NATIONAL COMMANDER
FRANK BIGELOW

Frank Bigelow was selected National Commander at the 1993 National Convention in Pittsburgh. Frank served in the Navy aboard the USS Canopus, the submarine tender. When the Canopus was scuddled Frank was assigned to beach defense.

From the Philippines he was sent to the coal mines in Omuta, Japan. His weight dropped to 85 pounds on the rice diet. He said, "I saw this big rock falling but didn't have enough strength to move away from it." He ended up with a broken leg. The Japs let him lay there for 5 hours. By that time infection set in. The American doctor with the handmade surgical tools had to amputate his leg. Christmas of 1944 will never be forgotten by Frank.

His camp was only 30 kilometers from Nagasaki. They could see the mushroom cloud when they dropped the big one.

Upon returning to the U.S. he spent a year in a Philadelphia hospital where he was given an artificial leg. Frank, after all you have been thru, this next year should be a snap.

PITTSBURGH
CONVENTION 1993

Honored Guests, Angels of Bataan, Gold Star Mothers, Members, and their Guests.

It's been quite an experience serving as your Commander during this 50th Anniversary year. First, I want to thank the Convention Committee for the fine work they are doing to make this a successful convention.

Then, my thanks to all of the Committees, Directors, and members for their total devotion to this organization. They made my part much easier.

I am especially grateful for our ceremony last July at Andersonville National Cemetery, for rededicating our O'Donnell Cross — better known as our "Sack of Cement." Also, for our passing the Resolution to accept our civilian nurses who served in the Philippines during the War and were taken prisoner there. These are just two of the many projects we undertook this year.

Now I want to thank our son, David and his wife, Mary and our grandson AJ for their support. They came to San Francisco when I became Commander and are here to see me go out. They are here with Mary's Mother and Father, June and Andy Schatz.

But the greatest help and support was from my wife, Irene, my secretary, and my co-pilot.

To our new Commander, Frank Bigelow, I wish you a great year and to everyone here, have a good time and God Bless you all.

George Wonneman

Mr. Harold Bushey, regional director, V.B.A. regional office, spoke on the necessity of cooperation of the VA with veterans. Mr. Bushey was celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary. He left his party to come to our banquet. That gives you an idea of his priorities. The color guard was dressed in revolutionary garb.

Monday the past commanders started with "tailgate party" — beer, hot dogs, pretzels and chips from 6 p.m. to 8. At seven the "Steel City Stumpers" played some "Spike Jones" type as well as the old timers. The entertainment was great and capped off a good convention.
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CORREGIDOR VIDEO

Everett D. Reamer, 2301 S. Jamaica Blvd, Lake, Havasu City, AZ 86403, has a video of his return to Corregidor for the 50th anniversary and is willing to sell copies for $10.00 plus $2.00 mailing.

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THE PATRIZIO MEMORIAL AWARD

The committee to select a recipient for the Patrizio Memorial Award has selected John M. Emerick for this year's honor. For more years than he wants to remember, John has been aiding his fellow POWs as service director.

He was at the forefront of ADBC receiving VA accreditation, and the protocol exams. He has a wonderful relationship with all facets of the VA. For the last 12 years, he has had an office at the VA regional office to conduct the business of ADBC.

Each year, John arranges with the local VA personnel for consultants, nurses, wheel chairs, etc. He arranges for the VA seminars and VA speakers.

Congratulations John, the award was well deserved. The award was presented by Mrs. Dorothy Patrizio at the banquet program.

1993 VETERANS BENEFITS HANDBOOK

One of the federal government's all-time best-selling publications, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents," has been revised with the latest changes in law for 1993 and is now available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Published by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the 105-page handbook describes federal benefits for veterans and dependents, such as medical care, education, disability compensation, pension, life insurance, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and burial assistance. It also explains requirements for eligibility and outlines claims procedures.

Addresses and phone numbers of all VA offices, medical centers, national cemeteries, Vietnam veterans counseling centers and other VA facilities are listed by state. In addition, a toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, is listed for the first time to connect callers to the nearest benefits counselor.

The handbook also includes special sections on veterans benefits administered by other federal agencies.


For copies, request GPO stock number 051-000-00-200-8 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, and enclose a check or money order for $3.25 per copy. To order with VISA or Mastercard, phone (202) 783-3238.

10th MUKDEN SURVIVORS REUNION

The 10th Mukden Survivors Reunion will be held October 22-24, 1993 at the Holiday Inn, Arlington, TX 76006. For further information and reservation material contact: Arthur Campbell, 1609 South Alamo, Rockwall, TX 75087. Phone (214) 771-5860.

Thanks for your help. We hope to get a good attendance. The committee is planning a special reunion in the hopes that those who have not attended in the past can make this one. Hope you are one of them.

Arlington is part of the Dallas Metroplex and is served by the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport. Shuttle service will be provided by the Hotel. The Hotel is just minutes from all the attractions in the Dallas area.

We will send you information and material later.

WIDOWS LUNCHEON

The ADBC Widow's Luncheon, on Saturday, May 29, was a highlight of the ADBC Convention, for the eighteen members who attended. The luncheon menu was a delicious cold plate, preceded by a fresh fruit appetizer and topped off with an ice cream sundae. (I'm sure it was calorie and cholesterol free.)

Mr. Terry Ramsey, Benefits Counselor from the VA Regional Office in Pittsburgh, gave an informative presentation outlining the latest Department of Veterans Affairs changes affecting VA benefits and compensation. He stressed the importance of a current personal affairs file to include, but not limited to, birth certificate, marriage license and military records. Mr. Ramsey also discussed the different kinds of VA compensation paid to widows: DIC (Dependents and Indemnity Compensation) and Pension and the recent changes in the amount of compensation awarded for DICs He then emphasized the importance of an autopsy stating the recent use of tissue samples obtained at the time of death have been used to determine service connected cause of death for some former POWs.

The VA presentation was very informative but, the information in many instances would be more appropriate for the spouses who still have their husbands. No one wishes to be in the "widow" category but, considering current statistics, about 85%-90% of the ADBC wives will experience the traumatic effects of widowhood, i.e., live longer than your husband.

In addition to Mr. Ramsey's presentation to the widow's the Department of Veterans Affairs gave outstanding support and cooperation through their Medical Center personnel, POW Coordinator, Regional Office Benefits Counselors and other staff personnel. Including Mr. Harold T. Bushey who sacrificed some of his own 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration to deliver the banquet address. Most of the VA support was over and beyond the normal personnel dedication to duty and we appreciate it.

1993 REUNION NOTICE

WHERE: Hyatt Regency
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JULY 1993 — 3
I'm continuing with the “Numbers Game” project I started several months back. I have nothing spectacular to rep on the project in this issue of the QUAN, however, I have come across some information which may affect the numbers and there may just be someone who reads this QUAN who has answers to my questions.

Specifically, I want to know more about the officers and enlisted personnel who were assigned to the Philippine Army as Instructors. A reference is made to this group of Americans and Philippine Scouts in the book titled, “The Fall of the Philippines,” by Louis Morton. This book was published by the U.S. Army, Office of the Chief of Military History, in 1953, and it has been used often, by many authors, as the authority, concerning events which took place during the Philippine Defense campaign. On pages 25 through 30, in this book, the mobilization and training of the Philippine Army is covered. On page 26, there is one paragraph which reads as follows:

“To each division were assigned about forty U.S. Army officers and twenty American and Philippine Scout noncommissioned officers who served as instructors. The officers were usually attached to division and regimental staffs; the enlisted men served in battalions and companies. The position of instructor was an anomalous one. When one instructor asked for a clarification of his status, he was told: ‘You have no command status. You have no authority. But you are directly responsible for the success or failure of the regiment.’

I was aware of some of the officers assigned to these instructor positions. One was the late Col. Ray M. O'Day who was well known to most of us. When the war started he was the Senior Instructor for the 21st Division (PA). Col. O'Day became well known later, after the war, as the publisher of “Chit Chat,” a widely circulated newsletter from 1948 to 1974. Also, he was the first appointed Historian for the ADBC.

In addition to the instructors, there were some American officers who were assigned to command Divisions and Regiments in the Philippine Army. Examples of this are Brig. Gen. William E. Brougher, CO, 11th Div. (PA), Brig. Gen. Clifford Bleumel, CO, 31st Div. (PA) and Brig. Gen. Albert M. Jones, CO, 51st Div. (PA). Gen. Jones became CO of I Corps, on Bataan, on 15 March 1942. Several of the officer instructors were given command positions in the PA after the war started.

