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LOST AND FOUND

M/Sgt. WALTER (Shorty) SCHERER has at long last been found! He is still residing in N.Y. State. While with the Division, Shorty was in charge of Officer's Mess of Div. Hq. He really could make a mean baked Alaska. They just don't make chefs like Shorty and Gerald Stevenson anymore.... see you in Chi.
Shorty's address:

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Does anyone know the where abouts of T. R. Kneeland, former 1st. Lt. Co. I, 34th? If so, please communicate with Ed Henry and the Taro Leaf. Last known address of Kneeland was 4709 Cumming, Omaha, Neb.

YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

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23 July 1958

TO: All Members of the 24TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION:

As President of this fine organization the past year I want to express my appreciation to all of the many members who have offered their services in helping to build up a greater Association. I also thank all of you who have been kind enough to write and keep us informed of your activities.

I want to commend the Chicago Convention Committee, NOT because I am a Member from Illinois, but because I have been close enough to them to see what they have been trying to do - and they did it! The Convention Committee started out with a handful of active members, who decided that each would contact a new member and form a Chicago Chapter. With each monthly meeting of the Committee, more members were brought in, both old and new members, until at the present time there are somewhere near forty active men attending the regular monthly. All of these Chicago area men have joined in to do their part in helping the Convention Committee with its work.

President of the Chapter is Mike Rafter, assisted by Spike O'Donnell and Dick Goiny.

I would like to see the Chicago incident repeated again and again during the coming year.

In closing, it not possible to express in words, the thanks we all owe to our most able Secretary, Ed Henry. He has been the best throughout the years.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Tom
Thomas H. Compere

SEE YOU IN CHICAGO IN AUGUST 1958

REMEMBER 15 YEARS AGO TODAY???

(Stolen from 34th Inf. Informer)

Even though your bed is hard and not what you are used to, you're in a sound sleep from utter exhaustion. You must be dreaming, that shrill noise really isn't there. A yell brings you to your senses telling you it's time to get up. You look around and can't believe it, as it is still dark outside. Your watch tells you that it is only 5:30 A.M., but you see the rest of your companions moving about, so it can't be a dream. You force yourself out of bed and grope around for your fatigue pants and shoes and socks. Next comes the beeline for the latrine where you have to cue up to get your toiletries done, deciding to shave after chow. You get out and head for the chow but you see a long line waiting for the mess-hall to open; you should have shaved before you went out, but you just will have to wait now.

Once inside, you rush through your breakfast of fruit, cereal, eggs, toast and creamed beef (SOS) and coffee. Back in the barracks, you have to rush through your shave before the cleaning detail throws you out. Next you have to make the bed and sweep out your aisle and under the bed and wait your turn on the mop. You get your leggings on and your equipment ready, and when you are ready for a breather, someone yells... everybody outside to police up. By this time, the sun is up and you form a long line and with the non-com prodding you, you pick up anything you see that is not growing.

Back in the barracks you have enough time to see that everything is in order when someone yells... fall out for drill. The time is now 7 A.M. After the platoons report, begins a half-hour of calisthenics, followed by close order drill.

Bayonet training, skirmishes, crawling and rifle instruction continue until 11:30, when we are free for lunch. After washing up there is mail call and a rush to the chow line to get done early so you can get a half-hour of bunk fatigue.

At one o'clock you are called out to drill until 3 when you are allowed an hour of sports. Back to the barracks again to clean your weapon and get ready for chow. After chow you are on your own. There is the day room to write, listen to the radio, read or play pool. If you have any money you can go to town or if you have PX checks you can spend some time drinking beer, or there is the Post movie.

Lights out at 10 P.M., when you hit the sack and before long you are again in that deep exhausted sleep. Maybe you don't realize it but you are a lucky recruit, for you don't have to stand a reveille formation like the other companies. * * * * *

THINK THIS OVER - - -

Where do you want the 1959 REUNION TO BE HELD?

It was decided at the 1957 Reunion that since the majority desired it be held in Chicago in 1958, that it should go to the EAST in '59. Give this some serious thought and be ready to make solid suggestions. Bear in mind that you MUST select a City where active, interested members are available to carry on with the responsibilities of planning and running a Convention. Think it over.--RJD

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CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWS

The latest we have from the boys in the Windy City is that they held their 11th meeting of the year on Tuesday the 15th of July to receive reports from various committees, and to make final arrangements with the Hotel, Band and what have you. This meeting was attended by 23 members. Tom Conner was unable to attend since business took him away from the City.

