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MILITARY ALBUM

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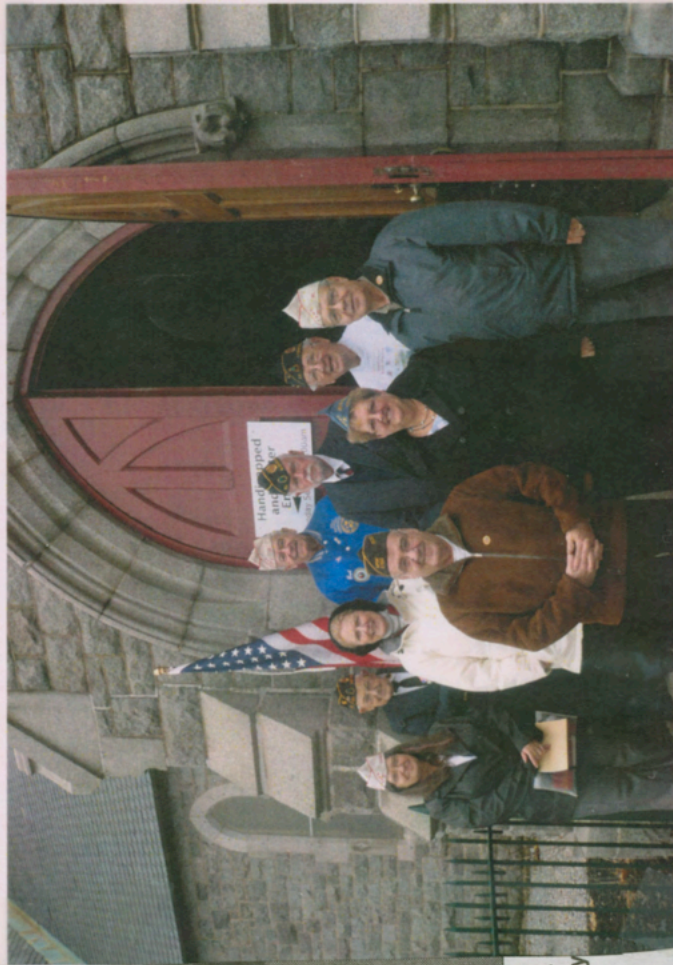
Beach Recon Small Unit Riverine Craft (SURC)



The II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF) is a Marine Air-Ground Task Force consisting of ground, air and logistics forces capable of projecting offensive combat power ashore while sustaining itself in combat without assistance for a period of 60 days. Here, sailors show Admiral Gary Roughhead what they do as a part of their operations in Camp Haditha, Iraq. II MEF is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Area veterans organizations and residents gathered at Veterans Memorial Park to recall two terrorist attacks. In back from left are Brian Norton, Desert Storm veteran; Donald Dube, Korean War, Larry Hayes, U.S. Navy, Vietnam; Ted Marsh, Desert Storm vet, Roland Cyr WWII-Korean War vet, Robert MacDonald Vietnam; and Japheth Taylor (with flag) of the Jesus Party; front, Joseph Paradis, Korean War, Rotundo; Ron Arneault, Vietnam and Desert Storm; Nathan Patterson (with flag), Jesus Party; DerBoghossian, U.S. Navy, World War II; Kaitlyn Taylor (with flag), Jesus Party; Sonia Taylor, Jesus Party; and Douglas Taylor, Jesus Party.



Area veterans recall terrorist bombings

LEWISTON — Area veterans organizations and residents met recently at Veterans Memorial Park to observe the anniversary of two terrorist attacks.

In the terrorist truck bombing of the U.S. Marines barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, 241 U.S. Marines and U.S. Naval personnel lost their lives

on Oct. 23, 1983. The terrorist bombing of the U.S.S. Cole saw 17 crew members lost on Oct. 12, 2000, at the refueling docks in Yemen.

The program opened with singing of the national anthem by all.

Douglas Taylor gave the invocation and the details of both terrorist attacks, then those

present sang the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy service songs.

State Rep. Peggy Rotundo addressed the group and Jerry DerBoghossian, president of the USS Canberra Association, read a special proclamation.

The program closed with singing of "God Bless America" by the assembly.

2011 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Commanders Club

In Grateful Appreciation to

Bertrand A. Dutil

Bronze Leader

This award has been bestowed in appreciation for your generosity...
because you never forgot the price paid for freedom...
and for your steadfast loyalty to our American Heroes.

Wallace E. Tyson

Wallace E. Tyson
National Commander





And God shall wipe away all tears
from their eyes
Revelation 21:4

In Loving Memory
Edith K. Lemieux

Date of Birth
Wednesday July 28, 1926

Date of Death
Wednesday January 5, 2011
Age: 84 Years 5 Months 8 Days

Mass of Christian Burial
Monday, January 10, 2011 11:00 AM
Sacred Heart Church

Celebrant
Rev. Brendan Harnett

Interment
St. Peters Cemetery
Lewiston, Maine

Funeral Arrangements by
Pinette & Lynch Funeral Home
PO Box 181
Lewiston, Maine 04243-0181



(For those who are unaware: At all military base theaters, the National Anthem is played before the movie begins.)

This is written from a Chaplain in Iraq :

I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom at all military bases, we stood to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going well until three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and yell for the movie to begin. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here in Iraq, 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again and the Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. But again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect 1000 Soldiers standing at attention to do?? Frankly, I expected some laughter, and everyone would eventually sit down and wait for the movie to start.

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But No!!... You could have heard a pin drop, while every Soldier continued to stand at attention.

Suddenly, there was a lone voice from the front of the auditorium, then a dozen voices, and soon the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off: "And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had in Iraq and I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you. Remember them as they fight for us!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. Many have already paid the ultimate price. Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins LSA Anaconda is at the Ballad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad.

Please share only if you are so inclined. God Bless America and all of our troops serving through out the world.



A doctor had his TV on in his office when the news of the military base shootings at Ft. Hood , TX came on. The husband of one of his employees was stationed there.

He called her into his office and as he told her what had happened, she got a text message from her husband saying, "I am okay." Her cell phone rang right after she read the message. It was an ER nurse, "I'm the one who just sent you a text, not your husband. I thought it would be comforting but I was mistaken in doing so. I am sorry to tell you this, but your husband has been shot 4 times and he is in surgery."

The soldier's wife left Southern Clinic in Dothan , AL and drove all night to Ft. Hood. When she arrived, she found out her husband was out of surgery and would be OK.

She rushed to his room and found that he already had visitors there to comfort him.

He was just waking up and found his wife and the visitors by his side. The nurse took this picture.

What? No news crews and cameras? This is how people with class respond and pay respect to those in uniform.

I sent my cousin in Fayetteville , N.C. (Retired from Special Forces) that picture of Geo. W. visiting the wounded at Ft. Hood .. I got this reply:

What is even better is the fact George W. Bush heard about Fort Hood, got in his car without any escort, apparently they did not have time to react, and drove to Fort Hood. He was stopped at the gate and the guard could not believe who he had just stopped. Bush only asks for directions to the hospital then drove on. The gate guard called that "The President is on Fort Hood and driving to the hospital."

The base went bananas looking for Obama. When they found it was Bush, they immediately offered escort. Bush simply told them it was o.k. and to let him visit the wounded and the dependents of the dead.

He stayed at Fort Hood for over six hours, and was finally asked to leave by a message from the White House.

Obama flew in days later and held a "photo" session in a gym, and did not even go to the hospital.

All this I picked up from two soldiers here who happened to be at Fort Hood when it happened.

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This Bush/Obama/Ft. Hood story is something that should be sent to every voter in the US . Those who wanted "change" certainly got it.

Someone, PLEASE, show me anything that will tell us that Obama has ANY respect for the country he leads! I'm looking for just a little sign of respect!

