



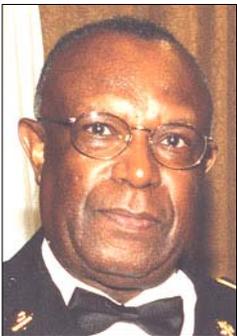
# OPHSA

## OP Harry Survivors Association Newsletter

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### REUNION PLANNING NEWS



Once again I would like to personally invite all members, guests and friends to our 2006 Annual reunion. June 15, to 18th, 2006, at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa. This will be one of our best ever reunions. Please start making your plans now. Iowa takes pride in its Midwestern hospitality in America's Heartland.

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Greater Des Moines is a diverse, multi-faceted metropolitan area! There is plenty to see and do. All attractions are highlighted in the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitor Bureau website-[www.seedesmoines.com](http://www.seedesmoines.com). Some of the attractions that may appeal to you: Fort Des Moines Memorial and Education Center, honors the U.S. Army's first officer candidate class for African American men in 1917, and the establishment of the first Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC's) in 1942, Iowa Gold Star Museum, the Iowa State Capitol Building, the State Historical Building and many, more

For those of you arriving early and departing after the reunion, the Marriott Hotel is offering our group a special rate from June 12, to 20. The same room rate \$79.00 per night. So, come early and leave late.

The reunion program and other reunion information will be posted in the next Newsletters. The **Cut-Off Date** for hotel reservations is May 18th, 2006. You will have a web link to make your reservations or call 1-800-514-4681. The web link will be posted in the next (NL) Lillie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in the beautiful State of Iowa.

"WE HELD"

*Jerry Cunningham*

### THANK YOU OPHSA DONORS!!

OPHSA owes its continued existence to the generosity of it's members. We do not levy dues because we limit our expenses to producing and distributing the Newsletter, and maintaining the web site, the costs of researching and planning the reunions as well as supplying the hospitality room with goodies and the funds needed to make deposits for tours and other expenses related to the reunions account for the rest.

We must make it clear that we have no paid people on our staff. All officers and appointees serve without compensation of any kind, except for the honor and pride of being part of this distinguished Association.

The following people contributed to our treasury between April, 2005 and September 27, 2005. Contributions received after that date will be acknowledged in future editions of the Newsletter.

A name listed here more than once indicates a donation for each entry.

**Leonard Godmaire, Robert Orheim, Orvel Romine, Gordon Lowery, Robert Brandon, Paul Gregory, Henry Flaack, Pat Carbone, Joseph Kolgat, Theodore Vlahos, Thomas Chilcott, Mack Trent, Walden Storie, Don Dingee, Thomas Flavin, Frank Basford, Richard Martinet, Ronald Caswell, Ray Anderson, Jerry Cunningham, John Krieger, Robert Dornfreid, Gerry Lang, Dean Mulligan, Harvey Walton, Robert Grillo, James Steffan, Claude Williams, John Beechler, Arthur Lee, Harold Harrison, Don Chase, Paul Curtis, James Davis, John Lenz, Jim Moroney, Bill Dannenmaier, Robert Sullivan, Charles Scott, Orvel Romine, Norman Maulbeck, Joseph Kolgat, Lincoln Phelps, Clyde Shinault, Ray Anderson, Leonard DeBord, Martin Markley, Don Nedved, Joseph Manley, Martin Markley, and James McQueen.**

## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

In a telephone conversation with **Ed Hanrahan** we were happy to find he survived the heavy rains in Manomet, MA with no harm done.

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We spoke recently with **Francis Riley**. He is settled into new digs in Stuarts Draft, VA and feeling good. He has become a sports fan having a granddaughter who is on the women's Lacrosse team of her university. Francis recently attended a tournament in which she played. Her team won four straight games! He is going to a tournament scheduled later this month in Fairfield, CN to cheer her team on.

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**Doug Jones** has gone on a hunting trip. Moose, Elk, Deer or even Bear need to be cautious. We'll report on his success or failure in the next Newsletter.

