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From the Editor

This edition of the newsletter is packed with information about the October 2000 Reunion, the April 2001 trip to Taiwan, our efforts to obtain the Meritorious Unit Citation for 2/71's service in 1958-59, excerpts from the 1959 After Action Report, and notes from our membership.

Please make your best effort to attend the reunion and enjoy the camaraderie of those who experienced what you experienced forty-two years ago. Make your commitments early, and send in your reservation form by 1 September.



Photo from ROC News Magazine
Torch of Victory, Nov-Dec 1958
The New China Publication Service, Taipei, Taiwan

Reunion Overview

The second reunion of the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Assn. will be in St. Charles, Missouri, 12-15 October 2000. The reunion is open to all members and family members of those who served in Taiwan during the Taiwan Straits Crisis of 1958. This includes members of 2/71 Artillery, as well as members of the 178th Ordnance Detachment, 1st Signal Detachment, 31st Engineer Detachment, 554th Ordnance Company, and Augmentation (Signal) troops.

The reunion headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Select in St. Charles/St. Peters, Missouri.

We have included a form for you to fill out where you can indicate the activities you will attend, and number of people participating. The form includes the cost of each activity, and we ask that you send in a check to cover those activities by 1 Sep 2000. Most of the activities have to be paid in advance of the reunion.

Reunion Schedule

11 October (Wednesday)

Nothing Scheduled. Early arrivals can join the Board of Directors for dinner
7:00pm Depart hotel for dinner at Vivian's Vinyard in Frenchtown

12 October (Thursday)

8:00am - 11:00am Board of Directors Meeting in "Hospitality Room"
12:00pm - 5:00pm Registration in hotel lobby
6:00pm - 7:00pm Welcome reception in hotel's St. Charles Room
7:00pm - 10:00pm Buffet/Social in hotel's St. Charles Room

13 October (Friday)

8:30am - 2:30pm Tour to Daniel Boone Home and Mt. Pleasant Winery
2:30pm - 4:30pm Tour continues to St. Charles Historic Main St. and Lewis & Clark Center. Return to Hotel.
6:15pm - 10:00pm Depart hotel for Goldenrod Showboat (dinner & theater)

14 October (Saturday)

- 8:30am - 11:00am Association Business meeting
11:30am - 2:00pm Bus to Main Street for shopping & lunch on your own
2:00pm - 3:00pm Meet at First State Capital for tour (pay \$1 at door)
3:00pm - 4:00pm Tour of Miniature World Museum (pay \$4 at door)
4:15pm - 4:45pm Bus to hotel
6:00pm - 10:00pm Reunion Banquet in hotel St. Charles Room

15 October (Sunday)

- 8:00am - 9:30am Memorial Breakfast in hotel St. Charles Room



Reunion Details

The reunion starts officially with Registration in the hotel Thursday afternoon, 11 October. The seven member Board of Directors will be arriving a day early to conduct an annual Board of Directors meeting. They will be going to Vivian's Vineyard in Frenchtown, (St. Charles) for dinner on 11 October. If you plan to be in St. Charles by that time, please join them for dinner. Put a note on your reservation form so that we can reserve enough space in their dining room.

Registration will start in the hotel lobby at noon, Thursday, 12 October, and continue through 5:00pm. At 6:00pm the hotel will provide complimentary wine and cheese for our reception. Following the reception, we will have a light buffet and social. The buffet is included in your registration fee.

On Friday, 13 October, tour busses will take us to the Daniel Boone Home, and Daniel Boone Village, in Defiance, Missouri. This is quite an impressive four-story, stone home that Col. Daniel Boone and his son built between 1803 and 1810. They lived there until Boone's death in 1820. It is a 30 to 40 minute drive from the hotel.

From the Boone Home, we will motor to the Mt. Pleasant Winery in Augusta, Missouri. It is located on the "Missouri Weinstrasse" in the "Missouri "Rhineland". Mt. Pleasant is one of the oldest and picturesque of vineyards. We will receive a tour of the winery, sample some of their award winning wines, and have lunch on the grounds. We had originally planned to have this tour on Saturday, but the winery is such a tourist attraction in the fall that they can't take large groups on weekends.

We will then motor back to St. Charles where we will tour 200-year-old Historic Main Street. This ten-block area has more than 125 one-of-a-kind shops, more than 30

restaurants, wineries and a micro-brewery. The period shops and skilled craftsmen should provide a charming shopping or sightseeing afternoon. At 3:00pm we will tour the Lewis and Clark Center. The Center features dioramas and three-dimensional exhibits that depict the struggles and adventures of Lewis and Clark. They had rendezvoused in St. Charles before setting off in 1804 on their westward exploration of President Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase.

Friday evening we will have dinner and theater on the Goldenrod Showboat, permanently moored on the Missouri River at St. Charles. The showboat built in 1909, inspired Edna Ferber's book "Showboat". Dinner will consist of a buffet, with drinks and/or dessert on you. The theater presentation will be the *Fantastics*, an old Broadway show.

Saturday morning, 14 October, we will have our Association business meeting in the hotel. Some of the family members may wish to go back to St. Charles for shopping, antiques, etc.; or they can relax in the hotel inside-outside pool.

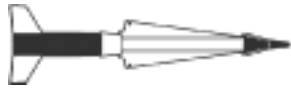
At 11:30am Saturday, busses will depart the hotel for Main Street, St. Charles. This is free time for shopping, sightseeing and lunch. We will meet at the Missouri's First State Capital building for a tour at 2:00pm. This building served as Missouri's Capital from 1821 to 1826, before the city of Jefferson was founded. Then we will go to the Miniature World Museum for a tour. The museum is the only museum of its kind in the world. It honors the hobby and art of miniaturists worldwide. Four of the largest dioramas include reproductions of Munich, Germany and Metz, France, a dry dock in England, and the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Sometime during the visit to Main Street on Saturday, Lois Mackintosh will schedule a tour of the Haviland China Museum in St. Charles for those who are interested. It will be during the open time for shopping in St. Charles. The museum has a magnificent collection of Haviland China, but they normally are closed on Fridays and Saturdays. The owner will open the museum if we have 10 or 12 people who are interested. Please indicate your interest on the Reunion Reservation Form included in this newsletter.