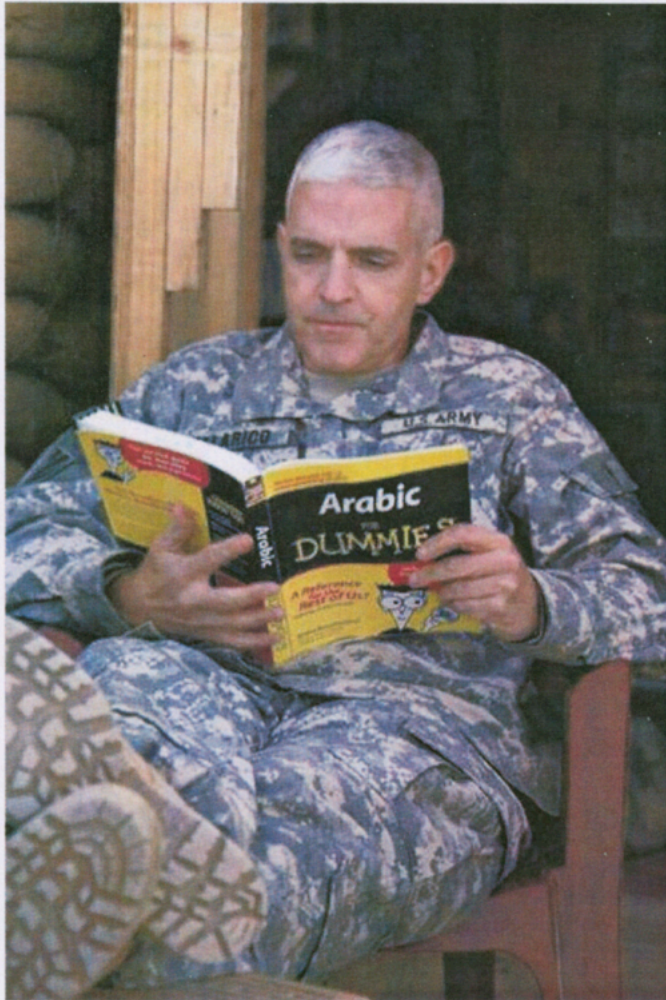


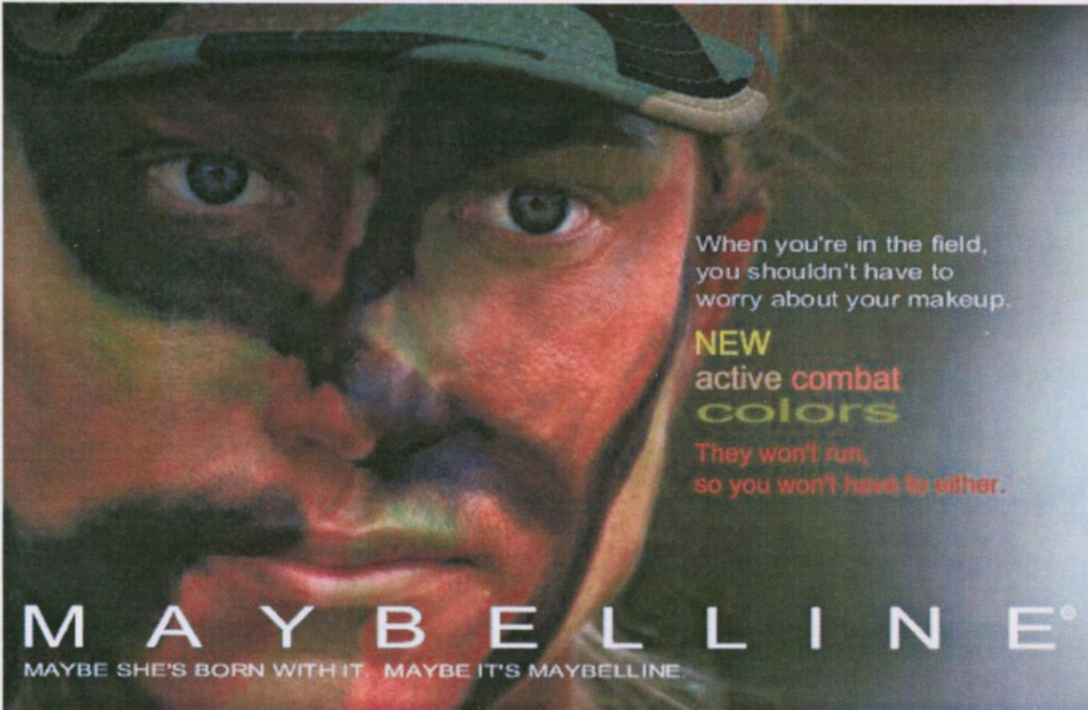
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Gotta Love these Guys!

Lots of pictures reticulate and reticulate but these I have not seen before. Our troops have not lost their sense of humor.





When you're in the field,
you shouldn't have to
worry about your makeup.

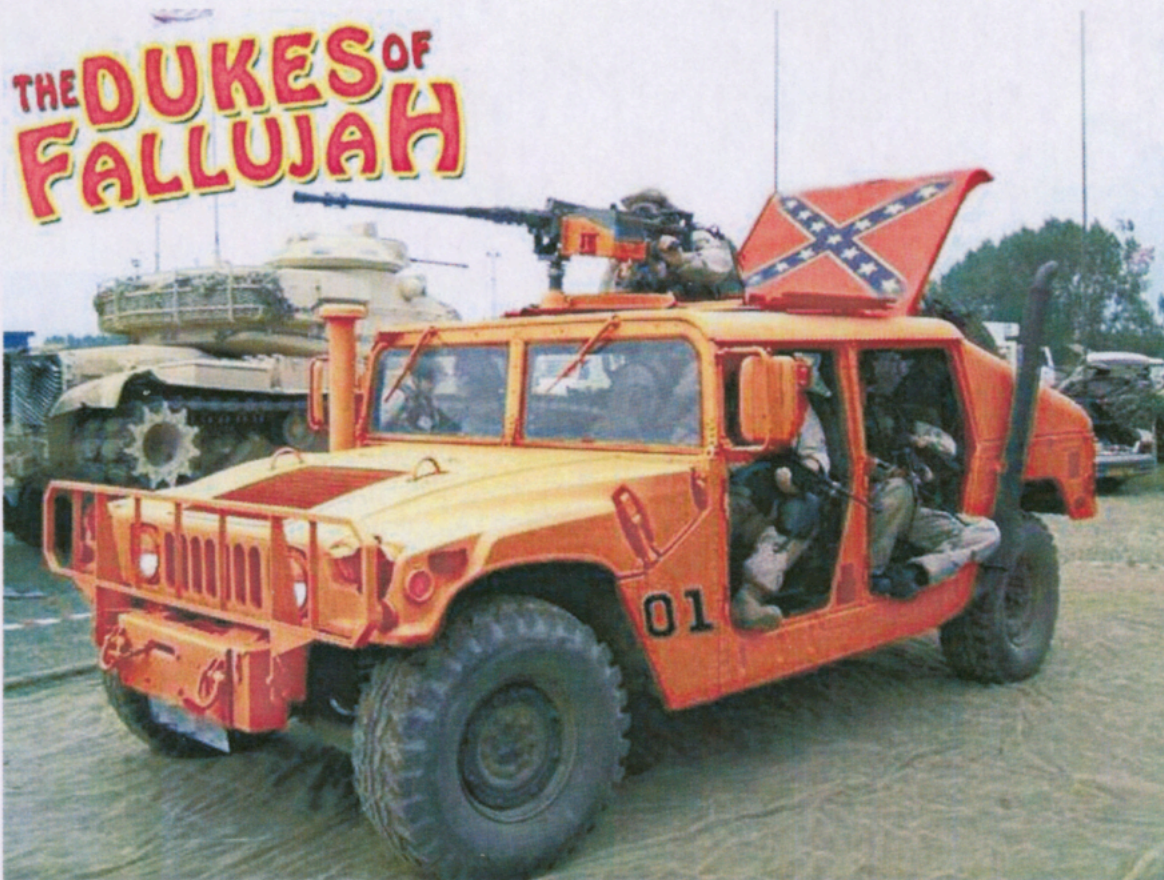
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They won't run,
so you won't have to either.

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MAYBE SHE'S BORN WITH IT. MAYBE IT'S MAYBELLINE.



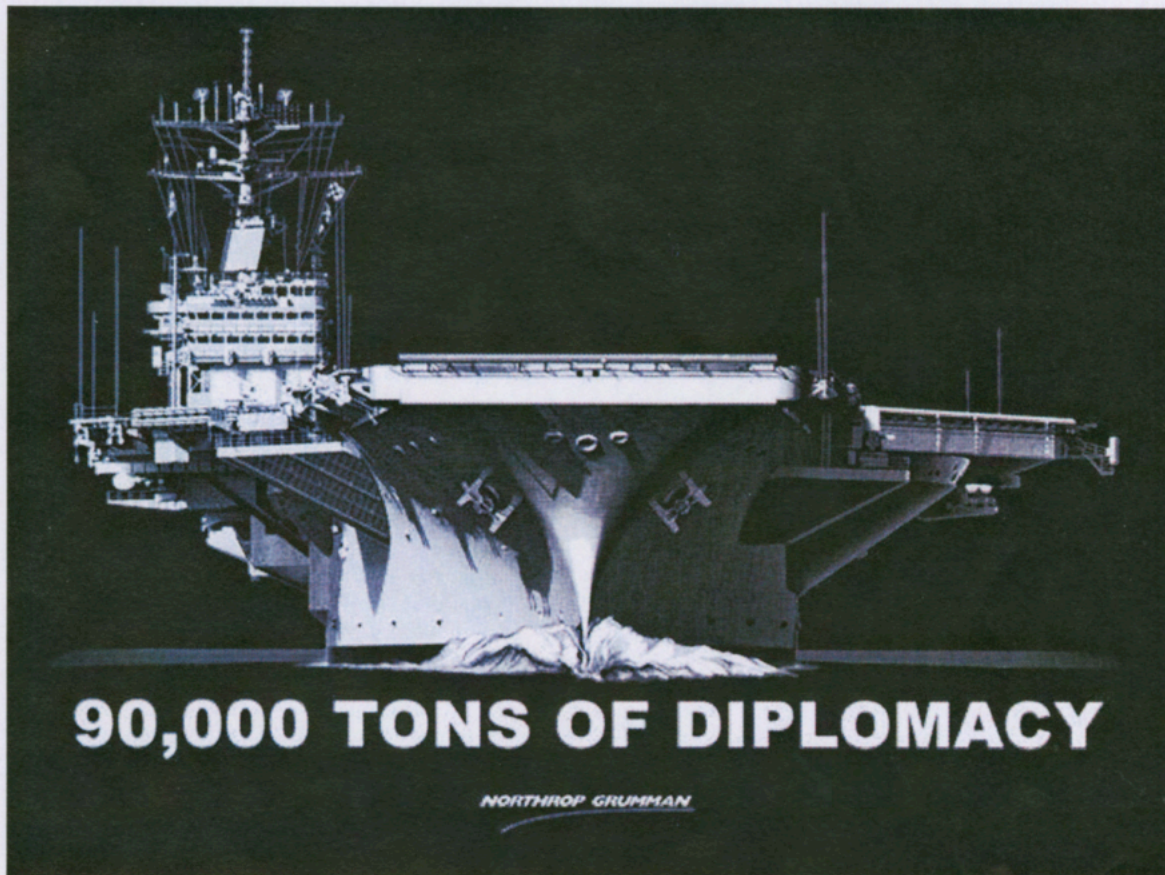






check out his claymore bag...





← ONE WEEKEND
A MONTH, MY ASS



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULDN'T BE FREE!!!

