergeant from military in 1946 in Norman. He was married to the former Irene Davies on July 19, 1951, in Van Burem, AR. He retired from Oryx Energy after 37 years as Petroleum Draftman.

Graveside services, with Military Honors provided by members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4446, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, with Rev. Randy Crumley officiating. Burial was in Stigler Cemetery under the direction of Mallory Funeral Home.

McDaniel is survived by his wife, Irene of the home; two sons, Patrick Km McDaniel and wife, Cindy and Billy Wayne McDaniel and wife, Kathy; and three grandchildren, Bryan, Kelsey and Colin.

DECEASED — NO DETAILS

SAMUEL J. BERGAM
USS Houston Survivors
Died 1985

KEITH C. TURNER
1855 Hawthorne Avenue
Waterloo, IA 50702

RAYMOND D. REED
Died Sept. 21, 1993
Runaway Bay, TX 78426

HERBERT C. NEUMANN

He was in the Navy aboard the USS Canopus. The ship scuttled and the crew was sent ashore to Corregidor. He was injured the day of surrender. Herbert was discharged from the hospital to an open area of confinement on Corregidor for about 10 days.


He is survived by wife of 43 years, one daughter, two sons, two sisters, six grandchildren.

He was a Life Member of American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Disabled American Veterans.

HARLAN E. POWELL
Harlan E. Powell, 70, of Portage/Madison, WI, died Sept. 5, 1993. He was a Veteran of WW II, serving with the U.S. Army and held prisoner of war in the Pacific for 3½ years. He was a member of the Badger Chapter and Southern Chapter of AXIPOW, ADC and DAV, American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Eva Jean, a son, two daughters, a brother, seven grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. He will be greatly missed.

CARROLL C. SHERMAN
Graveside services for Mr. Carroll C. Sherman, 75, of Haynesville, were held on Sunday, May 30 at the Old Town Cemetery with the Rev. George Sherman officiating. Services under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Haynesville.

Mr. Sherman died Friday, May 28, at the Heritage Nursing Center in Haynesville after a sudden illness. He was a native and long-time resident of Haynesville, a Methodist and was retired from Marathon Oil Company. He served during World War II in the Army Air Corps, was a POW and survived the Bataan Death March. He also received a Bronze Star. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the NRA.

He was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Rayford and Frances Sherman. Survivors include three nephews, Robert Carroll Sherman, John David Sherman and Alan Brian Sherman and several cousins.

MICHAEL PINKOVSKY
Michael Pinkovsky, age 75, formerly of Orlando, FL, died September 15, 1993 at Panama City, FL. He is a survivor of the Bataan Death March and several POW camps. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and son Dennis and 2 grandchildren.

JIM SMALLWOOD
Jim Smallwood died August 27, 1993 in Mesa, Ariz. He was in the P.I. when Bataan fell April 9. He was in the Air Raid Warning Unit, Death March, O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, Camp 17, Omuta, Japan.

He is survived by his wife Wilma and three daughters.

EDWARD L. STONE
This letter is to report to you the death of Edward L. Stone who died suddenly at his home in Menlo Park, California, August 31, 1993, age 72.

Ed enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps before World War II and was on duty in the Philippines on December 7, 1941. Subsequently he was sent to Bataan, then ordered to Corregidor where he was captured as a prisoner of war. He was interned as a prisoner of war for 3½ years, most of that time in Osaka, Japan.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Prisoner of War medal. He married Marion Johnson May 29, 1946, completed his education at the U of Wisconsin, Madison, earning a degree in Dairy Industry. Subsequently he became a Vice President of Foremost Foods Co., International Division, in which job he traveled extensively to foreign countries.

Ed, originally from Reedsburg, Wisconsin, had lived in Menlo Park, California for 39 years, was retired at the time of his death.

Funeral Services were in Menlo Park September 3. A Marine Honor Guard participated in the graveside service at Skyline Cemetery in San Mateo. Ed is survived by his wife, Marion, two sons, Michael and John, two daughters, Kathy and Pat, and 6 grandchildren.