Saturday evening, 14 October, we will have our reunion banquet in the hotel's St. Charles Room. The banquet will start at 6:00pm. We will have a Color Guard from the St. Charles Fife and Drum Corps. They will put on a short demonstration after the Presentation of Colors. Don Bull has graciously consented to be our banquet speaker.

Our reunion activities will conclude with a Memorial Breakfast, Sunday 15 October, in the St. Charles Room, where we will honor those members who have passed on since our reunion in 1998.

This should be a great time of year to be in St. Charles. If you have time, be sure to take in the attractions of St. Louis, which is thirty minutes drive to the East on I70.



Reunion Hotel Reservations

The reunion hotel is the **Holiday Inn Select, 4221 South Outer Rd., St. Peters, Missouri.** It is located at Exit 225 Cave Springs off Highway I-70. This is 15 minutes West of the St. Louis airport. The hotel is on the South side of I-70 at the exit. They will furnish complimentary transportation to and from Lambert St. Louis Airport 7:00am-10:00pm. Please call front desk to schedule in advance.

Call the hotel's toll free telephone number **(1-800-767-3837)** to make reservations. We have a block of rooms at the rate of \$70.00 per night, plus tax, for the nights of 11-16 October. That will accommodate those who wish to come a day early, or stay a day late. Don't wait until the last minute to make reservations, since we will release all rooms in our block that have not been reserved by 12 September 2000.

The hotel has a recreation center with indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, pool table, kids corner, and exercise room. Each room has a coffee maker, iron, hair dryer and data port. Same day dry cleaning and laundry service is available, Monday-Friday. Complimentary parking is available.



Locate your buddies

If you plan to attend the reunion, call one of your buddies and ask him to attend also. The Memory Book, that many of you purchased, has the names and addresses of those we have located. If you don't have the Memory Book, call, mail, or e-mail **Bob Mackintosh (256-379-3496 or bmack@hiwaay.net)** and see if the 2/71 Assn. has the telephone number. The database is pretty good for those who are members of the 2/71 Assn., but not so good for non-members.



Taiwan trip update

We are working with Hermes Travel of Torrance, California to set up our tour to Taiwan next year. Hermes Travel has sent out requests for proposals to the hotels, tour companies in Taiwan, and the airlines. The proposals have been received and are being evaluated.

We have approximately 90 people who say they are

interested in going with us to Taiwan. The dates will be 22-28 April 2001. Right now the schedule looks like this.

22 Apr 2001 (Sunday, 2300) - depart Los Angeles (LAX) on Singapore Airlines

24 Apr 2001 (Tuesday 0600) - arrive Taipei International Airport (NE of Taoyuan)

24 Apr 2001 (Tuesday am) - Meet guide, bus to Taipei. Transfer to tour bus for city tour to Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall, Lungshan Temple, and the Martyr's Shrine. After lunch at Mongolian Barbeque restaurant, transfer to hotel. (Fare: \$48 per person, includes arrival and return airport transfers, half day Taipei City Tour, guide and lunch.)

24 Apr 2001 (Tuesday pm) - Free time for rest of day.

Optional Tours

25 Apr 2001 (Wednesday, 0900- 1700) - National Palace Museum and Yangminshan National park Tour (\$48 per person, includes bus, guide, entrance tickets, and lunch.)

26 Apr 2001 (Thursday, 0900 1700) - Full day tours to Hqs. and missile sites. Fare: \$25 per person, includes bus and guide only. No meals included. Visits to the Yingko Ceramic Factory and Tsushih Temple in Sanshia if time permits.

26 Apr 2001 (Thursday, 1900 -2200) - Open for ROC social, (to be coordinated)

27 Apr 2001 (Friday, 0900 - 1700) Tour to Taroko Gorge National Park. (Fare:\$140 per person, includes airport transfers, round trip air tickets, light lunch, entrance tickets, bus and guide.)

28 Apr 2001 (Saturday, ??) - Depart Taipei for International Airport. You may return to US; go on to another SW Asia city, such as Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, or Ho Chi Min City; or extend your trip in Taiwan.

We have not made a selection of the hotel in Taipei. We received proposals from four in different price ranges.

Grand Hotel: Single US\$ 145, Double/Twin US\$165

Lai Lai Sheraton Hotel: US\$ 1157, Double/Twin US\$175

Asia Pacific Hotel: US\$ 117, Double/Twin US\$128

Fortuna Hotel: US\$ 98, Double/Twin US\$110

As you can see the prices are not cheap, but these group rates are \$30 to \$50 per night cheaper than we could get booking them individually. The Grand and the Sheridan are 5 Star hotels, while the Asia Pacific and Fortuna are 3 to 4 Star hotels.

These prices are still estimates. Final details, and air fares, will be provided at the reunion in St. Charles. We will be asking those who will be making the trip to send a deposit (amount to be announced later) by November 2000.

Association Membership Numbers.

We now have 122 paid up members. The date that your membership expires is on your mailing address label. Please renew if your membership has expired. Those of you who have not joined, **please join!** Your membership dues pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletter, and provide funds for searching for new members.

There are 161 on our mailing list who have expired memberships, or who have never joined the Association.

New Members

The following troops have joined the 2/71 (Taiwan) Assn. since the December 1999 newsletter:

Derald Hatesohl, Topeka, KS, C Btry
Leo Lefrancois, Plainfield, CT, Hq Btry
Ron Earnest, Cincinnati, OH, 178th Ord
David Kent, DesPlaines, IL, D Btry
Harry Habenicht, Kentland, IN, C Btry
Neil Keegan, Fair Oaks, CA, 554th Ord
John Mayer, Osage, IA, D Btry
S.B.Davis, Tahliihina, OK, D Btry
Melvin A. Reichstadt, Minneapolis, MN, 178th Ord
Terry DuToi, Mishawaka, IN, 178th Ord

Renewed Memberships

The following troops have renewed their membership in the 2/71 (Taiwan) Assn. since the December 1999 newsletter:

