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With regret do we announce the death of Lt. Col. WILLIAM E. CRUMP, JR. of San Antonio, Tex. Bill, a very personal friend of ours, passed on last April 6th following a massive heart attack. He will be sorely missed by his friends of the Division and they were legion. We first met Bill when we joined the 24th At Tunga, Leyte, P.I., and the friendship found on that first day continued on through the years. We knew that in recent years, his health was failing so our contacts were spread wider apart but in spite of his problems, his love for and devotion to the Division were with him to the end. We received our last letter from Bill just three weeks before he died. Bill leaves his widow, precious Elizabeth "Betty" Crump, two sons, Ben C. and William III, and one daughter, Tamsey. Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF represented us at Bill's funeral, being one of the honorary bearers and insured that we were represented with a floral piece. As we've said before, with troubling frequency of late, another Taro Leafer has answered the call.

President Milton Bauchner of the Ocean Forest Hotel at Myrtle Beach, S.C. recently played host to Association President BILL SANDERSON, Convention Chairman PAUL A. HARRIS, and Past Association Prexies JAMES O'DONNELL and GERALD STEVENSON. Our quartet got the dope for our August 8th to 11th clambake. The rates-European Plan - will be \$12.00 single - \$16.00 and \$18.00 double in the hotel and \$22.00 double in the motel; each additional occupant will be \$3.00. Family suites will be available at \$22.00 and, of course, on request special family rates will be quoted.

The 90th Division Association is friendly. C.D. Steel is their Secretary. He's at 4255 E. 62nd St., Kansas City, Mo. Have any buddies who served with the 90th? If so, we ask you to tip them off on C.D. Steel. He's hunting for 'em. The 90th meets in Souix City, Iowa on October 11th - 13th.

ANDERSON, JACK M. (A 19th) Jack and Mabel's daughter, Glenna married, on December 3rd, 1967, James Moore, a local boy, in Kannapolis, N.C.



Jack and Mabel are at 402 E. 18th St., Kannapolis, N.C. They have gained a son-in-law, A son, Barry, yet remains at home.

DID YOU KNOW?..... that juice from a jar of dill pickles makes a

tasty braising liquid for pot roast?.....that a once-over on closet floors with a cloth soaked in turpentine will help repel moths?... that keeping your bar of kitchen soap on a sponge keeps the soap from slipping into the sink and the sponge ready for a quick suds?... that a few bars of unwrapped soap kept in bureau drawers will keep clothes smelling fresh?

SKINNER, FRANKLIN E. We've a reminder from Frank that one can procure the "Follow Me" color reproduction featuring RED NEWMAN and the lead elements of the 3rd Bn. of the 34th on Red Beach, Leyte. Send \$2.50 to the Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. and ask for one set of the 14 Full-Color Reproductions and you'll get "Follow Me" and 13 other beautiful prints. O.K., Frank; we've spread the word!

McBRYDE, CHARLES. Charlie has written in asking if we have a policy on the Korean turn coats who were 24th'ers. He "hates 'em". We assured him that we did too. Sez Charley, "I can't associate with them. There's too much forced association now without adding insult to injury". We took the liberty of assuring Charley that he need have no fear.

TARRANT, KENNETH W. It's welcome to the Club for Ken and Alice and their 4, Linda 19, Kenny Jr., 17, David 14 and Laura 10. With us from May of '42 on "Wahoo" to August of '45 on Mindanao, (Able Battery of the 63rd F), Ken is a liquor store manager. The gang resides at 36 Dysart, Quincy, Mass. Thanks for the help in locating Ken go to "Doc" STANLEY C. KAISER of 30 Whitely St., Quincy, Mass.

MILLER, ALLYN R., A21st and C19th, couldn't make it to Chicago this summer but remembered us with \$ ending his letter with "Friendships formed in battle are like steel cables; they are never broken". You're a wonder, Al.

