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Why this reproduction of a Fred Hausman painting, courtesy of Bodley Gallery? Only because we liked it. Hausman suffers from some of the stigmata of creativity. We've studied this work off and on for hours, fully enthralled with what this fellow has achieved in putting black on white, or, if you will, white on black. Look for no hidden meaning, no pornography. It's just a picture of people, possibly sans clothing, but we really were not concerned with that. We just liked it and wanted to share it with you. That's all. It has nothing to do with the Division or the Association so forgive us the heresy. Maybe you'll pretend with us that this crowd is getting ready to join 24th'ers in St.Louis come August.

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The Huck Finn, on which we take our Mississippi River cruise that Friday night in St. Louis, is a replica of a 19th century sternwheeler, so BILL "Doc" D'ELIA, (Div. Arty. '43-'45) tells us. An all-steel ship, it's air-conditioned with comfortable accommodations. Gonna make it, Bill?

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Past Pres.-Life Member EDMUND F. HENRY, (Div. Hq. '42-'45), the Association was represented in memorializing the death of Mildred (Mrs. JAMES) PURCELL, (24 Sig. '42-'48). Ed sent a contribution to the American Cancer Society.

With the 3rd Armored in Germany, GERRY VINCENT, (63rd F and 11th F 4/49 - 7/50), sends his regrets at not making our '69 clambake. We're sorry, too, Gerry. We'll fire up the sagging spirits in your absence.

Purple Hearted early in Korea, we obliged DAN NOWOSIELSKI, (19th '50-'52), with news concerning St. Louis. We infer that Dan is going to try to make it. We want these Korea boys to feel that they are a real part of us. Welcome you will be. It's a terrific change of pace.

The Missouri Botanical Garden, sometimes called Shaw's Garden, is a center of beauty, pleasure and learning. For over 100 years these 70 acres in the heart of St. Louis have been devoted to outstanding horticultural displays. It's a scientific institution of world renown. The whole bit is something redolent of lark song and a joyous spring morning. Hope you can make St. Louis, JACK McARDLE, (Div. Hq. '47-'48). By the way, it's a new address for Jack. It's now 331 California, Huntington, W. Va.

With pride, we give you FONDO FINLEY (13th F '49-'51) and his Rose (wonderfully-named) and their 6 - Jim, Carol, Mike, Steve, Joyce and one whose name has slipped us by, we are ashamed to say. St. Louis, gang? This August, have a fun-
fling. We love you all.



CLAYBORN LOFTON and Irene report that they are enjoying our issues.

We have word in from JOHN BALDWIN, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), that the 25th Div. Assoc. is meeting late in July at Mount Airy Lodge, a resort near Mt. Pocono, and about 13 miles north of Stroudsburg in Pa. We intend to take a peek. It sounds good enough for the 24th. What we need for convention sites are resort places, not downtown sites in the large cities. Next time you vote on the question bear it in mind. Johnny and his wife passed through our home town going between a New Hampshire wedding and a return to Front Royal, Va. He gave us a call as he passed us by, for which our thanks again, John.

"Wanted to send a contribution to the Assoc" wrote JAY T. WILSON, enclosing a ten spot. Bless you, Jay.

Some enterprising soul etched the insignia of the 5th RCT on a palm in front



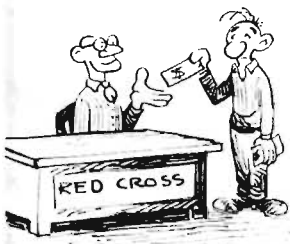
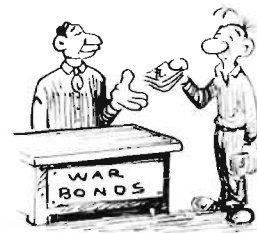
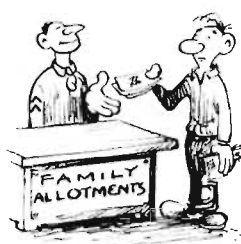
of Schofield's Quad C. We use this one for JOHNNY IYOTTE (C 11th F) who is looking for a copy of "Children of Yesterday". We're plumb out, John, but we'll gladly Xerox our copy for you. Say the word.

