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MEDAL OF HONOR

(James H. Diamond, Pfc., Co. D, 21st Inf.)
24th Inf. Div.

Private First Class James H. Diamond was born in New Orleans, La., and entered the Service at Gulfport, Miss. His citation reads:
Mintal, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, 8-14 May 1945.

As a member of a machine-gun section, Private First Class Diamond displayed extreme gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. When a Japanese sniper rose from his fox hole to throw a grenade into their midst, this valiant soldier charged and killed the enemy with a burst from his sub-machine gun; then, by delivering sustained fire from his personal arm and simultaneously directing the fire of 105 mm and .50 caliber weapons upon the enemy pillboxes immobilizing his and another machine-gun section, he enabled them to put their guns into action. When two infantry companies established a bridgehead, he voluntarily assisted in evacuating the wounded under heavy fire; and then, securing an abandoned vehicle, transported casualties to the rear through mortar and artillery fire so intense as to render the vehicle inoperative and despite the fact he was suffering from a painful wound. The following day he again volunteered, this time for the hazardous job of repairing a bridge under heavy enemy fire. On 14 May 1945, when leading a patrol to evacuate casualties from his battalion, which was cut off, he ran through a virtual hail of Japanese fire to secure an abandoned machine gun. Though mortally wounded as he reached the gun, he succeeded in drawing sufficient fire upon himself so that the remaining members of the patrol could reach safety. Private Diamond's indomitable spirit, constant disregard of danger, and eagerness to assist his comrades, will ever remain a symbol of selflessness and heroic sacrifice to those for whom he gave his life.

MEDAL OF HONOR

(Harold H. Moon, Jr., Pvt., Co. G, 34th Inf.)
24th Inf. Div.

Private Harold H. Moon was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and entered the Service at Gardena, California. His Citation reads:
Pawig, Leyte, Philippine Islands, 21 October 1944.

Private Moon fought with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity when powerful Japanese counterblows were being struck in a desperate effort to annihilate a newly won beachhead. In a forward position armed with a sub-machine gun, he met the brunt of a strong, well-supported night attack which quickly enveloped his platoon's flanks. Many men in nearby positions were killed or injured, and Private Moon was wounded as his fox hole became the immediate object of a concentration of mortar and machine-gun fire. Nevertheless, he maintained his stand, poured deadly fire into the enemy, daringly exposed himself to hostile fire time after time to exhort and inspire what American troops were left in the immediate area. A Japanese officer, covered by machine-gun fire and hidden by an embankment, attempted to knock out his position with grenades, but Private Moon, after protracted and skillful

maneuvering, killed him. When the enemy advanced a light machine gun to within 20 yards of the shattered perimeter and fired with telling effects on the remnants of the platoon, he stood up to locate the gun and remained exposed while calling back range corrections to friendly mortars which knocked out the weapon. A little later he killed two Japanese as they charged an aid man. By dawn his position, the focal point of the attack for more than 4 hours, was virtually surrounded. In a fanatical effort to reduce it and kill its defender, an entire platoon charged with fixed bayonets. Firing from a sitting position, Private Moon calmly emptied his magazine into the advancing horde, killing 18 and repulsing the attack. In a final display of bravery he stood up to throw a grenade at a machine gun which had opened fire on the right flank. He was hit and instantly killed, falling in the position from which he had not been driven by the fiercest enemy action. Nearly 200 dead Japanese were found within 100 yards of his fox hole.

The continued tenacity, combat sagacity, and magnificent heroism with which Private Moon fought on against overwhelming odds contributed in a large measure to breaking up a powerful enemy threat and did much to insure our initial successes during a most important operation.

MEDAL OF HONOR

(Charles E. Mower, Sgt., Co. A, 34th Inf.)
24th Inf. Div.

Sergeant Charles E. Mower was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and entered the Service at Chippewa Falls, Wis. His Citation reads:

Near Capocan, Leyte, Philippine Islands,
3 November, 1944.