John Astin, Pompano Beach, FL, C Btry Signal
David Diedrich, Athens, WI, D Btry
Donald Jackson, El Paso, TX, 554th Ord
Nathaniel Lewis, El Paso, TX, B Btry
Stuart Moody, Butler, PA, Hq Btry
David O'Connell, N. Attleboro, MA, D Btry
Robert Pack, Cleburne, TX, Hq Btry
Donald Redman, Gowrie, IA, C Btry
Lloyd Saylor, El Paso, TX, 554th Ord
Donald Sneckenberger, Hagerstown, MD, A Btry
Larry Trieglaff, Wind Lake, WI, Hq Btry
Merle Weller, Strasburg, PA, A Btry
Lawrence Williams, Mesa, AZ, B Btry
Ronald O'Neill, Port Jefferson Sta., NY, D Btry
Robert Douglas, Arlington, TX, B Btry
LaVern Trupp, Parma, ID, D Btry

Expired Memberships

The following members have let their memberships expire:

Clowe, Jr., John
Drum, Connie

Filer, William
Garcia, C.
Hamrick, Greg
Harriford, Jr., Willie
Havard, Alvin
Hurst, Claxton
Jeske, Richard
Kolm, Karl (Bud)
Lane, Donald
Meadows, Earnest
Minick, Fletcher
Nezelek, Francis
O'Brien, William
Olivares, Jr., Fidel
Petrick, Donald
Reid, Clayton
Thurmond, Fred

Found Troops

William Stein (2 LT, 554th Ordnance Company) Fort Smith, AR recently found us as a result of his contact with the 823 Badge of Honor USA Assn.



Sick Call

Bob Douglas, B Btry, was very sick last year as he explained in his letter to **Bob and Lois Mackintosh**.

Dear Bob and Lois,

Sorry I haven't written before now but on November 4, 1998 after the Outstanding Reunion you put together I was admitted to the hospital at Wilford Hall Air Force Hospital, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas with Septic Shock. Kidney shut down, heart attack, gall stone blocking bile duct and severe ??? infection. The doctors told Kay they didn't think I would make it. Then about three days later they said my gall bladder was full of gall stones and they had to take it out, didn't think my old body would take it, but it did. I'm just getting back to almost full strength now.

Sorry I let my 2/71 membership expire but here are my dues. I'm really proud to have been associated with all the great men of the 2/71 Arty and it was a pleasure to meet some of the wives at the reunion.

Kay and I will not be able to attend the reunion this year or to go to Taiwan but we will be thinking of you and our prayers are with you all.



Meritorious Unit Citation

John Spegele, D Btry, prepared a recommendation that the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery, and support units, be awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation for their 1958 - 1959 service in Taiwan.. He submitted the recommendation and supporting documentation (the 1959 After Action Report and MG Cavin's 1998 Letter of Appreciation) through his Congressman, Bob Goodlatte, to the Department of Army.

We had thought that the Army Unit Awards Board had reviewed the recommendation in June 2000 and furnished their recommendation to the Chief of Staff of the Army for approval/disapproval. In July, John was advised by the Awards Branch that the recommendation was forwarded to the Center of Military History to verify all the information and detachments involved. That apparently has been done. It will go back to the Board for the next meeting scheduled for late August. John reports that he was asked to write the commendation., which sound encouraging. We should know the final decision before the October Reunion.



Taiwan Stories

We asked those of you on our 2/71 e-mail list to provide your first person stories for the newsletter. **Carl Paparazo**, C Btry, and **Sam Grant**, Hq. Btry, were kind enough to respond. Their stories follow below. If you have a story to relate, please send it e-mail, or typed, to Bob Mackintosh. E-mail address <bmack@hiwaay.net>, or to the mail address on this newsletter.

Carl's story (15 Apr 2000):

"Hello Robert,

Well, as recall — one afternoon, I was on gate guard w/ white helmet liner and white spats and 45 pistol etc.; but being a "PFC " we would rotate (with a Chinese army troop'r). My asso Chinese gate guard troop 'r happened to be a Chinese MASTER SGT.. SO THAT DAY IT WAS RAINING. We would rotate every other truck or jeep to go out in the rain and open the gate. Well after a while he (the Chinese) said to me in gestures that he wasn't going to open any more gate (in the rain), since he was a Master Sgt and I was a one stripe'r (Pfc). Well after a while, maybe "1 minit ", I locked him out of the guard house and he went up to his Captain and his Captain went to my Captain * (name escapes me) and they all - both Captains and Master Sgts -

and they all descended on the guard house whew, whew!! Well, I was told that I was relieved of gate guard and that I was going to cause an international incident?? So, since I never volunteer'd for that position and could not really especially get accustomed to that particular Master Sgt Chinese gate guard continuously putting on my white helmet liner w/all those decals (missiles) on his "....." ring wormed head. (Man o man) I was happy to get back out (7 miles) to the launcher pad once again — never knew who recommended me for that job; but, not a word was said to me, not a word. And, from that point on I enjoyed the launcher pads even more; something like a private country club after our first 6-months or so... every thing green and clean and bright and our new barracks were being built and life was beginning to be almost as good as those guys there at " shu linkou" (AF RADIO LISTENING BASE). Those guys had it made in the shade.

So there you have it - a real story from **Carl Paparazo**, "C " Battery (launcher tech) 2nd 71st, 1958"

Sam's story (4 Jun 2000):

"Leo (Frenchy) [**Lefrancois**] contacted me by e-mail after recognizing my name (I guess). If he is the one I think he is, he worked in the AADCP with us as a plotter. He had a Brooklyn accent and was quite the character. He was a good-natured trooper, always laughing and going on with the jokes, etc. I'm not sure what he meant about asking me about the snake.

However, when we first arrived at the headquarters area, I went down to the "Chinese" latrine for the first time. You may recall that they had this long boxed-in affair with individual holes spaced ever so far apart. One had to squat; there was no way to sit. Anyway, after having agonized about how to manipulate this contraption, I finally assumed the position and was there trying to do my thing, when I felt something kind of tap my boot. I looked down and saw this snake crawling over my feet. Well I automatically shot straight up like a Nike Hercules and didn't come back down until I was out of the latrine hut. I didn't go back to look for the snake or even to finish what I was doing. I went back to the S-3 office and was informed by Captain Oliver and others that the snake I described (very colorful) was a "krait" (not sure of the spelling), one of the most poisonous on the island. Anyway, from that time on, I kept my eyes open for such critters.