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Convention Sidelights: WALLACE, BEN, out of Yokima, Wash., made Chicago this year, his first convention....JAMES "SPIKE" O'DONNELL's very lovely 14 year old daughter, Michelle, seemed thrilled by all of the shenanigans....13 of our 14 living Association presidents were on hand this year, ROSCOE CLAXON being absent due to his recovery from a bout with TB back in Ky..... 8 men of G of the 21st were present at the Banquet as were 2 men of L of the 34th..... WALTER CUNNINGHAM found delight in telling the story of WALTER RATHBONE sitting in a Chinese cemetery on Christmas Eve, '44 in Carigara, Leyte....The happy word was going 'round that MATT D'ALLESANDRA's boy is in the Division in Germany.

Wanna good trick for washing windows. Add 1/2 cup of ammonia and 1/8 cup of vinegar to 1 quart of warm water. This formulation will make your windows gleam and will eliminate the usual film or streaks. For painted walls, venetian blinds and woodwork, try 1 cup of ammonia, 1/2 cup of vinegar and 1/4 cup of baking soda in 1 gallon of warm water.

JENNA, Col. BILL, writes that he had the pleasure of seeing PAUL BROUN the other day. Paul, now a senator out of Athens, Ga., was regimental supply officer for the 34th. Bill also sends us the name of LAMAR LEWIS, now at Lewis' Shoe Store, Athens, Ga., formerly S-2 of 2nd Bn., 34th. Bill also tells us that Mrs. Jenna's health is very poor. We're pulling for you, Bill.

We're happy to note that our salary for editing this poop sheet has been increased. Now we get 15 Plaid Stamps a week plus a box of horehound candy.

BRUMM, ELMER E. Here's an old Dog Co. of the 34th man who has just joined up. Elmer has with us from '42 to '45. He and Ellen have 3, one 14, one 17 and one 19. Elmer has been postmaster at Curlew, Iowa for the past eleven years.



"That diet I gave you got rid of your big stomach ... now what's your problem!!"

D/A has discharged Pfc. Whatshisname. Marshall Bean, the two-hitch veteran who was drafted again when he spelled his name backwards to avoid bill collectors. Bean decided to become Naeb Llahsram two years ago. Early in the year, Llahsram was serving in the Division when he decided to come clean on the name bit. He was out in a hurry.

KUHN, ROBERT B. Retired as a Lt.Col. from the Air Force, last station Wright-Patterson AFB, Bob and Polly Kuhn hang their hats at 118 N. Second St., Fairborn, Ohio. With us in the good old square division days on "Wahoo" (Oct. '38-June '41), Bob - and Polly - have 5 young people - Chris 28, Louis 27, Robert 25, Miday 23 and Kitty 19. Now there's a family for you. Welcome aboard, folks! As retirees, might you all make Myrtle Beach, S.C. in August?

BERGMAN, WAYNE E. Wayne and Martha (52nd Field 1/44-12/45) of 4547 S. Balsam, Salt Lake City, Utah, have just joined. They have Linda (20) and Gail (16). Wayne is an air line mechanic, a carry-over from his 24th days in the artillery observation air section. Thanks MILNER MELODY for tipping us off on Wayne's location. Wayne, by the way, sent us a nice bunch of prospects which we're working on.