Sergeant Mower was an assistant squad leader in an attack against strongly defended enemy positions on both sides of a stream running through a wooded gulch. As the squad advanced through concentrated fire, the leader was killed and Sergeant Mower assumed command. In order to bring direct fire upon the enemy, he had started to lead his men across the stream, which by this time was churned by machine gun and rifle fire, but he was severely wounded before reaching the opposite bank. After signaling his unit to halt, he realized his own exposed position was the most advantageous point from which to direct the attack, and stood fast. Half submerged, gravely wounded, but refusing to seek shelter or accept aid of any kind, he continued to shout and signal to his squad as he directed it in the destruction of two enemy machine guns and numerous riflemen. Discovering that the intrepid man in the stream was largely responsible for the successful action being taken against them, the remaining Japanese concentrated the full force of their fire power upon him, and he was killed while still urging his men on. Sergeant Mower's gallant initiative and heroic determination aided materially in the successful completion of his squad's mission. His magnificent leadership was an inspiration to those with whom he served.

MEDAL OF HONOR

(Maj. Gen. William F. Dean)

The heroic story of the last days of Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, the Korean war's first Medal of Honor winner, has finally been told, officially and for the first time, by the Army.

"Big Bill" Dean, commander of the United States 24th Division when the Communist North Korean invaders were pressing for their initial knockout blow, last was seen helping stragglers and wounded near Taejon after he single-handedly attacked an enemy tank armed only with a hand grenade. He has been listed as "missing in action" since July 21, 1950. Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, assistant division commander told of the tall, tough, sandy-haired general's "utter disregard for his own life." The Medal of Honor citation said, "Dean was last seen assisting the wounded to a place of safety" after attacking a tank. Gen. Walton H. Walker, former Eighth Army commander, who was killed in a jeep accident, and buried at Arlington early in January, said of Dean: "Never in the annals of military history has a general officer written a saga that can compare with this." Gen. Menoher said his report was based on personal observation and discussion with Dean. He quoted his chief as saying he intended to inflict the heaviest possible casualties on the Red in their onslaught against Taejon. "My God, we must hold them," Menoher quoted him as saying. "I don't want to have to fight for every mile of this ground again." Before the fighting thickened, Dean ordered his command post moved southward, but he stayed in the doomed city through artillery fire he described as heavier than any he endured in World War II. Despite the heavy fire, Gen. Dean made several trips to the front sometimes going in front of American lines. Early on July 20, the enemy launched a coordinated two-division attack against the half-division holding Taejon. First evidence of the attack was the appearance of several enemy tanks within the city. General Dean quickly organized anti-tank bazooka teams and pursued them. He directed the fire of a 75-mm recoilless rifle at a disable tank, but after firing four rounds without a hit, he started crawling forward with a hand grenade to toss it into an open hatch. Although pinned down by heavy small-arms fire, he (Gen. Dean) managed to escape and round up several bazooka teams which

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knocked out three Red tanks. When Gen. Menoher left Taejon, General Dean stayed behind to make sure everyone else got out safely. He picked up wounded in his vehicle before abandoning it before a Communist road-block. When last seen, he was aiding lost GIs and wounded, in the middle of the night of July 21, slightly south of the city. Just after that Dean and his aide became separated. Neither in the darkness that night nor after daylight could the General be found.

FOR ACTIONS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean he felt it his duty to take action which to a man of his military experience and knowledge was clearly apt to result in his death. He personally and alone attacked an enemy tank while armed only with a hand grenade. He also directed the fire of his own tanks from an exposed position When the town of Taejon was finally overrun he refused to insure his own safety by leaving with the leading elements but remained behind organizing his retreating forces, directing stragglers and was last seen assisting the wounded to a place of safety. These actions indicate that General Dean felt it necessary to sustain the courage and resolution of his troops by example of excessive gallantry always at the threatened portions of his front line. The magnificent response of his unit to this willing and cheerful sacrifice, made with full knowledge of its certain cost, is history. The success of this phase of the campaign is in large measure due to General Dean's heroic leadership, courageous and loyal devotion to his men, and his complete disregard for personal safety."

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BACK IN THE ARMY

Edgar J. St. John Jr. (formerly Sergeant of "K" Co., 21st Inf.) formerly of 97 Cutler Street, Warren, Rhode Island, now Lieutenant St. John of Company "A", 118th Eng. (C) Br., 43rd Infantry Division, Camp Pickett, Virginia.

"Am back in the Army. I am in a good outfit, but, it is not as good as the old 24th"—S.F.C. Russell E. Denny, Company A, 110th Infantry, 28th Inf. Div., Camp Atterbury, Indiana—formerly T. Sgt. Company C, 21st Infantry.

