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“Ohio? What part?”

# Saturday Night In Japan

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SOLDIERS IN JAPAN don't have to be persuaded to wash behind their ears anymore, for taking a bath here is such a pleasure that they often spend entire weekends at it.

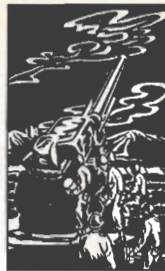
Lazily lounging in the mineral mizu (water to the uninitiated) has become one of their favorite pastimes and is much appreciated after a week of weary infantry training.

The first time I went to the baths I was taken quite by surprise for bathing here is just a sukoshi bit different from our Saturday night ritual at home. To the horror of my more experienced buddies, I plunged into the sunken, tile tub and happily began to soap. I was quickly wised up to the oriental practice of scrubbing before tubbing. It seems you have to be clean here before you take a bath.

Some of the tubs are smaller than what we're accustomed to at home while others are as large as a Hollywood swimming pool. Bubbling out of the hot springs nearby, the sulfurous water is piped straight into the pool at a high enough temperature that at times the newcomer is sure he is being boiled alive. (I wonder if that is the reason why my first sergeant is so hard-boiled.) I've found the baths excellent for refreshment and relaxation and you can take it from me they certainly beat bathing out of a helmet like we did in Korea.



... some as big as Hollywood swimming pools ...



... hot enough to boil ...



... better than bathing in a helmet ...



## Worth Thinking About

In our last issue, we unabashably reported the "secret" fact that MAJ. GEN. GEORGE W. SKYTHE had been transferred to a new command in Korea. We weren't able to tell you what the new job was and suggested that you wait for Time or Life to break the news. The New York Times newspaper made the scoop. On the AM following the election it produced a picture showing George and MAJ. JOHN EISENHOWER upon receipt of the good news. The paper quickly refers to George as the 3rd Inf. Div. Commander where John is Asst. G-3. Now we know. Good wishes, George.... In a recent issue of Look Magazine, Garrett Underhill and Ronald Schiller write a powerful article on "The Shame of Our Infantry - Young Men With Old Guns." They say:

"The American foot soldier is the healthiest, most intelligent, best educated the world has ever seen. He is the recipient of all the loving care, food, clothing and medical attention a grateful nation can bestow on him. He is sped to the battle zone in the newest, specially designed vehicles, protected by ultramodern jet aircraft and backstopped by atomic bombs and other wonder weapons.

"But when he reaches his foxhole to begin the most terrifying and exhausting ordeal a man can ever undergo, he carries the most antiquated collection of arms in our entire arsenal.

"With few exceptions, all the young G.I.'s weapons were designed before he was born. He fires a 1906 cartridge from a rifle first built in 1928. He hurls the same type of hand grenade his forebears used in World War I.

"His machine guns were all developed between 1917-19, with a mechanism patented by John Browning in the days of Queen Victoria and President McKinley.

"Even the so-called 'new' infantry weapon developments, like bazookas and recoilless rifles, date back to the days of the Flying Fortress, which was discarded as a combat bomber seven years ago.

"When originally designed, our infantry weapons were the finest available and still rank with some of the best our enemies have produced. But today these weapons are better suited for a museum display than for the defense of the free world.

"Their obsolescence has resulted in the needless death of some of our finest youth. This is an unparalleled national disgrace!"  
By all means, read this article.

## ...still and always

Let us assure you that True Confessions isn't a steady diet for us, but we happened to read the October issue while sitting in a dentist's office. OK? Now let's get on with the story. In that issue, we caught an article "Candy Bar Bride", written by the abandoned Japanese wife of an American soldier. It was a touching report by Sadako Yamagata Johnson who married one of our boys and then came to her new home in Oakland. We commend the story to you if you have any special interest in the problem. We do, and we admit it.

## REPORTER

As we go to press, MAJ. GEN. THOMAS L. HARROLD has replaced MAJ. GEN. CLOVIS E. BYERS as XVI Corps Commander in Japan... WALT ROGERS (AT-21) wants to see some up-to-date pictures of Schofield Barracks. Can anyone help us on this? You send 'em -- we'll print 'em.

## ANNOUNCING

Yesterday we saw by the New York Times again that BRIG. GEN. CHARLES L. DESHER, Jr. is the new Div. CG. More on that as soon as we have it.

