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Mrs. William Dean Wins Hearts of Conventioneers; Chaplain Chris Berlo Inaugurates Impressive Memorial Service; Bob Duff Succeeds Ken Ross as Prexy

Past Secretary and Editor of the Taro Leaf, Bob Duff (Div Hq) was elected to the Presidency of the Association to succeed Ken Ross at the 5th annual business meeting of the Association held on August 16th at the Hotel Deshler-Wallick in Columbus, Ohio.

Roscoe Glaxon's Nominating Committee had renominated Ken for the office for another year but the nomination was gratefully declined on the theory that there was enough "honor and glory within the Association's four walls that it can be shared by more than one who is more than passively interested in our future."



Joe Peyton, outgoing Secretary, declined his nomination for reasons of health, James "Spike" O'Donnell, the amiable Past President who preceded Ken Ross, declined his nomination just as and

for the same reason that Ken declined it, and Roscoe B. Woodruff declined his nomination for the same office on the ground that "the brass should keep their fingers out of this pie".

In his "President's Report" to the conventioneers, prior to the election of new officers, Ken cautioned, relative to the selection of officers for the next administration, with these words: "May I say in passing, and with all the modesty at my command, that you can never know about the amount of time and energy which your officers have devoted to the effort of administering this organization during the past twelve months. I mention it, not in any quest for your plaudits, but only in a bona fide effort to impress upon you a fact which may not be altogether obvious to you—the fact that, in electing our successors, you should elect men who will continue with this free and willing expenditure of time and effort, and let's put the cards on the table, and money, in order to keep this machine running. There are among you, men who are ready, willing and able to work in your behalf for the continued growth and success of this unit. I beg of you to reward them with election to office. Pass off your responsibility lightly and permit us to fall into wrong hands and we might easily witness the suicide of this organization."

On the basis of past performance, there was no question in the minds of the members but that Bob Duff was the logical contender for the office and he was swept into the position of your new President unopposed. We wish him well during his administration in the year ahead.

Few realize the time represented in the preparation for the new Memorial Service which was presented at the Columbus affair. We have our own faithful Association Chaplain, Fr. Chris J. Berlo, to thank. Once again, we find ourselves indebted to him. It seems as though nearly every time there is a good deed involved in the running of Association affairs—and we modestly boast that there have been quite a few—Fr. Berlo is in some way and in some manner involved.



Last spring, Chaplain Berlo was contacted and was asked if he would consider the preparation of a "dignified ceremony, worthy of the Division and of the Association, which conceivably might become traditional with 24th men whenever and wherever they might officially convene".

In characteristic fashion, Fr. Berlo responded willingly and wholeheartedly. He wrote the entire service which he himself presented at Columbus.

So impressed are we with it that we are going to reproduce the written service in a future issue of the Taro Leaf.

Regretfully, sufficient attention was directed to one particular feature of the service during or after its presentation. Fr. Berlo had personally directed the writing of a handsomely bound leather book containing the names of the deceased members of the Division. The book is a handlettered work and has been presented to the Association by Chaplain Berlo as its permanent property. Henceforth, the volume will be present in the "place of honor" at all future conventions, reunions and assemblies of the Association.

And that's just the way it was, friends; the charming lady flew in to Columbus from her home on the west coast and quietly but efficiently won the warm affection of every Taro Leafer in the Buckeye city. In presenting to Mrs. Dean an honorary life membership in the Association, the first and only such a membership to date, Ken Ross said: "And now we come to an especially pleasant but nonetheless difficult part of our program. The very lovely lady whom we are about to honor flew in from California to be with us a few hours ago. In the short space of a few hours, all of us have come to know something of her charm and graciousness. Unfortunately, at a time like this, there is little that can be said and even less that can be done to ease the pain of an aching heart. Because our guest prefers it that way, we will make no mention of what is in her and our hearts and minds. She, incidentally, is the first to suggest that she is but one of many of the parents and wives and sweethearts of our missing men. She asks for no special favor, no special sympathy." In accepting the token of membership in the form of a hand-lettered, leather bound certificate, Mrs. Dean—or Mildred as she insists on being identified within the Association—made a brief, sincere statement for herself and in behalf of Bill. When it was over, there was no question in anyone's mind but that our newest member was and would continue to be our most loved and respected. We are terrifically proud of ourselves for having ventured the original suggestion that our honor guest be invited to come on to Columbus for the reunion; we are even more thrilled by her own unassuming manner by which she proved, beyond all question of a doubt, that she is, in her own way, quite as much of a soldier as the man she loves and for whom she waits.



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In our August issue, as we mentioned elsewhere in this issue, we slipped up on publishing General Fred Irving's picture. We actually were not at fault on that one as we had the picture on hand. The printer gets the "Maggie's drawers" for that boner. We will however take first prize for a failure to anticipate in the case of Maj. Gen. Henry I. Hodes. With press time fast upon us, we found ourselves without his picture. We publish a group picture herewith which includes our onetime commander, General Hodes. In that August issue, we made mention of the fact that we liked the cut of Henry Hodes' chin. See what we mean?

General Hodes could not be with us at Columbus in person but he was with us in spirit. We proudly reproduce his letter below in which he conveyed to us his good wishes.



COMMANDANT
COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

The occasion of the 5th Annual Reunion of the 24th Division Association this year finds me unable to join you and the other 24thers at the convention in Columbus.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to send my greetings to all fellow members of the Association and my best wishes for a pleasant and successful convention.

Faithfully,

H. I. Hodes
H. I. HODES
Major General, USA
Commandant



Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving

The most bitter disappointment of the Convention was the last minute announcement that Maj. Gen. Fred Irving had been weathered in at West Point and could not take off for Columbus. The fact is that, so anxious were we to welcome Fred back to 24th ground once again, our welcoming committee was actually in waiting at the Columbus Airport when the sad news did arrive. In typical Irving prose, the message read: "Regret weather conditions prevent my joining you in Columbus. My thoughts of you today, as they have always been, are foremost in my mind. Let us not forget, however, those gallant men whom we left behind for it is they who gave us victories and a tradition of which we are justly proud. God bless you and our great Division. Irving."

One reason, among the many, why we wanted to see Fred in Columbus was that we might apologise in a face-to-face way for that tragic blunder in our August issue when the printer forgot to include his picture in that two-page spread which we worked so hard on. We called him on the telephone at West Point when we realized that the printer had erred and we tried to express our regrets via the airwaves. Fred neatly told us to "perish the thought". We failed to obey the order however. Because we couldn't say "We are truly sorry, Fred" at Columbus, we're taking the liberty of saying it here in the presence of the entire membership. We do regret the omission. As they say on the street, "It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

As for your not being with us in Columbus, Fred, it goes without saying that you were sorely missed.

"Git thar Fustest . . ."

Last month, one of our reporters in the field was out on an important assignment and couldn't get back to the States in time for the Convention. He did succeed in getting however in getting this message through to us. That Western Union can do anything. Now all we've got to do is wait for him to come home so that he can tell us what he cabled us. If you're up on your French, maybe you can tell us. Here's the way it looked when we received it.