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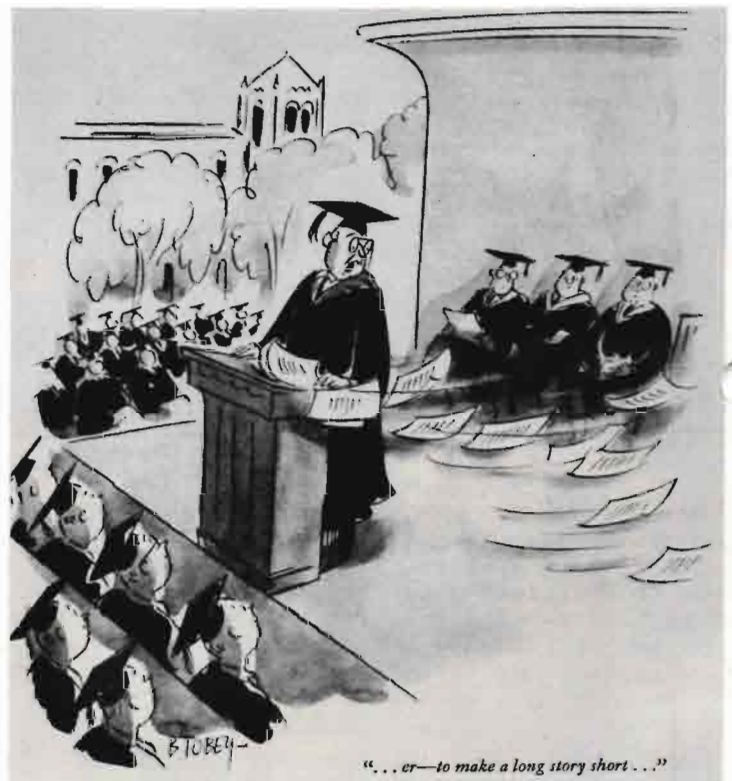
EUDY, CRAVEN M. Craven has sent us this picture of himself, of his lovely wife, Edna, and of their two,



Bobby, 14 and Penny, 9, along with the two dogs. Craven was Love Co. of the Gimlets during New Guinea, Philip-pines, and Japan. He sent us a delightfully long list of buddies and we're going to work on them. Craven and Edna,

who are at Rt. 1, Box 458, Concord, N.C., hope to be with us at Myrtle Beach, August 8 to 11.

GOGOLATSE, LEO (24th MP 7/40-10/45). Leo's wife, Loretta, has passed away and Leo writes us that he's beside himself. Our sympathies go out to you, Leo. Keep that chin up.



"...cr—to make a long story short..."

...it's only a few days away before we'll all be together at Myrtle Beach.

SLOCUM, ROBERT. Here's an old Easy man of the 19th during '46-'47 days. Bob's at 117 Broad, Oriskany Falls, N.Y., and he's looking for a 19th regimental crest. Can any one help us?

New look for Army mess halls ordered by DOD. Banned will be those metal and plastic compartmentalized trays (which followed the you-know-whats!). Now they're going to honest-to-goodness plates. No word yet on what the boys will drink out of. Remember how the aluminum held the heat long after the coffee had cooled? Well, with the tray going out, maybe the practice of putting the gravy on top of the ice cream will come to an end.

We have Taro Leaf Insignia Decals on Sale @50¢ each, enough to cover the printing and mailing. They are colorful - wonderful for the auto windshield. It helps you to spot and to be spotted. Just mail the enclosed blank to the Editor.

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SNOW, WILLIAM F. Bill, in K of the 21st from 12/40 to 12/44, is a laborer and, with wife Marjorie and kids Roxann, Jean, Richard and Cecilia, hangs the hat at 100 Mechanic St., Leominster, Mass. Bill's had a little case of heart trouble but is back full time now. He's President of Leominster Veterans Council, Commander of Post of Amvets of Leominster and Sr. Commander of Leominster DAV. You're busy, Bill. Make him slow down Marge.



Quote from a New York ad by Suntory, Ltd. of Kyoto, Japan: "Savor the Suntory Mist with a Twist. Enjoy the mystique of this most splendid of drinks - Suntory - a superb pot-distilled whisky of golden Kanto barley and crystalline artesian water. Enjoy this piquant potable in the after-dinner candlelight". Kinda makes you wish you were back, doesn't it?

HARDI, RAYMOND W. Ray sends us a shot of the men of G of the 21st taken sometime in 1944. Ray is now at 10288 Dacey Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63136



The almost impossible part of our job is in finding the word to fit the reporting of situations such as these. Patrick Ciangi, Jr., beloved son of Past Prexy PATRICK and Lou



CIANGI passed on to his reward on April 19th. Not quite 18, young Pat fought a thousand battles in the last 16 months of life in this vale of tears and no soldier ever was any braver. Through his long, lingering illness, he never once complained. Proof of the affection which we of the Division had for young Pat as well as for his Mother

and Dad and Michele, his sister, is found in the many remembrances of various kinds which the membership extended. Pat was devoted to the Division and at its reunions, which he attended faithfully, was happiest when he was working for the gang. The 24th Division had a special place in his heart and we of the Division have special places in our hearts for him. To Pat, Lou, and Michele, we extend our very deepest sympathies; their loss is our loss.