I am unsure as to how many of the 60 men training units were in place with each of the several Philippine Army Divisions when the war started. I know there were seven PA Divisions on Luzon. These were the 11th, 21st, 31st, 41st, 51st, 71st and 91st. Also, there were three PA Divisions in the southern islands. These were the 61st, 81st and 101st. If all ten of these divisions had the full compliment of instructors assigned it would mean that upwards of 600 Americans and Philippine Scouts would have been delegated these duties. I doubt very much if even a fraction of this number were assigned such duties when the war started. I welcome any information from anyone who can clarify the numbers of Americans assigned to PA Instructor duty, when the war started. Also, I would like to know to which organization these instructors owed their allegiance. Obviously, they had little or no command status within the several Divisions and Regiments of the PA. Were the officers assigned to the Philippine Department and then given temporary detached service assignments to the several PA units? Were the enlisted personnel assigned to the Philippine Department, then placed on DEML status (Detached Enlisted Men’s List) and then assigned to the PA? I welcome any information about these men.

In my last column in the QUAN, I discussed the granting of battlefield commissions given to American enlisted personnel. I have a feeling now that these commissions were granted because the instructor positions in the several PA Divisions had not been filled when the war started. Those of us who came in contact with PA troops on Luzon were fully aware of the general ineffectiveness of these PA troops. Most had been inducted into the PA just shortly before the war started. They were ill prepared for war. They lacked training and there was a shortage of leaders. The battlefield commissions along with the resulting assignments to PA units appears to have been an effort to correct the deficiencies.

Now, I have one other bit of information which I came across recently in a newly published book. The book is titled, “Lost in Action” by Dick Bilyeu. This book was published in 1991 by McFarland & Co. Inc., of Jefferson, North Carolina. Mr. Bilyeu was assigned to an anti aircraft battery on Ft. Hughes when the war started. The bit of info I found in this book concerns the subject I have discussed above, namely the assignment of American officers and enlisted personnel to the Philippine Army.

In Chapter 3, beginning on page 15 of the book, Mr. Bilyeu makes the following comments. (Please note: The following sentences are lifted from the text. They are in order but these sentences pertain to the subject only. All other portions of the text have been bypassed.)

"By the end of December, it became apparent that the Japanese forces (especially those charging down from the north) could not be stopped by our forces on Luzon. Therefore, a last ditch stand would have to be made soon. A decision was made to transfer every man that could be spared from the units on the island fortresses into the

VA'S 1994 BUDGET REQUEST

Washington, April 8 — Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown is announcing the proposed fiscal year 1994 budget request for veterans is $36.4 billion, $1 billion more than last year. This is a five percent increase in discretionary spending over the fiscal year 1993 appropriated level.

"This budget demonstrates President Clinton's commitment to our nation's veterans. Even in the midst of government spending cuts, the president understands that we must continue to provide quality health care and benefits to those men and women whose service has kept our country secure," said Brown.

"My responsibility as Secretary of Veterans Affairs is to provide the best service I can to the people I represent — veterans. President Clinton's proposed increases help me fulfill that obligation," he added. "Most of the increases in funding will be spent to hire more medical personnel and better our health-care facilities so that VA can provide the medical care that veterans deserve.

"The budget request also reflects President Clinton's sensitivity to veterans who have special needs. He has not forgotten the less fortunate among us — homeless veterans — and those veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder," said Brown. The budget includes $53.8 million for homeless-specific initiatives and $47.6 million for PTSD programs.

"Support for President Clinton's economic package is critical if we are to build a more responsive system of care for our veterans. In the upcoming months, I will be meeting with veterans around the country to outline the details of the budget and to encourage them to support the President as he has supported us.

"I have been an advocate for veterans all of my adult life. I am proud to serve a president who feels as strongly as I do that veterans deserve the best that we can provide them and who is willing to back that up in his budget proposal," said Brown.

As one of the country's largest health-care providers, VA provides inpatient medical care to approximately 1 million veterans and handles nearly 25 million outpatient visits each year. Its compensation and benefits programs provide compensation to 2.5 million disabled veterans and benefits to more than 893,000 veterans and their survivors.

(Continued on page 6)
Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to ask if you or any of your comrades — the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor would happen to remember my late husband who was stationed at Ft. Mills on Corregidor when the Japanese attacked the U.S. His name was Capt. (later Major) Wendell F. Swanson, M.D. He was Medical Supply Officer at the hospital, and held sick call on Sundays and other days. A chaplain wrote me that Major Swanson had been sent to Bataan, a few days before it fell to the Japanese. I have concluded that he was on the Bataan Death March. He was reported to have been at Camp #1, Cabanatuan, and received the Bronze Star (posthumously) for his courage and valor and concern for the sick at the camp.

On or about December 12, 1944 the members of the camp were put aboard a ship bound for Japan and on or about December 15, 1944 the ship was sunk by the allies in or near Luzon Bay. It was not identified in any way as having allied prisoners on board.

Long ago I read an article (and I do not have it now) about the War Crimes Trials wherein it was stated that many prisoners swam for shore and were recaptured. The Japanese said they would take the sickest prisoners to a hospital. Instead they took them to a place where the prisoners dug their own graves and were then beheaded. Major Swanson was reported to have been one of those.

I mention all this in the hopes that some member(s) of your survivor group may remember Major Swanson and would be willing to write me and relate anything of the days when you were all struggling to stay alive. ANYTHING that anyone remembers about my husband would be appreciated. God Bless You All!

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely,
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ADBC VOLUNTARY SERVICE REPORT

By TILLMAN J. RUTLEDGE
National VAVS Director

Not being sure where to begin this report I will start by stating that our VAVS FAMILY IS GROWING! PNC MAURICE MAZER (52-53) IS OUR NEW VAVS REPRESENTATIVE AT OUR NEW VAMC IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. We have thanked Maurice for accepting this appointment, he volunteered, has been duly certified, and we know he will receive a rewarding experience. West Palm Beach is already holding VAVS Advisory Committee Meetings although the VAMC will not be open for some time yet. Of course, such meetings are necessary in order to be prepared for such opening. By the way, Maurice is our third PNC to step forward and become a VAVS REP FOR ADBC. I made the meeting in West Palm Beach, FL in February but had to cancel reservations for the National Convention in May. I also attended the National VAVS Advisory Committee Meeting in Newport, RI. I visited and was given a tour of the New Orleans, LA Medical Center by the Chief of Medical Service, Mr. Jim LaFerre. My intentions were to also visit Tampa, FL VAMC but, again, plans had to be changed. Visited Biloxi, MS VAMC & CVS Tinker Cassell & former CVS Jackie Smith. IN CLOSING, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR VAVS FAMILY CALL ME, 210-884-7550 OR DROP ME A CARD. I WILL DO THE REST. EVEN IF YOU JUST WANT TO
infantry units as replacements. . .

On December 01, several hundred soldiers from the forest in the bay were assembled on the north mine dock on Corregidor for movement across the north channel into Bataan, about three and a half miles away.

On Bataan, we were placed under the command of several noncommissioned officers from infantry units, who were awaiting our arrival . . .

It was well after dark when one of the NCOs came around and called off the names of about forty men to be assigned to a Filipino infantry unit.

This is the first time I have ever heard about American enlisted personnel from the Harbor Defense Installations being used as replacements in Philippine Army infantry organizations. Perhaps these people were being assigned, in lieu of the American enlisted personnel who were to have been assigned as Instructors. I would like to learn more about this effort. If any of you were involved in planning or executing this transfer of American enlisted personnel, I would like to hear from you. I want very much to get the complete details on all efforts expended during the Philippine Defense campaign.

Sincerely,
Andrew Miller
Historian

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

May 17, 1993
82 New Road
Exeter, R.I. 02822-9517

The Honorable Jesse Brown
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:


Our minutes, including conclusions are being submitted under separate cover.

Of primary concern and in need of immediate attention is — "that former prisoner of war veterans retain high priority in the area of health care and treatment." This is best reflected in the following statement prepared by Committee members, Drs. Hughes and Woodward, and fully endorsed by the entire membership of this Committee:

"One of the greatest public debts is owed to our veterans and particularly FOR- MER PRISONERS OF WAR. During the course of their military service, they experienced extreme deprivation, including long-term malnutrition with avitaminosis. Almost daily, they were beset with fear, panic, threats of death and ceaseless anxiety. This type of mental suffering often matched that of physical or organic medical illness or, at times death.

It is recommended that all FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR be granted total and priority health care in all VA facilities, regardless of percentage of disability. It is unknown how the contemplated National Health Care Reform will affect the VA health care system. There is concern that any military, military dependents and retirees, CHAMPUS and MEDICARE or MEDICAID patients could significantly impact on the care of the FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR patients. Obviously, it is wise to make maximum use of the VA beds in the interest of extending health care coverage and financial savings.

