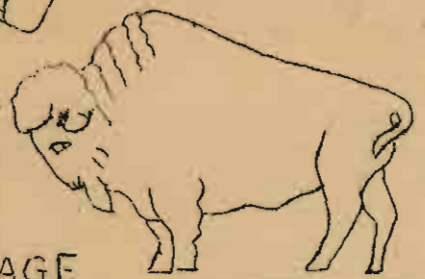
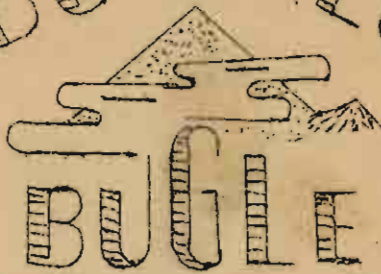


BUFFALO



BUCKLE UP TRUTH AND COURAGE

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CAPTURED GUN NOW CEREMONIAL PIECE

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AN OLD CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPON WITH THOUSANDS OF WORDS OF UNWRITTEN HISTORY BEHIND IT TAKES ITS STAND AS A CEREMONIAL GUN SEVENTEETH THE FLYING STARS AND STRIPES IN THE "BUFFALO" REGIMENT.

THE WEAPON, ONCE USED TO BOUND OUT SHELLS AT UNITED NATIONS FORCES HAS BEEN AMALGAMATED INTO THE BASIC ARMY TRADITION OF CEREMONY USED BY THE 17TH REGIMENT. IT IS A RECONDITIONED 75MM PACK MOUNTAIN HOWITZER BUILT IN THE UNITED STATES AND SENT TO CHINA DURING THE INFUX OF THE LEND-LEASE PROGRAM. IT WAS USED BY THE REDS IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT UNTIL MAY, 1951 WHEN THE REGIMENT CAPTURED IT.

THE OLD FIELD PIECE WAS THEN ADOPTED BY THE BUFFALOES AS A CEREMONIAL WEAPON USED FOR FIRING AT RETREAT.

IT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED IN MAY, 1951 WHEN THE BUFFALOES MADE THEIR BIG PUSH INTO HWACHON IN A CLIMAXING THREE DAY BATTLE. THE BUFFALOES KNIFED INTO THE CENTER OF THE ENEMY FORCES, OVERRUNNING THEM BEFORE THEY COULD ESCAPE OR MOVE THEIR EQUIPMENT. FACED WITH VIRTUAL ANNIHILATION, GREAT NUMBERS OF THE TRAPPED COMMUNISTS THREW DOWN THEIR ARMS AND SURRENDERED.

"BAKER" COMPANY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CAPTURING THE WEAPON. SPEARHEADING THE DRIVE INTO HWACHON, BAKER COMPANY CUT OFF THE ESCAPE ROUTE FOR THOUSANDS OF ENEMY TROOPS. SURRENDER WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR THE ENEMY AND THEY THREW DOWN THEIR EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE ONRUSHING UN FORCE. THE FIELD PIECE WAS FOUND BY BAKER COMPANY ALONG WITH SEVERAL PACK MULES USED BY THE ENEMY TO CARRY SUPPLIES AND PULL THEIR ARTILLERY PIECES.

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HOUSE PASSES GI BILL, BILL GOES TO SENATE

THE HOUSE YESTERDAY SENT THE NEW SERVICEMAN'S BILL OF RIGHTS ON TO THE SENATE. THE LOWER CHAMBER OVERWELMINGLY APPROVED THE MEASURE, 361 - 1. REP JAMES DEVEREUX, ONE TIME COMMANDER OF THE MARINES ON WAKE ISLAND, WAS THE LONE DISSENTER.

AN UNUSUAL PINK FIREBALL SPLASHED ACROSS THE NEVADA SKY BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY MORNING. IT MARKED THE EIGHTH AND FINAL BLAST IN THE CURRENT SERIES OF ATOMIC TESTS.

GENERAL EISENHOWER ANSWERED A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS YESTERDAY MORNING. HE PROMISED TO BASE HIS CAMPAIGN ON THE "PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WORLD."

THE GENERAL SAID HE FAVORED DECENTRALIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN MANY PARTICULARS. HE SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE INDIVIDUAL STATES ATTEND TO SUCH THINGS AS CIVIL RIGHTS, SOIL CONSERVATION AND SUBSIDIZED EDUCATION.

THE FORMER ATLANTIC PACT COMMANDER PRAISED GENERAL MACARTHUR AND SAID HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON HIM ON ASIAN MATTERS.

NO PROGRESS WAS REPORTED FROM YESTERDAY'S EXECUTIVE MEETING.

FRANCE'S INTERIOR MINISTER SAYS HE HAS PROOF OF A COMMUNIST PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAYS THAT THE BLOODY COMMUNIST RIOT OF MAY 25 WAS PART OF THAT PLOT. HE PROMISED TO ARREST MORE COMMUNIST LEADERS, IF NECESSARY. THE NUMBER ONE FRENCH COMMUNIST, JACQUES DUCLOS, IS ALREADY BEHIND BARS ON CHARGES OF INCITING THE MAY 25 RIOT AGAINST GENERAL DEGAULLE.