TRINCA is planning another (last) meeting before the convention and urges all to be present. This convention and the work necessary to prepare for it has been snow-balling; therefore, TOM appointed two aides for the Convention Chairman, whom we will call co-chairmen. They are; Faithful 'old' man about town, salesman, friend of the working girl, and experienced Convention Manager SPIKE O'DONNELL, and President of the Chicago Chapter, MIKE RAFTER, the quiet, lovable Policeman.

We all really should give these boys, and ALL the Chicago Group a BIG HAND. They all have worked hard these past twelve months. The BEST WAY to show our appreciation is TO ATTEND THE REUNION IN CHICAGO --- THEY HAVE TRIED TO MAKE IT ONE YOU WILL LONG REMEMBER..... FREE SHEAFFER SCRIPTO PENS MADE ESPECIALLY FOR THE 24TH, AND FREE GIFTS FOR THE LADIES.....DON'T MISS!!!

IT TAKES A LOT OF MONEY TO
KEEP THINGS GOING THESE DAYS

You all know that we have been stressing the need for you to pay your dues... the running of the Association and the publishing of the TARO LEAF all cost money. I see that one of the Chicago boys has a large expense account too. During a recent visit in Chicago the following was accidentally left on the table after the meeting. Your editor spotted it:

Expense Account for July:

July 1	Want Ad for Stenographer	\$1.50
" 2	Violets for Stenog.	2.00
" 4	Candy for Wife	.90
" 5	Dinner for Stenog.(Ginny)	9.00
" 6	Stenog (Ginny) salary	45.00
" 7	Movie for wife	1.25
" 8	Soda with wife	.70
" 10	Theatre with Stenog(Ginny)	8.00
	Dinner & Champagne with Ginny	35.00
" 12	Roses for Ginny	10.00
" 13	Ginny's Salary	75.00
" 15	Doctor for stupid Stenog.	375.00
" 16	Mink for Wife	1500.00
" 17	Want Ad for MALE Stenog.	1.50
	Total to date this Mo.	\$2064.85

CHICAGO CHAPTER RAFFLE WINNERS

As you know, the CHICAGO CHAPTER conducted a Raffle, the money from which is going into a fund for advance expenses necessary to conduct a SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION. There are badges to purchase, printing, and a 100 and 1 things prior to your arrival.

At the close of the raffle, a party was held at MacDuff's with over 75 in attendance. There was food, refreshments, and dancing.

We neglected to announce the winners in the last issue, so here we go:

WINNERS

- TELEVISION SET - MISS MARY ANN TROCCOLI, Chicago
Ticket sold by John Trino
- CLOCK RADIO - J. BUTTERFIELD, Chicago
Ticket sold by Tom Burns
- ELECTRIC BLANKET- MRS. ZELDA PRICE
Ticket sold by Don Price

Thanks to all 24TH DIVISION MEMBERS and to YOUR FRIENDS for making this affair the success it was!

Names of additional NEW MEMBERS will be published in the next issue of the Taro Leaf.



Track Down

TRACK DOWN an old buddy, or any former or present member of the 24th - get a TARO LEAF to them - SEND THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS TO your Secretary, ED HENRY, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, ATTLEBORO, MASS. Tell them about the Association, and about the coming reunion.

ATTENTION!



What you eat at the reunion
will not interest you as much as
just being with your old buddies,
but here's the dope
on the chow. →

**MAYOR DALEY PROCLAIMS
16 AUG. '58 24th DIVISION DAY**

**Hotel Reservation
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**Bring Your
TROPHY(S)
to the
CONVENTION
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**"QUEEN
of the
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CONTEST"**