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In a recent e-mail **Jim Evans** sent a couple of photos that we thought would be of general interest. Jim is one of our founding fathers of OPHSA. Shortly before the Association was founded Jim and **Ann** suffered the loss of their son, **William Talbot Evans**. Lt. Evans was a Naval Pilot flying A6 Intruder aircraft off aircraft carriers in the Atlantic.

The article that follows is taken from the National Museum of Naval Aviation newsletter, "Fly By".

### In Memory

An A-6 *Intruder* cockpit simulator was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Evans and Mr and Mrs William B. Downey and children in memory of Lieutenant William Talbot Evans, USN.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Lieutenant Evans was designated a Naval Aviator in 1983, and served on active duty until his death from cancer in 1991. He flew the A-6 Intruder from 1985 to 1991.

A plaque was placed on the simulator noting the sponsorship and dedication to Lieutenant Evan's memory. The plaque reads as follows:

A-6 INTRUDER

*This exhibit, donated in memory of  
Lieutenant William Talbot Evans, USN  
United States Naval Academy  
Class of 1981*

*By*

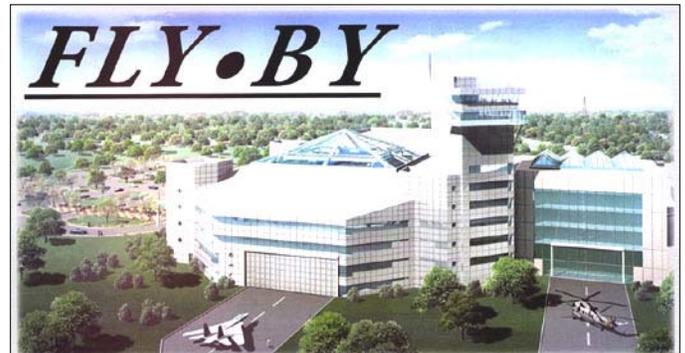
*Mr. and Mrs. James W. Evans*

*and*

*Mr. and Mrs. William B. Downey and children*



The A-6 cockpit simulator in the Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, FL



The masthead of the Museum's Newsletter.

This is a beautiful rendering of the Museum in Pensacola. As Jim Evans noted in his e-mail to us, "----- a picture of where we were going next year before the hurricanes. Maybe 2009 if the hurricanes quit."

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We spoke recently to new OPHSA Associate member **Samuel Kier**. He was drafted after his graduation from Stanford University and was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> RCT just as it returned to CONUS and Ft. Lewis after the end of the Korean War. He was assigned to update and expand the regimental history.

Using much of the research material he unearthed during his time in the Army and later research, Sam has written a novel that was just published this year. "Thirty- Six Points" tells the story of three men destined for War in Korea, a draftee, a regular army Sergeant and a Chinese soldier. They meet at a place called OP Harry. The historical content tends to overpower plot and character development which has led Sam to decide his next book will focus on the full, factual story of the battles for OP Harry.

"Thirty-Six Points" can be purchased on the web at [www.heritagebooks.com](http://www.heritagebooks.com), or Heritage Books Inc. publishing division, 65 E. Main St, Westminster, MD 21157-5026

# A COLD NIGHT IN THE PIPELINE

By Dan Carson

Going over I left Ft Lewis and got on a MATS plane to fly to Tokyo. There were about 50 of us, all officers, on the plane, and we ran into some terrible weather. We got tossed around for about 45 minutes when the pilot came on and told us we would make an emergency landing on Adak in the Aleutian Islands.

We descended in pitch-blackness and I remembered thinking, "How is the pilot going to find Adak?" Somehow he did and we got off the plane onto a bitterly cold runway where we waited about a half-hour for a bus to pick us up.



We stopped at a building that apparently was an officers club, but we weren't allowed to go in. Seems the Navy has a rule about only Navy Officers being allowed into their Officers Clubs. We were all Army. Instead, we were told to get back on the bus and the driver, who was a Petty Officer, was instructed to take us to Tuxedo Park. That sounded pretty good, until we got there and found out that Tuxedo Park was a bunch of Quonset huts out in the middle of nowhere, covered up over their roofs with drifting snow.

