



MILITARY TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND ACRONYMS

LS: code for "Lima Sites" which were covert sites of the Laotian Civil War in which the US military conducted clandestine operations

ResCap: abbreviation used for the Rescue Combat Air Patrol, a fighter force used to protect personnel on the ground and to conduct air search and rescue operations

ZPU: abbreviation for a series of Soviet anti-aircraft guns used by over 50 countries worldwide

NOTE: This month's terms came from the "Did You Know" article.



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Words to Ponder:

"The genius of a good leader is to leave behind ... a situation which common sense, without the grace of genius, can deal with successfully." ~ Gen. L. B. "Chesty" Puller



Pray for our Deployed Members:

Chaplain Brian Palmer and Family: serving the Lord in Fort McCoy, Wisconsin
Cpl Timothy Robinson, USMC: Praise!! Timothy was promoted to Corporal effective August 1, 2016!

Together in Scripture Reading:

This month:
the book of Colossians



Thorns of a Rose

Colonel Steve Martin

On the evening of February 18, 1945, sailors and marines of Joint Expeditionary Force (Task Force 51) are tuned in to the only radio program that they are able to pick up easily so far out at sea. The music is American and the most popular of that era. As Connie Boswell finishes the last strains of "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," another familiar voice comes over the airwaves with a message for the American Troops.



Iva Toguri, mugshot, 1946

"Good Evening Yankees. This is your Japanese sister and the Voice of Truth that reaches out to you from the peacefulness of Japan. Today, as always with love, but also with sorrow. Sorrow because of what your superiors are making you do. Tomorrow morning they are making you to attempt the impossible; because it is impossible for you to dislodge our forces on Iwo Jima. I am filled with sadness because of the thousands of Japanese soldiers who are waiting for you, safe in caves and pillboxes where your bombs and shells cannot touch them. They are reluctantly waiting to slaughter you. They don't want to slaughter you because they know what you are about to do is not of your own choice. They know, as I know, and you know, that you are making the futile sacrifice for a people who sleep snug and secure eleven thousand miles away - who have never seen a grenade burst in an American's stomach; and an American arm blown from an American shoulder - a people who are not interested in the headlines you are trying to make. They only want to make their own headlines. Listen, Yankee brothers, to these headlines: five thousand blood donors desert blood bank as Eisenhower sweeps into the Rhineland; strike continues in critical war industry; three year buying spree leaves retailers with

empty shelves as public clamors for more merchandise; workers claim nightclub curfew limits amusement spending. Does that sound like a people who want war? Who are supporting you as you carry on your sacrificial attempts to carry on this useless war? Think it over Yankee brothers - they do not want war and they are doing their best to let you know that they are not behind you in this war. This is the Voice of Truth. I will be with you again tomorrow - those of you who are

left to listen."

At the time of this broadcast, the Japanese were reeling from defeat after defeat. The Japanese Navy was no longer a significant threat to the now powerful United States Navy. The "island hopping" campaign of the Allied forces was pushing the Japanese forces back to Japan where the country was becoming more and more isolated on an island surrounded by its enemies. The American industrial complex was in full gear turning out weapons and war machines at a lightning fast rate. In six months, this long war would finally be over.

Tokyo Rose was a generic name given any of the approximately dozen English-speaking females who served as DJs and broadcasted Japanese propaganda during World War II. The purpose of the broadcasts was to disrupt the morale of American and other Allied forces fighting in the Pacific Theater. Some of the females spoke English with a Japanese accent, while one, Iva Toguri, spoke perfect English, even to the point of knowing American jargon and common phrases. Beginning in 1943, Toguri was the primary voice associated with Tokyo Rose.

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Did You Know: Stories From Air America (Part 1)

Editor's Note: This month, we bring you the second of several stories from Air America: "All in a Day's Work", by Samuel T. Jordan.

The fifteenth of July 1965 was a long time ago, but some things you never forget.

I had been flying an H-34 for Air America, Inc., supplying outposts in the Lima Site 36 area located about 20 miles north of the Plains des Jars in central Laos. This outpost surrounded LS-36, a heavily fortified key friendly position with a 3,500 ft. airfield.

Very late in the afternoon of 14 July, I overheard a call from Res-Cap that an aircraft was down in Sam Neua province near the North Vietnamese border. I was working alone just to the west and could reach the area in 15 minutes. Had there been another of our helicopters nearby, I would have attempted a pickup. All rescue operations, however, required two helicopters and solo attempts were not permitted.