"Keep up the good work, look forward to my Tarō Leaf"—M. Sgt. Carl H. Oeder, 817 Ord. Supply Depot Co., Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas—formerly with 724th Ord.

"Appreciate hearing from my old buddies. Often think of our gang of the 24th Division, and those not too ancient activities."—Capt. William R. Thompson, Company "A", 17th Armored Eng. Bn., 2nd Armored Division, Ft. Hood, Texas.—formerly Co. B, Armored Engr. Bn. 24th Div.

SIGHTSEEING IN DETROIT

The immensity of the great automobile plants, employing approximately 350,000 persons immediately impresses the visitors to Detroit. Here he may see Ford, Plymouth, Kaiser-Frazer, Dodge, Hudson, Chrysler, Cadillac, De Soto, Lincoln, Nash and Packard cars roll off the production lines. Visitors are always welcome at the auto factories, where it is amazing to watch the creation of an automobile.

Visting Greenfield Village and Edison Institute with luncheon at the famous Dearborn Inn for the ladies on Saturday August 11th is being planned. This will include free transportation and luncheon at the Dearborn Inn,—compliments of the Ford Motor Company.

Visit Canada when you come to Detroit. Just a little over a half a mile across the Detroit River to Canada. There are no restrictions to hamper visitors, and only proof of citizenship is necessary.



"Enclosed find my dues for 1950-51. Read December issue of Tarō Leaf with much interest. Maj. Walter Page is with us here at Camp Pickett as Assist. G-4, but is at C & G S School at present. There are several other 24th Div. men now in the 43d."—Camp Robert H. Ray, Hq. 43d Inf. Div., Camp Pickett, Virginia.—formerly Sv. Co. 34th Inf.

M. Sgt. Elmer L. VanZant (formerly Maj. Div. Provost Marshall in Japan) is now Sergeant Major, 25th M.P. Company, 25th Inf. Div. in Korea.

Lt. Col. Richard Gordon, (formerly Div. Chemical Officer in Japan) has the same job with the 2nd Div. in Korea. He recently was included in a nationwide AP release concerning his discovery of an underground arsenal north of Pyongyang which was stacked with US, Russian and Japanese machinery and was turning out the Russian model (burp rapid fire) guns. The plant was supervised by 7 Russians and included 600 workers. It was in a mine about 30 miles NE of the former North Korean Capital.

Lt. Col. William Crump, Div. G-3, Mindoro, Mindanao and Japan has left his old assignment at 3d Army Hq. in Atlanta, Georgia, to go back to Japan for new duties.

MORE CONVENTION

NEWS IN LATER EDITION

With the next issue, we will be able to furnish you more detailed information regarding facilities available at the Tuller Hotel.

At this time, we do not know the cost of the banquet nor do we have detailed information regarding the convention program. Reservation cards giving room prices and other information will be mailed to all members in the near future. These cards are to be returned to the Tuller in order that you may have your room well in advance.

1951 REUNION

"The Detroit Convention Committee held its January meeting at the home of Johnny Seck. Attending was Ross Pursifull, Walter Federick and Basil Donovan. Plans and policies were discussed and formulated for the coming convention here in Detroit August 10, 11 and 12th.

We are now in correspondence with the mayor of Detroit and it looks very promising that he will proclaim the 11th of August as the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc. Day.

Ross Pursifull has generously donated the use of his home March 18th for a friendly get-together of all the Detroit members of the 24th Div. Assoc.

A cat and a dog were having a terrific fight in the street and a big crowd had gathered around to watch. Suddenly, a wild-eyed character stepped out from the crowd, drew a gun from his pocket and shot the dog. A cop a block away heard the shot and came running to investigate. The looney threw the gun on the ground, turned to the crowd and said, "Don't say anything. He'll think the cat did it."

PERSONAL(itie)S

OH FOR A MILLIONAIRE: This column has just been informed, that despite editorial appeal by our President, no millionaire's have stepped forward to take over the financial burden of the Association and the Taro Leaf. How come? I thought there would be at least ONE in a group of approximately 45,000! Is it possible that our Division group is NOT average?

