



BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION

9th Biennial Reunion

and

Dedication of

Battle Honors Flag

August 2-5

1965

Santa Barbara

California

WELCOME GREETINGS



JAMES J. ALTIERI

from

the

President

Ranger Battalions Association
World War II

1963-1965

Santa Barbara, California

A Welcome and a Challenge

The West Coast Reunion Committee extends a warm welcome to all Rangers, their families and friends attending the Ninth Biennial Reunion and Dedication of our Battle Honors Flag in gracious Santa Barbara.

Once again — as we have since 1949 — we gather together from all parts of the Nation to renew friendships, to Memorialize our Dead and to reaffirm our faith in our great country. The West Coast Rangers are grateful for the opportunity to serve as your hosts for this meaningful gathering and we hope that your visit will be festive and memorable.

It has been a most fulfilling experience and a stern challenge to serve as your President these past two years. Your Board of Trustees and I accepted the leadership of the Ranger Battalions Association as a high honor and a serious responsibility. The challenge was to revitalize the Ranger spirit and heritage that was so invincible in time of war, to serve our country and communities in a time of peace shrouded with a cold war overcast. We set about to develop programs, policies and projects that would reflect a sense of purpose; that would give meaning to our existence as a veterans association; that would give our membership motivation and pride of accomplishment.

The program called for dynamic, purposeful action. It called for hard work and sacrifices from the membership. It called for unity among all six Ranger Battalions. It called for the Ranger volunteer spirit, ideas, financial contributions and faith in the course we had determined. It called for all the qualities and characteristics that we as Rangers had used to accomplish our wartime missions.

I am proud to report that the Rangers have responded magnificently to that challenge. Thanks to the dedication of many hardworking Rangers, we have greatly increased our membership, strengthened our working organization and enhanced our prestige as one of the nation's outstanding veteran's associations. Our image today is the image of the Rangers of old. It is the image of venture and dedication. It is the image of decisive action. It is the image of full commitment to the things in which we believe.

We have spoken out forcefully on important issues pertaining to our Armed Forces and national defense. We have been unwavering in our support of the American Fighting Man. We have done our utmost to inspire American youth to physical fitness and high purpose. We have not only kept faith with the ideals and traditions of the American Rangers but we have lived them across the land.

We have thus sustained a great living Memorial to our Rangers who fell in battle and those who have since departed.

We bid you welcome to Santa Barbara and we hope you will leave with a stirring challenge — the challenge to redouble your efforts with even greater dedication and vigor to make the Ranger Spirit a strong ingredient of the American Spirit.

Never has our nation had greater need of that priceless resource — the Ranger Spirit.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James J. Altieri". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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GREETINGS
from the
President
of the
United States

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RANGER BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION

The Rangers have always emulated the pioneer spirit of America. I am pleased that Ranger daring, dedication and effectiveness survive in your association and in the Ranger veterans serving today in Vietnam, Korea, and Berlin.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the British Commandos for their hospitality and support to the Rangers during those difficult early years of World War II. To the members of the British Commando Association joining you at your 1965 reunion I offer a special salute.

My best wishes to you all.

Lyndon B. Johnson

GREETINGS
from the
Governor
of the
State of California



EDMUND G. BROWN
GOVERNOR

State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO



I regret my schedule will not allow my attendance at your Santa Barbara gathering, but it is a pleasure to welcome your group to California.

Certainly, the name "Ranger" itself calls to mind the difficult, dirty, and dangerous military assignments that courageously handled by Ranger units during that war. The record of these heroic achievements compiled by these units is permanently written in the annals of World War II. The record of personal sacrifice is written just as permanently in the hearts and souls of each of you who both in the witnessed and shared in those achievements.

I am sure those of your number who are from out of state will find the weather pleasant, and the people of Santa Barbara hospitable. We are happy to welcome you here and we are honored by your presence.


EDMUND G. BROWN Governor



HONORABLE STEPHEN AILES

Secretary of the Army



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

On the occasion of the Ninth Biennial Reunion and Dedication of the Battle Honors Flag, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to all members of the Ranger Battalions Association.

During World War II, the United States Army Ranger Battalions were renowned for their spirit, daring and resourcefulness. Their outstanding battle record will always serve as a source of inspiration to the men of the United States Army.

May the Ranger spirit be always strong and vital in the defense of freedom.


Stephen Ailes



GENERAL HAROLD K. JOHNSON

Chief of Staff

The officers and men of the United States Army join me in sending you greetings and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable reunion.

Your ninth biennial reunion and dedication of the Battle Honors Flag will provide an opportunity to recall and rekindle the gallantry and spirit of the Rangers. The heritage of dedication to duty and the courageous accomplishment of mission which were displayed by Ranger Battalions of World War II serves as an inspiration to the soldiers of our Army today.

To each of you goes our sincere appreciation for your continued and outstanding loyalty. I assure you that the officers and men of the United States Army will meet the challenges which today face them, and will do so with the same magnificent spirit displayed by the Rangers.

HAROLD K. JOHNSON

General, Chief of Staff



RANGER DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL
Fort Benning, Georgia

TO THE RANGER BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION

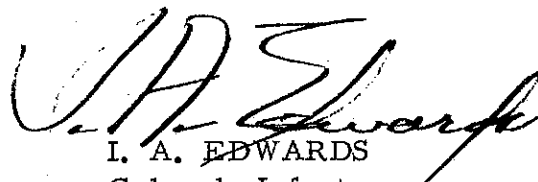
Greetings! from the members of the Ranger Department, United States Army Infantry School.

