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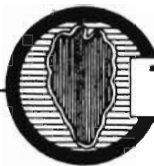
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PAST TAROLEAF ISSUES

1947 - Convention Plans Afoot, and of course in Washington, D. C. we have a wonderful nucleus where a Chapter has been organized by Col. William J. Verbeck.

1949 - BILL O. ALLEN (21st) appointed chmn, of the Pittsburgh area. His objective - to bring in new members.

RED NEWMAN just completed the Airborne Jumping course and earned his paratroopers badge.

1956 - BOB ENDER - Just returned from Honolulu & says: "cane is still being burned, pineapples still growing, Kaena Point road improved & is now passable, tripped on something on Haliwa Beach; it was a rusted iron picket from the barbed wire days"

1957 - All Korea was saddened some time ago when it was announced that the Victory Division would be withdrawn from Korea. The Taro Leaf Patch was known - and welcomed - everywhere in Korea, Officers and men were respected as soldiers, admired as men, and loved as friends.

1958 - I predict that one day the members of the Assn. will have the opportunity of enjoying the beautiful State of Kentucky as a Convention site.-Roscoe.

Welcome to Louisville



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an
EXTRA
Hour



Fun For ALL!!

UNIT MEETING ROOMS

Each and every Unit represented at the Reunion will want to enjoy a round-up sometime during the week end. We have arranged to have private rooms for this purpose on the 24th Division's own Floor.

DOOR PRIZES this year!

Nothing to Buy;
Just Register at the 24th Desk

TOURS

Fort Knox
(No Samples)

Tour a Nationally
Known Distillery

Other Tours of
Interesting Places

"Hele mai ai"

FRIDAY EVENING BUFFET

Plenty of Fish and Meat Dishes

Vegetables - Salads

Trimmings



19th INF. NEWS

P. O. Box 10546
Raleigh, N. C.

JACK FINAN'S report of the 19th reunion in Ft. Bragg arrived along with the group picture which was taken in front of the Officers' Club. Jack reports that a grand time was had by all.

General JOHN R. HODGE was the guest speaker. General Hodge is now retired, and lives at 1515 Twin Oak Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Chicks arrived from Florida to Pennsylvania, and from the Carolinas to Yokohama. Yes, JOHN CHRISTOPHER was present. He now lives in Yokohama, Japan. He is with the American Consulate General Office. Another Chick, who also was G-2 of the Division, Col DIKOK LAWSON, and his wife Ruth were in attendance. The Lawsons live at 4 Coughman Drive, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Here is the high light of the business meeting: . . . During the business meeting a discussion took place on the advantages and disadvantages of continuing their Association. The CHICKS present voted unanimously to become a Chapter of the 24th Infantry Division Association! Congratulations! This will become official at the annual meeting next August, and will bring our active Chapters to a total of three in a little over three years. The 19th Infantry Association was formed in 1960 on 30 January, at Raleigh N. C. to perpetuate the fellowship engendered by the common service of those who had the honor of serving with the "CHICKS".

The CHICK OF THE DAY present was JOHN FIRTKO who is 71 years of age. John rode with General Pershing against Pancho Villa in 1916, served in France during WW I, started a spectacular 1,000 mile hike with 250 buddies, served in the Philippines, later in Hawaii, and finally returned and retired in 1941.

During his service with the 19th, he was "Top Kick" of Companies "E" and "M". His wife - who passed away about two years ago - also served at Schofield. He has two sons, Jack and Richard. They were only 13 and 7 when their father served in the Radiands. The Ole Sarg showed Dimond and Finan a baseball they had autographed for the boys on 31 July 1940, the score of that game being: CHICKS - 8, GIMLETS - 2. Dimond was shortstop and Finan the second baseman. John resides at 315 E. Hurley Street, W. St. Paul, Minn.

One man present knew every Chick from Schofield Barracks; his name Richard "Shy" Lum. He served "The Rock" outfit as an employee of the restaurant which was located in the salleyport. He was ready to serve his country in WW II, but due to a physical condition was prevented from doing so. "Shy" lives in Honolulu at 209 Puuhue Place.