I used to always check the inside of my boots before I put them on. I guess that was my most exciting event during my tour. Certainly it was not the kind of welcome I had expected. And I remember that it gave room for a lot of idle conversation among Headquarters personnel thereafter.

The other thing I remember about snakes was that after each really big rainfall, there were more snakes around the camp. The Taiwanese guards were always killing them. We were told by LTC Lee and others that the rain washed them

down from the mountains.

Well, I guess that was what Leo had in mind.”

Correspondence between Dave O’Connell, D Btry, and a Taiwan Straits, brother-in-arms.

Thought you all would enjoy this e-mail exchange between Dave and Richard Welsh, U.S. Navy veteran of the Taiwan Straits Crisis:

“From: richard welsh <drwelsh@zianet.com>
To: Ausoniusoc@aol.com
Subject: Taiwan medal

Dear Dave,

I read your article on the new medal for your unit concerning the Quemoy-Matsu crisis. Congratulations to all of the men at Ft. Bliss who received the AFEM and the 823 BOH. I received my AFEM for that crisis some years ago, but I know many military personnel were left out. In October of ’98, I was one of ten New Mexico vets who received the 823 BOH in person from the Taiwan Ambassador -the Honorable Mr. Francis C. R. Lee. He flew in with his staff from L.A. to Albuquerque to present the medals to the 10 of us. We took lots of photos.

I served on the Flagship Destroyer USS Hopewell (DD 681). At one point we were within a half mile of Quemoy assisting a Chinese LST ship that had been hit by shore batteries. The limit was 3 miles, but we did violate that more than once. The ship sank quickly when her bow doors were blown open by the blast—large loss of ChiNat life.

I went to high school in El Paso (Ysleta -Class of ’58). I currently reside in Las Cruces, N.M.

I’m real proud of the Ft. Bliss group that was over there. We didn’t know anyone else was there at the time. Being out there on those small destroyers, we had our hands busy trying to escort the Nationalist ships and sometimes dodging shore artillery at the same time. Pretty hectic days back then for all concerned.

Again congratulations for the men at Ft. Bliss — recognition finally came.

Respectfully yours, Richard G. Welsh (USN Veteran)
e-mail: drwelsh @zianet.com”

“Dear Richard,

Nice to hear from you Richard. Thanks for the good words regarding the 2/71. We knew you guys from the 7th Fleet were out there. Believe me you were greatly appreciated by us all. We could actually see you on our acquisition radar when we lowered it to take a look at the Straits.

I sure hope everyone gets the recognition they deserve for this little known successful “vest pocket” war before it is

too late (already too late for some). Many of the men, Navy, Marines, Army and Air Force are still fighting the establishment for medals and recognition. The problem is much of the information they need is still classified and won’t be unclassified until a concerted effort to get this information is made by individuals under the FOIA. Much of our success was due to this type of effort and a relentless push everywhere necessary by **Bob Mackintosh**, now a retired Lt. Col., but then a Fire Control Officer in Bravo Battery. What helps us now is the very fact that we have recognition and know some of the ropes. Our retired colonels, back then Lts. and Cpts, have been working on the “Unit Citation” we feel should have been awarded to us 41 years ago for our more than successful mission helping discourage an invasion of Taiwan. The present status on that effort is that the Awards Board has acted on our request and forwarded their recommendation to the Army Chief of Staff. Just what their recommendation is, I do not know. I always knew we had a great and cohesive unit of skilled and dedicated officers and men in the 2/71. As you can see even to this day our officers are not letting us down. When our mission was completed our unit was deactivated, activities classified and the men were dispersed throughout the U.S. and the world. It was the advent of the computer, a few good men and dedication to purpose that enabled us to reconstruct the 2nd Msl. Bn. 71st Artillery (Taiwan) and its Support Units.

Dave O’Connell

2nd Msl. Bn. 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association”

“Dear Dave,

Thanks ! Message received, and I wish everyone in your very “special” unit the greatest of success in receiving full recognition for their front line expedition during the Taiwan crisis (which still exists). Everyone there squared off with the communists for a “Big showdown” if necessary. President Ike threatened to use nuclear force which indicates to me the severity of the crisis.

I’ll never understand why our country fails to recognize those who served—maybe because so few in Congress wore the uniform of this great country.

I’ll be watching for any news on your progress for full recognition by Uncle Sam. You and your fellow soldiers are extremely deserving of the unit citation.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Welsh
(Navy Destroyer Squadron 15-Fomosa/ Taiwan)”



Search for 2/71 History

We are trying to expand our knowledge of the events leading up to the decision to deploy our battalion to Taiwan in 1958. There must have been much traffic between the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and Intelligence agencies about the threat and the need to provide air defense for Taipei. Dave O'Connell, Association Secretary, has written the Freedom of Information Office in the Department of State, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Army, and the Army Intelligence and Security Command, to request copies of any inter-agency or intra-agency memos, white papers, position papers, telex's, or other correspondence regarding the Communist Chinese air threat to Taiwan and the eventual decision to deploy an Army Air Defense Missile Battalion to defend Taipei in 1958. Dave has received acknowledgement that the various agencies have received his correspondence and have assigned FOIA Case Numbers to process these requests. We will keep you informed if this turns up any historical information.



2/71 Assn. Membership

We currently have 125 paid up members to the 2nd Missile Bn, 71st Artillery (Taiwan) Association. Check your address label to see if your membership has expired. We have 16 whose memberships have expired through June 2000, and 5 whose memberships expire this month. If we have made a mistake on the expiration date, let us know.

