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PERSON TO PERSON

Lt. Gen. GUY STANLEY MELOY, JR. was born in Lanham, Md., 4 Sep 03. He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1927. His first assignment was with the 12th Infantry at Ft. Washington, Md.

He joined the 27th Infantry, Schofield Barracks in Mar. 1931. In 1934 he entered the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, completing a regular course in '35 and a Tank course in '36, and assigned to the 66th Infantry (Light Tanks) at Ft. Benning, Ga.

In Sep. 1938 General Meloy entered the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth from which he was graduated in June 1939. He was then assigned to the 1st. Inf. Division at Ft. Benning, Ga. From Sep to Dec 1941 he was a Military Observer in England, and later an instructor in tactics, and later executive officer of the Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Texas. In 1943 he was appointed C/S of the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood.

Gen. Meloy was named C/S of the 103rd Inf. Division in April 1944 and moved with the Division in Oct '44 to the European Theater where he served as its C/S until September 1945.

In Nov. '45, he was named chief of staff of the Airborne center, Fort Bragg, N.C. The following Jan he was appointed air activities control officer of Army Ground Forces Board Number One at Ft. Bragg. In May '46

he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics and Commandant of Cadets at the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas. He entered the National War College in August 1948, graduating one year later.

General MELOY went to Japan in August 1949, to command the 19th Infantry Regiment, with which he went to Korea. In July 1950, he was wounded and hospitalized until November, when he became deputy to the assistant chief of staff for personnel of the Far East Command at Tokyo.

Gen. MELOY returned to the United States in Feb. 1951 to become the chief of the Civil Relations Office in the Office of the Chief of Information at Army Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Gen. Meloy is at present, the Commanding General of Fourth Army.

For his services during World War II, General Meloy was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Commendation Ribbon. While serving in Korea, he was awarded the Distinguished Service

YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

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To all Members of the Association:

It is again time for a little chat. These notes in the TARO LEAF must suffice until the time for the next Reunion rolls around.

I mentioned in the November issue the fact that the Life Membership plan was under way. This started with General Newman as first Life member, followed by Bill Davidson, Vic Baker, and C. G. Hanlin.

We (the officers) are very much pleased with the enthusiasm you members have shown, and I am certain that before the next reunion, we will be well on the way to our first 24 Life Members.

Since many have expressed the desire to hold a Life Membership card, but do not feel they can manage the entire amount of \$100.00 at one time, the Executive Board worked out a plan based on Joe Peyton's suggestion. This plan for payment is published in this issue.

Thanks again for your suggestions, and thanks to the Executive Board for its help.

May all of you enjoy the best during the Holidays and throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Compere
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SEE YOU IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1959

Cross and the Purple Heart for heroism in action on 16 July 1950, near Taejon.

Many of you will remember Gen. Meloy being present at the reunion in Detroit in 1951. General MELOY is an active member of the 24th Division Association, and served as our Historian in 1951-52.

PHILADELPHIA IN AUG. '59

REMEMBER: You may still purchase:

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From VIC BACKER,
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To All Members of the Association and to All
Present and Former 24th Division Men and Their Families:

On behalf of the Officers of the 24th Infantry
Division Association, I want to take this opportunity
to sincerely wish you all the very best for the year 1959.

May happiness, good health, and prosperity be
yours during this new year.

Most sincerely,


Robert J. Duff, Editor

SEE YOU IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1959

LIFE MEMBERSHIP....

JOE PEYTON submits best payment plan for LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

After the LIFE MEMBERSHIP fee of \$100 was approved by those members present at the 1958 Convention, the President asked for suggestions from the Executive Committee as to a payment plan. It is a known fact that all of us are not able to pay the \$100 all at one time. Several plans were submitted and finally, with a majority of the committee approving the plan, and with no objections from any member, the following plan methods of payment have been approved:

One lump sum payment of \$100.00,

\$50.00 initial payment and \$50.00 within one year.

\$30.00 initial payment and an average of \$35.00 per year for two consecutive years thereafter.

\$25.00 initial payment and an average of \$25.00 per year for three consecutive years thereafter.

\$20.00 initial payment and an average of \$20.00 per year for four consecutive years thereafter.

Payments may not extend over a longer period than four consecutive years but may be accelerated at any time. An applicant may change his plan of payment at any time provided only that the average of his initial payment and the total payments made in each consecutive year thereafter shall not be less than \$20.00.

This plan of payment for Life Membership shall be in effect from 1 November 1958 to the date of the next annual business meeting of the Association.