The next morning, I was told that two other Air America helos would handle the pick-up and to continue on my re-supply work for the LS-36 outposts. About an hour later, I was called and told that I was now part of the rescue effort and to return to LS-36 for full fuel. An earlier attempt at a pickup had failed when a helo had a hydraulic servo shot out while it foolishly tried to cross the Sam Neua highway that was crawling with 20mm, 37mm and ZPU 14.5mm guns (ZPU-4 pictured below). The well-protected highway curved south through Sam Neua to the enemy-help Plains Des Jars area and was a major supply route from North Vietnam.



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Witold Pilecki, Auschwitz Volunteer

Editor's Note: For the first time in the history of the Patriot News, we are featuring someone who was in the military service of a foreign country. However, Witold Pilecki's story is so compelling that I need to share it with this article adapted from the Jewish Virtual Library.

Witold Pilecki was a soldier of the Second Polish Republic, the founder of the Secret Polish Army Polish resistance group, and a member of the Home Army. He is now recognized as the only known person to volunteer to be imprisoned at the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II.

Pilecki was born on May 13, 1901 in Karelia, Russia where his family had been forcibly resettled by Tsarist Russian authorities after the suppression of Poland's January Uprising of 1863-1864. In 1910, Pilecki moved with his family to Wilno (now Vilnius, Lithuania) where he joined the secret ZHP Scouts organization. In 1918, during World War I, Pilecki joined Polish self-defense units in the Wil-

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no area with which he helped collect weapons and disarm retreating German troops in what became the prelude to the Vilna offensive. During the Polish-Soviet War of 1919-1920, Pilecki commanded a ZHP Scout section that was overrun by the Bolsheviks. He later joined the regular Polish Army and fought in the Polish retreat from Kiev. On

August 5, 1920, Pilecki joined the 211th Uhlan Regiment and fought in the Battle of Warsaw and at Rudniki Forest and took part in the liberation of Wilno.

During World War II, Pilecki smuggled himself into Auschwitz under the false name Tomasz Serafinski in 1940 and began recruiting members for

an underground resistance group that he organized into a coherent movement. He began sending information about what was going on inside the camp and confirming that the Nazis were seeking the extermination of the Jews to Britain and the United States as early as 1941.

b. 1901, d. 1948



Pilecki used a courier system that the Polish Resistance operated throughout occupied Europe to channel the reports to the Allies. Documents released from the Polish Archives that provided details of these reports again raised questions as to why the Allies, particularly Winston Churchill, never did anything to put an end to the atrocities being committed that they learned of so early in the war.



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With her sultry voice and playful tongue-in-cheek delivery, her carefully crafted comments were aimed at attacking and disrupting the morale of Allied servicemen, particularly the Americans. She often called herself "Orphan Annie" to identify herself with those "poor men who have been abandoned by their country." Her reports were many times unnervingly accurate by even naming ships, specific military units, and individual servicemen.

The script of Tokyo Rose followed the same type of propaganda venue used by Germany with "Lord Haw-Haw" and "Axis Sally." The program used popular music of the era and was also entertaining with skits and humor. The point was to get the troops to listen. The songs or skits were used to make listeners think of home or of a happier time. The DJ would then interject

propaganda designed to play on the worst fears of the listeners. The following is from "Orphan Annie (aka Tokyo Rose):" "Hello, bone-heads. This is your favorite enemy, Ann. How are all you orphans of the Pacific? Are you enjoying yourselves while your wives and sweethearts are running around with the 4F's (disqualified from military service for health reasons) in the States? How do you feel now when all your ships have been sunk by the Japanese Navy? How will you get home? Here's another record to remind you of home."

Prior to the war, Iva Toguri was born to a Japanese/American family in Los Angeles. She went to Japan prior to the war to care for an ailing aunt and was stranded in Japan when the war broke out. Because of her excellent English, she was recruited to act as a DJ with the

purpose of disseminating propaganda. She refused these efforts until finally coerced in 1943, and she served as a DJ until the end of the war. After the surrender of Japan, Toguri was arrested and convicted of treason in 1949. The war was still fresh in the public memory and Toguri was considered by many to be the voice of Japan. She was convicted and served six years of a ten-year sentence. Following prison, she continued to lobby for her innocence claiming that she had no choice but to participate or be seen as a spy and killed. In 1977, President Gerald Ford pardoned Iva Toguri; however, she was associated with Tokyo Rose for the remainder of her life.



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The Ride of Your Life (part 2)

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of where we left off last month.

Through the Army War College Foundation, of which he is a trustee, Bennett met with Walter Reed's commanding general, who loved the idea [of bringing soldiers from Walter Reid and Bethesda to the annual Army-Navy football game in a luxury train]. But Bennett had some ground rules first, all designed to keep the focus on the troops alone: No press on the trip, lest the soldiers' day of pampering devolve into a media circus. No politicians either, because, says Bennett, "I didn't want some idiot making this trip into a campaign photo op." And no Pentagon suits on board, otherwise the soldiers would be too busy saluting superiors to relax.