若し旅客が該院商品と税金を納付せず米國內
を通過して輸送せられんとする時は税関官吏に其の手
續を御相談して下さい。



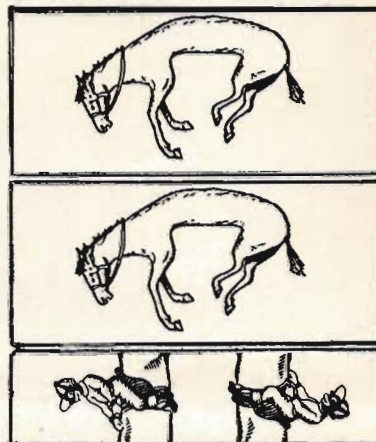
General Matthew B. Ridgway, United Nations Commander, and members of the original truce delegation. Left to right: Rear Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Major General Laurence C. Craigie, Major General Paik Sun Yup, Admiral C. Turner Joy, General Ridgway and Major General Henry I. Hodes. USAF Photograph

YOU'RE GOOD

if you can solve this
in just 1 minute



Cut out the three rectangular pieces below. See if you can mount the jockeys on the horses' backs without cutting or bending the pieces. It can be done.



SAFETY

awaits you

Here's an item you might want. The Assoc. has come into possession of a small supply of some beautiful satin-acetate escape maps. It's "war surplus" stock so don't go thinking anything. We came onto it according to the book and we've got a bill of sale to prove it. Here's the pitch. They make peachy scarves for the little women. They cover various areas in the Pacific and are really colorful things. Now we aren't making a thin dime on the deal and if you don't believe us, please forget the whole thing. We're doing this because we know a lot of you boys will want one or two and, after all, what's this Association for if we can't let you in on a deal now and then? Make your checks out to the Association and mail them together with your orders to Ken Ross, 1387 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. Please order by number. The price includes the mailing costs. Here are the maps available:

c36	Central East Asia	\$3.00
c52	Korea, Japan, China	2.25
c41	Mindoro	2.00
c42	Mindanao	2.00

In case you're still wondering, these are the cloth charts used by the "Fly Boys" when they were whooping it up in the wild blue yonder. They just crammed them into their pockets and then took off like big birds, so the saying goes. We repeat; their usefulness to you will probably be limited to something which you can pass on to the wife or girlfriend. The ladies in the gang who have already seen them have gone daffy over them. Sale closes November 1st. Does Gimbel tell Macy?

MESS LINE

TWO women were gossiping on a stairway about the marriage of the daughter of one of them.

"Since your daughter got married," said the first, "How is she getting along?"

"Oh, she's getting along fine," said the other. "There's only one thing the matter."

"What's that?"

"Well, she just can't stand her husband. But when a person gets married, I guess there's always something."

Of all the people who talk behind your back, there are none worse than the ones in theaters.

Husband (to wife rocking baby to sleep): "He isn't asleep yet, but the milk's turning to butter."

Then there was the man who got a divorce from his wife, who had borne him four sets of twins, because she was overbearing.

PALO MAYOR SENDS GREETINGS

Just as the crowd was warming up at Columbus, there arrived a message from Mayor Manuel Acebedo of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte in the Republic of the Philippines. Many of our members will remember "passing through" Palo sometime late in October of 1944. His Honor the Mayor wanted to send us a few words of greetings and we are delighted to reproduce the message below. Mayor Acebedo, in a separate letter to your Editor wrote: "America and the Philippines are, I feel, twin souls that strive for the consecution of democracy, and may their pathways be always strewn with God's munificence as they tread the crucial days ahead. Please convey my warmest greetings to your associates, and tell them that the inhabitants of Palo, 30,000 souls in all, cannot forget the sacrifices that you, in the hectic days of October 1944, and thereafter, rendered in search for the Holy Grail of righteous victory". Thank you kindly, Mayor Acebedo, and we are reproducing your message, and the photographs which you so thoughtfully sent, for all of our members to see and take pleasure in. Believe us, we shall never forget Palo!

PRESIDENT SYNGMAN RHEE

On your right, we very proudly reproduce the thoughtful, considerate message of the Honorable Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea who knows us well. We are exceedingly grateful to Mr. Rhee for all that he has said to us. May your people soon see the end of this terrible slaughter.



Nice to have women with us in battle

To the Men of the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association:

Greetings:

As mayor of the town of Palo, a town where you set the momentum of freedom in your libertarian struggle to emancipate the Filipinos of a hectic epoch from the fell clutch of the Japs, I congratulate you all on this your annual reunion.

The Philippines in general and the town of Palo of which I am its humble Mayor in particular, offers you no garlands but the laurel of a grateful and unfading remembrance. You set the ramparts of freedom, and by your deeds you have widened the areas of liberty, peering into horizons of time, vigilant that the boon which we had purchased at so dear a cost shall not be in vain.

Time has seen no catharsis in the mutuality of our interest; and the years that come serve only to cement the ties of friendship that bind both peoples, to rivet the bonds of affection that link Americans and Filipinos all. On this day of your annual reunion, may you be conscious of the inner fact that the Filipinos, particularly the people of Palo cannot forget you---the task you accomplished, not unlike the feat of Mayphus, in liberating us from the heinous Japs and their atrocities, the humane service you rendered, and above all, the deep-seated awareness that liberty is a prized possession among Filipinos and that there are still men who know how to die for it.

The world today stands at the brink of a crucial precipice. Ideologies clash in a mighty impact---one embodying the Lincolnian precept that under God men are equal and that governments derive their existence from the consent of the governed; the other, a creed that is diametrically opposed to it. America, as in the past, in at the vanguard of the former, and the Philippines espousing the creed of America, looks up to her, and with the Philippines, the whole free world, that America unshaketh Freedom's sword again at this critical period of the world's history, to rally forth in a crusade for liberty. May she not falter in our ultimate redemption!

Thru the columns of the "TARO LINE" therefore, I greet you men of the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division, and Godspeed to you all, on the altar of freedom, liberty and humanity.

MANUEL ACEBEDO, Sr.
Mayor of Palo



RECOGNITION FOR
WORK OF PEYTON
AND HENRY

A new innovation was introduced at Columbus this year in the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Association who, by past performance and by demonstrated loyalty to the Association, were considered to be especially deserving of receiving these testimonials of the gratitude of the membership. Not because they were considered to be the only two members

worthy of the honor, but in a sincere effort to avoid the appearance of a wholesale distribution of the plaques, only two were presented this year, and these went to Past President Ed Henry and Past Secretary Joe Peyton. Joe and Ed are pictured above at the rostrum as the presentations were being made. The scantily clad "biscuit" behind Joe is not a member of the club.

SYNGMAN RHEE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

August 15, 1952

"Members of the Twenty-Fourth Infantry (Victory) Division Association:

It is with pleasure and deep affection that I send you greetings as you convene for your annual convention in Columbus, Ohio. Every member of your gallant Division is my comrade-in-arms and a close friend of every Korean. We will never forget how, during our darkest hours in July, 1950, you came to our aid to assist us in stemming the brutal aggression of the Communist hordes. You were the first American Division to reach the front-lines of our battle for democracy against Red Imperialism. During the long, hard days of fighting which followed, the officers and men of the Twenty-Fourth Division fought with spectacular bravery and great, ultimate success. General Dean, your valiant Commander and my great personal friend, was lost at Taejon but we are happy to learn that he is still alive, though in our enemy's war prisoners' camp. Their contributions to the cause of collective security will shine throughout all the coming years.

On this day, August 15th, the Republic of Korea commemorates the 4th Anniversary of its founding. You have a direct, personal share in our celebrations today, for without your aid and assistance the independence of Korea might well have been erased by the bloody hands of the Communists. Also, on this day, we are commemorating the 7th Anniversary of the victory over Japan, to which you contributed so heavily in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippine Islands, and in Japan itself. I am well aware of your glorious past and am sure that an even brighter future lies in store for you.

