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Pleasant memories, renewed friendships, lasting enthusiasm....that's what it's all about. With The Wheeling-Northbrook, (Illinois) Holiday Inn as the showcase for our meeting, we've taken a giant step toward a happy homecoming to any and all Taro Leafers within a decent driving range. Saturday, April 8th is the date. Come early. Stay late. It'll be an all-day affair for any and all. Just grand opportunities to sit around and relax with old friends. We're planning no busy program, no fancy banquet, no great hoopla - just an easygoing get-together of old buddies - and their wives. See you there? We hope so.

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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any unit ever formally "attached" to the 24th Infantry Division. Dues are \$10.00 per annum inclusive of a subscription to the publication, Taro Leaf. Life Membership — \$100.00.

The Association is a strictly, non-military, non-rank, non-profit organization of men and women who serve or once served together and desire only to keep alive the warm friendships formed in that service. We ask nothing and expect nothing, as an Association, from the White House, the Capitol or the Pentagon. We are as non-official as we can possibly be. Our sole purpose is to enjoy the pleasure of one another's company and good will, sharing the joys of this common bond.

Together for the holidays were President JOHN and Hilda KLUMP and Past President PAUL and Dorothy WISECUP at the new Wisecup residence in Ft. Myers, Fla. - 1265 Kasa Masa Lane.

We see him annually at convention time - then he disappears like a magician's rabbit. Just as we went to press, there appeared a post card - from Afghanistan. WALTER CUNNINGHAM was thoughtfully remembering us.

EDWARD and Patricia JENSEN, (34th '43-'45), are at 3026 Ewell Place, Wantagh, N.Y. Ed suffered a coronary last August but, thankfully, is back with the Borden Company.

Encore! Savannah!

Membership Chairman HOWARD LUMSDEN never gives up. He just brought in GENE MADDEN, (1st Bn. 34th), of Dodge City, Kans. and BOB HARRIS, (24th QM '49-'50), of St. Charles, Mo. Gene was looking for a copy of Children of Yesterday. It's out of print, Gene - but stay loose, we're including it as a part of our History because of so many calls for it.

One of our passionate beliefs - that the toothpick in a club sandwich is totally useless.

D/A looking into putting women into "close combat units". Eight studies are under way. 17,300 of the Army's 72,800 officer spaces are now closed to women. Thus 55,500 are open. Roughly 401,600 of the 573,900 enlisted spaces are now open to women; 172,300 are closed. Keep watching. This is gonna be good.

CHARLEY McBRYDE is pushing hard votes for Billy Ray Cameron at the August VFW convention. Billy will be up for election from 14 states including the Carolinas, the Virginias, Ky., Okla., Texas, Ark., La., Ga., Ala., Fla. and Tenn. If you're from the area and are a VFW, Charley would appreciate a vote for Billy. Billy's from Sanford, N.C. and is running to be national junior vice-commander of VFW.

Another unshakable belief - that people who sit on floors at cocktail parties always turn out to be teachers (either of Latin or of algebra).

Second heart attack for LOUIS DUHAMEL (Cn. 21st '44-'45). He's recovering - in Texas until April or May. Then back to 509 Wentworth, Lowell, Mass. Our fingers are cross Louis - and Claire.



"I know you're disappointed dad, but try to understand. I had to go awol. They were gonna cut my hair."

FRANK and Jeannette WILLIAMSON (A 19th '39-'45) have left "Taxachusetts" for Litchfield, N.H.

JAMES "Tommy" THOMPSON, (21st '42-'45), of 511 Helms, Wharton, Tex., has retired from teaching. Reports that now he has developed a bad foot - "too much yard work", he says.

# "Where do you want to meet?"

In our last issue, we included a ballot for those who might wish to indicate where they might want to hold our 1979 and subsequent reunions. The returns were interesting. Here's how 171 of you voted (you'll recall that we asked for 1st, 2nd, etc. choices):

Chicago	51
San Francisco	38
Las Vegas	31
Los Angeles	20
Honolulu	18
New Orleans	12
San Diego	7
Dallas	5
Washington	4
Niagara Falls	4
Boston	4
Louisville	3
Seattle	3
Savannah	2
Atlanta	1
Bronson, Mo. (Where?)	1
Buffalo	1
Carmel, Calif.	1
Cincinnati	1
Denver	1
Des Moines	1
Detroit	1
Houston	1
Palm Springs, Cal.	1
Philadelphia	1
Pittsburgh	1
Rochester	1
St. Louis	1
St. Petersburg	1
Tijuana, Mex.	1
Toronto	1
West Point	1

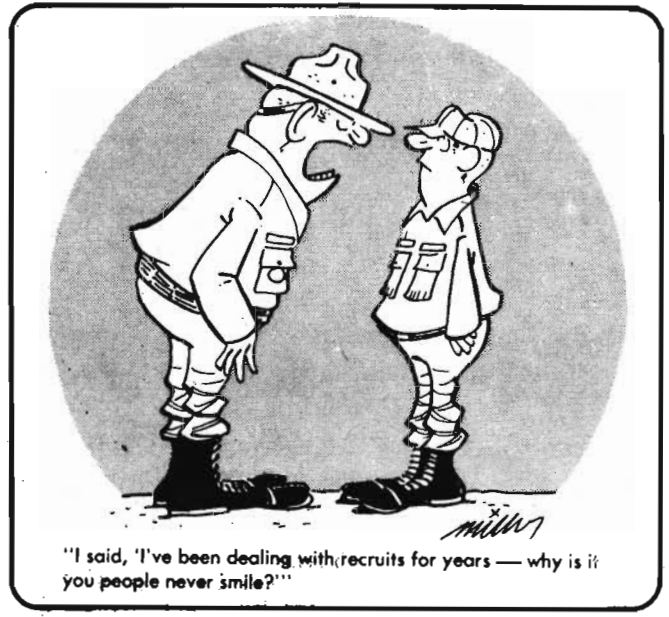
Leave it to the boys to have fun even in the midst of tragedy. Following the collapse of the roof of the Hartford coliseum, the street gossip was that a new topless bar had just opened in Hartford.