Retired as a Major, LACY BARNETT is now Administrator of Randolph County Hosp. in Winchester, Ind. Zestful recreation? Hop over to St. Louis in August, Lacy.

Last year The Chase-Park Plaza, at the Lindell Blvd.-Kingshighway entrance to beautiful Forest Park, served 71,350 delegates at 391 conventions. The most complete convention facilities in the Midwest include 1700 rooms, 2500-seat Ballroom, 47,000 sq. ft. Exhibit Hall, 30 private function rooms, 1000 car drive-in garage, hydraulic lift stage and escalator, Closed Circuit TV through KPLR in the Hotel. 100% air-conditioned with outdoor swimming pool and 24-hour coffee shop. Home of the famous Tenderloin Room.



THE SAD SACK



"CHICKEN FEED"

We have a story from JOE PEYTON, (Sv. 19th '42-'45). It seems that the teacher sent Bobby home with a note suggesting to his mother that she give her son a bath. Next day, Bobby arrived in class with a note from home reading: "Der Miz Smith - Bobby comes to school to git learnt, not smelt. He ain't no rose". Thanks Joe and Margaret who have their Tom in the Seminary, Jim (18) in the Army, and Pat (22) and Kate (14) at home. How that precious family is growing up!

Two who still delight in the cartoons of that folk-hero of the '40's, Sad Sack, are ERVIN and Phyllis BRODY who just might be able to break away from Franklin, Wis. to make St. Louis with us. Speaking of Sad Sack, we ourselves remember him best as the GI prototype of Chaplin's little tramp, the foil, the pawn, the eternal last man in the doughnut line. George Baker's creation would liberate our own tensions and dispel our own bitterness on days when we would be feeling that we were merely serial numbers.

We receive regularly the question: "What does the Association stand for?" GERALD R. GOULET, (C19th '50-'52), was a recent one to ask it. We invariably answer: It stands for a steadfast devotion to the principles upon which our country was founded. It stands for the high ideals and standards established by our Army. It stands for the determined and aggressive spirit of our fighting Division. It stands for the perpetuation of the unselfish friendships formed during service in the Division. By the way, Gerry would like to hear from any Charley Co. Chicks. He's at 8965 Alexander, South Gate, Calif.

We regret to announce the decease of GEORGE GAYNOR (Div.Hq. '46-'48). Word has reached us from Lt.Col. Eleanor A. Gaynor of the death of her husband from a massive coronary last Dec. 24th at Columbia, S.C. Eleanor was in Ethiopia, Chief nurse at the only Army hospital in Africa, ASMARA, APO N.Y. 09843, at the time George had retired in '62 and Eleanor "sold on RA", carried on in the service. George was right proud of Eleanor's career.

Send it to Box 501, Blairsville, Ga., if you want to contact LEON DAVENPORT (11th F and A 21st '45-'50). He's presently with Advisory Team 86 of the 46th Regt.

We have room in this issue for only one letter and reply which we have gleaned from the files of our advice-to-the-lovelorn columnist, JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, G 21st. It goes:

Dear Spike:

I'm married to an alcoholic who used to be a wireman in the 24th Sig. He refuses to admit he has a problem. He says I'm a nut who has a "fix" on whisky because my father was a drunk.

In addition to his hideous hangovers, I've witnessed an endless parade of women in his life because everything and anything looks good to a boozed up Lothario.

Last night he said, "You might as well face facts, Inez, I'm in and you're out. To be 'in' one must unloose his creative mind and let his imagination run free. Some need marijuana, others use speed or meth or LSD.

"I'm a simple soul," he added sanctimoniously. "All I need is liquor."