My only regret is that I am unable to be in Columbus, Ohio, with you today. I should like to be able to go up to each one of you gallant soldiers, shake your hands, and personally thank you for your sacrifices for my people and the cause of the United Nations. My thoughts and my heart are with you today. I pray to God that your sacrifices will not have been made in vain, and that long before your 1953 Convention meets, Korea will once again be a united, independent nation and that the Communist foes will have been taught that aggression against the Free World cannot pay. God bless you all."

In friendship and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours,

Syngman Rhee

(Ed. note) With this issue, we are introducing a new feature. Now that the boys of the Division have a newspaper of their own, we are going to reproduce items therefrom. Since it isn't possible for each of you here in the states to have a copy of this little paper, we thought you might like it if we were to reproduce portions of it for you. We take this opportunity to wish them well in their endeavor. We also call your attention to the fact that they too call their paper the "Taro Leaf". Are we complaining? Of course not. We're proud of that name as are they.

Arty Vets Receive Medals; CG Leads Schimm Event

DIVARTY—Medals were awarded to 25 Korean veterans of 24th Division Artillery in a ceremony held recently at Camp Young-hans. Making the presentations was newly-appointed Brig Gen Barkedale Hamlett, CG of Divarty.

The awards, presented for outstanding service in Korea, included one Silver Star, 18 Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, three Air Medals and one Commendation Ribbon.

LT Robert P. Nied, 11th FA Bn, received the Silver Star, and Purple Hearts went to PFC Milton H. Bean and Cpl James E. Roberts, both with the 11th FA.

Air Medals went to Opl James E. Roberts, 11th FA, 2nd Lt Robert E. Belfour and 1st Lt Charles N. Allgood of the 52nd FA. Opl William H. Pagan, also of the 52nd, received the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, and Capt Forrest E. Anderson was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Star. Capt Anderson is with the 52nd FA Bn.

Bronze Star medals went to Capt Earl B. Coons, 11th FA, Maj James L. Gordon, Hq, 24th Divarty, Capt Roy W. Smith, Capt Robert G. Walker, both of 52nd FA, and Lt Don P. Morgan, 2nd AAA Bn, received the Bronze Star with a "V" device.

Men of the 3rd Bn, 21st Regt, receiving BS with "V" device were PFC Thomas Riley, PFC Jack J. LaRocca, PFC Harry T. Rice, PFC Richard Schwoertzer, and Cpl Leeman E. Sweet. Capt Richard A. Kaiser and Lt Col Edward F. Baker were given Oak Leaf Clusters for their BS.

Awarded BS with "V" device were J. Maroney, Alver G. Martinson, Maj Howard P. Miller, SFC James T. Barber, and Sgt Wesley Walker, all of 3rd Bn.

On-Time Education Initiated At Cp Fuji

24TH INFANTRY—An extensive "on-time" education program at Camp Fuji has been initiated by Capt Curtis W. Waters, 24th Regiment TIE&E Officer, and his staff.

After an exhaustive survey of the educational level of all 24th Division personnel at Fuji, it was discovered that there were 440 men who fell below the fifth-grade level. These men will receive instruction in Basic Arithmetic and English in their own dayrooms during the next few weeks. They will be allowed to progress as rapidly as possible and can, if they are capable, achieve as high as a level as two-years of college.

abstract figs
looked at the moon
and thought
of fig trees.
I looked at you
and thought not
of love
or love
just fig trees
—ptc silverman

19th Gets New Exec

19TH INFANTRY—The "Rock of Chickamauga" Regiment acquired a new executive officer this week. He is Lt Col Robert L. Pitts, whose wife and daughter reside in Strepovert, La.

BEACH HEAD OKAY BUT 34TH STILL TRAINS

HEADQUARTERS—Maj Gen George W. Smythe, CG 24th Inf Div, awarded nine officers and three enlisted men during a ceremony held at Martin Field, Camp Schimmelpfennig.

Presentation of 11 Bronze Star Medals, including one with the "V" device to PFC Earl E. Graham, 21st Regt, and the third Oak Leaf Cluster to Lt Col Lyle I. Abbott, JAG, 24th, was followed by a regimental size review made up of elements of the 21st Regt and Special Units.

Receiving Bronze Star awards were Capt Rawls H. Frazier, JAG section, Hq, 24th Div, Maj John P. Knierim, 24th Sig, Capt Donald C. Carter, Med Co, 21st Regt, and Fred Sumikawa, CG section, Hq, 24th, Lt Arthur R. Paschen Jr., Med Co, 21st, CWO Thomas C. Ryan Jr., 24th Sig, SFC Robert E. Huntley, Med Co 21st, Cpl Peter C. Daisopoulos and Capt Kenneth E. Freed, both of Co H, 21st Regt.

Gimlets Watch Kids Perform

By PFC HANK ROWLEY
21ST INFANTRY—As honored guests of a Japanese school in Sendai, three 21st Regt soldiers recently observed an extraordinary spectacle. SFC Charles H. Hensberg, PFC Casano Reo and this reporter witnessed a gigantic gymnastic performance.

Two thousand boys and girls participated in a colorful pageant which was designed to be the part of an hour. Beginning with a grand march, the students reassembled in a regiment type review. They then stepped off in perfect unison across the field.

After this they went through a series of exercises, performing a variety of skills and intricate patterns. At each given signal the students quickly dispersed and reformed in a new position. They performed at a high level of proficiency, maintaining perfect precision and timing throughout the entire program.

Korean Vet Named 'Soldier Of Week'

19TH INFANTRY—Cpl Allen Mueh Jr., son of Mr and Mrs. Hudson Mueh, 282 Mulberry St, Newark, N.J., was recently selected as "Soldier of the Week" of Company B, 19th Infantry Regiment.

As a reward for his neatness and alertness, the soldier received a three-day pass from his Commanding Officer, 1st Lt Joseph C. DiGiovanni.

Medic NCO Former Philippine Scout

24TH MEDICS—A former Philippine scout who was taken prisoner by the Japanese during the last war and later fought as a guerrilla fighter in the Philippines is now serving as a medic sergeant, SFC Mike Costo.

The sergeant has a long and varied history of military service, dating back to 1905 when he first joined the Philippine Scouts.

Roy Rogers Assigned To Chickamauga Regt

19TH INFANTRY—Roy Rogers is now assigned to Hq and Hq Co, 19th Inf Regt.

When Cpl Roy Rogers walked into the company orderly room it came as quite a shock to the men, especially the four sergeants, M/Sgt Lawrence Tatro, whose first explosive question was, "Where's Trigger?"

Japanese House Quarters Recon Platoon On Big Job

24TH RECON—In a secluded and very unimpressive house on a residential street in Akita, eleven men on road reconnaissance from the 24th Division have been making a home of sorts for Members of the scout section.

Signal Mess Hall Converted For Weekly Parties

24TH SIGNAL—Every Saturday night at 2000 hours 24th Signal Company's mess hall is converted into a dayroom for their weekly company party.

According to PFC Alan H. Frager, recreation NCO, 16mm films of the "Castle" variety, are shown and food is served. The entire project is being supported by the company fund.

Problem of the moment is obtaining films. PFC Frager has requested anyone having such films or knowing where they may be obtained call him at Sendai 4212. He can make arrangements to pick them up and deliver them after use.

19th NCOs End Course

19TH INFANTRY—In an impressive ceremony held at Camp Haugen, 34 men of the 19th Regiment received certificates of completion from the Regimental NCO School. The class was the fifth group to finish the three-week course since the departure of the 24th Division from Korea.

Chaplain Brandon P. Donnelly began the ceremony with a prayer for guidance and Lt Col Harry Balish, regimental commander, addressed the graduates.

