

The TMCA News

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2010 Fall/Winter Show

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Where: Franklin Marriott Conference Center / Hotel
Cool Springs 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN 37067

When: Friday, **November 26th** - Dealer Set up & Members only 9 am - 1 pm
Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, **November 27th** - 8 am - 4 pm

Admission: \$5. for Non-Members **TMCA Members get in free - Wear badge** Children under 12 free. Also admitted free, if in uniform: Members of US Military, Fire and Police, R.O.T.C. and military re-enactors.

What Will Be There: Uniforms, Medals, Insignia, Badges, Helmets, Weapons, Veterans, re-enactors. Buy-Sell-Trade.

Table Reservations: 6 FT. Tables ~ **Member Prices:**
Display Tables - \$35 each Sale Tables - \$45 each.
Contact Lonnie Siebe @ 615-661-9379 to reserve.

Room Reservations at Hotel: Call 615-261-6100 or 1-888-403-6772, talk with Ann Stricker or Andi Eastep; ask to receive the TMCA discount price of \$89. plus tax.. **Deadline for this special rate is November 4th !**

Club News

NEWS FLASH !! Bill Price is no longer the show director.

After many years of hard work and dedication Bill is getting tired and decided to pass of show director. To be honest, if Bill and Linda Price, show would not be Bill to stay on doing Bill to stay on doing decision. He is getting

Sold out... again !! to the club, on the job it was not for this club and the what it is today. We begged the show, but we understand his worn out and just wants to collect.

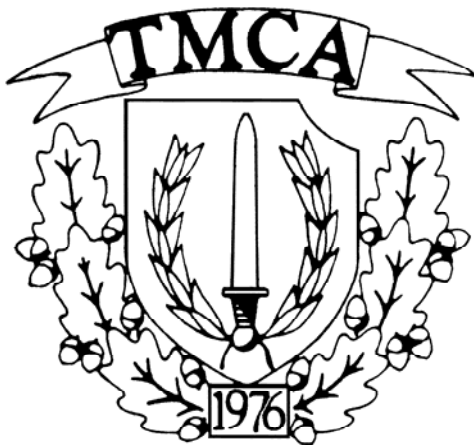
Thanks, Bill and Linda for everything ya'll have done in the past. All of us will be forever indebted to the both of you.

Lonnie Siebe is taking energy so lets welcome Since Lonnie is new to the with him. Nothing is perfect need time to learn and adjust to the myself will be close by to help Lonnie out

over. Lonnie is younger and full of him on and work with him. job, please be patient and Lonnie will job. Bill and if needed.

One thing Lonnie has already done is rented an-room for 34 more tables. That will bring us to over tables and we are still "sold-out". The new room is across hall and the side doors will be open to access it.

Third Room added with 34 more tables !! (321 total) other 320+ the



Editor for this issue:

David Hoagey

WWII Maneuvers & Other Activities In Tennessee

By: TMCA Member Woody McMillin



Sherman tanks cross 600-foot long pontoon bridge near Rome in Smith County, Aug. 14, 1943.

U.S. Army Signal Corps photo from the National Archives.

baseball stars Hank Greenburg and Johnny Beazley.

Each maneuver in Tennessee would have eight to ten problems, operations or exercises. In some, forces would be divided equally; in others one division might take on three to gauge effectiveness in facing a larger opponent. Supporting airpower also varied, from equal to totally absent.

Examples of the Tennessee Maneuvers problems, which could take from one to five days to complete, included “movement to contact with aggressive action by both sides,” “coordinated attack of a prepared position,” and “attack and defense of a river line.” The latter was deemed so important it was conducted twice in all of the five final maneuvers in Tennessee.

It was also deadly, as dozens of men lost their lives in the Cumberland, Caney Fork, Duck and Elk Rivers. On the last night of the last Tennessee Maneuvers, 21 men would drown attempting to cross the rain-swollen Cumberland River south of Hartsville, becoming part of a casualty list that included more than 200 maneuvers soldiers deaths in the state by drowning, gun and knife wounds, explosions, burns and other causes. Civilians also suffered casualties, with many struck by Army vehicles moving in black-out conditions.