KAISER, STANLEY C. Doc has sent us a long message which reads like this: "As time moves on, one grows older with it and the grip of nostalgia and sentimentality becomes tighter. Thus I am moved to put before you a few of my words relevant to the "world of the 24th". Enclosed you will please find a couple of snaps that I pried out of my album and I hope that you may find them interesting enough to use. Inasmuch as I developed and printed these photos under makeshift and difficult conditions out in the field, the quality may be somewhat less than National Geographic level. However, I hope that they will reproduce. The picture



of the handsome, sun-glassed officer is that of Capt. Dick of C Battery of the 11th Field Artillery. Taken at Camp Caves during a beer party that the battery ran. Note the barrel of beer. The other shot is of yours truly operating his Dental Dispensary, also at Camp Caves.



The unlucky yet unscathed "patient" patient is Lt. "Junior" Waechter of, I believe at that time, the 13th Field Artillery. You might say that the title of this picture could be stated as "Dentistry in the Rough".

A lot of the boys that passed through the portals of my canvas clinic no doubt will have fond recollections when they see the picture, showing the Division Artillery dental surgeon in action. Back in '43, I worked on a young Sergeant Kenneth Tarrant, now at 36 Dysart St., Quincy, Mass. This was in Australia. We were very friendly towards each other, particularly since people from my part of the country were so badly outnumbered by the Okies and Arkies and others of similar stripe. The last words he said to me were, "Cap'n, some day when the war is over, I'll look you up in Quincy". Well sure enough one fine day in 1953, ten years later and ten thousand miles away he walked into my office and became a paying patient of mine and I have been taking care of him and his wife and four children ever since. Sgt. Tarrant was communications Sgt. and acting top sergeant with the 63rd FA. He keeps reminiscing about Major Liebe (Man Mountain, especially when you saw him coming with a poncho on) and Lt. Biedenharn, the Mississippi lawyer, he of the warm smile and a ready stock of home spun philosophy. Another anecdote of recall happened about a month ago. I went to a social function here in town and some out of town people were in attendance and by the greatest coincidence seated next to me at my table was former Capt. "Doc" Harvey Tanner, (of Greenwich, Conn.), Dental Surgeon with the 34th Inf. The last time

we had seen each other was in '43 while on training exercises at Toorbul, Australia. After 24 years, we met again and the reminiscences flew thick and fast. Harvey is busy with a fine dental practice in Greenwich, Conn. Wonderful report, Stan. For the record, Doc is at 30 Whitney Rd., Quincy, Mass.

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DUNCAN, PAUL C. News is at hand of the death of Paul on March 11th after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Paul was 53. He leaves his wife Elsa, his mother, Mrs. J.G. Duncan of Oklahoma City, two sons, Paul J. and William T., both of Oklahoma City, a brother, John Gard and a sister, Ruth McElhoney. Paul was president of the Oklahoma Bar Association and had practised law with Pierce, Duncan, Couch and Hendrickson in Oklahoma City for 30 years. He was born in Cherokee April 28, 1913, and was graduated from the University of Oklahoma law school in 1937, where he was a member of Phi Delta Phi. Duncan was a member of the Oklahoma County, Oklahoma State, and American Bar Associations, and had been admitted to practice in all courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Duncan was executive vice president and president elect of the Federation of Insurance council and a member of the International Association of Insurance council. He was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, first president of the Oklahoma Jury Trial Lawyers and chairman of Oklahoma Securities Commission from 1959 to 1963. He was a member of various city, state, national and international organizations, including the Cosmopolitan International Club, the Sirloin Club, Men's Dinner Club and the Oklahoma Beacon Club. He was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the official board of St. Lukes Methodist Church. Duncan was also a thirty-second degree Mason, and was listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" in 1967. We will remember Paul as the 63rd Field Captain from March of '42 to March of '45.