This email was sent to you free of political rhetoric

I LIKED IT, so I **forwarded it.**

*Remember, if you can't stand behind our troops;
feel free to stand in front of them!*

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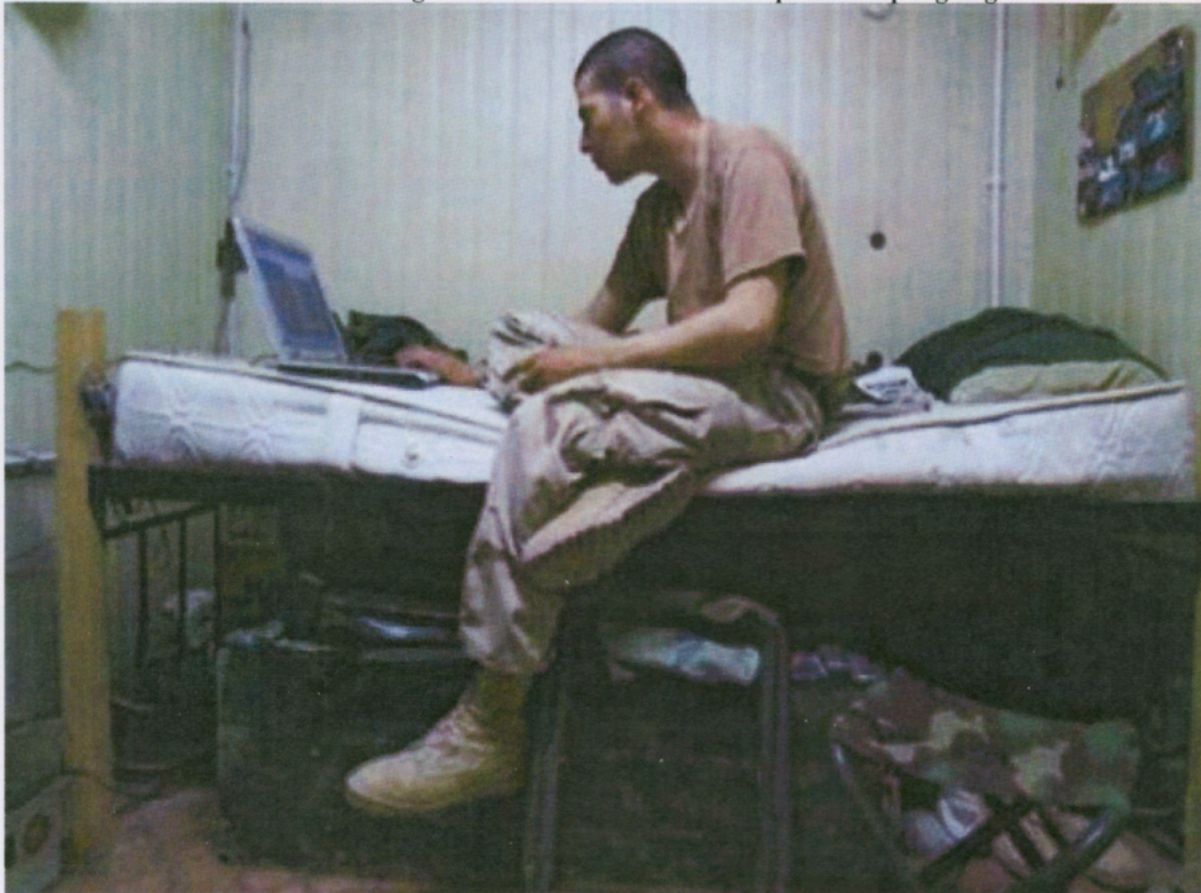
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TELL ME YOU DELETED THIS AND I WON'T BOTHER YOU WITH ANY MORE EMAILS....
WHEN A SOLDIER COMES HOME
This email is being circulated around the world - please keep it going



When a soldier comes home, he finds it hard....
.to listen to his son whine about being bored.



...to keep a straight face when people complain about potholes.



to be tolerant of people who complain about the hassle of getting ready for work.



..to be understanding when a co-worker complains about a bad night's sleep.



.to be silent when people pray to God for a new car.



...to control his panic when his wife tells him he needs to drive slower.



.to be compassionate when a businessman expresses a fear of flying.



...to keep from laughing when anxious parents say they're afraid to send their kids off to summer camp.



...to keep from ridiculing someone who complains about hot weather.



...to control his frustration when a colleague gripes about his coffee being cold.



...to remain calm when his daughter complains about having to walk the dog.



....to be civil to people who complain about their jobs.



....to just walk away when someone says they only get two weeks of vacation a year.



...to be forgiving when someone says how hard it is to have a new baby in the house.
The only thing harder than being a Soldier...



Is loving one.

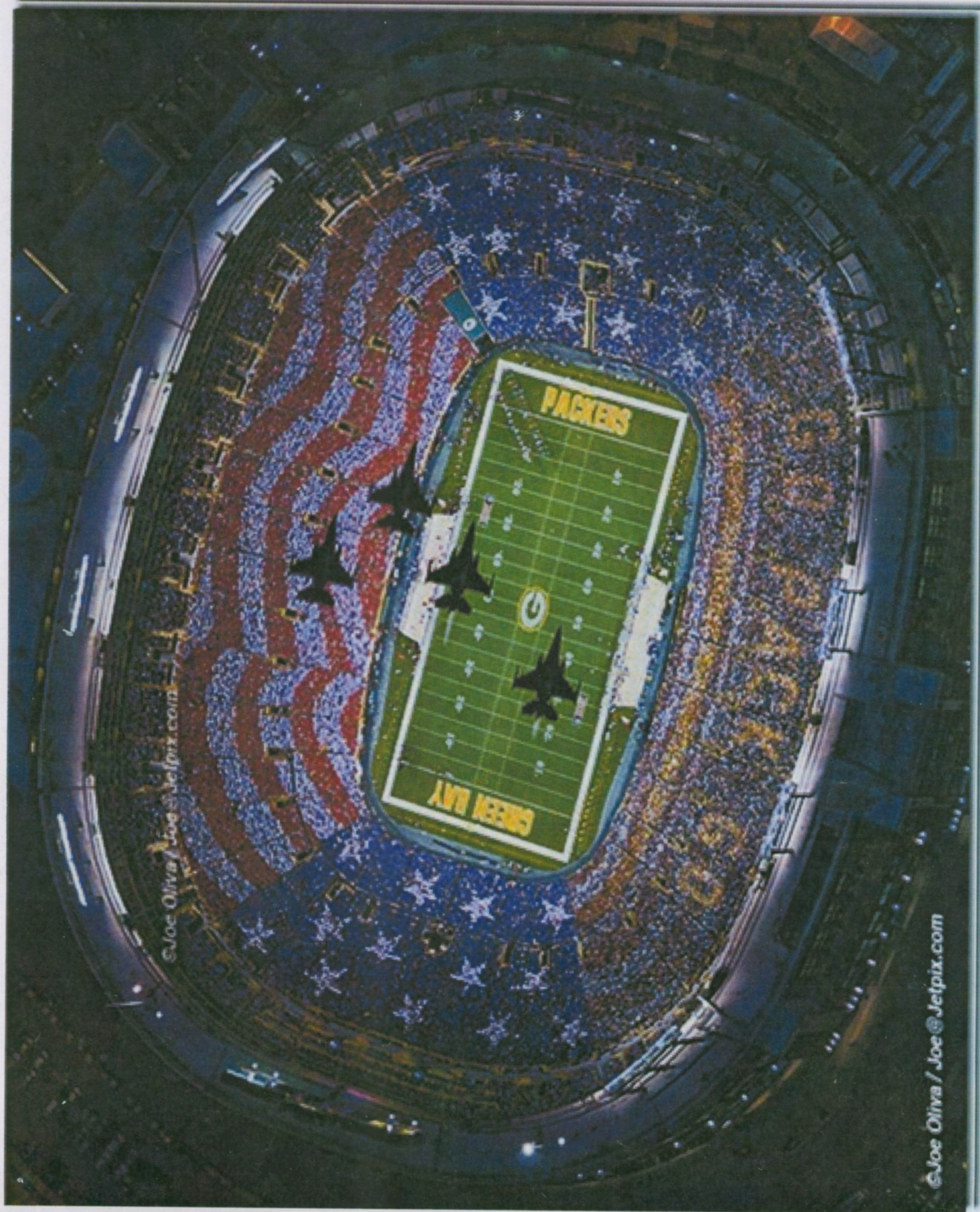


Thank you.

CPT Alison L. Crane, RN, MS
Mental Health Nurse Observer-Trainer
7302nd Medical Training Support Battalion

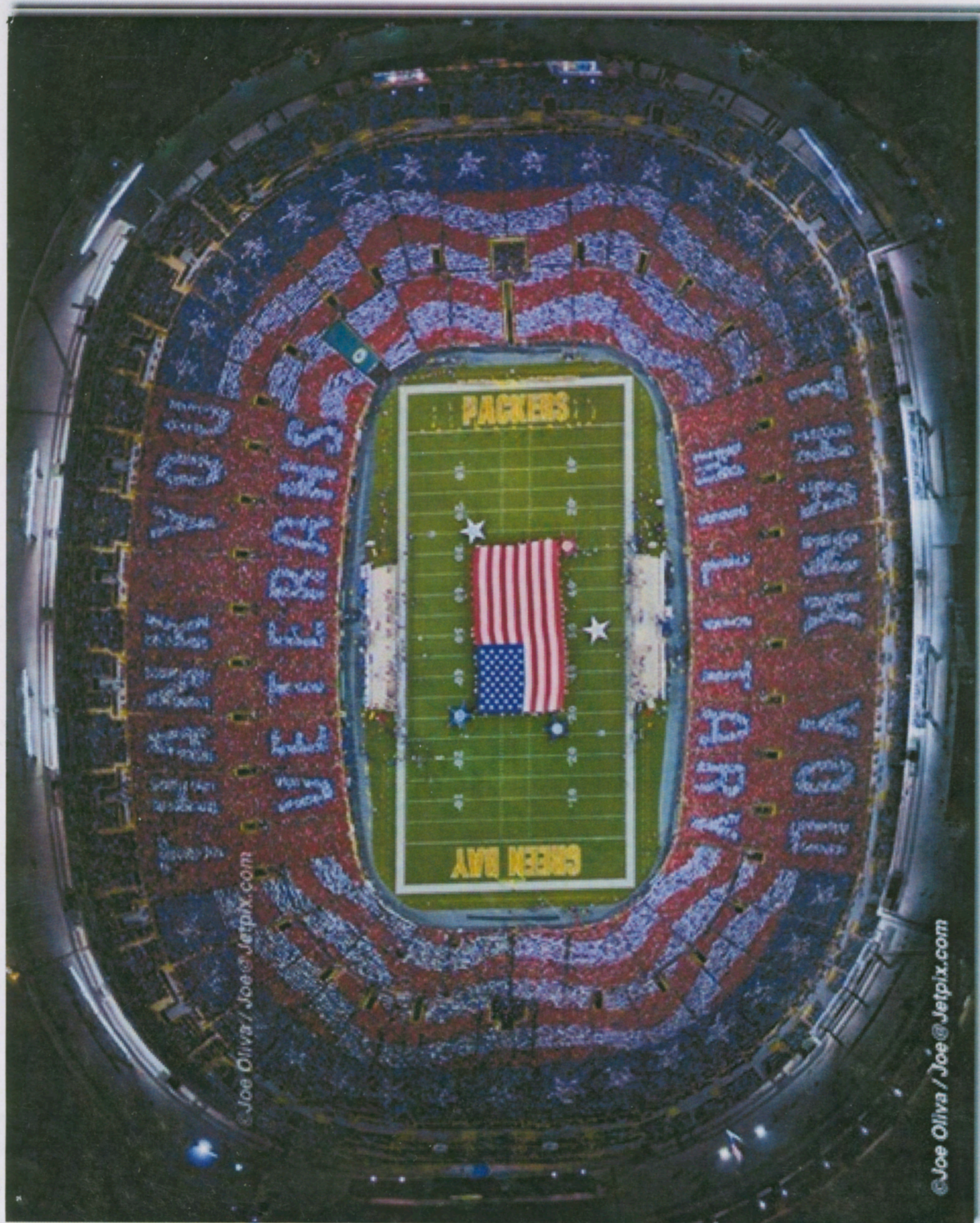
I was asked to pass this on and I will gladly do so,
Will you???