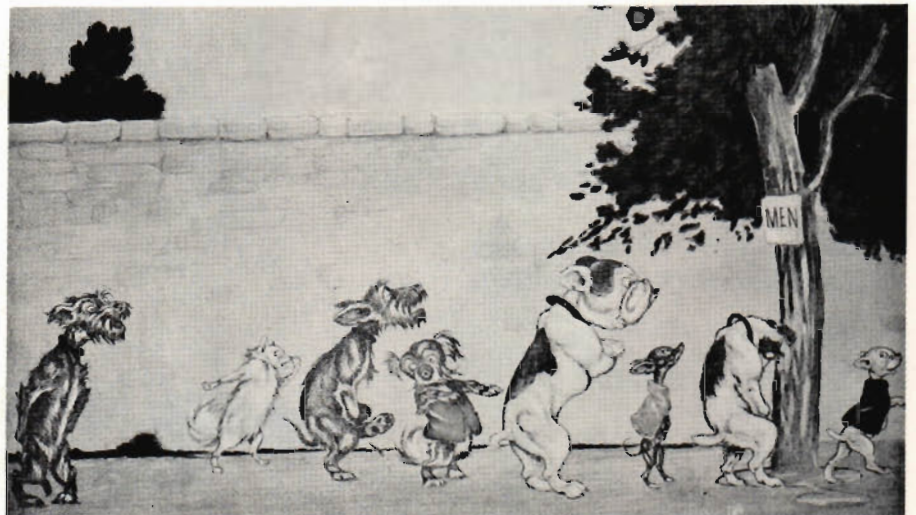


REMEMBER:

1. Send in her name NOW.
2. Include her PHOTO.
3. She must be a member of your immediate family; Wife, Daughter, Mother.
4. She must be present on Saturday the 16th.
5. A Beautiful Trophy will be presented with her name engraved.

24th INFANTRY DIVISION		
BUFFET DINNER - - - - - \$3.50		
Iced Hearts of Celery	Ripe and Green Olives	Sweet Gherkins
CHAFING DISHES:		
Spaghetti and Meat Balls		
Beef Tenderloin Tips with Mushrooms		
Minute Rissolee Potato	Mixed Fresh Vegetables	
Rolls and Butter		
Assorted Cold Meats	German Potato Salad	Wisconsin Cole Slaw
Chefs Tossed Spring Greens Salad Bowl		Fruit Jello Molds
Red Kidney Bean Salad	Cottage Cheese with Pineapple	
Chicken Salad	Shrimp Salad	Sliced Tomatoes
PLATTERS		
Assorted Petite French Pastries		Fresh Fruit Tarts
Coffee		

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET	
Fresh Fruits en Supreme	
Roast Breast of Capon on Ham, Poulette Sauce	
Potato Croquettes	
Tomato Stuffed with String Beans, Corn, or Asparagus	
Chef's Salad Bowl	
Taro Leaf	
Frozen Layer Cake, Strawberry Sauce	
Coffee	



--- BUT, - NO WAITING IN LINE AT THE DESK?!

There will be NO WAITING IN LINE when you arrive to Register at the 1958 REUNION IN CHICAGO! The Committee has an efficient Staff all ready and waiting to take care of you in order that you may register, get your Program, and get on to the BUSINESS, COMRADSHIP, and FUN OF THE REUNION.

PERSON TO PERSON



BARBARA DAVIDSON

WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON (Div H-1) and his wife, LORNA, live at 540 Park Avenue, Swedesboro, N. J. with their daughter, BARBARA, age 7½. BILL was with the Division from 1 Oct. 41 to 31 Dec 44, most of that time in G-2.

BILL is a CHARTER MEMBER of the Association and has always been active in its affairs. He was Treasurer of the Assn. for several years.

As a Produce Broker in Swedesboro, Bill is known to some of us as the "Asparagus King".

The most interesting experience he recalls is the part he took as a member of the advance party preparing to receive the Division in Australia. This advance unit was headed by General J. A. Lester.

BILL says a most amusing event recalled is an evening down in Brisbane, Australia when Buff had dates with four girls the same evening. (Editor's Note: We print some of this stuff as it comes in, but what Bill didn't know was that when he saw the five of them they were no doubt waiting for the other three fellows to show up).

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J. T. DAVENPORT, R. #1, Bondville, Kentucky, is interested in obtaining a copy of the history of the Division in Korea, "24th Forward".

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Brigadier General PRED ZIERATH, now serving as The Assistant Commandant, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, says that "Only a major catastrophe will keep me away from the convention in August".

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Colonel ROBERT J. DANIELS (Div G-1) has sent us his new address - Chief, Training Team, Nr. 1, U.S. MAAG to Iran, APO 205, New York City, N.Y. Sorry this new assignment will keep Bob from the convention this year but he promises to send us a newsletter for the Taro Leaf.