Under the instruction of the administrative NCO, Sgt William H. Rumpf, and the field NCO, M/Sgt Julio M. Monjars, the men were trained to instruct and lead the troops of the 19th. Their course covered such subjects as leadership, weapons, tactics and dismounted drill.

Sgt Arthur S. Balis of Chicago, Ill., was honor student of the class. Having received basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif, Sgt Balis has been with the Regiment since March 1952.

Swims To Regain Use Of Leg

21ST INFANTRY—Among the swimming enthusiasts at Camp Shimm's pool these days is a 24th Division Korean veteran who is rehabilitating from a leg wound suffered in combat.

Cpl Allan K. Wilson of Service Company, 21st Infantry, worked out in the pool each day to strengthen his left leg that caught mortar shell fragments last October while he was serving with Fox Company of the 21st.

Following two months of convalescing in Japan, Cpl Wilson of Sacramento, Calif, returned to Korea to fight until the Division moved to Honsu.

Fast Work Saves Life

19TH INFANTRY—A 19th Regt soldier's quick thinking saved the life of a huddy killed by 220 volts of electricity Wednesday night at Camp Haugen.

PFC James W. Stichcomb of Charlie Co, wet from the rains, received the shock when he entered the post gym and turned on the lights. Hearing a cry, PFC Richard W. Neider of Co I rushed in to find the 25-year-old, Baltimore, Md., soldier on the floor unconscious and not breathing.

He immediately applied artificial respiration and had an ambulance ordered.

Fifteen minutes after his arrival at the 8142d AU Hospital, Stichcomb was revived, and released the following morning.

Hits Hole-in-One

24TH INFANTRY—Lt Col John C. Gasten, 63rd FA Bn Co, recently hit the hole-in-one of "aces" at the Atami Golf Course by carding a hole-in-one.

Brittin Field Dedicated at Cp Haugen

19TH INFANTRY—An athletic field at Camp Haugen was dedicated recently in memory of SFC Nelson V. Brittin, a 19th Regiment Korean war hero who was awarded Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

California Samaritan Ups 21st Morale

21ST INF—"California Gift Lift", popular during Korean days with men of the 3d Bn, is still looked forward to now that the Bn's out of the combat zone.

The gift lift was born when Mrs Carleton Shaw, San Diego, Calif, started a one-woman crusade to build morale among the men in Korea.

It makes little difference to Mrs Shaw that the men are out of the hall of Korea. As she says in one of her letters:

"Whatever you ask me to do for you, I will—what you really want is to come home, I know that—but until you can, maybe I can help some. It will be my way of doing my part."

"Whether you want something mailed to you, flowers sent to your girl, or just plain speak your mind and be heard, write to me. Mrs Shaw's address is 4876 Federal Blvd, San Diego 2, Calif.

Colonel Hamlett Becomes Brig Gen

DIVARTY—Now wearing the single star of a brigadier general is the commander of 24th Division Artillery, former Colonel Barkedale Hamlett.

General Hamlett, 52, commanded Divarty in Korea, and now has his headquarters at Camp Young-hans. He received his star in mid-May.

General Hamlett took part in the North Atlantic campaign during the Second World War. He was the executive officer of II Corps Artillery. Returning to the United States, he served as Assistant G-3 of Army Ground Forces, and subsequently as commander of the 16th Armored Division Artillery.

Much Yen, Back Again

DIVARTY—Cpl Keith Grandstaff of the Liaison Section, Hq Btry 52nd Field, a Korean veteran who rotated last December is back with his old outfit.

Asked why he volunteered to return to the 52nd, Keith replied, "I had some yen and no place to spend it."

19th Continues Treat Program For Orphans

By OPL BILL NELSON
19TH INFANTRY—Like a snowball rolling down a steep slope, the desire to warm the hearts of the underprivileged children of Japan has increased in such proportions that the 34 boys and girls of the Shiriuchi Orphanage never know just what to expect when they are invited to Camp Haugen by members of the 19th Inf Regt for a day packed full of surprises.

California Samaritan Ups 21st Morale

Those people who believe that Christmas only comes once a year should have a talk with these unfortunate waifs to see what their answer is to that statement.

After hearing trays of turkey, trimmings and all, the children dashed out to play games ranging from volleyball and baseball to the art of self-defense—boxing.

All of them came off without shiners and were taken to a barbershop where they were "shaved" in a complete set of clothing. While the boys received jackets, trousers and shoes, the girls were given new dresses, shoes and undergarments that made their little almond eyes shine with delight.

After seeing the Italian movie "Shoe Shine Boy," the children were taken to the local service club snack bar where they were fed everything from cokes to ice cream sundaes.

19th, JLC Troops Donate Yen To Kids

19TH INFANTRY—In a brief ceremony July 14 at the Shiriuchi Orphanage, Col Paul A. Jaccard, Camp Haugen Post Commander, presented the superintendent of the institution with 160,000 yen to aid in the building of the new home for the foundlings.

He was accompanied by Regt Chaplain (Maj) Edwin Norton and 1st Lt Edward Bond, 19th Regt Personnel Officer representing the "Rock of Chickamauga" outfit which was the largest contributor to the donation. The 8018th AU (JLC), a smaller complement, also gave a substantial amount.

Speaking through his interpreter, Col Jaccard said to the superintendent, "If the children of this organization receive as much happiness from this gift as did the members of 1st Col Balish's and my command did in giving it, they shall be very happy and benefit greatly indeed."

Memorial Held

19TH INFANTRY—In memorial services held at the Camp Haugen Post Chapel, men of Co I and representatives of the 3rd Bn, 19th Regt, paid homage to Cpl Wesley L. Christiansen, who died of poliomyelitis in a Tokyo Army hospital July 22.

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"Awright... Who's da' wiso guy?"

Porter Rotates

21ST INFANTRY—Chaplain (Maj) Oliver E. Porter leaves tonight for assignment in the States. Serving with the Division since July 29, 1951, he held the post of Regimental Chaplain and was awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster to the Bronze Star Medal last February, 1949.

After his release in 1942, Costo was active in guerrilla operations in the southern Philippines until the American liberation in 1944. He rejoined the Scouts in 1945 and received American citizenship last February, 1949.

ADC Gets New Aide

HEADQUARTERS—Replacing 2d Lt Isaac S. White—who recently left for Korea duty, 2d Lt Genaro S. Falconeri has been appointed as Aide-de-Camp to Brig Gen Wilbur E. Dunkelberg, Assistant Division Commander.

Preceding his present assignment, Lt Falconeri served as 21st Regt TI & E Officer since his arrival from the 21.

Voices

Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman! 2 Cents to Spare

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON

6 July 1952

My dear Mr. Ross:

I am sending you herewith the message which you asked me to send through you to the Association of the 24th Infantry Division.

I must thank you for the opportunity you gave me to greet such a great array of gallant comrades-in-arms.

With every good wish, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Carlos P. Romulo
CARLOS P. ROMULO

Kenwood Ross, Esq.
President
24th Infantry Division
1387 Main Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

(Ed. Note: There's the letter above, and here's Ambassador Romulo's message below. It helps no end to realize that "outsiders", particularly members of foreign nations, are able to take pen-in-hand and address a few kind words in the direction of the Division we all love so well. We are grateful, Mr. Ambassador, for this expression of appreciation and goodwill.)

MESSAGE OF GEN. CARLOS P. ROMULO,
PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND
PERMANENT PHILIPPINE DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
TO THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

I am happy indeed to avail myself of this opportunity to extend my most cordial felicitations to the 24th Infantry Division Association now holding its 1952 Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

With the gallant members of this Association I share the deathless memory of an epic struggle against the forces of darkness unleashed by an ignoble enemy in the last war. I regard them as comrades-in-arms, and the Filipino people, I am sure, will always remember with gratitude their contribution to the liberation of the Philippines and to the preservation of democracy and freedom in our part of the globe.