So, he's in. Well, I guess he is. He's insincere, infantile, inconsistent, insipid, insolent, incompetent, insensitive, incomprehensible, incapacious, insufferable, ineffective, incoherent, indecent, inarticulate, inert, indiscreet, intolerable and insolvent. Just sign me -

Outspoken.

Dear Outspoken:

Outspoken by whom?

Spike.

LAURENT I. DESROSIERS, (AT 21st '44-'46) of 1 Holly, Manville, R.I. Larry throws a bouquet our way, "doing a wonderful job", which we gratefully, and proudly, acknowledge.

PAUL A. FRASER, (52F), of Rt. 1, Box 22, Moro, Ore. Paul wrote us, at the time Rockefeller was saying that, if he was drafted, he would run, that he has an 18 year old neighbor who says the same thing.

ELVIN E. GREEK, (K21 '42-'45), of 2917 Emblem, Richmond, Va. Elvin and Margaret reported that they'd try to make St.Louis.

Col. HAROLD E. LIEBE, (13th F), has returned and is now County Coordinator of Pierce County, Fla.

Congratulatory words on our issues received from WW II Hq.Co. Gimlet GERALD W. GOOCH, for which our deep thanks, Gerry.

It's back to the mainland for BOB and Mavis PERE (I-34th '41-'44). They left NYC for Hawaii a few years ago. Now they're leaving Hawaii for Florida. Sez Bob: "The old girl ain't what she used to be; the Aloha spirit is strictly the green buck. So we're going to give Florida a whirl. Wherever there's a half-way decent job, that's where we'll stay." Bob and Mavis write about 20th Century Fox's documentary epic, "Tora, Tora, Tora" being filmed in Barber Point Honolulu. It's



the story of the P.I. attack. Bob sent along some pictures showing the equipment lined up for the film. In the one of Bob, the truck reads "Hq. 24th Inf.Div."



How's that for realism. That's Bob standing by the trucks.

"Please send me information on your St.Louis party", wrote BOB STRATTON, (19th Korea). So we dispatched it to Bluffton, Ohio, without delay.

In cleaning out some old files, we ran into this one of Hq.Bldg. at Scofield. "Early 1950 vintage" says LOUIS H. McKEY, JR. (5th 9/50 to 5/51). We're using it,



Lou, but mail to you at Modesto, Calif., keeps coming back to us.

A six-year-old boy, separated from his mother in a supermarket, frantically called out to her, using her first name: "Martha! Martha! Martha!"

The woman came to her son quickly, but admonished him: "You should not call me 'Martha'. I'm 'Mother' to you."

"I know," the boy replied, "but this store is full of mothers!"

Shortly after her husband's death, the widow married her husband's brother. Hoping to avert criticism of such a hasty remarriage, she hung a large picture of her late husband in the living room.

This worked for a while, but one day a friend heard a stranger ask who was the fine looking man in the picture. "Oh," she answered, "that's my poor brother-in-law. He died recently."

An army sergeant was placed in charge of the carrier pigeons. One day, one of the pigeons returned five hours late. "What happened?" asked the sergeant. "Nothing," said the pigeon. "It was just so nice out, I decided to walk."

KENNETH H. MABLE, (Korea '50-'51), of 547 Med.Co., Ft.Stewart, Ga., writes: "I want to know what I have to do to get into the Assoc." Are you kidding, Ken Mable?

Now hear this, LEW and Helen KEPLER, (G21st '42-'45): The Chase Plaza provides its guests with lodgings, foods, entertainments, etc. It's the etc's., that make the difference.

Travel Agency Sign: "Please go away!"



We've been clued to a picture in a recent National Geographic by LES WYCKOFF (L34th '43-'45). It was with a story on The Philippines. The picture shows a farmer's family dining "upstairs" in their Mindanao hut, while the tethered carabao and rooting hogs are having a go "downstairs". Makes you want to go back, doesn't it?