We urge that the health care status of FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR be assured and his/her acute chronic extended health care not be abrogated in any way. The 56,000 ex-POWs are an aging group and represent a minimal segment compared to the total number of veterans.

THEY RIGHTFULLY EARNED AND MERIT THIS CONSIDERATION!

Respectfully,

RICHARD A. STRATTON, MA, MSW
Chairman
Captain, USN (Retired)
CAGED DRAGONS

An American P.O.W. in WWII Japan

By Robert E. Haney

In the last issue I promised to discuss some of the ways that false gods show up in modern times — a sort of recycling on old deities according to the needs of the times.

If we read the creation story in the Book of Genesis, we notice that it is closely followed by the story of the Fall of Man. Adam and Eve were tempted in the Garden of Eden. The temptation for Adam to eat of the forbidden fruit carries a deeper meaning about the human race itself, for it was not that the fruit itself was bad, but that Adam and Eve wanted to achieve God-like status. They thought that such Power and Wisdom would be theirs just by eating of the forbidden fruit, which was the ONE thing that God had denied them. Satan didn’t have to try very hard; Adam and Eve must have wanted to achieve God-like status for themselves. Satan may have started the thought in their minds, but they themselves quite willingly fell victim to their own desires to be all-important.

As the descendants of Adam and Eve, the human race has inherited their traits; left to our own “devices and desires” we tend to act much as Adam and Eve acted. We are tempted to erect our own gods. Even while Moses was on the holy mountain receiving the Ten Commandments from God, the people of Israel below him constructed an idol in the form of a golden calf. They raised up their own false god, a golden calf. This was to continue to be the pattern of behavior, and the root of mankind’s separation from God. We call this separation “Sin”.

These self-made deities are so subtle that we need to say them out loud once in a while; in this issue we consider several of the false deities which tempt us on a regular basis:

(1) Mankind itself. The secular world would have us believe that mankind is the highest order of creation, and is therefore to be accorded all honor. This “secular humanism” is very flattering to the human race; it says that our human needs and wishes are the most important things in the world. It says that whatever mankind wants, he should have, even at the expense of others. This man-centered cultism places God in a secondary position; we don’t reject or deny Him entirely, but keep Him under wraps. Our golden calf is ourselves. Man worships his own wants. This inverted relationship with God is a MOST POPULAR form of Sin.

(2) Power.

(3) Money.

(4) Fashion.

(5) Success.

(6) Materialism.

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As we grow older, as we become more wise, we see that the gods we have erected are not so real as we thought they were. And then, like Adam and Eve, we wonder why we are penned up in a prison cell. We are so used to being treated as though we possessed these false gods that it is a hard process of liberation, a hard process of turning our thoughts from the false to the true. It is a long process, even when we have lost all hope of escape. It is a long process, even when we have lost all hope of escape.

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Fr. Bob+
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Upon receiving a request from the War Amputations of Canada's legal advisor (Brian Forbes), Commander George Wonneman and the Executive Board selected PNC Ralph Levenberg to represent the Americans who had been held prisoner of war by the Japanese, to appear before the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. Ralph reports as follows: "In order to put this report in proper perspective it is necessary to describe to the reader the picture one gets upon arrival at the Human Rights hall in Geneva.

There are representatives from 181 nations convening at any day or night. They are dressed in every type of attire you can imagine . . . many in their native garb . . . they are of every skin color . . . and, of course, nationality. The language spoken is primarily French, however, there is no lack of interpreters/translator available. And, interspersed among these people are the representatives of the international press corps, all eager to get a story to send back to their sponsors.

The Commission on Human Rights meets here in Geneva twice a year . . . February and August. During these meetings there are thousands of witnesses who have come from far and wide to testify for their specific cause. A normal day of hearings runs from 10:00 a.m. thru 10:00 p.m. with breaks in between for meals. Each witness is given from 10 to 15 minutes to present his/her case. The states/governments who have been charged with human rights violations then have an opportunity to respond to the charges. These responses are conducted in closed hearings. The results are then forwarded to the group that has brought charges.

Upon arrival, I met with Dr. John Humphrey and Mr. Brian Forbes who were to present the testimony on behalf of all claimants. These gentlemen are representatives of The War Amputations of Canada and have appeared before the sub-commission(s) on numerous occasions in the past. Dr. Humphrey was the Director of the Human Rights Commission of the U.N. for twenty years . . . 1948-1968.

Dr. Humphrey was the primary author of the Human Rights agenda which is still followed to this day. Daily consultations were held with these gentlemen in order to discuss strategies deemed most appropriate for providing a balanced and intelligent presentation.

It was determined that Dr. Humphrey and Mr. Forbes would present the intervention (testimony) for the entire group. They are accredited by the Human Rights Commission to present testimony on behalf of claimants and have been designated as NGO (NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION) for this purpose. The representatives of the claiming nations were then given the opportunity to present their individual statements relative to their capture and subsequent imprisonment and treatment by the Japanese.

A special briefing titled: "SLAVERY BY JAPAN — THE FINGER OF SHAME THAT POINTS TO JAPAN", was held on Tuesday, February 23, 1993. This briefing was attended by representatives from 83 nations. They were able to hear, for the first time, first-hand statements by persons who actually were prisoners of war. Each representative was given 10 to 12 minutes to present their statement. The reaction(s) of this group were such that one knew that they had never been exposed to such statements of atrocities of the nature discussed. It was evident that each representative presented tales of horror never heard by these attendees before, and that the attendees were awe stricken by what they heard. Here is my statement:

Ralph gave a 12 page presentation of his experiences as a Jap P.O.W. He was quite graphic as he described the "Death March" and the treatment the Jap soldiers inflicted on the American G.I.'s.

He told of the brutality and the diseases at Camp O'Donnell, the number of men who died every day.

Ralph related as to how 190 men who went out on a bridge rebuilding detail. He indicated as to the many details the P.O.W.'s were forced to work.

The plight of the P.O.W.'s on the "Hell Ships", the bombings and torpedo attacks was described. The POW Camps in Japan and Manchuria provided slave labor in the mills, mines, factories and docks.

In conclusion I just want to say that although the Japanese government still contends that they were exempted from further claims by the Peace Treaty of 1952, a very telling impact was made by each presenter with the statement that "until the government of Japan recognizes its obligations and responsibilities toward the former POWs and Internees, they must NOT be even considered for the prestigious seat on the U.N. Security Council."

Ralph is to be commended for the time and effort necessary to make an impressive report to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

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RED, WHITE AND BLUE... GOD BLESS YOU

By FRANCIS SCOTT KAZERSKI

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Footnote: On April 8, 1943, Bataan fell in the Philippines during WWII. Over 10,000 died in the infamous Bataan Death March. U.S. Army Operations Sergeant FRANK KAZERSKI, 27, survived yellow jaundice. He survived malaria. He survived dysentery. He was subjected to starvation and 40 months brutalities as an American Prisoner-of-War. 'RED, WHITE AND BLUE ... GOD BLESS YOU' is a tribute to the service men and women who have fought and died for 'Freedom'.

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SAMUEL W. ABBOTT
Samuel W. Abbott, 75, a Navy veteran, died of cancer Monday, March 29, 1993 at Methodist Medical Center.

A native of Woodville, Texas, Mr. Abbott was a longtime Hattiesburg resident. He served 22 years in the Navy before retiring in 1958. In 1942, as World War II neared its mid-point, he was captured at the fall of Corregidor and was held prisoner for 43 months. He was held at several camps including Camp 17 in Japan, where he was forced to work in a coal mine. He received many medals, including the Bronze Star.

"It says a lot about him that he went through those years in the camps, and when he got out he still had a good attitude about life," said David Smith of Hattiesburg, a nephew. "He was constantly trying to help his fellow man."

Gibson Smith of Hattiesburg said his uncle didn't talk about his war experience often.

"He sure didn't like me driving Toyotas though," he said. "He'd get onto me about that a lot."

David Smith said Mr. Abbott was instrumental in getting free Mississippi car tags for former prisoners of war.

After his retirement, Mr. Abbott attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where he graduated with honors. He received his master's degree from the University of Denver and taught accounting and related courses at Pearl River Junior College for 16 years.

"He was very well respected in the Masonic lodge," David Smith said. "He worked his way up in every capacity. He held every office."

He also was a member of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

Dee Thornton Abbott said she and her husband attended annual meetings with the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor until he was diagnosed with cancer last year.

"Someone was just saying that they could always count on him," she said.

Other survivors include: daughter, Linda Bellenger; brother, Horace J. Abbott; and two grandchildren.