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PROMOTIONS: This column has been advised that the Department of the Army announced the following recent promotions: To **Colonel:** William H. Biggerstaff, George H. Chapman, Jr., Chester A. Dahlen, Thomas (Terrible Tom) J. O'Connor, Frederick (Fritz) Zierath. To **Lieutenant Colonel:** Jesse A. Sullivan, Doctors Urban Throm and Bert N. Coers. To **Major:** Newton F. Browning. To **Captain:** Samuel C. Redd. To **1st Lieutenant:** H. R. Thomas.

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MEMBERSHIP REGRETS: The above promotion list is NOT complete. Why? First, because the boys have not sent in the dope to the secretary for inclusion in this column. Second, some of the boys promoted, including some of the above-listed, are NOT paid up members, and in SOME cases are not members at all. How about getting after them? Do you know these boys? Write 'em and tell 'em what you think of the Association and why they should be members.

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MOVING: Lt. Col. James F. Pearsall from West Point to Fort Bragg. Lt. Col. Jesse A. Sullivan from ORC duties in Minneapolis to European Command, Bremerhaven, Germany. Colonel Max Cizon from The Pentagon to somewhere in Europe. There MUST BE others, BUT, how can this column tell you about them, when we don't know. We used to be able to get the dope out of orders, but it is just impossible to keep tract of everybody, and this columnist has a very limited acquaintance with past and present division members. Yep, they come and go, but we just can't keep tab of them all by ourselves. Help, fellas, help.

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THE TARO LEAFLET: Welcome to Taro Leaf family! What's this all about? Well the paid up members are now getting, monthly, a little paper—dittoed no less—which keeps them up-to-date, and contains STUFF, etc., which is too old or too late to be included in the regular issues of THIS paper. To get a copy, ALL you have to do is get your \$2.00 into the Secretary. There is MORE to this, but I'll keep you in suspense until you get your own name on the list for a sample copy. By the way, if you didn't get your copy, why not drop a line to the Secretary or the Vice-President nearest your home and bawl him out. While you are bawling him out, you may as well include a little gossip for this COLLYUM which is badly in need of COPY, as if I have to tell you! ! ! !

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SERVES 'EM RIGHT: A Congressman played undercover agent at Camp Pickett, Virginia, after receiving complaints that

Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, commander of the 43d National Guard Division, in training there, and formerly OUR Division Commander, declined to let married officers live with their families off the post. The Congressmen may not like it, but General Cramer is trying to get these boys—SISSIES is more like it—ready for combat. The next thing these boys will want is egg in their beer. Give it to them General Cramer; we are all for you, 'cause we have seen you walking down those dusty trails in Mindanao, and you had to wait more than two long years before you saw YOUR wife!

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER MEETS AND ORGANIZES: Sensing the early departure of Colonel Cizon, the boys of the 24th in The Pentagon and environs got together in The General's Dining Room at Fort Myer, Virginia at noon on 15th January, 1951 for the purpose of saying good-bye and to organize for future social and Association business. The slate of officers, elected unanimously, follows: President—Col. David Perkins, FA; Vice-President—Col. Chester Dahlen, and Secretary—Lt. Col. Gordon Page, CE. The latter was encouraged to select his assistants and chose the following from the group assembled. Lt. Col. George Abert, Major Paul C. Day, Major Harry Jones, Captain Kenneth Deans, Lieut. Robert D. Vaughan and T. J. Chaconas. A good time was had by all, and it is regretted that emergency activities precluded a greater attendance of old and prospective members who, I am sure, would have been designated assistants to the Secretary. Among the plans discussed were visitations to the local hospitals and contacts with Korean veterans assigned to stations in and around Washington, D. C.

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VISITORS: This column had its first visitor in the person of Col. James (Hairy) Purcell, Signal Corps who is now on duty with the Signal Center at Fort Monmouth. When asked about getting more members for the Association, Hairy Jim reminded this columnist (Pardon us Walter W!) that HE was one of the organizers of the Association and, after a long story, about how hard "he worked" we finally got the dope out of him about having been approached about the same subject. We then learned that our President Spike O'Donnell has appointed Attorney Kenwood Ross as the Membership Drive Chairman for 1951. Good luck, Ross! You can get FREE Publicity in THIS column, so give.

