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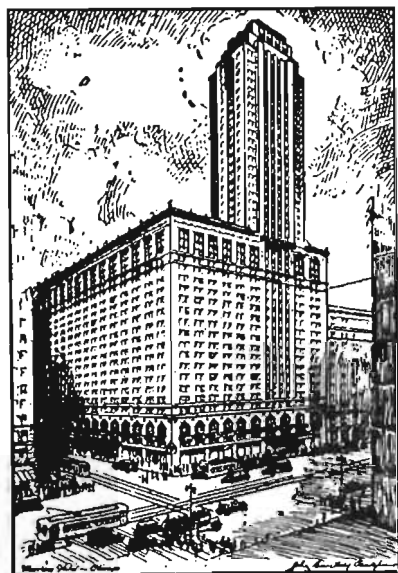
24th Infantry (Victory) Division Veterans' Association

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**LARGE CROWDS
EXPECTED TO
GATHER SOON
at the Morrison...**



**in Chicago
at Madison & Clark Sts.
Aug. 11, 12, 13, 1950**

As the time for the Convention draws nearer no doubt you are wondering what to expect and who you will see. There has been more enthusiasm in the last two months than ever before. Letters of inquiries have been rolling into this Hqs. at the rate of fifteen to twenty a day, therefore, a large turnout is expected. Inquiries are being answered as fast as possible, but this issue should clear up a few of your questions.

At the moment we do not know definitely who our Guest Speaker is going to be, since we are waiting for an acceptance to our invitation. The main thing however is to get to Chicago and meet with old buddies.

Major General Kenneth F. Cramer will be Master-of-Ceremonies, and we all know that with the General at the wheel a very interesting program will be awaiting us.

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CONVENTION COMMITTEE HAVE PLANS WELL UNDERWAY FOR AUG.

**Chicago Committee at Work and Making Plans For the
Biggest and Best 24th Reunion Ever!!**

The Convention Committee, headed by "Spike" O'Donnell, has been hard at work for the past several months. Arthur "Tiny" Maybaum was designated as the Chairman for the Chicago Convention Committee, and this Committee has been growing with each meeting. The Chicago Committee hold regular meetings on the second Friday of each month. At these meetings they discuss the progress made during the month that has passed, and they make plans for the future.

Hotel arrangements have been completed with the exception of the exact number of dinner reservations, which can not be determined until the reservation cards have been mailed in. These cards are attached to this issue. **PLEASE MAIL THEM AT ONCE!** In addition to these cards, please drop a post card to "Tiny" Maybaum at 1018 West 65th Street, Chicago 21, Illinois, in order that the Chicago Committee will know who to expect.

The Committee is planning some entertainment and will arrange to have tickets to various broadcasts and perhaps theatres. We will know more in June and this in-

formation will be published in the July issue of the "Taro Leaf". (Note: We promise to get the next issue out in early July. We are very sorry that this issue is so late, but we have been holding out for last minute information about the guest speaker, etc.).

The Convention Committee requests that you all bring trophies as it is desired to set up a really fine Trophy Room this year. Your trophies will be well guarded. Last year General Woodruff went all out in working up a fine Trophy Room, and we would like to have another group of trophies, even more this year than we had in New York.

Spike O'Donnell asks that all Regional Chairmen really get out and boost the Convention and get as many men from their respective areas as possible interested in attending. In a recent communication from Neil Young, we could read between the lines and tell that he and the boys in his area are really boosting this Headquarters and the Convention Committee. Any one desiring any further information is asked to drop a line to this Hqs., to Spike O'Donnell or Arthur Maybaum.

W-I-L-L S-E-E Y-O-U I-N C-H-I-C-A-G-O!

MENU ? ?

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COL. 2.

The following were recently promoted to full Colonel:

James Purcell, Division Signal Officer.

Donald Forney, Division Finance Officer.

Max N. Cizon, Division Adjutant General.

Harold Liebe, Division Artillery.

LT. COL. DICK LAWSON VISITS FARAWAY-PLACES FAMILIAR TO 24th VETS

Dick contacts many former 24th Div. men on trip to the far East and Orient—

During late November and December, 1949 Dick Lawson made a quick trip by air from Washington, D. C. to the Philippines, Japan and Korea on Army business concerning the current worldwide U. S. military assistance program. Before starting, he culled over his "Taro Leaf" file and listed the addresses of all 24th Div. Assn. members located along the way. His research paid off. The result would serve as a model for future Association travelers.

In California he was unable to telephone all of those on his list but he sent most of them postcards saying "Hello" and "How about contributing items for the 'Taro Leaf'?" In his hurry he addressed a card to Bob Gicker in San Francisco but neglected to write the note on the other side of the card. No wonder Bob returned the card with a big (?) on the blank side of the card. In addition, Dick sent cards to NORMAN ANGELO, ROGER HELLER, R. L. EUSTACHY, CONSTANTINE COVOTOS and HOMER KIRKHAM.

He flew on to Hawaii 25 November in a Navy "Mars" plane and managed to contact DICK GOEAS, a long-time former member of the Div. Hq. G-4 Section. Dick (Goeas-that is) is in business for himself as an accountant in Honolulu. He tried but failed to contact M. S. AITKEN also in the Honolulu area.

In a MATS C-54 Dick then flew on to Manila, P. I., via Johnston Island, Kwajalein and Guam. There he worked for ten days with the Joint U. S. Military Advisory Group and Philippine Armed Forces officers but found no former 24th Div. personnel. He was, however, greeted like a long lost brother by SECRETARY KANGLEON of the Philippine Dept. of Nat'l Defense, who, some of you will recall, commanded a Philippine Army regiment on Leyte during the memorable Leyte Campaign.

On 11 December Dick flew on to Tokyo via Okinawa and paused a day before proceeding to Korea. In Tokyo he bumped into SOMERS DICK, 24th Div. Engineer during the Leyte and Mindanao Campaigns, and BOB HAWLEY (Formerly of Div. Hq.) now with G-2 of GHQ. He had a delightful visit and lunch with "JUDGE" ALVA C. CARPENTER (former Div. JAG) and his charming new Australian wife. "Judge" now heads General MacArthur's Legal Division of SCAP. All of the above may be reached by mail addressed to APO #500, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif. He also looked up PAUL W. AURELIJ, (Allied Translators and Interpreters Section attached to 24th Div. during Hollandia Campaign—M. K. Nakano's boss), now General Manager for the American International Underwriters Corp. in Japan. In looking for Paul, Dick ran into LT. COL. CHESTER whom some of you will remember as the Commander of the Amphibious Training Center at Toorbul, near Brisbane, Australia back in 1943.

During his week's stay in Korea, Dick found 1st LT. DONALD E. ALLEN (24th Div. PX Officer in Japan) now PX Officer for the American Mission in Korea. Dick found time to visit the disputed 38° Parallel which divides Korea into two feuding forces, and the Korean Infantry School, and was privileged to have dinner with Syngman Rhee, President of Korea, and the Korean Minister of National Defense, Sung Mo Sihm.

Dick returned to the U. S. just before Christmas, by the way of the Aleutians, Anchorage, Alaska and Seattle, Washington. He tried to reach JOHN CLARK (Former Div. Chemical Officer) but couldn't decide which of the many "John Clarks" in the Seattle directory was the correct one; furthermore, it was 2:00 A.M. Seattle time.