The Petty Officer produced a shovel from the bus and told us we would have to dig down to the doors if we wanted to get into the huts. He got back on the bus and was getting ready to leave us there when somebody called to him and asked if there was any way we could get a drink, to thaw us out. He said he could get us a pint of whiskey for \$20. (1952) He drove off with a fistful of 20s.

We got busy taking turns on the shovel, clearing a path down to the door. When we opened up the first hut we found 16 metal cots with bedding for them, all freezing cold. There was also an oil stove, and a supply of oil. Some guys got the stove working and the rest of us set up bunks and took turns on the shovel, clearing the doorways of two more huts. In about an hour we had the stoves going in all three huts and everyone had a place to sleep. The stoves got the huts above freezing and the Petty Officer came by with a carton full of pints. Everybody had a couple of good pulls on the whisky and we all decided that after this night, Korea would be a piece of cake.

It didn't turn out that way.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Dan Carson arrived in Korea and was assigned to the 204<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion in Seoul. He had been an instructor at the Signal Corps Photographic Center on Long Island, NY. The photo below shows him, still looking cold, with his movie camera at the infamous 38<sup>th</sup> parallel. Among other assignments Dan photographed movie action at Pork Chop Hill before being assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Company as Photo Officer of the photo section.)[Ed.]



Dan Carson with one foot in North Korea and the other in South Korea

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A limited number of OP Harry Emblems are now available for member's purchase. The emblem, shown here actual size, is a reproduction of the face of the OP Harry Memorial Medal. It is thinner which makes it ideal to affix to any plaques or awards presented by the association.

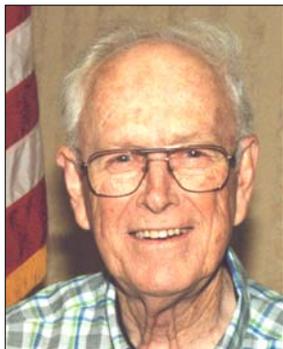


It can be used in displays of memorabilia that many of us old soldiers have assembled to show their medals, old dog tags, NCO chevrons, Officer's emblems of rank, pictures etc.

We have about 25 of these. They may be purchased for \$6.00 each, postage included by sending a check, made out to OP Harry Survivors Association, to **Jim Jarboe, 903 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2131**

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ten years before arriving at the Fort Sam Houston Induction Center I was a teen-ager living a few blocks away from the Quadrangle and Parade Field at the historical old post. This was Fort Sam to all of us, my friends and I who spent many hours on the grounds. Those were fun times as we flew models of aircraft from the grass or at times from parking lots. If a jeep happened to be in the way, we would roll it far enough away so that we had the room we needed. The G.I.s did not seem to mind our being there.



I witnessed the attacks of 9/11 from television while visiting my wife Billie's Aunt in Houston, Texas. A few days later we were in San Antonio checking out the recent gravesites at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery of a first cousin and a brother of mine who are buried near each other. Their paths had never crossed in life, sad to say. I noted how different it was now with the increased security for anyone to get on or off the Post.

Answers to global terrorism do not come easy. The price is great, whether Fascism or Communism or whatever the next threat may be called. At the OPHSA Reunion in 2003, I was drawn to the section at the Ft. Stewart Museum that displayed WW1. A photo showed soldiers making up concertina wire for battlefield use. (Some experts say the trench warfare between armies of WW1 and Korea was similar in many respects). I lost a cousin in France in WW1. Our troops still need our prayers and support!

We Held!  
*Claude Williams*

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## WANT YOUR MEDALS?

By Jim Jarboe

I was drafted and spent 21 months in the Army. After training and slipping into the pipeline I served on active duty with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Company in Korea and was separated from active duty after 14 months overseas. My job was as a photographer and lab technician. I received the Army Commendation Ribbon just after I was separated. I thought nothing about the service medals that I did not receive until only recently.

