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Mixed are the emotions which this one conjures up. It's the TWX - now unclassified in case you're squeamish - which saw task Force Smith - and the rest of the gang - go "over the top" in July of '50. Any editorial comment seems needless.

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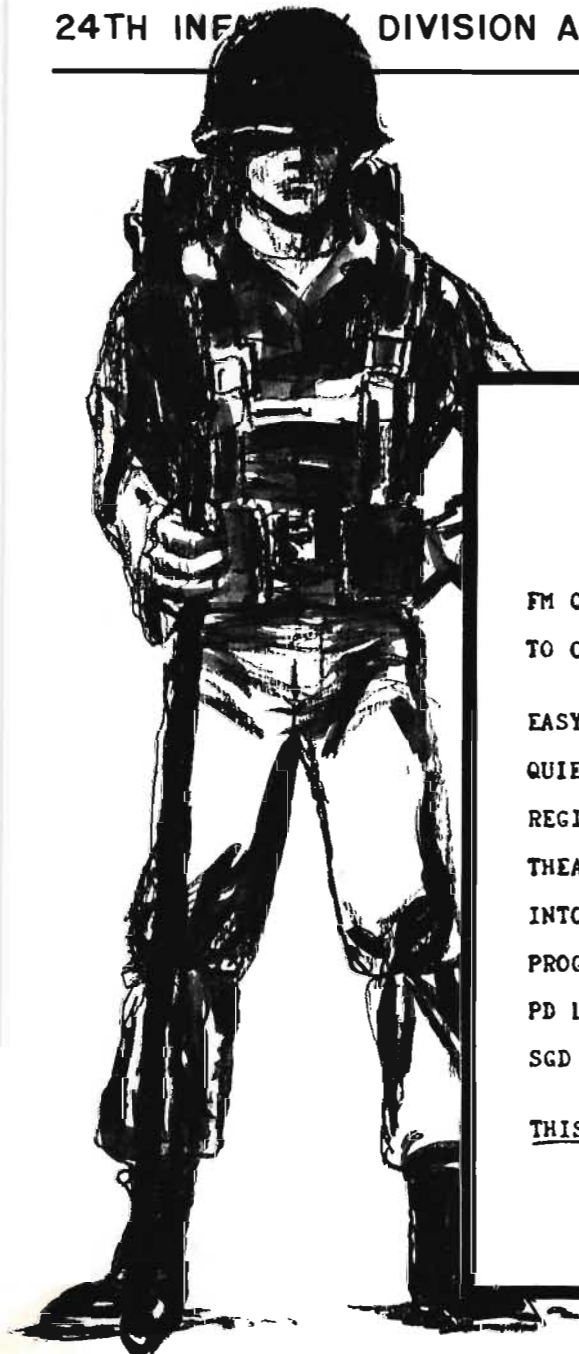
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"Don't look now, Lieutenant, but your rigging is hanging."



The WAIKIKI GRAND offers complete valet service (laundry and dry cleaning). Laundromats and ironing facilities can be rented from the housekeeper. Anyone going to Hawaii to do any washing and ironing?.....Transatlantic Ticker Tape: Brig. Gen. WILLIAM A. ENEMARK (Div.Hq. '63-'65), Asst. Div. Commander, has been named C/S of Nato's Central Army Group.....This may wind up our sessions with the Tom Swifties, those links between what is said and how it's said. We're moving up front. You stay back here with the Red Cross.....There's a complete beauty shop on the 2nd floor of the WAIKIKI GRAND.....Lt. Col. NORMAN S. HORNER (3rd Brigade) has been replaced as E.O. of the 3rd Brigade by Lt. Col. ROBERT L. PHILLIPS (1st Bn. 34th)....

RAYMOND C. MONTGOMERY (L21st), signing as "just an ex Gimlet", writes from Rt. 2, Shepardsville, Ky. He wants letters from his buddies.....Writing for the Feb. Atlantic, General James M. Gavin sizes up Patton and MacArthur. Neither fared too badly. Says Gavin, in summing them up, "...but when the issue of war chilled the hearts of our people, there was one thing that was not lacking: their generalship".

Life Member GERALD STEVENSON (Div.Hq. '41-'45) will have a party of 5 with us in Hawaii. We trust that it includes your lovely daughters, Jerry, and of course, the wonderful lady you showed the good judgement to marry....DON C. SHRADER, 1215 Marshall, Marshalltown, Iowa, recently joined.