Our roving Association Historian has done what all of us would like to do—and had a lot of fun doing it. Incidentally, he took along a supply of "Taro Leafs" (the NYC Convention issue) and scattered them like propaganda leaflets in strategic spots along the way. If the boys in the "faraway-places-with-strange-sounding-names" don't find out about the 24th Div. Assn., it won't be Dick Lawson's fault.

Thanks to Dick Lawson, and I believe we envy him in being able to make such a trip and renew old acquaintances—I know this editor does! Dick has not only made a good historian, but has devoted his time (in addition to regular duties) to getting together our "Remember" Items.

**Hotel Reservation
Cards Are
Enclosed
MAIL
Them TODAY!**

FATHER WALTER SENDS HIS BEST TO ALL FORMER 24th MEN

The following is an extract from a letter received from Father Walter by Col. Max Cizon.

'I received a letter from Father Walter, extract follows: "Nuwer just moved out of his foxhole in Vienna to a better one in a castle complete with golf course, etc. What a foxhole? Tomorrow (20 Dec.) I'm off again to make the rounds for two months. Don't know where I'll be on Christmas, probably on the high seas. When I get back in February I'm going to make a quick trip to Guam to try and pick up some surplus—lumber, generators, anything. By February 15th I hope to be back at Yap and have a couple of weeks to make up that album of the Division I promised you. On my last trip I met with an accident making a landing at Satawal Island. The ship stopped its engines about a half mile from the reef, and I had to go ashore in a small boat through the surf. A big wave picked up the boat and rolled it over like a log, hurling all of us into the churning waters. In trying to save my mass kit as well as myself I was badly cut on the arms and legs by the coral. Two days later my left arm was swollen from an infection but one shot of penicillin cleared that up. I'll not forget to pray God to bless you all abundantly."

Relatives of Sgt. Samuel B. Fike Eager To Hear From Men Who Served With Him

Sgt. Fike, Co. I 21st Inf. killed Nov. 10, 1944 on Leyte, P. I. Please write to Mrs. H. S. Haywood, 818 Wesh Way Drive, Abilene, Tex.

24th Div Non-Com Wives Open Drive

KOKURA—The 24th Infantry Division's annual March of Dimes campaign got underway with a bang when the Rockerettes, wives of NCO Club 24 members, sponsored a gala carnival at the club's annex at Kitagata Dependent housing area recently. Proceeds of \$265.54 raised during the all-day event were presented to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) R. J. Hearn, campaign chairman, by Mrs. Norman J. Ward, Rockerettes Club president.

Volunteer workers who constructed the stalls and decorated the club for the occasion included: M/Sgt. Norman J. Ward and Samuel Love, Division G-2 section; M/Sgt. Lynn W. Johnson, chemical section, SFC Carl Jones, athletic instructor, Kitagata Dependents School; Sgt. Guido Renda, EM Club steward; M/Sgt. Estell C. Jeffrey; SFC Albert I. Hartley, Inspector General section; Sgt. N. E. Felton, 24th Signal Company, and Sgt. Earl R. Otwell, Kitagata Annex steward.

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WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS OF THE 24th INFANTRY (VICTORY) DIVISION

"A Big Picture Summary"

Editor's Note: Many "after-action" reports have been written, and voluminous military histories now are being compiled on the campaigns of World War II. However, thousands of soldiers of both "rank and file" may never see them or may not care to wade through such masses of detailed information to find the stories of their own units. Therefore, for the readers of the "Taro Leaf", the war history of the 24th Division has been carefully summarized for publication in four installments, designed to give each of you the Division's "Big Picture". The four proposed installments will cover:

1. Pearl Harbor through New Guinea
2. Leyte
3. Mindoro and Luzon
4. Mindanao

It is with sincere regret that the hundreds of fascinating small unit actions and personal accomplishments must be omitted from this condensed summary, but it is hoped that full justice can be done to them in separate accounts from time to time in the "Taro Leaf". Your own eye-witness versions of such actions are urgently solicited by the Association Historian.

24th Landing At Hollandia Recalled

20 APR. 44 — 20 APR. 50

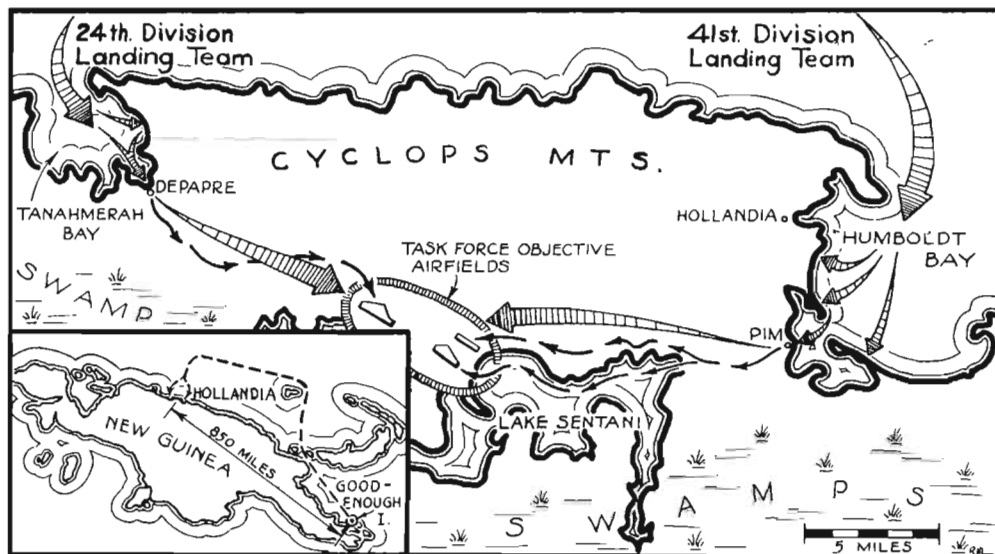
Ex 24th men of the Washington Area gathered for a luncheon 20 April, 1950 at the Officers Club, North Post, Ft. Myer, Virginia. A swell turn out was reported. Capt. Kenneth Deans (formerly with 24th Div. Arty.) was in charge of arrangements.

More of these get-togethers in all areas will do much in the advancement and welfare of the Assn.

NOTIFY SPIKE IF YOU ARE ATTENDING

All members and non-members who will attend the convention are asked to notify Spike O'Donnell.

We know you will send the enclosed card to the Morrison but it will make it easier on the Committee if you will notify Spike as well as the hotel. The committee must make reservations for the Banquet, so let it know soon. Remember—your wife will eat too—



PEARL HARBOR THROUGH NEW GUINEA

First of Four Installments

The events of 7 December, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, shocked the 24th Infantry Division with its first taste of war, and a bitter taste it was. The Japs not only gave us a taste, they rubbed the newly born Division's nose into Oahu's red dirt that day. For days we had the jitters—seeing imaginary Jap landings everywhere—paratroops, gliders, submarines, transports, signal flares, etc., etc. Then we settled down to organizing our defense of the North Sector of Oahu against the Jap landing we felt sure would come. When no enemy appeared, we went into intensive jungle training for that expected movement into combat in the Southwest Pacific.

Finally, after a seemingly endless eighteen months, we moved in 1943—to Australia, near Rockhampton in Queensland, and trained some more. Early in '44 we moved again to Goodenough Island, north of Milne Bay, New Guinea and trained and staged there for our first real campaign.