2nd Bn., 21st - 640 strong - flew to the Canal Zone early in Feb. for 3 weeks of jungle training. Now please don't get us going on that Canal question; we've got enough problems right now trying to get that History ready.

O.D. FOSTER writes to tell us of a forthcoming reunion of Hq.Co., 2nd Bn., 34th next July 15-17 at the Holiday Inn, Amana, Iowa. O.D. can be reached at 9104 E 36th Terr., Kansas City, Mo. MaBell has him down as PH.816-356-4541.

Ever notice? People who do crossword puzzles never have much to say.

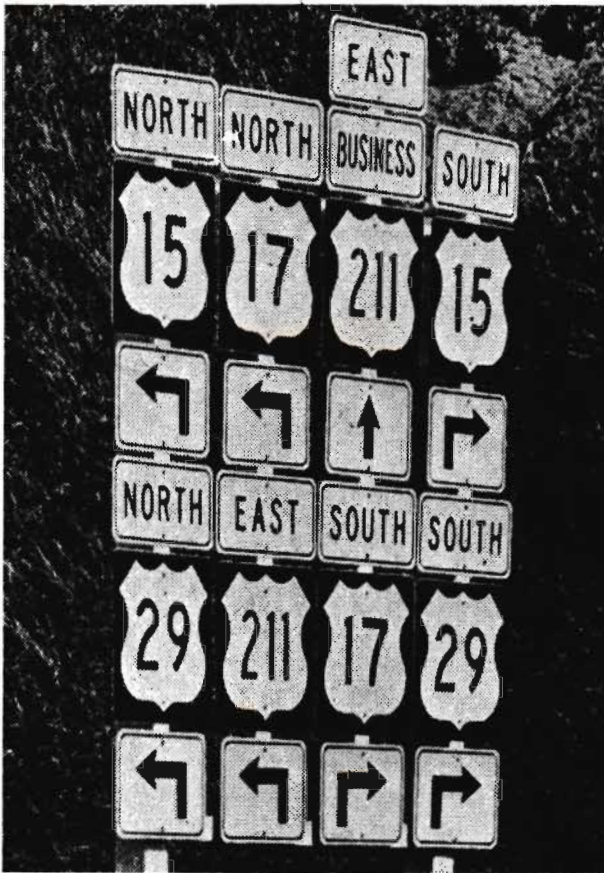
BOB HARDIN has signed up ALBERT and Betty DELAY, (Hq. 21st '42-'45), of Tilden, Ill.



As to preferences for the time of year, the voting went:

January	3
February	20
March	16
April	1
May	1
June	2
July	2
August	91
September	1
October	31
November	0
December	0

Incidentally of the 91 voting for August, 71 checked off "Retain as at present".



Here's one that'll drive you around the bend. This mess appears at a junction near Warrenton, Va.

Fella thought Johnny Cash was a pay toilet.

Ever figure out what a "rasher of bacon" is?

Here's a grand chance to do a good turn for CALVIN GARRETT who hasn't worked since his heart attack 3 years ago. He's collecting U.S. stamps. If you have any you don't want any longer, Cal would be grateful. He's at 806 Linden, Hanover, Pa.

Betty PARNCUTT advises that BOB, (F 34 '44-'45), of 5202 FST, Philadelphia, is recovering nicely from a couple of heart attacks last July. For this, we are happy. Bob and Betty now have 4 grandchildren.

Years ago, when Maj.Gen. AUBREY NEWMAN was regimental commander of the 511th A/B Inf., one of his lieutenants was the present Div.CG, Maj.Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT. The relationship has continued there since by way of correspondence and a few years ago, Gen. Vaught dropped by Sarasota for a visit. Writes Red, "... a fine gentleman and outstanding soldier". They'll meet again in Savannah in August.

Catch Life Member HARRY HILTNER, (K 19th '45-'46) now at 4712 Maple Brook, Flint, Mich.

In the words of the late Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King - and he said it better than anyone - "When you get in trouble, you send for the sonsabitches".

JIM HUNT is "one of the greatest friends I ever had" wrote Past President and Membership Chairman HOWARD LUMSDEN as he signed up the retired Colonel not only as a member but as a Life Member. Jim was Hq.Co., 3rd Bn., 21st '49-'51. He and Helen are at 1301 47th Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. where Jim is now operating a solid waste disposal company. Adds Jim, "Let's face it I'm now a garbage man". We're not proud, Jim. Come on in.

Choose at random any 50 coffee shops and you'll find that the soup of the day will be either split pea or tomato rice.

DICK FOSDICK, (Hq. 63F 6/43-12/45), of Mayville, Mich., has paid his dues, enlisted for the History, and paid the dues of buddy FRANK LADD of Phillipsburg, Kans. Watta man.

Our alma mater just raised tuition \$340. That used to be the tuition.

BILL BYRD has signed up HOWARD BRUNO, (Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 34th 6/45 - 4/46), of Tucson, Ariz. To Rita and to Howard, we say welcome.

HOWARD LUMSDEN has signed up another Lifer - HAROLD DETHLEFSEN, (Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 21st '42-'46), of Chappell, Nebr. HERM MILLER and BILL BYRD had a hand in it too. All 3 also were instrumental in persuading DAVE RAMSEY, (Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 21st '42-'46) of McMinnville, Tenn. to join. These chaps are sure beating the bushes.



"What do you mean 'shape up or ship out?'"

