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With which we say welcome to Brig. Gen. GEORGE E. MARINE. D/A has announced the assignment of General Marine, of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as Assistant Division Commander of the Division, arriving there on May 2. He is currently the Deputy Director for Operations (National Military Command Center), J-3, Organization, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior thereto, he served as Commander, 2nd Inf. Div. Support Command, ('73-'74) and as Chief of Staff, 2nd Inf. Div. with Eighth Army in Korea ('74-'75). In addition to completing the Infantry School Basic and Advanced Courses, Brig. Gen. Marine attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the National War College. A graduate of Roosevelt U. with a B.S. in Business Administration, he also holds an M.S. in International Affairs from George Washington U. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in '51 from the Ill. N.G. Among Brig. Gen. Marine's decorations are the Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. A native of Jacksonville, Ill., he married the hometown gal, Georgeanne Lynn and they have two children, Georgia Lee and George Richard, who is a student at S. Ill. U. We're right proud to have them join our team.

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Fellow Taro Leafers:

Plans for the annual convention to be held 11-14 August, 1977, at the OMNI International Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia are beginning to shape up:

* We will hold a commemorative service at the MacArthur Memorial and a tour of its museum.

* A trip to the Naval Operating Base at Hampton Roads to visit on board an aircraft carrier (or whatever large warship is alongside) is in the works.

* We are scheduling a sunset cruise of Norfolk Harbor which should provide a festive as well as relaxing way to pass an evening.

* Whilst the membership holds its annual meeting, our ladies will be taken on a tour of the Chrysler Museum to be followed by a picnic lunch on the grounds of the Hermitage Museum.

* And then, of course, there's the annual banquet. President Lumsden has an interesting speaker lined up. And Tom Compere will do his thing as Master of Ceremonies.

So..... See you in Norfolk. Y'all come!

Sincerely,

Lester L. Wheeler
Convention Chairman

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The Association is a strictly non-profit, non-military, non-rank organization of men and women who serve or once served together and desire only to keep alive the warm friendships formed in that service.

Past President/Life Member ED HENRY delights in the myriad trees which adorn his Attleboro, Mass. property and to help him keep them trim he called in a tree surgeon the other day. At the end of a busy trimming session, he invited the "doctor" in for a drink who, once inside, noticed the various "taro leaf" insignia decorating Ed's den. Recognizing the emblem, the doc put 2 and 2 together and reasoned that Ed was a one-time 24th'er. Notes were compared. Sure enough, Ed was now playing host to ALBERT DESORCY (34th and 19th '49-'52), of Bailey St., Cumberland, R.I. Al's now our baby member, you can bet. Was at Taejon when BILL DEAN was captured - remembers the day well. Went to the 19th following the decimation of the 34th.


Real gratitude here. Former Congressional DoorKeeper "Fishbait" Miller writes a book on boozin' and floozin' on Capitol Hill. He tells on the very guys who gave him his \$37000 per annum pension. \$37000 for a doorkeeper? We held no brief for the likes of Mendel Rivers, Wilbur Mills, Carl Albert, Joe McCarthy, Wayne Hays et al, but we can't appreciate a sorehead who endures it all for 30 years and then goes to pencil and paper the minute he's kicked out.

Another MI man has "had it". JIM SHIRAH, (34th), is retiring. Sez Jim, "Considering what MI has been going through, is going through, and seems destined to endure, I feel very, very tired."

"Don't need that any more than a tom cat needs a marriage license". That's an old one for you. And it applies to the article written by Lucian K. Truscott IV, grandson of Third Army's Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., and son of our own LUCIAN K. TRUSCOTT, III, who joined the 19th in '46 just after he got out of W.P. Seems that #4 wrote an article about sex at W.P.-women running around with no clothes on, streaking into the dorms, hugging and kissing and everything including drugs and booze. Sez he saw more than one good orgy over along Flirtation Walk. The whole story is soon to appear as part of a book, #4 being now an ex officer turned writer. He got out of the Army a year after graduation just before going to 'Nam. That tells you something right there. He kept some other good man from a military education at W.P., who would have appreciated it. Another kiss and tell hero - world's full of 'em. You paid to educate this one - and see what you got.