“The impact on the civilian population was enormous,” said Woody McMillin, who spent two years researching and writing *In The Presence of Soldiers*, a just-published book about the maneuvers and other World War II activities in Tennessee. “While more than 850,000 military personnel were here for maneuvers, thousands more came for other training and wartime purposes, straining food supplies, transportation systems, roads, housing and communications resources -- and creating major challenges for civilians.”

“When I started the research, I was primarily interested in defining which units were involved with each maneuver, where and when action occurred, the logistics required to transport and supply large numbers of soldiers, and what the objectives were for each exercise. Using now-declassified records, I was able to assemble that information. But as I traveled to archives, libraries, military installations and museums, I recognized there was another story to chronicle: the saturation of Tennessee by additional thousands of men and women in uniform on a wide variety of missions not related to the maneuvers. Consequently, *In The Presence Of Soldiers* also includes information about other W.W. II activities in Tennessee.”

Between June 1941 and July 1944, the U.S. Army conducted 48 large-scale maneuvers, with each designed to teach soldiers how to function under stress in realistic simulations of combat. Even though seven of these were held in Tennessee – one in 1941, one in 1942, and five between April 1943 and March 1944 – many living and working in the state today have never heard of them.

Twenty-five U.S. Army divisions – representing more than one-quarter of those active in World War II – participated in one or more of the Tennessee Maneuvers. While each involved up to four divisions and other units, the fighting area grew each year – involving five counties in the 1941 war games, 13 in 1942, and 22 in 1943-1944.

Each maneuver was conducted primarily on civilian-owned property, with millions of acres leased by the government for that purpose. As a result, it was not uncommon throughout most of World War II for citizens to see massive displays of fighting quite literally on their doorsteps. Paratroopers and gliders would drop from the sky, tanks and artillery would shatter windows, and pup tents and jeeps were ubiquitous parts of the landscape as soldiers learned and refined the skills of warfare. Several renowned generals were involved, including George S. Patton and Anthony McAuliffe. Future comedian Buddy Hackett and movie director Stanley Kramer also trained in Tennessee, along with

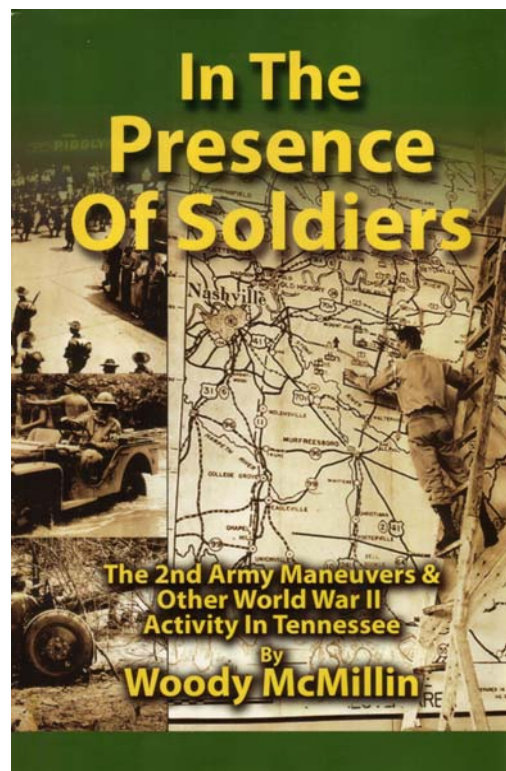


Remnants of a 101st Airborne WACO-G4 glider, which crashed June 4, 1943 in Macon County, are inspected by officers, June 4, 1943. U.S. Army

Signal Corps photo from the National Archives.