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CARL and ALEENE WILLM (Co L 34th Inf) expect to welcome a new addition to the family around August 10th. "Poor timing," writes Carl, and we agree unless he can bring the whole family to the convention to celebrate the event. Carl and Aleene were among the very early birds to arrive at the convention last year. We will be anxiously waiting to hear from you at the convention.

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JEFFERSON W. PEEPLES, Box 615, Kingsland, Georgia, has just renewed his membership. Thanks Jeff - can you round up a carload of Taro Leafers from Georgia for the convention?

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We received a nice letter from FRANCIS H. HELLER, now Associate Dean, University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Lawrence, Kansas, enclosing his annual membership dues and saying that he expects to be at the convention in Chicago in August.

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JOHN M. ROSS (Co I 34th and Co G 21st) is a successful farmer at Hammond, Wisconsin, with his wife, Toni, and three Future Farmers of America. We always thought John had his feet pretty well on the ground until he told us that one of the highlights of his tour of duty with the 24th was, "Meeting Spike O'Donnell and Sam Snider and serving in the same Company with Both."

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SAMUEL Y. GILNER (13th FA) and wife, Susan, live at 78 Palisade Avenue, Bogota, New Jersey, with their son, Sammy, age 5½. Sam is one of our most faithful members. He has attended conventions in Chicago, New York and Washington. Sam is a Wholesale Distributor for Blue Sunoco and his hobbies are bowling and photography.

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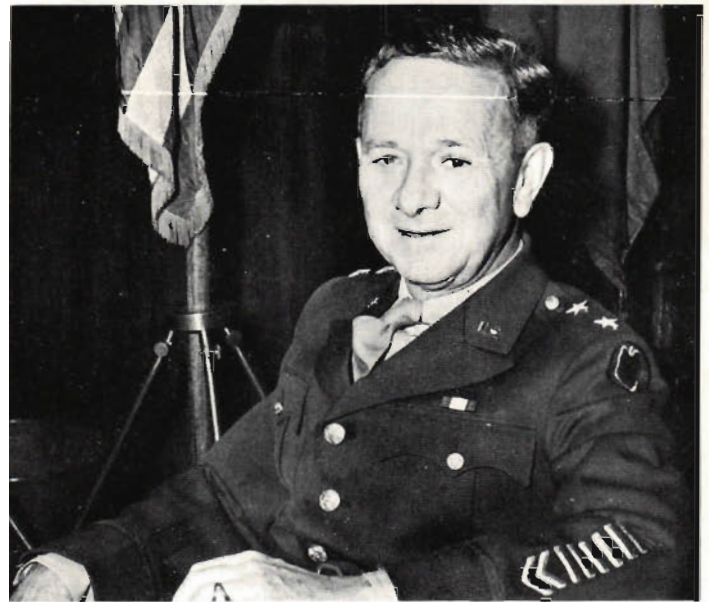
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TAPS



Major General James A. Lester, U.S.A.,

We were all shocked this week to hear of the death of Major General James A. Lester, in March.

General Lester was laid to rest in Arlington on 19 March 1956.

General Jimmy Lester was a most able soldier and one of the most beloved comrades that ever served with the Division. It was shortly after Pearl Harbor that he commanded the Division Artillery through Australia and the New Guinea campaigns. It was during this time that he brought the Division Artillery to a state of efficiency not exceeded by any in the entire Army.

A biography of General Lester which was published in an early issue of the Taro Leaf is re-printed below:

Slender, wiry, graying, Major General James A. Lester comes from a family rich in military lore. His father, at the age of 15, served in the 13th South Carolina Confederate Infantry which was commanded, at that time, by General Lester's grandfather. General Lester's two great-grandfathers had honorable records in the Revolutionary War.

General Lester was born in 1891, the youngest of 11 children. His father was a merchant in the peaceful community of Prosperity, South Carolina. Young Lester in his early years little realized the career that lay before him. However, by the time he was graduated from the local high school, the military strain, which coursed through his veins beckoned and he enrolled at the Citadel, West Point of the South.

Upon graduation in 1911 after four years introduction to the military, 20 year old Lester set his course. He strove for and won a competitive Congressional appointment to West Point, as a member of the class of 1915, which included Cadets Roscoe B. Woodruff, Dwight B. Eisenhower, and Omar Bradley. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1915 and saw initial duty along the Mexican Border. In 1916 it was 1st Lieutenant Lester. In World War I, he served as Battery Commander and then Battalion Commander. He knew the might of four great offensives, Aisne-Marne, Champagne, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne.