ROBERT J. HARPER, (19th and 34th '50-'51), of 1293 Rubyann, Saginaw, Mich. Bob, now a member, asks how he might reserve a room for two in St. Louis.

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From Memphis, TOM and Opal RHEM, (B34th '44-'45), may make it up to St.Louis for our fun-derful August weekend.

Come to St.Louis in August. There are millions like us; middle-aged, with small pot bellies, impatient, with sudden violences and sullen withdrawals that harbor with slight smiles the memory of our youth. It is necessary now in middle age to hearken back to the wars, not out of the guilt of survival but out of the need to know if we proved anything - and with the uneasy leering fear that in fact we proved nothing. Come to St.Louis and make the effort of recall. You'll be the happier for it.



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24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

August 14 - 17, 1969

St. Louis, Mo.

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Day Date Time
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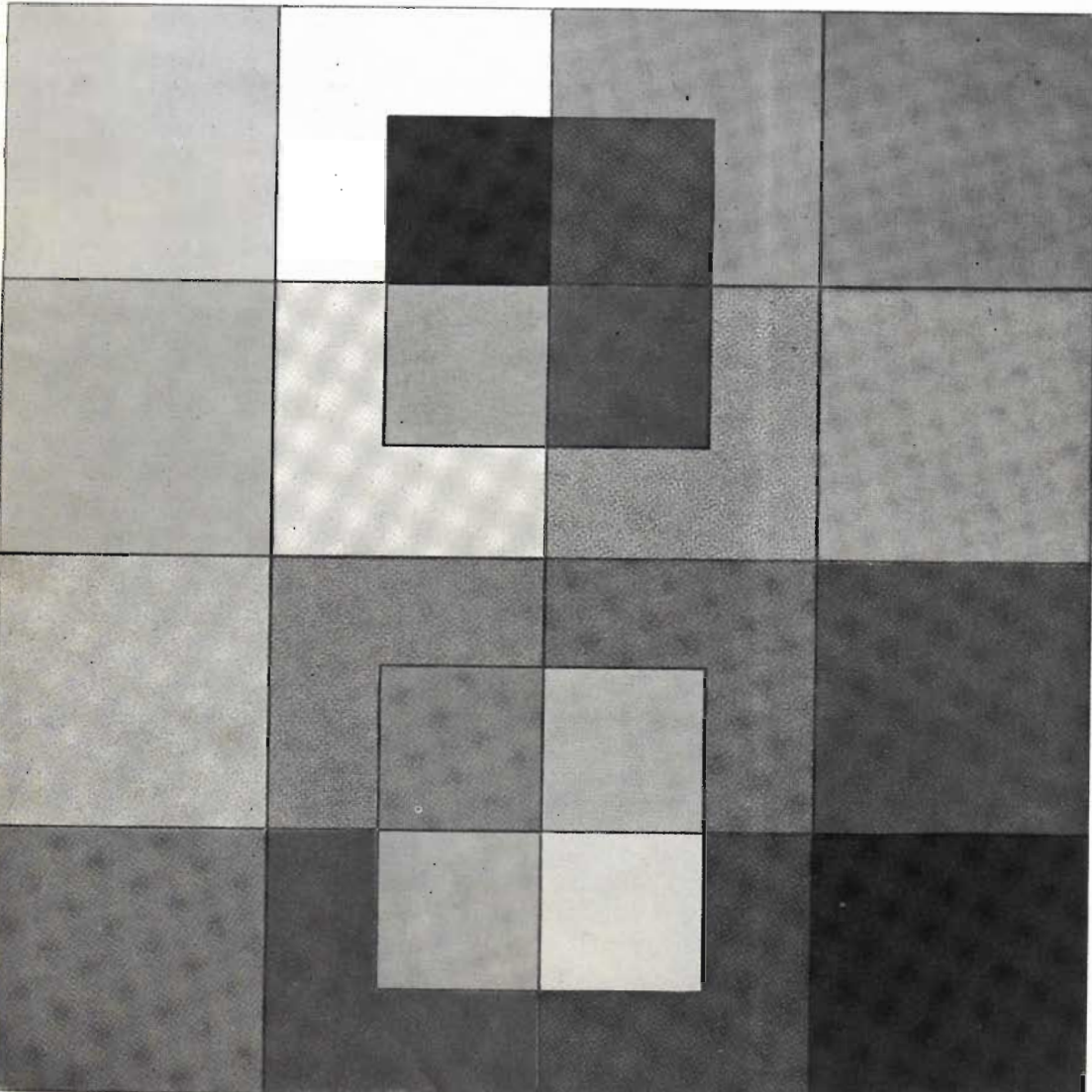
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We find ourselves unable to hold back on reporting a recent memo of The C/S,