Subjects include:

- U.S.A.A.F. bomber training bases at Dyersburg and Smyrna
- U.S. Army Barrage Balloon Training Facility at Paris
- U.S.A.A.F. Classification Center in Nashville
- Camp Forrest and Camp Campbell
- Public and military airfields
- W.A.C.s, W.A.V.E.S, S.P.A.R.S., Women Marines, W.A.S.P. and W.A.F.S.
- Army Ranger battalions created and trained in Tennessee
- Camps for prisoners of war, enemy aliens and conscientious objectors
- Medical care facilities
- Coast Guard operations
- U.S. Navy V programs and Army training efforts at colleges and universities
- Civil Air Patrol and Civilian Defense
- Smaller maneuvers conducted by the State Guard
- Mechanic training programs for military aircraft and vehicles
- Servicemen’s centers and recreation facilities



Book: Signed copies be available at the Fall TMCA show by the Author



Scenes from the World War II Tennessee Maneuvers include, clockwise from top left, a 37mm anti-tank gun near Beech Grove, soldiers marching through Shelbyville, recovering a tank from the Cumberland River, a 101st Airborne soldier getting ready to parachute into Macon County, a ship launching ceremony in Nashville, a dispatch rider in action.

U.S. Army Signal Corps photos from the National Archives.

“Beyond those here for training, others came to promote war bond sales, recruit personnel, assist with scrap drives and rationing, and to oversee wartime manufacturing – and the book documents these,” McMillin said. “While many are now familiar with the work at Oak Ridge, many don’t know about the quantity and types of other wartime tools and materials made in Tennessee.”

The book catalogs many of the manufacturing sites across the state producing smaller items such as hand grenades, C-rations, artillery shells, blankets and uniforms -- to larger items ranging from P-38 fighters and U.S. Navy warships (including sub-chasers, mine-layers and mine-sweepers built in Nashville and launched on the Cumberland River).

“Since most military work was often done in great secrecy, many Tennesseans had no idea about the scope or value of military programs in their communities – or how they were contributing to the war’s successful outcome,” McMillin said. “Those I interviewed saw and experienced only a fragment of what was occurring at the time, so I’m hopeful the book will provide a better picture of what transpired in Tennessee.”

Signed copies of the book, which has 502 pages of information, statistics and dozens of never-before-published photos, will be available at the Fall 2010 T.M.C.A. show.

For additional information, McMillin can be contacted at woodyair@comcast.net.



TMCA Life Member Sgt. Harvill Lazenby passed away on April 30, 2010 at age 94.

Sgt. Lazenby fought in WW2 as a paratrooper with the 505th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division.

4 Combat Jumps

Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland

Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, CIB

Captured on D-Day, escaped 5 days later.



Many of you may have seen him walking around our shows, or out at the local gun ranges. If you did not get a chance to talk with him, you defiantly missed out. To Bill Price and myself, Harvill was like a second grandfather. Bill has known Harvill for over 30 years, and it was not until the last 8-10, that he started opening up on his war experiences. His mind was sharp and his stories were many. I could fill a dozen of these newsletters with them if I had the space and time.

Harvill was the kind of guy who never talked much about his exploits, but they were real. I have talked to people who have known Harvill since before WW2 and they never knew that he was wounded in the leg in Holland, jumped into St Lo on D-Day just like John Wayne did in the movie 'The Longest Day'. They never knew he was one of a rare few who made 4 combat paratrooper jumps, nor did they know that Harvill was captured on June 6th 1944 and moved by train back towards Germany. 5 days later he and fellow paratrooper Bill Henderson managed to escape and spent 37 days evading behind enemy lines. All Harvill ever said, was that he was "young, stupid and having a good time".

Sgt. Lazenby was not allowed to jump into Holland on Sept. 17th 1944 with his unit. As a former POW and escapee, he was told he could not go because of an agreement made with the French resistance. Recapture could expose escape secrets. Not wishing to miss the next fight, both he and Sgt. Henderson boarded a C-47 anyway, and jumped once again into Holland against orders. That decision caused him to be crippled for life. Once on the ground in Holland, he was shot in the ankle by an MG-42 and sent home. His foot was fused and he was forced to use a cane the rest of his life.