The general agreed to the conditions, and Bennett realized he had a problem on his hands. "I had to actually make this thing happen," he laughs.

Over the next months, he recruited owners of 15 other sumptuous rail cars from around the country (these people tend to know each other) into lending their vehicles for the day. The name of their temporary train? The Liberty Limited.

Amtrak volunteered to transport the cars to D.C., where they'd be coupled together for the round-trip ride to Philly, then back to their owners later.

Conrail offered to service the Liberty while it was in Philly. And SEPTA drivers would bus the disabled soldiers 200 yards from the train to Lincoln Financial Field, for the

game. A benefactor from the War College ponied up 100 seats to the game (on the 50-yard line) and lunch in a hospitality suite.

And corporate donors filled, for free and without asking for publicity, goodie bags for attendees: From Woolrich, stadium blankets. From Wal-Mart, digital cameras. From Nikon, field glasses. From GEAR, down jackets. There was booty not just for the soldiers, but for their guests, too, since each was allowed to bring a friend or family member.

The Marines, though, declined the offer. "They voted not to take guests with them, so they could take more Marines," says Levin, choking up at the memory. Bennett is an emotional guy, so he was worried about how he would react to meeting the 88 troops and guests at D.C.'s Union Station, where the trip originated. Some GIs were missing limbs. Others were wheelchair-bound or accompanied by medical personnel for the day. "They made it easy to be with them,"

he says. "They were all smiles on the ride to Philly. Not an ounce of self-pity from any of them. They're so full of life and determination."

At the stadium, the troops reveled in the game, recalls Bennett. Not

(Ronnie Polaneczky)

even Army's lopsided loss to Navy could deflate the group's rollicking mood. Afterward, it was back to the train and yet another gourmet meal (heroes get hungry, says Levin) before returning to Walter Reed and Bethesda. "The day was spectacular," says Levin. "It was all about these kids. It was awesome to be part of it."

The most poignant moment for the Levins was when 11 Marines hugged them goodbye, then sang them the Marine Hymn on the platform at Union Station. "One of the guys was blind, but he said, 'I can't see you, but man, you must be ... beautiful!'" says Bennett. "I got a lump so big in my throat, I couldn't even answer him." It's been three weeks, but the Levins and their guests are still feeling the day's love. "My Christmas came early," says Levin, who is Jewish and who loves the Christmas season. "I can't describe the feeling in the air."

Maybe it was hope. As one guest

wrote in a thank-you note to Bennett and Vivian, "The fond memories generated last Saturday will sustain us all, whatever the future may bring."

God bless the Levins. And bless the troops, every one.



Left/Center: the Levins, receiving Semper Fidelis Award in 2014

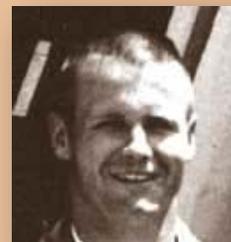
Did You Know: STORIES FROM AIR AMERICA

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At any rate, I elected to take off for the pickup with only half a fuel load. My copilot was new to Air America and was unfamiliar with rescue operations and the local area. The pickup zone was at about 4,000 ft and a hover with a full load of fuel would have been impossible at that altitude. I elected to come in from northwest of Sam Neua, turning east to approach from the north, avoiding the highway.

Another Air America helicopter accompanied me along with an Air Force Jolly Green helo. Immediately upon entering the rescue area, we picked up our overhead escort of T-28s flown by other Air America crews. Within moments I spotted Lt Don Eaton on a ridgeline. Before I was able to start in for the pickup, I was told to hold off until a positive ID could be made. A T-28 then flew low over his head while I circled around to approach the pickup area. I just touched lightly on the tall grass-covered ridge and was off as soon as Eaton was on board. From him, we tried to discover the location of Eaton's downed pilot, Lt Don Boecker (pictured below). All we could find out was that he was nearby.

As we circled the area, some red smoke drifted up from a high stand of jungle about a mile west of the spot where we found Eaton. The two other helos hovered in the area, but couldn't spot the pilot.



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WWII Recruiting Poster

The noted artist who created this famous Army Air Forces Recruiting Patriotic Poster with the heading text O'er the Ramparts We Watch, taken from the lyrics of our national anthem the "Star Spangled Banner" was noteworthy American artist Jes Wilhelm Schlaikjer (1897-1982); Jes Wilhelm Schlaikjer attained national recognition as an artist, becoming an Academician of the National Academy of Design. His works are represented in the permanent exhibitions of the

National Academy of Design, the Ranger Collection, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, the War Department, the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross, the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department of State in Washington, the Nelson Gallery, Kansas City, the University of Indiana, the Marine Corps School of Quantico, Va., the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and many other public buildings and private collections.