The 19th Association puts out a newsletter from time to time, and will no doubt have other roundups. Between the Association (which actually is the 19th Chapter), and Joe PEYTON'S "ROCK", all Chicks are being kept very well informed on all goings-on here and abroad. The CHICKS are off to a good start, and their enthusiasm is growing for the Reunion in August. Jack has good reason to believe that a good number from the South will be in attendance.

New "Chick" Sgt/Maj Oldimer with 24th Div

19th Inf PIO -- Sgt/Maj Glen H. Royer recently joined the ranks of the 19th Infantry. Sgt. Royer, during his 24 years service has had duty in both Japan and Korea with the 24th Inf. Division, at which time he was in the 3rd Bn, 19th. He was later with the 75th Division, and also in the Oregon Military Division. He has been an instructor at Ft. Ord, after which he attended the NCO Academy in Fort Lewis, and a Strength Accounting course in Japan, before returning to the Division.

Col Herman Returns to 19th Inf As Exec Off

The Chicks welcomed a new XO this past month as Lt. Col. WILLIAM J. HERMAN arrived there from the United States to take the Group staff post.

The Colonel is returning to the 19th after WW II combat with the Chicks in the Pacific. After graduating from OCS in 1942 (May), Herman was assigned to Company "B" of the 19th. He eventually became CO of that company, serving as CO until he left in 1945.

In addition to his service with the Division at that time, and his service in the States, Col. Herman has served in Korea, Australia, and many other posts. His assignment prior to returning to the 19th was at the Pennsylvania Army Reserve, in Pittsburgh.



19th Infantry Roundup at Ft. Bragg, N. C. - Pictured here are a few of those present. L to R, Front Row: DICK DIMOND, JACK FINAN, IRVIN BISNOFF, WOODY CHANDLER, RICHARD LUM, JOHN CHRISTOPHER, & JOHN FIRTKO. L to R, back row: JERRY HINMAN, CHARLIE McBRIDE, EARL "Red" BRIDWELL, WILLIE CHADWICK, JOHN TEN EYCK, LARRY LAWRENCE, HENRY ROYALL, & JACK WALLACE.

The 19th Infantry - Rock of Chickamauga - of Civil War fame, has the distinction of having served in overseas areas since 1922. It was a part of the Hawaiian Division until 1941, when it became a unit of the 24th Division.

It was on the field of Chickamauga that the 19th won its deathless name and reputation. Holding the left side of the line, the Regiment was told to fix bayonets and hold the ground. They did -- until the last Confederate charge was broken. The 19th suffered 75% killed or wounded that day.

As a member of the 24th Division, the 19th felt the full fury of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 Dec. 1941, and it played a heroic part in the Pacific phase of WW II. During the battle of Leyte and Mindanao the regiment earned a Presidential Unit Citation for its action. 1st. B. G. 19th Infantry is now with the 24th Division in Germany.

Gen Meloy Bids Farewell to Victory Division on Jan 10-11

An honor guard, 15 gun salute, and massed colors were to greet Lt. Gen. GUY STANLEY MELOY, VII Corps CG, when he arrived in Augsburg on 10 January. After making his farewell tour at that time, the General will return to Korea to assume the duties of Deputy Comdr. Eighth US Army. Gen Meloy has been Commanding VII Corps since 15 Oct. 1959. He commanded the 19th Inf. Regt. in Korea in 1950.

General Meloy, who was born in Lanham, Maryland, on 4 September, was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy and commissioned a 2nd Lt. in Infantry on 14 June, 1927. His first assignment was with the 12th Inf. at Ft. Washington, Md.

During his career, General Stan Meloy has served in the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barricks (1931), Infantry School, Ft. Benning completing a regular course plus a tank course in 1936, later being assigned to 66th Inf (Light Tanks) at Ft. Benning. He attended the Command and General Staff School, and then was assigned to the First Inf. Division (1939). Later, Dec. 1941, he was a Military Observer in England, then back as EO of the Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood. He was C/S of 103rd Division in 1944, and in 1945 named C/S of the Airborne Center at Ft. Bragg, N. C. In '46 he became Professor of Military Science and Tactics and Cmt. of Cadets at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and entered the National War College in August 1948.