Before the German surrender he had achieved the rank of Captain, and was a member of the 1st Army Staff. As a member of the 1st Division of Occupational Army he became thoroughly acquainted with occupational duties. In 1920 Captain Lester became Major Lester. There followed the familiar pattern of years of troops duty and General Staff duty.

Then through his superior knowledge of artillery problems he was selected to attend the Advance Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1925 and 1926. Climbing the ladder rung by rung, Major Lester next attended Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His military career was brightened when, in 1927, he found himself bound for Paris and the Ecole Supérieure De Guerre, French War College. Back to the States in 1929 he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Yale.

Across the Atlantic again in 1932 and back to Paris where Major Lester assumed the duties of Military Attache to the American Embassy. He remained there until 1936, the year that brought him his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and return to the States.

Now followed another period of troop duty with the 17th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1939 he left the 17th to attend War College in Washington, D. C. Following this he was appointed a member of the General Staff. His next appointment took him west to Fort Sill where he took over the position of Assistant Commandant.

In March of 1942 he became Brigadier General Lester and left Fort Sill to join the 24th Division as Division Artillery Commander through the Hollandia Operation. As Chief of Artillery of the XIV Corps he saw action again on Bougainville in August 1944. During the Lingayen Operation he landed with the XIV Corps and started the difficult operation in January 1945, which was to end with the successful capture of Clark Field and Manila.

In March 1945 Brigadier General James A. Lester became Major General Lester. From June 1945 until he assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division, he served as the Provost Marshal General of the Philippines. It was during this period that he successfully reorganized the Philippine Constabulary a force of some 20,000 men. It was also during this period that he served as a member of the commission that voted to hang Yamashita.

In 1945 he became Commanding General of the 24th Division in Japan, and ably carried out its occupation mission.

Always a wise counselor, and friend, Jimmy will be missed terrifically by all who were privileged to know him. It is hard to realize that we can no longer look forward to the possibility of meeting him again at our Division Reunions.

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MAJOR GENERAL IRVING TO BE GUEST SPEAKER



Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving

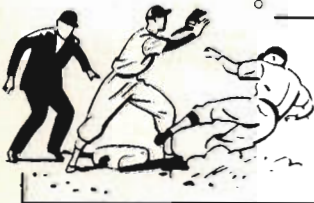
Major General FREDERICK A. IRVING will be the Guest Speaker at the Saturday nite Memorial Service and Banquet.

We are certainly happy to have General IRVING with us again this year.

Also expected to attend are Maj. Gen. A. S. (Red) NEWMAN, Maj. Gen. R. B. WOODRUFF, and Maj. Gen. G. S. MELOY, JR.

Brig. Gen. FRED ZIERATH will be in the fold. We do hope that there are no major catastrophes to keep him away.

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August 15, 16, 17

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**24th DIVISIONS CAMPAIGNS
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Lewis Gannett of the New York Herald Tribune reviewed "Children of Yesterday" by our own JAN VALTIN with these lines:

"CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY" is "Jan Valtin's story of the 24th Division's campaigns in the Philippines, and "Jan Valtin" is, of course, Richard Krebs, the adventurous author of "Out of the Night."

"Out of the Night" was the brutal nightmarish, romanticized story of Krebs's youth in the Communist movement all over the world and in and out of Gestapo prisons; it was a sensational best seller, and it led its author into more trouble. He was arrested and held at Ellis Island for deportation; his 1936 prison sentence in California was brought up and held against him; his prison-written stories were republished, as "Bend in the River," and held in his favor; he was pardoned by the Governor of California, released by the immigration authorities and, in 1943, drafted into the Army as a private. His division was one of the first to land on Leyte Island in October, 1944, later moved up to Mindoro at the gateway to Manila, sent a regiment to Bataan and helped recapture Corregidor, then fought a long, grueling, neglected campaign on Mindanao which didn't end even with the official Japanese surrender. In July, 1945, Valtin received a bronze star for meritorious achievement on Mindoro and Mindanao. He had served in both campaigns as a "combat reporter," and he was discharged as a corporal.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL CHESTER A. DAHLEN

