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BRING THE WHOLE
FAMILY TO BOSTON
AUG. 13-14-15-16

As we went to press, your Convention Committee was meeting at Boston's Hotel Somerset and our photographer was on hand to prove it, capturing for posterity, in familiar left to right manner, WALTER BENNETT, 24th QM, FRANK FULTON, K21st, and ERNEST VIENNEAU, K21st. Also on hand contributing their all to the glorious effort of making your August 1964 visit with us were LAFAYETTE COCHRAN, 24QM, JAMES RUSSELL, CN, 19th, and WILLIAM SANDERSON, F19th, likewise as your left to right. We too were in this one. In line with editorial policy of not using our own picture in these pages, we've done a little judicious trimming.



Then on the distaff side - and in a bona fide effort to prove to you that we're "cold" today - if not THEN - we asked a trio of wives to stand still long enough to allow us to picture-in-a-Minute some of them, and Mrs. William Sanderson(Alice) Mrs. Lafayette Cochran (Doris) and Mrs. Frank Fulton (Marjorie) snapped into a left-to-right formation and obliged us. All have asked us to say to you that "BOSTON promises the best ever", or as the politicians would say it, "You'll get more in '64".



The 5th Inf. Regt. Assoc. holds its '64 reunion at Libby-Mitchell Post Hall, Scarborough, Maine, on Sun. July 26th. We are happy that some of their number who saw service with us in Korea will make our reunion.

New address for Life Member BASIL C. DONOVAN and wife, Bernice. It's 24904 Marine, E. Detroit, Michigan.

Will It Be A Successful Convention? ?

The Story Has Been Told

The Program Designed For Your Enjoyment

The Success Rests With You

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE BEST CONVENTION EVER

MAJ. GEN. CHESTER A. DAHLEN leaves his assignment as CG, XIV Corps, Minneapolis, Minn. to become C/S, Allied Forces Southern Europe. Says Chet: "There is nothing I would rather do than be at the Annual Conventional in August. As you know, the Division is close to my heart and, as a matter of fact, I have had the dates of the convention on my calendar ever since the first notice. While I am delighted with the new assignment, I sincerely regret that I cannot be with you in August. I had hopes that this year I could make the convention. Please give my warmest personal regards to all members of the Victory Division.

If your room is on the front of the Somerset, you'll look out across the Charles River and see MIT and Harvard.

Word from Hawaii in the form of mail from MAJ. GEN. FREDERICK A. IRVING (Div. Hq.). Fred and Vivian are visiting their daughter and son-in-law who are stationed there. In July, they go to Germany to visit their son and family. In Hawaii, they are enjoying the privilege of revisiting "the areas where the Division started the war".

There'll be a real New England Clambake for you mid-westerners who meet with us in Boston this August.

Inquiry received from EDWIN E. SANDERS (K 19th) of Box A, Ypsilanti, Mich. Ed is sightless. He asks us about our Boston reunion. Also he's trying to locate one Sgt. Kerlinski. Can anyone help?

The Chicago Chapter, through its Sec'y.-Treas. PATRICK J. CIANGI, our Vice President, has just forwarded \$100.00 for the restoration of the monument in Korea. We don't know where they get the green stuff out in that area nor do we know where they get such spirit and enthusiasm. We salute you boys. Thank you for being what you are.

Reading left to right: MONTGOMERY, MORGANO, and LAFAYETTE A. COCHRAN, Box 11, Livermore, Falls, Me.



The first two are not further identifiable. They were with Lafe at Schofield Barracks in 24th QM. Can anyone give us their full names and addresses?

Hotel Somerset

Boston 15, Mass.

Sirs:

I am attending 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION. Please reserve an air-conditioned room with free TV at your following Special Rates:

SINGLE ROOM	\$10.00.....	Arrival date	Time
DOUBLE ROOM	\$14.00.....	Departure date	Time
Twin bed		Name	
or		Street Address	
Double bed		City	State
FAMILY UNIT		Name of other occupants	
2 double rooms with bath between	\$18.00.....		
SUITE	\$25.00.....		
FREE PARKING for overnight guests.			

Check Out Hour 3 P.M. Occasionally there may be some delay in assigning room prior to that time. (Reservations held only until 6 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.)

We told you in our last issue how Eighth Army put the bite on us for \$400.00.

Division through MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM A. CUNNINGHAM answered the call in a letter to BILL VERBECK with these words:

"Dear Bill: As you are no doubt aware, the 24th Infantry Division still prides itself as the best division in the world, and it is with no small regard that we hold the Taro-men of yore, so many of whom paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure the honor of our Division and the glory of our country. Of course, Task Force Smith remains foremost in our minds of these noblest of sacrifices. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we of the modern mechanized 24th Infantry Division are proud to forward to you, enclosed with this letter, a check for \$200.00 as our contribution toward the restoration of the monument dedicated to Task Force Smith in Korea. With warmest regards from the Victory Division and hoping that we can continue in the closest of cooperation, I remain Sincerely yours, Bill, W.A. CUNNINGHAM, Major General, USA, Commanding."

Bill thereupon dispatched this letter to the Eighth Army CG:

"I refer to the letter you sent to The Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division on the subject - Restoration of the Monument to Task Force Smith, 24th Infantry Division, and also to correspondence on this same subject to you dated April 2, 1964 from the Editor of the Taro Leaf, and a letter to you from the undersigned dated April 6, 1964 - same subject. I am happy to inform you that I have just received a check for \$200.00 from the Commanding General, 24th Division for 50% share in defraying the expenses for the restoration of this monument. The Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division Association is also contributing \$200.00. A check for \$400.00 is appended herewith. I am sure that the members of this Association would appreciate any future information available concerning the rehabilitation of this monument."