It is with deep pride and profound respect that we associate ourselves in spirit with the Rangers of World War II.

During the past twelve years, 9500 US Army officers and enlisted men and 500 officers and men from Allied nations have successfully completed Ranger training at the United States Army Infantry School. The training received by these modern-day combat leaders emulates that developed by our British friends and passed on to us by Darby's Rangers.

In addition to our appreciation for the military heritage passed on to us by the World War II Rangers, I would be remiss were I to fail to express our admiration for the patriotic programs currently espoused by the Ranger Battalions Association.

Best wishes for your future endeavors.


I. A. EDWARDS
Colonel, Infantry
Director



Association President James J. Altieri is pictured with Colonel I. A. Edwards, director of Ranger Department, United States Army Infantry School, at Ft. Benning, Ga.

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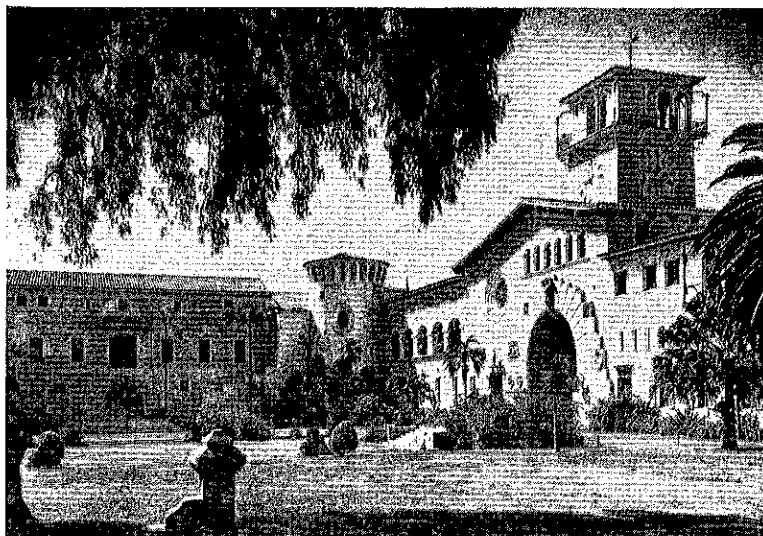
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And Many of the Wives of the Above Named Stalwarts, and some Girlfriends, Too!

Reunion Activity Sites

Pictured at right is the famed Santa Barbara Courthouse and Sunken Gardens. This is the most magnificent building of Spanish architecture in the United States and will be the site for Ranger Memorial Services and dedication of Battle Honors Flag.

Pictured below is the site of the 1965 Ranger Reunion Headquarters — The Miramar Hotel.





HONORED GUEST

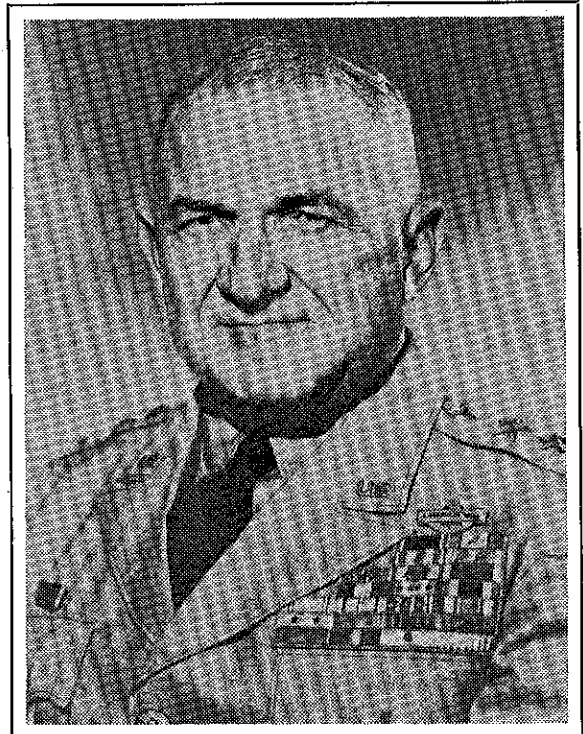
**Lt. General Theodore Conway
U.S. Army**

General Conway was on the staff of General Lucien Truscott in Great Britain. He played an important part in the formation of the First Ranger Battalion in June, 1942. General Conway strongly influenced the Army in adopting Ranger concepts in training and operations. He was Deputy Commanding General, 8th U.S. Army in Korea until his recent assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army.

Having participated in the formation of the Rangers in Great Britain in 1942, while a member of the staff of General Lucien K. Truscott, I am greatly honored to attend your Reunion and Dedication of your Battle Honors Flag.

The six United States Ranger Battalions that fought so valiantly in World War II, far surpassed the Army's expectations of them. Your valor and spirit will ever remain an inspiration to all American fighting men, and I congratulate your Association for the fine work it is doing to keep the spirit and traditions of the Rangers alive and effective.

**THEODORE CONWAY,
Lt. General, U.S.A.**



HONORED GUEST

**Lt. General John W. O'Daniel
U.S. Army (Retired)**

I knew Bill Darby well. We were those personal friends.

I visited the First Rangers in training at Achnacarry in Scotland in 1942 and watched them being put through the most arduous training I have ever seen. It was training that sifted the men from the boys and made tough men even tougher.

The Rangers proved themselves in combat on many occasions. I saw them close up at Anzio.

They were an inspiration to us all and their record for fortitude, determination and combat efficiency is one for all fighting men to emulate.

The name RANGER will always bring to mind the best type of fighting man.