## Touchdown and GO!

While some people wonder what they'd do if they had Rockefeller's income, we just sit around and wonder what he'd do if he had ours.

## feet on the ground

CHARLES S. BABCOCK again commands the 11th FA. He was the 11th's C.O. in Korea and is back with them again. Charlie was a center with the professional New York Giants at one time. During WWII, he saw action in France and Germany with the 187 FA.... Men of 1st Bn., 34th recently adopted the Elizabeth Saunders Home for children of Japanese-American parentage. The response of the men was immediate after Lt. Col. Ira H. Redfern, Bn. C.O. put out the call. Over \$1000.00 was raised in the initial fund-raising effort. A refrigerator, clothing and other articles of immediate necessity were purchased. Future fund raising plans are in the offing.... Mrs. D. C. Sayre, of Hillsboro, N.D. would like any info. on her son FRED B. SAYRE (21st) who was reported MIA on April 27, 1951 at Uayonai. Can anyone help us?.....

## Why the Halo?

Will the Maryland "brother" who criticizes the news content of our paper oblige us by sending to us some of the very kind of news that he wants to see us use more of? We can't publish what we don't get. Support us, please, by feeding the info. to us....

## Proud... Pleased... and Perfect

ROSCOE CLAXON (724 Ord) played the part of news reporter at our Columbus convention with his usual gusto and perfection. After collecting together odd bits about various people there, he proceeded to lose them. It wasn't until 5 A.M. of the Sunday following the convention that he recovered them in the hotel's salvage department. We admire his persistence and are indebted to him for his very fine reporting efforts....

## Dawn-to-Dusk

Soldiers shed tears of sorrow because their letters come so few and far between, but there are about six guys from Div. Hq. who are suffering from the opposite extreme. They're getting an average of over 50 letters daily. Seems a practical joker submitted their names to a romance comic book under letters telling how they had lost their fiancées back home or their Japanese girl friends over here. Several weeks later the letters started pouring in. Girls wrote the surprised half-dozen expressing their sympathy, asking about Japanese women and inviting correspondence.

The victims were amused at first but now the situation is getting out of hand. One corporal has gotten over 250 letters to date and the deluge shows no sign of stopping.

Asked if he was going to answer any of them, one man flipped a letter he had just finished onto an enormous, growing pile, paused just long enough from his reading to mutter, "With these odds, you're bound to get a few interesting ones."

Another explaining why he was reading each one, said, "I know my girl reads romance magazines and I want to make sure she didn't write one of these letters."

## ENCORE

We are not convinced that the Army is always right -- far from it. Read this bit of double talk from a G-2 report of a certain Corps Headquarters released in the ETO during WWII. It goes: "The Allies were not surprised because they knew the possibility of a surprise attack. What surprised them was that the Germans thought it was worthwhile to make a surprise attack in spite of the fact that such an attack, though deemed possible, was not deemed possible in view of the fact that we knew that they would try to surprise us." Chew on that one for awhile!





FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE  
(if you're in arrears or  
know of a likely prospect)

Bill Savell, Secretary  
P.O. Box 268  
Blountstown, Fla.

Dear Bill:-

Here's my \$3.00 for a year's membership in  
the Association.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (unit of 24th Div.)

(Please notify the Secretary of your changes  
of address.)

## IF

As Tallulah writes in her autobiography, "Just a minute while I take a look at the ticker. I want to get the last quotation on Billy Rose, common. Here it is. Nothing asked and nothing bid."..... For a long time, we've had a warm spot in our heart for GEN. JOHN R. HODGE, Chief of Army Field Forces. We knew him when. At any rate, he visited in Japan the other day and reviewed an honor guard of Div. Special Troops. "The finest battalion I've seen in a long time" was his report. We'll buy that, sir... Emperor Hirohito was a visitor in Sendai the other day. Many Div. personnel got a chance to see the little fellow... JIM B. VAUGHT (M-34) is now S-3, 3rd Bn., 34th. His wife, Almee, and daughter are residing in Claremont, Calif.....

## Those who KNOW

In 1925, when the 19th Inf. Regt. was at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, a soldier named SHERMAN F. JONES joined the outfit. It was his first assignment in the Army, with an outfit which was subsequently incorporated into the 24th Division, newly formed out of the old Hawaiian Division.

