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DOLE AS ARMY SECOND LIEUTENANT

Injury Changes Dole's Life

When Robert J. Dole enlisted in spinal cord, and paralyzed his the U.S. Army in 1943, he was arms and legs. He lay on the tabbed as officer material and battleground for hours thinking went through Officer's Candidate his arms were missing - they School at Fort Benning, Ga. He were stretched over his head was commissioned a second beyond sight. He was paralyzed lieutenant upon graduation from and unable to walk for nearly a O.C.S. and it was as a second year. Complications from the lieutenant that he arrived in Italy wounds required removal of his right kidney. in December, 1944. He was a

platoon leader in the Tenth Moun-tain Division. While in Italy he in hospitals in Italy, Africa, platoon leader in the Tenth Mounwas wounded twice and dec- Florida, at Winter General Hosorated twice for heroic achieve- pital in Topeka, and Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

His first decoration, a Purple At Percy Jones Hospital, officials Heart, came when he was hit in informed the family that he the leg by a grenade fragment. would not live. He developed When asked once about the blood clots on his lungs. In ncident, Dole said, "Yes, well, it desperation, doctors named Dole

DOLE AFTER EARNING CAPTAIN'S BARS

luncheon today because he had to stop by the Chamber of Comce and pick up his speech." He chided her rapid rhetoric; in a parody of henpeckedness, he interrupted her speech repeat-edly with "If I could only get a word in . . ."

Liz Dole's -

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became a political partnership with romantic overtones. In De-cember, 1975, the commissioner married the senator.

Was Bob Dole-married once

career woman: he knew what he

ment problems and professional dedication help hold their mar-riage together. Work schedules keep them apart until they finally convene for an evening at Ken-nedy Center or for a late dinner at

He once easily accepted the role of the commissioner's hus-band and helped his wife meet her professional obligations. But that has changed; he will now be the candidate and she the

"I'm not giving up my work," insists Liz. "But I am changing perspectives. I can still concentrate on the areas where I have always been concerned. I'm not sidetracking as a candidate's wife. It could be a tremedous role for me and could provide op-

portunities and experiences I would never have had otherwise, and with an impact I might never have had. Only for the presidency would I sacrifice my career for my husband's. What he seeks is orted by leaders in both partie

To Service, Civic Duties Throughout his political ca-reer, Bob Dole has devoted much before, a powerful man used to having his own way—ever threatened by his bride's creden-tials? "Bob married me as a of his time to service and civic organizations. By his memberships in a number of organizations and his appointments to many committees he has shown his concern for people, especially the handicapped and underpriv-

was getting into," says Mrs. Dole, always a believer in truth in packaging. Interestingly, Liz Dole tied the knot not in a three-piece suit but in a traditional full-length white ileged. While he lived in Russell he was in a traditional ruli-length white wedding gown and white lace veil—every girl's dream, just postponed a bit. Their marriage blends hard edges with a soft focus. Bob Dole president of the local Kiwanis Club in 1957 and served as lieutenant-governor in 1958. He holds an honorary membership in the Russell Kiwanis Club and is a life is known for his quick wit and

sharp tongue. Liz is famed for a Russell County Red Cross. As a member of the American Lepolitical prowness that shows when she rattles off important consumer legislation she has pushed for and passed. Russell, he is a past service officer. She and her husband once publicly locked horns at a debate

Dole is a life member of Ruson forming a consumer pro-tection agency. She began by barbing, "Bob was late for the sell's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240, has served at various times during the years as the post's judge advocate, and on March 6, 1979, was presented with the VFW's Congressional Award for outstanding service to the nation.

He was voted "Outstanding Kansan to Overcome a Handi-Common interests in governcap" by the Kansas chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. He holds memberships in the county, state and American Bar Associations, 4-H Fair Association, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Masons, Isis Shrine, and the Chamber of Com-

merce. Dole is also on the National Board of Sponsors of the American Medical Center, Denver, Colo.; member of the board for the National Society of Autistic

candidate's wife. **Dole Defines Policy Of Bipartisan Solidity** "Much of the world perceives America to be in retreat from

global responsibilities." Dole wrote on The New York Times criticisms of present policy must be tied to a broad, cohesive, positive alternative policy, sup- ganization Conference, Rome,

ory Committee of the National Alumni Association. Association for Retarded Chil- As a member of the U.S. Condren; member of the Advisory gress, Dole has been an adviser Council on Scouting for the United Nations Food and Agricul-board of directors of Rehabilita-tion International, U.S.A.; mem- Rome, Italy, 1975; on the Conber of advisory committee of gressional delegation to survey Kansas Kiwanis Foundation; and food crisis in India at the request serves on the Kansas Easter Seal Society. 1966; and on the congressional

Dole Has Devoted Time

delegation to study Arab refugee He is also past president of the problems in the Middle East, Kansas County Attorneys' Asso- 1967.

member of Kiwanis Internation-al. He is a past chairman of the A Thumbnail Sketch member of the American Le-gion's William Roe Post No. 99 of Russell, he is a past service of-