Signed: The Executive Committee *

* The Executive Committee (or Board) consists of the Officers of the Association and Past Presidents. (Art. VI of Constitution)

SEND YOUR DUES TO ED HENRY

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SYDNEY MEMORIAL TO THE U. S. ARMED FORCES. Memorial commemorates the first landing of the armed forces of the United States in the port of Sydney on 28 March 1942. It stands on Glebe Island near the Sydney Wharf where the transports anchored. This memorial was erected and is maintained by the Maritime Service Board of New South Wales. It was unveiled on 28 August, 1948 by Sir William McKell, then Premier of New South Wales, and later Governor-General of Australia. The inscription on the monument reads:

Commemorating
the
FIRST LANDING
OF
THE U. S. ARMED FORCES
at the
Port of Sydney
28th March 1942

During the Second World War 1000000 Personnel
and 800000 Tons of Materials Followed, And
Were Transported Through The Port of Sydney and
By The N. S. W. Department of Railways.

RAIN or SHINE PHILADELPHIA IN '59

BY THE WAY

ED HENRY, your Secretary has been corresponding with General Carlos Romulo at the Philippine Delegation to the United Nations relative to obtaining a photograph of a monument to the landing at PALO, LEYTE on 20 October 1944. We hope to have it for you soon.

This monument, by the way, is shown on the Philippine Commemorative Stamp that was issued by the Philippine Government a couple of years ago. It is pink and red and we were not to certain it would reproduce too well.

This is a 5¢ stamp showing the Monument in the center, but all that can be easily distinguished are the words, "Leyte, 20 October." To the right of the picture is a palm tree; in the upper left hand corner are the following words, "MACARTHUR'S LEYTE LANDING, U. S. LIBERATION FORCES, OCTOBER 20, 1944".

Track Down

JOSEPH A. (TONY) SNYDER - of 2360 Louisa St., Napa, California writes to say that he is still trying to arrange his work so that he will be able to attend the next reunion. TONY enjoys the TARO LEAF, and has saved all of them since he became a member of the Association back in 1949.

TONY sent the Secretary the names of former veterans of the 19th. R.M.D.. Ed will or has contacted these men. Anyone ever see any of them?

BEN PLO, 133½ No. C St. Lompoc, Calif.

JOHN COLVERT, Stanley, N. Dak.

ARNOLD T. LEE, Dawson, Minn.

ROBERT E. MALIN, Rt. 4, Box 211, Tulare, Calif.

MAYNARD ECKHARDT, Otis Orchards, Washington.

If you know any of these men, or even if you do not know them personally, write and encourage them to join... Tell them about the reunions, and give them the whole scoop. Thanks Tony!

Names that make the news

BILL WILLMOT - 21st, WW II, maintains his military bearing by being attached to 117th Ord. Co. (HV. Maint.) NJNG, Armory, Plainfield, N. J. He and Florence live at 412 Belgrade St., Avenel, N. J.

RAY HARDY - Co. G., from Aug. 1942 to June 1945, lives with his wife, Audrey at 8619 Goodfellow St., St. Louis (15), Mo. Ray is a printing pressman and has attended 4 conventions. Says he is sorry he missed us in Chicago this year.

MAJ. GEN. DURWARD S. WILSON - our first CG (Oct. '41 to Aug. '42) is retired & living at 3488 - B So. Utah St., Arlington 6, Va.

LT. COL. JAMES T. HENNESSEY - CO of 1st Howitzer Bn, 13th Art., wants information re location of historical items of 13th FA Bn. He's with the newly-constituted 24th Inf. Div. in Ausburg, Ger., APO 112, c/o PM, N. Y. C.

ROBERT G. GERRY - 21st, 51 Nixon St., Dorchester, Mass. was unable to make this year's convention because of his Dad's sudden death. Promises to see us in Philly.

LT. COL. ROBERT DANIELS, - G-1 in PI is in charge of First Iranian Army Corps Inst. Team. Too bad, Robin, that Queen Soraya has left home.

LT. COL. NICHOLAS SLOAN - Bn CO of 21st in PI, is G-3 of re-born 24th Div., APO 112 c/o PM, N. Y. C.

JOE PEYTON - Sv. Co. 19th, one of our Past Presidents and real eager beaver, has moved from Baltimore to Lutherville, Md. (1405 Belmore St.). Margaret and the kids (Patsy, Tom, Jimmy and Kathleen) are all fine. Expect to see him in Phila. in '59.

LEON SWEM - 34th. Leon and his wife Alice reside on Rt. #3, Carthage, N. Y. Just received a Christmas card and nice note from the Swems. They extend best wishes to all members and former members of the 24th and the 24th Association.

WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON - (Div Hq), Bill is still working on plans for the 1959 Convention and will have some interesting information for us by the time the next issue is out. Bill recently took a business trip down to North Carolina during which time he visited Col. Dick Lawson and wife Ruth. Col. Lawson is G/S at Fort Bragg.

BERT KOENIG - (Div GM), 7931 Green Lane, Wyncoote, Pa. Bertram is working with Bill in formulating plans for the '59 Reunion.

C. G. HANLIN, our V. P. from Indiana is always busy looking for a former member of the Division. He has rounded up a few new members from out his way and is working on a half-dozen more. C. G. recently returned from his annual hunt for deer, but he has never mentioned the fact that he shot any. More about our "Flying V.P." next time.

MORE NAMES IN THE NEWS: Does ANYONE know or hear from any of the following former 24th Division men. We have long since lost contact, but it would be well to have them back in the gang: DON T EYNER, Greencastle, Pa., FLOYD EYLER, 21st, Waynesboro Pa. STANLEY FAIRBROTHERS, 63rd, Laughlinton, Pa., FRANCIS H. FALLON? 21st, McKees Rocks, Pa., JAMES FOGNER, 34th, Conneaut Lake, Pa., JOSEPH A GOLDEN 13FA, 5158 Leiper, Philadelphia, Pa., WM J. KUSHINA? 19th, Philadelphia, JAMES McDEVITT, Reading Pa. CHAS W McGLYNN, 19th, Philly, Pa., CHAS E. McMICHAEL, 19th, Butler, Pa. FRANK J WHATLEY, 34th, 3101 N. Rutobinson St., Philadelphia, Pa. ROBERT WILLETT, 21st Porter, Philadelphia.

If you know any of these men, please contact them and ALSO advise Ed Henry. Get them signed up now, ... Perhaps Bill can use extra help-- in fact we know he can.

MAJ. GEN. A. S. NEWMAN - Sends Seasons Greetings and best wishes to all 24th Division men and their families.

RICHARD T. LIGMAN - address now 3333 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago 47.

We have not heard from GENERAL IRVING since the Reunion, but trust that Mrs. Irving has recovered from her illness. She entered the Hospital on Sunday the 17th August.

JOHN B. FARRELL, Esq., - 38 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson 4, Maryland has just dropped a line and forwarded dues. John dropped a nice letter to ED. He inquired of Major General WILLIAM J. VERBECK who is still in Rio.

Maj. Gen. WILLIAM J. VERBECK - Joint Brazil-US Military Commission, U. S. Army Section, Office of the Commanding General, A.P.O. 876, c/o P.M. New York, N. Y.

word from his father, George Milligan Jr. George's address is: SubPort, USARPE, Mannheim, APO 166, New York, N. Y.

GLEN CREE - 13th FA fr '43 to '45, lives at Box 181, Washougal, Washington. According to word received from Sam Gilner, Glen has been ill. We trust you are on the way to recovery, Glen, and back copies of the TARO LEAF are on the way.

S. Y. (SAM) GILNER - Sam is working at getting new members. In a recent letter he sends along the names of former 24th Division men. Any of you who might know these men, get in touch with them and get them to Philly. The Taro Leaf is on the way to them.

A. J. SMITH - 13th fr '43 to '45
Gray, Okla.

GEORGE BERKOWITZ - 19th fr '48 to '51
Mohsey, N. Y.

PHILIP FROHLING - 19th fr '43 to '45
Church St.
Nanicoet, N. Y.

ALLYN R. MILLER - 737 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus 5, Ohio writes that he has recuperated from a recent operation and is hale and hearty. We knew something was wrong when Allyn was not present at the Chicago reunion. Good health Allyn, and we will see you in Philadelphia. Incidentally, Allyn's dues are paid until 1976.... In a letter to ED HENRY, Allyn inquires about some of his old pals, ROSCOE CLAXON ESC., KEN ROSS, & JOE FEYTON

SUE DEARMON McNEELY - forwarded her best to all members of the Association. Sue is an active member and lives at : 1720 Truman Road, Charlotte, N. C.

WILLIAM A GOODWIN - 2004 North "E" St., Elwood Indiana is a new member secured by C. G. HANLIN. Bill Goodwin was with Hq. Co. 1st Bn, 19th. Glad to have you with us Bill, and we'll see you in Philly.

COLONEL CARL W. SOHAAD - sends his dues and his NEW ADDRESS. It is: A-304 River House, 1111 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington 2, Va.

M/Sgt. LOUIS F. KALAHUI - Trp C, 2nd Recon Sq 9th Cav, APO 112, c/o P.M. New York, N. Y. is a new member. We are not informed of his former unit in 24th.