Happily do we insert an ad for A.Z. Freeman, a Samurai sword collector. Good DICK LAWSON reports that he has dealt with him and found him to be first rate. So get that sword out, men, and give Maj. Freeman a whack at it.

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"Busier than a one-armed paper hanger". We all know that one. Not that busy are VARIAN and Jessie HOOVER, (C 34 '43-'45), of Box 507, Hustontown, Pa. They now winter in Frostproof, 60 miles east of Tampa. Varian's health isn't too good; they had to give up the store because of it. He recalls the night at Hollandia. Sez he, "I had guard duty - guarding a river crossing - leaning up against a tree when suddenly everything began to shake - my first earthquake - and I had to go half-way around the world to find it." Anyone else remember those tremors? - or is Varian putting us on?

"There never was a lane so long that it doesn't have a turning". Recall that one. Recall too the days when a likeness of Rita Hayworth appeared in every foot locker. Sad it is to realize that, today, this beautiful lady is having big problems.



Col. (USA Ret.) TOM UPTON, one of the original officers of the Division medical staff, presents painting of a World War II jungle scene to the new C.O. of Co.B, 24th Bn., First Lt. JAMES GREENWOOD. Presentation took place during the recent reactivation ceremonies here at Stewart. (US Army photo by Linda Whitfield.)

"Big enough to go bear huntin' with a switch." is an expression we've heard ANGELO LORIO, (724th Ord. '42-'45), use 1000 times. He has a floating ashtray he's selling for \$6 - 2 for \$10.50, postage included. It's the world's safest ashtray, he says. Snuffs out a cigarette in a split second. No odors. No more burning of fingers. Help to prevent forest fires. Better still, quit smoking. But if smoke you must, try Angelo. They come in yellow, green, red and black. Figure on a 6 week delivery. Angelo paid for this ad by the way - so let's patronize our advertisers. He's at Box 240, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11237.

Things we're sick of reading about:
The Tapes - The West Point Scandal.
Barbara Walters.

"He'd complain even if you hanged him with a brand new rope." Now that's southern talk, that there is. And we don't mean ED PISAREK, (21st '40-'43) of Reno, Nev., who has just joined us, thanks to the hard work of BENNY MASHAY.

"As scared as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs". We're that when we figure that last issue of Taro Leaf cost 21¢ to print, 14¢ for postage and 5¢ for the envelope. That's 40¢.

He's got the world by the tail with a downhill pull". Now there's a new one. It's new too to newly joined DWIGHT JAMES, (E 21st '40-'42), of Pueblo, Colo., where he's an electrician.



Brig.Gen. LESTER L. WHEELER and his lovely DOROTHY who, as chairpersons for our Norfolk party next Aug. 12 - 14, invite you to come on over for that glorious weekend.

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With Sgt. Mike



"Lieutenant, they tell me your men would follow you any-
where — To what do you attribute this remarkable degree
of rapport?"

"Duller than a widder - woman's ax".
That's an old one. But this story isn't
dull. It's of the 33 men of the 24th Av.
Bn. who joined the Association in Feb.
LTC. GEORGE A. MORGAN, CO, and CSM WALTER
V. CARLTON, JR. spearheaded the drive.
Great trick, men - and a hearty aboard
to each of you. Oh - lest we forget -
it's a US Army photo.

Postal clerks galore! We have 'em in
this outfit. Just joined is KEN CARROW,
(24 MP '48-'50 and B21st '50-'51), who
with Misako, lives at 456 Wood Lake,
Virginia Beach, Va. We'll surely see
them both in August. Then we also have
LOU CARPINO who has no wife - he's
divorced - and has no job - he's retired -
but who once did carry the mails through
wind and storm and sleet and hail etc.,
etc. Lou was 24th Recn. and 21st '44-
'45 and now hangs his hat at 101 Elmendorf,
Kingston, N.Y.

Bring back
penny candy!

The man who
invented the Life
Saver made a mint.