ROBERT E. SPARKS
Robert E. Sparks, 17th Sqd., 27th GP, Fresno, CA, passed away August '93. No further information available. With the passing of this 17th Sqd. man, 33 of the 190 members survive.

GLENN SWISHER
This is to inform you to stop sending The Quan to Mr. Swisher as he passed away May 23, 1992. He is buried at the National Cemetery in Hampton, VA.

Yours truly,
Wanda Swisher
ROBERT ERNEST SNELL
Cpl. USA Serial No. 18043879
2nd Observation Sqd. 27 Bomb Group
Died 17 February, 1951
Littleton, Arapahoe Co., Colorado

Robert Ernest Snell, 37, of Carrizoza, N.M., was one of the two men who lost their lives in the Walkhurst blaze Sunday. Snell, employed since last fall as a cook, was evidently overcome by smoke and gases when he returned to his third-story bedroom to save some clothing. According to fellow employees, Snell had reached comparative safety on the second floor when he determined to re-enter his room. Fire Chief W.W. Taylor said the heavy smoke and gases were probably from the room.

A husky, Air Force veteran, survivor of the Bataan Death March, and three years as a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, Snell was holder of the Purple Heart among other decorations. He was wounded in the right forearm before his capture by the Japanese in 1942. He had worked all his life on his parents' ranch before his enlistment in 1938.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Snell, both dead, Snell is survived by five sisters and three brothers. A nephew, Albert May, called Police Chief E. E. Monzingo late Monday to verify the report of his death. Mr. and Mrs. May, with a brother of the dead man, Walter Snell, arrived in Littleton Tuesday to follow the search for the body. A sister, arrived Wednesday from Mountainair, N.M.

LEIGHTON A. TELLER

Leighton A. Teller, age 79, of Corvallis, Montana, passed away August 23, 1993, at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital, Hamilton, Montana. He was inducted into the Army Air Force at Sacramento, California, April 7, 1941. He was assigned to the 440th Ordnance Company, (Avn. Bomb) 19th Bomb Group. Leighton was a major at the time he was taken prisoner at Malaybalay, Mindanao P.I., May 10, 1942. The prison camps where he was incarcerated were: Malaybalay, Cagayan, Depecol Mindanao (Davao Penal Colony), Bilibid Prison Camp, and Yokichi and Toyama, Japan. He was liberated from Toyama Prison Camp, September 5, 1945.

He was a member of Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (The Quan), POW P.I. Northwest Chapter and Western States Chapter, and life member of American Ex-POW. He is survived by his wife, Loyce, a son, Stephen, and daughter, Janet Beckman, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki Lee Brown, age 34. Leighton was born at Spokane, Washington, February 10, 1914. He was a life member of Spokane Masonic Lodge, No. 34, F&A.M.

FRANCIS WAGNER

Francis Wagner, 17th Sqd., 27th GP, Hardin, Missouri, passed away. Sorry, no other information available. With the passing of this 17th Sqd. man, 33 of the 190 members survive.

JOHN WHITE

Col. John White, 83, formerly of Fort Wayne, died June 27 at Stanford University Medical Center in California. Born in Fort Wayne, he had lived in Melbaker, Calif., for the last 32 years after retiring from the U.S. Marines. He was a prisoner of war in Shanghai, China, during World War II and wrote a book about his experiences titled, "The Marines in North China." He also fought in the Korean War and was decorated a number of times. Surviving is a niece, Jeanne White Whatley, Military graveside services were held in Lindenwood Cemetery.

JOHN W. SPAINHOWER


CAN YOU CORRECT THESE ADDRESSES

Fredric Foz
1658 Hodlana Street
San Francisco, CA 96282

Lyle G. Hulbert
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Rapid City, SD 57701-6108

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4656 North D St.
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Sgt. Restituto Navarro
1713 Noche Buena
Seaside, CA 93955

The Chaplain’s Corner

As the Holiday Seasons approach we do well to stop in the routines of our lives to consider our many blessings. May their celebrations never become “routine” to us. May our prayers to God be very well used.