It is well for us who went through the trials and sufferings of the last war to remember the bonds of common loyalty and service that bind us, for the way of life which we fought to preserve is again threatened with destruction, and we may again have to stand up to be counted in its defense. This goes to show that freedom will never be secure as long as any tribe of men has aggressive designs upon another, and that unrelenting vigilance, more than ever before, is the price of liberty.

Washington, D.C.
7 July 1952.



The Mayor of Kokura, Kyushu has sent us this picture of the Sgo waterfall as it appears today. Looks like the same water, same rocks, same gale.

New DEVELOPMENTS

Mrs. Buford F. Goff has presented to Cpl. B.F. Goff of the 501 M.P.Co. at Ft. Hood, Tex. a 6 1/2 # facsimile of an MP in the person of Buford Goff, Jr. Every good wish, kids.



From left to right, Margaret Peyton, the Peyton "kids", Marc Chouinard, B.G. Caldwell, Bonnie Caldwell, Joe Peyton, and Betty Feanak.

here's "HOW"...

(Ed. Note: This issue wouldn't be complete were we to omit publication of Stan's letter of regret. Stan IS still Historian.)

THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

12 August 1952

My sincerest regrets that I will not be able to be with you in Columbus. Happy memories of last year's convention make me doubly sorry that I can't be there to join in the splendid fellowship the Twenty-Fourth Division inspires.

We members of the Victory Division have a lot to be proud of, being identified with one of the finest fighting outfits in the United States Army.

Have a good time at what I hope is the biggest and best convention yet. May I recommend election of a new Historian!

Please say "Hello" and give my best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Stan

G. S. VELOY, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Assistant Commandant



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

It is a pleasure for me to address the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association on the occasion of your National Convention.

Circumstances of war have placed the 24th Infantry Division in the first line of fire at the start of this Nation's last two conflicts. Many of you, I am sure, saw the start of World War II at Pearl Harbor. Some nine years later, in July 1950, other soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division were rushed from Japan to Korea as the first United States Army troops to battle the communists there.

These men made up Task Force Smith--an understrength battalion of about 400 men. Reinforced by a battery of artillery, they held off the advance of Red columns for nearly six and a half precious hours before being overwhelmed by two Korean communist divisions. The courage, determination, and skill of these men typify other foats of the 24th Infantry Division whose action in Korea is adding to a brilliant record achieved in the Pacific during World War II.

I salute you veterans of the Victory Division. You have served in the best traditions of the United States Army. Your contribution to the Nation's defense will long be remembered.

Sincerely,

Frank Pace, Jr.
Frank Pace, Jr.
Secretary of the Army



Included among the several pictures of Palo, Leyte, P.I. which were sent to us for publication by the Mayor of Palo was this one showing the Palo Cathedral Bishporic of Palo. We well remember it as a civilian refuge during the Palo liberation and later as the site of one of our evacuation hospitals. The whole atmosphere, as reflected in this happy picture, is obviously brighter and cheerier. May it remain so forever more! (Ed. note--Is that a "Jeepu" we see in the foreground? How about that, Mr. Mayor? Whose?)



Throughout the past year, during which time we have enjoyed the pleasant assignment of editing this little "poop sheet", we have religiously refrained from injecting our own picture thereinto. We work it in now at long last but with reluctance--for good and obvious reason. However we did want you to see, reading from left to right, our kind and considerate host, Colonel Holmes G. Paullin, Chief of the Ohio Military District, Us, Mrs. William F. Dean, the Association's Convention Guest, the charming Mrs. Marie Paullin, our hostess, and in the far corner, the very some of perpendicularity, none other than the Association's faithful Roscoe Claxon. Roscoe wanted a copy of this picture to take back to Stamping Ground, Ky. When we asked him if he was going to have it put in the paper there, he replied: "Shucks, no. I'm just going to pass it around among the folks. We don't have a paper". Oh, by the way, before we get off the subject and in case you're interested, this picture was taken at the Columbus Airport just after Mrs. Dean had landed from her long flight from California.

Roscoe B. "Woody" Woodruff, who can and should be identified as the "Father of the Association", he having given it its birth in the summer of 1945 on the beach at Toloma, Mindanao, P.I. flew up from his CP at Polk where he commands XV Corps. Not only did he come himself but he brought with him a pleneload of Polksters. (No pun intended).

We picture the General above as he addressed the assembled gathering. That gal is in this one too. We didn't realize that she might be a source of embarrassment to us until we received the completed pictures. If you find yourself in need of an explanation, General, just say the word, and we'll write "Mrs. Woody" our best possible note of explanation.

General Woodruff tickled his audience as he told of an experience recently when he was driving his own car down Fifth Avenue in NYC recently. He proudly carries one of those Taro Leaf decals on his windshield and it was recognized by a truckdriver as the two vehicles stopped side by side for a red traffic light. The trucker studied it for a moment, then burst forth in smiles and bellowed, pointing to himself, "Twenty first regiment. What were you?" "Division headquarters" was Woody's reply, and by that time, the green light in front of them and honking horns behind them served as reminders that the reunion was over and they had best "git".

"But", in the General's words, "there we were, two of us, in the heart of the largest city of the world, who, for a brief moment, were carried away twelve thousand miles. That is the justification for this society; to keep alive those associations which we formed while working together in the 24th."

We are grateful to you, Woody, for making the trek to Columbus and lending us your presence. And when you reach retirement in the not too distant future, you know that you will have the good wishes for a long and happy tenure in your "last assignment". We hope and trust that as a retired officer by the time of our next get-together, it will be all the more easy and possible for you to assemble with us again and again. Reduced to a few words, "We think you're tops!"

Marguerite Higgins

In our last issue, we gave you the speech of Jim Patton at the 1950 N.Y. Herald Tribune Forum. Also on the platform with Jim was Marguerite Higgins who needs no introduction.

We are taking the liberty of quoting parts of her speech, also for purposes of the record. Here it is:

"Every one at some time or other makes a rash promise and one of the rashest of my career was made a long time ago in Korea. I'm the first to admit how often I doubted the wisdom of my statement: 'I walked out of Seoul and I intend to walk back in.' I did walk out of Seoul, and I did hope and intend to walk back in. But many were the times when I doubted I would go back unless it were as a prisoner-of-war."

"In the flush of today's victories north of the parallel, those terrible days in Korea -- the days just a hair's breadth short of defeat -- seem unreal and far away to most people. This war has moved incredibly fast and telescoped many dramas in a short space."

"But to me the most vivid days will always be the nightmarish weeks in which I saw my country and my countrymen mauled and humiliated by a regrettably army of Soviet-directed Orientals whom we had nicknamed 'gooks' and earmarked as pushovers. And I think that it is from these days of defeat that America has the most to learn."

"We learned for one thing that the Soviet-directed Oriental is a first-rate soldier. He has tenacity. He will fight with one-fifth of the food, clothes and transportation considered essential by the Americans. And he has a very steady shooting arm. I remember after the now-famous battle of 'No-Name Ridge' on the Nakdong River front how a Marine told me in an aggrieved tone of voice: 'Those gooks can drop those mortars right in your hip pocket.' Unfortunately, on that day, the gooks were just about that accurate."