We expressed the condolences of the Association to Elsa.



VANGUARDS WELCOMED. Eighty-Eight members of the "Victory Division's" advance party arrived safely at their final destination, Fort Riley, Kansas, early Wednesday evening, January 24.

On hand to greet the Taromen and their dependents at Forbes Air Force Base were: Maj. Gen. R. Wetherill, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division; Brig.Gen. Linton S. Boatwright, commanding general, Fort Riley; the 437th Army Band, and a large group of newsmen. The flight-time from Munich to Forbes Air Force Base, south of Topeka, Kansas, was approximately 11 hours. From Topeka the party traveled to Fort Riley by bus.

The first Taroman to come off the plane was Specialist Four Edward Clifton, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 7th Artillery. The young 24th Division artilleryman's first statement was "glad to be back in the states."

Clifton was followed by other unmarried military personnel and they were taken directly to a nearby bus and departed at once for King Field House at Fort Riley. Victorymen accompanied by dependents were last off the plane.

All of the new arrivals were formally welcomed at the field house and families were housed for the night in the bachelor officers quarters at Camp Funston.

The following day qualified families were processed by the Post Family Housing Officer for post housing, and a listing of apartments and houses in nearby towns was available to the other new arrivals with families. "Sponsor families" were also available to the new families to assist them in locating new quarters.

But the best laid plans don't always work out. Careful planners with an eye and heart bent on making the soldiers and families welcome and comfortable at the field house found that the members of the advance party were extremely tired.

The planned "welcoming speech" by General Wetherill was tossed aside and instead the Division's commanding general carried pre-school aged Patricia Miller, daughter of Staff Sergeant George Miller, 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry, in his arms as she slept in order to help Mrs. Miller with the family of three children.

THOMAS, BEN. This good 724th Ord. man is arranging for a get-together of ordnance men on August 16 - 17 at VFW Hall in his home town of WaKeeney, Kans. Ben has sent us a list of names and addresses. We're working on them.

Seven months after 1967-8 dues became due (on August 1, 1967), 632 have yet to send them in. How about it, boys?

SUTTERBY, GEORGE C. George and Rosa have just joined us from RR 1, Blue Mound, Kansas. George was L of the 21st from '43 to '45. George and Rosa have Charles 16, Linda 13, and Curtis 11. George is a farmer and wants to hear from Craven Eudy who, by the way, gave us the lead on George in the first place.

The advance party of Division arrived at Ft. Riley on January 24th to prepare for the arrival of the main body in April through June.

SMITH, ROBERT M. Bob is a new member. He and Helen are at Box 1765, Lancaster, Pa., and have Pamela Ann (12) and Barbara Ann (7). Bob was with the Band from Dec. '48 to Jan. '50. Bob says he'd appreciate hearing from any band members.

Three young lovelies considered the kind of a man they'd prefer as a companion if shipwrecked on a tropic island. The blonde wished for an educated man to insure delightful conversation; the brunette agreed, an educated man who also is a fine athlete so that he could build a shelter and hunt for food. The redhead said yes, an educated man, athletic type, but also a professional man, preferably an obstetrician.

ZIEGLER, DONALD A. We have another 13th F man recently joined. With us from 6/49 to 2/43, Don and Catherine and Carl, age 20, and Donna, age 11, are at 219 E. Lincoln, Lititz, Pa. Don's a machinist, and comes to us because FRANCIS A. DUSSEAULT tipped us off. Thanks Fran. We're happy to have you, Don and Catherine.

BROWN, SAM. Sam, of the 63rd Field, sends us this puzzler: A guy owns a grandfather clock that strikes the hours and also strikes once each half hour. One night he came home and heard the clock strike once. A half-hour later it again struck once. A half-hour after that it struck once again. And a half-hour after that, it again struck once. (Four consecutive times, a half-hour apart.) Problem: What time did the guy get home? Answer: It was 12:00. He heard the last strike of 12, the one at 12:30, the one at 1:00, and the one at 1:30.