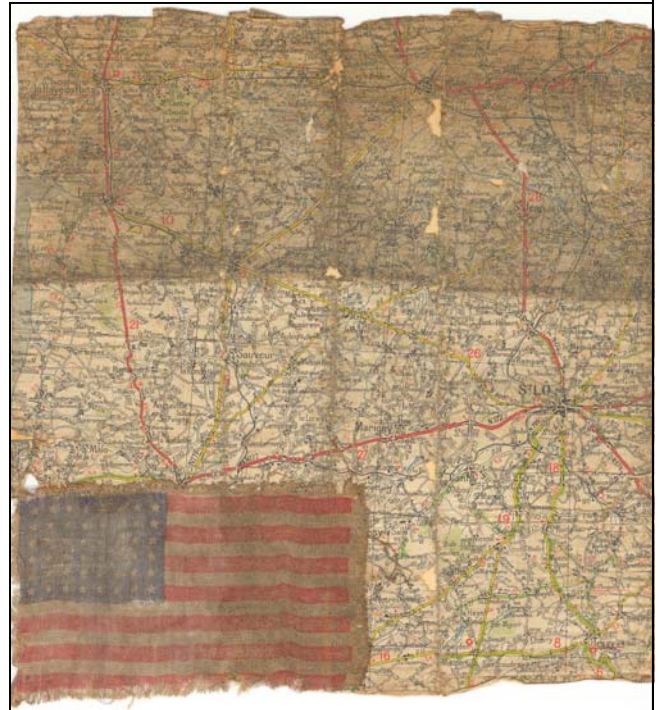
Lazenby, we'll miss you. Your stories are too many to list in a newsletter, and I'm not very good at typing. That's why we did over 5 hours of video taping with you. Say "hi" to Pumpkin for us - - -

Nashvillian Safe After 37 Days Behind Nazi Lines

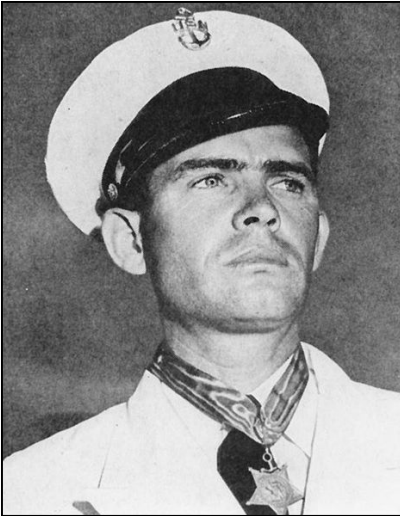


—Associated Press Photo
Sgt. Harvill W. Lazenby, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Lazenby of 112 Antioch Road, center, and Sgt. Robert D. Henderson, 31, Seattle, Wash., explain to an unidentified officer of their outfit in France the thrilling adventures experienced by them while dodging Germans for 37 days behind the enemy's lines. Captured on D-Day, the two bearded paratroopers escaped five days later, and made their way back into friendly hands.

Original article from Stars and Strips, and yes, he is carrying a captured G-41 rifle. He said it was the closest thing he could steal to replace the weapon he'd lost when captured.



Original D-Day flag and a map of St. Lo that Sgt. Lazenby used on D-Day.



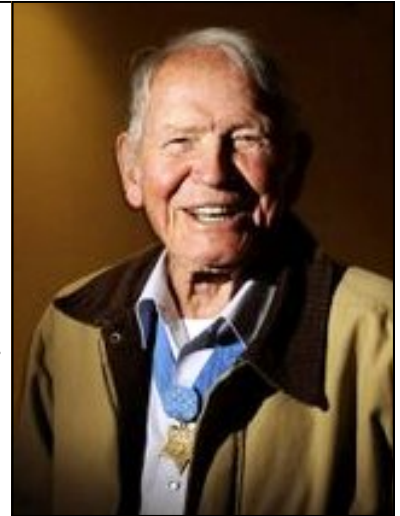
TMCA member Mark Sawyer's grandfather passed away at age 100, on May 27, 2010.

Marks grandfather was:

Lt. John Finn

Medal of Honor - Pearl Harbor

At the time of his death, Lt. Finn was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, and he was one of the first from WW2.