Here is an up-to-date record of contributions received for the DIVISION HISTORY since the announcement of the plan back in August of 1975. The contributions are listed by members alphabetically:

Ahnert, Lewis R.	30.00	Dick, Dallas	15.00
Ames, Bert L.	10.00	Diskan, A. Elmer	10.00
Anderson, Jack	10.00	Dolat, Stanley J.	10.00
Ansley, Robert J.	10.00	Donovan, Basil C.	10.00
Baccay, Clark	70.00	Draus, Richard	10.00
Backer, Victor	10.00	Dubreuil, Albert O.	5.00
Baldwin, J. Smith	40.00	Duhamel, Louis	20.00
Balestrieri, Ralph R.	10.00	Dupaw, James W.	10.00
Bangert, Thomas G.	10.00	Eadie, John	30.00
Barnett, Lacy	10.00	Estes, Joe C.	10.00
Beier, John E.	25.00	Farrier, Thomas I.	20.00
Bell, Jr., James L.	10.00	Farver, William T.	10.00
Bergan, Morris	20.00	Fauss, Walter A.	10.00
Berna, Joseph	10.00	Fentner, K.W.	20.00
Bethards, John	40.00	Fies, Raymond W.	15.00
Bjorkman, Bernie E.	10.00	Finan, John J.	22.00
Bolleter, Francis A.	10.00	Finegold, Maurice J.	10.00
Booth, Hugh E.	10.00	Ford, C. Rucker	20.00
Boroznoff, Walter	10.00	Fosdick, Richard H.	20.00
Boyden, William F.	10.00	Fraser, Paul A.	15.00
Brabham, Robert F.	10.00	Freeland, John B.	10.00
Broderick, Thomas C.	10.00	Fuchshuber, Royston	10.00
Bronsberg, Alexander F.	10.00	Garrett, Calvin E.	10.00
Brown, Louis A.	20.00	Garrity, Richard	10.00
Buck, Sr., Frederick E.	10.00	Gerry, Robert E.	10.00
Budniak, Harry	10.00	Geygan, James W.	50.00
Buller, Vincent	10.00	Gilner, Samuel Y.	50.00
Burke, Ezra P.	10.00	Girardeau, J.H.	20.00
Byrd, William	10.00	Gnau, William D.	10.00
Cain, Paul J.	10.00	Goiny, Richard C.	20.00
Card, Charles W.	20.00	Gosztyla, Henry J.	10.00
Carlson, Herbert C.	15.00	Granstaff, John O.	10.00
Carpenter, Alva C.	10.00	Gray, Joe B.	10.00
Cassidy, Jerome E.	15.00	Elvin E. Greek	15.00
Champion, James R.	10.00	Gregory, William	20.00
Chorley, Walter	10.00	Gross, Stanley T.	10.00
Chubb, Lyle	20.00	Haley, R.H.	10.00
Church, Robert M.	10.00	Hall, Ivan E.	10.00
Clark, Lester L.	10.00	Hall, Thomas J.	10.00
Claxon, Roscoe	20.00	Hallock, Robert F.	20.00
Clifton, Herbert D.	10.00	Hampson, Russell J.	9.00
Cochran, Lafayette A.	20.00	Hanlin, Clifford G.	20.00
Coffman, Alan	10.00	Hanrick, Dennis M.	10.00
Cole, P. Edward	10.00	Hanson, L. Truman	20.00
Collette, Clarence A.	55.00	Hardi, Raymond W.	20.00
Conoyer, Joseph J.	30.00	Hardin, Robert	10.00
Cope, Redlon J.	10.00	Harris, Paul A.	35.00
Craw, Charles R.	10.00	Hartley, Paul W.	15.00
Creamer, Leo	10.00	Hartman, James	10.00
Crowe, Moody S.	30.00	Hartman, W.E.	10.00
Crucius, Leroy R.	10.00	Hasseltine, Lee L.	10.00
Cullen, Mike	20.00	Heller, Roger K.	25.00
Cunningham, Walter	200.00	Henry, Edmund F.	600.00
Cuomo, Danny	10.00	Herriman, Earl	20.00
Cyrus, Harold R.	10.00	Hiltner, Harry R.	10.00
Daberko, W.A.	10.00	Hood, C.W.	25.00
Dahlen, Chester A.	25.00	Hoover, Varian M.	10.00
Daigle, Joseph I.	10.00	Howard, John R.	5.00
Dallowitz, Fred J.	10.00	Huson, Boyce	15.00
Damish, Adolph	30.00	Irving, Frederick A.	50.00
Davis, Sam H.	10.00	Jacob, Thomas J.	10.00
Deeson, Carlos	10.00	Jameson, C.R.	10.00
DeJong, Harold F.	10.00	Jenkins, Harry P.	20.00
Delaney, Edward J.	10.00	Johnson, Robert A.	20.00
Demshar, Fred	10.00	Jones, Harold W.	25.00
Dende, Raymond A.	10.00	Jones, Russell H.	30.00