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- Ashley Huskey - 7
- Albert Watkins - 10
- Seth Ingersoll - 11
- Sam Johnson - 21
- Ruth Miller - 24

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- Ed & Kristy Salerno - 4
- Brian & Ivey Palmer - 17



*"BUT THANKS BE TO
God,
WHO GIVES US
THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR
Lord
JESUS CHRIST."*
1 CORINTHIANS 15:57 NKJV

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

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1 Oct 1864 - The Confederate ship Condor ran aground at the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, North Carolina. A Union gunboat had been pursuing the ship.

3 Oct 1776 - Marines participated in the *USS Wasp's* capture of a British ship off the coast of New England.

7 Oct 1728 - Birth of Caesar Rodney, judge and signer of the Declaration of Independence; commanded the Delaware militia in 1777.

9 Oct 2004 - US forces in Afghanistan fought militants on the ground and aircraft bombed them in a clash that left 25 rebels dead before the nation's landmark elections.

11 Oct 1971 - Death of Lewis "Chesty" Puller, 73, iconic US Marine with 5 awards of the Navy Cross, plus a Distinguished Service Cross. The USMC mascot was named for him.

15 Oct 1863 - For the second time, the Confederate submarine *H L Hunley* sank during a practice dive in Charleston Harbor, SC.

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We as Christians are in a war against Satan and his forces. The Bible gives us clear evidence that the war has already been won and Satan has been defeated. Yet one of Satan's greatest weapons is the propaganda that he uses against us making us feel that we are on the losing end of daily spiritual warfare. His voice whispers to us in sultry tones, disrupting our confidence and making us second-guess the victory we already enjoy through the life, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He

uses clever ploys to gain our attention, attacking our trust in eternal security and the promises that God has given us in His Holy Word. Satan wants us to feel alone, isolated, unproductive and defeated. He plays on our fears, planting seeds of doubt with lies fabricated to sound like the truth. Discouragement is what he wants for each of us, because a discouraged Christian is not effective or growing in the Lord.

Remember, discouragement is nothing new. All of us face it in times when we are weary or when we let our guard down. Some of the greatest and most faithful men of the Bible struggled with discouragement.

Think of Elijah - God used him to give a tremendous victory over the 450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Yet, when Jezebel threatened his life, the Bible tells us in 1 Kings 19 that *"He himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers."* Later Elijah complained, *"and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away."* In



Iva Toguri, 1977

Elijah's state of loneliness and discouragement, God revealed to him that He had seven thousand in Israel that had not bowed to Baal. In his despair, Elijah seemed to forget that God had used ravens to bring him food; God had supernaturally kept the widow's flask of oil from running dry; He raised the widow's son from the dead; and He had given him the victory over the prophets of Baal. In times of weakness, it is easy to forget how far the Lord has brought you and how many victories He has given you over Satan.

When you feel discouraged, it's a great time to think back to the victories God has given you in your life. First and foremost, He sent His only

Son to die on a cruel cross in our place. Jesus willingly took our punishment so that through our belief and trust in Him, we can stand before Him guiltless on that great day of judgement. He has also given us eternal life through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. When you feel alone, remember not to fear because *"they that be with us are more than they that be with them."* When you feel unhappy, remember that happiness, like this world, is temporal and God has given you *"joy unspeakable and full of glory"* which is eternal. When you feel that your efforts for the Lord are useless or unacceptable; remember that you plant the seed, but the Lord of the Harvest gives the increase. You can *"be confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."*

Satan wants you to give up the fight. He places thorns along the way to try to swallow up and choke the good seed planted in your life. He wants to discourage you and make you feel as though you are already defeated. The father of lies will whisper deception at your weak moment. Remember, this war is almost over and the winner has already been decided. *"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Prayer Notes, Event Announcements

Please continue to keep Ashley Huskey in your prayers as doctors are treating her for vasculitis over the next few months. Ashley is the daughter of Todd and Tammy Huskey; please pray that the treatments she is taking will completely stop the vasculitis. Please keep Phil Wagher in your prayers as he is experiencing some health issues at this time. Please keep Andrew Folz in your prayers as he is in Texas

preparing to deploy overseas in the next few months.

Please also pray for Brian and Ivey Palmer as they minister to soldiers and families at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.

~ Colonel Martin

Coming up Next Month:

- Meet the Military: Auschwitz Volunteer Witold Pilecki (part 2)
- A Thanksgiving Military Connection