LLOYD BAKER
Lloyd Baker, 77, of Sun City, a former bank employee, died May 20, 1993. He was born in Washington state and was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Lois; daughter, Janice Fults; sons, Douglas Reid and Lloyd Williams; one sister; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

WILBER AHART
Services for Wilber (Bill) Ahart, Spirit Lake, were 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 29, 1992 at Turner Funeral Home, Spirit Lake. John Maytum officiated.

Wilber was born to George and Enna (Wilber) Ahart on Dec. 28, 1920 at Dow City.

He married Opal Osborn on May 27, 1948 at Omaha, NE. They lived at Denison and Des Moines, before moving to Spirit Lake in 1953. Wilber enjoyed the outdoors and nature. Much of his wife was spent enhancing wildlife habitat and replenishing Canadian Geese in Dickinson County. He was proud to be a survivor of the Bataan Death March. Many of the hardships he endured as a prisoner-of-war for three and one-half years during WW II molded the remainder of his life.

Mr. Ahart, 71, died Wednesday, May 27. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jerry.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; son, Jim and his wife, Linda; daughter, Dixie Wittrock and her husband, Roger; grandchildren, Ann Vanderpool and husband Bret, Richard and Randall Wittrock, Tami Corlach and husband Jerry, Tiffany Tielmann and husband Bruce; one great grandson, Shane Vanderpool; sister, Margaret Miller; and brothers, Robert and William Ahart.

JOSEPH M. GLESSNER
Joseph M. "Hobo" Glessner, 79, of Wilkins Township, died Monday, Jan. 18, 1993, at St. Margaret Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born May 3, 1913, in Johnstown, a son of the late George and Margaret Gault Glessner. He retired as a master sergeant from the U.S. Air Force on Oct. 28, 1959. He was employed as a custodian for 19 years at the East Pittsburgh Post Office. Mr. Glessner was captured by the Japanese during World War II and was one of the heroes of the Bataan Death March. He remained a prisoner the entire war, spending the first year of his captivity at Corregidor and the remaining 40 months in Japan, where he watched thousands of fellow prisoners die from pneumonia, influenza, cholera and malnutrition. He was a member of the American Legion, the John D. Rodgers VFW and the Moose, all of East Pittsburgh. He was a member of the AARP of Turtle Creek, the Sub Alpine Club in Turtle Creek, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, and the AXF.O.W.

EDWIN G. RAYNOR
Edwin G. Raynor, Miami, FL died on August 22, 1992. He was assigned to the 724th Ordnance. He is survived by his wife Imogene. Edwin was a life member #5386, his spouse is a life associate member #5606.
NICHOLAS F. FRYZIUK
By KENAN HEISE
Nicholas F. Fryziuk, 73, a retired foreman at Corn Products Co. Inc., in Argyle, was a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines in April 1942 and of 42 months in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp.

A resident of the Garfield Ridge neighborhood, he died of leukemia Thursday, April 1, 1993 in Hines Veterans Hospital, near Maywood.

Mr. Fryziuk, a sergeant in the 192nd Tank Battalion, landed in the Philippines on Thanksgiving Day 1941 with 88 other men from the western suburbs, principally Maywood. Less than a month later, the Philippines were attacked. Mr. Fryziuk was part of the American and Filipino force that held off the invaders on the island of Corregidor and the Bataan Peninsula. He was wounded four times in the five months of fighting there.

On April 10, 1942, he and 75,000 other captured soldiers began a 65-mile march from Mariveles to San Fernando under a blazing sun. The Japanese clubbed and beat stragglers with rifle butts, killing those who then did not get up.

"You had to keep going, because if you stopped you were a dead man," he told a Tribune reporter in 1973. "As we marched along, we'd see guys splattered all over the road. You couldn't begin to count the atrocities.

He helped carry a wounded man much of the way. His two best friends were killed.

Mr. Fryziuk spent the next 3-1/2 years in a prisoner of war camp 25 miles from Hiroshima. He took a beating for a doctor there because if the physician had had his hands broken or been injured, he could not have performed medicine. His body bore the scars of more than 100 beatings. He witnessed the mushroom-shaped cloud from the 1945 atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. The guards fled afterwards.

His war injuries eventually forced him into early retirement, and it is not known whether his leukemia was caused by the atomic bomb.

In 1957, he and several other Chicago-area Bataan survivors set up an export-import business to find markets here for goods from the Philippines.

"He often spoke of his experiences at schools and clubs," said his wife, Cecilia. "He was disappointed young people were never taught about any history that happened after the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. He was a good speaker and people were interested in what he had to say.

Besides his wife, survivors include a daughter, Diane Andrasek, and two grandchildren.

Mass for Mr. Fryziuk was held at 9:30 a.m. Monday in St. Camillus Catholic Church, 55th Street and Lockwood Avenue.

ROBERT NOLEN GREGG
DECATURE — Robert Nolen Gregg of Decatur, a retired mail carrier, died Saturday at a Decatur hospital. He was 77.

Mr. Gregg was born in Wise County and was a lifelong Decatur resident. He served in the Lost Battalion in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Gregg also was a member of the Wise County Historical Society.

Survivors: Wife, Rosalee Gregg; four daughters, Sherry Lynn Harris, Dana Rene Brooks, Marsha Jill Eder, and Robbie Zane Weaver; sister, Eva Jo North; brother, Burch Keith Gregg; and nine grandchildren.

SAMUEL HAMILTON
Samuel Edward Hamilton of 135 Short Bark Road, Madisonville, died at 11 a.m., Friday, April 2, 1993 in UT Hospital. He was 73.

A veteran of World War II, Hamilton was a prisoner of war from May 6, 1942 to Sept. 10, 1945.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and belonged to Sweetwater Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5156.

Hamilton was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors: Wife, Marjorie Binney Hamilton; Daughter and son-in-law Vicky and Nick Titus; Son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Rene Hamilton; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

HERMAN W. HAUSMANN
Herman William Hausmann of North Weymouth, formerly of Athol, age 73, died suddenly March 16, 1993. Beloved husband of Margaret (Snow) Hausmann. Devoted father of Stephen Hausmann, Linda McGregor and Sharon Lynch. Loving brother of Anna Corcoran. Loving grandfather of Melissa, Douglas and Brian McGregor, Ian and Christopher Lynch and Stevie Hausmann. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the McDonald Funeral Home, North Weymouth, 40 Sea St., (at Central Sq.) Friday at 9 a.m. Funeral Mass in St. Jerome's Church, No. Weymouth, at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours Wednesday 7-9 p.m. and Thursday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Interment Old North Cemetery, Weymouth Heights. Retired employee Raytheon Corp., US Army and POW, WWII.

RAPHAEL F. GAROFALD
Raphael F. Garofald, Orlando, FL recently died. He was assigned to the USS Harrison (Mine Layer). He is survived by his spouse Ellen W. Garofald.

HAZEL HEDRICK
Hazel Hedrick, a San Josean whose career in the restaurant business in the Philippines was interrupted when the Japanese interned her during World War II, died June, 1990 of cardiac arrest at her San Jose home. She was 97.

Mrs. Hedrick described her wartime experience and her previous travels in a book, "Gypsy Mom," which was published in 1998.

She came to California from her native Iowa in 1900 with her widowed mother and lived for one year in Mountain View before moving to San Jose. She attended Horace Mann School and San Jose High School.

During World War I, she worked in the office of the adjutant general in Washington, D.C. After the war, she did secretarial work with the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore., before holding secretarial jobs in Yellowstone National Park in 1921 and in Hawaii.

In 1929, she went to Cuba for a four-year stint as secretary to the manager of a U.S. mining firm. All her life, Mrs. Hedrick interspersed her travels with visits to San Jose, said her niece, Phyllis Pierce of San Jose.

In 1936, Mrs. Hedrick went to Manila and managed the dining room of the Bayview Hotel. Later, she became manager of the Taza de Oro, for years the only American restaurant in Manila. "It was near the American Embassy and was very popular," her niece said.

Despite urging by her family to return to California when war appeared certain, Mrs. Hedrick refused to leave Manila.

When Japanese forces took the city, she was among those held at Santo Tomas University, which became an internment camp. She was held prisoner from 1942 to 1945.

After the war, Mrs. Hedrick bought the Taza de Oro. She operated it until she was 80 years old, sold it and returned to San Jose.

"She gave us all a broader picture of life," her niece said. "I've done some traveling, and now my son and my daughter have both become travelers. She was our inspiration."

Mrs. Hedrick also is survived by a sister, Nell Willems; a nephew, Dean Clipper; and her longtime caretaker, Rufina Buenafe.

