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To All Former Members of the 24th Infantry Division

I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the honor that has been accorded me by former members of what I believe to be the finest combat division in military history. Nothing can be more gratifying than to be honored with the office of president by the veterans of our illustrious division. I accept the office in all humility and in the hope that during the ensuing year we will perfect plans to counteract the disheartening news of the temporary withdrawal of the division from the list of active units.

Today, for the first time in 16 years, there is no active unit wearing the insignia of the 24th Infantry Division. We, as veterans of this valiant division, are challenged now, as never before, to keep alive its distinguished record so gallantly earned through heroism, determination, courage and perseverance in the highest military tradition by all who fought under its colors.

With this objective in view I charge every former wearer of the Taro Leaf:

To accept individual responsibility for promoting and preserving the accomplishments of the 24th Infantry Division, thereby reflecting the highest honor upon our Country and upon all who had the privilege of serving with the division;

To take all reasonable means to keep alive within his community our distinguished heritage and to create and actively support local organizations of former members of the division;

To immediately send in your application for membership in the 24th Infantry Division Association;

To plan now to attend the reunion of all former members of the division in Chicago, August 15, 16 and 17, 1958;

To send to me now and at any time prior to the reunion in 1958 your ideas as to how we can best perpetrate our glorious record.

The accomplishment of this objective will not "just happen", nor can it be done by the faithful few. Each of us must accept a personal responsibility to prevent the sweat and blood of the men of the 24th from having been shed in vain. I am sure we can depend upon every man to do his part.

Sincerely,

*John Compere*  
Thomas H. Compere

SEE YOU IN CHICAGO IN AUGUST 1958



"LITTLE CAESAR"

Pat Ciangi, known as 'Little Caesar' around Chicago's west side, arrived at the Bismarck Hotel at 11:59 P.M. on Saturday night, the 11th. The convention was all but over when Pat arrived. Here is what he tells us. A friend of Pat's saw a notice in the "Tribune" regarding the 24th reunion at the Bismarck. Pat received this information at 11:30 P.M. and was at the hotel at 11:59. This was his first convention and he has since been very active on the committee planning next year's reunion and has attended every meeting of the Chicago Chapter. Pat also has brought in two new members. Pat's unit was the 724th Ord. L.M. Co. His home address is 4746 W. Monroe, Chicago, 44.

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# 1957 Reunion Great Success

## RED NEWMAN GUEST OF HONOR

Our own congenial Chicago Attorney and Publisher, TOM COMPERE was elected to the Presidency of the Association to succeed Roscoe Claxon. Assn. veteran Ed Henry was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and all will agree he has done a wonderful job in the past. ED's office demands much time, effort, and money -- all of us should be grateful that we have members like ED and TOM to accept these tasks and carry them out for the benefit of the Association.

A great amount of time and hard work went into the planning and preparation of the convention. SPIKE O'DONNELL, MIKE RAFTER, and their committee are to be commended.

EARLY BIRDS this year included CARL and ALLENE WILLIM FROM DOWN MISSOURI WAY. They arrived early Thursday and with the other members of the "Early Bird Club", were found in SPIKE'S HQ Thursday night acting as informal welcoming committee. "EARLY BIRD" DAVIDSON was missing, but a cable was received from him and read during the meeting. See you next time, BILL and LORNA!

As Taro Leafers entered Convention HQ on Friday, they were met by the smiling faces of some of our ladies who so graciously took care of registration and the secretarial work. Each day found these gals taking their shift at the desks. Along with Spike's sisters, Rita and Jean, were lovelies Miss Shaw (of T. M. Publishers), who did a wonderful job, Mrs. Adolph Miller, "Rusty" O'Donnell, Allene Willim, and Ann Duff.

The day was filled with informal get-togethers, showing of 5 different combat films of the 24th in action, and for the ladies, a tour of Merchandise Mart with John Trinca in Charge. Members did not have to scout out forchow on Friday eve, since the committee had arranged for a tasty Smorgasbord right in the HQ -- after which many old friendships were renewed. GENERAL "RED" NEWMAN held a "Staff Meeting" during the evening which proved to be an enjoyable one, for this group was at the round table for quite some time.