For extraordinary heroism, distinguished service, and devotion above and beyond the call of duty. During the first attack by Japanese airplanes on the Naval Air Station, Kaneohe

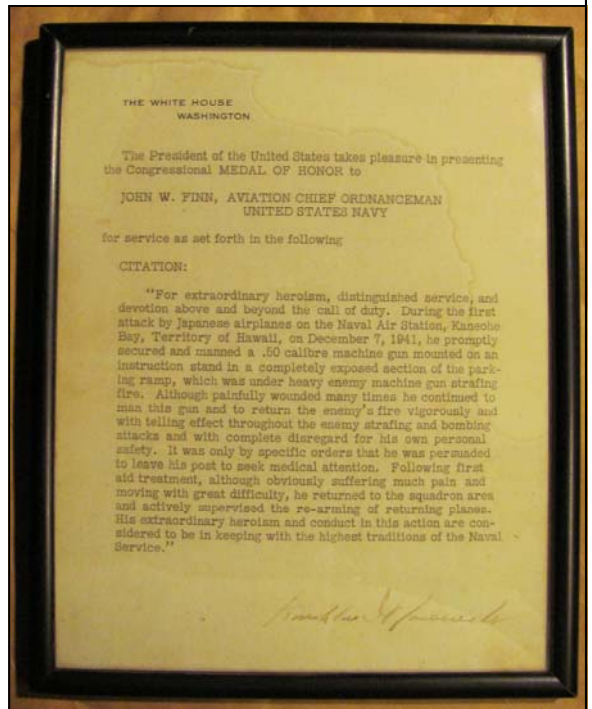
Bay, on 7 December 1941, Lieutenant Finn promptly secured and manned a 50-caliber machine gun mounted on an instruction stand in a completely exposed section of the parking ramp which was under heavy enemy machine-gun strafing fire. Although painfully wounded many times, he continued to man this gun and to return the enemy's fire vigorously and with telling effect throughout the enemy strafing

and bombing attacks and with complete disregard for his own personal safety. It was only by specific orders that he was persuaded to leave his post to seek medical attention. Following first-aid treatment, although obviously suffering much pain and moving with great difficulty, he returned to the squadron area and actively supervised the rearming of returning planes. His extraordinary heroism and conduct in this action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service.



Finn's original Medal of Honor

Note how the Navy had the entire citation hand engraved on the reverse side.



Finn's Medal of Honor citation.

Navy citations at the time were very simple, in letter format on White House stationery. Nothing fancy at all. Signed by Roosevelt.



Graveside photo taken by grandson Mark Sawyer. Note the Medal of Honor Flag, recently enacted in 2003

From 1956 until shortly before his death, Finn resided on a 90-acre ranch in Live Oak Springs, near Pine Valley, California. He and his wife became foster parents to five Native American children, causing him to be embraced by the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians, a tribe of Kumeyaay people in San Diego. After he was death he was buried at the Campo Indian Reservation cemetery.

Display Award Winners

Spring Show 2010



1st Place Ronnie Townes
"German Hunting"



2nd Place Sam Barnes
"WW1 US Cavalry"



3rd Place David Rogers
"Japanese Military"

Upcoming Events of Interest

Civil War Show December 4-5. This will be in Franklin, TN at the Williamson County Agriculture Expo Park, not at the State Fair Grounds as it has been in the past.

Alabama Military Collectors Show: Huntsville, Al - Jan 14-15-16, 2011

OVMS Show of Shows, Louisville, KY - Feb 24-27th, 2011

Upcoming TMCA Club Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Murfreesboro Road at 6:pm. Future dates: November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8.

NOTE: We have been trying new locations, so call somebody first if you are not sure or get your name on the local roster.

Table covers at shows.

There are many ways to properly display an American flag, covering up your table goods with the U.S. Flag is not one of them.



I have heard numerous negative comments from several veterans about this practice, and guess what, they happen to be right.

Flag etiquette in the U.S. is dictated by the U.S. Flag code, listed under Title 4 of the U.S. Code.

According to the code, the U.S. Flag is not to be used as drapery. However, the flag can be used to cover a casket.

- Thanks -



Alabama Military Collectors Show
January 15 - 16, 2011

"Alabama's ONLY True Militaria Show"

Antique & Military Guns, Knives, Edged Weapons, Uniforms, Medals, Helmets, Flags, Badges, Field Gear, Photographs, Documents, Patches, Books and More....