WILLIAM and Alice SANDERSON (19th '40-'45), of 57 Peck, Attleboro, Mass., just couldn't have been busier than they were at our Boston party. We couldn't survive without these devoted enthusiasts. Bill is a devotee of Victor Appleton's way with adverbs which become etched permanently on the subconscious of thousands of youths as we waded through Tom Swift and His Electric Rifle, and all the other 40 odd books of the series. Bill's favorite: "I had a hot dog for lunch", said Tom frankly.

Hawaii will see once again Life Member WALTER "Shorty" SCHERER (Div. Hq. 1/41-10/45) and this time he'll have his 2 sisters with him. Shorty's at 204 Inwood, Syracuse, N.Y. 13209....An old 724th man, JOHN T. SCHEMM ('50-'52) joins up from 3212 Woodhume, Baltimore 34, Md. We welcome you, Johnnie.

Hawaii: that magical land where sunlight butters the trees....When BILL VERBECK (21st) writes, it's invariably a book. From his latest, we quote: "Charles Banks was 21st Regimental Sgt. Mjr. during the war. Among other things, he was famous for wearing his '34 issued breeches at a review in Australia. When MacArthur asked him about them, he said: "These were issued to me when I was serving under your command in the Phillipines in '34, and inasmuch as they are not worn out yet - by regulations - I may still wear them". As a result, MacArthur arranged for Charlie to fly back to the ZI after the war instead of going by slow transport. Charlie died of cancer 7 years ago. His widow, Anna, and I have been in touch with each other since Charlie's death. Two years ago she had cancer and came to Walter Reed where they stopped it with surgery. She returned today for a check-up. I, of course, met her. We had a long talk before she went in to see the surgeon. By a strange coincidence, I, also, was due for my three month check-up. We both assured each other that we felt fine, that if anything was wrong we would know it before the doctors discovered anything, but that it was nothing to get excited about and we were sure to be O.K." That's the Gimlet spirit!

Note for ladies of the clan who are winging with us to Hawaii: if hubby is holding you down to one 27-or 29-inch bag, consider this for a check list: 1 large handbag, 4 pairs of shoes - (1 walking, 1 leather pump for travel, 1 leather for daytime, 1 satin or evening sandals), 2 sweaters, 6 pairs of hose, 2 nighties, 1 robe, 4 sets lingerie, 1 silk or linen or cotton or wool suit to wear enroute, 1 print blouse to wear enroute, 2 sleeveless linen or cotton dresses (good for day or night), 1 no-iron print dress, 1 cocktail dress, convertible to dinner by a small self-jacket (fake fur is fun), 1 cotton knit, two piece dress, 1 skirt, 1 Bermuda or long shorts with top, 1 top coat to wear enroute and 1 raincoat and 1 hat.

Have a gripe? You write it; we'll print it; and let the chips fall where they may....Just joined: VINCENT VELLA ('45-'46). Vinnie, a tool maker, and Frances, with Barbara, Gerald and Cynthia, are at 107 Homer, Buffalo, N.Y....We see where some 24th men in Germany recently went down to Rome and presented an automobile to the Pope.

# WAIKIKI GRAND



*Architecture and interior decor portray a harmonious blending of Polynesian and Oriental motifs whereas American ingenuity shines through in the choice of modern, luxurious comforts.*

A day . . . week . . . or month, whatever the length of one's stay at the Waikiki Grand Hotel, it promises to be the "grandest" ever! Cosmopolitan in concept, the Hotel depicts a rare culmination of cultures, characterized by Oriental graciousness, Polynesian friendliness, American progressiveness.

*The Hotel's courtyard pool area is a popular spot for sunning, swimming and dining.*



The WAIKIKI GRAND is a 10-story affair with 172 rooms, 40 in the Aloha wing, 132 in the Polynesian wing, each with air conditioning, private bath and radio. TV can be rented for a nominal charge. Maybe you'll need a TV like Custer needed more Indians. Just thought we'd mention it. . . . Another tiger in our tank: SEYMOUR BERMAN (A-21st '45-'46), 2391 Loring Place, Yorktown Heights, N.Y., 10598, has sent in a nice check.