**JOHN W. O'DANIEL,
Lt. Gen. U.S.A. (Ret.)**

General O'Daniel, one of the most distinguished and highly decorated divisional commanders in WW II was closely associated with the Rangers in Great Britain, North Africa and on the Anzio Beachhead. He led the famed 3rd Infantry Division in Italy, France and Germany and commanded a Corps in Korea. He was Commander U.S. Army, Pacific and ended his illustrious career as Chief of U.S. Mission to Indo China and special Representative of the President.



HONORED GUEST

Colonel Charles E. Vaughan, O.B.E., President, The Commando Association, is pictured with Colonel William O. Darby, Commander 1st Ranger Battalion and General Lucien K. Truscott during training exercise at Achnacarry Scotland, June, 1942.

HI RANGERS!

Greetings and welcome to the 1965 Convention. At the time of writing, I'm hoping to be with you in Santa Barbara. It will be easier to talk to you than to answer all the letters I have received on the subject.

If Jim Altieri and his committee can do as good a job on the arrangements as Jim did on his book 'Spearheaders', then we are in for a wonderful time.

What is a wonderful time? Well, for me it will be to see you all again. For all of us it will be the chance to relive the delights (?) of Achnacarry, Africa, Italy, Normandy and the Pacific Isles:

A chance to remember those who for reasons of health or finance can only be with us in desire and imagination:

A rededication of ourselves and our posterity to the cause of Freedom under whose banner Rangers made the Supreme Sacrifice:

And we will remember our comrades who in the years of peace have passed quietly over to the Other Side.

Let there be a full muster: some of us, the lucky ones, present in person; some of us present by our good wishes and desires, the rest of us present in memory and very great pride.

Not one Ranger AWOL!

Affectionately yours,

Father Basil

Welcome, too, to all the ladies who were wise enough to marry Rangers, and to the fine children who carry our names as theirs.

I welcome this opportunity to send my greetings and best wishes to all members of the Ranger Battalions Association assembled for the Ninth Biennial Reunion, and for the dedication of your Battle Honors Flag.

It has always been a source of great pride to me that during World War II the Rangers came under my command at the Commando Basic Training Centre at Achnacarry, and to have had the assurances of many of you since, that the time you spent amongst us stood you in good stead in the battles which followed. I have always treasured these memories and especially of the friendship which existed between your late Founder, General Bill Darby and myself.

May the events of August 2nd-5th in Santa Barbara be most memorable and successful, and may our two Associations draw even closer together as the years roll by.

With every good wish to you all for the future.

Yours Sincerely

Charles Vaughan
Colonel.

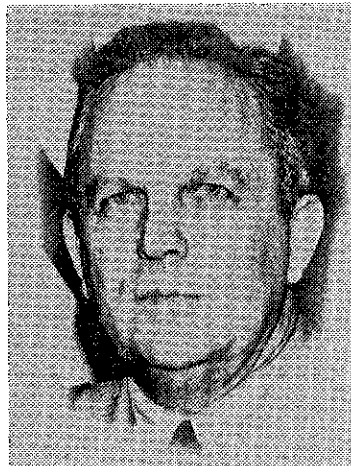


HONORED GUEST

The Reverend Albert E. Basil who served as Chaplain for the 1st Ranger Bttn. in North Africa, on leave from the Commandos, will dedicate the Battle Honors Flag.



General William O. Darby
 Commander 1st Ranger Bttn.
 and Ranger Force (1-3-4 Bttns.)
 (Killed in Action April 1945)



Colonel James Earl Rudder
 Commander 2nd Ranger Bttn.



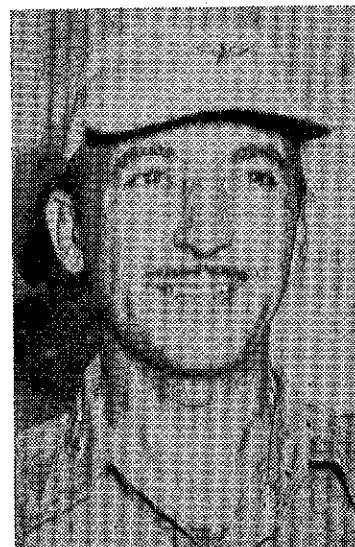
Colonel Herman Dammer
 Commander 3rd Ranger Bttn.
 Executive Officer Ranger Force



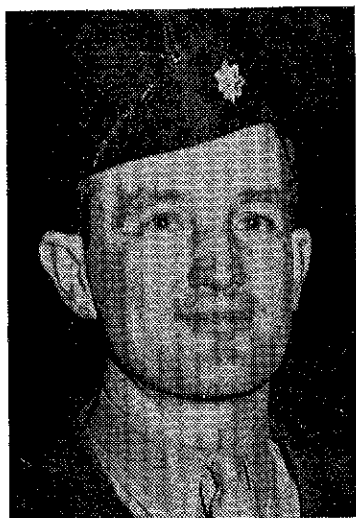
Colonel Roy Murray
 Commander 4th Ranger Bttn.



Colonel Max Schneider
 Commander 5th Ranger Bttn.
 (Deceased 1958)



Colonel Henry Mucci
 Commander 6th Ranger Bttn.



Colonel Richard P. Sullivan
 Commander 5th Ranger Bttn.
 Succeeding Colonel Schneider



Major Alva Miller
 Commander 3rd Ranger Bttn.
 (Killed in Action Jan. 1944)
 Anzio



Colonel Jack Dobson
 Commander 1st Ranger Bttn.
 Anzio

What the Battle Honors Flag Represents

The Ranger Battalions Battle Honors Flag represents the proud and enduring record of the Six United States Army Ranger Battalions in World War II. The Rangers of all six battalions are equally as proud of the achievements of each and every Ranger Battalion as they are of their own.

