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THE BATTLE OF BUNKER'S HILL:

"Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!"

Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

The second quarterly meeting of the Association's Board of Directors took place on May 5, 1964, in the Sea Room of the Army-Navy Club, Washington, D. C. Thirty-one of the 33 directors were in attendance.

The Board resolved itself into the Scholarship Committee and heard a detailed report on the Scholarship Fund from the Comptroller. A resolution was passed to increase to \$50,000.00 the amount available to the Scholarship Fund from the General Fund. This represents an increase of \$10,000.00 for use by the Fund in the near future. Another resolution was passed to the effect that the number of new scholarship loans to be made this year would be limited to 10.

The Board then directed its attention to the normal business. The Chairman, Admiral Denfeld, opened the regular meeting by reading a letter from Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul, USA, Ret., former President of the Association. The letter was as follows:

Lt. Gen. WILLARD S. PAUL, U.S.A. Ret.,
Long View, R.D. 6, Box 134,
Gettysburg, Pa. 17325
April 2, 1964

Dear Louis:

I have been told of certain statements made by members of the Retired Officer's Association, concerning my resignation as President & Director of the Association, as well as the allegation that I wrote to the Executive Vice President commenting adversely on the operation of the Association.

When I resigned my duties with the Association, and my connection with the Board, I did so *solely* because of my sizable responsibility as President of Gettysburg College; my health; and because in fairness to the Association I did not believe I was giving it the leadership it should have. Further, I believe in the rotation of the Presidency in accordance with the policy of the Association. These were the reasons I gave then, and I *now repeat them*. Further, I do not recall having written any letter to the management commenting adversely on the Association's operations. I believe you know me well enough, that you realize, had I not agreed with what was being done, I would have phoned "Id" Edwards, my successor, at once.

I deplore the situation now existing in the Association! While I am not conversant with all the details, it appears to be *entirely* a matter of clash of personalities. The staff now being severely criticized is, with additions, the one I had and the one which brought the Association to its present status. It served me and it served the Association faithfully and well. I am sure there is misunderstanding which *can* be corrected. With all right-thinking members I deplore such a "hassle." It not only damages the Association, but brings disgrace on those who have been trained better.

I hope the controversy will be put aside,

along with personal animosity and all members will join in making the Retired Officers Association the "team" it should and can be. If I can help further call on me.

I would appreciate your publicizing these comments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Willard Stewart Paul
Willard Stewart Paul

The Chairman then proceeded to read a letter dated May 4, 1964, addressed to him by Captain Franz O. Willenbucher, USN, Ret., Executive Vice President and Legal Counsel of the Association. The letter is as follows:

Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, USN, Retired President, Retired Officers Association
Farragut Building, Suite 818-820
900 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Admiral Denfeld:

After almost 18 years of employment by the Retired Officers Association, during approximately 16 of which I have been Executive Vice President, Legal Counsel, and Editor of *The Retired Officer* magazine, present circumstances of which all members of the Board are fully aware leave me no alternative than to ask that I not be considered for re-election as Executive Vice President by the Board of Directors at the expiration of my term next November.

I have reached this decision with reluctance and with mixed emotions. Most of my service with the Association has been very pleasant. The steady and substantial development and growth of the Association during my tenure in membership expansion from approximately 2,600 to almost 60,000, in services rendered the members, and its sound financial position have been and continue to be a source of real satisfaction to me. This growth has been fairly stated in your 1963 Annual Report to the Membership.

On the other hand, the continuing and unwarranted attacks, many of them false, made against the Association and me personally over the past few years are exacting their toll in many ways. Not only have they had a most serious detrimental effect on the morale within the Association, but the relentless persistence and nationwide publication of the charges have had a most serious effect on my health and reputation as a retired officer, as an attorney engaged in the practice of law, and upon my family. Under these circumstances, I would be less than human, and unwise, not to take this action.

In addition to my desire not to continue as an executive official of the Association, it is my intention to ask the Nominating Committee not to consider me for re-election as a director. This decision stems from my conviction that one who has supervised in a high executive position in the Association should not continue as a director upon the termination of his executive employment. This understanding

has, almost without exception, been traditional in the Association.