RAY HARDI - has a NEW ADDRESS: 8619 Goodfellow, St. Louis, Mo. Will the good fellow from Goodfellow St. please forward the photos he mentioned in Ed Henry's letter? Thanks.

PHILLIP RASVOSKI - was put on the mailing list this last issue (November). Has anyone in Chicago seen him lately? His address:

Phillip Rasvoski
742 S. Dearborn
Chicago, Ill.

HARRY L. SNAVELY - Lancaster, Pa. should be around to help with Convention plans. We have missed Harry and the Mrs. the last couple of years.

KENWOOD ROSS, your former Editor is still Taro Leaf minded. KEN forwards items every now and again to this editor. Thanks again, Ken! For the information of new members, Ken is an Attorney out in Mass. His address:
1387 Main Street
Springfield, Mass.

INFORMATION PLEASE -

What ever happened to Mr. REDD, formerly with AG, Div. Hq.

Editor to Readers

YOUR LEGACY - - U. S. A.

Patriotism is an obligation of every citizen every day. It is neither the monopoly of those of us who have served with the Armed Forces, nor of a few self-styled "experts". Expertness in Americanism is not an inherited characteristic any more than is patriotism. They are virtues which come from living in a free society, from our homes, our churches, and our schools. They arise from our training and experience as individuals and as a nation. They are the measure of our willingness to sacrifice our energies, our property, and, if necessary, our lives to protect that nation. Americanism is devotion to the ideals of freedom for all mankind, dedication to the principles of a democratic government and institutions, respect for human dignity. . . and within this framework, Americanism is all that is best in the United States of America and its citizens.

NOW... MORE THAN EVER

1ST BATTLE GROUP 21ST INFANTRY. APO 29, N.Y., N.Y.

On 1 July 1958 the 2nd Airborne Battle Grp., 502d Infantry, 11th Airborne Division was redesignated as the 1st Battle Grp, 21st. (Gimlets) Infantry. Word from this unit states that they are justly proud of the new heritage.

At the present time they are working on a Gimlet History and could use some assistance. This new unit is desirous of receiving more information regarding the past history of the 21st, especially the Gimlet Stick. This Hq is forwarding to them all the info we have, and if any of you former members have any thing of interest at all, please forward it to the Taro Leaf and we will see that the 1st Battle Group of the 21st receives it. They did receive a bit of information on the Gimlet stick from a recent issue of the Taro Leaf.

Don't forget, any information will be appreciated, so send it on to us for those boys who are now carrying on the duties and traditions of your dear old 21st.

CHICAGO News....

CHICAGO NEWS, and CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWS from your 'On The Spot' reporter, JOHN TRINCA

CHICAGO CHAPTER HOLDS HALLOWEEN PARTY - Trick or Treat, and that is just what it was, ALL tricks and treats. This turned out to be one of the fastest moving parties we have ever had, and it had to move fast to to all we did over a short period of about 7 hours! Pat Ciangi was still ill one week after the party...

All who attended had plenty of laughs. We had bums, a harem girl, pirate, Japanese girl and hubby, candy cane girl, baseball ump along with his girl of the roaring 20's, Indian girl, Jailbird (Trinca), and and even some who dressed up in civies. The party started at 8:30 and ended the next morning at 3:00. Angelo Strada was the 'most'.

Two chins in the way kept Mrs. Ligman and Paul Hartley from passing the apple down the line... the hee-haw game was naturally a big laff but straight faced Pat Ciangi was the winner. Many of the boys were seen for the first time drinking beer from a nipple... just a game, and not easy...

The rule of the String Game was that anyone crossing their legs lost the string that was tied to their leg. After collecting 18 strings all evening, Elsie made her big mistake and crossed her legs, and HAWKEYE CIANGI made the catch of the evening and was declared winner of the prize.

We served the best coffee ever made and with trick sugar...sorry if anyone took ill. The food was Dee-lishush....

Thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Lou Ciangi, Loretta, Rafter, and the committee for their excellent work.

Thanks also to Dick Gojny and friend Tom, to Joe and friend Harry, Doc. Ligman and his group; to Mr. & Mrs. Roth, Jerry Goscenko and his charming wife Becki, who incidently won 1st prize for the best costume. Jerry was in the Single Service Battalion in Yokohama. Thanks to Pat's group, John Tancredi and wife, Carland Joy, to Angelo Strada, and wife to Spike, Mike, Elsie, Tom and Mrs. Compere, and Mildred Tancredi and to EVERYONE who helped. Hope we did not miss any of you

Finally, Thanks to everyone who attended making the Party the success that it was! See you all at the next Party.