A sort of curriculum vitae of Society Sen. Bob Dole as it appears in the member, Advisory Committee of Congressional Directory publish-ed this year in Washington, D.C.: tarded Children; Advisory Coun-Robert J. Dole, Republican, of cil on Scouting for the Handi-Russell, Kan.; born in Russell, capped; Board of Directors. Kan., July 22, 1923, son of Mr. and Rehabilitation International. Mrs. Doran R. Dole; married U.S.A.; Advisory Committee, Mary Elizabeth Hanford, mem- Kansas Kiwanis Foundation; and ber Federal Trade Commission. Dec. 6, 1975; one daughter, Rob-

in; graduate of Russell public schools; attended The University of Kansas, Lawrence; A.B. Washburn Municipal University, Topeka, 1952; Ll.B. Washburn

University, Topeka, 1952. (Dole also attended The University of Arizona in Tucson in 1948.) Enlisted in U.S. Army, 1943; served five and a half years in World War II as 10th Mountain Division platoon leader in Italy; twice wounded and twice dec-

orated for "heroic achieve-ment"; discharged with rank of captain, 1948; at age 26, elected to Kansas Legislature, 1951-53; elected to four terms as county attorney of Russell County, 1953-61: elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1960; re-elected in 1962, 1964 and 1966; elected to U.S. Senate in 1968; re-elected in 1974:

Republican candidate for vicepresident of the United States, 1976; Republican National Com-OP-Ed page March 18, 1979. But mittee chairman, 1971-73; adviser, U.S. delegation to United Nations Food and Agriculture Or-

But Kuschick said he disobeyed

Kansas Easter Seal Society.

Man Who Saved Dole Became Town Mayor

When Robert Joseph Dole from Russell, Kan., ran for vicepresident of the United States in 1976, the man who saved his life in Italy was running for mayor of a New Jersey town as a Democrat. Dole, of course, was on the Republican ticket, so in a sense the two men were in opposition.

In the spring of 1945, Stanley Kuschick was Dole's platoon sergeant in the 85th Mountain Infantry Division against a German' position in Italy's northern mountains. Dole was hit by machine-gun fire. Kuschick went to him, and in an interview in 1976 said, "He had a gray pallor dying men frequently have.

The battalion had been ordered before the attack that all soldiers were to push on and leave the wounded behind



was nothing. I went to the doctor as one of four patients in the and he took it out. It was one of country to receive a new drug those things, like going over a streptomycin. It worked, and Dole was on his way back to barbed wire fence. You get scratched. But in the Army you get a Purple Heart for it." hetter health But much still had to be accomplished with his arm Two weeks later, on April 14, and shoulder injuries.

1945, Dole was leading his platoon It was at this time Dole heard across the Po Valley to destroy a about Dr. Hampar Kelikian at Wesley Memorial Hospital in German machine-gun nest. In the first attempt, the Germans killed Chicago. Dr. Kelikian transplanted bone and muscle from two companions and wounded the radioman. Crawling under heavy Dole's leg to his arm. The doctor fire, Dole dragged the wounded refused payment for his services man to cover. Then he left the and the citizens of Russell raised shellhole to get close enough to approximately \$5,000 to pay toss a grenade at the Germans, Dole's hospital costs. Although but machine-gun fire and mortar Dole's right arm appears normal fragments shattered his right his right hand is atrophied and arm and shoulder, fractured two he shakes hands with his left cervical vertebrae, injured his hand. He has very limited use of

A Politician's Heart **Guides His Way to Kansas**

Judy Garland of "Somewhere tornadoes than anybody else! Over the Rainbow" became a "Of course, we've always been legend because she played proud of the home we share with Dorothy in Frank Baum's "The Frank Baum's timeless creation. Wizard of Oz" books. Suddenly a We've always known there's no tornado picked Dorothy up out of place like home. After Oz, a Kansas farmyard, but Dorothy Dorothy came back to Kansas." lived to tell the tale, through It's Senior Senator Bob Dole Judy's vocalizing. For a while, Judy lived a rainbow-radiant life Sen. Dole has this opinion about

and her youth and charm will Dorothy: "In the midst of blanever be forgotten. tant unreality, of poor admin-

istration and rampant deceit by But Kansas sometimes would the powers that be, she remains a like to play down its tornado image. Say the boosters of the state, Kansas has no more that Oz is a dream which gives way before the desire of a young

Landon. Dole on China

regime '

Peace and friendship with both gives her a sense of identity and the Soviet Union and the Chinese purpose. were the sentiments of former Homely virtues, the senator Presidential candidate Alf says, are individual respect for Landon and Bob Dole. Dole, one another, courtesy, a generous writing an appraising article on heart and a bold courage, which relations with the People's light up Dorothy's Kansas.