This August I made an appointment at the local office of my US Representative Hilda Solis in El Monte, CA. I brought a copy of my form DD 214. I filled out

an application for the medals listed on my DD 214 which Solis's Staff processed. I thought it was a slim hope after having talked to people who were unable to get their medals.

I received a phone call in four weeks telling me that they had the medals at the office. They offered to arrange a ceremony where the Representative would present them to me. I declined and asked them to send the medals to me. They arrived safely in about three days!

I suspect that the key is to have a good copy of the DD 214 and a Representative who has a sharp staff.

Now all I have to do is get cracking on that shadow box display.

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### OPHSA does not levy membership dues!

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Make checks payable to **OP Harry Survivors Association**

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Ed Hanrahan

The 5 8"x10" color framed photos of the OPHSA Memorial Plaque were sent out to the families/spouses of **Wayne Carlson, Jim Clark, Del Tolen, Maurice Tong and Wayne Bailey.** I wish to thank **Don Dingee and Peter Chacho** for informing me of **Paul Weibel Sr.** passing and for sending Paul's obituary to me. A sympathy card was sent to **Dorothea Weibel.** Paul will be remembered at the 2006 reunion and his name added to the Memorial Plaque. May God comfort the Weibel Family in their loss.



**Peter Chacho** inquired as to the picture of the plaque we sent to the family of **Den Van Hise** (65<sup>th</sup> Regt, H Co, 3ID). It had been returned to me in 2004 "Address Unknown". I have made numerous phone calls to various people with no success in finding family members. If anyone would like to help out in locating family members of Den Van Hise, please drop a line or call me. Peter Chacho was a friend of Den and they talked on the phone occasionally in the past years.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims of the brutal hurricanes 'Katrina' and 'Rita' We pray that the healing and rebuilding comes soon.

A visit to Iowa by **Cora and Walden Storie** took place in September of this year. They met with **Clarence Bloodworth's** (KIA June 11, 1953 on OP Harry) sister **Elma** and brother-in-law **Bob Beyer.** They linked up with **Sam and Enolia Buck** for lunch. Sam is having a severe problem with his neck and vertebra. He is wearing a brace a faces possible surgery. Please say one for Sam.

Speaking of lunch, **Jim Moroney** and I met for lunch in Manomet. Jim watched me wolf down a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. We found out we grew up a few miles apart in Boston, but never knew one another. Hope to have another CB&C dinner in September.

**Rhonda Gloodt** shipped out to Bahrain again with her Naval Reserve unit. (Aug 5-Sept-24) Rhonda took part in salvaging and shipping various Hi Tech and highly expensive equipment back to the States for repair.

I would like to thank all of the people that contributed to this article. Please feel free to call or drop a line

Please remember in your prayers our service men and women serving Worldwide. Remember as well our sick and deceased OPHSA members.

## STORY FOLLOWUP

(The following story is a clipping sent by member **Arthur Lee** who was with C company of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment on OP Harry, June 11-12, 1953. The clipping from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Newspaper, "Rock of the Marne", adds information to a story from **Ron Flahive** that we published in the January 2004 issue of the Newsletter. The picture of the sign was made by Cpl. **Dave Martino** who was a tent mate of the editor's in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Co, Photo Section.)

### CAN DOERS NAME BATTALION CP SITE FOR OP HARRY HERO

The heroic devotion to duty and the consequent supreme sacrifice of a fighting soldier of the 15th "Can Do" Infantry Regiment who died in the bitter week-long defense of Outpost Harry last month has been commemorated with the dedication of a battalion camp site to his memory. "Camp Kilgore" is named after 2nd Lt. Frank W. Kilgore, Houlton, Me., who was killed on Outpost Harry on the night of June 11-12 during a heavy enemy attack on the strategic hilltop fortress. The night before, the lieutenant, a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, had led his men up the slopes of the besieged hill as a reinforcing party. At 8 o'clock the following evening his company was to be relieved by the men of Company B, 15th Regiment. However, the men of Company B were unfamiliar with the Outpost and were further handicapped in setting up a defense by the pitch blackness of the night.