- July 1941 to July 1945 - With 24th Div. - Company Commander, Company C, 21st Infantry, CO, 3rd Bn, 21st Infantry - Regimental Exec and CO, 34th Infantry
- July 1945 to August 1946- Instructor, Department of Tactics Infantry School Fort Benning, Georgia
- Aug 1946 to July 1947 - Student Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- July 1947 to July 1949 - Instructor - Department of Operations and Training - Command & General Staff School Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- Aug 1949 to June 1950 - Student - Air War College Maxwell Air Force Base Montgomery, Alabama
- July 1950 to Aug 1951 - Duty with Research and Development Corps Office of the Secretary of Defense The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Aug 1951 to June 1952 - Student, Army War College Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
- July 1952 to Jan 1953 - G-3 Section, Headquarters 4th Army Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
- January to April 1953 - Enroute to Korea
- April 1953 to October 1953 - CO, 23rd Infantry Regiment Second Infantry Division Korea
- Nov 1953 to April 1954 - Senior Advisor, I ROK Corps, Korea
- June 1954 to May 1956 - Deputy C/S (Administration) Headquarters 4th Army Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
- July 1956 to current date - Deputy Chief, MAAC-Spain A. P. O. 285, New York, N.Y.

Temporary promotion to grade of Colonel - 30 December 1950
 Permanent Promotion to grade of Colonel - 1 August 1955
 Temporary promotion to grade of Brigadier General - 6 July 1956

Gen. Dahlen recently received orders assigning him to Fort Benning. He will report there the latter part of August or first of September.

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We are using Major John Fuller's home address for the present. He is now in Germany but as yet we do not have his A.P.O. His home address is (permanent):
 Maj. John E. Fuller
 220 E. Main St.
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DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

The TARO LEAF is mailed to 47 States, Alaska, Hawaii, Korea, Brazil, Germany, and a number of APOs?

Usually, about 1500 are mailed out each issue. These go to those who have paid at any time during the past three years, regardless of whether they are paid to date. We do this with the thought in mind that those who have not paid their dues, will do so, and that they will try to take some active part in the affairs of the Association. We have another thought in mind also; that by mailing the TARO LEAF to members who have not paid, it will at least get them thinking about our annual reunions. If you have never attended one, you do not know what you have missed.

Last week, John Trinca and Pat Ciangi came down to Danville, and after addressing the regular mailing list, we got out an old list (1650 addresses) and sent out an additional 600 Taros. We hope to bring a few more of you closer to us. The following is reproduced from the second TARO LEAF ever published. That one issue brought in 300 new members! DO YOUR PART and send in your dues. COME TO THE REUNION IN CHICAGO.

**300 Division Veterans
Join 24th Association**

**Old Addresses Hamper Efforts
But Officers, Editor Carry on
With TARO LEAF**

Herewith is the November issue. The response to Vol. I, No. 1, August issue, while not overwhelming gave the Editor and Officers a sufficient shot-in-the-arm to go forward.

We printed 2500 copies and received about 300 applications as a result. Not too good—but not too bad considering that several hundred were returned for insufficient or old addresses. These copies were enclosed in envelopes and re-mailed to men whose names many of you were thoughtful enough to forward with your own applications.

How many copies were never delivered and never returned by the PO Department, we just don't know, but the number must have been considerable.

We spot-checked the rosters of the various units in selecting—and then

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER YOUR CANDIDATE'S NAME FOR "QUEEN OF THE 24TH CONTEST" -- DEADLINE IS NEAR!

FOUR GREAT DAYS
14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th.
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YOU CAN REGISTER ON THURSDAY THIS YEAR -- COME EARLY

REMEMBER - THE HOLDER OF THE BEST TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED A BEAUTIFUL SHEAFFER DESK SET!

Even without correct addresses, 300 men responded to the call of the Association, as you can plainly see from the above item. Present members—get to work on your old buddies: Those of you who receive this issue who are not members, fill in the application and send with \$5 to Ed. Henry, OR just come to the Convention and one of our lovely stenographers will fill out your application for you!

TARO LEAF NEEDS MORE CURRENT EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, NEWS FROM THE VARIOUS AREAS OF U. S.

As we approach the close of our fiscal year 1957-58, I want to take this opportunity to tell you that it was nice to hear from so many of you during the past eleven months.

It has been a great pleasure to get back in the harness, and it has been great fun getting out the TARO LEAF.