With a large assortment of attached troops we became the "Noiseless Landing Team" which, under the I Corps' "Reckless Task Force", was to land amphibiously 22 April '44 in a giant pincers movement, at Tanah-

merah Bay, New Guinea, 500 miles behind the Jap positions in Papuan, New Guinea. We, on the West, and the 41st Division Landing Team 30 miles to the East, at Hollandia, were to advance and seize the three Jap airfields 17 miles inland between Lake Sentani and the Cyclops Mountains. We did it in record time—by overcoming some terrific terrain obstacles as well as our own initial fear of the first "baptism of fire".

Our main landing beach was a beautiful mile-long stretch of sand—with a treacherous swamp behind it—and no roads whatever. The other beach, at Depapre, was wide enough at first for only two small landing craft at a time, with a dangerous tight approach through a break in the coral—but, at least, there was a road—steep, muddy, and crossed thirteen times by streams.

The 34th Infantry was in I Corps' floating reserve (the lucky dogs) and joined us later. Jock Clifford's Battalion of the 21st Infantry landed in buffaloes at the narrow Depapre beach and drove toward the airfields for all they were worth. The rest of the 21st Infantry, the 19th Infantry, Division Artillery, Division Headquarters and all the "spare parts" units piled up before dark on D-day

on that other mile-long, thirty-foot-wide beach with all equipment and supplies for a month. Having thus delivered us, the Navy left to escape Jap air raid reprisals. It was a Division Commander's nightmare and, except for General Irving's wise insistence on using the Depapre beach, things might have been even worse.

The surprised Japs cooperated nicely, however, and backed hastily into the surrounding swamps and hills, firing wildly over their shoulders. By the time the Jap area commander got out his order to "drive the American devils into the sea", it was too late, and the airfields were ours. Gen. MacArthur's practice of ordering landings where the Japs were not expecting us, again had worked perfectly.

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BILL DAVIDSON SEZ:

"We can always use money!"

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
1950 DUES?**

At Home And Abroad

The following article was forwarded to the "TARO LEAF" Editor by Robert Solomon, Editor of the "34th INFANTRY INFORMER". This article was edited by Colonel Lawson and forwarded to the 34th Infantry Association for approval and verification prior to being received by the "TARO LEAF".

From the Editor of the "34th INFORMER": "I hope our article meets with satisfaction. The 34th Association is looking forward to future issues of the "TARO LEAF", and expect to be, at the Chicago Convention in force."

From JOE TIJERINA in San Antonio, Texas: "I have a friend who was like a brother to me and I had to leave him behind when I was wounded and I never saw him again, because I was flown back to the U. S. A. . . I wonder if you could please furnish me with his address? His name is LEVY SANCHEZ, Co. G., 21st Infantry. (His former home state was Colorado)." Anyone knowing Sanchez, please contact JOE TIJERINA, 327 South San Saba Street, San Antonio, Texas.

MRS. ANNA L. ERWIN, Route No. 2, Blackwell, Oklahoma writes in part: "In regard to my son who was in the 24th Division and killed May 26, 1945 on Mindanao, I would like to know if you knew him? He was a first scout for the 24th Division. His name was Wilburn Erwin, 19 years old at the time he was killed. If any of you boys who were with him let me hear from you; I have been so anxious to see or hear from some of his buddies. I am alone. Signed his mother, ANNA L. ERWIN." Any one who knew Wilburn is urgently requested to drop Mrs. Erwin a line. A copy of the "TARO LEAF" is being forwarded to her.

A communication was received from BASIL TUSSION regarding the Reunion. Glad to hear from you Basil. Send us your \$2.00 membership fee and forward the enclosed card to the Hotel Morrison for your reservation.

MR. ARTHUR "Tiny" MAYBAUM will be tinner when he is completed his work as chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee. Tiny is hard at work and is really making the necessary contacts for us in Chicago!

We received another line from BILL VERBECK, USMTB, APO 676, c/o PM., New York. We were temporarily out of "TARO LEAFS" when you wrote, Bill, but will send you extras of this copy for your distribution down there.

Does anyone have the address of Bob Barron, (S-2, 1st Bn. 34th)? If so, contact him and also forward his address to this Hq.

We are always glad to hear from boys like Bob J. Rentschler, 1901 Leighton Ave. Anniston, Ala., who are interested in the Assn.

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BILL OF FARE

What you eat at the reunion will not interest you as much as just being with your old buddies, but here's the dope on the chow.

MENU FOR 24th INFANTRY DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION BANQUET 12 AUG. 50

*Fresh Seafood On
Tomato Ravigotte*

Hearts of Celery Mixed Relishes

Half Roast Stuffed Chicken

Whipped Potatoes New Peas

*Head Lettuce Salad With
1000 Island Dressing*

Sultana Roll With Melba Sauce

Coffee

Rolls & Butter

PEARL HARBOR THROUGH NEW GUINEA (Continued)

Despite the futile Jap defense, the rapid seizure of the airfields was not easy. The one-and-only ox cart road from Depapre fell to pieces when the first truck went over it, and could not be used again for wheeled vehicles for a month. Therefore the 21st Infantry, leading the drive on the airfields, had to be supplied by a long, grueling, hand carrying system, manned and protected largely by the 19th Infantry and artillerymen, whose guns were immobilized—which later was supplemented by occasional air drops of supplies.

Those seized airfields, literally covered with wrecked Jap planes were an awesome sight to behold—but we couldn't stop there. All three regiments and the Reconnaissance Troop fanned out for miles around Lake Sentani in a huge manhunt for fleeing Japs. The natives joined in the sport and the results were highly satisfying. By the time the campaign ended, officially, the score stood at 15 of our own killed as compared with 1800 Japs killed and 500 captured. Unknown hundreds were left to die in the New Guinea swamps.

The 34th Infantry was detached from the Division briefly, to help the 41st Division in the seizure of Biak Island, 400 miles further West, but rejoined us in time for our next and biggest campaign—Leyte.

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

It has been almost five years since the end of the war. During these post-war years most of us have once more become "civilians" and have worked with fervor to regain the time we lost in the service of our country. We have realized our hopes, ambitions and dreams made in muddy fox-holes. The plans we made "over-there" have now become realizations "over-here".

Funny, though, how sometimes in the evening you get to remembering----- remembering the time you and Joe----- or the time the "Sarge"----- And then there was Harry,-----remember Harry?--- always keeping everybody happy, always had a joke. Gosh, I wonder what happened to those guys, you think. It would be good to see them again. Think of the stories you could swap----- probably a little exaggerated by now but nevertheless, it would be a lot of fun.

But why not make these "daydreams" more than just dreams? You can see Joe, Harry, the Sarge and all the rest----- just by planning now to attend the 24th Division Association Convention in Chicago, August. In the midst of hand-shaking and back-slapping renew old acquaintances and forgotten faces. Sitting in the Cocktail Lounge of the Hotel Morrison over a few tall cool ones you can once again relive your war-time experiences amidst laughter and gaiety with a few sad moments and unspoken thoughts while you drink a toast to those who never returned-----

Plan now to attend the annual convention -----that's the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Illinois, August See you there-----

Ross W. Pursifull,
President

P. S. There will be planned activities for the women too so plan to bring your wife. She too, will enjoy meeting the buddies you've talked so much about.

11th FA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION FORMED

The 11th FA Veterans' Association was formed following World War I. All persons who served honorably in the 11th FA during World Wars I and II are members. Reunions are held annually over the Labor Day weekend. The 25th reunion was held last year in Baltimore. A roster in booklet form is published periodically listing all members and latest home addresses and contains about 2,350 names at present. Anyone desiring further information should contact the Secretary—Mr. Robert J. Summers, 81 Ampere Parkway, East Orange, New Jersey.