Gen. 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 Nov., when he became Deputy C/S for personnel of the Far East Command, Tokyo.

After his return to the U. S. in 1951, he was stationed in Washington, D.C. He went to Europe in 1954 to command the 1st. Inf. Div. Prior to that time, he was Commandant of Ft. Benning, Ga. In 1956 he served as Chief of Information, Office of Army C/S, later returning to Europe as Commander of VII Corps.

General Meloy's last visit to the 24th Division was at 1530 hours on 11 January, and after formal honor guard ceremonies, a formal reception with Gen Meloy as guest of honor was to be held at the Officers Club. This reception was to be given by the 24th Division Officers.

Chicago NEWS

The Chicago Chapter members had a grand time at their annual Christmas Party. "Little Caesar", as the President PAT CIANGI is know, tried to have something going on each Season of the year, to really have something worthwhile to offer to the members. This was in following the policy of past presidents of the Chapter. The Chicago men have really done a fine job.

By the next issue of the Tapo Leaf, we will have the slate of new Officers of the Chicago Chapter. Election is late in Jan. If you want information regarding the Chapter, write to Pat Ciangi, of 4746 W. Monroe, Chicago, Illinois and get on the mailing list.

New England NEWS

BILL MULDOON, President of the New England Chapter states that a meeting is planned for the new year and will be in the near future. All 24th men that can be reached in the New England area will be notified as soon as arrangements are completed. Watch you mail box... and when you are notified of the meeting, please acknowledge and plan to attend.

Southern States

Seen or heard from 'Down Under'

SUE McNEELY still very busy at the Cross-nore School for underprivileged girls. Sue is the widow of Captain JOSEPH C. McNEELY, KIA 20 Oct 44 at Leyte. He was with "C" Co. 19th Inf. Sue is a Life Member of the 24th Division Association.

MARTIN E. GRINER, Lake Butler, Florida brings home a nice 2 lb. bass. Marty is now retired from the Army, and is City Clerk of Lake Butler. Former 24th QM Co.

BOB LUHRSEN and TOM ZALEWSKI having lunch together recently. They are discussing the possibility of getting a Florida Group together soon. The nucleous will no doubt be from the 19th and 34th. Tom is an Attorney and Bob is with Smith-Corona Both live in Miami.

JEFF PEEPLES - Box 615, Kingsland, Georgia, soon due to let us know if he is getting a group from Georgia to the reunion.

JULIAM MASON of Bowling Green, Virginia is still practicing law there. It was good to see Mason and his lovely wife in Atlantic City. We attended their wedding in Honolulu. In fact, Tom Compere, Walt Howett, and Bob Duff were ushers.

S. P. ALLEN, HiWay 49, Magee, Mississippi, is with the City Motor Co. there. Shelton was with Serv Co, 21st.



Getting to know you

von MOHR, JERRY - 3846 Villanova Drive, Dayton, Ohio has been a bit under the weather but feeling better now. He had intended the be on hand for the dinner given recently by the Hanlins, but an infected throat prevented his attending. We expect to see Jerry and his bride in Louisville.

TRINCA, JOHN, 650 N. Albany, Chicago also sent a telegram to Atlantic City expressing his regrets on not being able to get there. Due to bad weather many of the Chicago group could not get air passage. John is Editor of the Chicago Chapter paper which he sends out each month. He will definitely be with us in Louisville.

C. G. HANLIN is always happy to receive new members from Indiana, and especially if they are from the 34th Inf. The new ally is: JOHN E. KLUMP, Rt. #1, Guilford, Indiana. John served on Leyte with Co. E of the 34th and was a T/Sgt. for the lat. Platoon. He went with us to Japan. John says he is recovering from a minor heart attack. The important thing is that he is apparently better.