"I remember the astonishment with which our front-line officers found out what a tough fight we were in. My thoughts go way back to July 4 -- the date of the first American skirmish in Korea. I recall walking on that rainy morning into the muddy flea-infested hut which held the battalion command post. All we had in the line, incidentally, were two half-strength American battalions. Although we didn't know it, there were nearly six enemy divisions pushing down on us. On that fateful morning, Gen. Barth, then assistant commander, strode into our hut with the news that 'Red tanks are heading this way.' The general added: 'Col. Smith's battalion on up ahead is going to take them on. I'm confident he can hold. Those gooks are going to find out what it's like to come up against Americans. The Americans won't run.'"



Well, you know how far and how fast we Americans were forced to run. And we began learning the bitter lessons of defeat on that first rain-soaked morning. It was just north of the battalion command post on a mound-dotted Korean graveyard that I watched American bazooka teams in their first tussle with Soviet T-34 tanks. The monstrous tanks were astraddle some rail tracks hard by. I'll never forget the horror with which we saw our bazookas flash without effect at the big Red vehicles."

"That was the first time we discovered how badly we needed bigger and better anti-tank weapons. New-type bazookas finally got to the Korean front, of course, but they arrived too late to save the life of such soldiers as young Private Shadrick who was killed there that morning in the process of finding out how inferior our weapons were."

"I've said it was a fast-moving war. Well, within a few hours after the Americans began digging in on those red clay ridges at Pyontok and Osan we were strafed for the first time by our own jet planes. And we were strafed at different points along the front six times in as many days. It took some time



to learn to apply the principles of air-ground co-ordination which worked so beautifully in the later phases of the war."

"I vividly remember in those early strappings how a sergeant cowering next to me in a ditch on a roadside bend said feelingly with reference to the speedy jets: 'Why don't those fellows stay at 30,000 feet -- or go back to the officers' club?'"

"By the evening of the first day Col. Smith's battalion had been encircled and out off by the North Koreans. It was the first of seemingly endless flanking movements. The Americans held out against thirty-to-one odds till they ran out of ammunition. Then the first of many retreats began."

"But the enemy made mistakes, too. Gen. MacArthur says that if the Reds had just known how little we had on hand, they could have plunged their tanks straight through to Pusan, the key port on the southeast coast of Korea. That would have forced us out of Korea. But the Communists, apparently disconcerted by America's sudden entry into the war, went just cautiously enough to give us desperately needed time to reinforce. We underestimated them, and, at first, they overestimated us."

"It wasn't until American forces struck north of the 38th Parallel that divided North and South Korea that we realized for sure that the Communists were bent on a scorched-earth program that would leave their country in ruins."

"Just six nights ago I was sleeping on a shelter half in a potato patch just south of Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, with big one-five-five artillery guns booming in my ears. Jeeping to the front that day we had passed through scores of ruined villages, twisted, burnt-out wrecks. The dry Korean hills once covered with brilliant autumn foliage were blackened for acres by forest fires set alight by air and artillery fire. It seemed pathetic that the Koreans who had so little should be deprived of even their shabby flimsy homes. But the Reds staged a series of small-scale but nasty delaying actions and these forced us to rout them out with all we had. In the choice between ruined villages or American lives, we chose the ruined villages."

"Korea acted as a kind of international alarm clock waking up America to the dangers that faced her. We all know now that Russia will use force of arms even if it is a challenge -- indirectly -- to the United States. Russia struck because she thought South Korea would be a pushover and that the United States would not intervene."

"The fact that America did go to the aid of its Korean ally had given a tremendous boost to anti-Communist morale in Asia. Many Asiatic elements who were carefully sitting on the fence just in case the Communists should come out on top have now placed their bets on our side. One need only look at this changed political situation in Japan to see this."

"Gen. MacArthur has often said that the United States must be prepared to counter Communist thrusts in Asia wherever they occur. And I don't see how, after Korea, many can disagree with him."

"What good would it do, for example, to win in Korea, if we lost Indo-China? It is my personal view that the United States must be ready in Indo-China also to give all-out aid against the Communists there even if, in the long run, it requires the use of American and other United Nations troops."

"In Korea, the United States fought its first armed battle with the advanced guard of the Communist world. The battle is still on there and elsewhere. And since Russia is so geographically located that it has a front in Asia as well as in Europe, we are automatically in a two-front war whether we like it or not. We cannot stiffen the European

front at the expense of Asia. If we cede Asia, we will ultimately lose Europe anyway. And I will never forget how Col. Red Ayres of the 34th Infantry Regiment, weary and tired, asked some reporters on the fourth day of war what we had heard about reinforcements, saying, 'I was just kind of wondering whether any more Americans were coming and, if they were, whether we would still be around to see them when they got here.'"

"Russia in Korea threw down a challenge to the Western world. It is obvious, I think, that we are in a fight to the finish with totalitarian communism and that it will end either in war or when Russia, through diplomatic pressure, retreats to her own borders. Naturally everybody hopes that the democratic nations -- with a diplomacy that clearly must be backed by great armed might -- can bring about the liberation of that part of the world now gripped by Soviet imperialism. But either solution takes armed strength. We have failed in dealing with Russia when we were weak. That is why I don't think we can stop arming till the showdown -- diplomatic or military -- has come. If there is a war, I want to be sure of winning in the shortest possible space of time. Higher taxes and preparedness are better than the need for that terrible military order: 'These troops must hold at any cost.'"



Proudly, we present to you John "Red" Growdon and Henry Byorum, one time CO's of the 5th Tank Bn. They are a couple of great guys."



ORGANIZATION DAY, OCT. 1, 1951

We give thanks to the kindly hand or hands which brought into being our beloved Division just eleven years ago.

We bow our heads in prayer to the memory of the sacred dead of the Division of World War II and of the Korean War. We pray too for the safe and speedy return for those hundreds of our comrades now Prisoners of War somewhere behind the "Curtain". May their glorious sacrifices for the preservation of our country be ever remembered and revered by us all.

WE SHALL NOT FORGET!

Just as we are about to put this issue to bed, word is flashed to us about Spike O'Donnell's daring, dramatic, dashing, departure from the Deshler on the Monday AM following the convention. Space won't permit us to give you the details. Anyway, we'd rather save it and let Spike tell you himself if and when he passes your way... Ed Henry finally pulled down his Jap flag from the wall of his room at the Deshler at 11:00AM on Monday, Aug. 18th and that was the sign that the convention was officially over.

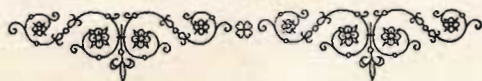


there's more to meet the eye

The Mayor of Kokura sent us this picture of the Izutsuya Department Store and its vicinity as it appears today. Remember?



Presenting above, another table at the Columbus gathering. Here you see, in the foreground, Joe Badaracco (Div Hq), and from left to right, Bert Koenig (24 AM), Fred Zierath (19th), an unidentified couple, we are ashamed to admit, Fr. Chris Berlo (19th), Tom Compere (Div Hq) and Tom's son.



KOREAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, D. C.

Message to the President of the Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division Association and the Officers and Men Attending the 1952 Convention and Reunion at Columbus, Ohio, August 15, 16, and 17th:

It is a very great privilege for me to salute and pay homage to the men of the 24th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. You are the real veterans of the Korean war for, next to my own countrymen, you were the first arrivals after the United Nations' decision to oppose aggressive communism with the only weapon it will ever understand — military force.

You are, of course, not all on hand for this reunion for many of you lie buried in Korean soil, having paid the supreme price which brave men always are ready to pay in behalf of freedom and decency. Others of your brothers-in-arms, including your gallant commander, General Dean, are prisoners of the barbaric red enemy.