Now, 27 years later, M/Sgt. Sherman Jones is back in the 24th Division. The 30-year cycle has all but run its course, and Jones is ending where he started out. Now, though, as top sergeant of the 24th Quartermaster Company, he has reached the top of the non-commissioned ranks.

A lot has happened to Sherman Jones in those 27 years. He was commissioned during the Second World War and served in the European Theater of Operations as a captain. He was married to an Army nurse who was also in Europe during the war. After the end of the fighting in the Pacific, Jones came to Tokyo OK. He went back to the States in 1946, and, after three years, made another trip to the Far East, joining the 24th in October, 1951 in Korea. He has stayed with the much-decorated 24th QM Co. ever since, contributing his 27 years of military knowledge to the operations of the outfit which grew out of that first assignment in Hawaii, three decades ago.

## GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

Far horizons beckon! You would go vagabonding in the bazaars of India; take your leisure on a lotus-languid island where parakeets and macaws perch in trees of glass. You would eat strange curries on mounds of rice smothered under the feathery down of coconut. And on to Java for nasi-ayam, our old friend, chicken and rice.

But you are going nowhere -- just out for dinner somewhere on the Island of Manhattan. This time vary the usual; forsake your favorite little bistro; spend an evening in the Orient. There is an intimate, interesting restaurant at 52 E. 55th St., "East of Suez - the gateway to exotic food."

The decorations, the menu, the drinks, are as mixed as a crazy quilt, being Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Javanese, all in one dose -- adding up to Oriental, that's the word!

Toddle up the stairs and into the Oriental bar which the Proprietor, C. Henderson, calls his Oriental Hut. A different sort of bar than is usual in the town. Matting covers floor, walls, ceiling; the benches and stools are made of rattan and bamboo, upholstered in leopard skin. Here a punkah is in gentle sway, this a huge mat-like fan which in the Orient is boy-powered. Here in East of Suez the mat is hooked to an electrical outlet with a slow geared motor to keep the breezes in motion.

In one corner grows a coconut tree with a two-some crop. A mirror wall back of the bench is ablaze with strange flowers in cerise and celestial blue.

The dining room is almost dark except for a line of light behind a narrow glass ledge that runs shelflike back of the wall benches. Murals depict scenes, Javanese, Indian, Chinese, Pakistan and the murals set the mood. White peacocks, slim maidens with almond eyes and slanted glances, dancing to some slow barbaric twang.

It takes good eyes to read the menu and once you read you aren't too sure of what you may be ordering. Better let Boss Henderson suggest. He did well by us. Our main dish Javanese, this a sate of lamb; the leg meat removed from the bone, marinated, then cut in large dice and broiled, serve with nasi goreng. And that, friends, is rice fried with pork and shrimp and seasoned with sambal. A special sauce came along made of peanuts, lemon and Javanese spices.

The easy way to order is to say "Special dinner." The price is \$4.00. Start with the exotic fruit cup, a mixture of Indian mango, fresh pineapple, fresh coconut and canned Cuban papaya. Two soups are on this menu, consomme Suez and the birds nest. Nowhere in the world are there soups more strange than those of the Orient. A la carte you may order the expensive sharks fin, \$6 for two portions. The Oriental oxtail is \$1.50 a serving; birds nest for two costs \$4.

Under the entrees a choice of nine curries come with a full assortment of Eastern condiments and fresh coconut. Not interested in curry? Then choose among the seventeen main dishes ranged from diced almond chicken, to beef with snow pods in oyster sauce, to diced shrimp with almonds, or diced lobster meat with pungent sauce, to fresh spareribs with a sauce made of black beans.

The desserts have luring names, fresh whipped cream coconut delight, baked banana a la East of Suez, golden mixed fruits. There is an Indian pudding called sheera, made with farina and imported rose water, served warm with pistachio ice cream or with a scented rose sauce.

### You Takes Your Choice

Eight separate battles and campaigns have been defined by Army General Order 93 for which battle participation credit will be given to units and individuals involved.

First campaign is defined as the UN defensive dating from June to Sept. 15, 1950. Second is the UN offensive from Sept. 15 to Nov. 2, 1950. Third is the CCF intervention from Nov. 3, 1950 to Jan. 24, 1951.