We Americans celebrate Thanksgiving at the time of Harvest; as our Pilgrim forefathers dedicated their first harvest to God, so we continue to remember each Fall that our very existence and nourishment are in His hands. And we give Him our deeply felt thanks.

In December both Christians and Jewish Faiths observe major festivals. The festival of Hanukkah is a festival of remembrance by the Jewish people; Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the temple at Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrians. God has delivered them and they made a commitment to honor that deliverance each year. This is the celebration of Hanukkah.

The Feast of Christmas is also one of joy and deliverance for Christians. On this day, also known as the Feast of the Nativity, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary in fulfillment of the prophets. Christians know Jesus as our Messiah and Saviour, atonement for the sins of us all. We rejoice in being His children.

All three of these festivals have a common thread of thought: all three of them turn our thoughts and attentions away from ourselves and direct them toward God. God is the center of all being and when we celebrate Him and His workings in the human race, then we are making progress in our search for meaning of life. We thank Him for His intervention in the lives of these Pilgrims, the Jewish people, and Christians around the world.

We celebrate His being God. Have a joyous Holiday Season, and remember that God loves you.

Fr. Bob+

REQUESTING INFORMATION

I was informed by (2291) David English that I could place an ad for information as a P.O.W. that served on the P.I. in 1941.

I need information on my cousin as I am the last of his heirs and was only 8 when he was shipped to Manila and have some of his snapshots and an American Flag.

Information please regarding:

- Earl Fay Fode
  263 A.M.C.A.B.
- Nichols Field
- Rizal, P.I.
- Arrived on the Republic about May 1941.

Please contact:

- Jane Schlacht
  P.O. Box 1008
  Cannon Beach, OR 97110
  (503) 436-1292

Thank You

DECEMBER, 1993 — 7
Sincere Holiday Greetings to All
Agnes and Art Aquillan

Season's Greetings to All
Rufus and Joan Adams

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Celia Ayers

Merry Christmas and to All,
God Bless
Mildred and P/N/C Phil Arslanian

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Rose Aquillan and Family

Our Wishes for a Happy and
Healthy Holiday Season
Albert and Nancy Allen

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Dolores Bennett

Season's Greetings to All
Annette and P/N/C Chuck Bloskis

Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes to All
Grace and Charles Brehm

Merry Christmas and
Happy, Healthy New Year
John E. and Rose E. Bowler

Season's Greetings from
The Gold Star Mothers
Mrs. Lura Brazeau —
Gold Star Mother

Season's Greetings to All
Zita and P/N/C Samuel Bloom, M.D.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All
Ernie Bales

Happy and Healthy Holidays
to All
Joe and Ella Barna

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
Mrs. and P/N/C Arthur Beale

Season's Greetings from
Ann Bressi and Family

Season's Greetings to All
Albert and Alberta Bland

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from Kentucky
Pat and Louise Boone

Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year
Jim and Pauline Brown

My Sincerest Wishes to Everyone
for a Joyous Christmas and a
Healthy and Happy New Year
Ann A. Bernatitus

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to each of you.
I wish you much Happiness
and miss seeing you, my friends
Sue Bass

Merry Christmas and
a Happy, Healthy New Year
With Love
Meriam and Comdr. Frank Bigelow

Our Sincere wishes for a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.
Talmadge and Rose Bridger

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Tom and Rose Calderone

To All P.O.W's and Families a
"Merry Christmas and a New Year
Full of God's Blessings Daily"
Lillian Carr

Season's Greetings to All
Eileen Collen

Best Wishes for
Happy and Healthy 1994
Jack and Ruth Castor

Holiday Greetings to All
Gerry Cantwell

Season's Greetings to All
God Bless
Marie Cavanaugh

Our Best Wishes for a
Merry Christmas and
a Healthy New Year
Wade and Marian Chio

Our Best Wishes for All
Our Friends for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
Norm and Eve Christ

To Our Many Friends in A.D.B.C.,
We extend Our Wishes for a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
Bob and Martha Craig

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Florence and P/N/C John Crago

Merry Christmas
Fourth U.S. Marines
Shanghai, China
Tom and Josephine Cronin

Merry Christmas to All Members
of The 7th Material Sqd.
Ellis W. and Stella Cummins