But the impact of your coming to Korea, the valor of your conduct while there, and the multitude of brave and heroic actions you took part in will be forever remembered by the Korean people. I know that they join me in this salute as well as the hope that in better days to come many of you will return to our faraway land as visitors with your wives and your children. In that event, I am sure you will receive ample evidence of our eternal gratitude.

It is a wonderful coincidence, I think, that the opening day of your convention falls on Korea's greatest date — August 15th, the anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Korea and the second inaugural of our great President and leader, Syngman Rhee.

Y. C. Yang
You Chan Yang
Korean Ambassador

We so enjoyed a report of one of their recent parties which appeared in "The 34th Infantry Informer", their excellent little paper, that we're reprinting it here in full:

"The evening started with business and the on-coming dance preparations. The situation is still up in the air, but should be cleared by this on coming meeting. The controversy, deals with the selection of the site. Our genial Axel Poland has offered an adequate hall, which is lacking only in lustre. Some say it can be decorated and made presentable, but don't think it will do. Others say, with a little labor we can be proud of it. All agree we should benefit financially and this would be the deciding factor. A committee will discuss it and have a report by the March meeting, when the membership will have to decide. After the business was dispensed with, the large membership was augmented by an over flowing number of guests. Al Bilancio was responsible for a great number and they all were welcome. A slight donation of four bits was incurred to defray the expenses of the beer, chips and pretzels. We made no money but we had a lot of fun and did not go thirsty. A two-hour show was put on with all types of situations and stories. The comedy, pathos and drama was equally distributed and the beer and eats were passed out during the movies. Upon completion, the general question was, when can we do it again? Who knows? There is always a surprise at our meetings. All this was made possible with the able assistance of Johnny Ceci, Fred Lager, and Sam Snyder, without whose help it couldn't be possible. Thanks fellows, you are always on hand when needed. Let's have more of the fun. Who knows what to expect — so get down and be surprised."

That's a great gang up there around New York. They sure know how to play.

*Rita
Hayworth's
Back!*



At the risk of appearing ungrateful if we didn't mention it, we show you Roscoe Claxon presenting to us, on behalf of the Association, a beautifully inscribed gavel as a symbol of the Association's appreciation of our job as President during the year which ended at Columbus. There's not much to say other than "Thank you" once again. Every minute of that year was a pleasant one. As for looking at our picture again this year, you won't have to because, brother, you've had it for the last time. Thanks again for bearing with us throughout the issue. We see the end of the last page in sight and we don't object one iota. Next month, "East Lynn". Be seeing ya.

Here's The *Inside* Story ...

Bill Byrd and his very sincere Time & Place Committee moved into Columbus with the very sage counsel that the Convention direct the Executive Committee to make the decision as to the time and the place of the 1953 Convention. This was all for very good cause as anyone who has been close to the management during the last three or four years knows. Firstly, the selection of the site at least should be based upon the wishes of the majority of our members and not merely those who are fortunate enough to be with us at convention time. In times past, it has been the feeling that the selection of the succeeding site has been made by the members present without due regard to the wishes of their more unfortunate brothers who could not attend the convention. Under this setup for example, the conventioners at Detroit selected Columbus for the site for the succeeding year. Now anyone with a good arm can throw a stone from Detroit to Columbus. Well almost anyway. And what about the chaps living at distances greater than 500 miles from Columbus, for example? You know the answer. They just didn't get there. In an effort to be thoroughly democratic, the gang at Columbus voted, after no little discussion, to toss the ball to the entire membership. You, the members, now have it in your hands. The next questions are "Where?" and "When?" The ballot below is submitted for you as a means by which you can express yourself on both of these important questions. The only hitch is this: the polling of the membership ENDS OCTOBER 31st. So take a minute or two off, will you please, and let us know where and when you want the next get together to be held.

Mail your ballot to Bill Savell, P.O. Box 263, Blountstown, Fla.

Dear Bill:

Here's my ballot on the '53 Convention.

As to time, I'd like to see you have it in (Check one) June (), July (), August (), September (), October (), November (), December ()

As to place, I'd like to suggest that you try

If my suggestion is followed, you (Check one) can () cannot () count on me to attend.

Additional remarks:

(Signed)



running east of Camp Kokura and through the heart of the city. We regret that the little gal's back is turned. One of you may know her.

Here is our good friend, Mayor Manuel Acebedo, Sr., together with his wife, at the Monument at Red Beach, Palo, Leyte which commemorates the Oct. 20, '44 landings on Leyte. The spot means much to us. We thank the Mayor for sending it to us.



Come Out Fighting, Boys

We have had so much favorable comment on our plan of listing our members by states in succeeding issues that we're listing our Delaware members in this issue. Here they are:

MAJ RICHARD W. ARONSON (19th)
244-D Thomas Drive
Monroe Park
Wilmington, 6, Delaware

EDWARD J. DE SETA (3d Engrs)
1710 W 4th Street
Wilmington, Delaware

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN JR (21st)
1425 N Lincoln Street
Wilmington, Delaware

hurry! hurry!

Dick (724 Ord) and Mary Glaser drove down from McComb, O. to be with us at Columbus. Much to our regret, we were just busy that we hardly had time to say "Hi" to them. Dick and Mary have 5 children. Dick and his Dad have a cement tile factory and make drain tiles for farmers. Mary is the letter writer in the family and keeps us in touch with what Dick is doing. Thanks, Mary. Dick was one of the best Jeepu drivers in the entire Division. We know; we've ridden many a mile with him. See you next year, kids.

FREE

Hello, Young Voters!

You've taken this country as your birthplace.

You toddled around and laughed and grew under the sunshine skies of Liberty.

Your fathers and mothers put you to bed each night with the confidence of Freedom, not in furtive fear.

You learned in free schools.

You played ball or skated or jumped rope without a care in the world.

Your stomach was full, your clothes were warm, your roof was sound.

You enjoyed privileges and pleasures, movies and cars, treats and trips like no other youth growing up in the world ever did before.

Now you're of age.

You're full-fledged citizens.

Now it's your turn to pay with a little of your time and some of your thought for a lot of things you received when you were growing up.

The least you can do is to vote to help keep your country the way you want it, lest the children you're raising won't have the frank, free years you have had.

Be sure, Young Voters, you're registered!
Be sure, Young Voters, you vote!



We present below, reading from left to right: Mrs. and Mr. Michael Rafter (34th), Mrs. Robert Rogers, Ed Wiegmann, John Leahy, Vic Backer, Bob Rogers, Louis Santoro, and Mrs. and Mr. Charlie Rodamer, and Russ Pyle.



FRONT and CENTER

We would call your special attention to the leis which the gals are wearing in the various pictures in this issue. They were honest-to-goodness leis made up in Hawaii for us by Ah Kee Leong (3rd Eng) and flown over to Columbus in time to be passed out to the ladies as the evening festivities got underway. The men are wearing leis too but we'll be honest with you; the men got only paper ones. We are indeed grateful to Ah Kee Leong for the very efficient manner in which he handled this project for us.

CAN YOU HELP ON THIS?

Joseph M. DeSare of RD2, Gansevoort, N.Y., step-father of James E. Allen (21st) who was KIA on 11/4/50 would like to hear from any of Jim's buddies as to what actually happened on that fatal day. Can any member write to Mr. DeSare and give him any help?

thank you!