JOE A. MEDINA
Joe A. Medina of Taos, N.M. passed away Feb. 28, 1993. He was buried at the Nat'l Cemetery March 2.

Joe had been a member of the 200th and interned at O'Donnell and Cabanatuan. He was a life member of the AX-POW and is survived by his wife, Mary, three children and ten grandchildren.

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DEATHS NO DETAILS

Robert R. Godfrey
2301 West Monroe Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704
200 CAC A Bty.
Died December 17, 1992

Virgil Industivo
1265 Vallejo Street
Seaside, California 93955
SVC Co. 57 Inf. Regt. (PS)
Died September 19, 1992

Robert L. Jarboro
401 North 2nd
Alpine, Texas 79830
USN Houston
Died January 22, 1993

Peter W. Kirk
21st Pursuit Sqd.
Age 73
Died January 5, 1993

Richard Dillon
2117 W. Fremont
Tempe, Arizona 85282

Jack K. Brundage
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Taft, California 93268

Dr. John E. Lamy
1416 Parker Drive
Santa Rosa, California 94550

John H. Luther
CPhm US Navy Ret.
Box 113
Orleans, Nebraska 68966
Died April 15, 1993

William V. McKeon
605 Minnetonka Mills Road #312
Hopkins, Minnesota 55343-7203
Died May, 1993

Ralph E. Morris
RR #2
West Union, Illinois 62477
Died January 1, 1993

Wilfred H. Chapman
3507 Grayson
Austin, Texas 78722

Allen B. Cumberledge
HCR 2 Box 277-A 261
Canyon Lake, Texas 78133
E. Bty. 131 FA
Died February 9, 1993

Charles Dworsky married the boyfriend she met in that prison camp, John D. Henderson. Their 25-year marriage ended in divorce nearly 15 years ago, and he died in 1991. Their only son, John R. Henderson, is a biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Hawaii.

Mrs. Henderson moved to Northern California in 1963 and had been living in Sunnyvale since her divorce. She worked for a time as a nurse in private hospitals, but mostly she maintained a voluminous correspondence and support group for the women she served with. She also was a member of the Women's Overseas Service League.

In 1983, President Reagan established a National POW-MIA Day, and Charlie Henderson and Peggy Walcher, who had remained dear friends since the war, went to Washington to receive the POW Medal.

In the mid-1980s, the Department of Defense videotaped a documentary, "They All Came Home," about the 88 women who were interned in the Philippines. Charlie Henderson and Peggy Walcher were interviewed.

As part of the 50th anniversary of World War II, SE/BFW is planning another day to honor the remaining female POWs, and Mrs. Henderson helped Broker in developing the list of 17 who will make the trip to Washington next month.

When the largest collection ever of flag-waving female military officers gathers with dignitaries from all the services March 18 to honor the female POWs, Peggy Walcher will be there listening to the music of Glenn Miller's old band, The Arrows of Note, in World War II uniforms.

Charlie Henderson's likeness will be there, too, in a photograph enlarged from a negative hidden in a can filled with salt by the nurses of Bataan and Corregidor.
GEORGE A. KINER

George A. Kiner, 70, of Tampa died Thursday, April 29, 1993 at James A. Haley Veterans' Administration Hospital. A native of Lincoln, Neb., he moved to Tampa from Fort Benning, Ga., in 1962. He was retired from Sears Roebuck & Co., and a 32nd Degree Mason at the Junction City, Kan., Union Lodge 0007. He was a retired U.S. Army captain and veteran of World War II, where he received the Philippines Defense and Liberation Medal, American POW Medal, the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, and a survivor of the Bataan Death March. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Anna; two sons, Kelly and Steven; three daughters, Katherine Kiner Ritch and Karla Kiner Peters; his mother, Rosa Sullivan; a brother, Charles and six grandchildren.

ROBERT P. McKECHNIE

REDMOND — Robert P. McKechnie, a resident of Central Oregon since 1978, died March 5, 1991 at his home. He was 71.


He served in Marine Corps during World War II. From December 1941 to May 1942 he participated in the defense of the Philippines. He was held by the Japanese as a prisoner of war from May 1942 to September 1945. He also was wounded in action. He later served in the Army from July 13, 1948, to Aug. 19, 1949.

He had worked as a barber in Lake Oswego and later in Bend, retiring in 1967. He had lived in Roseburg before moving to Redmond in 1978.

His hobbies included gardening, wood carver, flyfishing.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette of Redmond; a son, Grady McKechnie; two daughters, Barbara Ford and Raynette Dyer; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four brothers, Wesley, Alfred, Herbert and Eddie; and two sisters, Dorothy and Virginia Wedenage.

NEUVELL P. MOORE

Neuvell P. Moore, age 75, of Nicoma Park died Thursday, September 24, 1992. He was born in Hawkins, TX, joined the U.S. Army in 1936 and was a Japanese P.O.W. for 40 months. N.P. married Jewell Moore on October 3, 1947. He retired from the Air Force in June, 1956, and later from both Tinker and the City of Oklahoma City. He is survived by his wife, Jewell, his daughters, Janice Coble of Denton, TX and Sherry Sester of Choctaw, his 11 grandchildren and 3 sister. He was preceded in death by another daughter, Lynda Alexander.

WILLIAM V. McKEON

William V. McKeon, a survivor of the brutal Bataan Death March who used his wits to survive more than three years of Japanese captivity during World War II, died Monday, March 22, 1993 at the VA Medical Center at Fort Snelling.

McKeon, 87, a Minneapolis native and retired home-repair contractor, was serving in the 194th Tank Battalion in the Philippines when Japanese forces overran the Bataan Peninsula on April 9, 1942.

Shortly afterward, the Japanese assembled 10,000 Americans and an estimated 27,000 Filipino soldiers and took them on a 90-mile trek marked by death by bullet and bayonet, starvation and thirst. Some 1,700 American prisoners died.

Somehow, McKeon preserved a few pleasant memories of the march. A fellow marcher recalls the day McKeon and several others found a melon.

"They had no way of breaking it open . . . (so McKeon) smashed it on a rock," said Harold Kurvers, a former tank battalion corporal. "When he got excited he got a high pitched voice. He was chewing away on this melon, and he said in his high voice, 'Anyone have any salt?'"

About 300 U.S. death march survivors, including about 20 Minnesotans, were still alive in 1992.

After the march, McKeon was put to work on a Philippine dock for about two years, then was shipped to Japan to work in a silver mine, Kurvers said.

On the ship, McKeon stole food and hid it in his socks, said his sister, Alice Kiser, of Glen Lake, Minn.

"It was hard for them to walk . . . but the Japanese were much more fooled," she said.

After the war, McKeon and a brother founded Eagle Home Improvement in Fargo, N.D.

McKeon retired in the 1970s in the Twin Cities.

He also is survived by two brothers, Joe of Arden Hills and Robert of Fresno, Calif.

His wife, Blanche, died last year.

ASBURY NIX

A former Stevens Point alderman and ex-prisoner of war (POW), Asbury "Rock" Nix, 74, 1541 Ellis St., died Monday, April 5, 1993, at St. Michael's Hospital. He had been a patient there for five days.

Nix remained active throughout his life as a spokesman for veterans and POWs.

Mr. Nix was born Jan. 30, 1919, in Falls County, Texas, a son of the late Edna and Byrd D. Nix. He attended Texas schools.

He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936.

In 1939, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the Philippines Islands. He was captured on the island of Corregidor in 1942, and was a prisoner of the Japanese Army for 3-1/2 years.

Mr. Nix received the Bronze Star, Prisoner of War Medal, American Defense Ribbon, American Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater with one Bronze Star, Philippine Defense Ribbon with a Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation with oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal with three knots, Occupation Ribbon for Europe, Victory Medal and seven overseas bars.

He retired from active duty in 1946. He moved to Stevens Point.

Mr. Nix was married to Hazel Siev­wright on August 10, 1946, in Stevens Point. She survives.

He was employed by Trade Winds Campers of Manawa until purchasing the DuBay Marina, which he operated until his retirement.

He was a member of the Stevens Point Common Council as a city alderman from 1979 to 1981. He served as a jury commissioner and circuit court bailiff.

Mr. Nix recently completed and published "Corregidor, Oasis of Hope," a book he authored as a historical account of his experiences as a Japanese POW.

He returned from a recent excursion to the Philippines to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the fall of Corregidor.

Survivors besides his wife include five daughters, Mary (Armondo) Guzman, Jan (Peter) Lutz, Kathy Nix and Carole (David) Olson, and Elaine (Aubrey) Nelson; three sons, Dennis (Deborah), David, and James (Linda); one brother, Bill Nix; six sisters, Edna (Mae) Rosa, Ruth Myers, Lila Markovitz, Dorothy Murray, Peggy Hill, Ann Kelso and Betty Harrison; 10 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and one great-grandchild.