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2011 Veterans Day Tribute - Green Bay





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In Grandpa's Footsteps

I can't think of a better word than "PRICELESS" FOR THIS. .

tiny 'plot' of grass in front of his tent. It's heartwarming! Here is a soldier in Iraq , stationed in a big sand box. He asked his wife to send him dirt (**U.S. soil**), fertilizer, and some grass seed so that he can have the sweet aroma, and feel the grass grow beneath his feet. When the men of the squadron have a mission that they are going on, they take turns walking through the grass and the **American soil** -- to bring them good luck.

Of all the things he could have asked his wife to send to him from home....

.....he asked for American soil. WOW.



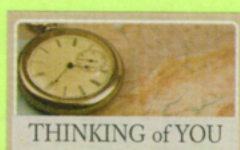
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If you notice, he is even cutting the grass with a pair of scissors. Sometimes we are in such a hurry that we don't stop and think about the little things that we take for granted. Upon receiving this, say a little prayer for our soldiers that give and give so unselfishly for us.

You don't have to send this on, but gosh, who wouldn't?



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> A U.S. Marine Colonel was about to start the morning briefing to his
> Staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish brewing, the colonel
> decided to pose a question to all assembled.
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> He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and
> he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep.
>
> He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much
> of it was "pleasure?"
>
> A Major chimed in with 75-25% in favor of work.
>
> A Captain said it was 50-50%.
>
> A lieutenant responded with 25-75% in favor of pleasure.
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> There being no consensus, the colonel turned to the PFC who was in
> charge of making the coffee and asked for HIS opinion?
>
> Without any hesitation, the young PFC responded, "Sir, it has to be
> 100% pleasure."
>
> The colonel was surprised and asked why?
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> "Well, sir," replied the PFC, "if there was any work involved, the
> officers would have me doing it for them."
>
> The room fell silent.
> God Bless the enlisted man.
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At a time when our president and other politicians tend to apologize for our country's prior actions, here's a refresher on how some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our country.

JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when De Gaulle decided to pull out of NATO. De Gaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible.

Rusk responded,

"Does that include those who are buried here?"

De Gaulle did not respond.

You could have heard a pin drop.

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When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of 'empire building' by George Bush.

He answered by saying,

"Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

You could have heard a pin drop.

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There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims.

What does he intend to do, bomb them?"

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly:

"Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day; they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We

have eleven such ships; how many does France have?"

You could have heard a pin drop.

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A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included

Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks, but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked,

"Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

The American Admiral replied,

"Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

You could have heard a pin drop.

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Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on.

"You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked, sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said,

"The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible.. Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France !"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained,

"Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show a passport to."

You could have heard a pin drop.

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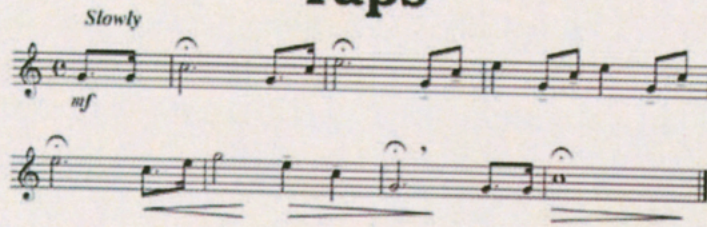
If you are proud to be an American, pass this on! If not, delete it.  
I am proud to be of this land, AMERICA!





# I never knew.. DID YOU?

## Taps



If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.



Here is something Every American should know.  
Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it  
out and it's true:

We in the United States have all heard the  
haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us  
the lump in our throats and usually tears in our  
eyes.



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But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.



During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field.

Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines,

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he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status.

His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.



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The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler  
to play a series of musical notes he had found on  
a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's  
uniform.

This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military  
funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done. Gone the sun.  
From the lakes. From the hills.  
From the sky. All is well. Safely rest.  
God is nigh.

Fading light. Dims the sight.  
And a star. Gems the sky.  
Gleaming bright. From afar.  
Drawing nigh. Falls the night.  
Thanks and praise. For our days.  
Neath the sun. Neath the stars.  
Neath the sky  
As we go. This we know.  
God is nigh.



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I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps'  
but I have never seen all the words to the song  
until now. I didn't even know there was more  
than one verse. I also never knew the story  
behind the song and I didn't know if you had  
either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song  
than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While  
Serving Their Country.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And  
Returned; and for those presently serving in the  
Armed Forces.



Please send this on after a short prayer.  
Make this a Prayer wheel for our soldiers ...  
please don't break it.



Mr. Bertrand A. Dutil  
23 Spofford St., Apt. 454  
Lewiston, ME 04240





The most unforgivable oversight of TV is that her shows were not taped.

This is a great story about a great woman. I was unaware of her credentials or where she is buried.

Somehow I just can't see Brittany Spears, Paris Hilton, or Jessica



Simpson doing what this woman (and the other USO women, including Ann Margaret & Joey Heatherton) did for our troops in past wars. Most of the old time entertainers were made out of a lot sterner stuff than today's worthless crop of activists and whiners.

The following is from an Army Aviator who takes a trip down memory lane:

It was just before Thanksgiving '67 and we were ferrying dead and wounded from a large GRF west of Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back. All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear. There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a SF (Special Forces) beret and jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and carrying the dead aboard. 'Maggie' had been visiting her SF 'heroes' out 'west'.

We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku. As we all started unloading our sad pax's, a 'Smart Ass' USAF Captain said to Martha.... Ms Ray, with all these dead and wounded to process, there would not be time for your show! To all of our surprise, she pulled on her right collar and said....Captain, see this eagle? I am a full 'Bird' in the US Army Reserve, and on this is a 'Caduceus' which means I am a Nurse, with a surgical specialty.... now, take me to your wounded. He said, 'yes mam.... Follow me.' Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would 'cover' a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break.

Martha is the only woman buried in the SF (Special Forces) cemetery at Ft Bragg.





**Hand Salute! A great lady..**

I did not know this about Martha Ray....thought you might like to read it...

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YAHOO! MAIL  
Classic

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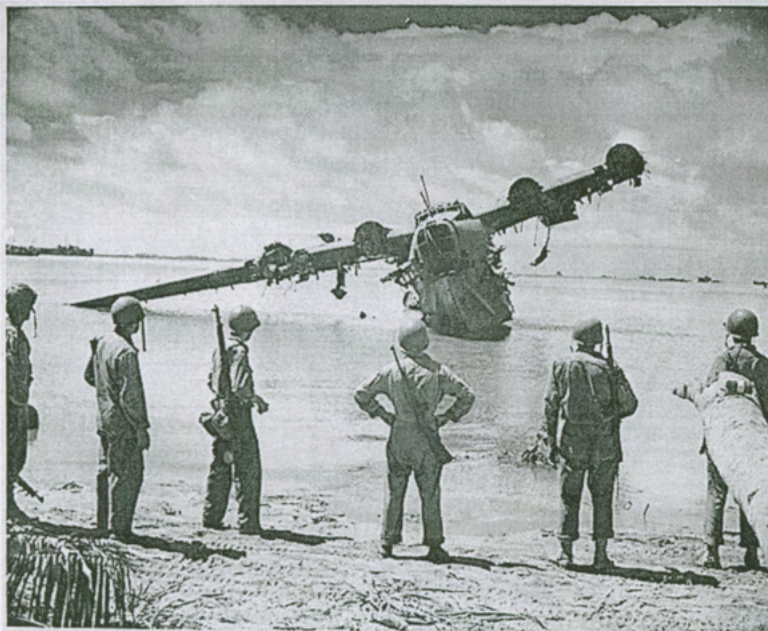
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## Photos Hidden in a Trunk for 71 years"

Thank-You to all Veterans

Great pixs. Hard to believe they were just recently found in an old Footlocker and were able to be developed.



Japanese Kawanishi H8K seaplane after strafing, Kwajalein

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Squad of Rufe's at Bougainville . These things were very nimble even with the pontoons.-



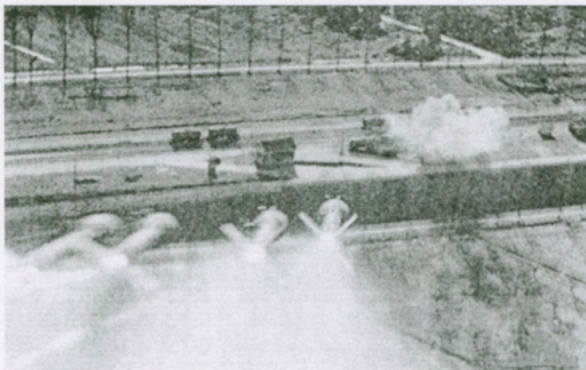
The A6M2-N float plane version of the Zero did extremely well, suffering only a small loss in its legendary maneuverability. Top speed was not affected, however, the aircraft's relatively light armament was a detriment.



Snow on deck. USS Philippine Sea North Pacific 1945

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HARVS on the way in shot by a P-47. Rare shot.