At least 2 of our members are intrigued with the current U.S. linguistic practice of never calling a spade a spade. Euphemistically speaking, it's an agricultural implement. Hucksters, scholars, and civil servants have long had their own jargon - even the soldier has his. Here we'll have to grant that the circumlocution syndrome of a member of the JCS is somewhat different from that of the average T/5 in A of the 19th. It seems to be the rule now to use an abstraction for a concrete word whenever you can. For instance, Mr. & Mrs. today live in a "planned community". Their place is not just a furnished apartment; it's a "garden apartment" containing "oversized rooms", furnished with "quality appointments" and done in "decorator colors". The Mrs. speaks of suffering mildly from "hair fatigue", "problem skin", "irregularity" and "over-acidity", but boasts that she has licked her figure problem and is down to "graduation-day size". She and her Mr. are planning on the day when they become "senior citizens" and retire to a "leisure village". "I'm no over-achiever", she likes to boast, "All I want from life is to become a happy, fully-realized person", whatever that means. Yes, today, there are euphemisms for every man and occasion. . . . Out of Washington politics, we find "personal spokesman", "highly placed sources" and "publicators" busily preparing "position papers". And the civil-rights boys are calling their demonstrations "creative conflicts". And there are no longer toilets. No we have "rest rooms" and "lounges", though we neither rest nor lounge therein. Only the other day, the garbagemen of Milwaukee went Art Carney one

better and petitioned the city council to be called "public works combustible fieldman". Janitors are now "custodians"; librarians now prefer "archivists". Trace part of the blame to the status race - the race to eliminate the lowly job - at least in name. . . . Tip for our girls going with us to Hawaii: Carefully limit your supply of cosmetics, sun-tan lotions, Kleenex, etc., because you will be able to buy them all in Hawaii. . . . Why the decay in our nation's morality couldn't rise to the dignity of a political issue escapes us. Perhaps it's in the second half of that truism, "We're going to H---, and no one gives a D---". The

recent decisions in the obscenity cases should have us all exploding. Degeneracy is being virtually promulgated. We fought too long and hard, that this country might survive, to accept quietly these unerring signs of progressive decay and decline. And if our political leaders (winners or losers) couldn't help us to think about these things, then who will? The churches aren't winning the battle. The courts are aggravating, not alleviating, the condition. The family, that "basic institution" (whatever that means) can't cope with it. And then we had one politician who dared to mention the subject in the course of a campaign, and we gave him a resounding defeat. The moral law is being recast, giving prophetic meaning to the Soviet intent to "bury" us.

SUE MCNEELY sends us greetings from her new home, "DeArMc" in Crossnore, N.C. Sue has re-

tired as a teacher; had to give it up after major surgery last year. We're with you in spirit,



Sue, and that house looks like something. We do hope that the reproduction does it justice - trouble is, we never know until we see the printed copy, and it's then too late. Sue says, "the latch key hangs ready to pull for all 24th friends". Hawaii, Sue?.....Went to a party the other eve where we played a game of marrying people with interesting names in order to get even more interesting names. For instance, suppose Spring Byington married Rudolf Bing, thereby producing a Mrs. Spring Bing. Or actress Dame Sybil Thorndike and comedian Ish Kabibble to produce a Dame Sybil Kabibble. That would shake up "Burke's Peerage". Match Tuesday Weld and Hal March's son, Hal March 2nd, to give us Mrs. Tuesday March 2nd. Suppose Mary Pickford were free to marry Charles Bickford. Imagine introducing Mrs. Mary Pickford Bickford. Suppose belly dancer Little Egypt were to mate with Y.A. Tittle. We could call her Mrs. Little Tittle. Work on this one: Donna Reed and Sam Snead. Or: Rosemary Clooney and Mickey Rooney. Try a few yourself. It's fun.

Hawaii. Those in the know, and our Assoc. is filled with experts on the subject, say that the best month of the year to be in Hawaii is August. ....Probation Officer ELMER L. VAN ZANT (24th PM '45-'48) writes from the Court House of Richmond County, Ga., with some heartwarming words: "It most likely will be a couple more years before we meet. We have a couple of acres that used to be on the outskirts of the city, but that has grown so fast that we are now just about in the city, and I don't like that. We have a nice place though, but, as soon as I reach 55 (3 more years), I intend to buy a trailer and travel around seeing my old and dear friends of army days"....WALTER SCHNACK (Div.Hq. '58-'64) was a welcome Boston convention visitor from 750B Leyte, Ft. Devens, Mass. Walter has Irene, and two youngsters, Cindy Lou and Raymond....Mobster Khrushchev has fallen - but the gang remains. A product of dark and evil force, his career was one long expression of contempt for human life. His regime was nourished by deception, terrorism, and assassination which, by and large, is Communism....Inside Stuff: Word has it that Life Member ADOLF MILLER (E19 '40-'44), 2658 W. Grand, Chicago, Ill., is not doing too well physically. Take care of him, Margaret, and keep us posted, please....Lt.Gen. DWIGHT E. BEACH (Div.Art. and Div.Hq. '45-'46) as Chief of U.S. Army Combat Developments Command is headquartered at Ft. Belvoir...You're getting older if you remember when a dropout was a dance team that quit during a marathon, when you wore a watch in the little pocket in your pants, when there were more raccoon coats than mink coats, when your car had running boards, when you watched Fox Movietone and Pathe News, when the Brooklyn Dodgers were called the Robins, when the Notre Dame football team was called the Nomads.