Do you like the TARO LEAF?

**Do you want Hawaiian Music
in Chicago? — Then,**

BILL DAVIDSON SEZ:

"We can always use money!"

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
1950 DUES?**

DON'T FORGET 11, 12, 13 AUGUST 1950 DON'T BE AWOL

COMPANY "I", 34TH INFANTRY ON CORREGIDOR

THE STORY

(as told by Vic Backer)

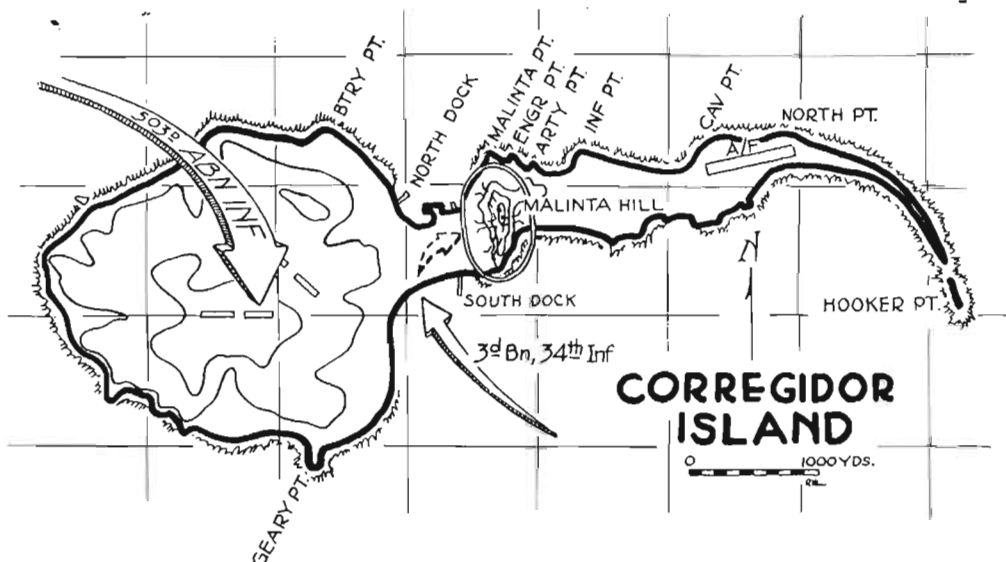
Ordinary infantrymen as well as glamorous paratroopers helped to re-capture Corregidor. As the parachutes of the 503 Airborne Infantry filled the air over Corregidor on 16 February, 1945, the landing craft of the 3d Battalion, 34th Infantry under Lt. Col. Edward Postlethwait assaulted the beach. Men of "I" Company were in the first wave which pushed in close behind a preliminary air and naval bombardment. As they picked their way hastily across the heavily mined beach toward the small valley between "Top-side" and Malinta Hill, they were met by mortar and machine gun fire from hidden emplacements.

After neutralizing all the resistance in the lowland, "I" Co. was assigned the task of retaking Malinta Hill where the Japs were firmly entrenched in the tunnels which honeycombed it. To retake Malinta meant climbing directly into the mouths of the Japanese guns. During one of the many skirmishes Sgt. Owen C. Williams was killed but not before warning his squad of a hidden Jap sniper. After reaching the hilltop "I" Co.

was subjected to many banzai attacks by Japs who kept coming out of the tunnels night after night. During the fifth night the Japs made their last and most determined effort to retake Malinta. The First Platoon, led by Sgt. S. Schorr, stood the brunt of the attack all night long and held the Japs at bay. Before dawn there was a lull before the Jap attack which proved to be their last assault on "I" Co.

During that charge the men of "I" Co. First Platoon started to run short of ammunition but Sam Snyder's daring and quick thinking averted that disaster. Quickly grasping the situation, he jumped out of his foxhole and creeping and crawling under fire, rounded up and distributed all available ammunition to the beleaguered men. At sunrise many dead Japs lay only a few feet from the "I" Co. position. This was the last Jap resistance on the Island.

There isn't space to list the brave deeds and the names of all the heroes of "I" Co. but the 24th Division proudly salutes Lt. Paul Cain, Lt. Kenneth E. Yeomans and Sgt. Persinini, for their outstanding leadership, in the execution of a difficult and dangerous mission.



Editor's Note: We believe that this eye-witness' description of a small unit's combat action is the type of story that every front-line soldier likes to read. If your company, platoon or squad did something worth bragging about, let the "Taro Leaf" publish the story in order that other members of the wartime 24th Division may relive it with you.

Rise of 19th Infantry Band Has Been Rapid

BEPPU. — The 19th Infantry Drum and Bugle Corps, organized in March, 1949, by M/Sgt. Marvin O. Simpson and SFC Ersal Bevilock, Company G, became a complete band during its first year of operation. Capt. Edgar R. Fenstermacher is OIC. It is the first musical organization within the regiment since 1944, when the regimental bands were consolidated into the 24th Infantry Division band.

Converted into a band in Nov. 1949, the corps has played for visiting dignitaries such as Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding general, Eighth Army, and Maj. Gen. John B. Coulter, commanding general, 1 Corps. The organization also plays for parades, guard mounts, sporting events and drill periods every morning.

While still a drum and bugle corps last November, the band traveled to Kokura for the Thanksgiving Day football game, and was highly complimented by Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, CG, 24th Infantry Division, for its fancy drills and smart appearance.

The band is presently under the leadership of Cpl. Daniel Silva. PFC Richard Alvarez, Service Company, is the drum major.

In addition to its duties as a band, the unit is also part of the security platoon of Hq. and Hq. Co.

From Army Times.

LARGE CROWDS EXPECTED (Cont.)

The complete details of services offered by the Morrison, and the plans outlined by the committee were published in the last issue of the "Taro Leaf", but as a reminder here it is again; we are to have the beautiful Mural Room for our meetings and the showing of the 24th Division Film, four parlors for our disposal which will be used for registration, committee rooms, and trophy rooms. The Elbow Room is a bar for our use at all times. All of these rooms are adjoining the first floor will make it much more convenient than being scattered throughout the hotel.

You'll be able to roam around and see old familiar faces and talk about old familiar places. Our memorial services and banquet will be held in the Terrace Casino Room on the evening of the 12th.

The First United States International Trade Fair will be held in Chicago on August 7th to 20th, and many of you may want to visit this exposition while in Chicago, perhaps before the 11th or after the 13th. Many other places of interest to be found in Chicago are noted in Colonel Cizon's article on page 11.

For Further Information
See Col. Cizon's Article, Page 11

Bring Your
TROPHY(S)
to the
CONVENTION

Trophy Room will be Guarded

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PHOTOS ANYTIME.

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1949-1950 DUES
Due??

Make checks payable to the Treasurer
24th Inf. Div.
Veterans Assn.

NEW MEMBERS

The following men have become members of the Assn. since the last issue of the Taro Leaf was published.

Incidentally, an extra 500 copies of Taro Leaf were printed and mailed due to the many requests. Also 2000 cards telling of the Assn. were sent to non-members.

Note: If you're a new member and your name is not listed above, it is because we were swamped with correspondence and still trying to get this to press. Bear with us and we will try to get it in next time.

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YAP NEWS LETTER NO. 5

By Father W. J. Walter

Yap, Western Carolines
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F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.