Registration continued on Saturday, and by noon we began to see more and more familiar faces. One "Old Faithful" seen roaming about, and in his usual jovial mood was (Prof) Walter CUNNINGHAM, and not without one of his famous pipes. Tourmaster TRINCA took the ladies on a tour of Chicago, from the Museums to famous Skid Row. More Division films were shown to the late arrivers.

The annual business meeting was attended by approximately 95% of those present. After Chicago received the nod for 1958 by an overwhelming majority, a motion was passed that the 1959 reunion should be held in the east. This editor may stand corrected, but believe it was also voted that no city should have the convention more than twice in succession.

Another resolution was passed increasing the dues to \$5.00. As several members said, "where can we get so much for so little?" It is necessary that we have the dues promptly from each and every member in order that the Assn. can carry on.

In addition to TOM and ED, the following V. P.'s were elected: VIC BACKER, JOHN FULLER, SAM GILNER, LESTER JOLIUM, MIKE RAFTER, JOHN ROSS, WM. SAVELL. Also JOHN TRINCA as Chairman of the 1958 Convention, and your Editor.

General gave a short informal talk regarding the present disposition of the 24th Division.

The Banquet and Memorial hour was a great success. Father Chris HERLO was unable to attend, and Father O'Grady R. Reilly of Chicago conducted the Services. GENERAL A. S. (Red) NEWMAN spoke on the present status of the 24th Division and concerning the reorganization of Army units. (Gen. Newman was kind enough to prepare an article this which will be found elsewhere in this issue). Highlight of the Convention was the presentation of "FOLLOW ME" posters. This is a large colored Dept. of the Army poster depicting "Red" NEWMAN and elements of 3rd Battalion of the 34th Inf. on Red Beach, Leyte, 20 Oct. 1944, and one of the few the Government has ever published showing historical scenes of all the wars in which the U. S. has been engaged. GENERAL NEWMAN presented every member present with a personally autographed copy of this poster. It was great having Red with us again, and we are looking forward to seeing both you and Mrs. Newman in Chicago in '58.

After the Banquet we were entertained by a genuine Hawaiian group, Hulas and all. Aloha 'till next issue.

MEMBERS -- We need new items, photos, etc, etc. Please send any items of interest to the Editor - NOW.

VICE-PRESIDENTS -- Please keep in touch in your respective areas, and keep the editor informed. We need news from you all more than ever now that the 24th is not in action.

## CHICAGO CHAPTER "ON THE BALL"

The Chicago group of the 24th is growing larger each month. This group is at present being guided by the 1958 convention committee. Meetings are held once each month at MacDuff's, 4035 W. Fullerton.

### THANKS MACDUFF

Our thanks goes out to MacDuff and his two sons for the wonderful meeting place they have provided not only for the convention committee but for the entire Chicago group. This meeting place, located at 4035 W. Fullerton, was procured through the efforts of Mike Rafter and Spike O'Donnell. MacDuff's is a fine restaurant and taproom on Chicago's west side and the entire dining room is turned over to the association free of charge whenever the need arises. Thanks again, MacDuff, and we'll try to steer out 24th men out to see you while they are in Chicago.



John Trinca and his committee have been working steadily on plans for the 1958 convention. Hardly a week passes that John, Tom Compere and Spike O'Donnell are not meeting some place. The hotel has been tentatively selected and as soon as a few details such as rates, menus, etc. have been completed an announcement will be made. The committee is trying to hold down the rates to where they were in 1957. Reservation cards will be furnished all members in plenty of time.

# EDITORIAL

## By Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman

24th INFANTRY DIVISION IN NEW COMBAT  
ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM

New Concept of Regiments

Editor's Note: The following summary was prepared by Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. (Red) Newman, at the request of Taro Leaf Editor, Bob Duff.