We Thought It Was Good
But We Didn't Realize
It Was "Fabulous"



We believe that the buffet style of dinner which was used at Columbus and which is pictured in the photograph above proved to be much more acceptable than the more formal banquet style of dinner. At least, that seemed to be the consensus, and we tried to ask every single one of the gang that stepped up to the service table. Not only did each man take just what he wanted but he took as much or as little of it as he wanted. Now as to price, if you'll permit us to talk business for a moment, we paid the house \$4.78 per plate. One chap told us that the dinner just wasn't worth more than \$2.00. Maybe so, although the majority seemed to think otherwise. Our point in mentioning it at all, however, is simply this: so long as we convene in expensive hotels in large cities, we can expect to pay top prices. When you fill out that ballot over on the other page, bear it in mind, will you please, and give your convention committee a break? Why not head for a smaller town in '53, or better still, an inn or a resort in one of its off-seasons. You're the doctor. It's up to you.

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On the left, Joe's pride and joy, Tommy Peyton gives out with "The Rock of Chickamauga". On the right, we present the First Lady of the Assoc., the lovely and vivacious Louise Duff



CITY OF KOKURA
Office of the Mayor
Kyushu, Japan

4 August 1952

I wish to send you a greeting as I hear that the annual reunion of your Association is going to be held in August in Columbus, Ohio.

It has already been more than two years since the Twenty-Forth Division left Kokura. The Division has achieved distinguished services through the occupation of Japan and combats in Korean front. As have been the mayor since your Division was first stationed in Kokura, I together with citizens of Kokura, wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and all members of your Association for cooperations in rehabilitation of Japan. Citizens of Kokura have a great deal of friendly sentiment towards you.

As one of Defending Bases the city of Kokura has been playing an important role. Although we are separated across the Pacific, there are no differences between us in our mutual efforts to walk on the road which leads to the happiness of human beings. We are and will be striving ourselves to fulfill our mission.

Several photographs concerning the city of Kokura are enclosed herewith. We shall be very happy if they serve for those members who ever stayed in Kokura to recollect the good old days.

Wishing prosperity of the Association and good luck of the members,

Respectfully yours,

Ryosuke Hamada
RYOSUKE HAMADA
Mayor

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for that remembrance. And just to prove that Mayor Hamada came through with the goods, we reproduce below one of his photographs. It's a view of Gin-ten-gai St. in downtown Kokura. Busy little place, isn't it. We wouldn't mind taking a stroll down Gin-ten-gai tonight ourselves.



Ed. Note: For the many convention pictures in this issue, we are indebted to Major C.H. Hoover of 432 Arden Road, Columbus, Ohio who, at the urging of Col. H.G. Paullin of Ft. Hayes gave up a Saturday afternoon of golf in order to render us this assist. We are happy to report that Columbus simply abounds with "strangers" who are willing to jump in and pitch when a call for help from a veteran's group, such as ours, is sounded. Thank you, Major Hoover, a thousand times; you too, Col. Paullin.

Ralph O. Berge (21st), Boyd E. Cox (21st) and James Vaughan (21st) are either MIA or POW's. If any of you know anything about these lads, will you please communicate with their respective mothers: Mrs. G.O. Berge, 674-31st St., Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Leonard B. Cox, Lee Heights, Corbin, Ky., and Mrs. Alton Vaughan? Thanks, men..... Do you like this number of the Taro Leaf? Or did it omit some information that you would have liked to read? We'll admit that we did put it together in a hurry, but, nonetheless, we have tried. At any rate, let us know what you liked or didn't like, will you please? We aim to satisfy, you know..... Col. Gines Perez is the President of the Ft. Benning chapter. M7Sgt. Mildred Wade is "Veep". Lt. J.H. Hunt is Secretary-Treasurer, and Lt. B.J. Ambrose is PIO. We wish those officers well as the chapter progresses..... Charlie "Ski" Kowalski (21st in WWII and Korea) and now at the Hawaiian Infantry Training Center just sent in to us a couple of new memberships. Thanks, Charlie. He writes that he's located in the barracks of the old 11th Tank Company. He says some of the "ole timers will know just where it is. Tell 'em it's on the way to Hasebe's after a hard day on the range." Ok, Ski, we "tole 'em..... Maj. Gen. A.C. "Cooper" Smith sent in his regrets just before convention time at not being able to be with us. Cooper is now Deputy C.G. at Fifth Army. We too were full of regrets as we have long had a special warm spot in our hearts for this great soldier. We know too that while the 24th may not be his first love-he being strictly an armor man from way back-we do know first-hand that his affection for our division and us is deep and genuine. We'll count on you not to fail us in '53, Cooper..... Moe Finegold (19th), residing in Miami now if you please, couldn't make it to Columbus as he was recovering from a couple of operations over at Coral Gables. The guy wasn't satisfied with one, he had to have two.



Holmes G. Paullin, Colonel to the rest of the Army but just plain "Holmes" to us, in his capacity as Chief of the Ohio Military District and, unofficially as our Host while in Columbus, addresses a warm word of welcome to the conventioners as he stood before the flower-bedecked shrine of the Association. We will never forget and we will always be grateful for the kindly and friendly enthusiasm which he gave to our various efforts during our stay in his city.



We're proud of this one. This is the Color Guard from Ft. Hayes, Ohio which marched in at the beginning of the business session and stood rigidly at attention throughout Chaplain Belro's Memorial Service. We say that it was a fine a Color Guard as we have ever seen anywhere, and you can quote us. In the background, you will see the new Association flag and immediately in front thereof is the "shrine" upon which was placed the Book of the Deceased containing the names of all departed comrades of the 24th. The candles upon the "shrine" each represented one of the major units of the command as Fr. Berlo called off the names of these units, members thereof stood up in hushed silence while Secretary Joe Peyton lighted the respective candle. It was an impressive, thought provoking ceremony.



Scene at the Punch Bowl immediately following the Business Session. Actually there were two bowls, one "with" and one "without". The lonely looking bowl in the center foreground was obviously the one "without". We couldn't give the stuff away. We shall not try to identify everyone in the picture. We mustn't pass along however without calling your attention to the uniformed gentleman in the background. He's our good friend and loyal Vice President, Gerry Elam who flew up with the Ft. Benning gang. In the far background, just to the right of the post, there stands a handsome man, Fred Zierath. Lest you worry that Fred is pretty far away from the bowl, let us advise that Fred has already been and gone by the time this shot was taken. Terrifically glad you made it, Fred.

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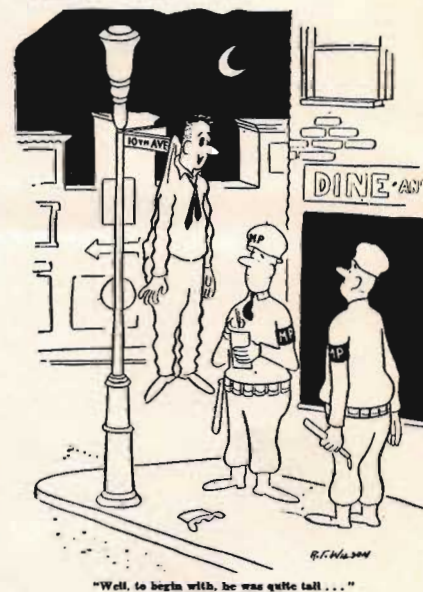
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A table at the buffet dinner. Reading from left to right: T.G. Hurst (21st), George Stanley (21st), Mrs. Larry Nathan, Mrs. Al Seltsam (34) and Albert Seltsam (34th).



Bob Luther (34th) of Athens, Pa. recently received the Bronze Star Medal from Sec'y. of the Army Frank Pace for action against the enemy in New Guinea while assigned as a Staff Sgt., 2nd Bn., Med. Det., 34th Inf. Eight years? Not bad, boy. Congratulations, Bob. Better late than never.

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