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Deck crew climbing up to get the pilot out. He did. That's a fuel tank his foot is on. Empty?-----

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Marines disembark LST at Tinian Island.-----

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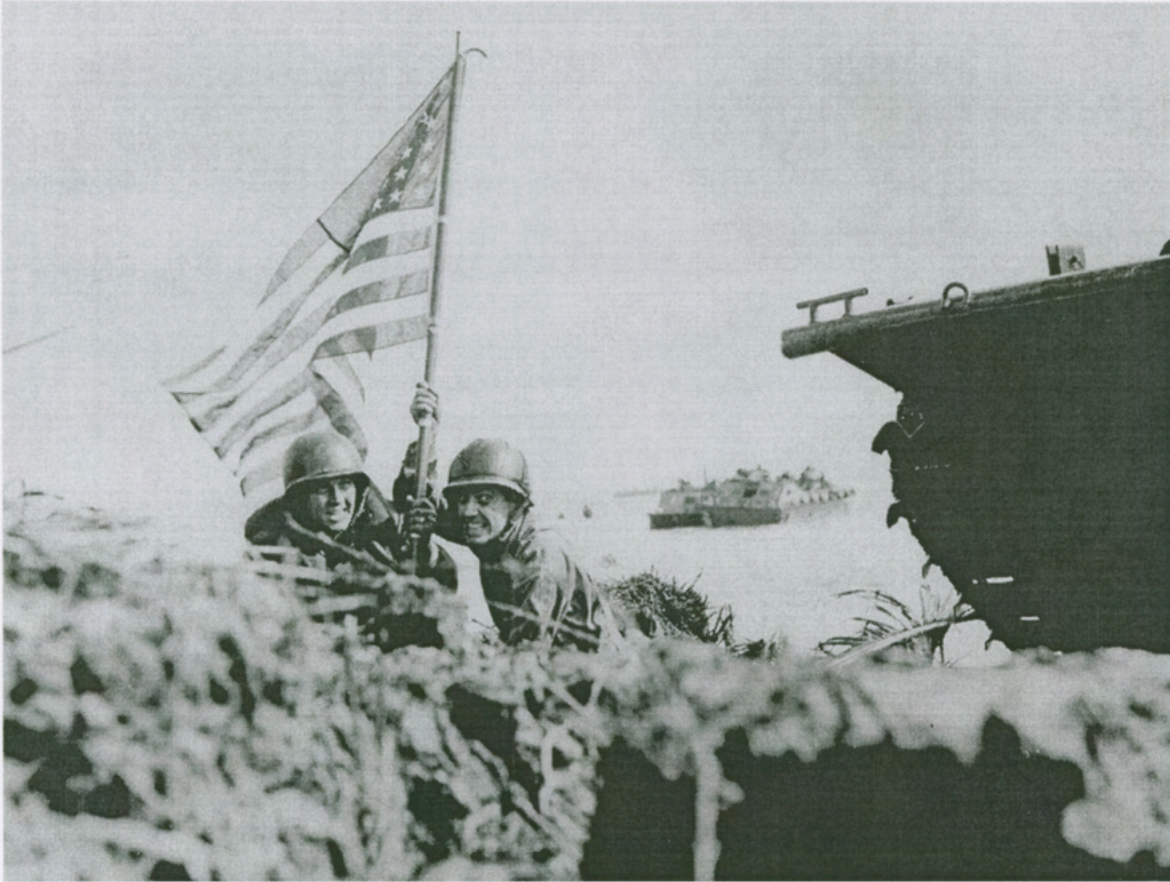




Bougainville.

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Guam



Outside Bastogne  
(Dec 1944)

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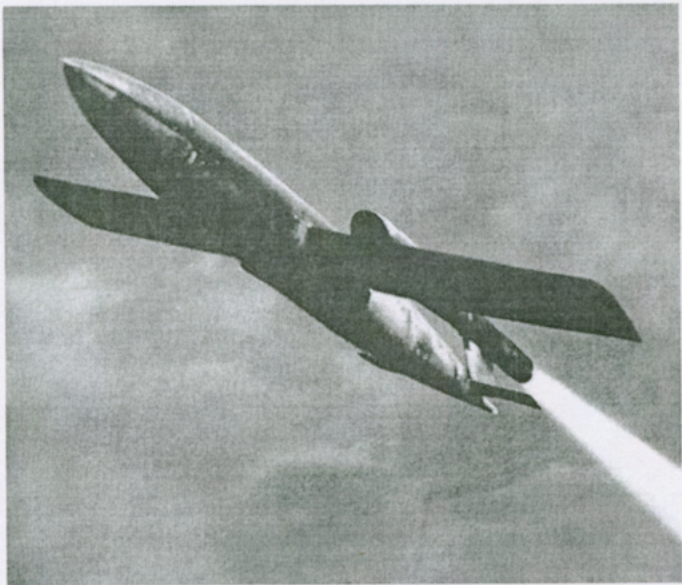
German 280mm K5 firing-----

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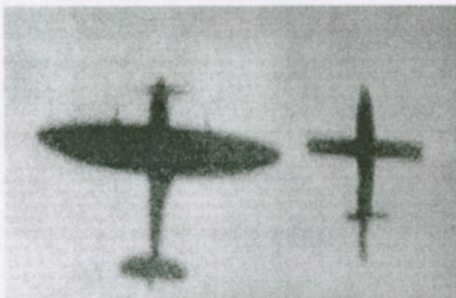
U.S. munitions ship goes up during the invasion of Sicily.....



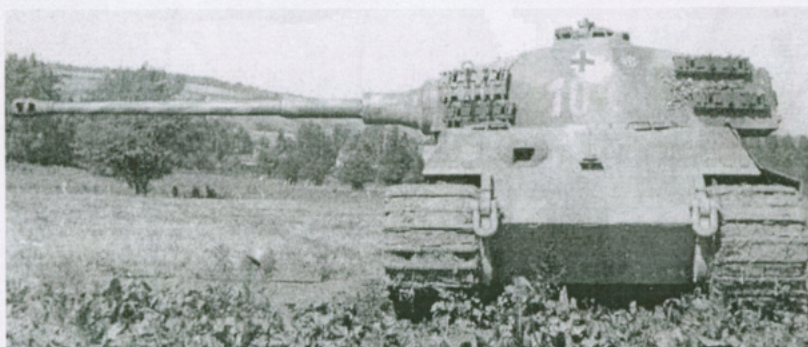
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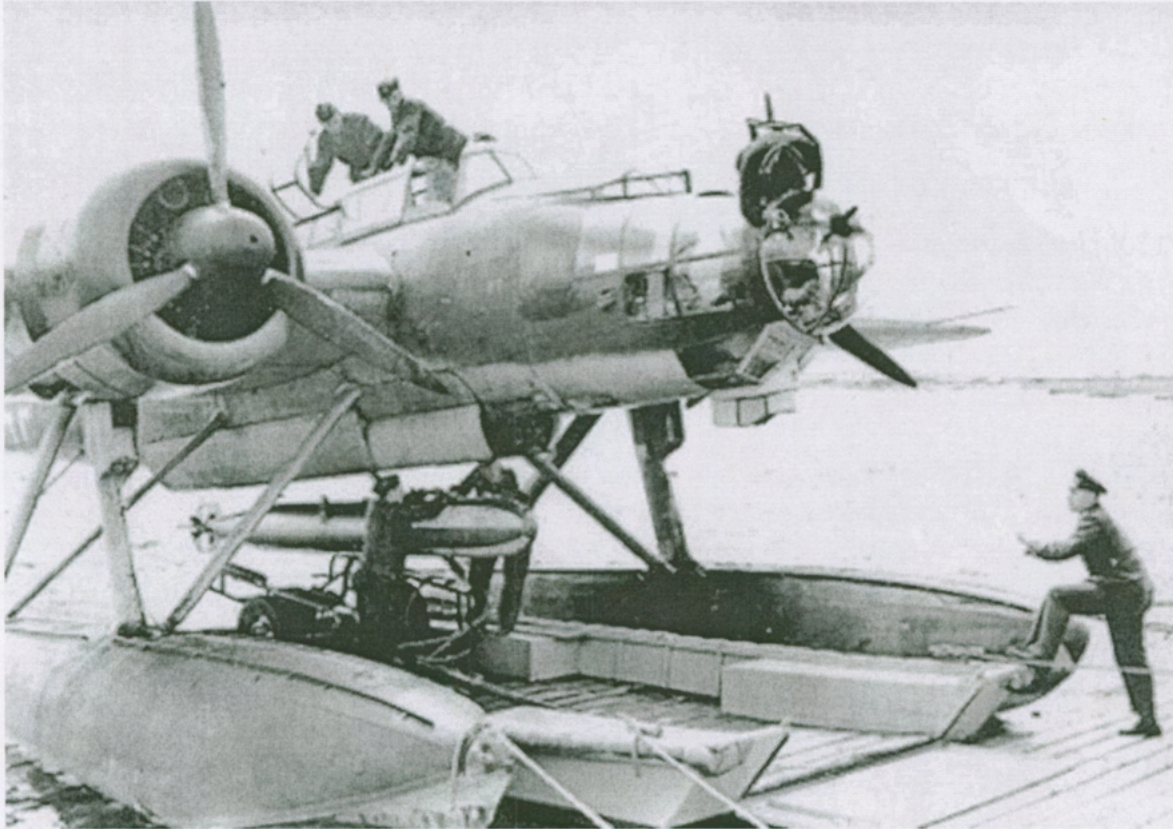
Spitfire "tipping-off" a V1. If you've never heard of this insane tactic ..... At first V1's were shot down by gunfire. With the high risk of being blown up, some of the best pilots started tipping the V1's wing, because of damage to wing tips they later developed a tactic of disrupting the airflow by placing their wing very close to the V1's wing, causing it to topple. Not every pilot did this. At night this was not possible, the flame from the V1 blinded the pilot to everything else, though some Mossie pilots flew past closely in front of the V1, again causing it to topple. The thought of doing this at 450mph, 4,000 feet above the ground, at night, and being blinded gives me the willies.