I wish, particularly at this time, to thank you for your consideration and assistance in supervising my work in your capacity as President of the Association and Chairman of the Board of Directors. I wish also, through you, to express my deep appreciation to those members of the Board who remained constant in their support of my efforts in the face of unwarranted criticism.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

/s/ F. O. Willenbucher
F. O. Willenbucher

After discussion of Captain Willenbucher's intention not to be available for re-election to the office of Executive Vice President and to the Board of Directors, a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that the President appoint a committee to recommend a replacement for Captain Willenbucher effective November 1964.

By majority vote, the Board of Directors agreed to permit the Comptroller to furnish certain fiscal data as requested by Colonel Thomas C. McCormick, USA, Ret., Colorado Springs, Colo., a member of the Association.

The reports of officers and committees were received. The Board dispensed with reports from Regional Representatives. Following the report by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, a resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that salary adjustments for the staff be made as originally proposed in the Budget for 1964. This vote in effect rescinded the action previously taken by the Board at its February 4 meeting, as reported in the February Newsletter.

The Board by unanimous action agreed to waive until later the election of a Director to replace the late LCdr. Florence T. Judge, USNR, Ret., as the nominee is a member of the Eaker *ad hoc* Committee to Study the By-Laws, and to waive the election of a First Vice President until after the Biennial Convention to be held in November.

The Chairman announced that Gen. Ira C. Eaker, USAF, Ret., Chairman of the *ad hoc* Committee to Study the Association's By-Laws, expects to be able to submit the committee's report to the Board of Directors on or about July 1, 1964. The Chairman advised that copies of this report will be distributed to the Board members for their consideration prior to the August 1964 meeting of the Board.

The Nominating Committee for the 1964 Biennial Convention was duly elected by the Board of Directors. In addition, the President announced the names of the chairmen of the following committees for the Convention, namely: Resolutions, Arrangements, Credentials, Officers' Reports, Rules, and Program. (Detailed information on these committees appears elsewhere in the magazine.)

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"With public opinion nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."
—Abraham Lincoln

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Gladstone on the Constitution

"As the British Constitution is the most subtle organism which has proceeded from the womb and the long gestation of progressive history, so the American Constitution is, so far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." (W. E. Gladstone in a piece called "Kin Beyond the Sea" which appeared in *North American Review*, issue of September 1878.)

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Board of Directors' Meeting

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At the suggestion of one of the members of the Board, the President agreed to appoint a committee to recommend for his approval a simplification of instructions to the Nominating Committee.

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the President, in his sole discretion, to prepare a proxy form which would authorize each member either to vote his or her proxy so the Board collectively would in turn vote the proxy or the member could designate an individual member of the Association to vote the proxy. The resolution was amended to provide that failure of the member to make one of the two above selections would void the proxy. In adopting the resolution it was agreed that a Committee would be appointed by the President to adapt the proxy form to the purposes of the resolution, subject to his approval.

In its concluding action, the Board unanimously approved a resolution whereby funds under specific projects in the General Fund would not be transferred without approval by the Executive Committee and a report to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

At the request of Gen. Jacob L. Devers, USA, Ret., a member of the Board of Directors, and the concurrence of Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, USN, Ret., President, attendance at this meeting was restricted to members of the Board of Directors, Regional Representatives, and staff members essential to the conduct of the meeting.

Cover Story

The Battle of Bunker Hill (Massachusetts), one of the very early battles of the Revolutionary War, was fought June 17, 1775. A band of 1500 colonials took up positions on Bunker Hill (or Bunker's Hill) and defied a very much larger force of British Redcoats to remove them. The British thought it would be easy; they derided the fighting ability of the colonials.

The British attacked up the hill. "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" ordered the colonial commanding officer, Colonel Prescott. On their first attempt, the British were repulsed with heavy losses. Their second attempt was also beaten back. Then the British commanders, surprised at this resistance, decided to employ some strategy. The third attack succeeded in driving the colonials from the hill.

But the colonials' courageous tenacity, their ability to shoot straight and fight hand-to-hand, made it a moral victory for them. Incidentally, George Washington had been named supreme commander of the Continental Army on June 15, two days before.

This is one of many historical pictures—engravings, lithographs, water colors, oils—we plan to use on the cover of The Retired Officer.