The Ranger philosophy for winning battles was tough, realistic battle training, inspired leadership, detailed planning, thorough reconnaissance, contact, coordination and control, hit the enemy where he least expects it, choose the most difficult route of approach, attack at night with speed, surprise and shock, carry through relentlessly. These concepts were proven in battle after battle.

The record speaks for itself. The Rangers spearheaded every Major Invasion of World War II — the first to land, the first to die, the first to capture the enemy's defenses and make it possible for other troops to land and broaden the beachheads. Fifteen campaigns, innumerable battles and engagements, raids and sorties — and who can keep track of the countless combat patrols and night infiltrations that were never mentioned in the daily communiques?

But the Battle Records of the Six Army Ranger Battalions do not tell the full story of the American Ranger in World War II. The spirit that each Ranger carried in his breast — that drove him to accomplish the impossible, that inspired him to attack the most formidable enemy defenses, that enabled him to

endure in campaign after campaign, that compelled him to excel as an American soldier, this is the most important part of the Ranger story that is represented on our Battle Honors Flag.

We, who were privileged to have served with the Rangers, know what that spirit was. It was a spirit that was formed by many essential elements. Leadership by example, mutual respect and esteem, concern for our fellow Rangers, teamwork, pride in our units, a comprehension of why we were fighting, the will to win, not at all costs, but by skill, preparation and ingenuity. The Ranger spirit was a mixture of individuality tempered by self discipline and directed toward the achievement of the common objectives of victory. The Ranger spirit was audacity and daring and originality. It was resourcefulness and versatility. It was a positive force. It was, in essence, the spirit that has kept liberty alive since time immemorial — the willingness to give of yourself to a common cause — above and beyond the call of duty — above and beyond one's obligation as an American citizen.

The Ranger spirit is an important part of our national heritage, and each Ranger who fought with the Six Ranger Battalions, helped make that heritage stronger and significant. We are mindful that we, as custodians of that spirit, have a serious obligation not only to keep that spirit alive, but to keep it vigorous and strong and to direct that spirit towards positive good for our country today.

Operation Ranger

BATTLE HONORS

(World War II)

CAMPAIGNS

First Ranger Battalion

ALGERIA
TUNISIA
SICILY
NAPLES-FOGGIA
ROME-ARNO
ANZIO

Two Distinguished Unit Citations

Second Ranger Battalion

NORMANDY
NORTHERN FRANCE
RHINELAND
CENTRAL EUROPE
ARDENNES-ALSACE
Distinguished Unit Citation
French Croix de Guerre

Third Ranger Battalion

SICILY
NAPLES-FOGGIA
ROME-ARNO
ANZIO
Distinguished Unit Citation

Fourth Ranger Battalion

SICILY
NAPLES-FOGGIA
ROME-ARNO
ANZIO
Fifth Army Commendation

Fifth Ranger Battalion

NORMANDY
NORTHERN FRANCE
RHINELAND
CENTRAL EUROPE
ARDENNES-ALSACE
Two Distinguished Unit Citations
French Croix de Guerre

Sixth Ranger Battalion

NEW GUINEA
LEYTE
LUZON
Distinguished Unit Citation
Philippine Government Presidential Citation

INVASIONS

NORTH AFRICA * SICILY * SALERNO * ANZIO
NORMANDY * LEYTE * LUZON

RAIDS

DIEPPE * SENED STATION * CABRUAN HILLS * CABANATUAN * HOMOHON

MAJOR BATTLES

ARZEW * DERNIA PASS * EL GUETTAR * GELA * LICATA * PORTO EMPODOCILE
BUTERA * MESSINA * CHIUNZI PASS * VENA FRO * SAN PIETRO * CISTERNA
OMAHA BEACH * VIERVILLE * GRANCAMP * LA COQUET PENINSULA * BREST
HUERTGEN FOREST * HILL 105 * ZERF * OBERLEUKEN * BATTLE OF THE BULGE
* LEYTE * MANILA *

And who can count the battles, skirmishes, combat patrols and infiltrations that were never mentioned in news dispatches from the various fronts?



Symbolism
of
Battle Honors Flag
for the

Ranger Battalions Association World War II

The dark area represents the United States and the red (scarlet) area Great Britain where Ranger organizations were activated and trained. The combined blue and red thus symbolize the close association in both training and combat of the Rangers and British Commandos. The 15 stars refer to the 15 campaigns, World War II, in which the Rangers participated. The 6 spearheads allude to the 6 Ranger Battalions and also to the 6 assault landings (invasions) in which the Rangers took part. The white disc alludes to Central Europe (Germany), the black lily to France and the Low Countries and with the red seed pods Italy. The double crescent refers to Algeria and Tunisia. The 3 sun rays (similar in design to those depicted on the Philippine flag) allude to the Philippines and New Guinea. The crossed Ranger (Sykes) knives suggest the nature of Ranger operations.

Designed by U.S. Army Heraldic Branch—A.G., Department of Army

A PRAYER for the DEDICATION of the RANGER FLAG

LORD GOD—you are known by many names, according to the differing traditions of our families, but you are the One God of all free men, and in whom all men are free.

We stand before you this day under one name **RANGERS** in a unity forged in the torment and anguish of battles on many fronts.

To our willing arms you, **LORD GOD**, gave victory and we thank you for it every day we live.

Help us, remembering battle, to remember most of all the freedom for which we fought, and help us to live worthily as free men should. Help us to hand on the torch of freedom to our children for all time.