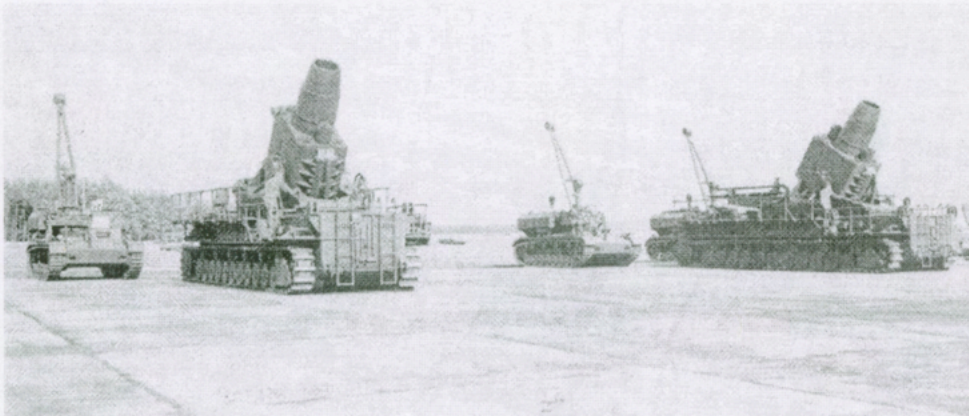
Panzerkampfwagen VI "E Tiger"-----

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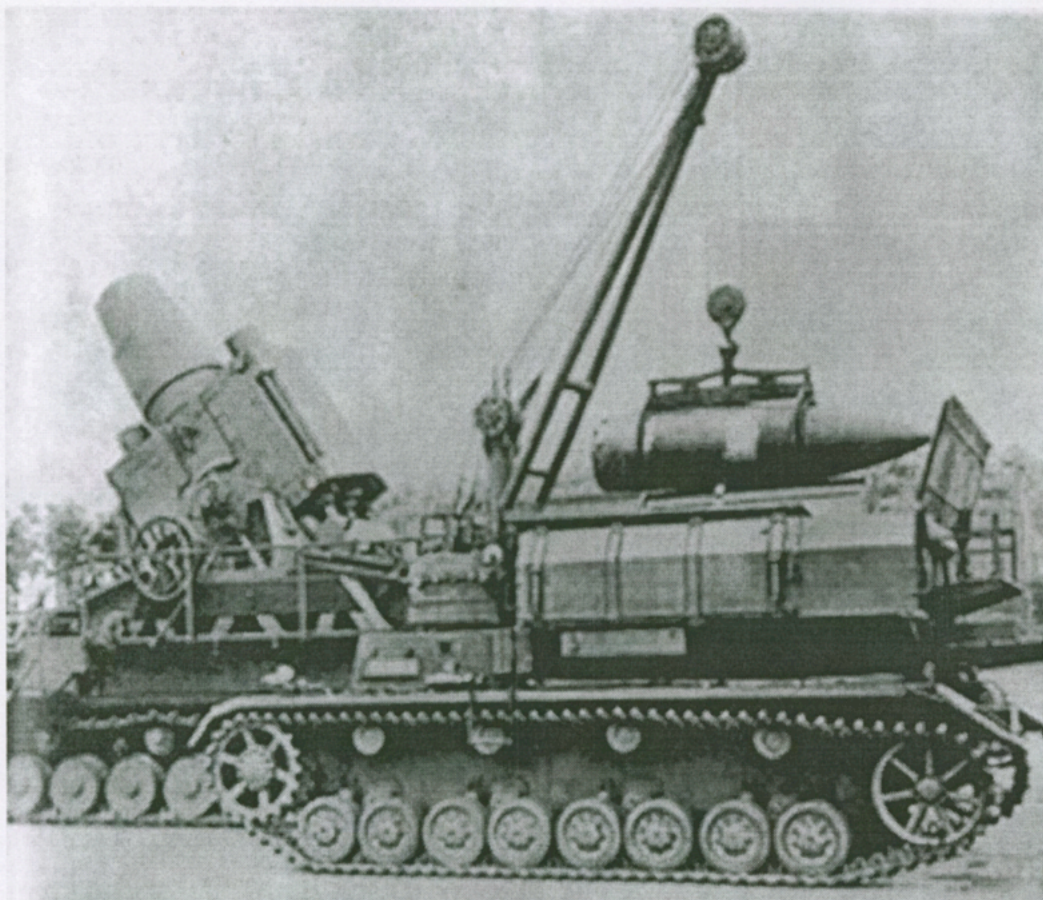
Ju-88 loading a torpedo. This is one HUGE bomber .. and it's on pontoons!!!!-----



German " KARL " mortars. Sebastopol

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Reloading a KARL-----

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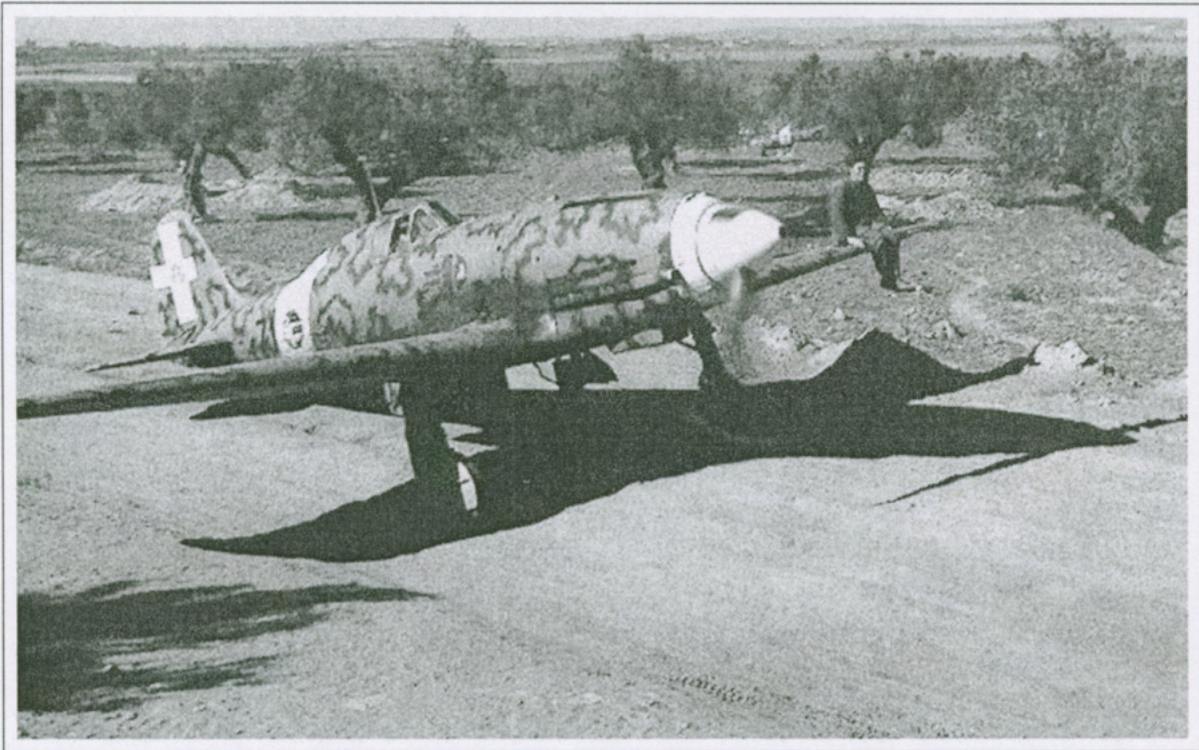




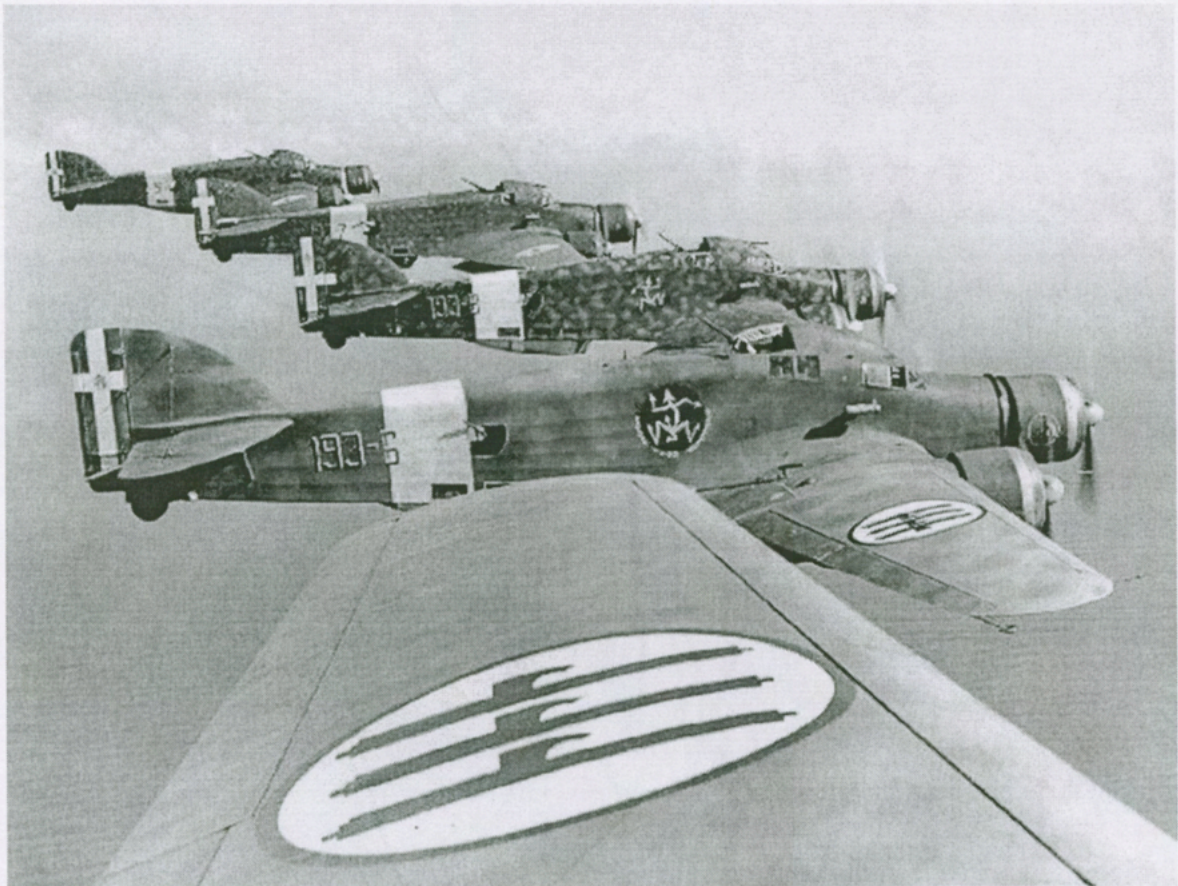
BOOM!

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Italian 303 Bombers over N Africa

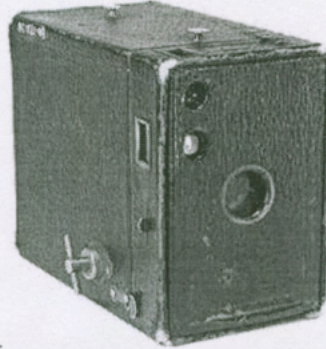
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PICTURES TAKEN 69 YRS AGO & LEFT IN A BROWNIE ARE REAL INTERESTING.