Jungblut, Jr., Albert P.	20.00	Parrish, Walter	20.00
Jungjohan, Wm.	10.00	Parsons, Dewey E.	10.00
Jury, Milton J.	10.00	Pere, Robert S.	5.00
Kemper, James A.	10.00	Perry, Louis B.	10.00
Keyes, William T.	10.00	Petrauskas, Joseph M.	10.00
King, Frank	10.00	Peyton, Joseph I.	130.24
Kingsbury, Herbert R.	5.00	Pomeroy, Edward E.	20.00
Kisner, Ralph L.	20.00	Postma, James L.	10.00
Klingbail, Fred D.	10.00	Price, Homer	10.00
Klump, John E.	25.00	Radcliff, Lindy	10.00
Kreidel, R.P.	20.00	Rants, Hanford	10.00
Krone, Otto F.	10.00	Raszkowski, Raymond	10.00
Lavender, Robert P.	10.00	Reinke, Richard E.	10.00
Lawatsch, John J.	30.00	Rice, Olan M.	10.00
LeBoeuf, H.J.	10.00	Ridge, Alfred J.	10.00
Lehman, Maurice F.	15.00	Robinson, Charlie	20.00
Liebe, H.E.	10.00	Robinson, Johnny	20.00
Lind, Wilbur H.	15.00	Rock, Alvis	15.00
Lipper, Leland	50.00	Rogers, John E.	5.00
List, Lee B.	10.00	Rogers, Robert E.	10.00
Lomax, David	10.00	Rosenblum, Donald E.	35.00
Lovell, B.A.	15.00	Rutledge, George W.	20.00
Luedtke, Donald	15.00	Ryals, Jr., George F.	30.00
Lumsden, Howard R.	40.00	Sabatine, Matthew	30.00
Luszcz, Bernard A.	10.00	Sanderson, William	100.00
Lyman, Dana W.	5.00	Schaad, Carl W.	15.00
Macadlo, Edward	30.00	Schenkel, Vernon	10.00
Mackenzie, G.S.	20.00	Schwartzburg, Elridge	10.00
Manselien, Robert S.	5.00	Shirah, James L.	10.00
Mansfield, Colon H.	20.00	Shirley, Edward J.	25.00
Mantini, Angelo	10.00	Shock, Harry	20.00
Marchesi, Angelo F.	10.00	Shoopman, Granville C.	10.00
Marino, Michael	10.00	Showen, William F.	20.00
Mashay, Benny J.	10.00	Shrewsberry, Joe	10.00
May, Sam R.	10.00	Skinner, Franklin E.	30.00
McCall, Nathan	10.00	Skrzyolewski, Bernard	20.00
McCandlish, Lloyd	20.00	Smith, Paul	10.00
McCaulley, Art	10.00	Smith, V.F.	15.00
McClure, Horace E.	30.00	Smola, Victor C.	10.00
McHale, Donald R.	20.00	Snodderley, Lyman	10.00
McKenna, William J.	10.00	Snow, William F.	10.00
McKeon, Joseph J.	100.00	Sousa, Alfred A.	10.00
McMichael, Charles E.	10.00	Spragins, Robert	10.00
McNabb, Kenneth J.	10.00	Stanley, David L.	10.00
McReynolds, James L.	10.00	Stansell, John W.	10.00
Meeker, Russell W.	15.00	Stevenson, Gerry	35.00
Meyers, John	10.00	Stillwell, Stuart W.	20.00
Miller, Darrel W.	5.00	Stroup, John	10.00
Miller, Edward J.	15.00	Swanson, Wm. J.	10.00
Minton, Leonard W.	5.00	Swap, Chester G.	10.00
Mitchell, Leonard R.	10.00	Swem, Leon	10.00
Mochak, Michael	10.00	Sydiongco, Vicente	5.00
Monaco, Alfred	10.64	Tacchi, Louis J.	21.00
Montgomery, R.C.	10.00	Targo, S.C.	10.00
Moore, Harmon D.	10.00	Tarrant, Kenneth W.	30.00
Mornhinweg, Wm.	10.00	Thacker, L.H.	10.00
Moyer, James E.	40.00	Thomas, Lester H.	10.00
Mullenger, Vernon E.	10.00	Thompson, Edward C.	10.00
Mullins, William L.	10.00	Thompson, James H.	10.00
Murphy, Col.Oscar W.	30.00	Tiedeken, Richard	10.00
Myers, Paul L.	10.00	Tino, Michael J.	10.00
Newkirk, Robert A.	10.00	Tomishima, Edward	10.00
Newman, Aubrey S.	50.00	Tromley, John	20.00
Nicholson, A.W.	10.00	Upton, Thomas	10.00
Nolan, Robert D.	10.00	Van Hook, Don	5.00
O'Coin, Wilfred W.	30.00	Vasquez, Edward M.	15.00
O'Donnell, J.Spike	25.00	Villamor, Adriano	10.00
Olds, Leslie L.	10.00	Von Mohr, Jerry	10.00
Olsen, Fred	10.00	Voss, William	10.00
Owens, Jim	20.00	Walas, Frank W.	5.00

Wallace, Benjamin	21.14
Waskiewicz, Michael	30.00
Watkins, William L.	100.00
Watson, Numa A.	10.00
Watson, Richard C.	25.00
Weidle, William F.	20.00
Welch, John J.	30.00
West, Lisle C.	15.35
Wetterau, John A.	10.00
White, G.N.	10.00
Williams, Don C.	30.00
Williamson, Frank R.	15.00
Willmot, William C.	25.00
Wilson, Granton E.	20.00
Wisecup, Paul F.	70.00
Witte, Frank	20.00
Wittman, Jr., Harry L.	10.00
Woodruff, E.C.	10.00
Zierath, Fred R.	25.00

We've got a few of your checks not yet negotiated and recorded so if we've missed you on this list we'll try to do better on the next go-round. Frankly, the bookkeeping has gotten a little behind - for which apologies.

## Much ado about something.

An unparalleled setting of airy spaciousness in the very heart of Savannah....the Ramada.

CHARLIE CARD, Personnel Mgr. of Diesser Industries, Houston, Tex., sends us the name of DOUG THORNTON of 1664 Hebron, Riverdale, Ga. as a new member and also sends in his year's dues. That's friendship for you. Charlie, by the way, was B34 from '44-'46. He and Martha are at 1311 Heathwood, Houston, Tex. Thanks, Charlie.