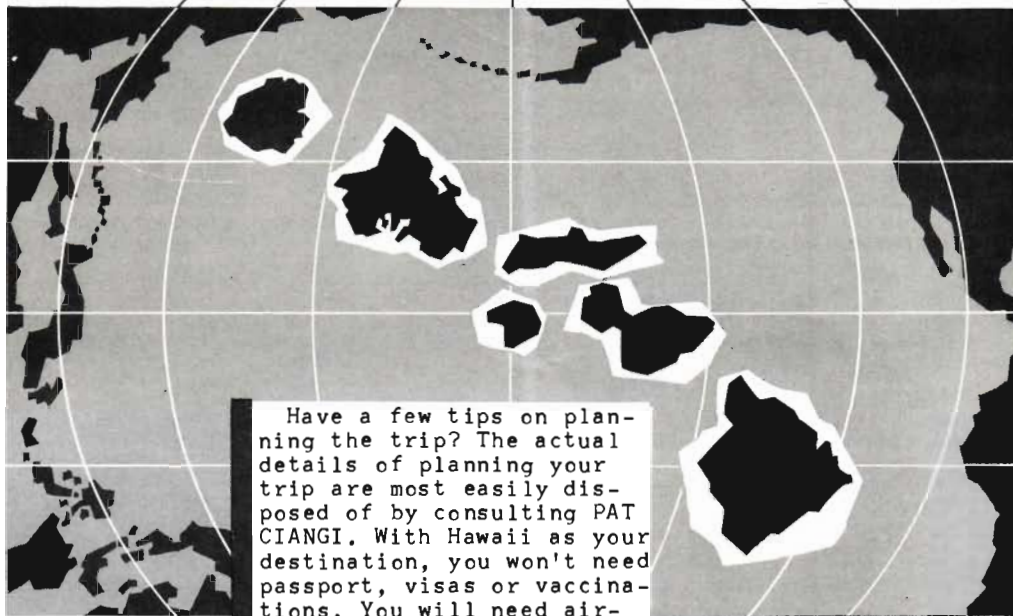
Here is what it all means to CARL G. TAYLOR (860 Avn. 3n. 9/43-1/46), of 3720 Fortune, Los Vagas, Nev. Carl was decorated on Mindoro with a BSM by the Division. Carl writes: "I received your letter. Thanks for asking me to join and my check and application are enclosed. I think I had better explain a little about my connections with the 24th. I was sent overseas and remained until my discharge with the 860th Av. Enq. Bn. which was in Jan. '45. We landed at Townsville in Oct. '43, made several landings and invasions in New Guinea, landed on D day on Layte P.I. and also on Mindoro, finally going to Japan. We were attached to many units and divisions. I was given the choice of wearing any of 24 different patches on my blouse. We were attached to these different outfits to make invasions, sometimes to get paid, to draw rations and other things. There were times that I think we were attached to a tribe of New Guinea natives to draw rations for they got pretty slim at times. Our mission was to build all of the air strips that the Sea Bees got credit for. I had lots of fun and was happy to get home well and safe. I still follow the construction field and am now a Project Manager for Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co. at The Nevada Test Site, doing construction work for the Atomic Energy Commission. If I am eligible and you care to have me, I will be happy to join. It is possible that some of my buddies in the same outfit might join if you wanted them." It is needless to report that Carl is in "like Flynn". Welcome to our choral society, Carl.

The WAIKIKI GRAND HOTEL is located at 134 Kapahulu Ave., in the attractive residential section of famed Waikiki, an inviting silhouette in the glow of a majestic Hawaiian night. Caressed by tradewind breezes, it is just a stroll away from the stores, sights and activities that border the golden sands and rhythmic rolling surf at Waikiki Beach....Inside Scoop: EARL V. BRIDWELL (H-19th '38-'42), and Alice, now hang up their sleeping hammocks at 5601 Boy Scout Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. (pop. 491360). Red and the 1'11 lady have moved out of Beech Grove (pop. 10973). Can you blame 'em? Earl tells about Leo Durocher coaching at first base during an exhibition game the Giants once played at West Point. One cadet in the stands was delighting in riding "the Lip". "Hey, Leo", yelled the West Pointer, "How did a little squirt like you ever get into the major league?" Leo's one-line reply left the cadet cheering section in stiff silence: "My Congressman appointed me"...Age doesn't matter unless you're a bottle of old wine.