CAPITOL HILL NEWS

Capitol Hill News

Dual-Employment Bill Awaits Action by the Senate

The House passed proposal dealing with dual-employment and dual-compensation matters—H. R. 7381—is still awaiting action by the Senate.

The civil rights bill is being debated by the Senate and all other business of that body is at a virtual stand-still.

As reported in our last issue of this magazine, Senate Report No. 935 on this matter eliminates Section 205 as contained in the House bill, that would have required competitive examinations in order to fill any vacancy in a civil service position if a retired member of the Armed Forces is a candidate for the position. The Senate Committee removed this provision on the grounds that it was considered unnecessarily restrictive.

There is little chance for this bill to be acted upon by the Senate until after the civil rights debate is terminated. Further withholding of the Comptroller General's decision in B-141989, which was held up until April 30, 1964, is further postponed, as explained elsewhere on this page.

At the request of the Chairman, Senate Post Office & Civil Service Committee, the Comptroller General has agreed to withhold action on retired AUS and AFUS warrant officers and others (B-141989, May 18, 1961) until the end of the 2nd Session of the 88th Congress, to await final action on the dual employment proposal. (Asst. SecDef (Comptroller) Memo to Departments, 4/17/64)

Authority for Construction of Military Hospitals

Mr. Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, on March 18, 1964, reported to the floor of the House the proposals covered by the Construction Bill, H. R. 9750—now H. R. 10300—as to construction for military departments and Reserve components on the

particular matter of military hospitals, and made the following statements as recorded on page 5352 of the March 18, 1964, issue of the Congressional Record:

HOSPITALS

"Included in H. R. 10300 are authorizations amounting to approximately \$75 million for medical facilities of all types. These include hospital additions, dispensaries, dental clinics, and complete hospitals.

"Approximately \$58 million of this total authorization is allocated for the construction of 11 new hospitals.

"These 11 hospitals are distributed as follows:

Place	Number of beds	Cost
Army:		
Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.	110	\$ 4,605,009
Letterman, Calif.	550	14,305,000
Navy:		
Jacksonville, Fla.	400	7,400,000
Oakland, Calif.	650	14,500,000
Patuxent, Md.	50	1,946,000
Air Force:		
Cannon, N. Mex.	85	3,484,000
Holloman, N. Mex.	60	2,486,000
Moody, Ga.	50	2,170,000
Shaw, S.C.	70	2,676,000
Tyndall, Fla.	80	2,746,000
Robins AFB, Ga.	60	2,300,000
Grand Total		\$58,618,000

"The cost for the military hospitals contained in this bill have been carefully reviewed and it is gratifying to note that the costs of these military hospitals continue to compare very favorably with the costs for civilian Hill-Burton hospitals.

"The costs for Hill-Burton hospitals have shown a 7-percent increase over the past year, whereas military hospital costs have remained unchanged.

"The actual dollar cost for military hospitals in a normal cost region varies from \$29 to \$33 per square foot depending upon the size of the hospital. These costs include many facilities not required in civilian hospitals.

Statement of The Retired Officers Association To the House Armed Services Special Subcommittee In Connection with its Study of the Construction of Military Hospital Facilities And Related Matters, Thursday, May 7

"Military hospitals include dental, aviation medicine, and substantially larger outpatient clinic facilities than their civilian counterparts. Nonetheless, the costs of these facilities are reflected in the square foot cost of \$29 to \$33.

"Hill-Burton hospitals costs for 1963, without many of the facilities necessarily included in the military hospitals, average \$26.50 a square foot.

"The average cost per bed of the military hospitals, exclusive of the military clinics, is \$17,879 which is notably less than the \$20,622 per bed average for Hill-Burton hospitals in 1963.

"Therefore, it is evident that the costs of military hospitals remain in line with the cost of similar type facilities in the civilian community.

"During the course of hearings on hospital construction, certain members of the committee expressed concern over the unwillingness of the Department of Defense to program beds for new hospital construction for retired personnel and their dependents.

"This question of policy together with related questions of policy on the future location and size of military hospitals resulted in the establishment of a special subcommittee which will make a thorough study of this entire problem area.

"I am certain this subcommittee will, upon conclusion of its study, make important recommendations which will be helpful in the programing of future military hospitals."