LIND, WILBUR H. (B 24 Med. '44-'46), of 100 Elm, Hackensack, N.J. Wil is Deputy City Manager of Hackensack. Wil and Helen send us this puzzler. The problem is to see how many squares you can count. It takes a square to know one. Solution in next issue.

1st Inf.Div., Col. Archie R. Hyle in Laikhe, South Vietnam. Addressing himself to all units, he said that excessive displays of nude and semi-nude photos had been evident during an inspection. He said that they were a violation of good taste, offensive to many soldiers and a "constant distraction". He ordered that all pornography be removed and that pinups (one per GI) be limited to neat, tasteful displays only in the billet area. And now on with the show.





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HOWARD W. RICHARDSON, (724 Ord. '42-'45), not content with being a Life Member, just sent in a \$25 contribution.

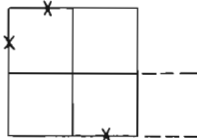


"I said haven't you ever dug a straddle trench before?"

DAMISCH, ADOLPH, (34 & 19, '49-'51), of 20 Bornley, Norwood, Mass. Adolph, our retired major, went ape with our puzzles which called on you to make one less square



by moving only three lines. It requires more than systematic thinking. It requires a little imagination. And patience. Now



that you've had time to do it yourself, here's a diagram that will help you show others how to do it. (Incidentally, if you don't have pencil and paper handy...book matches work just as well.) Move the three lines marked with X's. Put them where the dotted lines are. The secret: branch out. The solution: simple. Once you're on the right track. Thanks, Adolph.

Because they just reupped with dues, we dedicate this one of Kolikoli Pass to JIM and Mary Louise HARTMAN (724th Ord.)



It's only a skip and a hop to St. Louis from 2775 Sutton, Kettering, Ohio, Jim and Mary. Why not join the happy people?

ALVIS L. ROCK identifies himself as the "tall, slim, Okie welder in service of the 21st from '44 to '46. Slim writes us that he wants contact with anyone of Baker Company or Service Company during that period. He writes on stationery of Slim The Junker - Iron and Metal - at Box 203, Stilwell, Okla., and sends in \$10.00 for dues.

Our St. Louis Sunfari will scare up memories of such as Scofield's Funston Gate



for PHIL FROHLING if he can find the time to stop worrying about neon displays and Frohling Sign Co. over there in Nanuet, N.Y. Your neighbors, SAM and Sue GILNER, are making it, Phil. By the way, the Gate isn't used these days.

In the Dec. issue, an article in Holiday Magazine on Vatican City discloses that the Pope's private telephone # is Vatican 3101, and not "Vat 69" as some wags have had it.

We love getting mail from JACK E. BROWN, (Sv., E & F 34th '42-'44); it's always signed "Jack, Mona and Mona Marie". Surely they'll make it over from Jamesport, Mo.

STU and Jane McLEAN, (24th Cav. '45-'48) have a nice-sounding address: The Meadows, Meadow Lands, Pa.