The first UN counteroffensive from Jan. 25 to Apr. 21, 1951, is the fourth campaign defined, while the fifth is the CCF spring offensive from April 22 to July 8, 1951. Sixth campaign is the UN summer-fall offensive, from July 9 to Nov. 27, 1951. Seventh campaign is the second Korean winter from Nov. 28, 1951 to April 30, 1952. Eighth campaign, the most recent addition to the list, is Korea summer-fall 1952, which began on May 1 and will not end until Nov. 30. Should the fighting continue in Korea after Nov. 30, and few expect it not to, there will probably be a third Korea winter campaign defined.

"GAM"—Get A Member -5-

## CONVENTION FACTS AT PRESS TIME

### Personalia

Twenty-one years ago the sergeant was a corporal acting as stable sergeant and the general his company commander. Last week they met for the first time since 1931.

M/Sgt. WILLIAM JONES, recently assigned as operations sergeant, 50th Sig Bn, 8174th AU, heard there was a Brig. Gen. WILBUR E. DUNKELBERG nearby and wondered if it could be the same Dunkelberg he had served under so many years before at Forst Sam Houston, Tex. He investigated and discovered it was.

Gen. Dunkelberg, remembering him at once, received him warmly. The two old soldiers talked in the privacy of the general's office for the next 45 minutes.

The sergeant's serial number carries only seven digits, since he first enlisted in the Army Nov. 24, 1926. During world war II Sgt. Jones served in Italy, France and Germany with the 38th Regt, 85th Inf. Div. and the 410th Regt, 103rd Inf. Div.

## A POSSESSION FOR ALL TIME

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A WORD AND A SMILE

Don't hurry through life with a frown on your face  
And never a moment to spare,  
For the word and the smile are always worth while  
In a world full of trouble and care.  
There are others with burdens as heavy as yours,  
Hearts weary with aching and pain,  
That are longing to hear just a word of good cheer  
Will you let them be pleading in vain?  
Don't feel that misfortune has singled you out  
And made you her own special prey,  
For you may be sure there's no home so secure  
But that trouble will enter some way.

Chaplain Chris J. Berlo



### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Moving? ... Changing your address? Send your new address at least 30 days before the date of the issue with which it is to take effect.

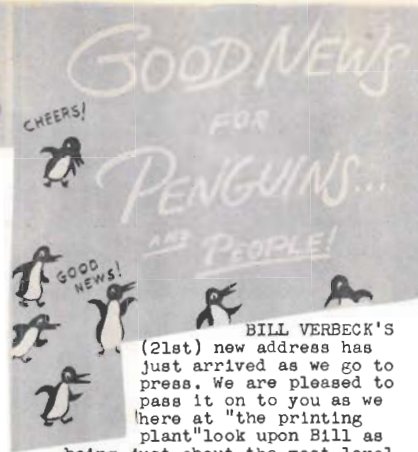


"Now don't go gettin' any ideas—  
The good lookin' one is my date."

# Filling the Breach

Right this way to get your scorecard. Buy a program. Get the names and numbers of all the players. We proudly publish below the names and numbers of our players—the most recent ones, that is. Here are a few who have just joined us as Assoc. members. Welcome aboard, mates.