House Subcommittee Report on Hospital Construction

House Report No. 1235, dated March 11, 1964, to accompany H. R. 10300, had this to say (at page 8 thereof) as to the Subcommittee appointed to inquire into the Department of Defense policy on hospital construction.

"The committee wishes to emphasize that the Subcommittee on Hospital Construction will have the widest possible authority in examining all the problems relating to hospital construction. These problems will, therefore, necessarily include, among other things, the hospitalization and medical care of retired military personnel and their dependents. The committee emphasizes that approval of the hospitals scheduled for construction in the fiscal year 1965 program will not serve to 'prejudice' or restrict the subcommittee in its deliberations.

"It is to be noted that the programing of hospital beds for new hospital construction is no different in this bill than it has been in previous years. The Department in attempting to establish the bed capacity required for an individual hospital does not now nor has it in the past included any factor relating to the requirements for retirees and their dependents. Therefore, the question as to whether this policy should be adhered to in the future or changed is one which will be considered by the subcommittee established for this purpose."

The above appointed Subcommittee began hearings on the matter before it on April 14, 1964.

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee:

I am Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, U. S. Navy, Retired, President of the Retired Officers Association, with headquarters in this city.

The Association consists of over 59,000 members, representing retired officers of all of the seven uniformed services, including both Regulars and Reserves, in all of the 50 states.

The Association is grateful for the opportunity to appear before you today in connection with the Committee's consideration of the vital subject of construction of military hospital facilities and related matters. This involves a matter of transcendent importance to our Association because of its impact on medical care for retired servicemen and their dependents.



Louis E. Denfeld,
Admiral, USN (ret.)

Retired servicemen and their dependents have received medical care in service medical facilities with the implied or expressed consent of the Congress since the early days of our nation. The House Armed Services Committee Report on the bill, H.R. 9429, that was enacted as the Dependents Medical Care Act of 1956 (H. Report 1805, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, page 1, dated February 22, 1956) has this to say on the matter of medical care for dependents.

"Historically, dependents of members of the uniformed services have been provided medical care through the use of medical facilities under jurisdiction of the uniformed services. The Army, for example, has had statutory authority to provide medical care for dependents of Army personnel since 1884, although the *Army Medical Department provided dependents with medical care from its inception in 1818.*

"The Navy has been providing medical care for their dependents for over 100

years, but it was not until the enactment of Public Law 51 of the 78th Congress that the Navy obtained positive authority to provide limited medical dependent care.

"The Marine Corps obtains its medical care from the Navy, and the Air Force has operated under the Army statute since the enactment of the National Security Act of 1947." (Emphasis supplied.)

Traditionally, medical care has been understood by servicemen, the public, the Executive Branch of the Government, and by previous Congresses as an emolument of services, and as an additional incentive to service in order to offset the generally lower scale of pay given servicemen when compared with those in civilian life. This is particularly true of those retired members who served through years when there was no thought of comparability between military and civilian pay, and when it was generally accepted that any semblance of such comparability existed only when the security of military retirement and related benefits was taken into consideration.

Official recognition of the long-standing tradition of furnishing medical care to retired personnel was reaffirmed, on February 19, 1964, by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health and Welfare—Dr. Shirley C. Fisk—when he appeared before the House Armed Services Committee in connection with its consideration of the bill, H.R. 9750 (later H.R. 10300). On this occasion he stated, "We have agreed on the statement that health care for *retired personnel and their dependents* is a traditional military benefit."

The rapid expansion of the retired list—in the neighborhood of 50,000 a year—means that the present military facilities will fall far short of being able to provide medical care for retired personnel and their dependents. This expansion of the retired list is a natural result of Congressional action as to the over-all military forces deemed necessary to protect our nation.

Problem Serious

The seriousness of the problem was revealed when a Defense Department official recently pointed out that by 1970 there will be 25 people on the retired rolls for every 100 on active duty. There will be about 435,000 on the retired rolls on June 30, 1964, and by 1977 there will be approximately one million retirees,—or roughly 40 per cent of the active duty force. It is also estimated that the dependents of a force of one million retirees will number about another 1.5 million.