March 5, 1950

Dear Friends and Co-Missionaries,

At 4 A.M. in the murky pre-dawn of February 18th, we sighted Yap, a very dark lump scarcely discernable above the dark horizon. I had been awake that early, impatient to get ashore, to read my mail. Then for three hours the ship cruised back and forth at one-third speed waiting until it should be light enough to see the pass through the coral reef and twist its way down the winding channel to the anchorage. Since my departure from Yap last December 19th, the ship had logged over 3500 miles. I had visited every island of our mission parish.

In this parish you spend more time on water than on land. It would be extraordinary if you didn't. Our parish is mostly ocean, 165,000 miles of it, with scarcely more than 100 square miles of land. The land consists of many very small islands scattered like a handful of sawdust over the sea. These islands are so small that they cannot even be seen except on the largest of maps. On any map of the world they scarcely deserve notice for you will discover them as very tiny specks under the name of the Caroline Islands. The western half of the Carolines is the Yap Mission. In the big world you live in the Western Carolines could easily be overlooked.

Yet our Mission was not forgotten as I found out as soon as I put foot ashore. A big stack of Christmas mail was waiting from you, my readers, friends and correspondents. It seems all of you wrote, some of you twice. That you should have remembered Yap in the rush of the Christmas season is a sure indication that in the palace of your soul there dwells a great King Who reminds you to take care of His scattered sheep. Candy, cookies, nuts, canned goods, needles and thread, razor blades, soap, clothes and altar linens—more than enough to fill every stocking on Yap. Of course, the natives don't wear stockings, so there weren't too many to fill. And the children never heard of Santa Clause and never receive presents at Christmas. However, the arrival of package calls for a celebration at any time of the year. A pound of candy goes a long way if doled out a piece at a time. One piece is a great treat to a little kid who has never tasted candy before. And one pound makes at least fifty of them smile and say, "Sa hachugachug, Padre," "Thank you, Father!"

I remembered you all in my Christmas Masses and will continue to do so wherever I may be. You are the Mission's only hope. Without your help and prayers we might continue to hang on but it would be impossible to make any progress at all. The quickest way to make progress is to make chapels as I shall proceed to explain.

Only at Ulithi and Yap do we have suitable chapels. At two other places, Lamotrek and Satawal, we have little sheds too small

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BILL DAVIDSON SEZ:

"We can always use money!"

Are your

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YAP NEWS LETTER (Cont.)

to be called cow sheds. That accounts for four of our sixteen island groups. The other places have nothing at all, so Mass is celebrated in God's great outdoor cathedral under the vault of the heavens.

Wherever we have chapels the people gather together morning, afternoon and evening for daily prayers. Wherever we have no chapels the people get together only when the priest comes. That happens very seldom, only once in three months, for the majority of islands.

Theirs is an unwritten language and the natives can neither read nor write. They have no system of formal education and their only opportunity for learning is seeing and hearing. As soon as we have acquired sufficient command of the language we'll have to write a prayerbook and catechism and have them printed. Then we'll have to train catechists to teach the books. But now, the only way the children learn is from hearing their elders. At Ulithi where we have chapels and prayers are recited three times daily in common, the five and six-year olds know their prayers so well that few children in the States could match them. On the other islands where we have no chapels no groups gather for daily worship and the children are very ignorant—even the ten-year olds can scarcely bless themselves. The difference between islands where we have no chapels and islands where we do is like night and day. So we need chapels, first of all, to help spread the Faith.

There is another very urgent reason for erecting chapels as soon as possible. On all islands, except Ulithi, the pagans are in the great majority. Animism is their religion—a religion of spirits, spells and charms. And the people are very superstitious. They have shrines or groves where their magicians and medicine men invoke the aid of spirits and cast spells. Their shrines are usually stone cairns of very drab and unprepossessing appearance. If we erected even the simplest type of church furnished with altar, crucifix and candlesticks, statue and Stations of the Cross, we would have a shrine worth a million dollars to the native eye. As a consequence we'd be considered very powerful magicians backed by spirits more powerful than their spirits. The natives would then be more readily disposed to hear the truth about God and forget their superstitions.

Last September I mentioned that the Yap Mission needed a minimum of twenty-seven chapels to operate efficiently. We do have some chapels, five on Ulithi (30 islands), and two on Yap (four islands). I also mentioned that \$300 would build a small chapel suitable for most islands. The mere mention of our need brought a \$700 response. Do you know of anyone who wishes they could do a million dollars worth of charity but have only a few hundred? Tell them about our work.

However, to make good Christians of our people your prayers are more necessary than any material assistance. The Faith is a free gift of God which we can only offer to our people. Our Lord said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father draw him." The only foolproof method of making converts is prayer. Without your prayers all this traveling around the ocean would have

no more value than a sight-seeing trip around Manhattan Island.

Of course there are many strange sights to see, as I hope to tell you in later letters. But even sight-seeing would be no pleasure out here. You have none of the conveniences; your bed and board are the most primitive; the life is really rugged. On one of my recent trips I met with an accident going ashore at Satawal. The ship stopped its engines about a half mile off the reef and I had to take a small boat through the breakers to the beach. I was the only white man in the boat. Usually the natives are very skillful at steering through the pounding surf and I've done this many a time before. But this just happened to be an off day. A big wave picked up our boat and rolled it over like a log, hurling all of us into the churning waters. In trying to save my Mass kit as well as myself I was badly cut on the arms and legs by the coral. Everything in the Mass kit was soaked. The water even seeped into the host box and ruined half the hosts. Mass had to be delayed two hours while the vestments and altar linens were drying in the sun. Two days later one of the coral cuts became infected and my left arm swelled. The veins took on a darker hue and could be traced almost to the shoulder. I was very sore under the armpit. But one shot of penicillin cleared that up and now I can laugh at the experience.

Your generosity this Christmas has been overwhelming. Your many letters show great zeal and interest in the missions. The least they deserve are prompt answers. Don't think me lax because of the long delay in replying. Only when I am "at home" on Yap can I send or receive mail, and that is only four times a year. During the present year these are the times when I'll be "at home"—1) February 15th to March 15th; 2) May 15th to June 15th; 3) August 15th to September 15th; and 4) November 15th to December 15th. All my correspondence will have to be done during those four periods of the year. But most of the time I'll be living back in the Stone Age, out of reach of the Post Office and cut off from civilization. Pray for us!

Sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ,

William J. Walter, S. J.

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**DON'T FORGET
TO PAY YOUR DUES!**

Col. M. N. Cizon, Chief
Office Service
Infantry Division Veterans Association
The Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Cizon:

I think you will be pleased to know that when your organization meets in Chicago this summer there will be in operation a huge Fair on our lake front which can provide for your members many hours of absorbing interest, wholesome entertainment and relaxation.

The Chicago Fair of 1950, with its 55 acres of exhibits and fun, will run from June 24th through Labor Day and we earnestly invite your group to make the Fair its headquarters during non-session periods.

The story which the Fair will tell is the story of this great land of ours. It will be related entertainingly, through exhibits, to the fields of industry, agriculture, commerce and science. And highlighting the over-all picture will be the presentation of a glorious pageant which will review our nation's history and point to the future promised by our pioneer heritage.

Soon we shall have literature detailing the many attractions to be offered. Meanwhile, you may wish to consider the Chicago Fair in your planning. You may be sure that our Special Events department will be pleased to work with you in arranging desirable block admissions and seating. And to you and your officers I extend a cordial invitation to be my personal guests at the Fair sometime during your stay in the city.