ART SNOW, of Wakefield, Mass., made it back to PH in December. He and fellow 13th Fielder, FRANK DUSSAULT stood in front of the howitzer at 3rd Bn., 13th FA barracks. It's now a part of the 25th Div. Wrote Art, "Saw quite a few of the old gang who were there in the '40, '41 and '42 years."

"Kitchen so small you can't cuss without getting hair in your mouth." But that's no reason to cuss. We have a new member, Maj. ORLANDO VITULLO of Warren, R.I., thanks to BACIL STEED of Box 194, Katherine, NW Terr., Australia, our "farthest distance" member. They both were with BILL DEAN in Japan and Korea. Orlando was X-0 of the 24th Recn. Co. and later was CO of 78th Heavy Tk.Bn. Bacil represents "IM/Ex Trading Co." between U.S. and Australia. He's been in waltzing Matilda land for 5 years.

"Ain't fittin' to associate with the hogs." No not Chick DON FLOWERS ('50-'52), of Lancaster, Ohio. Don is fittin'. He's now retired. Imagine a Korean veteran - retired. Don has just become one of us.



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Into the club comes CANDIDO MARTINEZ (B 19 '49-'51), of Loveland, Colo. He and Virginia have - hold onto your hats - Donna, Dercella, Dorothy, Robert, Barbara, Denise and Candido - that's right - 7. Bobby is a Lance Corporal in the Marines.

Thoughtfully sent in by Buddy Farola, Station Commander, Sto.Tomas, Davao, Mindanao. Where is it? Taloma Beach of course - site of Division Hqs. May - Aug. 1945. Mt. Apo in the background.



It was just 35 years ago that Dr. THOMAS BRODERICK took the first command of B Co. of the 24th Medical Battalion at Schofield.

Sez Tom, "The colonel told me I was now a policeman. I told him that I was not an MP but a doctor. He said, 'Well, doctor, the parade ground out there hasn't been policed in months.' And that's how I started my tour in World War II, mowing the grass and picking up empty bottles."

In a nostalgic ceremony at Stewart recently, the guidon of Co. B was passed from the hands of Dr. Broderick into the hands of 1st Lt. JAMES GREENWOOD, the new company commander. The company was reactivated after 20 years of inactivation. The picture shows the Ceremony. 1st Sgt. GEORGE CRADDOCK has presented the guidon to Tom who in turn is about to present it to JIM GREENWOOD (far right) while Bn. CO BERT FARMER looks on.

"Don't start choppin' til you've treed the coon". Meanwhile meet DON DOSSETT, (Cn. 19th '43-'45), of E. Alton, Ill., a new member. Don's a machine shop foreman.

"He won't pee on your leg and tell you it's raining." That comes to us from Tenn. It is not to be credited to CHARLEY CARD of 817 Shag Bark Lane, Deerfield, Mich. Charley's back with us after a 10 year absence. Hi Charley!

"Every tub must stand on its own bottom." Think about that one for awhile. Meanwhile know please that we've recruited an L Company man of the 21st from '45 to '46 (let's see, that covers Mindoro, Mindanao and Okayama). He's WALTER MONROE, a photographer from Morris, Minn.

B Co. was formed in May of 1942 in Hawaii as the nucleus of the 24th Med. Bn. The company served in support of the 24th Infantry Division throughout World War II and Korea. With its battalion, it went through the hell of New Guinea, the Philippines and Pusan. In July of 1957 it was inactivated.

Another officer of the original 24th Infantry Division medical staff was Col. TOM UPTON, now retired, who also attended the reactivation ceremony. Upton and Broderick became friends when the colonel served in the division's surgeon's office as malaria control officer. They remain good friends to this day and see each other frequently. We saw them together with their wives at Savannah, last August. Broderick lives on Long Island and Upton at Forest Hills, N.Y.

Reminiscing about jungle warfare, Upton states, "Back in the days of World War II, we lost more men to tropical diseases than we did in combat. Of course, our major concern was malaria control. It was the number one priority in all commands."

Broderick points out, "Another big problem was getting a wounded man evacuated to a field hospital. On jungle trails you would find the enemy not only in front of you, but on both sides and often to the rear. Many times a man had to make it out on his own before he could be picked up by a litter team."