Though his own company was leaving, Lieutenant Kilgore volunteered to remain behind and help new men organize the defenses of the shell-blasted outpost. Said 1st Lt. Walter A. Bik, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., of Baker company, "He remained behind even though the air was filled with flying shell fragments and pointed out to me the best positions for the setting up of my platoon. He didn't have to stay. If you don't call that devotion to duty, I don't know what you call it.

That was the last Lieutenant Bik saw of him. Lieutenant Kilgore was later found dead, hit by mortar fragments. When the 1st Battalion moved into a reserve area shortly afterward, one of the first things that was done was to dedicate the area to the valiant lieutenant.



**IN DEDICATION**—This sign stands at the entrance to the battalion reserve area recently dedicated to 2nd Lt. Frank W. Kilgore, Houlton, Me., killed in action. (Photo by Cpl. Martino)

# MISSION TO THE FAR EAST

## A Youth Leadership Mission

Okinawa/Japan --2005

by Chaplain(COL) Ralph L. Smith, AUS, (Ret.)

The presentation of two-day Youth Leadership Forums for high school JROTC units began after I retired from hospital ministry in 1997. Most of the schools have been in Texas and Oklahoma until 2003 when I first had the privilege of speaking to the four high schools in Korea. LTC Donald Hedgpath at Seoul

American High invited me back in 2004.

Since my experience as a 2dLT platoon leader (C Co., 23rd Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div.) is the lead off part of my presentation, I began having a brief ceremony at each school to present the Outpost Harry Survivors Association medal to the cadet commander of each JROTC unit.

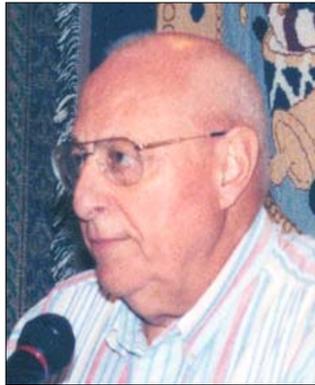
Though I represented and was sponsored by Region VIII and my local Pinson Memorial Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars, it was the OPHSA medal ceremony that was the special event at each school. I spoke to 866 students (15 teaching days), and this was truly another "experience of a lifetime."

My message is one of motivation, attitude, and determination, patriotism, and the love of freedom -- a challenge for our youth to recognize that they are the "next greatest generation." They are our future leaders, and they will accomplish great things as they remember "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE."

LTC Hedgpath opened the door for me to go to Okinawa/Japan this year, and it took a year of planning and coordination for the visit to all eight high schools.

My wife, Alice, and I left Irving, TX on 13 Sept. and flew commercial to Oakland, CA. We flew "space A" from nearby Travis AFB to Hickam AFB, HI, and then to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa to begin the eight school mission. Kadena High (Air Force) is the largest Dept. of Defense JROTC in the Far East. I then was at Kubasaki High (Marine Corps).

We flew commercial out of Naha, Okinawa to Fukuoka, 2 hrs. north of Sasebo by train and activated our Japan Rail Passes. After two days at E.J. King High at Sasebo (Navy), it was train-time again back to



Fukukoa and on to Iwakuni Marine Air Base and Matthew C. Perry High. After our two days there, we were fortunate to catch a Patriot Express "space-A" direct to Misawa Air Base in far north Japan. Two days at R.D. Edgren High (Air Force) included a beautiful drive to the Oirase Gorge and Towada Lake. Alice had the honor of judging Edgren JROTCs five Company banners.

We took our second bullet train on 5 Oct. from Hachinohe to Tokyo in three hrs. with Yokota Air Base as our central location. We enjoyed a Tokyo Afternoon Tour from the New Sanno Hotel. Two days teaching at Camp Zama (Army), and one day at Yokota High (Army) led to our last two days at Nile C. Kinnick High (Navy) at Yokosuka Navy Base near Yokohama (12-13 Oct.) I got a 45 min. tour of the USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) with the Command Chaplain, CDR Michael Schutz.