Now in is EARL RUCKMAN, (1st Bn. 35th Art. 7/66-12/67), of Washington, N.J. where he's an agent for the Prudential "Rock" people. DON WILLMOT enticed Earl into joining.

Membership Chairman/Past President HOWARD LUMSDEN is doing something right. He prevailed upon BOBBY and Hazel MYERS, (Cn 34th '43-'46) of Orange, Calif. to join. Bobby operates Hi-Way Safety, Inc. in Fullerton. Sez Bobby, "I'm sure I'll never forget Leyte". Right on, brother.

We've got another one in S.D. Welcome DON and Ardyce OCKENGA, (H 21st for 1½ years), of Canton, S.D. For this, we are grateful to BOB HARDIN.

JOHNNY TRINCA's two daughters are marrying.

Jo and MATT SABATINE, (1st Bn. 21st '44-'45), of 616 Roseto, Roseto, Pa., made Italy last summer.

JOE PEYTON's good friend, RALPH KISNER, has joined. Like Joe, Ralph was a Chick (Hq. & Hq. Co. and B Co., 19th '42-'45), and, now, with Hazel, is at 1801 S.Woodland, Santa Ana, Cal.

BENNY MASHAY has attracted NEAL HUFF, (B 19th '40-'44), of Loveland, Colo., into membership.

C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE has enlisted DON and Margaret RECHKEMMER, (Hq.Co. 3rd Bn., 19th '50-'51), of Watseka, Ill., into membership. Don owns a bar there.

Joined up has JESE SKIPPER, (H 21st '38-'44), of Hialeah, Fla. Jess spotted one of Lum's VFW notices.

IRWIN and Shirley FEINBERG (B 11th F. '49-'50), of 585 Ft.Laramie, Sunnyvale, Calif., have joined our little club.

As we go to press....Col. URBAN THROM, now retired, is double dipping. Is surgeon of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Denver....CHARLEY MCBRYDE was in NYC recently for a Hq.Co. 19th reunion with RAY MORRIS and BOBE LA MALFA....Postcard from Lynn and BILL HINTERHOFF, (Div.Hq. '46-'48) as they fly to Tahiti for a month of beachcombing. Says Bill, "Kneeling will keep you in good standing"..... Perhaps the crime situation would be improved if we could get more cops off TV and onto the streets.....

A successful meeting doesn't have to be expensive. Try us at the Ramada in August.

New C/S for Division. It's Col. JAMES E.SHELTON replacing Col. LAWRENCE E. ZIMMERMAN. Zimmerman, who held the post since June 1975, was reassigned to the 99th Army Reserve Command in Pa. Col. Shelton was deputy inspector general for operational readiness at Headquarters, European Command. He received his B.A. degree from American University in Washington, D.C. He has spent tours of duty with the 2nd, 1st Cavalry, 82nd, and 1st Infantry Divisions. He also served with the Berlin Brigade and with the Officers Personnel Directorate, Infantry Branch, D/A

MIKE SESSON, (L 19th 1/51-9/51), of Tunkhannock, Pa., is looking for the Love Company Commander in early '51, CALDWELL by name. Any clues?

Surprise! Now you can afford a Savannah convention.





Last October 20th, Maj.Gen. AUBREY NEWMAN and his lovely Dorothy stood at Red Beach on Leyte beside the new memorial, depicting with sculptured likenesses the famous return of you-know-who. The statues are in a pool, not in the ocean. When you view this from afar, the effect is that the chaps are actually wading in the water and in the "real McCoy".

Postcard out of Napa, Calif. tells us that BILL and Lynn HINTERHOFF, (Div. Hq. '46-'48), were off to Tahiti and those other exotic islands. Daughter Sara presented the folks with their 6th grandchild. Linda's at Ft. Sill with her mom. Steve, a bachelor, is in Gloucester, Mass. All that news on a postcard? Yes.

As expected, talkative Frank Snapp, the ex-CIA analyst, is promoting a book.

It's best to bypass eating places whose daily special is written in longhand and Scotch-taped to the window.



CHUCK CRAW, of Livingston, N.J., sent us this one of some L Co. 34th boys who found one another at Norfolk last August - they are, in l. to r. fashion, Chuck, Past Prexy PAUL WISECUP, Past Prexy CLIFF "CG" HANLIN, and STUART STILLWELL. Stu says: "A dollar bill? That's just a drop in the percolator".

Ever notice? People who drive sports-cars always have lumpy back seats.



VICENTE SYDIONGCO and his wonderful wife, shown here with Red, were host and hostess for the AUBREY NEWMAN's during their Leyte stay. Vicente, a proud Association member, attached himself to the 34th's I&R Plat. in the drive across Leyte. Proudly, he located for Red the ford which was used to capture the Mainit River bridge before it could be destroyed.

AL RIDGE (21st), of 18 Hamilton, Readville, Mass., sends in memberships for RUSSELL McLAUGHLIN, (Sv. 21 '40-'45), of 4 Fairway, Canton, Mass., BILL DACEY, (B21 '40-'45), of 397 Beacon, Boston, Mass., VIN MANGANIELLO, (L 21st '40-'45), of Endicott Pl., Boston, Mass., MIKE REILLY, (21st '40-'45), of Boston, Mass Police Dept. and BOB CRAVEN, (5th RCT - Korea) of 30 Southbourne Rd., Jamaica Plain, Mass. You'd think Al was a traffic cop holding these chaps at the corner until they joined. That's just what happened.

ALEX GRAMMAS, fired as mgr. of the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday, was rehired the next Tuesday by the Cincinnati Reds to resume his old job as third base coach. Alex was with the Reds from '70 through '75 leaving for Milwaukee during the '76-'77 seasons. Good wishes, Alex.