Since the announcement this past summer of the redesignation of the 24th Infantry Division as the 1st Cavalry Division, the questions have often been asked, "Why? And What becomes of the 24th Infantry Division?"

No one is more interested in the answers to these questions than I am. During the period 1939-1945 my assignments varied from peace time Company Commander in the 19th Infantry to Division Chief of Staff, then Regimental Commander of the 34th Infantry in combat. I was in our division the day it was activated in October 1941, and served in it throughout World War II.

It thus came as a great surprise - and a matter of vital interest to me - to learn just before our Chicago Reunion this past summer that the 24th Infantry Division had been reduced to zero strength. (But not deactivated; there is quite a difference). So I immediately inquired into this, not just so I could answer questions at the Reunion - but because it was a matter of such deep personal concern to me, as all of my combat service was in our Victory Division.

The answer is a complex one. It is related not only to special circumstances requiring troop movements from Japan, but is intimately connected with the authorized strength of the Army and an unparalleled reorganization within the Army itself. This reorganization is revolutionary to meet the organizational requirements of the atomic age. The scope of this reorganization is indicated by the fact that infantry battalions and infantry regiments will not be in combat as units on the atomic battlefield. They have been replaced by Battle Groups, larger than battalions and smaller than regiments - five of them in each Infantry Division.

To meet this great change, yet maintain the continuity of historic units - and still be workable under the fluctuating authorized strength of the Army - was a major problem. The Department of Army met this problem by preparing an Outline Plan for a new COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM. This plan was published in June 1957 as Department of the Army Pamphlet No. 220-1.

Our Division and all of our infantry regiments are included in this plan. It is significant that of the infantry divisions named in the plan, only the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions have unit designations higher than the number 10.

It seems to me that I can best answer your questions by summarizing this Outline Plan for the COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM, as follows:

General. Esprit de corps is an essential characteristic of an effective military force. Many factors go into this, but preservation of traditions and past achievements is a most important element.

Since its foundation, the United States Army has found no satisfactory means of maintaining continuity of its historic units. During periods of retrenchment, units have been broken up, combined, or simply disbanded. Mobilization, as well as changes in weapons and techniques of warfare, have resulted in new units taking the place of old.

Traditionally in the United States Army, the regiment was the "home outfit" of the line soldier. Yet during World War II the Army had to abandon the regimental organization, with few exceptions, in all branches except the infantry. Studies relating to future tactical organization show a trend toward even more flexibility in structure of combat divisions, composed of Battle Groups between regiment and battalion in size.

The Plan. A plan to establish a COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM was approved by the Secretary of the Army in January 1957. It is a direct effort to devise a workable method to maintain continuity in the existence of traditional units, yet at the same time provide tactical units to meet the Army's changing needs in peace and war, and during the interim period between peace and war.

Purpose and Scope. As a long-term measure, to provide an organizational system to maintain distinguished regiments regardless of changes in tactical organization.

The system to be extended progressively, beginning with the active Army, to all components.

Initially the plan considers only Infantry, Armor, and Artillery. Later, consideration will be given to developing a similar plan for other branches of the Army.

General Concept. A specified number of traditional regiments will remain active as "parent regiments" of all Infantry, Armor and Artillery individuals and tactical units in the Army. Regiments will be those with the greatest traditional significance in the Army's history.

Each regiment will have a variable number of active member TOE units, depending on the size and troop basis of the Army.

Member units of the regiment (Battle Groups, Battalions, or Squadrons - depending on branch) will be assigned to a division or other tactical command. Within a division, each unit will be a member of a different regiment; each may be replaced by a like unit from the same or a different regiment.

The regiment itself will not be a tactical unit, but will be a family of units bearing the regimental name.

Historical Considerations. There are innovations in policies and procedures --- yet the plan simply modifies, rather than supplants, that which already exists. The purpose is to make the organizational system more flexible and adaptable to meet the transitional changes

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 The Saturday night banquet hour was not without the Hawaiian atmosphere. Even our own members were given the opportunity to dance with these lovelies.....