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| CUKALE, VALENTINE (21st)<br>523 1/2 Railroad<br>Rock Springs, Wyoming                            | REEM, DR WALTER L. (34th)<br>306 Markot Street<br>Sainte Genevieve, Missouri                                  |
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BILL VERBECK'S (21st) new address has just arrived as we go to press. We are pleased to pass it on to you as we here at "the printing plant" look upon Bill as being just about the most loyal and enthusiastic Taro Leifer of all time. It's Col. W.J. Verbeck, KMAG Hq., APO 102, 7 PM, 'Frisc. Bill is with the ROK Army at the Korean Military Advisory Group Hq. Every good wish, Bill. ED HENRY (Div Hq) and his peachy wife, Dorothy, entertained Bill and Peggy Verbeck at their Attleboro, Mass. home shortly before Bill took off for the "old country". BOB DUFF (Div Hq) and his better half, Louise, flew in from Ill. for the event. JAMES ("God's Gift to the Working Girl") O'DONNELL (21st) and his very patient and tolerant wife drove over from NYC to make it eight, JIM AND MARY RUSSELL (On 19th) made it 10, and Gimlets ED ST JOHN (Warren, R.I.), BOB GERRY (Dorchester, Mass) and JOHN MCKENNEY (Auburn, Mass) managed to squeeze into the Henry abode somehow to make it 13. Our own regrets at not being able to make it. We've partied at the Henry's before and we have a good idea of what we must have missed. On the afternoon of the 2nd day (This thing ran for 3 days), Verbeck shinned up the telephone pole in front of Ed's house—the pole happens to be in front of Congressman Joe Martin's house also—and hung Ed's Japanese flag. The Police Dept., in a very discreet manner, advised Ed that someone had called, "not to complain, but merely to report that there was a Jap flag hanging from the pole up by the Henry residence. There's some funny goings-on up there today. Why at sundown, a crowd of them came out of the house and had a regular retreat formation on Mr. Henry's front lawn." So much for your neighbors, Ed, and congratulations on sponsoring another whing ding. We understand that this was strictly a Gimlet party so any "outsiders" in the immediate area must not feel offended if they didn't make this one.

# Blessed Event!

It's a boy for JIM and MARY RUSSELL (On 19th) of Pawtucket, R.I., born 9/22. ED HENRY (Div Hq) is proud to be godfather of the little papoose....Lest we forget, we must also report the arrival of a girl at the home of FRANK and MARY MCKENNEY (AT 21st) at Auburn, Mass. on 10/25. Congratulations, kids.

## Peek

ELWYN KERNSTOCK is now with the 963 FA Bn, 43rd Div...We're growing. Membership is now 1637 as compared with 1519 at our August convention. Our Membership Chrm., JOE PEYTON (19th) is, as was only to be expected, in there giving the job his all. Have you brought in a member lately?



## The Soap Box

The late political campaign has had a profound effect on the epistolary style of Joe Peyton's boy who was trapped into listening to all of the speeches that replaced his usual thunderous fare. Last week, after writing a letter, he closed it with the salutation, "Your friend and mine, Tommy Peyton".... And as one cannibal said to the other, "We can't boil this missionary -- he's a Friar"..... In case you move please tell somebody your new address. Tell Pres. Bob Duff, Sec'y Bill Savell, your editor, Joe Peyton, President Eisenhower, Joe Stalin, or somebody! Please tell somebody!! The returns we get each month are astounding. Don't you people want to be found?.....

*There is only one..*

**Stand Our Ground and Win**

I. The soldiers stood in fox holes deep,  
This dark and dreary night.  
We heard them shout, "Surrender, Yanks  
Or die before it's light!"  
The commie Reds were gathering  
in hopes to make us run.  
We opened up with everything.  
We stood our ground and won!

II. It is the same in any way  
No matter where we fight.  
The enemy is sure to say  
Give up or die tonight!  
They would come from most anywhere,  
From dawn till day was done.  
We'd open up and come what may  
We stood our ground and won!

III. It makes no difference whom we fight,  
The reason is so clear.  
For liberty and unity,  
And peace throughout the year.  
When our country is in danger,  
Be it dark, light or dim,  
We stay and fight throughout the night.  
We'll stand our ground and win!

PFC Donald F. Yonick  
Co M, 34th Inf Regt

is born...

not made

The Army sports program is really in high gear at Camp Youngmans and, if you don't believe it, ask Cpl. ANDREW RODRIGUEZ of Hq Btry, 52nd FA Bn.

To introduce our hero, Andy was not born a corporal, as is the popular belief. He was raised as normal as any Californian can be and at the age of adolescence, went to San Bernadino College. There he played on the baseball team in 1949 and 1950 as a centerfielder but didn't hit his weight (190). However, he did gain slight fame when he tried his luck on the mound, winning the last two games of his college career. He then joined an AAA City League team and hurled a no hit, no run game in the 1950 season, but his success was short lived as his next job was with Uncle Sam.

A veteran of Korea and now stationed at Camp Youngmans, he was conspicuously absent at baseball practice one day and Erig, Gen. Hamlett, Div Arty CG who happened to be present wanted to know why.

