

he said, "was at the Canadian border. We had some hot dogs in a container for about three days. They were starting to stink. The lady at the border made us open it.

"We laughed like crazy."

A Latvian who moves to the U.S. accumulates a different kind of memory than he would on the Russian border.

MIA-KIA

After a previous Memoirs noted several early Korean war casualties, Lyle Zurfluh called to say his brother, Rowland, "Jackie," was an early casualty of the war, a fact not noted by the Daily Tribune because Rowland was missing in action until 1952.

"The war had just started," said Lyle. "His outfit went to Korea right away. My mother got only one or two letters from Korea, then nothing."

In March 1952, the body of Jackie Zurfluh arrived in Port Edwards by train, accompanied by two sergeants from graves registration. A military funeral at Nekoosa followed.

A consultation with Thomas D. Stern, Wood County veter-

ans officer, and contact with several Web sites, including the National Archives, confirms that Roland H. Zurfluh, private in the Army from Wood County, Wis., died July 16, 1950, making him likely the first Korean war era soldier from this area to be listed as killed in action.

Old Reuben

Remember old Reuben?

Charlene Parmeter Orgel, city clerk/treasurer of Pittsville, a 1954 Lincoln High School graduate, wants to know more.

"Anyone growing up in Rapids during the '30s, '40s and '50s was familiar with him."

Reuben Lindstrom.

Remember how he rode his bicycle on the railroad tracks with a pull-down lever he fitted onto the track to get from his habitation to town?

I'm looking for information about Lindstrom so I can write a story for Charlene.

Also of interest: photographs from the early 1950s that would show the way life was here.

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