Hawaii is expecting you, so please help us now by giving us your plans, as much planning remains to be done at the committee's side of the table....Life Member FRED WEHLE (3rd Eng.) has been writing ALFRED A. SOUSA, 3672 Woodlawn, Honolulu, Hawaii, asking him to join. Please don't wait 'til we see you in August, Al....Hear about the Italian housewife who always wore a Bikini bathing suit becuz she wanted to keep her Toni home permanent?

A baby sitting service is offered by the WAIKIKI GRAND.... Hot line from Pegram, Tenn.: A farmer and operator of Pegram's General Store is B.A. LOVELL (F19th 2/43-9/45). B.A. has 3 youngsters, Anna (7), Juanita (5) and Bert, Jr. (5). He has the answer as to why Eskimos wash in "Tide": "Cuz it's too cold to wash out tide". Thanx, BA.... "They say that they're sick of the swifties", said Tomraptly.

# Hawaii Looms Larger



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Have a few tips on planning the trip? The actual details of planning your trip are most easily disposed of by consulting PAT CIANGI. With Hawaii as your destination, you won't need passport, visas or vaccinations. You will need airline tickets, travelers' checks and cash, insurance for yourself and baggage, hotel reservations, with confirming letters, wires, credit cards, and driver's license.

## FLOTSAM

"Paradise of the Pacific" and "Crossroads of the Pacific" have long been nicknames for the Islands.....Life Member WILLIAM T. LLEWELLYN (34th) has been transferred by Ryerson Steel from Wauwatosa, Wis. to 410 Blackstone, LaGrange, Ill. Bill is now a fully paid Life Member. He likes to recall to mind the fish fries his A&P platoon put on near Davao. They'd dynamite the fish into submission and bring them up by the basketful.....Good sleep inducer - a small shot of wine in a glass of milk before retiring. Now this little gem in itself can be worth the price of your membership.....Definition of a bachelor: a Man who never Mrs. anybody.....Writes 99th Inf. Div. Assoc. Editor John Reid who received our issues: "Your Hawaii trip sounds fascinating - and reasonable. Your issues are great; cartoons keen". Thank you for the bouquet, John.....WILLIAM T. KEYES (D 21st '41-'44) drove over to our Boston rhubarb from 120 Valley Crest, Wethersfield, Conn., leaving Virginia behind to care for Chip, Bonnie, Doug and Bob.....Beauty tip for the wives who read us: The John Robert Powers School people offer a simple exercise to prevent a double chin: stick your tongue out far, ten times a day, while you're doing chores or watching TV. But don't point at us....Old faithful ROBERT J. SCHLATTER (21st) who made Boston last August from West District, Unionville, Conn., has signed up for Hawaii. Bob stopped by the office the other day and helped us to put this issue to bed.

Only 9 miles from Honolulu International Airport, we'll be whisked to the WAIKIKI GRAND in a brief 25 minutes....News from Life Member ROSCOE CLAXON (724 Ord '42-'45), Stamping Ground Ky. (pop. 3): "Still dragging around "K.Y." and environs. Nothing exotic or glamorous. Mom and the Colonel going strong; still talking of the wonderful time in Louisville. My secretary is doing this on Sunday evening sans pay, after a few rounds of golf, steak, gravy, potatoes, rolls, and banana cream pie, to which I lent my very best table manners. The only place I have found much of this type of thing is right here in Kentucky. Otherwise, fine, struggling, crazy as ever, but happy. Really hope you can come to see us before long." There's a real spirit there. Tucked within the note was a money contribution to help to keep these issues going out.....You're getting older if you remember the time the Shenandoah dirigible crashed.....Wooden paving blocks...Sidecars with cops in them.....Formal dress was called soup and fish....Elderberries were for homemade wine....You backed gravity-fed Tim Lizzie up steep hills.

Hawaii-bound is Life Member PAUL WISECUP (L 34th '45-'46). But what about Dottie, Paul? ....One of Paul's favorites is the one about the Gimlet going through customs. "Got any pornographic literature in that bag?", asked the customs man. The Gimlet answered, "Why no; I don't even own a pornograph".

It's still not too late to line up for the Hawaiian trip. For further information, contact PAT CIANGI at 4746 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., 60644 - Tel. 312-378-2846.