The hunt was on and after much ado it was learned that the elusive man was on a reconnaissance mission near Tokyo. The General had a special plane dispatched to Tokyo where the corporal was paged and told to return to camp as soon as possible. Andy hurriedly went to Camp Youngmans where he was placed on a plane and flown to Matsushima just in time for the first game of a double header.

Imagine, a lowly corporal, paged by the General's special plane and sent back from duty and flown to the ballfield. Truly a Frank Merriwell story.

Not a fascinating yarn? Have you ever been summoned by a special plane from a General? Taken off duty and flown to the game? It would even have had Babe Ruth envious. But that's not all. Right off the plane and into the game, played three innings, batted once, walked and scored a run. No, not the decisive one. Hardly, in a 19-2 win, but he was flown up and did score and...snucks, why make excuses. Did it ever happen to you?



How is your word culture? Each word in the left column implies the cultivation of one of the things listed in the right column in mixed order. Can you match the columns?

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Horticulture  | (a) Soil      |
| 2. Apiculture    | (b) Forests   |
| 3. Aviculture    | (c) Cattle    |
| 4. Silviculture  | (d) Bees      |
| 5. Arboriculture | (e) Fruit     |
| 6. Sericulture   | (f) Birds     |
| 7. Boviculture   | (g) Gardens   |
| 8. Pisciculture  | (h) Oysters   |
| 9. Ostreiculture | (i) Wine      |
| 10. Viniculture  | (j) Silkworms |
| 11. Pomiculture  | (k) Fish      |
| 12. Agriculture  | (l) Trees     |

## Same Rating But what a difference!

We see by the press releases that KEN CRAMER has given up command of the 43rd Div. and is now commander of the Munich Military Post. We don't know whether to rejoice or go out and get drunk. Poor Ken has been the butt of a lot of "stuff" in the last few years. The GI's of the 24th still love him, however, and always will. What's news over there, Ken? How about a report?

## We Like the Idea

Our wonderful lifetime member, MILDRED DEAN, remembered us from Waikiki where she was "relaxing, basking in the sun". Thank you for not forgetting us, Mildred... BILL KELLER (34th) is now a Captain at Camp Edwards, Mass., and has asked us about joining up. Is he welcome? You said it.... RALPH IMLER (C-21) of 11319 Sheldon St., Sun Valley, Calif. writes: "I get mighty sore when I think about the fellows who were killed or lost in Korea. My whole mortar squad and most of the section got it in the first few days. I am proud of the old outfit." Our sentiments, precisely, Ralph....

# Give and Take

Let's get behind this one. Let's each of us send a bundle of books to the boys in the Division over there. The 25th has just pulled off a successful "Operation Book-Lift." Why can't we? Send your books to Editor, Taro Leaf, Hqs. 24th Inf. Div., APO 24, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. Let's get some additional reading material going to the men over there. You were there once. You know what a good book can mean to a fellow. Too, do you have any club or organization in your home town that would like to get behind this project and give it a boost?

## Flattery

IN THE TARO LEAF--

- 5 years ago - JAMES A. LESTER relinquished command of Division to become C/S, Eighth Army.
- 3 years ago - AUBREY "RED" NEWMAN (34 and C/S) earned his paratrooper's badge as C/S, 11th A/B Div.
- 2 years ago - Association membership was 488.
- 1 year ago - 61% of the membership expressed a desire to see Dwight Eisenhower (19th) in the White House. That 61% is going to have its wishes realized shortly after it reads this. Bless your little hearts!

We're getting the question put to us, "Where is that Directory?" We've answered that several times in past issues. The addresses seem to change so fast that we seriously doubt the advisability of publishing. There's a little matter of expense, too. With over 500 of our 1637 members in arrears on dues, we frankly can't afford to publish a Directory at this time. Instead, we'll publish names, by states, in each issue. OK? In this issue, we give you the District of Columbia and Florida.

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## Gen. Charles L. Dasher Jr Named Div Commander

BRIG. GEN. CHARLES L. DASHER, JR. has taken over as chief of the 24th Division, occupying the office left by Brig. Gen. Barksdale Hamlett, whose command line appeared on official Division correspondence since the departure of former commander Brig. Gen. Wilbur E. Dunkelberg.

Gen. Dasher, coming direct from Korea where he was assistant CG of the 3rd Inf. Div., was welcomed to Camp Schimm by Col. Joseph B. Crawford, assistant Division commander, and staff members.