THE ROCK - JOE PEYTON'S 19th Rook is still keeping up with all the Chicks. The membership is growing and they received another new member with the arrival of the new year, - Fer' V. Bridwell, known as "Red". 19th Men who do not belong to the Chicks may do so by contacting JOE PEYTON at 1405 Belmore Ct., Lutherville, Md. Any 19th man who is a member of the 24th Division Assn. is eligible.

STAKES, George J. - R. R. #1, Box 294, Hamlet, Indiana writes that he would be happy to hear from men who served with him in Co. "L", 34th, in Korea. In addition to information George receives from the Beey, we suggest that he get in touch with C. G. Hanlin. Men of the 24th and "L" Co., here is another reinforcement! George has retired from the regular Army, and we'll have to wait for a future issue to give you more details about him. An application blank is now in his hands.

MANCINELLI, Robert - 20 Locust Street, Cambridge, Mass. has renewed his membership in the Association. Editor's records do not show to which unit Bob belonged, but am certain that he was with the 52nd FA Bn.

GREEN, Elvin E. - 2804 Emblem Drive, Richmond 34, Virginia drops a note inclosing his 1961 dues and inquiring about the TAR? LEAF. These long time active members deserve a great deal of credit for their loyal support.

LEWELLYN, William T. - 550 Pleasant View, Wauwatosa, 13, Wisconsin, who is a Life Member of the Association, writes that he looks forward to attending the Louisville gathering. Come on down and join the Chicago Train, Bill!

DAVIS, EDGAR B. - 315-17 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. writes that he was sorry to miss the Convention in Atlantic City, but that he intends to do everything within his power to get to the Louisville Ky. reunion. Edgar sell plumbing supplies.

MASHETT, JOE - 24 Rose Lane, Rosemont, Pa. is still busy in the Philadelphia area. He and JOE McDONALD along with their wives will be with us next August. The 2 Joes were last year's Convention Chairmen, and did a fine job.

MILLER, ALLYN - 737 Livingston Ave. Columbus, Ohio, one of our very faithful members, and one who rarely misses a reunion, was unable to attend the Atlantic City festivities due to sickness. He is a little better now and plans on being in Louisville. Allyn sent the Convention a note expressing his regrets.

WOODRUFF, Maj. Gen. R. B. Ret. - 208 Elizabeth Road, San Antonio 9, Texas sends us his dues for the coming year. The General was one of the speakers at our 1949 reunion.

STAKES, GEORGE J. M/Sgt. (34th) - R.R. #1, Box 294, Hamlet, Indiana writes that he would like to hear from the 34th who served with him in Korea. George was with "L" Company. He was wounded at Taejon, Korea. Prior to his service in Korea, he was C. I. Manager of the Post Exchange at Sasebo, Japan. After the unit was assigned to duty in Korea, he was assigned to "L" Company, 34th. He was wounded on the front lines and picked up by the Medics who returned him to the rear. George's leg had been shattered by Artillery shrapnel. He was returned to Tokyo, and finally to the United States. He spent some time in the Arkansas Army-Navy Hospital, and later retired. --- Men of the 34th, and "L" Company, here is another reinforcement! Get in touch with him. George may also get in touch with C. G. Hanlin for the names of many 34th men. An application blank is in George's hands right now.

GRIFFIN, WENZEL B. (34th) - who lives : Box 122, Christiansburg, Ohio, is in the auto repair business. We met Wnzel recently at C. G.'s. He and his wife plan to go to Louisville with the Indiana group.

WHITE, CARROLL L. (34th) - R.R. #3, Box 200, Noblesville, Indiana also visited Elwood the same day as did GRIFFIN. Good show was enjoyed by all. The Whites will also join the Indiana gang.

HARTLEY, PAUL of 11720 Edgewater Place, Lakewood 7, Ohio, dropped a line and a check to Ed for his Life Membership. Paul is with the Sheaffer Pen Company, and a member of the Chicago Chapter.

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP list is growing -- now over 30.

CAIN, PAUL J. - PO Box 392, Jacksonville, Illinois writes to say that he definitely will be in Louisville. Paul has always been one of our main stays and we are grateful for his continued support. He is with the Morgan Sash and Door Company of Deostur, Illinois.