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Lora Cummins

Wishing All My Friends:
A Healthy and Prosperous
New Year to Come
Lou Cusano

Blessed Christmas and
Healthy New Year
Mary Ellen Cullen

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Mary and P/N/C Ken Curley

May the Lord's Blessings be Upon
All our Friends in The A.D.B.C. for
a Holy Christmas Season and
a Healthy, Happy 1994
Lee and Eleanor Davis

Greetings and Warm Thoughts
for Christmas and The New Year
Chet and Frances Dellar

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Vic Dengelegi

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All Members
Frank Dice

Mountains of Joy and Blessings
for the Holidays and
Big Blue Skies
for the Coming New Year
Lou and Glenda Elliott

Merry Christmas and
a Joyous New Year
Theresa and P/N/C John Emerick

Happy Holidays to All
Mrs. Betty Earnhart and Family
Merry Christmas to All Our Friends
Bud and Evelyn Ellsworth

To all my Dear Friends,
a Joyous Holiday Season —
Keep Healthy
Harold Feiner

Season’s Greetings to All
Sol Fromer

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All
Joe Filko

Season’s Greetings to The Men of the 228th Signal Operations Co. (Sep) and to the Entire
A.D.B.C. Staff
Richard E. Francies

It’s Christmas Again — Be Merry
Earleen Francis

Enjoy the Christmas Season,
Keep Healthy
Have a Drink on Us
Dale and Peg Frantz

A Very Merry Christmas
and a Healthy New Year
Jim and Peggy Flaitz

Season’s Greetings to All
The Philippine Notebook People
Thomas and Virginia Gage

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Neil and Madelline Gagliano

Greetings from Florida
May your yule logs
burn bright for you
Roy Gentry

Season’s Greetings to All
John and Dolly Goodrow

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Healthy New Year
Enos Gould

Holiday Greetings to All
Mary Grayson

Season’s Greetings to All
Ben Guyton

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Healthy New Year
Fred and Mary Gumbos

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Joe Gutierrez

Season’s Greetings
Phil and Jeanette Goodman

May Your Heart Overflow with Joy
and Love this Christmas Season
John and Dorothy Hassler

Happy and Healthy Holidays to All
Marge Hausman

Season’s Greetings to All
and God Bless
Jim and Pauline Hammond

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Tom and Jo Hatten

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All
Ray Harper

Our Prayers for a Peaceful
and Joyous Christmas Season
Vince and Twila Hatcher

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to our Friends of A.D.B.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Haynie

We Wish Everyone the
Best of Season’s Greetings
for 1993 & 1994
Mark and Ginnie Herbst

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All
Walt and Helen Helkowski

Mabuhay! Happy Holidays
Major Walter J. and
Eileen M. Hinkle

Merry Christmas and
May God Bless you All
Billee Holliman

May All Enjoy the Holiday Season
and Enjoy the Fruits
of the New Year
Jim and Aulta Huff

Merry Christmas and
Happy Healthy 1994 —
Best Wishes
Catherine Hauser

Season’s Greetings to All
Henriette and
P/N/C Edward Jackfert

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Mildred and Vincent Jesuile

Holiday Greetings and
Best Wishes to All
Morgan E. Jenkins

Wishing All a
Happy Holiday Season
Mrs. Walter C. Johnson

Our Sincere Wishes for
a Merry Christmas and
Happy, Healthy New Year
Howard and Georgia Jordan

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to All
William and Mary Jaggers

May you always walk in Sunshine
on a trail of happiness:
Blessings and Health
this Coming Year
Merry Christmas and a
Wonderful New Year
Holly and Chuck Kaelin

Merry Christmas and
a Happy, Healthy New Year
Louis and Betty Kolger

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
John Koot

Merry Christmas and All of
God’s Blessings for the New Year
Sis and Jerry Lambo

Have a Merry Old-Fashioned
Christmas and Happy New Year
Ruth and Walter Lamm

Merry Christmas and
May the New Year Bring
Good Health and Peace to All
Charlotte and P/N/C Elmer Long

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Mary and P/N/C John LeClair

Best Wishes to All
Howard and Rosemary Levin

Happy Holidays to All
Kathy and P/N/C Ralph Levenberg
May this Season be a time for rejoicing; a time for sharing; and a time for remembering the friendships present and past.