TAIOSTO W. KOSKI

Taisto W. (Finn) Koski, Virginia, MN, passed away April 9, 1993. He was an Army Veteran, WWII, Co. C 89th Q.M.C. P.O.W. in the Philippines and Japan, 8-1/2 Years. Malaybalay, Davao Manilia, Toyama. Survivors include a son, Edward, Stepson Raymond Jokinen, Stepdaughter Shirley Aluni, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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JEROME E. OKONSKI
Jerome E. Okonski, 70, of 705 Vincent Drive, Mt. Dora, Florida, died March 16, 1993 at home. Born in Toledo, Ohio, he moved to Mt. Dora from there in 1979. He was a retired United States Air Force Tech. Sgt. His original Assignment was with the 60th Coast Artillery Regiment, AA, B Battery, United States Army, on Corregidor in Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. He was assigned to an anti-aircraft gun crew and was wounded in action against the Japanese. After capture on May 6, 1942 he was transferred to Bilibid Prison in Manila. In July of 1943 he joined a group of 500 men going to Japan to be used as slave labor. Enroute to Japan he became very ill in Taipei Harbor, Formosa (Taiwan). The gracious Formosan and Japanese guards could not see fit to move him ashore for the necessary surgery, so utilizing a hatch cover and dental novacain in the spine, the removal of a ruptured appendix was carried out in bright sunlight by Captain Thomas H. Hewlett M.D. U.S Army. About seven days later Jerry Okonski was able to walk off the ship carrying his own possessions. He arrived in the Port of Moji, Japan, and was transferred by train to camp 17 in the city of Omuta, located near Nagasaki. He worked as a coal miner and at various other jobs until his liberation in August of 1945.

In civilian life he worked as a truck driver. The injuries and hardships inflicted on him during his 3-1/2 years as a prisoner of war especially a very severe beating he received at Camp 17 by several Japanese guards, severely damaged his neck, back and shoulder causing him constant pain, forcing him to retire on disability in 1977.

Jerry was well thought of and will be remembered for his generosity and as a very gregarious man. He enjoyed wood-working as a hobby. He loved making wooden novelties and enjoyed giving them away. There is hardly a place anywhere in the United States that somebody doesn't have one of Jerry's Gifts. A short time ago, he had to give up his wood-working because of failing health.

Surviving are his wife Shirley; daughters, Judy, Janet and Joyce; a step-daughter Colleen; two brothers Karl and Daniel; five sisters Irene, Florence, Celia and Delphene and Eleanor; two step-sons Gerald Quay and James Quay; twelve grandchildren and one great-granddaughter - Britany of Las Vegas.

He was a life member of American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, American Ex-Prisoners of War and the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Air Force Sergeants Association and the Air Force Association.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Prisoner of War Medal and other decorations.

On Friday, March 19, 1993 graveside services with full military honors by United States Air Force personnel from McMill Air Force Base, Tampa, were conducted at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. The Eulogy was delivered by American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor National Commander George J. Wonneman and National Judge Advocate Harold Feiner. Presentation of the burial flag was made to the widow by National Commander George J. Wonneman. American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, American Ex-Prisoners of War and other organizations personnel from all over Florida attended.

He was a beautiful human being and he will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold Feiner

THOMAS W. RABENOLD
Thomas W. Rabenold, 76, of Allentown, died Monday, April 12, 1993 in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. He was the husband of Myrtle I. (Lindenmuth) Rabenold.

He was assistant foreman, composing news, for the Call-Chronicle Newspapers, now The Morning Call, Allentown, for 34 years, retiring in 1979.

Born in Cetronia, he was a son of the late Wilson J. and Edna M. (Warmkessel) Rabenold.

He was a member of Cedar Lutheran Church, Cetronia.

He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps during World War II, and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese for over three years.

He was a 32nd degree mason with Jordan Lodge No. 673, Allentown.

Survivors: Wife, son, Nelson T.; brother, Willard A.; sister, Althea L. Yenger, and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter Sharon.

FORT WORTH — Marvin E. Robinson, a retired auto body shop manager, died Wednesday at his Fort Worth home. He was 74.

Mr. Robinson was born in Handley and was a lifelong Fort Worth-area resident.

Mr. Robinson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1940. He served on the USS Houston as a Marine corporal and survived his sinking in March 1942 in the Sunda Strait off Java. He was held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese for 3-1/2 years during World War II. He was a member of the Lost Battalion-USST Houston Survivors Association.

Mr. Robinson was a member of Hemphill Heights Masonic Lodge 1164 and the Mosiah Shrine Temple.

Survivors: Wife, Lee Robinson; daughter, Judy Robinson; three brothers, Norman T. Robinson, Murl Robinson and Donald D. Robinson; and four sisters, Nina Griggers, Virginia Turney, Doris Rhine and Frances Poole.

CARROLL C. SHERMAN
HAYNESVILLE, LA — Graveside services for Mr. Carroll C. Sherman, 75, of Haynesville, was held at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 30, 1993 at the Old Town Cemetery with the Rev. George Sherman officiating. Services were directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Haynesville.

Mr. Sherman died Friday, May 28, 1993 at the Heritage Nursing Center in Haynesville after a sudden illness. He was a native and lifelong 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 a avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the NRA.

He will be 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. Carroll was a member of the 17th Bomb Sqdn, 27th Bomb Group. Now, 36 members of the 190 strong 17th Bomb Squadron survive.

WARREN R. STEWART
Tech. Sgt. Warren R. Stewart, Jr. was born February 25, 1917 and died January 29, 1993. He served during WW II in the U.S. Army Air Corp, 19th Bomber Group, 14th Squadron at Clark Field in the Philippine Islands, was captured in May of 1942 on the island of Mindanao, and held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese for 40 months in Bilibid, Kawasaki, and Natchi POW camps. He was returned to U.S. control on September 8, 1945. A life member of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, National American Ex-Prisoners of War, Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion, he was present and past commander of the Northwest Alabama Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. He worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority as a mechanical engineer and retired in 1979 after 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha A. Stewart, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren, and 2 brothers.

Warren's gentle ways and kind nature touched everyone he met. He will be greatly missed.
JESSE T. RICHARDSON

Jesse T. Richardson, 74, of Dunbar, West Virginia died February 14, 1993 of cardiac arrest. He is survived by his wife, Lila; sons Thomas and Steven; daughter Sheila Tingler, and eight grandchildren; one brother, Brady. He was a prisoner of war in Japan for over 3 years and a survivor of the Bataan Death March.

JAMES H. STEED

James H. Steed (Ret.), born in Lebanon died November 22, 1992. He was 76. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. He was captured at Bataan and was a prisoner of war from April 9, 1942 to August 17, 1945. During his captivity, Steed was confined at Cabanatuan for a short time and then moved to Pusan, Korea via Formosa and was liberated at Mukden, Manchuria by the Russian Army.

Steed's 1st assignment after liberation was back in the Philippines where he tried to locate the regimental records which he had buried. He found only the Regimental Seal. He was with the 31st Infantry Regiment in Manila.

He is survived by his wife Dollie; son James H. Steed, Jr.; daughters Joyce Butler and Linda Simmons; 6 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

ROMAN SZARWINSKI

PROVIDENCE - Roman Szarwinski, 82, Ret. M/Sgt. USAF, died Tuesday, June 1, 1993, after a brief illness. He was the widower of Mary A. (Krystolofski) Szarwinski, and son of the late Ignatius and Alexandra Szarwinski.

Born in New Bedford, he lived 45 years in West Wareham, where he was a communicant of St. Anthony Church.

M/Sgt. Szarwinski served more than 21 years in the Army and Air Force in World War II and the Korean War. He was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with two clusters.

HERBERT G. TYSON

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Herbert G. Tyson was a veteran of three wars who survived the Bataan Death March during World War II.

He retired from the military in 1970 and then worked as a city planner and zoner in Las Cruces, N.M. Tyson moved to San Antonio in 1978.

Tyson, 71, died Friday, May 3, 1992 of complications from kidney and heart failure.

He was born Nov. 4, 1921, in Buffalo, near Houston, and graduated from high school in Portales, N.M.

He was a World War II POW in Osaka, Japan from April 1942 to September 1945. Tyson was among the first group of POWs to be transported from the Philippines to Japan.

Tyson was forced to work in a steel mill while a POW.

He left the Army Air Forces in 1946 and married Ruth Jones in Las Cruces on May 1, 1948.