Hawaii is where you can get a taste of both elements of the Pacific: the Orient and Polynesia, eminently satisfactory for those of us who can't possibly get all the way across the Pacific.... Welcome to the club, LES WYCKOFF (L 34th '43-'45), of 315 1/2 West E., Tekachoki, Cal. Les lost his wife, Jackie, we regret to report, but he has remarried. Les has 2 children, Linda Jean and Betty Jo, both married. He's with Monolith Cement Co. Les wants to hear from any of his buddies in Love Co. He got a BS for work on Leyte. At 1200 on 29 Oct. '44, while advancing up highway No. 2, a squad working as a point suddenly ran into heavy, point blank rifle fire coming from well concealed enemy positions dug under native shacks in the village of Geleten. The squad's second scout was hit and fell in the road, critically wounded. The remainder of the squad was pinned down. Upon seeing his comrade fall, Wyckoff leaped to his assistance, ran 35 yards over terrain that offered no cover whatsoever. In the face of increasing enemy fire, Wyckoff carried the wounded man back to a safer point where first aid could be administered. Welcome aboard, Les.



The Furo, a Japanese-style bath, is available for the complimentary use of WAIKIKI GRAND guests. There adjoining is a massage studio. Ever had a Japanese massage? No? You've got an experience ahead. Better brush up on your "ichi, ni, san, shi, go" If you wanna go to ten, the rest is "roku, shichi, hachi, ku, ju", in case you've forgotten.....Last Minute Flash: BERNARD R. FAGAN (G-19th) 20-66 27th St., Astoria, N.Y. has sent in his dues. Bernie tells of a poem once scrawled on a sentry box that went: "God and the soldier all men adore - In time of trouble, and no more; - For when war is over - And all things are righted, - God is neglected - the old soldier slighted." Somehow, Bernie, the grim irony of it should sustain we has-beens. ... "You gave me two less than a dozen", said Tom tensely.



The WAIKIKI GRAND has its own swimming pool for a variation from the salt of you-know-what. Taro Leaf Bonus: BILL and Lucy DABERKO (24 Sig. '42-'45), 929 Parrish, Uhrichsville, Ohio (pop. 6201) hope to be with us in Hawaii. Often with successful teams, it's hard to tell who does the most for whom - Huntley or Brinkley, Ev or Charlie, Eliza or Professor Higgins. So it is as we look back on that formidable combination, Bill and Lucy Daberko... Please make Hawaii, "team". ..... We'd best review the standard Nip phrases; you're going to run into a lot of the little people in Hawaii. "Good morning" goes "Ohayo gozai-masu"; "Good afternoon" comes out "Konnichi wa"; "Good evening" is "kombau wa"; "Good night" is "Oyasumi nasai"; and who needs a reminder of what "Sayanara" stands for. "What's the price?" sounds like "I kura desuka" and of course "Is that so" goes "So desuka", but be sure to suck in your breath.



VOLNEY PHILLIPS (24 Sig. '42-'45) came into Beantown from The Forks, Me., to be with us at our last convention, leaving Mildred and the children, Susan and Daniel, behind.

WALT PETERS (19th '42-'45), Jeannette and the 3 youngsters, Jane, John and Jennifer, will make the party in Hawaii.



JOHN PROCTOR (Div. Arty. '50-'52) made our Boston party from 26 Cottage, Rockville, Conn.... "How about a day at the race track?" asked Tom hoarsely... Hawaii will see BOB PERE (I-34) and his first lady, Mavis, this August.

Joined: LESTER A. REID (24 Sig. '40-'44) of Box 184, Berryville, Va. Les and Mattie have 2, Terry and Mike. Les was with the Division when it was "the old square". He would like to hear from WILLIE O. BISHOP and FRANCIS THOMPSON....

We're trying to recruit FRANCIS X. RANDES, 42-46 212th St., Bayside, Long Island, N.Y.... Back with us is RALPH SHAMSHOIAN. It's nice that it is so, Ralph.

There's anything and everything to buy in Hawaii. If you don't see what you want there - forget it!.... The National Guard Bureau has just announced that the Air Force henceforth will spell adviser "advisor" as the Army has been doing. Now let's see those Russians get fresh just once more!!!.... Definition of dieting: breaking the pound barrier.

Hope SAM RIEFLER (34th), who made Boston, will also make Hawaii along with Life Member VIC and Rita BACKER (34th), who also made Boston.