Merry Christmas

Howard J. Linn

Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Jo Lyons

Best Wishes to All for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

Delbert and Doris Lynn

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

Vi and Walt Macarovich

Best Wishes to All for the Holiday Season

Peg Maty

Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

Dr. and Mrs. W.B. Meek

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

John and Eva Minnick

Our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

Tony and Norma Mascavage

Wishing All my Dear Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Love, Rose Marangiello

Season’s Greetings — May each of you have Peace and Good Health in the Coming Year

Shirley and P/N/C Joe Matheny

A Merry Christmas to All My Good A.D.B.C. Friends

Norman Martin — 31st Inf.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Our Buddies in A.D.B.C.

Dwight and Hilda Miller

Our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Peg and Bernie Miller

Best Wishes to All for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Doris and Wayne Miller

Season’s Greetings to Kentuckiana Chapter Members and all A.D.B.C. Members

Louise and Joe Mihok

Season’s Greetings and Best Wishes to All

Irene Minier

Best Wishes to All for the Holiday Season

Bea Menozzi

Season’s Greetings to All

Ginny and P/N/C Andy Miller

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

John and Caroline Moyer

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to All for a Healthy and Happy New Year

Wilford A. and Mandie E. Moss (POW) in Malaybalay, Bilibid, Kamasaki and Hitachi

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year

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Season’s Greetings and a Very Great New Year

Kay McDavitt

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to All

John and Ruth McCambridge

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Pat and John McCorts

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Alden McEwen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Eva Neil

May the Peace of God which passeth all understanding surround you this Holiday Season

Joseph and Ruth Nespolo

Season’s Greetings to All

Shirley Okonski

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Fr. Bob and Audrey Phillips

Very Best — Holy and Happy Holiday Season

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Love, Good Health and Season’s Greetings

Doris and Ray Perez

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Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year to All

Helen and P/N/C Joseph Poster

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mario and Katherine Pozzani

Season’s Greetings to All

Charles and Jean Pruitt

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Bertha and P/N/C John Ray

Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year to All my P.O.W. Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rahil

Best Wishes and God Bless Everyone

Nicki and Paul Reuter

Season’s Greetings and Best Wishes for a Healthy, Prosperous New Year

Virginia and P/N/C John Rowland

Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

Carmilla and Nat Romanzo

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to 803rd Meda Rutz

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

Myrtle Rohlenold

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Kay and John Sandor

Our Prayer for All — A Blessed Christmas and Peace for the New Year

Helen and P/N/C Al Senna

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to All

Josie and Gil Soifer

Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

George and Eleanor Shottis
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All our Friends
Mildred and Ed Warfield

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All
Bill and Dot Wells

Joyous Holiday Season to All
Helen and P/N/C Hank Wilayto

Merry Christmas to All from Florida
Wes Wilson

Our Wishes for a Blessed and Holy Holiday Season and Peace to All
Wanda and Dwight Woodall

We Wish you All a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year
Irene and P/N/C George Wonneman

Wishing Everyone a Joyous Season
Best Wishes for the Future
Ruth and C.O. “Ted” Wilker

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to All
Stella and John Yale
Co. C. 31st Inf.

Merry Christmas and Happy 1994 to All
Genevieve and Milton Young

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All
Zip and SandyZipeto

Mabuhay! and Season’s Greetings to the Mukden Survivors and All the A.D.B.C. Members
John and Stella Zale

Christmas greetings to all
ADBC members and special best wishes to the Port Area and Kamioka gang with whom I had the privilege to be with for over 3 years.
Jim & Marge Korns
1930 San Marcos Blvd. #34
San Marcos, CA 92069

Season’s Greetings to All
God Bless
Bill & Elsie Houser

Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year
From,
Edward and Dorothy Buchner
Commander
Western States Chapter

INFORMATION WANTED

Elmer E. Long, Jr.
National Secretary, ADBC

Dear Sir:

I’m getting QUAN regularly, and devouring every word, thank you! Could this letter please go into the next issue?