Republic of China, did not see "Fortified by such knowlmonetary returns of a stable edge," he points out, "perhaps government to deal with in China. we could approach our current He referred to the "harsh facts of problems with a steady hand " political and economic life in today's China." He said, "China Children may turn on the TV set and escape from problems of and the United States should be a world of traffic jams and friends, but we should not romanpollution. ticize such a relationship as

anything more than mutual self-Senators can put aside for the interest and a common concern moment discussion of balanced about Soviet ambitions." And he budgets, the energy crisis, the used the term, "the essentially , other party's administration, and repressive nature of the Chinese internal conflicts

Isn't Kansas always here? Isn't

farm girl from Kansas, to redis-

cover what it is about home that

Kansas home? And so Robert J. Dole left the nation's Capital and its malestrom of political maneuvering to find the road home. Then-here-on Monday, May 14-he has made what may be the great steps on the east front of the Capitol. The oath of office of the president is usually given by the chief justice of the United States. most important decision of his life, one that will change history

DOLE AS PLATOON SERGEANT

his right hand, the only visible sign of his war injuries.

During his hospital stays he met Phyllis Holden, an occup-Dole was awarded the Bronze ational therapist from Farm-Star with cluster for "persistington, N. H. They were married ence, fearless leadership, and on June 12, 1948. They have one personal daring" and a pro- child, a daughter, Robin, who motion to the rank of captain, was born in Russell in October, which was the rank he held when 1954. The Dole's were divorced in he was released from service in

Dole's Voting Record Tells Where He Stands

In his four terms in the House, balance the federal budget and a Dole had fought for the farmers bill establishing catastrophic and opposed the massive health care guarantees. Also in Kennedy-Johnson social pro- early 1979 he organized a series of grams, but voted for the landmark civil rights bills. In the Senate he has voted for income tax cuts, for curbs on busing for school integration, for restoring the death penalty for certain crimes, and for the B-1 bomber and other defense systems. His Senate votes have been

against sharp cuts in military spending, against cutting back work on the Trident submarine, against scrapping antiballistic ussile defenses, and against

reducing U.S. troops in Europe. In 1979 he co-authored a bill to

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Bob Dole

meetings leading to a joint letter

from 12 GOP senators to the rest of the Senate indicating serious

reservations about parts of the

proposed SALT II treaty with Soviet Russia. Some senators signing the letter had been count-

ed by the White House as sup-

porters. Dole had voted for SALT

Dole says.

Only Liz Dole could make this sound so convincing. But in five and a half years at the FTC, she no doubt found herself tied up-with red tape or bogged down by memos and boondoggles. To be First Lady, to walk out the door and get instant press coverage and possibly instant results, must seem a wonderfully cut-and-dried

approach. Comparing Liz Dole with Rosalynn Carter is irresistible. Both are soft-spoken Southerners married to powerful politicians. But where Rosalynn is polished beyond personality, Liz still has some jagged edges. A public relations staff with the force of

the blitzkrieg could not brainwash Liz Dole. She still has the Southern lilt, the girlish blush, but her speech never falters, never turns into a tape-recorded

message planted by a personal press secretary. While campaigning with Bob, Liz Dole plans to continue her consumer interests and to work part-time. Should her husband's campaign fail, she will likely look for a career with a nonprofit organization. Should her husband's campaign succeed, there will be guts, not grits, in the White House.

Chinese emperors for a period of 141 years (1227-1368), acknowledged de-pendence upon their sub-jects by being crowned on a blanket, held aloft by a group of their people. fits to recipients.

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This new bipartisanship "does not rattle a saber," Dole wrote, al delegation to study Arab ref-'but prefers to demonstrate American strength quietly, Past president, Washburn through forceful American lead- Alumni Association and Kansas ership and a military defense County Attorneys Association second to none.

"The new bipartisanship rejects any self-imposed impotence" and must turn to "a cohesive foreign policy that solidifies every friendship and maximizes every advantage."

Dole Favors Rollback For Social Security

On Jan. 1, Social Security taxes and the wage base upon which taxes are paid was increased Unless the law is changed, further increases in the Social Security tax are scheduled next year and beyond.

> Sen. Bob Dole favors legislation to "rollback" the recently enacted Social Security tax increases to the pre-1979 level. This rollback would ease the overall inflationary burden on the American taxpayer and save taxpayers money without putting more of the Social Security load on federal revenues.

The rollback does not threaten the solvency of any of the trust funds and will not force any cutback in Social Security bene-

sional delegation to survey food medics were wiped out," Kus crisis in India at request of Presichick added. dent Johnson, 1966; congression Later the two met at a reunion

1975: member, congres

ugee problem, Middle East, 1967; of the division. I y turned a fr

Too Much Complacency

The people without a vision past lieutenant-governor, Kiperish. "Nations look on in alarm wanis; past chairman of Russell County Red Cross; member as America luxuriates in comcounty, state and American bar associations, 4-H Fair Associaplacent disregard of the Soviet associations, 4-H Fair Associa- threat," Dole says. We suffer tion, BPOE, Masons, Isis Shrine, from "a kind of self-imposed Chamber of Commerce, Ameri- impotence. America has retreatcan Legion, Veterans of Foreign ed into an uncertain shell. We Wars, and Disabled American have embraced timidity over Veterans: National Board of courage, in the vain conviction Sponsors of the American Med- that the rest of the world will pass ical Center, Denver, Colo.; mem- us by if only we would refrain ber of the board for National from causing trouble."



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-and the Administration