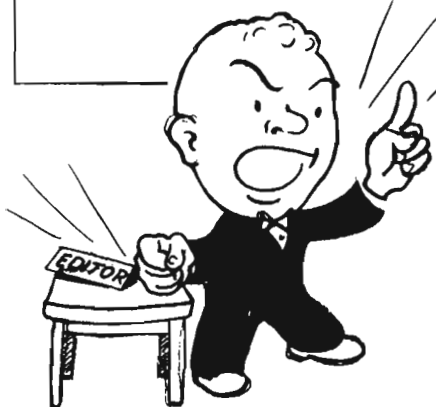
Being limited in the amount of money we could spend, it has been necessary to publish only four issues. After discussing the matter with President Tom, it was decided that more publications toward the latter part of the year would do more good and have a better effect as far as new members were concerned, and would also tend to increase attendance at the Convention. I hope you have found something of interest in these last issues.

Regardless of who may be Editor this coming year, may I make a suggestion, and ask a favor of all you readers? Please forward to the Editor ANY current item of interest, the names of ANYONE who might become a new member, AND other CURRENT items of interest to members of the Association. It is always possible to obtain interesting articles regarding the Division over the past 17 years, and these we will use, BUT, in order to make the TARO LEAF a bit more interesting, CURRENT happenings and news of Members are essential. Please bear this in mind, especially you Vice Presidents in the various areas of the United States.

I want to thank TOM COMPERE, and Chairman TRINCA and all the Chicago Group for their assistance. Also our 'Solid Rock', ED HENRY, who has kept me posted weekly, if not more often; To KEN ROSS for forwarding articles that I might use from time to time; and to DOROTHY SHAW for her able assistance.

Again, thanks to all of you.....it has been a wonderful year!

Bob
Robert J. Duff



COL. BENJAMIN C. CHAPLA TURNS OVER GIMLET STICK TO COL. McGOVERN, COMMANDER OF THE 2nd. BATTLE GROUP OF GIMLETS, BEFORE THEY LEFT T. H.

Here's a short, short history of the Gimlet Stick:

"The 21st (Gimlet) Infantry Regiment is the only regiment in the United States Army that is actually authorized to incorporate its nickname into its official title.

"The nickname, derived from the stonemason's gimlet, a tool with a grooved shank and a screw point used for boring holes in rock, came to the regiment in 1921. At this time, twenty robust athletes led by Private First Class Eugene Riley represented the Regiment in sports competition at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. They established a reputation for themselves, dominating service teams in the major sports.

"As their fame spread, so did their newly chosen name, 'The Royal Gimlet Clan,' and it was only a matter of time before the word 'Gimlet' applied to all in the 21st. The Gimlets, with their motto, 'Bore, brother, bore!' perfectly exemplified the regiment's desire to excel on the field of honor, the field of sport and the field of service.

"It is traditional for the officers and non-commissioned officers of the regiment to carry, in the fashion of a swagger stick, a shiny, chrome-plated Gimlet stick as the mark of a Gimlet soldier.

'The Granddaddy of all Gimlet Sticks,' fully 57 inches long, graces the desk of the Regimental Commander, Colonel Benjamin C. Chapla. The stick was presented to Col. Chapla by Lt. Col. R. B. DeF. Sleeman, commander of the First Royal Sussex Regiment. The occasion of the presentation was a farewell party given by the Gimlets for the officers of the departing British Regiment, and the stick was given as a token of the Royal Sussex' esteem for the 21st."

24th DIVISION TO MIDDLE EAST!



The 24TH DIVISION has again added to its record of 'FIRSTS'. FIRST in action in War II, FIRST in the Korean conflict, and now, the FIRST Infantry Division to be called to duty in the Middle East!

As we go to press with the TARO LEAF, another Battle Group of the 24th is being sent to Turkey. We know the situation will be entirely changed by the time you get this issue, so any news we give you of the 24th now will be old next week.

However, a news bulliten today states: "A troop train loaded with reinforcements for the 24th INFANTRY DIVISION overseas left Ft. Carson, Colo. Thursday (17 July 58). Units of the Division are being shifted from Germany to the Middle East.

The reinforcements include officers and men composing an Artillery battalion, transportation battalion and cavalry reconnaissance squadron. They carried full equipment".

All of us have good reason to be proud of the past accomplishments of our great Division. Wherever and whenever the need was greatest, the 24th was called upon, and always ended up with a brilliant record.

We know that our successors in the 24th will carry on in the same determined and courageous manner as former 24th men did from 1942 until 1958. To the men of the 24th Division in the Middle East and in Germany, we ask that God be with you all.

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