

Ocean. A spotless service record was among the requirements and preference was given to men who had been injured on duty.

Today, those men range in age from their late 50s to their early 70s. They have

Robert Marko, a farmer and insurance man from Ambia, Ind., spent most of the last two years writing letters and making telephone calls trying to track down the rest of the guard. Government privacy laws

from the guard who had stayed in touch over the years. Marko contacted postmasters, police and sheriff's offices to track down the addresses of the rest. Almost 400 have been accounted for. A meeting two years ago in Kansas City,

general during World War II was named commander of all U.S. forces in the Pacific Ocean in 1945. Commander of United Nations Command in Korea in 1950, but was relieved of duty a year later by President Truman

Girl, 8, on witness stand says defendant stabbed her

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Eight-year-old Melissa Davis, testifying in a capital murder trial Friday, identified Rodney L. Lincoln as the man who repeatedly stabbed her and her younger sister after their mother was stabbed and left dead on their bedroom floor.

Lincoln, a 38-year-old former truck driver and bartender, is on trial on a charge of capital murder and two counts of first-degree assault in the stabbing death of Jo Ann Tate, 35, and the wounding of Mrs. Tate's two children. The attacks occurred April 27, 1982, at an apartment in the 1400 block of Farrar Street in the Hyde Park area.

LINCOLN, OF 8116 Minnesota Ave., has denied the charges. He has been in jail in lieu of \$1 million bond since his arrest in May 1982.

The prosecution is seeking the death penalty on the capital murder charge in a trial before St. Louis Circuit Judge James J. Gallagher.

A jury of six men and six women heard Melissa's testimony after Gallagher declared her competent. Under Missouri law, children age 10 and younger cannot testify in court until the judge rules on competency.

Gallagher ruled that Melissa's 5-year-old sister, Renee, could not testify before the jury.

"MELISSA, DO YOU see the man who hurt you and your sister?" Assistant Circuit Attorney Joseph L. Bauer Jr. asked.

"Yes, sir," she said. She then walked from the stand pointing at Lincoln.

In a series of terse replies to Bauer's questions, Melissa said: "He took me into mother's room ... he carried me ... he took my clothes off ... he told me to put my head under the pillow ... he started stabbing me with a big knife ... I was

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screaming ... I played dead so he would quit."

Melissa testified that moments before the attack she and her sister awoke and saw blood on the floor and their mother lying face-down on the floor.

SHE SAID she was stabbed 10 times and when her attacker went into the kitchen to clean the knife, she hid under her sister's bed.

Melissa said she was under the bed when the attacker returned from the kitchen and stabbed her younger sister three times in the neck.

During the first three days of the trial, the jury heard testimony that Melissa told investigators a man named "Bill" was responsible for the attacks, and that she, her sister and mother had spent the night at Bill's house on one occasion before the attacks.

"Melissa, why did you give the name Bill?" Bauer asked during her testimony Friday.

"I WAS SO sick and hurt, and everybody wanted a name, so I gave the name Bill," she said.

During cross-examination, defense attorney Robert Hampe asked her, "Have you seen Bill since that day?"

"No," Melissa said. "Only people who look like him?" Hampe asked.

"Yes," Melissa responded. Bauer asked, "Are Bill and Rod the same person?"

"Yes, sir," Melissa said. "Are you sure?" Bauer asked. "Yes, sir," she said.

Man is booked; vowed to kill fellow mental patient, police say

A mental patient, carrying a loaded rifle and vowing to kill another patient, robbed a security guard and broke into St. Louis State Hospital, 5400 Arsenal St., early Friday afternoon, police said.

Oran Allen, 29, of 4212 Cook Ave., was arrested without firing a shot after being grabbed in a recreation room at the hospital by Hampton Avenue District Officers Charles Magditsch and Michael Hogan and Lynch Street District Officers Ted Wyman and Gary Wiegert, authorities said.

Allen was booked suspected of six counts of flourishing a weapon and first-degree robbery.

Allen had been a patient at the hospital, but walked away from there

three weeks ago after getting into a fist fight with another patient, authorities said.

Allen, carrying a .22-caliber rifle, returned to the hospital about 12:30 p.m. He robbed Michael Lewis, an unarmed guard at the hospital, of a set of hospital keys, police said.

Allen then entered a ward looking for the patient who had punched him. While Allen looked for the patient, who hid in a closet, Lewis phoned police, authorities said.

Wyman grabbed Allen and Magditsch grabbed the rifle, police said.

After being disarmed, Allen told the officers "I should have shot the guy," Wiegert said.



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Sea lion contest: The 17,873 proposed names for Louis Zoo's new baby sea lion are typed into a Monsanto computer by Sandi Kitson as Wanda Gant, project supervisor, looks on Friday. The company volunteered to help judge the entries in The Globe-Democrat/KMOU Name the Sea Lion Pup contest.

Consumer group says state outdated scale to set utility

If the Missouri Public Service Commission updated its formula for fixing reasonable return rates for utilities, it could "eliminate the need for a \$24.4 million rate hike (sought by Laclede Gas Co.) altogether" or hold the increase down to less than \$2 million, a consumer group claimed Friday.

The Missouri Public Interest Research Group — which has charged that Laclede is seeking to "earn an excessively high return for its stockholders at the expense of ratepayers" — leveled complaints against the PSC, claiming it uses an outmoded rate-determining scale from healthier economic times.

Jeff Lemieux, a MOPIRG research associate, and seven others spoke against the proposed rate increase at a public hearing conducted by the commission at the Wainwright State Office Building.

A PSC staff report released last month recommends Laclede receive a \$12 to \$15 million rate increase. The commission has until December to rule on the increase requested by Laclede in January to cover increased labor and materials costs. Full request approval of \$24.4 million would reportedly raise the average customer bill \$13.88 a year.

Laclede Gas Co.'s rate increase is unnecessary, the group says.

The PSC formula during the past two years allows utilities a return between 14 and 15.5 percent, cited "Business Week" market surveys of 40 industry groups showed average equity return steadily from 1979 until reached in 1982.

Tremor in Philippines causes building cracks

MANILA, Philippines — A 4.5 magnitude earthquake rocked Laoag, in northern Philippines, causing minor cracks in buildings but no injuries, the U.S. Geological Survey's News Agency reported Friday.

Government seismologists reported the second tremor Thursday night on the Richter scale of 4.5.