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 SPTS RECORD .. Gerald Stevenson and his entire family enjoyed the 1957 Reunion at the Bismark. Nice to see you all "Steve" and hope you all are in attendance next time.

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 The little Hawaiian Band even played a few Western numbers!

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 GENERAL NEWMAN presents everyone present with a personally autographed copy of the poster entitled "FOLLOW ME" one of the Army series. This poster depicts Red and 3rd Batt. 34th on Red Beach, Icyte. Pictured above are past Pres. Roscoe, Spike O'Donnell and Red Newman.





anticipated in the Army of the future. This new regimental organization embraces both divisional and nondivisional units.

**Tasks and Phasing.** The main phases required to place the system into effect for all components of the Army include (a) Active Army (b) Army Reserve (c) National Guard (d) Mobilization planning (e) Establishment of regimental headquarters.

**U. S. Regiments.** The number of regiments selected as parent regiments of the Active Army is 164. This includes Infantry, Airborne, Cavalry and Armor, Field Artillery, Air Defense Artillery, and Special Forces. They are listed by unit designations in the plan, and all of the 24th Division infantry regiments are included.

The plan contemplates at least one battalion (or equivalent color-bearing TOE unit) to be active in each regiment at all times, and to remain inside an upper limit of 15 battalions per regiment in a fully mobilized war time Army. Since the number required (in war and peace) is open to conjecture, allowance has been made for variations below the present Active Army and above the planned Mobilization Army.

Selection of regiments was based on historical criteria. All have a combat history worthy of perpetuation by future generations of combat soldiers.

Conversion to this system will be controlled by Department of Army. Instructions issued will include appropriate measures to preserve unit history and lineage.

**Reserve and National Guard.** Each organized Combat Arms unit in the Army Reserve will be designated as a member of an appropriate U. S. Regiment.

Each State and Territory will establish the necessary parent National Guard Regiments in their respective States.

**Mobilization Planning.** Additional units, within regiments, will be activated during mobilization as required. This will include units for assignment to divisions formed after M-day, as well as nondivisional units necessary for the mobilization buildup.

**Regimental Headquarters.** Regimental headquarters as they are known today will not be established. Parent regimental headquarters will be assigned to permanent locations in the United States. Their assigned support functions may include:

- Maintaining the regimental history and traditions.
- Maintaining records of members.
- Performing personal services for members.
- Conducting regimental recruiting.
- Supervising reserve personnel and units.
- Operating regimental training units.

**Regimental Customs, Insignia, and Colors.** Regimental colors (standards) will adhere to the present design, with an embroidered coat of arms on a silk background. Until active regimental headquarters are established, custody of the regimental standard will remain with an active unit of the regiment (normally the 1st).

Member units of the regiment of color-bearing size (battle group, battalion, squadron) will carry a "battle standard" bearing the regimental shield and motto. Upon inactivation of a member unit, the battle standard will revert to regimental custody.

Battle honors earned by an individual unit will be carried on its battle standard. They will also accrue to the parent regiment, but not more than one streamer may accrue for a particular engagement.

Unit insignia for a regiment will be worn by individuals so long as they remain members of the regiment. They will retain such membership unless transferred to a different regiment, or separated from the service.

Members of units will wear the shoulder sleeve insignia of the division or other tactical organization to which their unit is assigned.

**Specific for 24th Infantry Division.** As already stated, the plan names 164 Regiments for perpetuation in the COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM. Included are regiments of special interest to the Victory Division: 19th Infantry, 21st Infantry, 34th Infantry, 11th Field Artillery. (It should be added that designations of Artillery regiments and tactical units have not been fully selected).