BOOSTER CLUB - Members of this group who give additional support financially to the Tar? Leaf were named in the last issue. A new member of this Club is Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. NEWMAN, ret., (34th & Div Hq). He sends along his regards to all members of the Association and his check.

DENNY, JACK - 346 Oldham Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky has not been heard from for some time, but we hear that he is going to assist Roscoe with some of the Convention details.



SELTSM, ALBERT of Route 1, Danville, Kentucky will be on hand to greet the Conventioneers next August. We hope to see him at the next Committee meeting.

SMITH, LOUIS D. - now receives his mail at: P. O. Drawer 1791, Monroe, Louisiana. Another active member from that state is none other than JOSEPH I. DAIGLE, who lives at 419 Louisiana Avenue, Port Allen, La.

BIGGS, R. C. Lt. Col. is an active paid up member of the Association. He is with the 20th Trans. Bn., APO 111, o/o P.M., New York, N. Y.

Another Indiana member, JAMES J. PLUMMER, lives at 2129 So. "K" Street, Elwood, Indiana. Your Editor dropped by to see him one day but he was not at home. (We have another Plumber in Elwood also).

JOSEPH L. BADARACCO - 319 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, drops a line and forwards his dues for the coming year. "os has always been an active member in the Association and his loyalty is appreciated. Joe worked hard on the 1953 Convention in St. Louis, and we are expecting to see him in Kentucky this August.

CARL WILLM is another Missouri member wh was lst with us in Chicago in 1958 but intends to make the Louisville conflag. Carl lives at 115 Richard Street, Festus, Mo.

DABERKO, Wilson A. of 929 Parrish St., Uhrichsville, Ohio will also be on hand.....the Deberkos never miss our reunions.

"L" Co. 34th. - Another "L" Co man is STILLWELL, Stewart of 320 Cox Blvd., Lansing, Michigan. A couple more from "L" - CARROLL L. WHITE, RR #3, Box 200, Noblesville, Indiana, and WENZEL B. GRIFFIN, Box 122, Christiansburg, Ohio. Trust you boys will note Mr. STAKE'S message above.

DAN E. MAURIN - is a partner in the Mid-West Oil Company

60 South James Street, Kansas City, Kansas. He was with us from 1942 to 1945 (Med. Det. 19th). He and his wife, Anne, have 3 children - Gayle, 10 - Danny, 8 - and Marianne, 5.

CHARLES E. DANIELS - We have a membership renewal from Charles

E. Daniels, 57 North Main Street, Sherburne, New York. He was a medic in the 21st Inf. (1st Bn) from June 1943 to June 1945.

DATE LINE LOUISVILLE

10, 11, 12 & 13 AUGUST 1961



"C" Company 19th. Inf. 20 Years Ago.....

This photo of "C" Company was taken in front of the Regimental Sellyport in June 1941. The CO is 1st Lt. Julian B. Francis, deceased; The First Sergeant is William "Bull" Bailey. The little pig at Lt. Francis' feet was captured at the Company's positions at Kawaihapai, and nicknamed "Oscar". We believe the other Officer in the photo is 2nd Lt. McCrory. --- This photo courtesy of Tom Zelewski, 2301 N.W. 79th Terrace, Miami, Florida.

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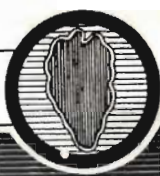
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Convention Committees



BOB DUFF, C. G. HANLIN, LT. COL. URBAN THROM, and ROSCOE CLAXON at a recent Convention Committee meeting in Louisville, Ky. Roscoe is Chairman, and invites any Victory Division man in the area to volunteer for a seat on the committee. Additional help will be needed between now and next August 10th. Addresses of these members will be found on page 2, this issue. Lt. Col. Throm's address is: 1442 B Fifth Ave., Ft. Knox, Ky.

Convention Committee to date:

Roscoe Claxon, chmn., - Guest Speaker; Mayor's Proclamation
 Urban Throm, Lt. Col. - Color Guard; Chaplain; Band; Tours; Combat films.
 Bob Duff, - Publicity; Hotel arrangements.
 C. G. Hanlin, - Hotel Arrangements.