I will be happy to learn from you how we may be of assistance in making your meeting here a more enjoyable one.

Very truly yours,
Crosby M. Kelly
Executive Manager

Remember?

MALARIA DISCIPLINE *

While the 24 Division was resting and staging at Hollandia this little incident is reported to have happened; and should be of particular interest to those who remember the strict malaria discipline in the Division during that period: It seems that Col. "Lil" Lyman, CO 21st Inf was on his way to the CP when he passed a group of men participating in sports. There was nothing unusual about that except that several young men were stripped to the waist. Col. Lyman stopped his jeep and proceeded to snap the nearest man to attention and to point out in no uncertain terms that shirts were to be worn at all times. The young man replied, "Yes, Colonel, I'll get my shirt" and picked it up and put it on. The newly donned shirt had a nice bright star on the collar. It is reported that this young Air Force BG asked the Colonel to leave the Air Force area in not too friendly a manner. Col Lyman's feelings in the matter have never been ascertained.

* Contributed by Capt. Claude H. Hall now in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. with G-2, Department of the Army.



Shopping for souvenirs to send home is a favorite off-duty pursuit of 19th Infantrymen. Above typical Doughboy Kidd (right) and Pvt. Carl Huey, price Japanese footwear at a street stand in Beppu.

From Army Information Digest December 1949

24th Infantry

Activated as the Hawaiian Division on 25 February 1921, the 24th Infantry has never been in the United States. Elements of the Division saw their first action during the attack on Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. It moved to Australia in August and September of 1943, and went on the offensive in a landing at Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. By 6 June the Division had killed 1771 and captured 502 of the enemy. Two of its regiments assisted the 41st Division in taking two important airdromes. On 20 October 1944 elements of the 24th formed part of the assault forces that invaded Leyte. Here the Division killed more than 7000 of the enemy. Elements of the 24th invaded Mindoro and Marinduque Islands, and one of its regiments spearheaded the 38th Division's landing on Luzon. Troops of the 24th assaulted Corregidor and fought on Mindanao and smaller islands in the southern Philippines. The Division then went to Japan where it is now on occupation duty.



Maj. Gen. William F. Dean
Commanding General

Remember?

POINT OF VIEW *

"Ace" Powers, Liaison pilot of the 11th FA Bn will probably never forget a one-sided "dogfight" he had with two Jap Zeros over Leyte back in '44. To those of us who witnessed it, his account of the affair is as unforgettable as the engagement itself.

It happened up around Breakneck Ridge. Powers was up in his cub plane awaiting instructions after completing a highly successful fire mission on a Jap supply dump. Suddenly a Jap Zero dived out of the clouds above him, filling the air with lead but miraculously missing him. Powers put on a demonstration of acrobatics and evasive flying, the like of which had never before seen in those parts, careening groundward to lower and safer altitudes. A second Zero made a pass but also missed. By then, Powers was maneuvering in among the trees heading for home and setting a few speed records while he was at it. A few seconds later he came to a skidding halt on our small landing strip.

We had seen the whole encounter from the ground and had "sweated out" his desperate flight, but no one said anything when he stepped from his plane. Shoving his cap back on his head, he gave this classic version of the affair: "By gawd, this is sure my unlucky day. A minute ago I had two Jap Zeros cornered up over Breakneck Ridge and didn't even have my .45 with me."

* Contributed by ex-11th Field Artilleryman Lt. Col. Joe Hodges, now in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. in the Office of the Army Comptroller.

HERE'S THE KIND OF INQUIRIES AND LETTERS WE LIKE TO RECEIVE!

24th Inf. Div. Vets' Ass'n.

Dear Bob,

I have just received your card advising me of the 24th Infantry Division Veterans' Association, an organization I can assure you I knew nothing about.

Enclosed find two dollars (\$2.00) to cover my membership fee and subscription to "The Taro Leaf".

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that we have an organization of this kind and that they are holding regular Conventions.

Many thanks for your card.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Robert H. Luhrsen
417 Green Street
Rockton, Illinois

BILL DAVIDSON SEZ:

"We can always use money!"

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
1950 DUES?**

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SCRAPS OF COMBAT HISTORY

Col. E. M. Postlethwait

From time to time the "Taro Leaf" will refresh your memories with scraps of combat history—unit (not individual) history, in the belief that usually not enough copies of official after-action reports were prepared to be made available to the interested soldiers concerned. Furthermore, the 24th Division reports do not, as a rule, include details of combat by 24th Div. elements while those elements were attached to other divisions or task forces. Yet, as members of the 24th Division family, those units are entitled to have their deeds and accomplishments recognized, regardless of whether they were performed under Division Headquarters control.

The first such scrap of combat history we offer you is the story of the 34th Infantry's bloody operations on Luzon and Corregidor, as related by an eye-witness, Lt. Col. Edward M. Postlethwait, C. O. 3d Bn., 34th Inf. It is a factual, unembroidered tale of a fighting regiment in the performance of a difficult and costly combat mission.

The 34th Infantry on Luzon

After completing 72 continuous days in combat on LEYTE, the 34th Inf. in January '45 was assigned to XI Corps for operations on LUZON. The remainder of the Corps consisted of the 38th Inf. Div., Corps Artillery units and other Corps troops. The 38th Div. was on its first combat operation. The mission of the 34th Inf., being battle-experienced, was to spearhead the initial advances from North of SUBIC BAY down to include OLONGAPO.

The force landed 29 Jan. at SAN ANTONIO. The 34th Inf. went 20 miles to the outskirts of the town of SUBIC by nightfall, the 2d Bn. taking the lead. Minor contact was made at the end of the day. The next day the 3d Bn. went all the way to OLONGAPO. Contact was made at the bridge leading into the town. A 2-hour fight cleared the Japs from the bridge and the town was occupied that afternoon. Next morning, 31 January the 38th Div. units began passing through, as planned, and met heavy resistance on the zig zag road from OLONGAPO to DINALUPIHAN.

After several days of unsuccessful fighting by the 38th Inf. Div., the XI Corps commander ordered the 34th Inf. to take over the fight in ZIG ZAG PASS. On 6 Feb. the 34th Inf. attacked with 1st Bn. on the right, 2d Bn. on the left and 3d Bn. in reserve. The 1st and 2d Bns. fought hard all day long, taking heavy casualties from the Jap large (150 mm) mortars, but made little or no progress. Just after dark the 2d Bn. CP received a heavy mortar fire concentration inflicting heavy casualties on its staff and on Hq. Co.

On 7 Feb. 1st Bn. attacked in the morning with some success following a very heavy artillery preparation, but both the regimental ExO and the 1st Bn. Commander were wounded. The 2d Bn. made an abortive attempt to flank the position but more heavy casualties were suffered. There was never an opportunity to commit the 3d Bn. during the two days because of lack of room in the heavy jungle on the mountain ridges and because the 1st and 2d Bns. were engaged continually. Upon recommendations of the regimental commander, the 1st and 2d Bns. were withdrawn near dark on the 7th through a defensive position established

just behind them by the 3d Bn. The regiment was never committed on this position again. The Jap position was taken only after two weeks of hard fighting by the 38th Div. using many heavy air attacks and several 12 hr. artillery preparations by every gun in the Corps.

The regiment on 8-9 Feb. went into semi-rest camps, merely patrolling to protect the XI Corps line of communications.