After graduating from West Point, Gen. Dasher was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery. During World War II, he was assistant artillery officer of XIX Corps and participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, and Central Europe campaigns.

Since the war, he has served as commander of the Rome Area Allied Command in Italy from late 1945 to April, 1947; as military attache to Spain, 1947-1950; as information officer of Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va., and as ADC of the 8th Inf. Div., Fort Jackson, S.C., before receiving his 3rd Div. assignment in Korea.

The new CG was born July 11, 1900, in Savannah. He graduated from Central High School, Washington, D. C. in 1919 and attended George Washington University for one year before entering the Military Academy in 1920.

## Remembered!

ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF (Div.C.G.) writes us regularly. His latest epistle includes the following:

"Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending my copy of the Taro Leaf. That publication is improving immensely -- more power to you people who are putting it out! "I returned only a couple of weeks ago from the better part of a month spent on detached service in Washington as a member of a promotion board. I was glad to get back to my swamps!

"The date of my retirement is approaching at a dead run, and we are planning on going over to San Antonio on the 1st of February. I expect there will be lots of little tinkering projects to be done on our bungalow there which, together with the not easy job of becoming accustomed to civilian life, will probably keep me busy for a number of months. I have no other plans at the moment other than to see if I cannot give the bass and maybe the deer a bad time.

"Robin Daniels thinks that he will probably be due for foreign service when he completes the course at Leavenworth next spring. I am in hopes that he will go to Europe as he has had a sufficient tour of the Far East to do him for quite a while."

Thanks for the newsy letter, General.

## Bright new idea

The Victory Division greeted a new assistant commander when Col. JOSEPH B. CRAWFORD assumed the office. Coming to the 24th from an administrative assignment in Hq., FEC, he succeeds Brig. Gen. Wilbur E. Dunkelberg.

An alumnus of the Univ. of Kansas and a graduate of West Point, Col. Crawford was commissioned in 1933. During his Army career, he attended the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.; the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans; and the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

In World War II, Col. Crawford saw service with combat outfits throughout Europe. He served as battalion commander in the 1st Inf. Div., and regimental executive officer of the 3rd and 36th Divisions. With the 88th Div., he served as CO of the 349th Inf. Regt.

Gallantry in combat won him numerous awards. Among his decorations are the DSC, the Silver Star with cluster, the Legion of Merit with three clusters, and the BSM with two clusters.

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"I was  
glad to see  
her go!"

THE TARO LEAF  
24th Inf. Div. Assoc.  
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FORM 3547 REQUESTED

## Backstage

How were you on your word culture? Here are the answers: 1g, 2d, 3f, 4b, 5i, 6j, 7c, 8k, 9h, 10i, 11e, 12a.

## The Editors' WORKSHOP

New address for STAN NELSON (724 Ord): 268 Santa Rosa St., San Luis Obispo, Calif. . . It's nice to see that MILTON HALE (Div. Fin. Off.) now at Army Finance Center, Indianapolis, has renewed his membership. How are you, Milton? . . . Likewise JOE NEE (Div. G-2). When are you going to stop by and see us?

### 34th Samaritans To Build School

Youngsters of the Kanami Village District near Numazu have the men of the 34th to thank for their proposed combination kindergarten-Sunday school building, which will be erected from funds collected by Chaplain (Capt.) Sadler at Camp Fuji.

A goal of 100,000 yen in two payments was set by Chaplain Sadler. The drive for contributions was started among the parishes of the three Fuji Camps. The Chaplain made the first contribution of 51,200 yen (\$170) to Rev. Hisayoshi Yamamuro.

The idea for the erection of the building for underprivileged children in the Kanami Village was conceived by Rev. Yamamuro of the Japanese Christian (Onka) Church in Numazu, who had received financial assistance from Chaplain Sadler on several previous occasions.

The men of the 34th Regt. contributed 180,000 yen to the Onka Church for its reconstruction a few months ago and only recently donated 57,000 yen for the erection of the Matsuda Convent Church. To date, the total contribution to Japanese Christian churches in Numazu amounts to 241,000 yen (\$670), according to Chaplain Sadler. There are approximately 100 youngsters in the Kanami Village who will be aided by this project.