We bring to you today our **RANGER** flag for you to bless. May it remain in your presence a constant reminder of our service in the cause of freedom, your gift that makes us men.

Of itself it is but stuff, the work of mens' hands, but you can use it in such a way that your blessing will channel through it to us who this day dedicate it and ourselves to your Name.

Keep America and Americans always yours, always free, always ready to maintain freedom in any part of your world.

Give Peace in our time, O Lord, the reward of our endeavor.

Keep in your eternal light our comrades who have gone before us in battle or in peace.

Bring us all at last to that final great Reunion in your presence, which is your purpose for us all. By your grace may our number be complete, our union perfect, and our freedom absolute in you, for all eternity,

AMEN.

John Basil

About the Ranger Battalions Association

Michael Gargas, the General Chairman of the first Ranger Battalions Association Reunion that was held in Cleveland in 1949 eloquently described the purpose for establishing the association: "We come together out of a common need and desire, to renew friendships, to recall experiences, to share memories, to memorialize our brothers whose lives ended, as they were beginning, on a thousand battlefields the world over. And we are here to establish a Ranger Association, a civilian association in the Ranger Tradition, dedicated to Democracy and Peace as we were once dedicated to War. Let us volunteer for Peace as we once volunteered for War and build a strong, permanent organization of which we can be as proud as we were of our Ranger Battalions. First in War, now first in Peace — Lead the Way Rangers! Let us make the first Ranger Reunion a rousing success on which we can build even bigger reunions in the future."

In the years that followed this stirring challenge, the Rangers have responded with vigor and spirit, to build a purposeful Association dedicated to sustain the memories of those who died in battle, to keep strong the bonds of friendship among the living, and to keep alive the spirit, ideals and traditions of the Ranger Battalions.

Thanks to the dedication of many hard-working Rangers, the Association has grown in stature, membership, prestige and purpose.

The Association is active in youth projects and in military and veteran affairs, particularly matters concerning the Ranger Department at Fort Benning and the U.S. Army Special Forces — the crack Guerrilla fighters who carry the battle honors, colors and traditions of the WW II Rangers.

The interests of the American Fighting Man is a prime concern of the Association and it has spoken out forcefully in support of our forces in Vietnam, and for public appreciation, respect and esteem for the men who are carrying the fullest burdens of our commitments in defense of freedom.

The Association recently awarded a special commendation to 20th Century Fox for its production of "The Longest Day", as an authentic and inspiring portrayal of American Fighting Men, and decried the rash of pictures that portray American soldiers derisively. It recently established a special memorial award "THE GENERAL WILLIAM O. DARBY AWARD", to the outstanding graduates of each class of the Ranger Department at Fort Benning. It is sponsoring a memorial to the Silver Star Medal at the entrance of the Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge. This national shrine is being developed by Freedoms Foundation.

The Association is non-political and non-profit. Its major purpose is to inspire Americans with the volunteer spirit, to give of one's self above and beyond the call of duty for the good of community and nation. To inspire faith in our nation's heritage and future destiny. Only thus can we keep faith with those who fell in battle fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today.

The Ranger Influence on the U.S. Army

The spirit and brilliant concepts of unconventional warfare, pioneered by the Six Ranger Battalions of World War II, are creating a stronger impact on the Army today than ever before. Each year the Ranger Department at Fort Benning graduates over 1500 non-coms and officers who are dispersed throughout the combat units of the Army, beefing up these outfits with their spirit, combativeness and flexible Ranger skills. Rangers who are now training and fighting with Vietnamese Ranger units, the cream of the South Vietnam Army. The Army Special Forces carry the colors, battle honors and traditions of the Ranger Battalions of World War II. Each member of the Special Forces is entitled to wear the Presidential Citation, the campaign ribbons of the Ranger Battalion designated their unit. With the added emphasis on non-conventional warfare, Army training of infantry troops now incorporates night-fighting techniques and small-unit tactics. Thus, the spirit of the American Ranger of World War II lives on — a vital influence to our armed forces and to the nation.

1965 Ranger Reunion Program

MONDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 1965

- 9:00 A.M. -6 P.M. — Registration — Reunion Headquarters Gold Room
- 9:00 A.M. Board of Trustees Meeting Garden Room
- 10:00 A.M. Committee Meetings Garden Room
- 12 Noon Lunch, Council of Advisors and Present Officers Garden Room
- 1:00 P.M. Deep Sea Fishing and Water Skiing Groups Depart From Reunion Headquarters Gold Room
- 2:00 P.M. Santa Barbara Tour for Rangers and Families, Harbor Area, Old Spanish Mission, Montecito Estates, Botanical Gardens, Historic Museum. Depart From Headquarters . Gold Room
- Free Time — Miramar Beach, Pools, Golf, Etc.
- 5:30 P.M. Free Early Bird Picnic, Entertainment, 7-Up Bagpipe Band, Ranger Singfest Putting Green
- 7:30 P.M. Ranger Bar — Reunion Headquarters Gold Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 1965

- 9:00 A.M. -6 P.M. — Registration — Reunion Headquarters Gold Room
- 9:00 A.M. General Session — 1st Business Meeting — Breakfast — RANGERS Miramar Room
- 10:00 A.M. Tour of Child's Estate Park/Zoo, Ladies and Children — Meet Outside Gold Room
- 1:30 P.M. Ranger Committee Meetings Garden Room
- Afternoon Devoted to Free Time — Beach, Boating, Golf, Waterskiing, Etc.
- 6:00 P.M. Poolside Barbecue — Mariachi Band — Aquastars — Water Ballet
- 9:00 P.M. Ranger Bar Gold Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1965