As the Committee is aware, the De-

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Cape Fear Holds First Annual Dinner And Elects Officers

The Cape Fear Chapter of the Retired Officers Association, North Carolina, concluded an active 1963 with their first Annual Formal Dinner Party. More than a hundred enthusiastic guests attended the gala affair, held at the Pope Air Force Base Officers Club. The well-planned function attracted many active duty personnel stationed at Fort Bragg (home of the Airborne and Special Forces) Commanded by Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, USA, and Pope Air Force Base, Commanded by Brig. Gen. William T. Daly, USAF.

Principal guest of the evening was the personable Mayor of Fayetteville, North Carolina, the Honorable Wilbur Clark, an ardent supporter of, and participant in, military affairs. Mayor Clark spoke glowingly of his intimate and willing association with the services. The Mayor

concluded his remarks stating he was proud to have the Cape Fear Chapter as a part of the ever-expanding local community, and gave much deserved credit to its members for their active unselfish participation in civic affairs.

Installed at a subsequent meeting, the newly elected officers of this group are: Pres—Lt. Col. Benjamin W. Hill, USAF-Ret.; 1st VP—Lt. Col. Merritt Harrison, USA-Ret.; 2nd VP—Lt. Col. William T. Johnson, USA-Ret.; 3rd VP—Lt. Michael Cooke, USMC-Ret.; Secty—Maj. Luby C. Pully, Jr., USA-Ret.; Treas—Lt. Col. Floyd F. Brazell, USA-Ret.; Legal Officer—Lt. William B. F. Baker, USA-Ret.; and Chaplain—Lt. Col. William B. Rone, CHC, USAF-Ret.

Members wishing to contact this group's secretary can do so at: 1815 Sunnyside Circle, Fayetteville, N.C.



I Relieve You, Sir.

Outgoing President, Lt. Col. Edward J. DeGutis, USA-Ret., (left), congratulates newly installed President, Lt. Col. Benjamin W. Hill, USAF-Ret.



New officers seated (l. to r.) Mrs. Milton Ingeman, Treas; Mrs. Clifford Duell, President; Mrs. William E. Rone, Vice Pres.; and Mrs. George R. Newton,

Secty. Outgoing officers standing (l. to r.) Mrs. James Davis, Treas; Mrs. Alden Gorton, President; and Mrs. David Frank, Secty.

Cape Fear Ladies' Auxiliary Elects

The Cape Fear Chapter of the Retired Officers Auxiliary installed new officers at a luncheon meeting March 9, 1964, in the LaFayette Room of the Ft. Bragg Officers' Open Mess, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The new officers are: Mrs. Clifford Duell, President; Mrs. William E. Rone, Vice President; Mrs. George R. Newton, Secretary, and Mrs. Milton Ingeman, Treasurer.

The Chapter reported a very successful year. Donations were made to the Fuller School for Handicapped Children, in Fayetteville, N.C., and to the Needy Welfare Fund at Ft. Bragg.

The following new committee chairmen for the year were announced: Mrs. Foster Aungst, Membership; Mrs. Ben Hill, Refreshment and Decorating; Mrs. Harry Williams, Program; Mrs. Carl Strayhorn, Publicity; and Mrs. Sumner Smith, Liaison.

The Chapter has a total membership of 70. Eligible retired officers' wives, widows, and retired members of the ANC and Womens' Corps in the Ft. Bragg area who wish to join may call Mrs. Aungst, HU 4-3291, Fayetteville.



Eighth Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

On April 15, the anniversary of his death, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, conducted services honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

As in the past, various patriotic societies and veterans organizations participated.

Brig. Gen. Boeker C. Batterton, USMC, Retired, represented the Association at this ceremony and presented a wreath to the memory of the Great Emancipator.

Heading the delegation, shown at left, from the 50 states was Joseph S. Rippey, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who delivered the principal address at the tomb.

BOOKS

"ONCE A MARINE," memoirs of Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, USMC, as told by him to Robert B. Asprey, published by W. W. Norton & Co., Inc. 55 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N.Y. (Price: \$6.95). Reviewed by Curtis Jordan in the Navy Times, March 18, 1964, and reprinted with permission from the Navy Times.

Rarely do readers get as intimate a glimpse into the character and motivations of a military man as they do in "Once A Marine," the autobiography of the Corps' 18th Commandant, Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, written with the help of Robert P. Asprey.