Membership Renewals

Fidel C. Olivares, Jr., Arlington, TX (Hq Btry)
Alvin Havard, Jackson, LA (A Btry)
Norris "Nick" Hodge, Marietta, AR, (C Btry)
C. Louis Garcia, Buena Vista, NM (Hq & D Btry)
Ray Corbin, Littleton, CO (B Btry)
Billy Baker, McKenzie, TN (C Btry)
Karl Kolm, Waco, TX (A Btry)
Mike Conniff, Eden Prairie, MN (D Btry)
Clayton Reid, Winston-Salem, NC (A Btry)
Lowell Vaughn, Scroggins, TX (Hq Btry)
Jen-Chieh Lee, Las Vegas, NV (Hq Btry Liaison)
Robert Stohlman, Olney, MD, (554th Ord Co)

Connie M. Drum, Eutawville, SC, (178th Ord Det)

New Members

Jim Nelson, Troy, MI (A Btry)
James N. Norby, Elva, WI (B Btry)
John Brokowski, Rockledge, FL (D Btry)
William Stein, Fort Smith, AR, (554th Ord Co.)
C.E. Scott, El Paso, TX (A Btry)

Lost members

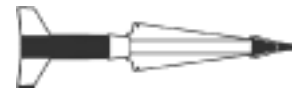
Richard Sisco, Ringwood, NJ.(31st Eng. Det.) If anyone knows where Richard moved to, please let us know.



Future Reunion Survey Results

In the April 2000 issue of the 2/71 newsletter, we included a survey to help us decide where the next reunion should be. We have received 44 responses. (There is still time to send yours in.) We gave you four choices to rate your interest in attending a reunion at each of 37 possible reunion sites. The choices were "Very likely (attend)", "Possibly", "Not likely", and "Never". The results have been weighted, with the number indicating "Very Likely" and "Possibly" added together. Then we subtracted the number of "Not likely" and "Never" votes. The weighted scores for the top five locations were:

Nashville, Tenn. (26)
Branson, Missouri, (25)
New Orleans, Louisiana. (24)
Las Vegas, Nevada (23)
Orlando, Florida (23)



Comments on Reunion Survey Form.

4/18/00

"Enjoy your e-mail from people's personal stories.
Ron Morgan, (C Btry)"

4/22/00

"I might be more interested in participating in 2/71 activities if more members of the 178th Ord. Det were involved. I actually do not know anyone from the firing batteries or Hq Co. In any event, I do enjoy the periodic newsletters.

Harry Tompkins, (178th Ord Det.)

4/24/00

“\$15.00 inclosed for annual dues and the balance use for mailing letters or whatever you need.

Looking forward to seeing you and friends in St. Charles, MO in Oct.

Thanks,

Alvin Havard, A Btry, & wife Sadie”

4/24/00

“How much trouble would it be to create a roster listing members’ name, address, phone, e-mail, and fax? That would be great.

See you in MO.”

Nick Hodge, (C Btry)”

(We will have copies of membership roster at the reunion and can make copies of the non-member mailing list also. Ed.)

5/3/00

“I really appreciate the quality of the 2/71 newsletters and enjoy reading the stories from guys I served with i.e. **John Mayer** and **David Kent**. I was the guy who cut 1st **Sgt S.B. Davis**’ hair every week and did everyone on the Breckenridge.

I hope to bring my Taiwan native girl friend, Jen, (4 years) I met her at a restaurant called the Formosa Garden in Harrisburg, PA.

Tom Ambler, (D Btry)”

5/11/00

“Please note: e-mail address change to jwprovost@aol.com. Reservations made at hotel for October reunion. Looking forward to seeing you all.

John Provost, (D Btry)”

7/11/00

“I will not be able to attend the reunion this year. I have a conflicting obligation. The 50th Anniversary of The Rangers of the Korean War.

Connie M. Drum, (178th Ord. Det.)”

7/19/00

“I was a PFC radio repairman when I left Ft. Bliss, TX with the 1st Signal Detachment in 1958. As I recall, we had a CWO4 for a commander, and a grand total of about 17 people in the Detachment. I had been married only two months, and left my pregnant wife with her parents in Tulsa, OK. I was promoted to SP4 in Taiwan, and when they started talking about rotating us out, my CO put me first on the list, thinking I could get back to the States to be with my wife. Not so. They shipped me to the Signal Depot in Okinawa, where I made SP5 in December 1959, and reenlisted to get back to Ft. Bliss. I was there 18 months, and then shipped to the Pirmasens General Depot in Germany where we had a great time. In the Spring of 1964 the Army offered me two years of college in exchange for a six year enlistment, so I returned to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK and completed my bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. I went back to Ft. Bliss from there, and applied for a Signal Maintenance Warrant Officer appointment. I was still a SP5, but somebody in Washington called my CO and said they would give me a direct commission if I would accept it. So I went from SP5 to 1LT in one step. I went to Signal Officer Basic at Ft. Gordon, and then Combat Battalion Signal Officer school at Ft. Sill. Of course, I got my time in RVN - six months as the Signal Officer for 1st Bn., 2nd Inf, of the First Division (Big Red One), and six months as the Battalion Maintenance Officer for the 121st Signal Bn. Made captain with 13 months in grade as a 1LT. From there I returned to Ft. Monmouth, NJ for the Signal Officer Advanced Course, and then a year of school on telecommunications system engineering with AT&T. From there I went to Germany and managed the Army’s telephone system for six years, until I retired as a major in 1977. I returned to Tulsa (where all of our family was) in August 1977, went to work for American Airlines in August of 1978, and worked on engineering and then managing the telecommunications system there. I got spun off from AA with the Sabre Group (not my choosing), and then when they had a RIF last year, they put me out. I got a severance and retirement package, but I’m not ready to retire yet. I start teaching telecommunications in the graduate school at Oklahoma State University (Tulsa Campus) next month, and intend to do so for several years to come.

I probably won’t be able to make the reunion you have planned, but at least wanted to let you know that somebody actually does read those notices in The Retired Officer Magazine. Best regards, and best of luck with the reunion.

Charles G. Gray, (1st Sig Det)
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Other E-mail received

HEADS-UP - Thought you might be interested in a project we got involved in over seven years ago. We were trying to come up with a way to help fellow Veterans gain visibility in their communities on more than just a few special holidays. We decided to make Veterans Recognition Window Stickers. We call them **VetSignias**. Newspapers and magazines have been running brief articles about the stickers and we've sent them to thousands of Veterans in every state. Of course most Veterans have not yet had an opportunity to read about them. We're not a business, just a loosely knit group of retired WWII and KOREA veterans with the time, know-how, and commitment to make a wide variety of the attractive, inexpensive, long-lasting stickers. We now make thirty-three different stickers, for WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM, PERSIAN GULF, OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONARY CAMPAIGNS, PEACETIME, and services; ARMY, NAVY, MARINES, AIR FORCE, COAST GUARD, MERCHANT MARINE. This is something a commercial enterprise probably couldn't do. The stickers can be viewed at <http://www.wat3.com/vetsignia>

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Received the following from Lloyd Evans, Chairman, 823 Badge of Honor USA Assn. The article is from the 3rd Marine Division Newsletter, May 2000.