- 9:00 A.M. General Session — 2nd Business Meeting and Selection of 1967 Reunion Site Santa Barbara Room
- 11:00 P.M. Ladies Brunch and Fashion Show Featuring Jose Manero Dancers —
Departing From Reunion Headquarters El Paseo Restaurant
- 11:45 A.M. Meeting — New Delegates for Election of Officers Garden Room
- 12:30 P.M. Stag Luncheon, Featuring Honored Guests Miramar Room
- 12:30 P.M. -3:30 P.M. Ladies Tour El Paseo Shops and Meet Rangers at County Courthouse Sunken Gardens
- 3:30 P.M. Dedication of Battle Honors Flag and Memorial Services, County Courthouse Sunken Gardens
- 6:00 P.M. Cocktail Reception Poolside
- Children's Banquet and Teenage Dance
- 7:00 P.M. Grand Banquet and Dinner Dance — Honored Guests, Awards — Seven Up Marching
Band, I. Perry Newton Dance Band, Entertainment. Miramar Room

OPTIONAL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1965

- 10:00 A.M. Charter Buses Leave for Universal Studios From Outside Gold Room
- 11:45 A.M. Universal Studio Tour — Snack-Lunch at Studio
- 6:00 P.M. Cocktails at Poolside Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood
- 7:00 P.M. On the Town — Hollywood Bowl — Sunset Strip — Night Club Tours —
Chinese and Egyptian Theaters and Other Points of Interest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1965

- 9:00 A.M. Leave by Chartered Bus for Disneyland (All Day) From Roosevelt Hotel
- Overnight Stay at Motels Near Disneyland or Return to Hollywood as Desired.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1965

- 9:30 A.M. Leave by Chartered Bus or Auto for Marineland.

NOTE:—Ranger Headquarters Will Be Located at Gold Room in CONVENTION HALL.

Battle Honors Flag Dedication and Memorial Services

THE SUNKEN GARDENS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

AUGUST 4th, 1965—3:30 P.M.

Honor Guard — Trooping Colors With Band.

National Anthem — 72nd U.S. Army Band, Fort McArthur, California.

Invocation — Army Chaplain, Fort McArthur, California.

Remarks — James J. Altieri, President of Ranger Association.

Welcome — Donald McGillvray, Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California.

Presentation of Message of the Governor of the State of California.

Presentation of Message of the President of the United States.

Music: Band

Introduction of Honored Guests:

Lieutenant General Theodore Conway, U.S.A.

Lieutenant General John (Mike) O'Daniel, U.S.A. (Ret.)

Major General James Earl Rudder, U.S.A. President, Texas A&M.

Music: Scottish Pipers and Band.

Introduction of Visiting and Honored Dignitaries:

Colonel Charles E. Vaughan, President, Commando Association, Great Britain.

Henry Brown, Secretary, Commando Association, Great Britain.

Father Albert E. Basil.

Introduction — Consulate-Generals and Other Honored Guests.

THE DEDICATION

Narration of the Representations of Battle Honors Flag Symbols.

Ranger Association Officers Request that Father Basil Lead Prayer of Dedication.

Prayer of Dedication: — Father Albert E. Basil.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Placement of Wreath Commemorating All Ranger Dead — Walter F. Nye (Representing All Rangers.)

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Prayer — Chaplain.

Rendition of God Bless America: — Voice of Kate Smith.

Playing of Taps and Volley.

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Stars and Stripes Forever: — U.S. Army Band.

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Messages and Salutes

The State of California is honored by being chosen the locale for the convention of this organization of courageous Americans whose deeds, from North Africa to the Philippines, are indelibly engraved in the history of our nation. Best wishes for a pleasant reunion. And may I extend my personal greetings and pay respects to those attending, representative of the gallant forces which played, with dedication and fearlessness, such an outstanding role in World War II.

THOMAS H. KUCHEL,
United States Senator

I welcome to California the members of your organization and express to them my appreciation for their efforts to keep alive the traditions and ideals of the Rangers, who have served our nation so well. I know that your meetings will be successful and only wish I could join you and extend my high regards personally.

GEORGE MURPHY,
United States Senator

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GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,
Commander in Chief, Allied Armies Europe.

Even though I cannot be with you personally for this convention, I assure you that I will be there in spirit. Among my memories there are none more pleasant than my recollection of the Ranger Battalions and in my memory there looms no greater figure than that of Bill Darby — as great a Ranger as any who ever wore your proud insignia. You have my good wishes for a successful Convention, and

May God Bless You All

GENERAL MARK CLARK (Ret.),
President of The Citadel, Commander 5th Army, Italy.



This austere yet dramatic memorial so finely illustrates, for all to remember, the brotherhood of the Commando. Clamped in the peat and rock of Achnacarry it rests in ground that for generation upon generation has reared and nurtured the Cameron men. In such harsh, demanding, fighting country the hard steel of the Commando spirit was forged, and tempered was the brotherhood they so highly valued. The pride of the British Army came here, was trained, and left the prouder.

I am delighted to have this opportunity of sending my best wishes to the Ninth Biennial Reunion of the Ranger Battalions Association of World War II, because the First U.S. Ranger Battalion formed under Colonel Bill Darby was trained at Achnacarry, the Commando Basic Training Centre in Scotland under Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Vaughan.

50 of those U.S. Rangers fought with No. 4 Commando in the Dieppe operation with great courage and success. In fact Corporal Koons was awarded the British Military Medal and I had the honour of decorating him with this at a parade held during the Casablanca Conference of 1943.