In his "unofficial" approach, as contrasted to the formal official biographical sketches of the Guadalcanal hero, the general relates in depth the calm resolve of inner conflicts which crystalized to shape the decision-making ability of the talented and humble man who was destined to serve as Commandant at a time when the Corps needed him most.

The man on whom rested many of the growing pains of the pre-World War II Marine Corps and who became champion of postwar Corps survival, relates in intimate details what went on behind the scenes when inter-service bickering and jealousy triggered Congressional action that almost abolished the Marine Corps under the misnomer of "unification."

Here is the official man, speaking in an unofficial manner to give the reader a rare identity with the history moving events during the Pacific War.

Veterans can relive those stirring days as Gen. Vandegrift tells how his Marines took Guadalcanal and almost lost it except for the sheer guts and determination of his emaciated troops.

Time and again he was denied badly needed reinforcements because of Japanese domination of sea lanes and air corridors, domination which enabled the enemy to pour fresh troops and supplies into the breach. His account of the bloody struggle and fatal errors of Japanese field commanders debunks many of the Hollywood versions of this campaign.

Here is a ringside seat to the growth of our country as it emerged into a world power from 1908 to 1949. The "banana wars," when American prestige rode high in South America, are recounted by Vandegrift who saw action in Nicaragua, went ashore in Vera Cruz and later fought in the Haitian jungle. As a lieutenant, he played a key role in the projection of a dynamic foreign policy which was conspicuous by its absence of vacillation and national humiliation.

Gen. Vandegrift gives the reader a sense of personal contact with past military greats. Men like the legendary Smedley D. Butler, Chester Nimitz, Holland Smith, Rog Geiger, Lewis

(Chesty) Puller, James Forrestal, to name just a few, all had a part in shaping his career.

Students of military and naval lore will take renewed pride in the noble profession of arms by reading of the selfless examples of one who was "Once A Marine."

"AMERICAN WAR MEDALS AND DECORATIONS," by Evans E. Kerrigan, published by The Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022. (Price: \$6.50).

The history of American war medals goes back to our Continental Army and its Commander in Chief, General Washington, for he presented the first American military decoration, the Badge of Military Merit, forerunner of today's Purple Heart, in 1782.

Since then, hundreds of medals and decorations have been awarded to soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians by the United States Government. All of them are described in this book by Mr. Kerrigan, a former Marine.

The book describes the changes which have taken place in the criteria for awards and the designs for the medals themselves. Over 100 line drawings and many color photographs are shown.

During the Civil War, our highest award for bravery, the Congressional Medal of Honor, was at one time awarded en masse to persons who never saw the flash of gunfire or smelled the smoke of battle. Mr. Kerrigan gives a brief history of that particular incident in the Civil War when members of a regiment received this distinguished honor only to have the medal recalled after a thorough investigation was conducted to protect it as the highest award a grateful nation could bestow.

We are reminded that the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal were products of World War I, while the Legion of Merit, the Silver and Bronze Stars were created in World War II.

A chronological table of awards authorized between 1780 and 1963, will be valued as a reference work on a subject about which information has not hitherto been readily available.

"IN THEIR HONOR," by William D. Feeny, published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce, an affiliate of Meredith Press, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N.Y. (Price: \$4.95).

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"SIGNAL 250! The Sea Fight Off Santiago Bay," by Col. A. C. M. Azoy, USAR, Ret., published by David McKay Co., Inc., New York, N.Y. (Price: \$4.50).

"SIGNAL 250!" begins with a vivid description of the characters who were to play important parts in that famous naval battle off Santiago Bay, of the iron ships and the bold men who manned them, and the series of events which touched off the powder keg of war.

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"OLD HICKORY," by Noel B. Gerson, published by Doubleday, 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.Y. (Price: \$4.95).

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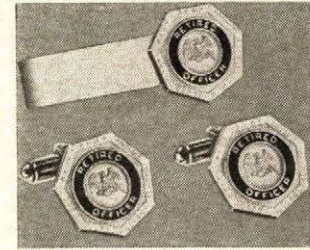
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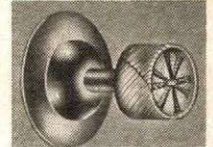


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