(December 7, 1941)

Isn't it amazing how a film could last so long in a camera without disintegrating?  
Fantastic photos taken 69 years ago. Some of you will have to go to a museum to see what a Brownie box camera looked like?



Here is a simple picture of that Brownie Box camera, we are talking about. ...  
These photos are absolutely incredible.....Read below, the first picture and at the end...

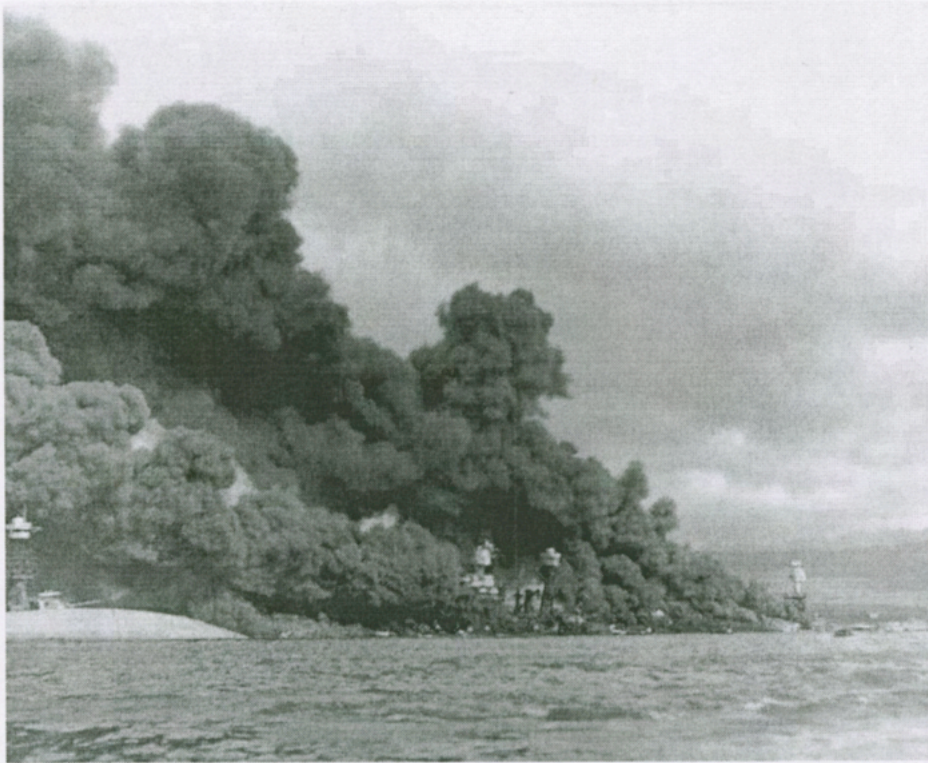


PHOTOS STORED IN AN OLD BROWNIE CAMERA

Thought you might find these photos very interesting; what quality from 1941. These Pearl Harbor photos were found in an old Brownie stored in a foot locker and just recently taken to be developed. They are from a Sailor who was on the USS Quapaw ATF-110. PEARL HARBOR December 7th, 1941-----

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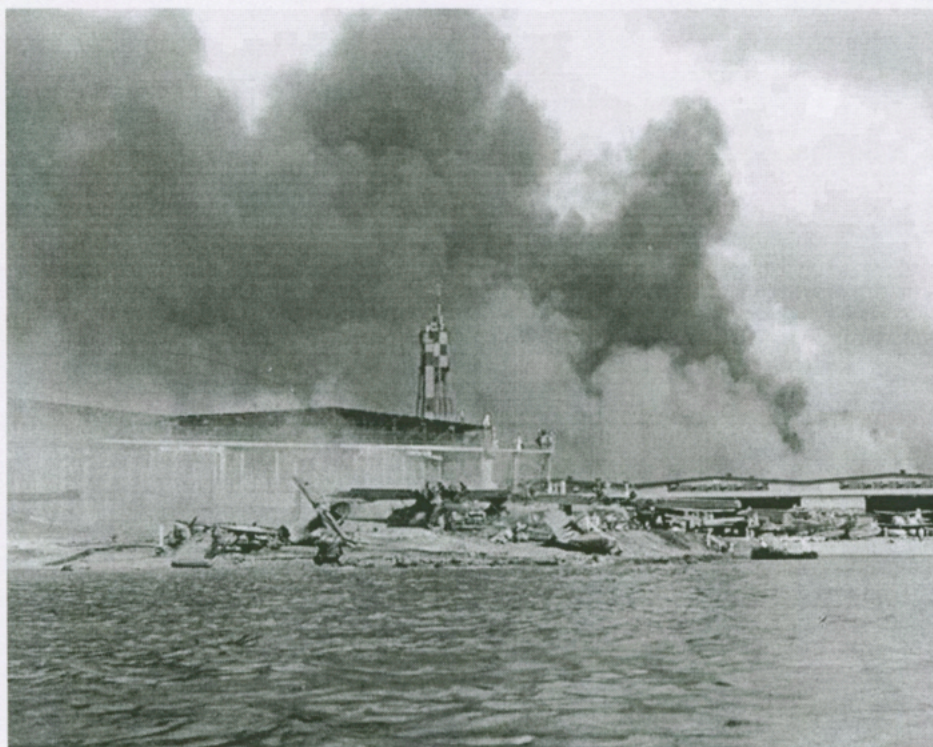
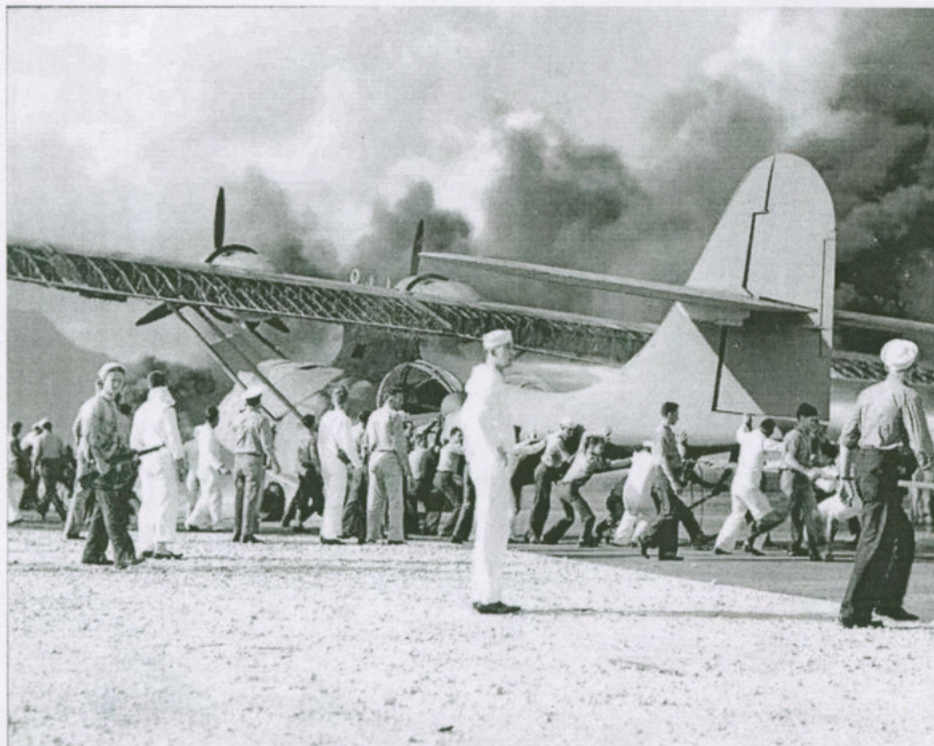
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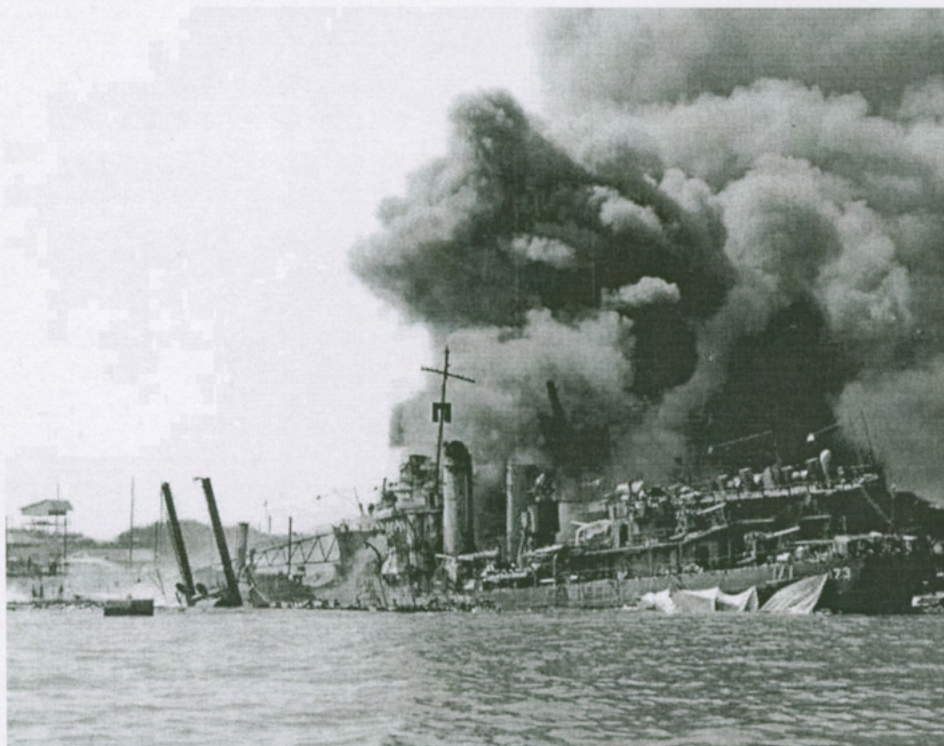
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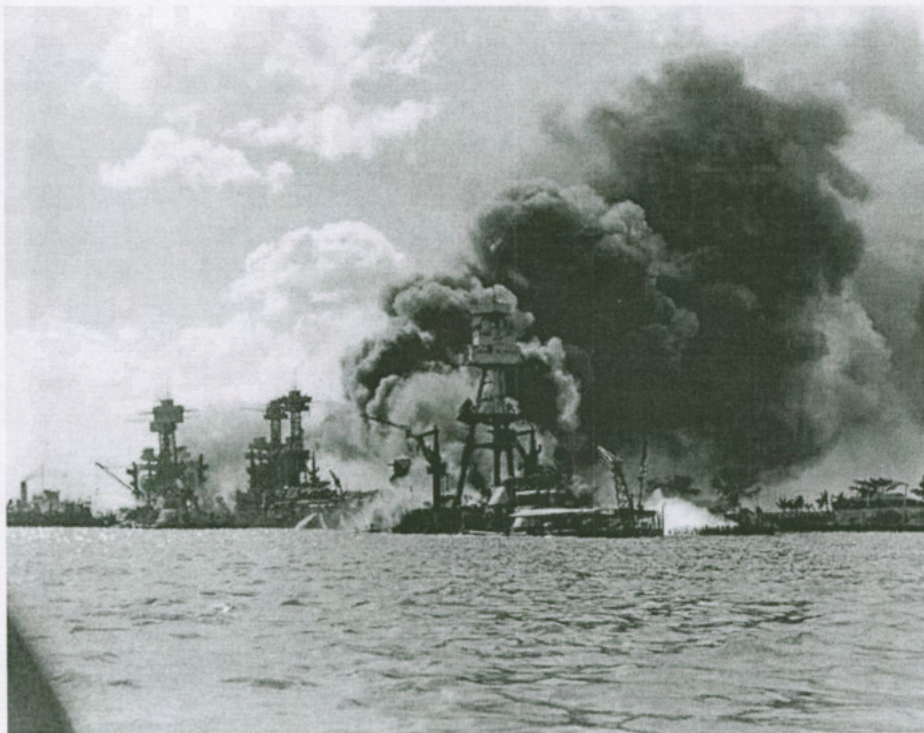
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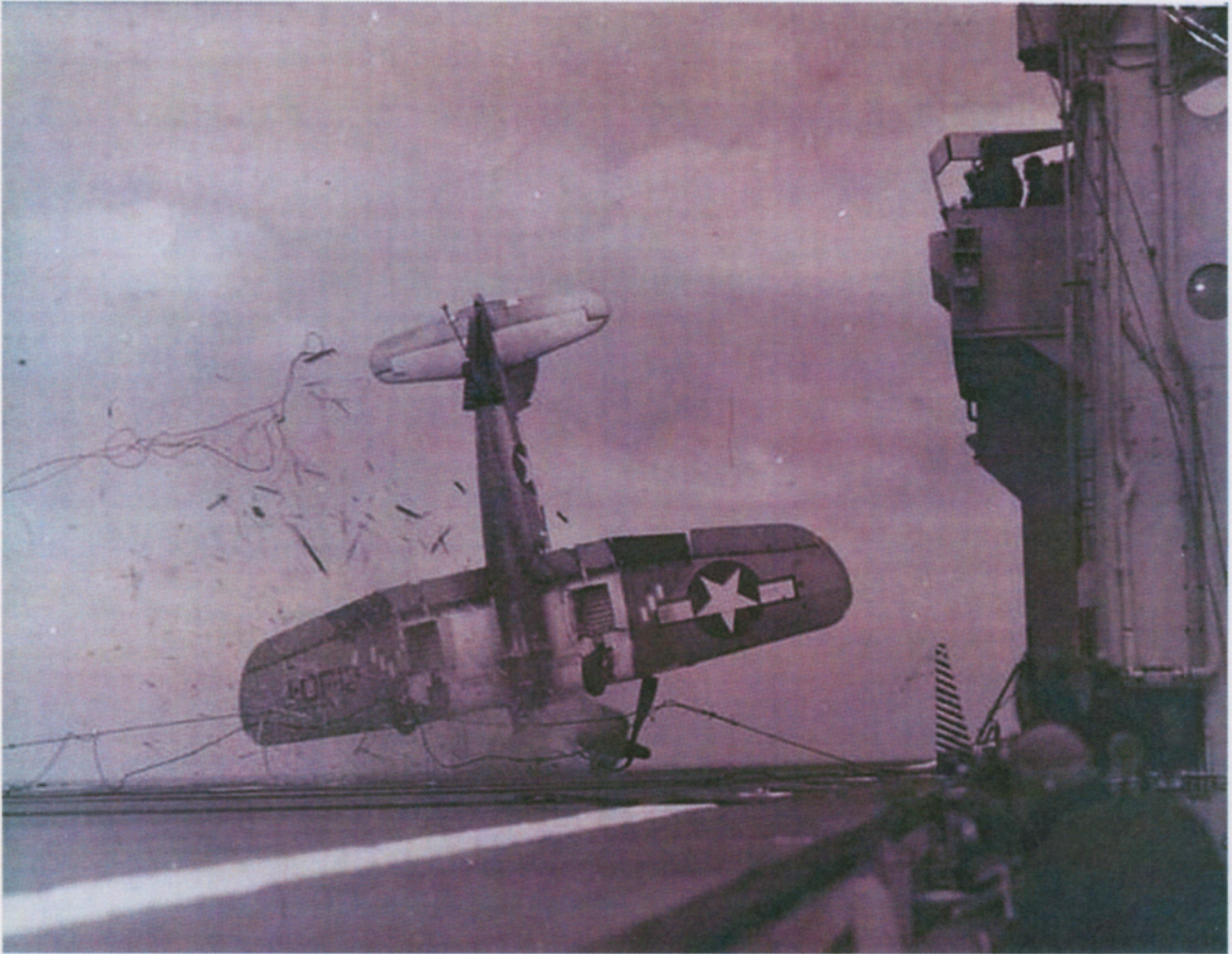
Share this with ALL ages.....