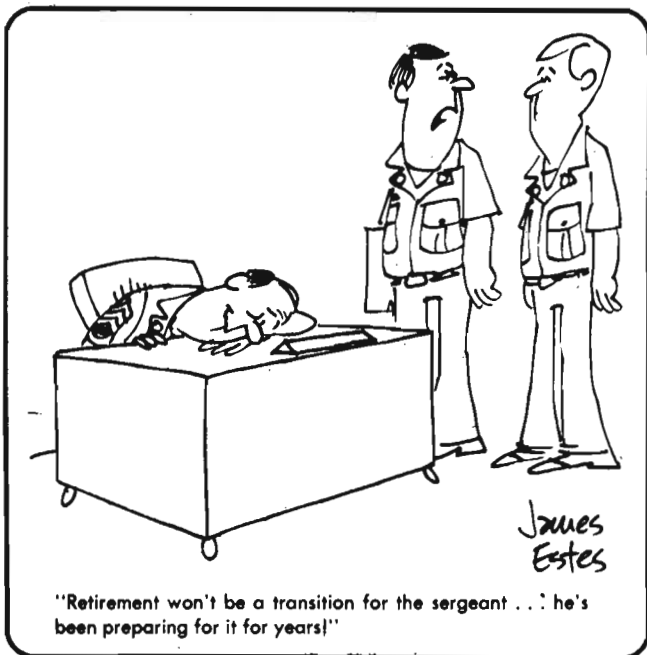
Truth to cling to - if you reach into a bag of jellybeans or gum drops, 7 out of 10 times you'll pull out a green one or a white one. Black one - once in 92 times.

Sat., Apr. 8 is the date set for the Midwest Mini-Reunion to be held at the Wheeling-Northbrook (Ill.) Holiday Inn. It promises to be an all-day gathering of the clan in the greater Chicago area. No scheduled program is in sight. It's just a chance for former Taro Leafers to sit down for a few hours of talk and good fellowship.

The only thing movies leave to the imagination nowadays is the plot.

Sign at a chicken hatchery: "Half price sale on chickens. Our coop runneth over".

Swallowing angry words is much easier than having to eat them.



HENRY BURGER, (Hq. 21st '42-'45), of Home, Kans., now totally disabled. Had to sell Burger Oil. Still thinking of trying to get to Savannah, however. Henry tells the one about the two fellows walking through the Florida Everglades. Said one, "Say, one of those alligators just bit my leg". "Which one?" asked his buddy. Came the reply, "I dunno - they all look alike to me". Great spirit there, Henry.

Fellow meets a gal at a bar. Drinks. The usual - she invites him to an apartment, a high-rise just around the corner. They move out - into the elevator - and up to her place. More drinks. The usual - "Excuse me while I slip into something more comfortable". Then the inevitable. Suddenly - footsteps outside the door. "Quick, it's my husband". "Where shall I go?" "Out that window". In a flash, he's out on the inevitable ledge. He looks down and suddenly yells back through the window, "It's 13 floors down to the street". The reply - "Ssssh! This is no time to get superstitious".

Maj.Gen. and Mrs. AUBREY S. NEWMAN have a new Sarasota, Fla. address. It's now 1104 Ben Franklin Drive - their beloved home on Longboat Key now being, for them, a memory. Red, waxing nostalgic, reminds us of the proper Pentagon procedure prior to establishing a policy. A "position paper" would be circulated before announcing the policy, a simple matter of staff coordination. He tells of a case in point shortly before his own retirement. A paper was circulated on the basic question: What should be the position of the WACs in the Army? Reportedly, one very senior general fired it back with the single statement: "I recommend against standing up in a canoe".

"I'm revoking your driver's license," a judge informed the salesman. "You will not be allowed to drive for two years. You are a menace to pedestrians."

"But, your honor," implored the salesman, "my living depends on my driving."

"So does theirs," retorted the judge.

How about doing us a favor? Contact your local newspaper with a news item, using your own name. We have found and common sense assures us that, unless there's a local tie in, home town papers aren't interested. The item, sweetened to taste, could read:

A local man, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ St., \_\_\_\_\_, has been designated coordinator for the district of (your state), in the compiling of a history of the 24th Infantry Division. This army division was born in Hawaii just before Pearl Harbor, and saw action in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II before moving to Japan for occupation duty. It was the first division to be committed to action in Korea before being transferred to Germany. Thus far the first 30 years of its history, it was never here in continental U.S. Only recently was it located in Ft. Stewart, Ga.

The history is to be in the nature of an autobiography and any man who ever served in the Division is being invited to make his personal contribution to it.

Persons who served the Division are asked to contact Mr. (your name).



The time, Oct. '45 - the place Okayama - where they used to sing "We're the \_\_\_\_\_ up Twenty First". The outfit, Easy of the Gimlets. Reading l. to r., we're stumped on numero uno, then its DICK GOINY, a fellow recalled as ? LAFARGE, and then BOB STOLL. Can anyone fill in? Dick still edits the paper for Clearing Post 600 of the A.L. TONY FARO is Sgt. At Arms. CHET ANDREZAK is a past prexy. SPIKE O'DONNELL is just a little-old member.

Writes WALT EGDORF, (21st), of Beloit, Wis.: "All kids now married. No grandchildren yet. But then, who wants to tell everyone that he's sleeping with Grandma?" Loved it Walt. Hope Patricia won't mind our using it.



"Don't you salute an officer when you see one?"

Lagniappe:....WALTER and Jacquelyn RODUNER (C & Hq.Co. 19th '45-'46), of Merced, Calif., have joined. Walt's in insurance. Says he is glad to find out we exist.... One thing about kleptomaniacs - if you've got it, you can always take something for it..... Brief note in from ADOLPH DAMISH, of Norwood, Mass., with a check for a copy of our forthcoming history.....Likewise from Lt.Col. DENNIS HANRICK, (F 21 - '51-), of Fayetteville, N.C.....Navy is fighting the problem of sailors jumping ship. Figures for fiscal '77 are 31.6 for every 1000 men. Marines are 47 per 1000. Navy desertion rate was almost 6 times the WWII high and more than double the Vietnam high of 13.6.

