

Photos, addresses of military, old letters shared



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Hello everyone,

I just recieved my Tomahawk in mail call tonight and was glad the old paper is still coming through. The old home town paper is quite a morale builder—at least it is to me. I notice a few of the boys are out now. Hope all of you fellows are having a good time. I'm not, somebody better get on the ball.

I'm doing okay myself. It's not too bad here, but It's nothing compared to the good old U.S.A. although I like it here a lot better than the Pacific. Right now I'm on a little bit restriction. One night I stayed out a few hours too late. Since we have a ladder handy I don't find it too hard to get out while I'm on restriction. Tonight I'm staying in. Maybe from now on I'll stay in.

Wilkins Hellon USMCR
Tangku, China

Greetings Friends,

I just came back from Frankfurt and the Tomahawk paper was waiting for me.

I noticed that a few of the boys are out of the Army now,—boy I wish I was home right now, especially for Christmas. I guess I will have another Christmas away from home.

I see the little paragraph that I sent in some time ago is in the Tomahawk. I must have spoken a little too soon because I am still here and will be for awhile. You folks will know when I get home.

I am a member of a basketball team here in Augsburg, Germany and we are doing fairly well, although our competition is pretty good.

Oh yes, we have snow in Augsburg and it has been snowing for quite some time now. Sometimes a person can't stay outside five minutes because he or she will get cold. As for the German people regardless of rain, snow or sunshine, I notice they start to go to work in the morning at 6 A.M. Some have a long ways to go to work and some don't. They are courageous, young and old are up the first thing in the morning and are always moving around doing something.

I can't say very much for myself because that is not important. All I want to do is get home for awhile. Thanks a lot for the Tomahawk. I will be expecting the next issue.

Orville Danzuka



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Hello Fellows:

I received the issue of the Tomahawk recently. I was very glad to receive it, too. It was the first I had in five or six months and it certainly was good to read what it is like back in Warm Springs. I hope everyone in and around Warm Springs is well.

Thanks very much for the latest issue.

Lasco Gilbert
France

Happy New Year!

Yes, it is one of the best we have had since 1941. For me, I am still way over here, but still it was one of the best. Just a few months back I was sure I'd be sweating it out in a fox hole somewhere near Mt. Fujiyama or Tokyo for New Year's and now I'll let you in on our party.

An explosion as great as any atomic bomb shook all Korea as the men of Baker Company celebrated New Year's Eve.

Lost in the wilds of China, we held our own party with transportation and old man winter working against us—we had no other choice but to hold our own celebration.

Each platoon furnished entertainment and believe me, if there were any Hollywood talent scouts present, Baker Company would be missing some of its great stars. Talent scouts would be camped on our doorstep with contracts for such great stars as "Smiley Hank"



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and his covered wagon boys; Pfc. Short with his dramatic company presenting "Korean Lovers"; Pfc. Morris with the musical comedy "The Flashes"; and last but not least, "The Great Hercules and His Whirl Winds". Yes, Baker Company really had a time and we really welcomed in the New Year.

Sgt. Lawrence Brown



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Photos, addresses wanted

Any community member having family or friends in the Gulf who they think might enjoy receiving a letter or two from home, please contact Spilyay. We would appreciate a photo and current address. Also, if snapshots are received from servicemen in the Gulf and you would like to share them, please let us know.

Newlywed couple separated by Gulf Crisis

Carla Houchins is glad to be back in the U.S., but she "misses her husband a lot," she said recently. Carla, the 25-year-old daughter of Carl Markgraf and Yvonne Nathan, has been back in the states for about a month after spending three short months with her new husband, Dana, a U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant. Dana is a radar technician for AWACS. Carla is a 1984 graduate of Madras High School.

After their marriage last May, the couple was to be stationed in Saudi Arabia for a two-year stint. But circumstances in the Middle East in early August necessitated the evacuation of hundreds of non-Arabic people. The couple's plans changed and Dana went on to Riyadh alone at the end of August. Carla was allowed to join him in October.

January rolled around and the political environment changed. The situation became too stressful for Carla, who is eight weeks pregnant, and she returned to the states via a 28-hour flight aboard a cold cargo plane that took her through Spain, Portugal and eventually to South Carolina. After a brief visit with her in-laws in California, Carla made her way to Oregon. She will return to California in about two weeks.

Life in Saudi meant living on a Saudi Arabian-owned compound that was about the size of the Madras High School area. On the compound, Carla said, "we could live a normal American life." However, if going outside the compound, women were required to wear an "abiya" (black robe) over their street clothes.

Women are not allowed to drive

in Saudi. However, the driving is "really crazy...they love their horns." Use of turn signals is as rare as accidents are common. "If you're stationed there for two or three years and go without having an accident, it's considered a miracle," said Carla. Additionally, if an accident does occur, wealthy Arabian drivers often abandon their cars and simply buy new ones rather than pay for repairs.

Most food items were available through the military commissary but some items could be purchased in local markets. Also at hand were Mexican, Chinese and Italian restaurants. Wendy's Hamburgers were more common than McDonalds.

Life in Saudi Arabia is "harder on women" than men, said Carla. "Saudi military and men look down on women...They aren't used to women in the military, they don't understand."

Carla offered words of encouragement to parents and other spouses in the U.S. Also, "support them as much as you can," she said. Carla suggested that military troops be sent AA batteries, taped music and taped letters. "It's always nice to hear a familiar voice."

Dana is an instructor with the Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force, teaching Saudi radar technicians how to repair and maintain AWACS radar systems four days a week. He also serves as a radar technician two days a week.

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Carla is "in support of what the troops are doing." Support of the troops and of one another is important. Strength can be gained

from sharing concerns and feelings with one another. "We have to find our own way of comforting ourselves."



Carla Houchins and her husband Dana, married since last May, have been separated by the Gulf Crisis.

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