I’m the widow of Captain Edward L. Burke Co. A, 194th Tank Bn. On 12/26/41, at the Agno River, he was shot and left for dead. On 12/27/41 he was picked up by the Japanese on mop-up operation, and taken to Pasay Schoolhouse. There Major Robert E. Besson dressed his wounds and nursed him back to relative health until, after the Death March, he was moved to be with the survivors of his company, at either Cabanatuan or O’Donnell. He was moved by hell-ship to Japan, and was interned at Osaka at one time, later at Zentsuji for most of the war. In 1945 they were moved to Rokuroshi (or RokuPoshi?) which was near Nagasaki.

He was released — like most of the survivors — in September ’45, and lived 25 years. He died in 1970, of Lymphoblastic Lymphosarcoma, which is much akin to Leukemia and Hodgkin's Lymphoma. I am again attempting to open my claim for benefits based on service-connected death. Is there anyone out there who suffered blood dyscrasias after being that close to A-Bomb fallout? Or any widows whose POW husbands died of leukemia, lymphoma, or related cancers? Please contact me with any information you might have. Call collect, or leave message on answering machine. Or write:

Pernina Burke
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And God bless you, every one!

Sincerely,

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PLEASE HELP
Received a call from a Henry E. Conklin, 683 Hanover, Daly City, Calif. 94014, wanting to know if any of our members remember his father Harry Conklin on Corregidor. Seems Mr. Conklin, Sr., was the Chief Security Officer at Corregidor ... don't know what organization he was attached to or any more about him. Henry Conklin wrote me after my name was mentioned in an article about our claim which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle ... that's really the first article that's been in a major newspaper about the claim. I thought maybe you could run a small article requesting anyone who knew Harry Conklin to drop Henry Conklin a line.

Information available in the Marine Corps History and Museums Division leads one to believe that this photograph was taken of at least one repatriated 4th Marine prisoner of war at Yokosuka, Japan in August or September 1945. It is also thought that the new 4th Marines, 6th Marine Division, put on a parade at this location for an unknown number of old 4th Marines at the time they were passing through on their way to Guam and the United States. Some went by way of Okinawa, where they were caught in the grand-daddy of all Pacific typhoons shortly after. What were the circumstances, and do additional photographs exist? Please direct any replies to: Richard A. Long, Head, Oral History Unit, Marine Corps History and Museums Division, Bldg. 58, Navy Yard, 901 M Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20374-5540.

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The White House has requested that I respond to your April 12 letter to President Clinton regarding the internment of Americans by the Japanese during WWII.

In our September 5, 1991 letter to National Commander Matheny, we explained that the War Claims Commission was authorized under the War Claims Act of 1948 to pay compensation to U.S. citizens who were former military prisoners of war and to civilian internees captured at Midway, Guam, Wake Island, the Philippine Islands, or any territory or possession of the United States attacked or invaded by the Japanese. However, all claims under the Act were to be presented to the War Claims Commission not later than March 31, 1952. The United States Government has waived all rights to make further claims against Japan with respect to internment of military and civilian prisoners of war. No current U.S. Government program could provide such compensation.

Claims of U.S. citizens against Japan for its conduct during WWII were settled by the Treaty of Peace with Japan of September 8, 1951. Under the Treaty, Japan gave each of the Allied Powers, including the U.S., the right to seize and dispose of Japanese assets located in its territory in order to satisfy its war claims as well as those of its citizens. In return, the Allied Powers waived any right to further reparations or claims. The proceeds of these Japanese assets have long been distributed. Any further compensation by the United States Government to Americans held as internees, beyond that provided in the War Claims Act, is a matter for the Congress to consider.

Sincerely,
John Dinger
Deputy Director,
Office of Japanese Affairs

RESPONSE TO WAR CLAIMS ACT
October 25, 1993

Mr. John Dinger
Deputy Director
Office of Japanese Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Dinger:
Thank you for your letter of August 26, 1993, responding to my letter to President Clinton.