Savannah....for the best meeting under the sun.

Thoughtful Xmas greeting and hefty contribution gratefully received from Toni MARINELLO...\$20 for our forthcoming history received from FRANCIS BOLLETER, (21st 8/50-2/51), of Jefferson, La..... Printing bill for 1585 copies of last issue was \$748.91. That's 47¢ a copy... D/A looking into opening close combat units to the gals. It's about time, we say.....



Documents have come to light indicating for the first time that Jap scientists were at work in WW II on an atomic bomb for use against us, but thankfully were a bit slow in the process. And here for 30 or more years, we've been assuming that they were never in that race as was Germany. Worse, some of the criticism against us for bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki has been based on the idea that the Japs had never considered developing such a weapon. What bothers us is that it has taken us 33 years to find out that the little devils were up to this.

Nobody can be as persuasive as the one who's not hampered by facts or the truth.



Maj.Gen.AUBREY NEWMAN indicated no confusion over the welcome banner which these folks had ready for him upon arrival at the Tacloban airport. We could debate the meaning of "Welcome-General Aubrey S. Newman. The 24th Div. 96th Inf.Div. 1st Cavalry Div. Australians and Japanese Veterans". The pitch was to everyone and we won't argue the point. We're satisfied simply that Red's name stood out. On Red's right, in the dark suit, is Japanese General Eijchi Hirose and on his left with the lei is Philippine General Alejo Santos.

Writes GEORGE RYALS of Thomaston, Ga.: "Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 21st having reunion Denver Aug. 24-27". Isn't that something. He's in Ga. and going to Denver for a reunion about the time we'll be going to Ga.

Thoughtfully placed on the wall of the church in Jaro - remember it? - was this plaque bearing the words: "Gen.Aubrey (Red) Newman slept here on October 29, 1944. That evening their perimeter defense was attacked. The following dawn they found 3 dead Japs just 15 yards from the church door". No question of the love the wonderful people of Leyte have for Red.

Many people who have the gift of gab don't know when to wrap it up.

POTPOURRI:.....Lt.Gen.VOLNEY F.WARNER is one of 28 O's nominated by the President for AUS promotion to permanent major general. Senate confirmation next step....Relatively few EM's and male O's participating in an Army survey indicated that they thought women would handle combat jobs as well as men. Only 17.3% of the EM's O.K.'d the idea; only 22% of the male O's O.K.'d the idea.....Talk a foot about changing the name of the Chemical Corps to something like Special Weapons Corps - image problem. Why not merge it with the Ordnance Corps and be done with it?....According to a poll by Reserve Officers Assoc., 339 retired general and flag rank O's oppose the Panama Canal treaty....They told us 16 months ago that, if we voted for Ford, things would get worse. We did..... and, sure enough, they did.....Let's welcome in new member MATTHEW OTT, (B 34th 3/41-10/44). Matt and Marilyn are at 2517 Bethel, Merchantville, N.J. Matt tells us that "A lot of people can't handle prosperity - but then, most people don't have to."

The man was lying in the gutter listening to a curb. A policeman walked over and asked him what he was listening to. The man said, "Come on down here and listen."

The policeman got on his hands and knees, then got right back up, and said: "I can't hear anything!"

"That's the way it's been all day," replied the man.

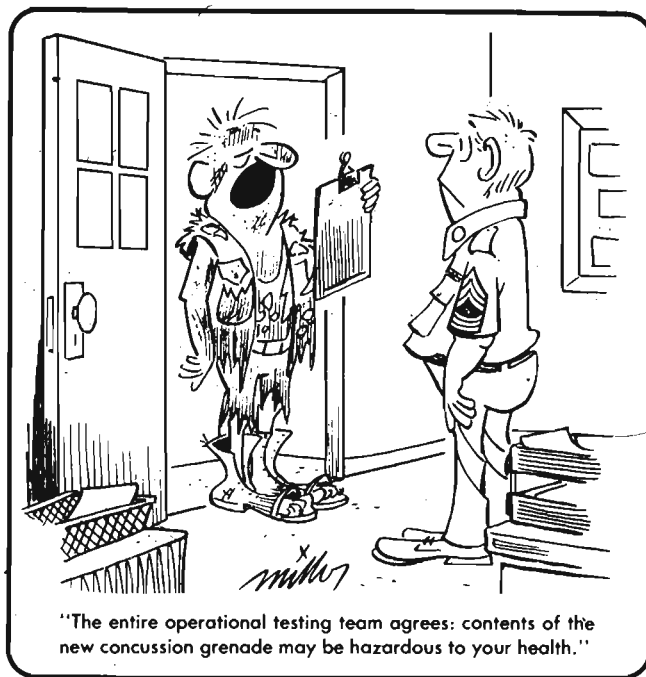
When you leave Savannah's Ramada Inn, you'll know you've arrived.

Savannah's Ramada ....it isn't the Broadmoor....the Greenbrier.... the Breakers....Boca Raton.....the Dorals.. ...the Dorado....but it isn't with their prices either.

The paunchy patient had just finished being examined by his doctor. The doctor, not at all upset by the results of the many complicated tests, handed the patient a bottle of pills.

"Don't eat them," he explained. "Just scatter them on the floor three times a day and pick them up one at a time."

No longer a bank officer, BILL LIVINGSTON (Hq. 1st Bn. 34th '44-'46), of 213 Dedham, Needham, Mass., has now retired and is dabbling in real estate.