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RELAXING! The first contingent of Combat veterans of the Korean war arrived at Camp Kokura, Japan, on 30 December for five days leaves with their families and friends. The second load arrived at the same place on New Year's Day under the leave program known as "Plan Relax". The first group which included 200 officers and men from the 24th, the FIRST division to enter combat in Korea. The first plane to land from Kempo Airfield at the Ashia Air Base brought personnel from the 21st Infantry and M. Sgt. Charles J. Lepley was the first man out of the big C-54. As his feet hit the ground he cried: "Look! I'm on Japanese soil. I never thought I would see it again." His wife Julina and their three daughters were waiting for him at Camp Wood, former home of the 21st.

MOVING AGAIN: Major General Frederick A. Irving barely got his feet onto California soil as Deputy Commanding General, Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco when up comes another move, almost back to the place from whence he came. We are sure however, that General Irving will NOT mind his new assignment as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. His son will graduate with the class in June, and "Papa" will give him "the works" as ONLY fathers can. A daughter is attending a girl's school in the East, so all will be well, despite the fact that the General's furniture and Mrs. Irving's antiques will get a good going over. Here is where the general will have to hand "Mother" some more money for replacements. (Mrs. Irving "just loves" to go to auctions, boys!)

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WELCOME VII CORPS: The army announced the activation of General Collin's old European VII Corps which will be located at Fort Geo. G. Meade, Maryland and will be commanded by Major General Bryant E. Moore who is being replaced at the Academy by General Irving. Among the first to receive orders to join the VII Corps is Colonel Max (Grandpappy) Cizon who has been designated Adjutant General of the new Corps. This column can rest assured that any and all former members of the 24th will become members of the Association, if they are not already members, and Max will organize the 24th Chapter of the VII Corps, even if he is the lone member thereof.

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LISTS, LISTS, LISTS: If any of you reading this thrashy column have a list of the former members of the 24th Infantry Division, please rush those names, post haste, to Kenwood Ross, Attorney-at-law, Third National Bank Building, Springfield, 3, Massachusetts, and you will receive honorable mention as a member of his Membership Drive Committee. Seriously, to help Ross out in the drive it behooves all of us to send him as many names as we can, so that he can have something to start off with. That goes for every member, whether paid up or not, and while on the subject, how about sending in your \$2.00? If you live near a hospital that has recently had some Korean returnees, please visit the boys, get their names, and send them together with HOME addresses to Ross. These boys want to know about the Association, cause they are good loyal prospects for membership, etc. The same goes for the Army camps around your home. It is good to hear from a "veteran", even though these boys can tell us "veterans", a thing or two about fightin' today!

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MISSING IN ACTION: The Association Headquarters was greatly shocked to receive the following message from Mrs. B. N. Coers: "Lt. Col. Burt N. Coers, M. D. former Regt. Surgeon, 21st Infantry, 24th Infantry Division has been reported officially missing in action since 1 December, 1950. He was Regt. Surgeon, 9th Infantry Regiment, Unit of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea." Lt. Col. Coers was on a five month TDY with the 2nd Division from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. A letter was immediately sent to Mrs. Coers, wishing God's speed on her husband's safe return.

The 24th Infantry Division Association

Invites

YOU

to participate in its Membership Drive beginning at once and continuing through to the Detroit Convention. A six months period has been set aside by your organization to intensify the effort to enlist the membership of every man who served with us in our beloved Division.

The Drive is directed to a two-pronged frontal attack:

- 1. to enlist new members; and**
- 2. to obtain from all possible sources the names and current addresses of as many one-time 24th'ers as possible.**

To that end, we announce a

COMPETITION

with prizes 'n everything.

To the member who submits the largest number of names and addresses of his former buddies:

- 1st prize — a 20 year membership in the Association.**

To others who submit the next largest lists:

- 2nd prize — a 15 year membership**
3rd prize — a 10 year membership
4th prize — a 5 year membership
5th - 10th prizes — 1 year memberships

Sign up your buddies and send your name lists today to:

KENWOOD ROSS, Membership Chairman
 1387 Main St.
 Springfield 3, Mass.

24th DIVISION HISTORIAN DIES NEW YEAR'S DAY

Richard J. H. Krebs, who created a sensation in 1941 as "Jan Valtin" with his story of being a Nazi and Russian spy, died New Year's Day, at Chestertown, Maryland. He had been living in nearby Betterton since leaving the Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division.