Also as already stated, our division was listed among those specifically named in the Outline Plan - and the 24th and 25th Divisions were the only Infantry Divisions with a numerical designation higher than 10. Of special interest is the composition of the 24th Infantry Division, which is as follows:

- 1st Bat Gp, 19th Infantry
- 1st Bat Gp, 21st Infantry
- 2nd Bat Gp, 27th Infantry
- 1st Bat Gp, 34th Infantry
- 2nd Bat Gp, 35th Infantry
- 3d Rcn Sq, 5th Cavalry
- 3d Tk Bn, 34th Armor
- 1st Bn, 11th Field Arty
- 1st Bn, 13th Field Arty

Other Battle Groups from our three regiments listed under other divisions are the following:

- To 7th Infantry Division - 2d Bat Gp, 34th Infantry
- To 25th Infantry Division - 2d Bat Gp, 19th Infantry and 2d Bat Gp, 21st Infantry.

**Summary and Emphasis.** This is a long range plan. It is a great step forward, as we have never had such a plan before.

The system will be established and developed by an evolutionary process - not by sudden wholesale redesignations and reorganization. Current circumstances and requirements will be considered as each evolutionary step is taken.

It will not be possible to announce all the reasons for each specific change as it occurs - as the reasons will often be complex, and sometimes may be classified when troop movements or the authorized strength of the Army is involved.

Much thought and effort has gone into this Outline Plan, and there is much still to be added to it. However, to be too hasty in adding details would only result in unnecessary confusion. It is enough to know that a long felt need, and the major reorganization of our Army for modern war, has resulted in the birth of this new Outline Plan for a COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM. Although it is still in its infancy, it will grow and develop under careful centralized supervision.

Neither this plan - nor any other plan - can ever satisfy everyone. Still it has been based on much research and objective thinking, and is designed to bring the most good to the most people in the most deserving units on an Army wide and long term basis.

**Final Comment.** Although I had never heard of this COMBAT ARMS REGIMENTAL SYSTEM until just before going to the Chicago Reunion this summer, I have carefully studied and considered it since then. I think it is a fine plan. (Naturally, like many others, I was disappointed that one of the units very close to my heart is not listed in it).

However, I am most gratified and proud that the 24th Infantry Division, as well as all of our great Infantry Regiments, were selected for inclusion in this initial Outline Plan. It means the perpetuation of our great battle heritage.

Finally, let me say this has been a most difficult summary to write. I hope it has clarified the matter a little. The big thing to me is that our division and our regiments are in this basic and far reaching plan, thus as the evolutionary changes take place, we can know they will be part of a carefully considered design. Like you, I do not know when or where or under what circumstances our great Victory Division will be peopled again with fine soldiers --- but I hope it will be soon.

In the meantime, elements of our great regiments are carrying on the battle traditions in which all of us take so much pride.

## AT HOME AND ABROAD

Twelve men of the Division around a Tokyo bound R & R flight were killed when the C-124 crashed on a Han River sandbar recently. In all, 56 Taro Leafers were treated in hospitals in the Seoul area as a result of the crash.

Listed as dead are:

- Pfc. Stephen A. Bowcock, Nelson, B. C. Canada, Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 19th Sp/2 Caldwell Brown, Jr., Bay City, Texas, L-34
- Sp/3 Francisco Aquilar, Corpus Christi, Texas, Su - 63F
- Pfc. George A. Hills, Raymond, N.H., C-52F
- Pfc. Jose L. Collazo - Gonzalez San Juan, PR, I-19th
- Pfc. Merle J. Brown, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, I-19th
- Pfc. Gerald E. Jonkroski, Douglas, Arizona, Hq. - 21st Inf.
- Sfc Harry E. Witherell, East Lansing, Michigan, Su.Co.-21st
- Sgt. Ralph E. Myers, Lebanon, Missouri, Hq. 21st
- Pfc. Jan M. Wallis, Sacramento, California, Hq. - 3rd Bn (19th)
- Sp/3 Avery L. Meeker, Pryor, Oklahoma, L 19th
- Sfc Lewis P. Partin, Petersburg, Virginia, Su - 21st

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Just heard from Bill Verbeck and he wrote in part as follows: 'I am sure members of the association should know via the 'Taro Leaf' that Master Sergeant Charles H. Banks, who was Regimental Sergeant Major of the Twenty-First Infantry during the war, died in Bradenton, Florida, on October 7th. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna H. Banks, who lives at 203 29th Street West, Bradenton, Florida.'