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The Rangers have a proud, enviable and enduring place in our military annals, and it is a source of abiding satisfaction to me that I was privileged to share service with them and to come to know first hand their sterling worth and gallant performance in World War II.

GENERAL MATHEW B. RIDGEWAY,
Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

I have intense interest in the Rangers and high regard for them. No finer soldiers ever wore the uniform in any army at any time. The gallant exploits of these Rangers will always be an inspiration for all Americans and for all fighting men.

GENERAL LUCIEN K. TRUSCOTT,
Commander 5th Army, Italy

Much as I would like to join you and all the other Rangers, I expect to be out of the country at the time of your reunion in Santa Barbara. I hope that the reunion will be a tremendous success, and I extend my warmest regards,

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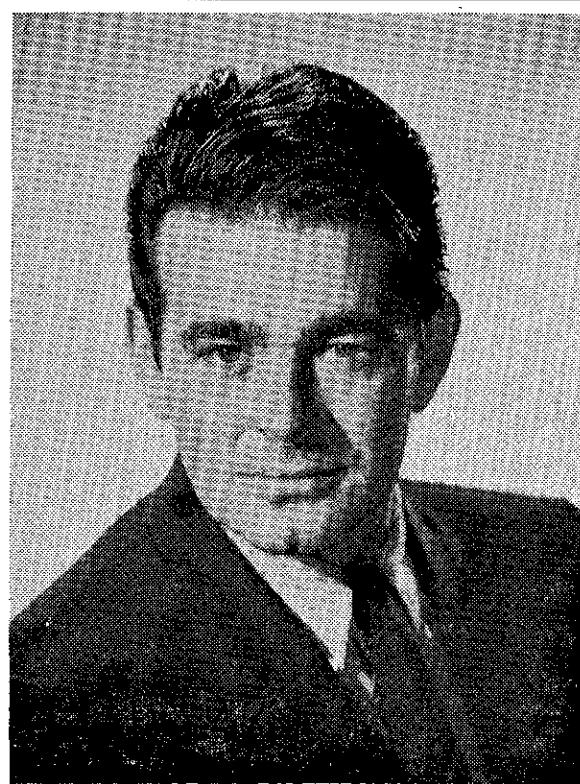
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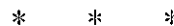
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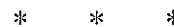
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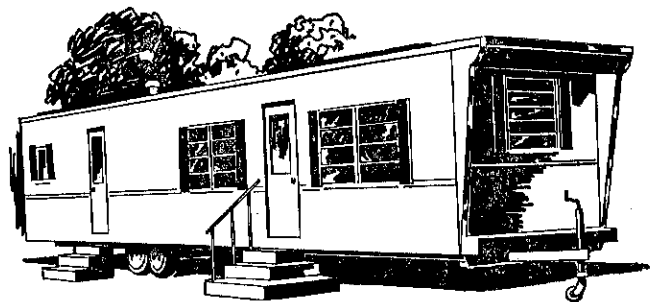
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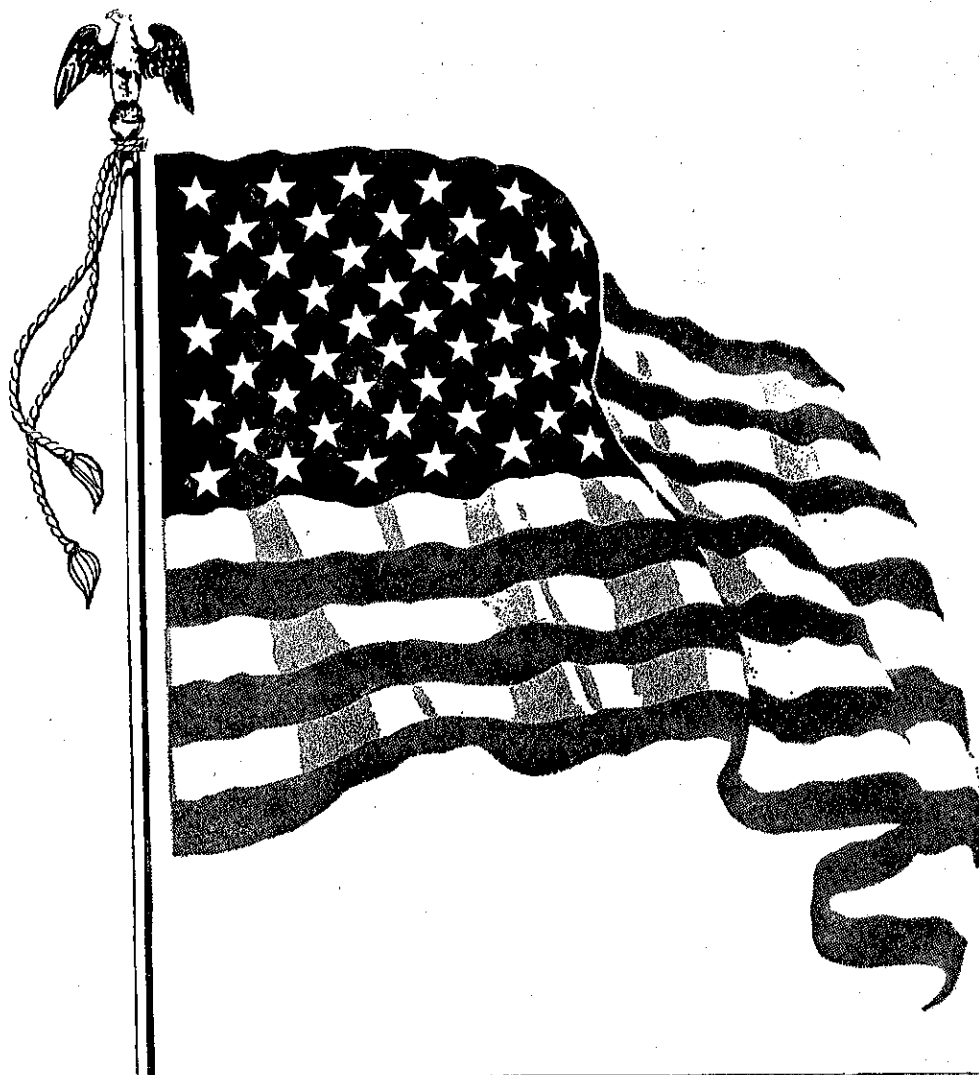
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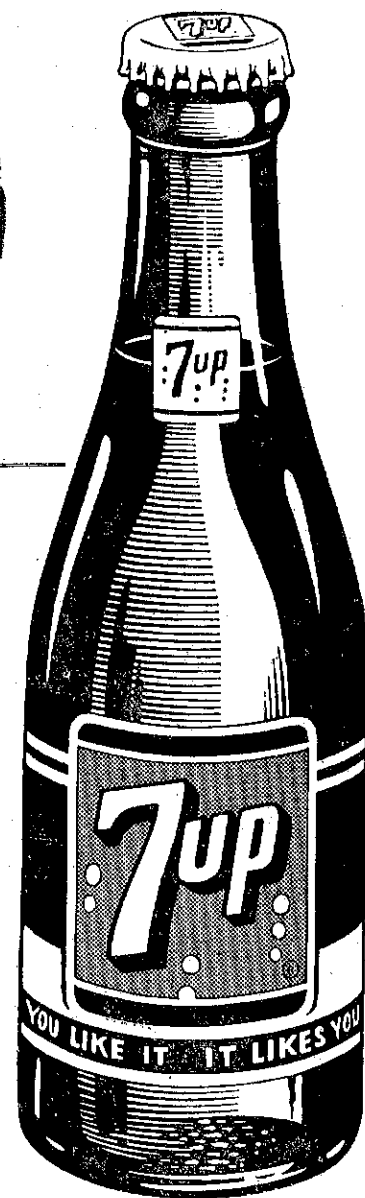
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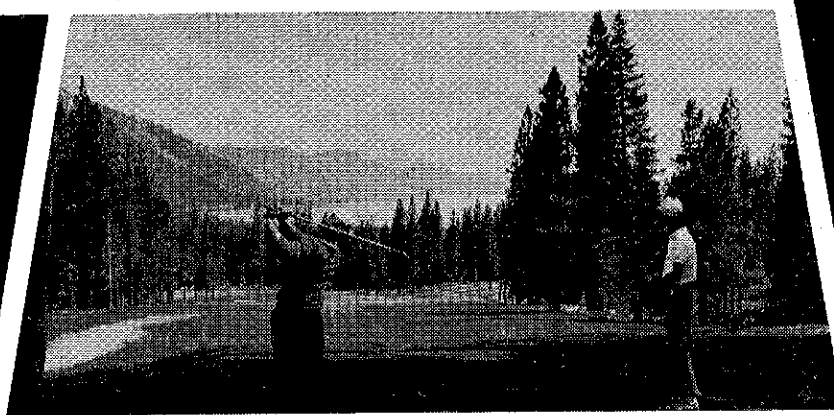
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(The first American soldier killed in Vietnam)