Elderly will remember.

Young should be awed.

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Vought F4-U Corsair crashes on the deck of a carrier when the arresting gear failed.  
Most likely, it's sometime during WW2 in the Pacific Theater.

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John F. Kennedy at NASA's Cape Canaveral Missile Test Annex in 1962.

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The photo is believed to be the last photo ever taken of the RMS Titanic before it sank in April 1912.

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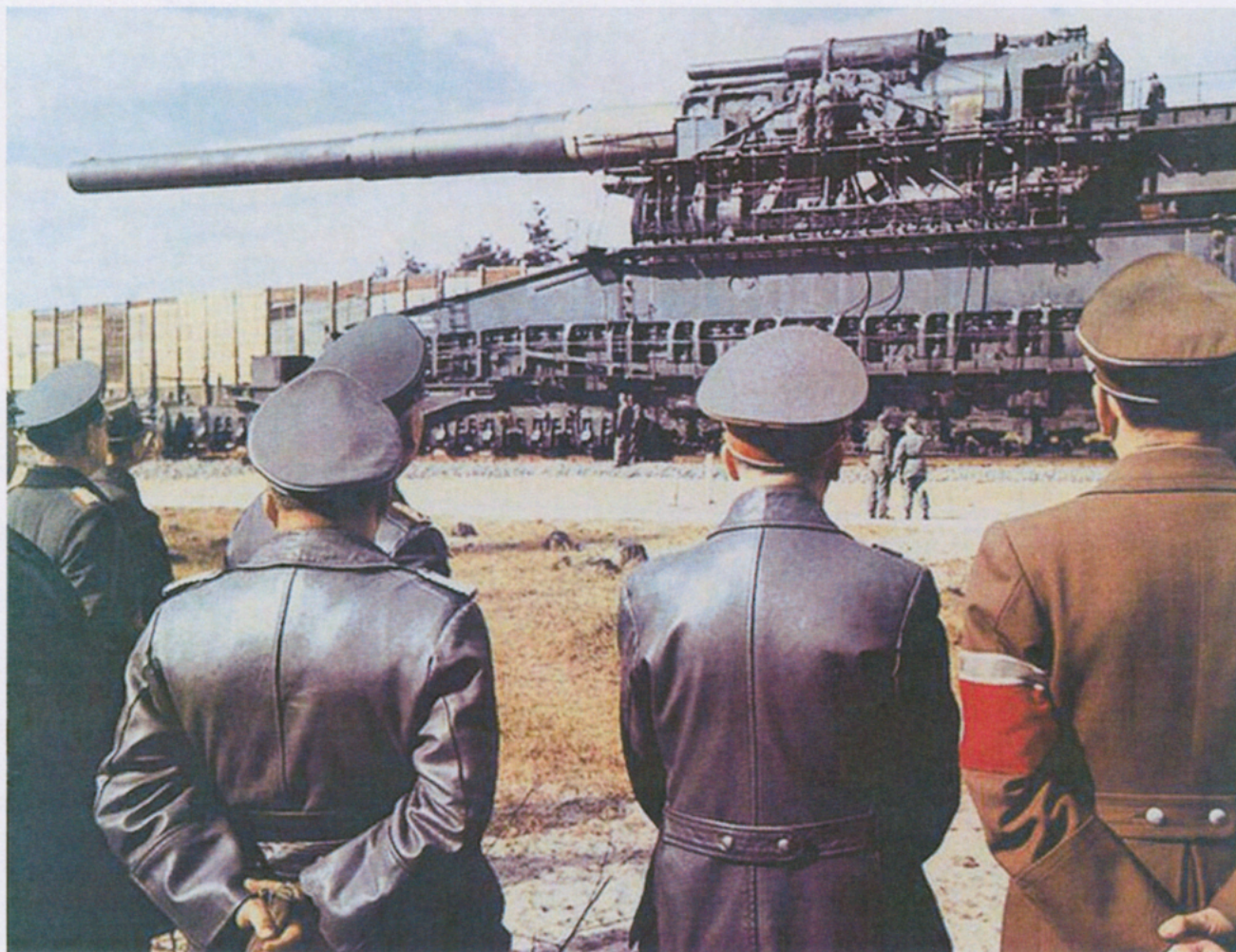
scientists used a German-made V-2 missile equipped with a camera to capture this shot  
—making it the first photo in space.



Douglas MacArthur signing the official Japanese surrender instrument aboard the USS Missouri,  
1945.

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Hitler inspecting the massive 800mm "Schwerer Gustav" railway gun from afar. It was the largest-caliber rifled weapon ever used in combat, and fired the heaviest shells of any artillery piece.

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General George S. Patton's Dog, Willie, mourning his best friend on the day of his death.

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George Armstrong Custer and some of his fellow soldiers, during the American Civil War. (Colorized)

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An RAF pilot getting a haircut while reading a book between missions.

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A team of British SAS soldiers in North Africa, 1943. The cans are full of water or gasoline for long range missions. Note: They are using the American built, venerable Willys Jeeps instead of the far less reliable British Land Rover.

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