As time passes, the committee will need help. Anyone in the area is asked to volunteer for a seat on the committee. Contact any of the above as soon as possible, and Thanks.

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WE'RE IN BUSINESS

After several days of negotiations, the Brown Hotel, Louisville, was selected as our Convention site. This is one of the finer Hotels in Louisville, and it just happens that there are no other Conventions to be held there on our week-end.

We will have the entire mezzanine floor for the 24th Division Reunion. Rooms will be provided for Unit meetings, a special room in which to show 24th Combat films. We will have our own bar and control our own prices. You will not have to go out to a public bar to get a drink - even a soft one. Everything from registration to the Buffet & Banquet will be on our own floor.

As we promised, prices for rooms and meals will be reasonable. The room rates are as follows: Single, \$6.00 and Double, \$9.00. This is for an air conditioned room with TV! You may park your car FREE in the Hotel Garage across the street.

The buffet on Friday nite will include Fish, roast turkey, and all salads and other dishes you would expect for a buffet. Menu will be published at a later date, and it will be a dandy!

After the next meeting of the Committee and the Hotel we will be in a position to let you know what the banquet will cost you, but it will be less than last year....

Oh yes... as far as children, there will be no charge for children under 12 years of age. Meals in the Hotel - to 24th Division - will be: Breakfast \$1.50 up (full breakfast), Luncheon, 1.75, and for Dinner \$2.50. You'll like that southern cookin'.

THE BROWN HOTEL 4TH & BROADWAY

Following is a list of our Life Members:

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HAWAII CALLS!

At the last annual meeting it was agreed by the members present, that Vic Backer would go ahead with his plans to arrange for a plane to take members of the 24th Division Association to Hawaii next October (Organization Month). There was sufficient interest and enough passengers committed to warrant Vic's work on the project.

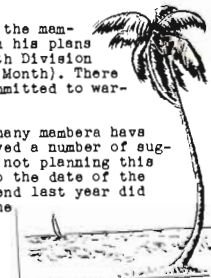
However, during the past weeks and months, many members have written and given us their ideas. Vic has received a number of suggestions, - and protests. One good argument for not planning this trip for this year is: it would be too close to the date of the reunion, and also those who were not able to attend last year did not know about it. This little notice will be the first of several. Keep thinking about it, and send us your ideas.

Here is what the majority of the members we have heard from talk about: - Let's plan now and talk more about it in Louisville, to have our annual Convention over in Hawaii either in 1962 or 1963. We can plan now, and by having it in a year or two it will give all of us more time to make arrangements. We cannot wait too many years to have such a trip, for now is the time we can get the rate.

Vic Backer has worked on this plan for months, and here is about what the freight would be, in the neighborhood of \$250 per person for the round trip from New York, and a little less for those between Chicago and the West coast. We would have charter planes for this trip.

So you see, the entire trip would cost you a little more than an ordinary trip somewhere by auto or train on your own. The room rates over there could be worked out, especially for 24th Division Veterans returning to HAWAII for a Holiday!

We will proceed with further plans after we hear from you guys out there. Please write and let us know what you think about this idea. Let's hear from you NOW, before the Louisville Convention... More will be printed as we receive your thoughts on "OPERATION HAWAII".



GOOD THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN

...LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

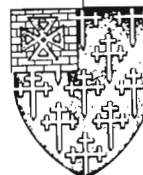
Back in 1957 General Aubrey S. Newman presented the Association with a generous gift of \$100. This money was held almost a year, while the Executive Board discussed the best use to which to put it, i.e., use it for current Taro Leaf, etc., or invest it. It was decided to invest the money, and at the following Annual Meeting in August 1958, General Newman was given a Life Membership, and a Life Membership Plan was inaugurated. With Life Membership money invested at approximately 5% it will enable the Assn. to have working capital throughout each year. After the plan was started, several men followed suit, and to date we have 33 Life Members, with a total of \$1345 in both First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of Attleboro, Mass., & Investors Research Fund. This investment plan was voted upon and passed at the regular Annual meeting of the 24th Division Association. The \$100 may be paid in full, or as follows: \$20 down and balance payable over the next four years. 10 of the Life Memberships we have have been paid in full.