Tyson was recalled to the Air Force during the Korean War and remained in the military through the Vietnam War. He retired in 1970 in Ogden, Utah.

He and his wife went to Africa several years ago, and they went to the Philippines three years ago with other former POWs, following the route of the Bataan Death March.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Tyson and Mike Tyson; four sisters, Lorene Tyson, Morene Short, Billye Sue Abercrombie, and Johnyne Mack Stewart; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Szarwinski was a survivor of the Bataan Death March, from the extreme tip of Bataan, to the Japanese Prison camps at Formosa (Taiwan).

He was last employed at Otis Air Force Base as a civil engineer, and retired in June 1973.

Survivors include a daughter, Anna M. Byers; a son, Alexander R. Szarwinski; and several nieces and nephews.

KENNETH L. WALLER

Military graveside services were held at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine for Kenneth L. Waller of Taft who passed away March 9 at the age of 73.

Mr. Waller was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He moved to Long Beach with his family in 1923 and then to Coalinga in 1929. He graduated from high school in Fresno. He was serving in the Philippines when war with the Japanese broke out in December 1941. He was a Japanese prisoner of war from August 1942 until the war ended in 1945.

Following the war he returned to Coalinga where he married Mary Alice Smith. The couple lived here until 1966 when they moved to Taft. He retired as head well puller for Chevron Oil after 32 years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coalinga; American Legion Post 2 of Coalinga; the Disabled American Veterans; and the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Alice Waller; three daughters and their husbands, Cathleen and Ronald Christy, Patricia and John Gieselman, and Deanna and Bill Long Jr.; a brother and his wife, Donald and Helga Waller; eight grandchildren, Billy and Eric Long, Jennifer and Kevin Christy, and Kenneth, David, Cathleen and Steven Gieselman; and one great grandson, Andrew Christy.
ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM!

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced the “Aneurysm Detection and Management (ADAM) Study.” This program is to screen and detect a disease called “abdominal aortic aneurysm” or “AAA”, at the VA Medical Center. (Copy enclosed.) The study is designated as VA Cooperative Study #379.

“AAA” is a swelling of the large artery in the abdomen which can burst, causing death. AAA is a leading cause of death in older people. (Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center letter January 19, 1993) These deaths can be prevented if the AAA is detected before it bursts. Treatment consists of observing the AAA and operating on it if it grows too large. AAA can be detected by ultrasound, a safe and painless test, in which a probe is held against the abdomen to make an echo picture.

One patient who suffered from the disease was fortunate enough to have had X-rays and an ultrasound examination because of a chronic back problem that was due to a war related injury. He had the aneurysm monitored for about four years. He elected to have the aneurysm taken care of because of his age. He was sixty-nine at the time.

His situation was unusual because he suffers from chronic back pain which is incapacitating. His physician told him that the aneurysm was not at the stage that required an operation at the time of the consultation. He was told, “You could have some warning. If you feel a severe pain in the lower back get to me immediately. We will perform surgery immediately.” Great! Except that the patient has constant, chronic back pain. Another shot of pain would not be distinguishable as being the aorta or just another shocker. He had the aortal graft in July of 1989.

In pursuing the problem, trying to find out what the cause of the “disease” could be, a number of causes came to light. One story was that the condition could have been caused by the starvation that men encountered while being held as Prisoners Of War. Particularly those of who were POWs for a number of years. During WWII many American veterans were held in Japanese POW Camps for three years and four months. Many Americans were held in Vietnam for as long as seven years, according to recent records. The artery wall is weakened because of the lack of essential foods, vitamins and minerals. Also possibly from the diseases that men suffered as POWs. Another was that hypertension, high blood pressure, places a strain on the artery walls and caused the artery to weaken.

One of the least accepted causes, which is not accepted by some of the doctors interviewed, is the loss of height. Many old people, men and women both, lose height as they age. The aorta is a piece of hydraulic hose for all intents and purposes. The aorta has a

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FOO — A Japanese-American Prisoner of the Rising Sun
The Secret Prison Diary of Frank ‘Foo’ Fujita

Of the six thousand Japanese-Americans who saw military service in the war against Japan, only two were captured by the Japanese. One of them was Frank (“Foo”) Fujita of Abilene, Texas — the only combat Japanese-American soldier taken prisoner. For him, capture involved the implicit threat of torture and execution as a traitor to Japan.

During his time as a POW, Foo kept a diary of daily happenings, embellished with drawings of life in the camp. He secreted the diary in the walls of his barracks, as the practice was forbidden. That diary forms the basis of these memoirs.

Fujita’s memoirs are also unique in that he was one of the fewer than nine hundred Americans taken prisoner on the island of Java. The bulk of American POWs in Japanese hands surrendered in the Philippines, and most of the published POW memoirs reflect their experience.

Fujita’s account of the defense of Java and of the fate of the “Lost Battalion” of Texas artillerymen serve to distinguish this memoir from others.

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fixed length and does not shrink when the body shrinks. The aorta then has to do something. It kinks or becomes tortuous, like a bend in a river. This then causes a strain or stress on the walls of the artery which then causes the aneurysm. For all of the dinosaurs, long lived seniors, you could say that it forms a bubble like an old tire tube. This is the weak spot which can rupture. Death results in a matter of minutes. Just like a Japanese committing hari-kari. They actually cut the abdominal aorta and bleed to death internally.

There has been no general recommendation that the aorta should be examined. Many victims actually know nothing about this disease until it may be found accidental as a result of an examination for some other problem of the lower part of the body.

The operation consists of a graft. A prosthesis is inserted into the aorta which basically removes the weak spot and reinforces the wall of the aorta.

This graft is a tube of woven Dacron that is like a "Y." The "Y" is inserted with the single leg up into the iliac artery and the two legs into the branches of the abdominal aorta the iliac arteries which supply blood further on from the femoral arteries. The incision in the abdomen is made to allow access to the artery. The blood flow is cut off temporarily and the artery is slit open. The prosthesis is inserted and the artery wall is sewn back together around the Dacron "Y." The tissue of the artery grows around and into the braided Dacron.

It sounds simple. It isn't. There are risks that are involved that are best discussed with a surgeon who specializes in Vascular Surgery.

Three men out of a group of fifteen in the local chapter of the American Ex-POWs have had to have the surgery. This includes the writer. Two men who have died due to a rupture of the abdominal aorta have been known by the author. This is a h percentage. Note the words in the VA letter, "AAA is a leading cause of death in older people."

Two EX POWs have requested the scan in the past month after being alerted to the disease. One reported that a "growth" on/of the artery was detected. He is to return in a year to have another scan, and he was told to make sure he followed up the problem.

There has been some discussion of an alternate procedure that is being "used." When the artery is blocked and possibly have an aneurysm as well, a "stent" is inserted into the aorta through an artery that feeds into the aorta, and expanded. This essentially provides the same reinforcement the prosthesis mentioned earlier provides.

The VA has announced to what may be a select group of Veterans participation of the conduction of this study. Only one other veteran received the letter during the time the problem was researched. It is a recommendation of the author that all older veterans should have the scan of the aorta.

It is not known if any women are included in the study. Women would seem likely candidates for the "disease," "abdominal aorta aneurysm." Why? Because they have the tendency to suffer from osteoporosis which may cause them to lose height. That is if the loss of height is considered a likely cause.

It would seem that veterans, particularly the older men, and women, should think seriously about having and ultrasound examination of the abdominal aorta. Go to the VA or to your own doctor.

This article is not intended to alarm anyone. It is intended to alert seniors to the existence of such a problem in seniors.

Since the VA is concerned enough to conduct a study, the situation should be considered serious enough for you to do something about it. Help yourself. Go and ask for an "abdominal aortal sonic scan" and determine if there is an aneurysm.

Joseph A. Petak
March 15, 1993

FLORIDA CHAPTER
The Florida Chapter will hold the 1993 fall General Membership meeting at the Granada Inn, 51 South Atlantic Ave. (Highway A1A) Ormond Beach, Florida on the 14th thru the 17th of October 1993. The room rates will be $40.00 for a single or double bed plus tax. The General meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. the 16th of October. The Quan party will start at 6:00 P.M. on the 15th with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, there will be an open bar. The banquet will start at 6:00 P.M. Any inquiries concerning the meeting, call or write to John Aldrich, Secretary, Florida Chapter ADBC, 4450 Pompano Dr., Tampa, FL. Phone: 813-988-3560.

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VA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SURVEY OF VETERANS
The Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing a national survey of veterans to obtain data on characteristics of the veteran population and their use of VA benefits. The information will assist the Department in planning for veterans health care needs and changes in VA's medical system.