"And those litter teams," adds Upton, "consisted of 12 men. It took four men to a litter working in relays of three to carry a man one mile."

Now under the command of 1st Lt. Greenwood of Nianic, Conn., reactivated B Co. will serve in support of the Second Brigade at Stewart.

Broderick, a graduate of Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D.C., retired from private practice some years ago and now serves as a staff surgeon at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Montrose, N.Y.

Upton has retired after a successful career as a production designer. A few years ago he and his wife took a long-awaited trip through the islands where the 24th had fought. "It really brought back memories," he states. "It was magical."

As the division's malaria control officer, Upton often had to inspect medical units in the field. He likes to tell the story of when he once inspected then-Captain Broderick's field hospital deep in the jungle. Every man there, including natives and POWs, was fully clothed as protection against mosquito bites, "except Broderick, who was holding sick call without his shirt on."

Upton has "needled" him about it for 35 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased: On April 5th, Mary Ellen (Connell) MULDOON, beloved wife of BILL MULDOON, (21st Inf. '41-'45) and mother of Patricia A. Muldoon and Lawrence P. Connell.

We've been notified by Lillian Pettey, beloved wife of LOUIS B. PETTEY, (Div. Hq.Co. 7/42-9/45), of 1111 S.Washington, Alexandria, Va. Lou's death on Apr. 8, 1977, after 13 long months in Alexandria Hospital with pulmonary emphysema. Twelve years ago, Lou had to retire from the postal service because of the onset of the problem that was eventually to take him from us. He will be sorely missed.

On Dec. 31st last, good BOB HALLOCK (Col.Robert F. Hallock, USA Ret'd), passed to his reward, in San Antonio, Tex. Bob was CO of Div.Arty. from 4/51 to 12/51. As a Second and First Lieut. during '26-'29, he served with the old Hawaiian Division in Schofield. A grand chap, Bob will be sorely missed.

JOHN MEYERS departed this life on March 18th - in his 68th year. Johnny was H 21st and had been in a nursing home in New Town, N.D. for the last two years. Malaria, Parkinson's, and cancer of the lymph glands. Poor Johnny.

Alice SANDERSON, BILL's good wife, lost her beloved Mother, Mrs. Edna Essex, the wife of James Essex, last February, in Attleboro, Mass. We all join in extending our sympathies to Alice, Bill and Jim Essex. Wrote Alice, in thanking the Association for its remembrance honoring her Mother (Ed.note: we sent a contribution to the Attleboro, Mass. Masonic Temple Memorial Fund): "She had a warm love for the Association and all it stands for - some of her richest joys was when she was surrounded by some of the members she was privileged to know. I am grateful to you all for caring."

Passed on: Nelsie Rodgers Crowe, beloved wife of MOODY S. CROWE, last Jan. 23rd. Moody and Nelsie lived at Rt.1, Box 1005, Davidson, N.C. Moody relayed the tragic news to us. In the next mail came \$100.00 for his Life Membership. Watta guy.

Died: Good friend James Jones, of 25th Division fame, who authored "From Here to Eternity". Jim died at age 55 on May 9th at Southampton, L.I., N.Y. He had had a heart condition for many years.

James Jones felt that just before his death his striving for total honesty and enlightened cynicism made him a better writer than when he exploded onto the post-World War II literary scene with "From Here to Eternity."

Jones drew on his Army experiences, making bold use of four-letter words and sex. "Eternity", his first novel, was a model of this kind of writing, and after its publication in 1951, Jones was rewarded with critical acclaim, financial success and the National Book Award.

Although he wrote seven other novels, his first was the one for which he was most famous.

At the time of his death, Jones was working on a "big, big" war novel entitled "Whistle," the third in a trilogy that included "Eternity" and "The Thin Red Line," according to his publisher, Delacorte Press.

Jones, born in Robinson, Ill., in '21, joined the Army in '39 after attending the University of Hawaii and New York University. He received the Purple Heart at Guadalcanal.

IN FOND MEMORY

OF

LOUIS B. PETTEY

Division Headquarters Company

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