Does anyone know of the whereabouts of Raymond Skroboton (19th), of Chicago, Ill.?



ABOVE: Some of the Merry-makers attending the Chicago Chapter Halloween Party held at MacDuff's.

Pictured here are two more Party-pitchers. Sorry, we do not recognize the pirate in the foreground; The jail-bird in the rear is Trinca.

KIDDIES CORNER

Present at the 1958 Reunion were the following junior members of the 24th Division Association:

GLORIA ANDREZAK,	Age 5	BERNEDETTE JOSZ,	Age 10 1/2
BARBARA BURNHAM,	" 11	LORRAINE JOSZ	" 8 1/2
BOBBY BURNHAM,	" 12	JACK LIRA (Andrezak)	" 10
PAT CIANGI, JR.,	" 8	ANDREA TRINCA	" 6
MICHELE CIANGI,	" 3	DONNA TRINCA	" 4
BARBARA DAVIDSON,	" 9	CURT WISECUP	" 3
MIKE D'ALLESANDRO,	" 3	(Chet & Mrs. Andrezak had little Tommy, Aged 5 mo. at home).	

Sorry - the above names were omitted in the last issue.

DR. RICHARD T. LIGMAN (3rd Engr) INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY 16th. DEC.

A large group of Chicago members attended the monthly meeting of the Chapter at the Tivoli Restaurant, 3313 W. Fullerton Tuesday 16 December at which time Doc Ligman was installed as the President for 1958-59. National President TOM COMPERE was Master of Ceremonies and had charge of installation of the new officers. The following were chosen to carry on the fine job started by MIKE RAFTER And his Officers:

President -	Dr. Richard T. Ligman
1st Vice-Pres.	Pat Ciangi
2nd. "	Robert A. Andre
Secy-Treas.	Atty. Thomas H. Compere

Other business conducted at this meeting included:

Minutes of last meet, and a financial report.
Voted a \$25. New Year greeting for Taro Leaf.
LIGMAN TO Appoint a Chicago reporter for Taro Leaf.
Divided Chicago Veterans of 24th (names) among the present members. Present members to contact for membership.
Approved a DOOR PRIZE for each monthly meeting. (LIGMAN donated the last door prize)
OK'd the February meeting for the South Side and appointed ARTHUR (TINY) MAYBAUM chairman (pending contacting him)
All meetings in the future to be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in order that all can plan ahead.

After the above business was concluded, someone asked for a report on 'the National Level'.....this report was given by COMPERE, and without notes!

In charge of the meeting were:

Location: DICK LIGMAN, MRS. LIGMAN, T. H. COMPERE, ADOLPH MILLER & MRS. A. MILLER.

Installation: COMPERE, JOHN TRINCA, ANGELO STRADA, & MIKE RAFTER.

Food: BOB ANDRE & MRS ANDRE, LORRETTA RAFTER, STRADA.

Entertainment: PAT CIANGI, LOU CIANGI DUFF, SPIKE (who by the way did not get back from Fla. in time for the meeting)

Guests attending the meet (which was combined with the Ladies Aux) were Martha LIGMAN, daughter of THE LIGMANS, and Miss ARDIS JOHNS, guest of the LIGMANS. Come back a again, girls.

By the way, the food was dee-lishus. The Chicago Capter has the Shee-ow on the road.....

BOB DUFF enjoyed the hospitality of the LIGMANS while there.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

ITEMS FROM THE FILES



HEADQUARTERS, 24th INFANTRY DIVISION
Goodenough Island, (Morata) New Guinea.
25 February 1944 (This is a U. S. Army Photograph)



MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES, 3 July 1945. P.T. Base. "C" Company,
21st Infantry Regiment. Picture taken from Post #1.



SANTA CLAUS in Leyte, Philippines, 24 Dec 44.



JOHN TRINCA, JOE POTAMI, and CANO LOPIO.
Pictures, courtesy of John Trinca, 650 N Albany, Chicago.

WE NEED
"ACTION!"
FOR
PERSON TO PERSON



Did you ever wonder what an ol' buddy is doing? Sure you have, and he does the same thing. Let's give them all the "low down"... To do this we need your help in bringing us up to date. Please complete the form below, using additional paper for all the details regarding your occupation, hobbies, etc, and forward to the editor of the TARO LEAF, 202 Robinson Street, Danville, Illinois.

Name _____ Wife name _____

Children & names, ages _____

Address, street, city & state _____

FORMER UNIT of 24th _____ RANK _____

Dates served with the 24th Division _____

Occupation _____

Hobby (ies) _____

Any unusual, exciting, or amusing incident you recall during your time of service with the Division _____

(Continue on separate sheet of paper)