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Brig. Gen. Fred W. Zierath, former G-3, is new Assistant Commandant at the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

Maj. Gen. G. Stanley Meloy is now Deputy C. G. of 4th Army at Ft. Sam Houston.

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THOMAS ROY STRZODA, COMMANDER OF  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, LEGION POST NO.159

Thirty-one year old Thomas R. Strzoda was elected to the highest office of the Lafayette Post in July 1957. Tom, as he was known to many, was born in Chicago and attended schools there. Tom first enlisted in the navy right after VE Day. Later, on September 23, 1950, he entered the service of the Army and was assigned to "L" Co., 21st Inf. He served with the rank of Cpl. in Korea and Japan. He was discharged on June 24, 1952. Tom is a bachelor.

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Walter W. "Dee" Dismukes, Jr. (Pfc. Co. 'C' 19th Infantry) passed away on Nov. 1, 1946 - at the age of 43, after a long and courageous battle against cancer of the lung. He had been to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., 3 or 4 times for treatment and removal of his right lung in 1954. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Twila Camp Dismukes, of Fruitland Park, Florida. She is principal of the local school there. Many of his buddies have been wondering about him. He attended the convention in Columbus, Ohio, several years ago and always looked forward to the Taro Leaf and conventions of the 24th Division.

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### RECENT NEW MEMBERS

- SFC Fondo J. Finley, Jr., Hq. Btry, 1st Inf. Div. Arty, Ft. Riley, Kan.
- M Sgt. Herschell G. Guy, Hq and Hq Co, 26th Inf., Fort Riley, Kansas
- Sp/2 John G. Borzilleri, 287 AM Refer Co. S.P. #10, A/C 301, San Francisco, California
- Matthew W. Slocik, 3906 W. Belmont, Chicago, Illinois
- Ted Paposet, 4325 N. Hermitage, Chicago, Illinois
- Davis Handry, 3407 W. Hirsch, Chicago, Illinois



# Mark Your Calendar 15-16-17 August 1958

## "CHICAGO HERE WE COME"

The members present at the 1957 convention voted by an overwhelming majority to hold the 1958 reunion again in Chicago. At the same time it was decided that the 1959 convention would be held somewhere in the east.

The 1958 reunion promises to be the most unique affair that the division has ever enjoyed, featuring the following outstanding events:

- ★ GALAXY OF STARS ★  
Tom Compere promises a big surprise.
- ★ QUEEN OF THE 24TH  
More about this in the next issue. All members be thinking about your entry.
- ★ TROPHY CONTEST  
As you know, in the past we have always had a trophy room where all members could display their war trophies. This year, however, in addition to the trophy room members may enter trophies in the trophy contest. Dig up your best trophies and bring them to the convention.
- ★ UNIT ASSEMBLIES  
Rooms and areas will be provided for the various units in order that their members may get together during the entire convention.
- ★ MASSES COLORS  
All regimental flags and battalion colors and streamers to be on display.
- ★ ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME ★



# AUGUST 15-16-17 1958 PROCLAIMED 24th DIVISION DAYS IN CHICAGO

Your editor has been in contact with Mayor Dailey of Chicago regarding proclaiming 24th Division Day. We took care of the proclamation early this year for the simple reason that there will be several other units holding conventions in Chicago at the same time. The above dates are reserved for the 24th. The proclamation will be published in a later issue.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD J. DAILEY  
MAYOR

October 23, 1957

Mr. Robert J. Duff  
202 Robinson Street  
Danville 463, Illinois

Dear Bob:

I am happy to comply with your request that the 16th of August, 1958, be proclaimed as Twenty-fourth Infantry Division Day in Chicago. A copy of the proclamation is enclosed.

You may be sure that I will do my best to be available to your organization for the occasion, but I know you will realize that it is impossible for me to make a firm commitment so far in advance.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,  
  
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