3d Battalion, 34th Infantry on CORREGIDOR

On Feb. 10th, the 3d Bn. received notice that it would constitute the amphibious landing force for the CORREGIDOR show. That left only about 3½ days to prepare for sailing on the 14th and they were wild days; begging, borrowing, stealing reinforcements and equipment; drawing up detailed plans; briefings; special training, etc. The 3d Bn. sailed the afternoon of the 14th in two LST's.

On 15 Feb., one RCT of the 38th Div. made an assault landing at MARIVELES across the channel from CORREGIDOR against negligible opposition. 3d Bn., 34th Inf., followed the RCT ashore and bivouacked for the night on the beach.

Beginning at daylight 16 Feb., the 3d Bn. loaded off the beach at MARIVELES into 25 LCM's and headed for CORREGIDOR. At 0800, the 503d Parachute RCT began dropping topside on CORREGIDOR preceded by heavy air and naval bombardment. (Over 200 tons of bombs per day had been dropped for the preceding two weeks.)

At 1000 the 3d Bn. landed on SAN JOSE beach in spite of casualties from Jap 20 mm MG's and very heavy mines on the beach. (50% of all wheeled vehicles were lost to mines within 10 yards of the water.)

By 1040 the Bn. had secured MALINTA HILL and the beachhead area. By 1700 patrols had made contact with the 503d RCT. During the period 16-26 Feb., the position of the 3d Bn. split the strong, 6000-man Jap position on the island and literally held the throat of the island for 10 days while the 503d cleaned up their end of the island. Many a harrowing tale can be told of those ten days for which there is not room here. The Japs fiercely counterattacked the MALINTA HILL position the first night and succeeded in breaking through to the Beach area at one point. It took three days of blasting to regain that part of the HILL. The Japs made two attempts to blow up the entire HILL by setting off the tons of explosives stored in MALINTA TUNNEL. Both were terrific explosions, one of which buried seven men in a rock slide.

By the 25th the "Topside" end of the island was clear and the 3d Bn. executed an attack to clear the roads leading out from MALINTA HILL. This attack was highly successful in that 211 Japs were killed without a single U. S. soldier being scratched.

On the morning of 26 Feb., the 3d Bn. left CORREGIDOR and returned to the SUBIC BAY area to rejoin the regiment, and later to MINDORA ISLAND where it rejoined the 24th Division.

GALA PARTY PLANNED TO FETE BIRTHDAY OF THIRD ENGINEERS

With 49 years of service behind them, 39 of which have been spent in continuous foreign service, the Third Engineer Combat Battalion will pause momentarily in their current intensive combat preparedness program March 25, for a birthday party.

The Battalion's full day program, designed to make the occasion a memorable one for its soldier-specialists, will start at 10 AM with a formal review and presentation of awards by the guest of honor, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, 24th Infantry Division Commander. Following short addresses by various unit officers and guests, the engineers will retire to company mess halls for the noonday meal especially prepared for the occasion.

Sports events of all types will be the afternoon's activities.

Originally organized at Fort Totten, N. Y., March 25, 1901, the companies of the Third were from the first, assigned separately to different foreign service stations including Panama and Cuba. Reorganized and attached to the Hawaiian Division, the unit served throughout the Pacific for the next 34 years. During World War II, the Third Engineers were a component of the 24th Division and its wartime service is the record of the push from Australia through the Tanahmerah Bay and Hollandia campaigns to the Philippines. The Engineers were in front with the elements of the Victory Division all the way.

One of its most famous former member is General of the Army Douglas MacArthur who served as Adjutant and K Company Commander from 1909 to 1911. On the Occasion of the Anniversary, the General sent his warm congratulations and an autographed picture.

The present Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Mathew V. Pothier, has served with the unit since June one, 1948, and is an honor graduate of the United States Military Academy, Class of '34. (P I O)

Above article taken from 24 Div. V-Day, 12 March 1950.

At Home And Abroad (Cont.)

"INDIANAPOLIS STAR EDITORIAL ROOM"

Dear Bob,

Received your card you sent me concerning the 24th Association. The card did it, so here is my check for membership. Since my discharge I have seen very few of the boys, but was in Chicago last fall and dropped in on Compere. Saw Lt. Redd when he was here and talked of New Guinea and Philippine, etc. That guy will never get out. After leaving the Army I returned to my job here as reporter. I am married and have a daughter 16 months old, and we are expecting another in July. I am planning to attend the Convention in Chicago. Thanks a lot for the card and count me as a member. Signed Jack Shakelford, Former M/Sgt. G-1."

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"Received your card regarding the 24th Division Association. I would like very much to become a member. Please send me the application blank. Signed George L. Nebeck, 1646 South Elmwood, Berwyn, Illinois." Thanks for your interest in the Association, George.

THIS IS CHICAGO? . . . by Col. Max N. Cizon

So you want to know whether you can come to the Third Reunion in Chicago and have fun on your skinny pocketbook?

Brother, at least three million of the people who live in and around Chicago will tell you "yes"—with some qualifications.

You TOO can do it.

The best things in Chicago—its wonderful window displays, its famous streets, its large stores, its museums, its tremendous views—cost little or nothing to see, IF the Little Woman does not convince you that the "fur coat is a bargain." August is Fur Month in Chicago!

The people—they are the best show of all—are free, and even the wife or girl friend couldn't convince you otherwise.

But, let's start at the beginning. When you get off your train, plane or bus, treat yourself to a cab ride to the Morrison Hotel, the Convention headquarters. If you drive your own car, park it and forget it until you are ready to go home. Downtown, (The Loop), traffic has been known to take an hour per mile, so use the street cars, (15c), the city-owned elevated trains, (17c), or the bus, (13c). They will be cheaper and faster in the long-run.

You want to go to a NAME place to eat? All right, but go there for lunch. The prices are usually scaled down at mid-day. Here are some for you—

BLACKHAWK—a nice walk from the Morrison to 139 North Wabash Avenue, (that's east, toward Lake Michigan).

EITEL'S OLD HEIDELBERG—14 West Randolph Street, two blocks north of the Morrison.

IVANHOE—3000 North Clark Street—take the Clark Street car north, right to the door—a "scary" place and a lot of fun, if you are in the mood for live skeletons.

HENRICI'S—71 West Randolph Street, just two blocks north of Headquarters, (Spike O'Donnel's favorite spot for Brunch)—if you like hard rolls, whipped cream for your coffee, and some of the best food in town according to the real old-timers.

BERGHOFF—17 West Adams Street, if you like a head on your beer, and Wienerschnitzel.

BOSTON OYSTER HOUSE—(a part of the Hotel Morrison) for sea-food.

HOE SAI GAI—85 West Randolph Street—(I'm sure by now you know which direction Randolph Street is from Headquarters)—for good Chinese food.

NOTE: However, I think you can get more atmosphere at Chinatown's walk-downs—a seven or nine course dinner for 77c. You don't have the "canned" music, but the food—Yum, Yum. The BEST Chinese of Chicago like to eat there, so why not YOU? Take the south bound Clark Street cars to CHINATOWN, 22nd Street and Wentworth Avenue, south of the Loop. Most distinctive foreign sec-

tion in Chicago. The On Leong Tong, "Chinese City Hall," 2216 S. Wentworth Avenue, with a Temple Shrine and Hall of Justice on the third floor, is open for public inspection.

SHANGRI-LA—222 North State Street—nice oriental food, AND entertainment—AND expensive too.