Sergeant Bigley served with the Rangers in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. His continued devotion to the cause of freedom until his death, exemplifies the highest traditions of the U.S. Army Rangers. During and since WW II, many other Rangers have paid the supreme sacrifice, and we cite Sergeant Bigley as representative of their valor. The Rangers mentioned below are those, (that we have knowledge of), who have departed this world since our last reunion.

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Sergeant First Class George C. Bigley, RA16002566, United States Army as a Light Weapons Infantry Advisor to the 35th Ranger Battalion of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam, distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations on 3 January 1955, in Vietnam. Sergeant Bigley was accompanying a Vietnamese Company of a task force which was returning from a convoy escort mission through enemy held terrain when the company was ambushed by two Viet Cong companies. As the task element was thrown into confusion by the sudden attack, Sergeant Bigley bravely exposed himself to the enemy gunfire to reorganize the hesitant Vietnamese troops. Then, with complete disregard for his own safety, he moved through open terrain under withering gunfire in an attempt to rally the soldiers and to encourage them to establish a line and return the fire. Throughout this fierce engagement with the Viet Cong, he continued his courageous efforts until mortally wounded. His fortitude, indomitable courage, and determination inspired the Rangers to take action which enabled them to return to the task force. Sergeant Bigley's conspicuous gallantry is in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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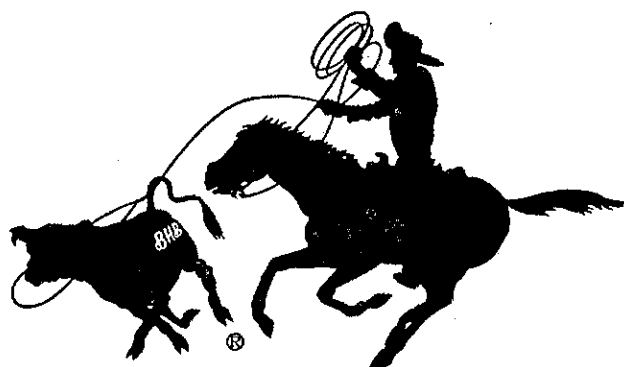
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