On January 29, 1992, we responded to Mr. John Scott's letter of September 8, 1991. In that letter, we stated that the U.S. government's waiver of rights of U.S. citizens to further claims for compensation against the Japanese government was a contravention of international law and more particularly the provisions of the Geneva Conventions, which superseded any waiver or release provisions under the 1952 Peace Treaty between the Allied governments and Japan.

We further stated that a number of the world's more eminent authorities on the Geneva Conventions, including Dr. John Humphrey, the former Director of the United Nations Human Rights Division and a co-author of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, are in full agreement that governments cannot forfeit the rights of its citizens where gross violations of human rights are involved or "grave breaches" of the Geneva Conventions have occurred.

We also advised that international law experts, including leading Non-Governmental Organization representatives, have indicated that it is a fundamental tenet of international law that victims of gross violations of human rights have a "right to a remedy." The deprivation of this right to a remedy is considered a violation of international law.

Your explanation of the War Claims Act of 1948 is understood and accepted subject to the following important caveats:

In our respectful submission, claims of U.S. citizens against Japan for its conduct during World War II have not been settled. The conduct of Japanese Imperial Forces during that period toward prisoners of war can never be settled. There has to be a misunderstanding of what this current claim is all about. We are seeking indemnification for having been forced into slave labor; for having been tortured in the most atrocious manner; for having been starved to the point of severe malnutrition; for suffering untold injuries and indignities at the hands of the Japanese. These, Mr. Dinger, are classified as gross violations of human rights and "grave breaches" of the Geneva Conventions.

Mr. Dinger, evidently our letter of January 1992 was not thoroughly reviewed by anyone in your office. What we have been, and are, asking of the United States government is support of our claim — nothing more. Instead, we get all of these interpretations of why we cannot claim compensation against the Japanese.

The legal research carried out by our sponsor (The War Amputations of Canada — a Non-Governmental Organization with Consultative Status before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights) along with their legal advisor, Brian N. Forbes, of the Ottawa firm of Forbes, Singer & Smith; the expertise of Dr. John Humphrey and Dr. Gustave Gingras, and the involvement of the leading international Non-Governmental Organizations substantiates that a valid claim has been, and is, currently being pursued.

On September 28, 1993, the Prime Minister of Japan spoke before the United Nations in New York. In his statement, he rendered an apology for the actions of his nation during World War II, including the incitement of that war. There can be no question as to the guilt of Japan insofar as their inhumane treatments to the prisoners of war held by that nation.

We are once again compelled to request the U.S. government's position on the following questions:
(a) Is the United States government prepared to support our claim for an apology and compensation against the Japanese government?
(b) In particular terms, is the U.S. government prepared to support the intervention of The War Amputations of Canada (our sponsors) before the Commission on Human Rights of the U.N. and other relevant human rights tribunals?

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RESPONSE TO WAR CLAIMS ACT
(Continued from Page 13)

(c) As an alternative, is the U.S. government prepared to consider the claim for compensation in relation to the slave labor and inhumane conditions suffered by the Americans who were POWs/internees as a financial responsibility of the U.S. government?

On this latter point, it is our respectful submission that the actions of the U.S. government:
(a) In entering into the 1952 Peace Treaty with Japan and failing to protect the interests of the U.S. POWs in accordance with international law;
(b) In its subsequent failure to provide appropriate financial assistance and/or compensation to these former American POWs following World War II;
(c) In refusing to support the claim of the U.S. POWs against the government of Japan in all relevant international tribunals, including the Commission on Human Rights of the U.N. and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the United Nations; and
(d) In recently confirming the validity of the waiver and release contained in the 1952 Treaty prepared into the 1952 Peace Treaty as reflected in the statements of leading U.S. governmental officials;

Have resulted in a continuing and ongoing violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights vis-a-vis the right to a remedy for the individual U.S. POWs.

In conclusion, it is our respectful submission that if the U.S. government will not exert its influence upon the leaders of the Japanese government in this case, then we have no other alternative than to make application to the United Nations with reference to the United States government's above-cited violations of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Yours very truly,
RALPH LEVENBERG,
Major USAF (Retired)
Special Project Chairman
American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor, Inc.