WHY A REUNION?

Those of you who served in the military know that those years were among the most intense, unforgettable and influential of your life. And, the largest part of that experience, the part which keeps coming back time and again, is the people-those men and women you served with. Served with? What a strange term. It actually means eating, working, playing, joking, yelling, suffering, and celebrating together, day in and day out. Good times, bad times, great times, boring times, and times that scared you to death. At first you were strangers but you became friends, even with some you might have avoided or never met in "the real word."

But, it was more than friendship. Your present sense of camaraderie and nostalgia is not really focused around happy and casual memories like (say) that of high school, but on uncommon bonds forged under unusual conditions.

You depended on each other to get the job done; you needed each other to survive battles and boredom, and you came away with an experience known only to those "who have been there."

Then, many of you were catapulted from military service directly back into civilian life. After your discharge, you scattered to towns and cities across America. When you try to remember your military experience and the people with whom you served, there are blank spots and a sense of incompleteness because no one is around to remember with you and there is a lot you have forgotten.

Your experiences and thoughts may not be easily shared with people whom you now live with and love.

Friends and family may have long ago begun to yawn over your old war stories, never realizing their subtle yet profound importance to you.

A reunion offers you a chance to remember, fill in the blanks, rediscover long-lost friends, compare experiences, ask a friend that important question, spend time with someone you had previously overlooked, be with those who understand, and finally put into proper perspective that most profound and powerful part of your life.

Submitted by Sgt. Maj. Bill Krueger, USMC (Ret.)
Executive Committee & Life Board Member



Letter from U.S. Army Air Defense Center Historian

The 1959 2/71 After Action Report, and the 2/71 Memory Book, were transmitted to the U.S. Army Military History Institute and the Historian, U.S. Army Air Defense Center and School to document the achievements of 2/71 and support units, during the height of the Cold War. The Air Defense Center Historian replied with a very nice letter that is repeated here:

"June 6, 2000

Dear Mr. Mackintosh.

Recently I received the two volumes of the history of the 2nd Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery, which you were kind enough to send to me. They make fascinating reading and are an interesting documentation of a little-known episode in the Nike-Hercules era. I have already accessioned them into the archives here in the Historical Office. I wish that all air defense units had done such a great job of recording their experiences!

Thank you for sending the two documents to me. I will make sure that they are always available for researchers. I wish all of you in the 2nd of the 71st good luck in continuing to locate your old friends.

Sincerely

Patricia M. Rhodes

Historian”

After Action Report

In a recent e-mail message, your editor asked for volunteers to type some sections of the After Action Report so that we can bring parts of it to those who have not purchased the report. **Frank Serpico**, B Btry & Hq Btry, and Tom “Doc” McGranahan, Hq Btry, responded and we are able to include a couple of sections from the report. If you have a copy of the report and would like to type a section and e-mail it, or type and mail it, that would be greatly appreciated.



From the 1959 After Action Report of 2/71 (includes support units):

Inclosure 7

(AN/TPS-1G SURVEILLANCE RADAR) to Annex C

AN/TPS-1G SURVEILLANCE RADAR (U)

1. GENERAL:
 - a. Upon arrival on Taiwan, it was decided that the battalion should have its own early warning radar. Originally, the proposed site was within the Headquarters area of this battalion; however, this was found to be impractical due to terrain.
 - b. After having analyzed three separate areas by emplacing and making a clutter and coverage diagram for each, the best site was located near battery B. this was also advantageous in that the surveillance radar personnel could be attached to Battery B for rations.
 - c. Although in close proximity to the Battery B Integrated Fire Control Area, no electrical interference was experienced.
 - d. Until a suitable building was established for housing, the personnel were billeted in tents.
 - e. All construction, including the security measures, was accomplished by troop labor.
2. DISCUSSION:
 - a. An operating schedule for radar was formulated.
 - b. Due to the existence of adequate Air Force early warning and intelligence, the Battalion AN/TPS-1G radar was deemed excess for early warning information by CRC. However, crew performance and training was maintained by utilizing the AN/TPS-1G for coordinated tracking exercises.
 - c. The AN/TPS -1G has remained on an “on call” basis in event Control Reporting Center’s early warning facilities become nonoperational.

ANNEX F: Medical Section

MEDICAL SECTION

1. MISSION: (U)

The medical mission in support of the 2d Missile Battalion, 71st Artillery consisted of supply, maintenance, hospitalization, evacuation, routine medical care, dental care, and supervision of sanitation.

2. ORGANIZATION: (U)

A medical detachment of one medical officer and fourteen enlisted men was established in accordance with TO&E 44-536T (Tentative). During the first three (3) months of medical support this detachment underwent a process of evaluation and arrived at what seemed to be the most effective organization for support of the 2d Missile Battalion. The detachment finally consisted of one officer and twelve enlisted men fulfilling the following jobs:

NUMBER	GRADE	DUTIES
1	Capt	Battalion Surgeon
2	E-5	Battery Aidman
2	E-4	Battery Aidman
1	E-3	Battery Aidman
(There were two aidmen in the most isolated lettered battery)		
1	E-6	NCOIC and Senior aidman at Dispensary
1	E-5	Medical Records and General Clerk
1	E-3	Pharmacist and Supply Supervisor
1	E-3	Laboratory Technician
1	E-5	Night Aidman at the Dispensary
1	E-4	Driver
1	E-3	Driver

With this organization, the lettered batteries had sufficient local medical attention and a well-staffed, and smoothly operating dispensary was maintained in the headquarters battery area twenty-four hours a day.