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but do not misunderstand us..... if you are not a Life Member, we STILL NEED YOUR \$5 per year dues. You see, we do not always receive 5%, and as you know, the portion of money we have in the Savings & Loan brings us only 3%, so with an approximate \$1400 invested, we are receiving only about \$50 per year at present. Eventually, when we are able to get more, and if we are lucky enough to always realize about 5%, it will take care of only the paid up Life Members. WE NEED you Dues. Each issue of the Taro Leaf costs about \$150, plus postage, and if we have a number of photographs in, it runs higher. Our Boosters Club is now taking care of almost \$100 per issue and that is for this year only. So Please do you part and cough up. We are gradually having to omit names from the mailing list -- the ones who have not paid within the past two years, so if you want to stay, and we want you to, drop your five dollars to Ed Henry. Our fiscal year runs from August to August. We would like to put out 4 more issues of the Taro Leaf, but unless more money rolls in, we'll be able to get out only 2 or 3. Thank You, and when you remit, give us a little news about yourself and your family.

34th Dragons

Hello to the 34th Infantry Group in the East and All Across the Nation



We're certain you fellows are doing all you can to get a large crowd to attend the 1961 Convention in Louisville. Let's hear from some of you.

We haven't received a 34th Inf. Informer for some time. This was BOB SOLOMAN'S sheet. Let's get all the 34th men to get behind him again. Join the ranks with C. G., Vic BACKER, and other 34th Dragons, & again get started on your DRAGON CHAPTER of the 24th Association. Write to either the TARO LEAF, or ROBERT SOLOMAN, 2840 Davidson Ave, Bronx 68, N.Y.

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If your dues are paid, disregard this statement.

THE TRAVELERS

It was the worst blizzard in 17 years. The entire East coast was tied up. KEN ROSS (Div Hq) had been on the train for 12 hours trying to get from Washington to his home in Springfield, Massachusetts. His disposition was anything but good.

Strangely enough, the railroad had a diner on this train. In the midst of all of the confusion, this was a wonder of wonders!

Ken went forward and sat at the only vacant seat, across from a pleasant looking chap who had spent five hours moving 40 miles from his home in Yorktown Heights New York to New York City. His disposition wasn't good either.

But, as men will do, they talked. Each bought a round of drinks, all in an effort to develop a bit of comradeship in the discomfort of a cold train. It was better than looking out the window at a howling gale.

The conversation went on, and got around to other countries. Ken slid in that he had lived 2 years in Japan; his newly found acquaintance admitted that he'd put in some time there himself.

"Where in Japan?"

"A little town called OKAYAMA."

"Why hell, I spent six months there myself," says Ken.

"I was with the 24th Infantry Division there."

"So was I".

"My name is SEYMOUR BERMAN. I was with Able Company of the 21st."

And so it went. The rest of the trip was pleasant - in fact, downright hilarious for Seymour and Ken who reviewed old times.

Memories of one 2300 hours during the funeral of Doc Seigel, the 21st Der... leading in the rendering of "There was an old monk from Friary Hall" were brought to mind. Ken could remember but 1 verse. Seymour recalled four, so they sang them in the cold of that dining car out in the middle of nowhere - somewhere in Connecticut.

It was a grand reunion and proved once again that "It's a small, small, world".

Seymour Berman address is: RD #2, Box A2106, Yorktown Heights, New York.



Gimlets NEWS

The private was having trouble getting his furlough. He said his wife needed him.

The commanding officer asked, "Do you place your wife before your duty to your country?"

The private answered, "Well, sir, there are 11 million men taking care of my country but as far as I know, I am the only one taking care of my wife."

An officer in the South Pacific who had been overseas sixteen months received a letter from his wife telling about a prayer their 4-year-old daughter made: "Dear Lord, please send me a baby brother so we will have something to surprise Daddy with when he gets home."



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