WIMPY GRILLS, INC.—of which there are no less than eight, serving the All American Sandwich—The Hamburger, at reasonable prices.

And a lot of other places too, to fit every appetite and pocket-book.

But, if you are a music lover, (and don't mind the mosquitos), you can listen to some of the world's best talent at evening concerts under the stars at Grant Park, no admission charge. The Jackson Boulevard bus will deliver you right to the band shell—cost 13c—or you can take a leisurely stroll down the famous "Boul Mich" or State Street (the most concentrated retail shopping district in the world), but don't be a dope, Bud, take her there at night when the stores are closed. Walking and gawking are the finest fun if your arches are in shape. The concert doesn't start until it gets dark (this gives the mosquitos a break too!)

Don't fail to go to the

ADLER PLANETARIUM, on the Lake front at Roosevelt Road. Open 10 to 5 weekdays with lectures at 11 and 3; 2 to 5 Sunday and holidays with lectures at 2:30 and 3:30. Free Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days 30c.

ART INSTITUTE, at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street. World-famous collection of paintings, prints and sculpture. Open 9 to 5 weekdays; 12 to 5 Sunday. Free Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Other days 30c.

BOARD OF TRADE, Jackson and LaSalle Streets, Chicago's tallest building—605 feet to top of statue. World's leading grain exchange. Free illustrated lectures for gallery visitors. Open Monday to Friday 9:30 to 1:15; Saturday 9:30 to noon.

CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, in Lincoln Park, 2001 North Clark Street. Exhibits depicting natural history of Chicago area. Open Tuesday through Friday 1 to 4 P. M.; Saturday and Sunday 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission free.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, in Lincoln Park at Clark Street and North Avenue. One of the finest historical collections in America. Open 9:30 to 4:30 weekdays; 12:30 to 5:30 Sunday. Free on weekdays. Sunday and holidays 30c.

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE, 110 North Franklin Street. The nation's largest market for futures in butter, eggs and other farm commodities. Open Monday to Friday 9:00 to 12 noon.

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25% Of Payroll Saved

Members of Company B, 21st Infantry Regiment, saved \$3,280 of their February pay in soldier deposits, 1st Lt. Charles Thomas, Company Commander, announced today. These savings represent more than 25 per cent of the total company payroll, Lieutenant Thomas stated. (PIO)

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THIS IS CHICAGO (Cont.)

CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM (formerly Field Museum), at Roosevelt Road and Lake Shore Drive. Anthropology, botany, geology and zoology illustrated. Open 9 to 4 P. M. daily. Conducted tours weekdays at 2. Free Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days 30c.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO, 2200 North in Lincoln Park. Home of Bushman, world-famous gorilla and more than 2,600 mammals, birds and reptiles. Open 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily.

MAXWELL STREET MARKET, centering on Maxwell and Halsted Streets. Outdoor market place in an old-world atmosphere. Closed Saturdays. (Don't plan to eat here, please! Ye Ed.)

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, 5700 S., 4800 W., busiest civilian airport in the world. A plane arriving or departing every three minutes. Admission to special observation deck 10c. Swanky "Cloud Room" restaurant, where one can dine and watch the planes arriving and departing. Food excellent. Prices reasonable.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, on the Lake front at 57th Street. Acres of exhibits showing relation of science to industry. Open weekdays 9:30 to 4; Saturday to 5:30; Sunday to 7 P. M. Admission free to all exhibits but the coal mine. Nickelodeon (weekly program of old-time movie thrillers) and Microworld Theatre.

SHEDD AQUARIUM, on the Lake front at Roosevelt Road. 132 tanks containing 10,000 specimens of fresh and salt water fish. Open 10 to 5. Free Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Other days 30c.

Plan at home for:

RADIO BROADCASTING. The following radio stations have a number of programs to which a studio audience is admitted. Tickets can be obtained by writing in advance. In some cases arrangements for tickets can be made over the telephone. No admission charged.

WBBM (CBS) 410 North Michigan Avenue.

WENR (ABC) Guest Relations Dept., 20 North Wacker Drive. (Also TV).

WGN (MBS) 435 N. Michigan Ave. (Also TV).

WLS (Prairie Farmer) 1230 W. Washington Blvd.

WMAQ (NBC) Guest Relations Dept., Merchandise Mart Plaza. (Also TV).

TELEVISION SHOW, WBKB, 190 N. State Street. Viewing studio open to public when station is on the air. Tickets not necessary.

"There is something interesting to see and to do . . . all of the time". As I am writing this I hear from my G-2 that a Fair is being planned to take the place of the Railroad Fair held on the Lake front last year. This may cost you money, so I will leave it to you to find out about it—on your own. Who am I to spend your bucks?

One final important tip: DON'T change \$2.00 (or \$20.00) bills for strangers. AND none of the Chicago bridges are for sale, they tell me!

Send in your reservation early. Write direct to Mr. H. R. Atherton, Sales Representative, The Morrison Hotel, Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago, Illinois. He promises to have enough people around to show you the way, if you feel you might get lost.

Old Lady: "Doctor, were you in the war?"
Doctor: "Yes, madam, I was a naval surgeon."

Old Lady: "My! How you young men do specialize!"

"At any rate," said the auctioneer, "mine is a business that women can't take up."

"Nonsense," put in the strong-minded lady. "A woman would make as good an auctioneer as any man!"

"Would she?" retorted the other. "You try and imagine an unmarried lady standing up before a crowd and saying, 'Now, gentlemen, all I want is an offer.'"

He gazed admiringly at the beautiful dress of the leading chorine.

"Who made her dress?" he asked his companion.

"I'm not sure, but I think it was the police."

—Voo Doo

The dear vicar's wife had just died, and in consequence he wished to be relieved of his duties for the weekend, so he sent the following message to his bishop:

"I regret to inform you that my wife has just died, and I should be obliged if you could send me a substitute for the weekend."

Send in contributions or photos anytime.
We will publish them if at all possible.

DID YOU MISS THE MENU?

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FAMILY HAS FURNISHED MEN FOR 21ST INF. FOR 50 YEARS

KUMAMOTO.—For 50 years the family of 1st Lt. Harry O'Connor has been furnishing the 21st Infantry with fighting men. Currently assigned as regimental finance officer, he is the fifth member of the family to wear the Gimlet insignia since his fighting grandpa, Sgt. Frank Silva, joined the regiment in quelling the Philippine Insurrection at the turn of the century.

Shortly after General Malver, the insurgent chieftain, surrendered to Company D, 21st Inf., Sgt. Silva retired. He now lives in Hawaii where he pens his grandson lengthy letters on how to be a good "Gimlet."

NEXT of the family to join the 21st Infantry was the lieutenant's father, T/Sgt. Harry O'Connor, who served with the regiment at Schofield Barracks from 1923 until

late 1928. During this time, the present Lt. O'Connor was born.

In 1924, Lt. O'Connor's uncle, 1st Sgt. William Bailey, joined the Hawaiian Division at Schofield as topkick of the 5th Ordnance Maintenance Company.

ANOTHER UNCLE, M/Sgt. Joe Stanley, came to the post in 1936 as sergeant major. When the regiment moved out at the beginning of World War II, this member of the fighting clan was retained on the Schofield staff where he is still stationed.

Early in 1946, Harry O'Connor joined the regiment on Honshu, Japan, as a private first class. Within a year he was returned to the U. S. to attend officers candidate school. Following graduation and marriage he returned to the Gimlets, at his own request.—Army Times, 11 Mar. 1950.

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