3. SUPPLY: (U)

a. Originally supplies and equipment were made up entirely of the field medical and surgical equipment as outlined in TO&E 44-536T (Tentative). At the time of the movement of the 2d Missile Battalion from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Taiwan, no estimate of local medical support, logistical support, or local health conditions and hazards was available to the medical officer. Therefore proceeding with information that could be garnered from the available technical bulletins and field manuals, medical supplies sufficient to establish a dispensary were requisitioned at Fort Lawton, Washington. This was later approved by Department of the Army.

b. After arrival on Taiwan some surplus supplies were obtained from the Naval Medical Research Unit #2 (NAMRU-2), but the main source of supply was the TBC Station Hospital of USTDC/MAAG Taiwan. Supply from this source was adequate.

4. MAINTENANCE: (U)

No major medical maintenance was required by the medical detachment. First echelon maintenance was provided by the detachment.

5. HOSPITALIZATION: (U)

a. All patients requiring hospitalization were evacuated to the Taiwan Base Command Station Hospital. This is a seventy (70) bed institution in Taipei, operated by the U.S. Navy and staffed with general physicians and representatives of all major specialties (internal medicine, surgery, OB-Gyn, and pediatrics).

b. At the 2d Missile Battalion Dispensary a five bed 'quarters' ward was established. This was used mainly for patients requiring overnight observation and patients with early appointments at the specialty clinics of the Station Hospital. Many times patients with such appointments were late if they were required to travel all the way from a lettered battery to Taipei. However, by staying overnight in the ward they could meet their appointment on time. Taipei was only a twenty minute drive from the dispensary.

6. EVACUATION: (U)

When necessary, patients were evacuated from the lettered batteries or the dispensary to the TBC Station Hospital by motor vehicle. Helicopters were available, at most times, also. Patients requiring more advanced or prolonged care than could be offered at the TBC Station Hospital were air evacuated to Okinawa, Camp Zama, Japan, or Clark AFB, P.I.

7. ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE: (U)

a. During the first week on Taiwan a 'circuit riding' sick call was attempted. However, because of the spread of the batteries, the poor roads and the less than adequate medical care offered by this method, morning sick call was established at the dispensary. The hours were 0800 to 1200 to allow all patients from all batteries sufficient time to get to the dispensary and be treated.

b. With the supplies available a dispensary was established in the Headquarters battery area. (Camp Nike Hercules) At first this was one large, bare, dirty room, but within six weeks a new dispensary was planned and constructed utilizing one end of a building that had been intended for a fifty (50) bed hospital, which had never received final approval. The new dispensary was made up of a large waiting room hallway, of which was an administrative area, quarters for NCOs, a pharmacy, a supply room, an immunization room, a washroom, the surgeon's office and treatment room, and a laboratory. This building had a ceiling, terrazzo floors, and tile table in the lab and supply room. It was furnished entirely with field equipment and some locally made furniture.

c. All routine medical work within the scope of the medical officer was handled in the dispensary. Routine minor lab work such as Gram stains, urinalysis, hemoglobins, white counts, and differential counts were done in the dispensary lab. Other lab work and x-rays were obtained from the TBC Station Hospital.

d. Patients requiring specialized attention were referred to the clinics at the Station Hospital. Appointments for such clinics were made by the records clerk and the patients were taken to and from appointments in one of the medical vehicles, if no other means of transportation was readily available.

e. Medical records were maintained at the dispensary. They accompanied the patients to clinic visits, but were returned after each visit.

8. DENTAL CARE (U)

Dental care was provided by the Dental Clinic of the TBC Station Hospital. Dental care was adequate.

9. SUPERVISION OF SANITATION (U)

a. Supervision of mess halls, latrines, NCO Club, and potable water required a good portion of the time of the surgeon, the NCOIC, and the battery medics. The surgeon made weekly visits to the batteries checking sanitation and collecting water samples for bacterial culture. Residual chlorine checks were made daily by the Chinese engineer support teams. Whenever possible these were supervised by the battery medic and repeated weekly by the surgeon.

b. The health of the troops indicated that the sanitation supervision was adequate.

10. GENERAL (U)

a. The 2d Missile Battalion was the first large unit of U.S. forces to arrive in the Taipei area after

the establishment of the Naval Medical Research Unit #2. Therefore the health and disease of the battalion was of great interest to NAMRU-2. During routine immunization of the officers and EM of the battalion, NAMRU-2 obtained blood samples for hematologic and serologic study and administered gamma globulin to every third man of the 700 man group. Two thirds of the 700 received a saline placebo. Later when a sixty(60) man ordnance support unit arrived a more elaborate program was begun. Each of these men had his throat and rectum cultured for both viruses and bacteria, and blood drawn for hematologic and serologic study. All men of the battalion and especially the ordnance unit were carefully watched for viral and bacterial disease and repeat studies were done when indicated.

b. The establishment of liaison with NAMRU-2 and their interest, advice, and assistance was a major factor in the high health standard of the 2d Missile Battalion.

11. DISCUSSION (U)

a. The mission of the medical detachment was accomplished not without difficulty. The first obstacle was the frustrating lack of any useable information concerning the medical 'climate' on Taiwan. Until one day to landing it was not known that a military hospital existed on Taiwan. No information existed concerning availability of supplies. The contents of the medical and surgical chests were discovered only by accident when an inventory was found sealed in the narcotic box.

b. These difficulties could probably have been overcome with ease by an experienced medical officer. However in this case the medical officer had just completed his internship, had not had the basic course in Fort Sam Houston, Texas and was offered no briefing or even manual to study.

c. The problems above while acute and productive of great anxiety at the time were fairly rapidly overcome. On the other hand the inadequate POR qualification of the men due to the hasty movement of the battalion, led to problems which were months in solving.

d. At the port of embarkation it was discovered that the men were poorly immunized, many not at all. An immunization program was started at Fort Lawton, Washington, continued on the ship, and finally finished on Taiwan. Medical and dental care were adequate at the specialty clinics of the TBC Station Hospital, but the clinics were severely taxed by the great load of work required immediately following the disembarkation of the battalion. Health records did not accompany eighty-eight (88)men, most of which were never found.

e. The establishment of a dispensary called for some retraining of the TO&E personnel who had not had dispensary experience. Fortunately, one of the medics had had medical records experience. This was found to be a most critical area for it is the field in which the surgeon would usually have the least experience. A laboratory technician was trained by the TBC Station Hospital. One field medic was trained in the care of sterile supplies and bulk drugs. The TO&E called for only one (1) driver, but with the batteries wide spread, two (2) drivers were kept busy at most times.