Army Chief of Staff, Gen.BERNARD W. ROGERS, commanded the 1st Battle Group, 19th Inf. in Germany. A Rhodes scholar at Oxford after W.P., he commanded a battalion in Korea, then joined the staffs of the UN Command and the US Far East Command. Then came service with the 19th followed by a tour as Div. C/S.



On to USAREUR Hqs. followed by a Pentagon tour as military assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In Nov. '66, he went to V. as asst. commander of the 1st Inf.Div., and returned to be commandant of cadets at W.P. Then on to command the 5th

Inf.Div., followed by a tour as chief of legislative liason in the Office of the Secy. of the Army. Then came the command of FORSCOM, followed by a tour as DC/S for personnel. In Oct. of '76, he became C/S. A mighty impressive record. A grand gentleman.

From the first hello to the last hurrah, in Savannah, the accent's on you.

Life Member #220 is WILLIAM C. STYLES, (F 21st 7/50-7/51), of Buffalo Group, Ill. We're right proud to have Bill and Faith in the Inner Circle.

A viewer gazed at a picture of a group of men seated around a table. Each wore long hair, tight pants, boots, and fancy jackets. They were signing the Declaration of Independence.

This little story appeared in Sports Illustrated. If you caught it, wonderful; you can go on to the next item. If you missed it, then you might appreciate this chance to catch up. It was a story about greyhound racing; you know, where the dogs chase the mechanical rabbit, but never catch it.

Recently at the Hollywood, Fla. track, it seems that the fans had over \$50,000 going on the fifth race. Very little was going on Lucky Maury, the 10-1 shot. Away tardily, Lucky took about 12 jumps down the track and saw that his chances of catching his pals were slim, of catching "Fuzzy" nonexistent. So Lucky made a U-turn, eluded a frantic judge who tried to grab him, and proceeded to meet the bunny head-on at the clubhouse turn. Of course, he took a mouthful of Fuzzy but he held on and made Bunney's fur fly. When the other dogs caught up, they joined in the fun.

It's difficult to recall a more scandalous flaunting of the rules by any greyhound. Once in awhile a dog will fall by the wayside, but usually when he does he gets up and tries to get back to the paddock. Lucky Maury, not quite two, was being devilish. All best were refunded.

Lucky was immediately put in a school for a refresher course on dog-rabbit etiquette. But there were those in Hollywood who swore that Lucky still had a certain gleam in his eye.

JOHNNY BETHARDS, (Hq. 3 Bn. 19th '42-'45, '47-'48), of Benton, Ark., has an idea: "I think it a good idea to print names and unit of as many members as we have. Maybe if we had the names we could stir up more interest in the reunion". That means one thing, Johnny - a Directory - and we were trying to avoid that expense if we could, so as to put the \$ into the History.

WALTER CHRISTIANSON (G-34th WW II; M-34th & H-21st Korea), now of Christie Road, Ladysmith, B.C., Canada, is looking for MIKE VOLCHKO, in the 34th during late Japan and early Korea days. He also asks if Col. RICHARD LAWSON was at Ft. Lincoln, N.D. during any part of 1939.

WOODROW CHANDLER was the 21st's L Co. Commander (10/50-1/51). Totally and permanently disabled, Hap has been hospitalized for over 3 years. Is now in VA Hospital, Fayetteville, N.C. On behalf of the O's and EM's of L Co., Hap has been enrolled as an Assoc. member. Mighty nice gesture.

DON McHALE, (Hq. 19th '39-'41), of Jupiter, Fla., our Life Member 224, is now a grandpop, Capt. Raymond and his wife Lynn having presented him with a baby girl. Ray is Ops. O. at the air base in Bitburg, Germany - is going to stay in. Donna's still single, is admin. supervisor of a Milwaukee, Wis. hospital. Don is gradually picking up the pieces following Shirley's passing.

ANGELO STRADA now hangs his hat at 1505 Americana Blvd., Orlando, Fla.

## IN MEMORIAM

AL DELAY reports the death of WILLIE RAY NEAL last August 19th at Bartlesville, Okl. Both Al and Willie were in Hq. & Hq. Co., 21st between '42 and '45.

DICK and Phyl WATSON have relayed the tragic news concerning their very close friends, Orla and Loing McCarthy of Dayton, Ohio. Many of us had come to know them and to respect and admire them through their attending quite a few of our gatherings when they'd accompany Dick and Phyl. They were a simply grand couple. The Watsons saw the McCarthy's off to Spain at Christmas time. Therefollowing, on a date still uncertain, while driving in Spain, they were involved in an auto accident. Orla was killed and Mac was hospitalized with two broken hips. Mac was a retired General Motors engineer, Cadillac division. As we go to press, the date of his return to the States is not known. You might letter him at  
W.Loing McCarthy  
307 Ridgeway Road  
Dayton, Ohio 45419.

From "Pineapple JACK" FINAN comes the word that STANLEY ZALEGOWSKI passed away 16 Nov. 1977. Stan was a member of the 11th Tank Company in Schofield. He was All-Schofield Baseball Pitcher in '40 and '41 when the Staff Regiment won the championship. His widow resides at Box 258, RD #2, Birdsboro, Pa. 19508.

JACK FINAN reports that JOSEPH FRANK EDELEN passed away last Memorial Day. Frank was a Gimlet from '39 to '42. He was a member of JOCK CLIFFORD's '41 Championship Football Team. Joe made the '73 West Point Reunion. After OCS he and Jack were together in the 36th Div. from Aug. '42 to Dec. '43. Seriously wounded in Italy, he was retired as a Captain due to physical disability. Betty resides at 57 Ralston Ave., South Orange, N.J. 07079 - Phone 201-762-6807.