Indepth telephone surveys will be conducted, beginning in June through October, by Klemm Analysis Group and Westat under a $2.3 million contract. The survey will involve a sample of 10,600 veterans. Some 5,000 will be selected by a random digit telephone dialing procedure.

Selection of the remaining 5,600 will be obtained from three sets of VA files: the Compensation and Pension File, the Patient Treatment File, and the Outpatient Clinic File. The sample of 5,600 has been designed to address health-care reform issues that VA is reviewing and will reflect use of VA and non-VA medical care by service-connected and nonservice-connected veterans. Veterans' participation is voluntary, and the confidentiality of all responses will be strictly maintained by the contractor.

The data will allow VA to follow changing trends in the veteran population, make comparisons of characteristics of veterans who use VA programs with those who do not, and provide a current resource of data for continuing analysis.

The study is the fourth in a series of national surveys of veterans. VA also has conducted a survey of medical system users and a survey of disabled veterans. A report on the results of this year's survey is expected in 1994.

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SUPREME COURT SAYS JAPAN CAN REWRITE HISTORY
By IRENE KUNII
Tokyo, March 18, Reuter — Japan's Supreme Court upheld government censorship of school books on Tuesday, rejecting a lawsuit by textbook crusader Saburo Tenaga, who has waged a 30-year battle against the whitewashing of wartime history.

The Supreme Court, ruling on a suit filed in 1965, backed Tokyo High Court decision seven years ago that defended the Education Ministry's right under the constitution to screen and dictate the contents of school textbooks.

"The screening system is necessary to maintain a national standard on the content of educational material and to maintain fairness and neutrality," presiding Judge Tsunoo Kabe said in Tuesday's ruling.

"It does not violate the constitution."

Tenaga, a retired history professor, has filed a total of three suits against the government since the Education Ministry insisted that its revisionist view be taught in the nation's schools.

For example, it ordered authors to describe Japan's invasion of China as an "advance" and to soften the descriptions of the brutal 1910-45 occupation of Korea.

The government, surprised at the outbursts of its Asian neighbors ordered most of the revisionist packages to be replaced with the original versions by 1984.

But, just two years later, an unrepentant Education Ministry stirred fresh protests by approve the controversial history schoolbook prepared by a far-right nationalist group.

The book said that facts about Nanking (now Nanjing), Japanese soldiers were reported to have killed at least 140,000, had not been substantiated and incident was still under debate.

One of Japan's most embarrassing wartime legacies came to light last year when documents were discovered that proved that tens of thousands of Asian women had been recruited for Japanese military brothels.

In a report last July, the Japanese government admitted to the existence of "comfort women" but still denies they were forcibly rounded up.

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Berry and his two comrades were probably the only escaped American POWs recaptured by the Japanese in WWII who lived to tell about it. Stationed in the Philippines when the Japanese invaded, the three ensigns participated in the defense of Corregidor until the American surrender, were captured, and then escaped and hid in the jungles of Luzon.

Turned over to the Japanese by natives, the three were tried and sentenced to three years as "special prisoners" at the infamous Bilibid Prison in Manila, according to Berry, he wasn't executed because he claimed he had escaped in order to return to his mother, whose picture he carried. (The photo is reproduced in the book.)

Berry's engrossing memoir, written with Alexander, adds to our knowledge of Japanese policy toward prisoners of war and reveals how resourceful Americans could manipulate their captors without losing their honor or their lives. Berry is a retired justice of the Oklahoma supreme court. (May)

CAN YOU HELP
I had a brother, Staff Sgt. Albert Allan Angus, #6146912, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps August of 1939. He was sent to the Philippines and we never saw him again. He survived the Bataan Death March but died in Osaka during March of 1943. Please contact Melvin Angus, 2257 Winthrop St., No. Dighton, MA 022764.
BATAAN POW SAGA COMES FULL CIRCLE

By Mark S. Warnick
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

With her adult life still ahead of her, Emily Webb, 13, someday may make history.

For now, she'll settle for writing it.

Emily, a seventh-grader at Peters Township Middle School, will help represent Pennsylvania in next month's National History Day competition at the University of Maryland. Her project, already selected as the best in the district and second-best in the state for her age, already selected the best in the district of World War II - shortwave radio group. Examines a little-discussed aspect of World War II - shortwave radio broadcasts sent from Allied prisoners of war in the Far East.

The project, titled "From Beyond Barbed Wire," had been on display at the 48th national convention of the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor at the Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers, Downtown.

Emily's research hit close to home. Her effort was inspired by her grandmother, Jean Webb, who as a college student spent nearly two years in her Oregon hometown transcribing POW messages read in English by the Japanese over Radio Tokyo.

Sprawled on her family's living room floor listening to a shortwave radio. Jean Webb would record the messages in shorthand, type her notes, then mail them to prisoners' families around the world. She forwarded more than 200 messages during 1944 and 1945.

"It just seemed like maybe I could do something to help," recalled Webb, 69, who still lives in Corvallis, Ore. "Of course, I was very encouraged after I got a few thank-you's back. It just spurred me on."

For nearly 50 years, Webb kept all of her notes and the replies she received from grateful families. When Emily visited her last summer and asked her grandparents what they did during World War II, Jean Webb finally shared her records with someone.

Fascinated by her grandmother's wartime efforts, Emily decided to pursue the subject for the annual National History Day competition. The theme for this year's contest is "Communications in History: The Key to Understanding."

Since August, she's spent more than 200 hours researching and preparing her entry. She interviewed history professors, military officials and nine former POWs. She gathered correspondence from prisoners' families and obtained War Department records from the National Archives. She learned how a shortwave radio works.

Emily even searched out-of-town telephone books at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, hoping to contact ex-POWs whose messages to their families had been broadcast. She found relatives of two former prisoners, but both men had died in the last year.

She did manage to track down Albert L. Allen of Mansfield, Ohio, who was captured by the Japanese at the fall of Bataan in April 1942 and imprisoned at Mukden, Manchuria. Allen, who was liberated by Russian paratroopers in August 1945, is among the 500 people attending this weekend's convention at the Hilton.

On May 12, 1945, the sergeant's brief message to his parents in Mansfield was broadcast over Radio Tokyo. Across the Pacific Ocean, Jean Webb wrote it down.

"Hoping this finds you both well and happy," said Allen's message home. "Always think of you. I am well and in good spirits. I am always looking forward to the day when we can be together again. I pray it will be soon. Love, Al."

Emily said the Japanese used the POW messages as "a propaganda device," airing them throughout the day between Japanese views of the war. She contacted the Japanese embassy about her project, she said, but was "refused a response."

Emily's work has garnered recognition. She received a special award from the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society for the best student project involving a family's history.

"I just think it's tremendous that a student could in some way pull in some kind of historical reference to her family in her project," said Vaughn Dailey, gifted support teacher at Peters Township Middle School and Emily's advisor for National History Day. "Emily's work, he said, is "just tremendously researched and very impressive."

Emily was invited to display her exhibit at the veterans of Bataan and Corregidor convention, which concludes tomorrow. She had interviewed members of the group, many of whom had been unaware that messages had been forwarded to relatives during the war.

"When I first started, some of them said it never happened to them and so it probably never happened, but I knew it had to have happened because my grandmother took the radio messages," Emily said.

June 11, 1993

Dear Mr. Vater
and all ADBC members,

Thank you for inviting me to display my project at the convention. I had a nice time talking to you and your wives. I learned a lot more about World War II and the Japanese prison camps. I was even able to find someone who had recorded a message the Japanese sent by shortwave radio. I had been searching for someone who had done this since last fall. If I had not been at the convention, I would not have been able to question him about the recording session.

I leave this weekend for the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C. I'll let you know how I do.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Emily Webb

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If you, or any of your readers, have information about Rydeen, his sister would be eternally grateful for a letter. Her address: Lucille Aasland, 2105 Nelson Dr., Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

**NEEDS INFO**

Mrs. Thelma Mott LeJeane, 3221 Hwy. 90W, Sulpher, LA 70613, wishes to receive information on her brother, Pvt. Eugene McDermott, #38055-896, and who served with 515 Cav. Regt. on Corregidor. He spoke English, French & Spanish. He was on the Oryoku Maru when it was bombed off Subic Bay. If you can help, please write Mrs. Mott.

**REUNION INFO**

The 30th Annual Reunion of Survivors of Bataan & Corregidor and other Former Prisoners of War of the Far East will be held August 21-26, 1993 in Fontana Dam, N.C. 78733. Guests and friends are welcome. For reservations call 704-498-2211 or 800-842-2258. For further information write or call Wayne Carringer, chmn., P.O. Box 46, Robbinsville, N.C. 28771, 704-479-6205.

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