12. CONCLUSION: (U)

This report was an attempt to describe the way in which the medical support of the 2d Missile Battalion was accomplished on Taiwan. Each heading is discussed briefly with a discussion of the most pressing problems encountered.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS: (U)

a. Consideration might be given to reorganizing the medical TO&E when a unit will not be totally dependant upon an established medical institution, so as to provide the necessary equipment and specialists for a small dispensary.

- b. Inexperienced medical officers should be briefed on their responsibilities as field officers, on the expected local medical conditions, and on the source and extent of medical supply.
- c. At all times, and particularly when a unit is being sent to an area where medical facilities are limited, the utmost care should be taken in the medical qualification and immunization of the men.

ANNEX G: Motors

MOTORS

1. GENERAL: (U)

a. Upon the arrival of the 2d Missile Battalion on Taiwan, some of the automotive equipment had been unloaded from the ships and driven to the battalion staging area by a GRC transportation company. The second day, the batteries were permitted to start picking up their equipment and did so before any processing could be accomplished on the automotive equipment by the Battalion Maintenance Section.

b. Since the vehicles had been processed in the United States, no one was familiar with the equipment or knew the exact mechanical condition. As a result, vehicles were operated with loose fan belts, loose battery cables, improperly adjusted brakes, etc., causing premature failure. There was no time in most cases allotted for preventive maintenance. This time was utilized for the driver's other duty assignments. The situation was not relieved until early January, when much greater command emphasis was placed on maintenance and, since many of the tactical problems had been solved, more time was available.

2. DISCUSSION: (U)

a. The battalion had no Ordnance support for automotive equipment until about two (2) months after the arrival of the battalion. Until that time the Battalion Maintenance Section performed third echelon maintenance such as engine and transmission replacements. The personnel assigned were qualified but the tool sets were not adequate to perform this echelon of repairs. Ordnance supply support was adequate for the first two (2) months, with minor exceptions. However, the inadequate supplies on the island were soon diminished, creating a supply problem. This situation was not relieved until about 15 February when the 554th Ordnance Company became operational and off-island requisitions were submitted.

b. The inadequacy of spare parts for the 45KW four hundred (400) cycle generators has created a problem throughout the entire operation; however, the skill and training of the personnel of the 31st Engineer Detachment relieved this situation immeasurably. If it had not been for the tool and testing equipment and the skill of the personnel of this detachment, the generator sets would have created a much greater problem, and in many cases may have caused greater out-of-action time than was experienced.

c. Due to the distance between some batteries and battalion headquarters, it is believed that a reorganization of the automotive maintenance sections in the battalion would be advisable. Since the Battalion Maintenance Section does not have the capabilities to perform third echelon maintenance in static positions, it would make a more satisfactory situation to eliminate the Battalion Maintenance Section with the exception of the motor officer, motor sergeant, and one (1) clerk MOS 773.10. The maintenance personnel presently assigned to the Battalion Maintenance Section would be added to each battery's TO&E to absorb the additional work load when units are deployed in a similar situation.

d. Approximately twelve (12) trucks, cargo, five (5) ton, 6X6 M54's, were excess to battery requirements due to the fixed status of the battalion.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: (U)

- a. Third echelon automotive support should be available from the beginning of an operation of this type.
- b. Automotive and generator parts supply is vital and should be programmed along with other requirements.
- c. Although generator operator capabilities are a matter of concern to training authorities, it is mentioned here to point out a weakness that prevailed, initially in this organization.
- d. Wide disbursement of missile batteries demands a decentralization of motor maintenance facilities. It is recommended that the battalion element of the maintenance section be reduced to a motor officer, motor sergeant, and a clerk, and the remainder of the section be distributed among the batteries. This is not a recommended change to TO&E 44-535T for a semi-mobile unit but applies only to a unit in a static position such as this.
- e. That quantities and type of vehicles shipped be correlated with mission requirements to avoid excessive quantities of vehicles on hand with attendant burdensome maintenance requirements.

2/71 Reunion Registration

Registration Fee is \$25 per person

Includes 12 October buffet, 14 October transportation, and miscellaneous reunion costs.

_____ (number of persons) x \$25 per person = \$_____

Assn. Membership Fee is \$15 per member

For those without current membership (Check address label)

\$15 per year (if applicable) \$_____

Reunion Activities - Function Tickets (Optional)

Thursday, October 12, 2000 - Reception & Buffet 6:00pm
_____ (number of persons) \$___N/C___

Friday, October 13, 2000 - Tour 8:30am
Mt. Pleasant Winery, lunch, Boone home, and Main St.
_____ (number of persons) x \$40 per person = \$_____

Friday, October 13, 2000 - Dinner/Theater 6:15pm
Dinner & theater on Goldenrod Showboat
_____ (number of persons) x \$35 per person = \$_____

Saturday, October 14, 2000 - Tour 11:30am
Main Street St. Charles
_____ (number of persons) _____ (Number to visit Haviland Museum) \$___N/C___

Saturday, October 14, 2000 - Banquet 6:00pm
_____ (number of persons) x \$30 per person = \$_____

Sunday, October 15, 2000 - Memorial Breakfast 8:00am
Sit down breakfast and memorial service for our departed troops
_____ (number of persons) x \$9 per person = \$_____

Grand Total Registration and Function Tickets: \$_____

(Tickets will be included in registration packet at the Holiday Inn Hotel.)

Mail Full Payment {Check or Money Order Payable to 2/71 Artillery (Taiwan) Assn.} with completed form to:

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Name: _____
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Enclosed is \$15 for annual dues. _____

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Total enclosed (Dues and stuff above): _____

Are you interested in a **trip to Taiwan** in 2001?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, how many would participate. _____

Names of ROC military you would like to see in Taipei and the battery to which they were assigned:

Note to non-members

Most non-members, and those with expired memberships, will be receiving a black and white version of the newsletter. Current members are receiving a color version of the newsletter. Their support is enabling us to send the newsletter to the non-members.

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