WHAT MORE COULD THEY DO?

By LOUISE CRAIG

Top Gun, Ace Fighter pilot, Guerrilla fighter, war hero. All of these titles aptly describe Lt. Alexander Vraciu. But there is one more title Vraciu deserves, but has yet to achieve: holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Alexander Vraciu is a man who exemplifies the American ideal of a soldier. As a young pilot in World War II, Vraciu was the kind of hero movies were made about. In the Battle of the Philippines, he shot down six twin engine enemy aircraft in less than eight minutes.

On another mission, he shot down three Zeros and one Rufe. On yet another he sunk a large enemy cargo ship. In all Vraciu had 19 confirmed kills and destroyed 21 more aircraft on the ground.

On December 14, 1944 anti-aircraft fire disabled Vraciu's plane and he was forced to land near Clark Field, Luzon, Philippines. There he joined Capt. Alfred Bruce and his guerrilla unit.

Not all pilots shot down were willing to get involved with ground combat. Their chances of survival, if captured, were very slim. But Vraciu knew his duty and thus became an active member of the guerrilla unit until liberation. During the final week before liberation, he was in command of 180 men, dodging Japanese to meet Gen. McArthur's advancing Americans. For his actions, Lt. Vraciu was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor (CMH). During the review process, seven different commanders approved him for the medal. The final approval would come from Pearl Harbor and Adm. George E. Murray. But the final approval did not come. Admiral Murray turned down the recommendation, arguing that Vraciu was only doing his duty. In fact, the Admiral went so far as to say that if Vraciu had not shot down those six planes, two others the next day, and sunk a Japanese ship, he should have been court-martialed.

While this way of thinking may or may not be correct, if it is, then many of the actual recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor did even less of their "duty" to receive their medal. Vraciu's recommendation was based on four separate missions, from June 12th through June 20. In just one of those four missions, Vraciu shot down 6 planes. With this one mission Vraciu shot down more planes than the majority of CMH recipients (four or five in one mission). When this mission is combined with the other three he was recommended for (for a total of eight planes shot down, the sinking of a 6,500 ton Japanese ship, and the assist in the probable sinking of an enemy carrier) there is no question he deserves the nation's highest award.

In 1947 the Navy took it upon themselves to re-evaluate Vraciu's recommendation, due to the apparent inconsistencies in its original evaluation. The Navy Department Board of Review for Decorations and Medals resubmitted information to Adm. Murray, including two "strongest possible" recommendations by Admirals Arthur Radford and John J. Clark. The records submitted also included evidence of a precedent set for the number of "kills" usually giving favorable consideration to the pilot up for the CMH. (5 aircraft) Resubmission to Adm. Murray proved futile, as he granted that Vraciu's performance was "of the highest order, but no such as to make him stand out prominently among all the other capable carrier-based pilots."

Vraciu himself has not taken up the battle to see that the CMH is finally this. An unpretentious man, he only wishes to right the facts and the circumstances surrounding the original and subsequent evaluations of his actions. In all reviews to date, information has been incorrect and left out.

He thought this would finally take place in 1990 when he was asked to fly to Washington, at his own expense, to receive a "fair and impartial" hearing to review the Navy's decision.

This was probably the biggest insult so far. Not only couldn't the head of the review board, RADM Ming Chang, tell Vraciu what was listed in his recommendations, he had a presentation prepared, complete with conclusions, before Vraciu arrived. Hardly a fair hearing when he hadn't even spoke on his own behalf yet.

Alexander Vraciu has been contacted several times in the past by those who want to continue this battle for him. Each time he has stressed that it is not his place to speak out on his own behalf. He feels the recipient should not be part of the objective process of evaluation. He does, however, feel it is only fair to get the facts straight, so that a true impartial review board can look at the facts and make a decision.

Actually, it's hard to believe there is much to consider. WHAT MORE COULD HE HAVE DONE? The pilot was recovered by Leon Beck, he reports, while taking part of the guerrilla resistance.

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Hopefully someone in the organization seeing this request for information on my father might have known him and something about him which would be very helpful to me.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Earl Wayne Guye