LET US KNOW ...
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1968 DUES ARE NOW DUE!



LUSSIER, EARL. With the 13th Field the first time around (41 months) and now with the 19th Inf., we caught an item on Earl in a recent issue of Division's Taro Leaf. We promptly enrolled Earl as a member. The Division's article is copied herewith:

News of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor reached the mainland via radio transmission, the reports were second hand and incomplete - but one 24th Infantry Division NCO got the word first hand, for he was stationed at Schofield Barracks on that infamous December 7th morning.

As the Japanese Zeros made their first sweeps over the island of Oahu, Sergeant First Class Earl Lussier, battalion supply sergeant for the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry, (who at the time of the attack was a private with the Division's 13th Artillery), ran outside in his shorts.

"When the attack first began", related the Sergeant, "I thought it was a bunch of Marines harrassing the soldiers with blank ammunition - but as I went outside I saw that the fire was coming from the air."

"The Japanese Zeros resembled the Grumman 'Wildcats' (the aircraft being used by the Navy and Marines at that time) because of their short stubby wings. The only way that I knew the difference was the large "rising Sun" insignia painted on the enemy's fuselage," he continued.



The Taro Leaf NCO was assigned to the repair and utility section of the battalion at the time of the attack. He had been in Hawaii for 11 months, assigned to the old Hawaiian Division, which just 69 days before had been divided into the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions.

As the initial shock of the attack wore off, which was almost immediately, Sergeant Lussier and the rest of his unit swung into action and moved out to their assigned defensive positions

"We had little more than the crew-served 30 caliber machine gun and the British 75 millimeter field guns to ward off the attacking Zeros", he recalled. "All we could do without artillery was to fire rounds into the air and hope that the Japanese aircraft would run into them," Lussier added.

The ammunition for his battalion was stored in an ammunition dump on the other side of the island, 45 miles away. For the next three days and nights Sergeant Lussier had to leave his position as a carpenter to drive an ammunition truck back and forth between the ammo dump and the battalion's gun placements.

As the fury of the initial attack subsided and the fact that the Division had staved off the original Japanese onslaught had become evident, Lussier, his battalion and the division began a long vigil, waiting for word of their commitment to battle.

The commitment finally came, almost two years after the bewilderment of that first day of war and the whine of the attacking Japanese fighters had subsided. "Two years of tedious and frustrating training I might add," said the Sergeant.

At the time of its commitment, the division had been training in Hawaii and Australia, preparing for its role in the war.

Recalling some of the incidents that took place during his 41 month tour with the Victory Division, Sergeant Lussier said, "Once, when the division was preparing to move out for the attack on Leyte from Dutch New Guinea, three buddies and I were on leave in Sydney. We had to hitchhike from Sydney to Dutch New Guinea to make our troop movement, in other words, we almost missed the ship for which we had waited two years."

"Another time, after we had secured the beach at Mindanao, Japanese ships were shelling our shore batteries. We returned their fire with our 105 millimeter howitzers, which was kind of like swatting a donkey with a fly swatter", he added. "They just backed off and our rounds fell into the water, short of their mark".

The 48-year-old, who is now serving his second tour with the Division turned down his first chance to return to the 24th Infantry Division, spent four years following the war in the reserves. Following an eight year break in service time, Sergeant Lussier returned to the active Army in 1957 and since has served in Korea, Europe, and the United States.

UMPHREY, SAMUEL, and Elspeth are staying at Eighth Army Hqs., until Sam retires in '69. Then they'll split time between their abode in Scotland overlooking the wild surging North Sea and 87 Bay Vista Drive in 'Frisco.

KLUMP, JOHN. John and Hilda report that John has had to have a stainless steel ball placed in his hip. Do know that we're all plugging for you folks down there at Rt. 1, Guilford, Ind.