## no other

Mrs. R. F. Freeman, of Rt. 1, Moutrie, Ga., whose son, DARRIEL J. FREEMAN (B-21) was KIA on 10-17-51 desires to hear from anyone who was with Darriel at the end.

## I'm choosing-

COL. JOHN R. JETER (21st) formerly commanding officer of the famous Gimlet Regiment during the Korea action, and after the 24th returned to Japan in January, 1952, has returned to the 21. He is now G-1, Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland. We owe much to John Jeter, for he furnished us a list of approximately 5,000 names and addresses of his former Gimlet buddies. It has paid off, too, John.



After a decade of active service, the 24th Med. Bn. finally has a distinctive unit insignia. The event was noted with appropriate ceremonies at Camp Schimm when formal presentation of the emblems was made by Maj. R. H. KADDATZ, Med. Bn. exec., who is primarily responsible for ending the long period without a battalion crest. Lt. Col. EDWARD COUNTS, Div. Surgeon, was guest of honor for the occasion.

The fact that the Medics have never had the opportunity to wear a unit crest is a story all in itself. Wartime organization, continued foreign duty, destruction of records by fire and the task of requesting obscure information from Washington added to the problem.

This difficult task was tackled on several postwar occasions with no success. Efforts were renewed last July, when Maj. Kaddatz was appointed CO of the Med. Bn. The command was for a brief three months, but during that period the Major made a personal project of obtaining the crests -- a project that through the months became a major administrative operation.

Maj. WILLIAM WHITE, present battalion commander, in praising the efforts of Maj. Kaddatz, said on behalf of the battalion, "Many words have been written to instill in people the will to see the task through. In my opinion, Maj. Kaddatz is a living example of those words."

The emblem the Medics marched off the field with was approved in 1923 for the 11th Regt. of the old Hawaiian Dept. The 11th was organized at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in 1922, and remained as a unit. It was redesignated the 24th Med. Bn. on Aug. 25, 1941. The same unit crest was approved for the 24th in March, 1942.

The crest is composed of a demi-sun resting on a wreathed sanguine (blood red) and argent (silver-white) within a ribbon scrolled sanguine bearing the battalion motto, "curare," which means "to care for."

The sun, symbolizing the extreme west of the world, designates the unit's origin in the Hawaiian Islands. The field of arms, or sanguine, is the closest heraldic equivalent to the Medical Corps maroon.

## RAIN or SHINE

JOE NEE (Div Hq) doesn't know this is being written. We're writing it because we like Joe and the cause he represents. If you've got a couple of extra dimes, send them to Joe, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York, N.Y. Joe and his crowd need \$50,000,000.00 this year in the effort to lick polio before it licks you. How about it?



## TENSHUN

Changing station? Don't forget to notify us of your change in address. Simply send us your name, old address and new one.

The long-awaited pictorial history of the 24th Victory Division's combat duty in Korea is ready for distribution. It has just been announced this week by Maj. Gus Luzania, OIC of the project.

In response to inquiries about the book's publication date, Maj. Luzania explained, "It was necessary to consume many months in preparing the history in order that a book would be produced that division members, past and present, would be proud to own and save. Adding to our difficulties were foreign printing methods and the recent printers' strike in Tokyo."

"I am sure that now that the book is off the presses," he concluded, "the subscribers will feel it was worth waiting for."

Have you ordered your copy? Send us \$5.00 and we'll order it for you.

## ★ To the Editors . . .

Mrs. V. W. Wilson, of Rt. 1, Cronwell, Ky., is anxious to hear from anyone who can tell her about her son, EARL T. WILSON (21st), MIA since July 12, 1950. Can we get going on this project, men?

### BIGGER, EVEN BETTER

CHARLIE CARTY (C-34) was snipped from the 5th Div. at Indiantown Gap to Co. F, 5th Inf., APO 39, c/o PW, New York. Are you getting the Taro Leafs, Charlie?



When the lady  
is late . . .

We're being asked about when OUR history is going to appear. Here's the poop. It's being written right now. Incidentally, have you sent in any pictures to be included in it? Well, why not? We haven't rushed it because, frankly, we haven't wanted to compete with the publication of Division just out, as announced in this issue. Meantime, how about lending us your pictures.