Bill V. replied to Bill C. as follows:

"In the name of the veterans of the 24th Infantry Division I wish to thank you and through you the officers and men of the present 24th Infantry Division for the check for two hundred dollars which you have sent toward the cost of the restoration and rehabilitation of the monument to "Task Force Smith" at Osan in Korea. The Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division Association will contribute a like amount - two hundred dollars - and I shall immediately forward a check for four hundred dollars to The Commanding General, Eighth U.S. Army, A.P.O. 301, San Francisco, Cal. In the letter to C.G. Eighth Army, I have explained that the amount to defray the expense of rehabilitating this monument was contributed equally by the members of the present 24th Division and by the members of The Victory Division's Association. We who once proudly wore the Taro Leaf salute you who wear it now."

There are several 5-letter words from which, if you take two letters, one remains. Name at least 3. Did you have "Stone", "Bones" or "Money"?

Boston is the medical center of the world, but we know you won't be coming in August to look at hospitals. Nice to know though.

It's the Somerset Hotel come August 13, 14, 15 and 16, right smack on Boston's beautiful Commonwealth Avenue. Sales Mgr. Bruce Collins, a very personable chap, promises to help us make this one our most memorable.

With Sec'y.-Treas. ED HENRY wearing a 3rd hat - his Convention Chairman's head-gear - we need not worry about the over-the-top-or-bust spirit that will go into this effort.



Come to Boston this summer, the land of James Michael Curley. You won't be in town 10 minutes when some cabbie or bellhop or the like will be telling you his favorite Curley story. Did you ever hear the one about the fur coat?

It was in South Boston, in front of St. Augustine's Church on Dorchester Street, that the famous incident involving Curley's fur coat occurred. This episode, told and retold in Boston over the years, was suspected of being apocryphal until Curley himself verified it in his 1957 autobiography, "I'd Do it Again". Curley was campaigning for mayor on a bitterly cold November night in 1913, traveling around the city to a series of outdoor street rallies in an open touring car and wearing a long racoon coat. When he stopped to address the crowd in South Boston, he stood up and took off the coat, tossing it on the back seat of the car. Then he got out and climbed the steps of the church to make his speech. As he tells it, he was moved, in discussing the campaign, to recite the Lord's Prayer. "Give us this day our daily bread", Curley said, "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us - get that son-of-a-bitch who's trying to run off with my coat - and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."

"The coat was recovered", Curley added in his memoirs, "and the culprit got the bum's rush."

Wanna waste your brains on a pursuit of no conceivable value? Make one word from "RODE NOW". Give up? What about "One Word"?

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From the files of DICK LAWSON, 179 Queens Drive West, Williamsburg, Va. comes this one of the "little old grey bearded man", MAJ. GEN. JAMES A. LESTER (Div. Arty and Div.



Hq. '42-'44, '45-'47), who in '42 Schofield Days was, as a B.G. the "DIVARTY" commander - how all of us who served him loved him....I can always identify a tree by its bark", said Tom doggedly.....We are slowly emerging from the period of the Tom Swifties which as you by now know owe their existence to the stylistic mannerism of Tom Swift's author who rarely had Tom say anything without noting the manner of his deathless utterance adverbially. Tom Swifties create a link between what is said and how it's said as for instance "I'll take the prisoner downstairs" said Tom condescendingly. Tom Swifties is catching. "We'll warn you, you may find a few of them in this issue, so hurry up and read on" said Tom Swiftly.....Notify us please when and as you change your address. We have a crystal ball but it's a little fogged up these days. We can't always get a good reading with the thing.

VA tells us there are 22,127,000 veterans in the U.S. One of every 9 served in WWI: 7 of every 10 served in WWII: 1 of every 5 served during that Korean thing.

Why is it that zoo-keepers never try to feed giraffes on step-ladders? Because they've found out that giraffes won't eat step-ladders.

Buddies of 11th F.A. Bn., where are you, asks FRANKLIN E. SKINNEK (Su. Bty., C Bty. and B Bty. 11 F, 8/50 - 10/51). Frank is at 2 Fourth St., Camden, N.Y. and is a crash fire fighter at Griffies AFB. Frank writes a sudden aphorism when he says: "I was going to stay in the Army and make it a career, but it took too much fun out of life, so I gave it up". Frank has sent us a bundle of magazines with cartoons which we'll be using from time to time. Thanks, Frankie....Prexy BILL VERBECK is spreading his talents. He's also Prexy of the Northwest Arlington (Va.) Civic AssociationWatching Jack Paar, trying to make his video comeback with a "potpourri of Paar's opinions and emotions", makes us the more keenly aware of the eggs we're walking on in editing this poop sheet. We have to guard against too much of a recurrence of our solicitude for the well-being of our id; to avoid the fascination that comes from seeing ourselves and/or our ideas in print. We're disciplining ourselves, but it's a constant struggle.....Corrupt or no, Massachusetts invites you to the Boston reunion in August. Word out of Boston as we go to press is that its parking meters are being looted out of about \$90,000 - yes ninety thousand dollars - per month. And it just doesn't seem possible or likely that all of our scoundrels are the politicians who sit under the gold dome of our state capital. We seriously doubt that those boys are going out to filch parking meters; not with the bigger plums which land takings for new highways appear to offer. Corrupt or not, come on over this summer.

BILL VERBECK is cleaning out his old files - and sends us this one of JAMES M "Spike" O'DONNELL taken while visiting Bill at Indiantown Gap, Pa. a couple of years ago. Spike is attempting to button Bill's blouse.