THE ARMY PLANS TO CALL UP 29,000 DRAFTEES IN AUGUST.

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 17TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
 SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1952

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN VAN DYKE
 THIRD BATTALION C900
 SECOND BATTALION 1100
 FIRST BATTALION REAR 1330

PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN STRUBE
 SERVICE COMPANY C900
 FIRST BATTALION REAR 1100
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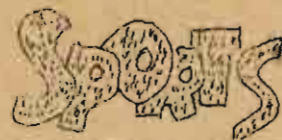
CHAPLAIN LEWIS

THIRD BATTALION 0830
 SECOND BATTALION 0945
 REGIMENTAL CP 1100

LUTHERAN COMMUNION SERVICE
 REGT'L CP - - - - - 1400

L.D.S. SERVICE
 REGT'L - - - - - 1500

WALCOTT DECISIONS CHARLES. DETAILS WILL APPEAR IN SUNDAY'S "BUGLE."



STEADY PITCHING BY CPL WILLIAM MITCHELL HELD "CHARLIE" COMPANY IN CHECK TO GIVE HEADQUARTERS COMPANY THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE VICTORY OF THE SEASON.

75TH FIELD...000 010 1 --2 6 1
 17TH RCT.....000 121 X --4 6 1

(THURSDAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS)

EARLY WYNN TRIPPED THE BOSTON RED SOX INTO A 5-0 SHUTOUT AS HIS CLEVELAND INDIANS MOVED BACK INTO FIRST PLACE IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND..5 11 2 WP-WYNN
 BOSTON.....0 4 2 LP-KINDER

VETERAN JOHNNY SAIN PITCHED AND BATTED THE NEW YORK YANKEES TO A 6-4 WIN THURSDAY OVER THE WHITE SOX. SAIN BATTED IN THE WINNING RUNS IN THE SEVENTH INNING WITH A SINGLE.

NEW YORK..6 7 2 WP-SAIN
 CHICAGO...4 7 0 LP-ROGOVIN

BROOKLYN...2 6 0 WP-WADE
 PITTSBURGH..0 5 0 LP-MAIN

CHICAGO.....3 8 1 WP-MINNER
 GIANTS.....1 7 1 LP-KOSLO

CINCINNATI...5 11 0 WP-PERKOWSKI
 PHILADELPHIA.3 6 1 LP-DREWS

BRVES.....8 13 1 WP-SPAHN
 ST LOUIS.....3 6 1 LP-YUHOS

DETROIT.....12 WP-STUART
 PHILADELPHIA.2

ST LOUIS-WASHINGTON(NO GAME)

CEREMONIAL GUN (CONTINUED)

THE CAPTURED ITEMS WERE TURNED OVER TO SERVICE COMPANY. THE MULES WERE USED FOR CARRYING SUPPLIES UP THE RUGGED HILLS OF KOREA ELIMINATING A LOT OF HUMAN LABOR. THE CHINESE ARTILLERY PIECE WAS CONSIDERED A SOUVENIR AND KEPT WITH THE PURPOSE IN MIND TO USE IT FOR A CEREMONIAL FIRING PIECE.

THE WEAPON, SINCE THAT TIME, HAS BEEN KEPT IN BRIGHT AND SHINY CONDITION AND CARRIED WITH THE BUFFALDES WHEREVER THEY HAVE ROAMED. THE WEAPON DID PRESENT A PROBLEM AT FIRST. BLANK SHELLS FOR THE 75MM HOWITZER WERE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT ONE OF THE MEN WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF PYROTECHNICS PROVIDED SOLUTION. HAND-MADE BLANK CARTRIDGES WERE PRODUCED FOR THE NIGHTLY FIRING AT RETREAT. BLACK POWDER WAS USED AT FIRST, BUT THIS BECAME A SCARCE ITEM. STAR GLUS-

TERS, SMOKE SHELLS AND PARACHUTE SHELLS WERE DESIGNED TO REPLACE THE BLANKS UNTIL THE SUPPLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE DEMAND.

THE SUPPLY OF 75MM PRIMERS WAS SOON EXHAUSTED SO 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN SHELLS WERE USED AS PRIMERS. THE SHELL CASING IS FILLED WITH GUN POWDER, PAPER, SAND, MELTED CANDLES AND THICK CARDBOARD ONLY ONCE SINCE ITS CAPTURE HAS THE WEAPON DONE DAMAGE TO FRIENDLY POSITIONS AND THIS WAS PURELY BY ACCIDENT. IN THE "PUNCH BOWL" AREA THE CANNONEER FAILED TO SIGHT THE PIECE PROPERLY AND THE CHARGE BLEW OUT COMMUNICATION LINES.

THE CEREMONIAL PIECE OWNS A POSITION UNDER THE WAVING "OLD GLORY" FURNISHING A SOLEMN AND RESOUNDING SALUTE EACH NIGHT AT RETREAT.