Krebs, or Valtin, is the author of "Children of Yesterday", the story of the Philippine Islands campaign as it was lived by the "dogfaces" of the 24th and recorded by him as a participant in combat. "Children of Yesterday", our story of WW II days, is a vivid, "living history populated by the men who fought and died on strange islands. It is the story of people, simple every day people, the story of the boy up the street, homesick, scared, dirty, winning the world's most savage war. CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY glorifies neither war nor soldiering. It is a historic account of events and battles of the Philippine campaign interwoven with the sacrifices and sweat-cursed stubbornness of human beings who hated war more than they hated those they killed" (Quoted from the flyleaf of the CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY).

"Out of the Night", the book that made Valtin famous, came out early in 1941. It was an immediate best seller and thrived on the controversy over whether it was a true or false account of the Communist espionage methods and Communist aims. It was this controversy which brought out the fact that Krebs or Valtin had been deported to Germany and had been imprisoned by the Hitler government for treason. He was released from the Nazi prison on his promise to serve as a Nazi agent, and returned to the United States—illegally according to the Immigration Service—where he wrote the "thriller-diller" under the pseudonym "Jan Valtin." Both the Nazi sympathizers and the Communists soon got after him and exposed him as "Dick" Krebs. On November 24, 1942, Attorney General Biddle announced that Krebs had been arrested on a deporta-

tion warrant recommended by the Board of Immigration Appeals. The deportation order was later suspended and Krebs was allowed to report to his draft board for induction in the Army. Krebs was later assigned to the 24th Infantry Division then preparing for the landing at Leyte.

In July 1945, Pfc. Krebs was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement" against the Japanese at Mindoro and Mindanao. Early in 1947, after publication of CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY, Krebs was granted United States citizenship.

Dick Krebs, not only humanized the experience of the boys of our division by his book CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY, but insisted that all profits and royalties from the sale of the book were to go to the furtherance of the aims of the 24th Infantry Division Association. It is this fund which has helped lay the groundwork for the success of the Association and its publication the "Taro Leaf". The passing of Dick Krebs is a great blow to the Association and all former members of the Division.

On Oct. 2nd the members of the New England Group sent in the name of Spike O'Donnell the following cable to General Mac Arthur:

"Members of the 24th Inf. Div. Assn., urge you to consider the feasibility of holding Red Koreans as hostages for the return of Maj. Gen. William Dean, valiant commander of our beloved Division through many of its darkest and most glorious days."

The Army announced on Dec. 15, 1950 that the award of a Distinguished Unit Citation to the 24th Inf. Div. for "extraordinary heroism in combat against numerically superior enemy forces in Korea". This is the first such award made in the Korean fighting. The troops in the honored division will wear a blue ribbon over the right pocket. The citation referred to the heroism of the 24th from July 2 to Sept. 15.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE 24th DIVISION

- Lt. Theodore G. Sharpe, 1332 Medarcy Avenue, Phila., Pa. (now stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia) (formerly 24th QM Co.)
- John A. Krueger, P. O. Box 612, Lakewood, New Jersey (formerly Co. F, 19th Inf.)
- Sgt. Edw. C. Tompkins, Qtrs., T2140, Ft. Jay, New York (formerly A/T Co., 19th Inf.)
- Lt. Robert B. Chaney Jr., South Post, Ft. Myer, Va. (formerly Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 19th Inf.)
- Lt. Gene Coats, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo. (formerly 1st Bn., Med., 34th Inf.)
- Lt. Col. John C. Ruggaber, ASU 5021, Ft. Riley, Kansas (formerly Div. Headquarters)
- Dr. Robert W. Wallace, 81 Walpole Street, Norwood, Mass. (formerly 3d Eng., Co. C)
- Col. Milton B. Hale, Indianapolis Section, Army Finance Center & School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. (formerly Division Finance Officer)
- Mr. Anthony Blanco, 40 Olmstead Street, San Francisco, Calif. (formerly 724 Ord. Co.)
- Lt. Col. Robt. J. Daniels, Staff Department, The Infantry School Fort Benning, Georgia (formerly Div. Headquarters)

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