HUBERT and Virginia LOWRY (19th '42-'45), a Life Member, brought with them Linda, Barbara and Patty to enjoy our weekend together in Boston. They came on from Smithshire, Ill.... By 2000, they tell us, the world's population will be double what it is today, reaching 6.9 billion. So stop shoving.... Back from France, HOWARD G. LEDGERWOOD (Div. Fin. Off. '46-'47) with lovely wife, Rosalie, and the children, David and Allen. They're now billeted at 1364 Normandy Blvd., Deltora, Valusia County, Fla.... With us at Boston were C.E. THERIAULT (3rd Eng. '40-'41) and Mary Jane. They're at 10 Rugby, Nashua, N.H., and have 3 children.

Here is the American Cemetery and Memorial at Manila where are buried 17,182 of our military Dead. Here are recorded the names of 36,279 of our Missing or Lost or Buried at Sea in WWII.



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The George C. Marshall Research Library, Lexington, Va. is making an appeal to all army components for \$11000.00 to furnish a reading room. We've just sent in a buck - in the hope of finding out why GCM sent that "straight" wire via Western Union. Wouldn't it be something to discover 24 years later that it went as a "day letter"?....Lt. Col. DENNIS J. WARDELL is now 3rd Bn., 70th Armor C.O. and Maj. MALCOLM L. COX has stepped down to E.O.

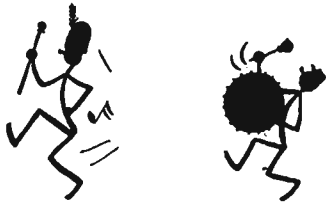
Boston papers have been running a series of articles addressed to women; teaching them how to protect themselves on the street. The real tragedy is that in this enlightened 1965, our women even face these perils.

FRANK R. DEVITO (21st 10/50-3/52) 88-3R 181st St., Jamaica, L.I., New York writes us to ask if he can join!!! Frank, are you kidding? Try to join and success will be your effort - more success than known by the guy who runs a matzoh ballfactory in Cairo, Egypt....Oriental graciousness, American Comfort, and Hawaiian hospitality characterize The Waikiki Grand Hotel. It's Polynesian adaptation of Oriental motifs, invoke serenity and relaxation...Nothing hurts more than a report such as one from JOHN F. BUELMAN, of Lockbourne, Ohio, that he joined once and then heard no more. John has good cause to wonder if this is a fly-by-night outfit. We're trying to make amends.....The teen-ager didn't much care for the new, comprehensive report card her school had adopted. "See, it's got all kinds of silly statistics and stuff", she told her parents. "And look at this. "In Sex they gave me an F - and I didn't even know I was taking it!"..... When does the second feature begin? We're running out of popcorn.



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Upon publication, we had to run out and buy John Swomley's "The Military Establishment". Swomley, a philosophy professor, is a long time opponent of military conscription. That the career military man now has more than a peripheral foothold in the U.S. power structure, we know. His is a position of enormous influence. With a \$50 billion annual budget, he makes himself felt in politics, foreign policy, industry, even in education, the mass communications, yes, religion. That we've had military extremists within the Pentagon, we know. That the armed forces have their publicity and lobbying machinery well-greased, we all know. Witness the Marine Corps. That a few generals see bogeymen under the bed is inevitable. But is it as bad as author Swomley would have us believe? Swomley has the Pentagon out for bigger defense budgets (maybe so) and out to exaggerate the enemy threat so as to frighten Congress into loosening the purse strings (maybe so) - but if the Pentagon doesn't sing the song, who will? Swomley goes overboard - and there we part company - when he detects a diabolism in the actions of our generals. He virtually accuses them of fabricating the "crises" with Russia and China (Red type) to enhance their power. He suggests that a '48 Army G-2 report to the effect that the Red Army was "on the move" was merely to push conscription through. He overlooks June of '50. He skirts around the idea that the U-2 affair was a "deliberate plan of the military to wreck that summit conference". He suggests that the Allied leaders in WWII deliberately permitted Russia to take Berlin to create a source for future crises. We're witnessing something of a rage in storybooks on this possibility of a military coup d'etat. But if we are to be reduced to a choice between some Caesar rising out of the Pentagon and walking across the Potomac to take over LBJ's throne and some fat little guy with a warted face coming in from the other hemisphere, give us the guy with the scrambled eggs on his cap.



CHARLES "GUS" A. SCHOENE (724 Ord. '42-'45), 2408 Woodcrest, Alton, Ill., 62005 has Helen and the children, Stephen and Alan. Can you make Hawaii with us, Gus?