We began our journey home "space-A" from Yokota via Hickam to McChord AFB, WA. We then flew to DFW commercial. Irving and Texas never looked so good. Next year we are hopeful for a mission to JROTCs in Germany or a return to Korea via Japan.

*OPHSA member Ralph Smith served on OP Harry in the last weeks of the War after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division relieved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division in early July 1953. The Chinese were on that hill the day after the truce was signed retrieving their dead who still littered the area. Ralph took part in the clearing of the OP and the removal of weapons, demolishing the bunkers and filling the trenches according to the terms of the truce.*

*As you can see Ralph is dedicated to educate and inspire American high school students of military and civilian parents serving in the Far East (Ed.).*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Norbert Padilla and wife Nancy** are from Sterling, IL. Norbert served with the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry, B Co Engineers. He saw our reunion notice in the VFW Magazine and joined in April of this year.

**Jim Drury** lives in Camanche, IA with wife **Pat**. Jim is past Editor of the Society of the Third Infantry Division newsletter, "Watch on the Rhine". Jim joins us as an associate member. He served in Korea as a Combat medic.

**Harold Starr** of Little Rock, AR served with K Company of the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Korea.

*(Welcome to all new members. We look forward to meeting you and enjoying your company at the June 2006 reunion in Des Moines)*

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## OPHSA FRONT PAGE NEWS

The "Watch on the Rhine", the bi monthly publication of the Society of the Third Infantry Division October issue, features an article and three pictures from the OP Harry Survivors Association Reunion in Boston this year.

Twenty-five members and guests of the Association were pictured in front of the Massachusetts Korean War Memorial in Charleston. **Sam Buck, Doug Jones and Brad Bradford** are shown with the OPHSA Service Awards presented to them during the banquet by **Martin Markley**. Another photo on page 4, shows **MG John Singlaub** during his speech at the reunion banquet.

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### WHERE'S YOUR PERSONAL STORY?

Yes! We know! If you tell your story it won't be personal any more? The purpose of this Newsletter is to share our experiences, related to OP Harry, with one another. No one knows better than you do what you did or saw in those days you spent in Korea. Perhaps you have some pictures from that time or an experience of interest that you haven't thought about in a long time. If you put them down on paper and send them to the editor along with any original pictures you may have, we will feed them into the computer, check the spelling for you and return the original.

The fact that we are a "Band of Brothers" is never more apparent than when we get together at a reunion. We know that there are many of you who are not able to go to the reunions. By sharing your untold stories through our Newsletters you will know that men who understand are reading them.

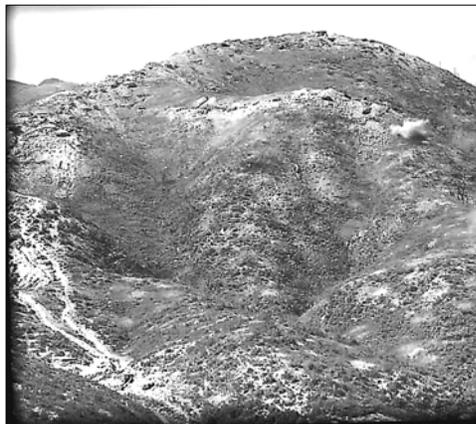
We have a couple more stories of the "Pipeline" to publish. Artillery support of OP Harry has been featured with input from many of our members; infantry heavy weapons have been discussed. How about food? Vehicles and roads? Night patrols? USO shows? Tanks or AAA units? How about the engineers? R & R (censored or uncensored)? TDY assignments? Special schools? The Korean people? Side trips? Funny bits? Heart warmers? Tear jerkers? The cold, the heat, the rain, the mud, living in the ground, living in a tent, getting into trouble or getting out of it?

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**TO ALL OUR MEMBERS  
AND FRIENDS...**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

*The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----*



**With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....  
WE HELD!**



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