- ☐ Friday, Jan 14th
 - Exhibitors: Set-up 2pm to 7pm
 - Members: 4pm to 7pm
- ☐ Saturday, Jan 15th
 - Exhibitors/Members 8:00 am
 - Public: 9:00 am - 5pm
- ☐ Sunday, Jan 16th
 - Exhibitors/Members 8:00 am
 - Public: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Huntsville Jaycee's Community Building
2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35802



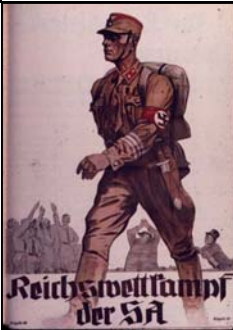
150 Tables - Buy - Sell - Trade - Display - 24 hr Security

Table Reservations: 6 ft Tables
 • Members: Sales \$35 Aisle & \$45 Wall
 • Non-Members: \$45 Aisle & \$55 Wall
 • Display Tables \$25

AMCA P.O.B. 14001 Huntsville, AL 35815
 For Additional Information Visit:
www.almilitarycollectors.org
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Ad's are free for all TMCA members – email: dhoagey@comcast.net

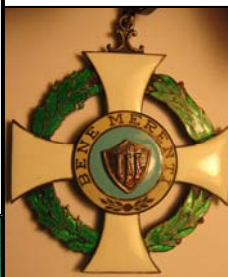


Wanted: SA Brown Shirts, SA caps, pants, insignia, etc. Also need SS dagger parts. I have one of those mixed parts daggers (SA/SS) that kids in the 1950s created when they took apart their WW II veteran dad's German daggers and reassembled them. Will consider broken up SS handle for parts, mine is missing the runic button. **Bob Lee (615) 790-1420** or email me at: rjustinlee@yahoo.com

San Marino

Order of St. Agatha

Complete cased set: **\$2,600**
Breast Star, Sash Order, Medal, Lapel Pin.



.800 Silver mkd. Contact: David Hoagey
dhoagey@comcast.net or (615) 479-4569

Stolen at the Spring (March 2010) TMCA Show.

M1880 US Springfield Prairie Knife

Serial Number # 4729



This exact same knife was featured on Auction Results in the Military Trader magazine, April 2010 from Manion's Auction.

Reward for information and Recovery

For sale: 1917A1 Browning Machine Gun (water cooled). This weapon was re-manufactured by Phoenix Armory. Included with the Browning is an original 1917 tripod, model of 1918 belt loader, water can with hose, two cloth belts, canvas gun cover, wood ammo box and a Model of 1918 gun cart. Cal. 30.06 On form 4. All NFA rules apply. \$18,000.00.
Japanese T-15 Aircraft Machine Gun. This weapon is identical to the German MG-15 in all respects. It is even in cal.8mm Mauser. It runs well. I have four seventy-five round drums, a spare parts kit, post-war anti-aircraft mount, repro. ground mount, two German WWII transit boxes. All NFA rules apply on form 4 - \$12,000. Leader rabbit ear **12 Ga. shot gun pistol**, Damascus barrels, \$300.00 on form 4. **Cane gun** .32 cal horn handle, wood shrouded steel barrel. \$5.00 transfer, \$400.00 All NAN rules Apply
-Bill Price TMCA Life Member # 06 ph. 615-371-8027

WANTED: Civil War and Confederate Photography Email: rrtownes@comcast.net



1. 98K bayonet, COF 1943 (Carl Eickhorn), frog dated and marked 1943..\$145.00
2. Japanese last ditch bayonet, Nagoya (Toyada is sub-



- contractor) square pommel, wrap around wood grips with rivets, bayonet in very good condition, sharpened. Scabbard is navy type with one hanger missing..\$125.00
3. Russian "Defense of the Caucasus" medal...original..\$45.00
 4. RAD stickpin—original..\$45.00
 5. SS ring, German silver, with weight mark and with maker's mark...absolutely guaranteed authentic....money back if you can prove it's not authentic..\$365.00



6. Gefreiter chevron...silver bullion...never sewn...guaranteed authentic...\$25.00
7. CZ24 holster, strap fastener missing, otherwise pretty good condition..\$15.00 Call Ted Wylie 615-834-5878(h)615-460-8108 (w)



- - Will somebody buy Ted a new camera - - editor.

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