Along Waikiki, you'll marvel at the strength of stitches that bind the seams of the Capri britches...Life Member A. BERTRAM KOENIG (24th QM), his wife and son, will make a threesome on our Hawaii expedition....Everybody should swap problems; the other guy's are always easier to solve.

HANK MARINELLO (19th), 9 W. 115, Chicago, Ill., will be with us in Hawaii. His reservation was one of the first to come in...The 2 longest monosyllabic words in English each have 9 letters. What are they? Shall we tell you? Well - they're "straights" and "strengths".

OLIVER W. McCALL (G 34th '44-'45) wants the names of G-34th men. Regretfully, Ollie, we don't have any lists by units, but we're serving our members with notice that you're alive and kicking at W. Howard, Live Oak, Fla. We hope some G-34 boys pick this up and contact you..... Call us, an incorrigible iconoclast, if you will, and elect us as the curmudgeon's own curmudgeon, but we think the service academies spend too much time in talking about the honesty of the cadets. All well and good to have an honor code, better still to live by one. That's not the point. Too much time is spent in telling us how honest these boys are. We incline to be just a teentsy-weentsy bit skeptical when a man thumps his chest in a Tarzan-like manner and expounds, "I'm an honest man". After all, isn't that what he, and we, are expected to be - and no less? Why talk about it? It would seem to account for some of the special embarrassment when they have to dismiss a few for being otherwise - doubly so when the dismissals run to 100 or more in one full swoop....It's against the law to walk outdoors barefoot in Lisbon, Portugal. Penalty - jail for 3 to 15 days.

7% of American families, with incomes of less than \$3000 (LBJ's "poverty point") own shares of U.S. industry. This we like. We've argued since '33, when wealth was first made to appear to be a sin, that we'd have an entirely different attitude toward the "American way" if the "have-nots" could in any way share a part ownership in American business. Today, we see labor owning large chunks thereof, religious groups deeply involved as shareholders, the underworld element with so much of the green stuff on hand that they invest by "going legitimate" in order to "hide" their \$ - and now this - involving 7% of our poverty class. With these elements now "playing the market", we may see a more kindly attitude toward those nasty things called "profits", "dividends", "stock-splits", et al. It's healthy. Apparently, it's no longer nasty to have money. Perhaps what FDR really meant was that it's only nasty for Republicans to be wealthy. It seems to boil itself down to no less.



# DISCOVERED

Behind the Scenes: Did you catch that ad of the Philippine Air Lines, the one on Davao? It's a full page and we've reproduced the better portion of it below. On the right was a poor picture of a water scene, not identifiable. Besides the picture was so dark as to defy reproduction. But here's the sales pitch as it actually reads:

## EVER SWIM AT DAVAO?



Swim out past the tiny islands. And look down, deep. Nobody knows how many Spanish Galleons rest on the bottom. The water's so clear you'll be tempted to spend all your time underwater - just sightseeing. Stay at a luxury hotel and order filet of Lapu-Lapu, Porterhouse steak flown in from New Zealand, and coconut wine made fresh every midnight - brought to you by waiters wearing green turbans. Davao is the undiscovered Riviera of the Philippines. And only two hours from Manila.



Philippine Air Lines offers you the fastest, most direct jets from San Francisco to Manila. And on to Hong Kong. With daily connecting flights to more than seventy exotic points throughout the Philippine Islands. Davao is just one of them. (About the waiters in green turbans—please don't spoil things by tipping them).

Come on over to my house; we're going to have a blast, said Tom explosively....J.J. McKEON (19th '49-'51), 131C Baker, Benning, left Nancy and the kids, Joanne and Joseph, behind while he made Boston with us....COL. ROBERT H. MALONE (21st '42-'45) now at Qtrs. 9, Ft. Belvoir, Va... BILL PEACOCK (21st, '45-'46) writes from Box 9144, Houston, Tex. about making jewelry using the Div. insignia and asks who in "Disneyland East" (his name for the Pentagon, and we like it) has to give approval....WILBUR H. LIND (24 Med), 100 Elm, Hackensack, N.J. is Chief Inspector for the city of Hackensack. Will send kindest regards to all....RUSS ARNOLD (24 MP '45-'47), RR4, Urbana, Ohio, sends in his dues. How's the family, Russ?....HARRY L. "Snapper" SNAVELY has at last been located at Inlet Tides, Rt. 1, Port Sewall, Stuart, Fla. What's new with you and Mary, Snapper?....You're getting older if you can remember when baseball was played in the daytime only, if you remember Piggly Wiggly supermarkets, if you remember when the only famous Johnson in Washington was Walter, if you remember turret-topped electric refrigerators.

