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We reproduce--with joy--this photo of "a couple of our boys". D. MacArthur (3rd Eng.) and D. Eisenhower (19th) are, in our opinion, the two greatest men that the world has produced in the last one hundred and twenty five years. We are proud of them and we are proud, too, of their one-time affiliations with units of our beloved Division.

Wiles from diving. So he sees many Taroleaves in town. He wants us to take a 30 day TDY and head back to the "old country." He assures us it's just the same and that we

He told me that he is a Lieutenant General with the ROK Army, but still only a Colonel with Uncle Sam -- nevertheless, he is still bucking."

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CONSTITUTION  
of  
24TH INFANTRY (VICTORY) DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION  
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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division, to nurture the spirit of comradeship among the living, and to perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives to secure the cause of freedom, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I  
This organization shall be known as the "24th INFANTRY (VICTORY) DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION", and shall hereinafter in this instrument be referred to as the "Association."

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Association shall be as follows:

1. To preserve the memories and friendships common to the veterans of the Division.
2. To establish suitable memorials to those members of the Division who gave their lives during World War II.
3. To give immediate assistance of a temporary nature to needy veterans of the Division, their wives and immediate families.
4. To publish such histories as will record the accomplishments of the Division during World War II.
5. To maintain an information service concerning all members of the Association.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Any officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man who is serving with, or has honorably served, the Division between the dates of 7 December 1941 and a date to be announced by the Executive Board, shall be eligible to membership in this Association. Until such time as a member shall become affiliated with a Chapter, he shall be considered a member-at-large; thereafter a chapter member. Members who join the Association prior to the first Annual Convention shall be deemed charter-members and shall enjoy the distinction of having assisted in the sponsorship of the Association, but shall have no greater privileges than those who join subsequently. Other than the Honorary Presidents hereinafter provided for, there shall be no other honorary officers, and no honorary memberships conferred upon anyone.

Section 2. Any member of the American Red Cross assigned to the Division during the dates set out in the preceding section may become a member of the Association with full privileges, except that such members will be designated as associate members.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. All commanding generals of the 24th Infantry Division are designated as Honorary Presidents.

Section 2. Officers of the Association shall be elected for the term of one year, by a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Convention and shall serve without compensation, except that the Annual Convention may provide compensation for the Secretary-Treasurer. The Association shall have the following Officers:

- a. A President.
- b. Ten Vice-Presidents - one from each Corps Area and one from the Hawaiian Department.
- c. A Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. The President shall appoint such temporary committees as he deems necessary, and shall be an ex-officio member of each. He shall preside at the Annual Convention, shall represent the Association before the public, and shall generally perform the duties usually incumbent on such an officer.

Section 4. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall select one from among their number to perform the duties of the President. Each Vice-President shall be in charge of the organization of Chapters within his area.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare and maintain records of the membership of the Association, as well as the last known addresses of the veterans of the Division. He shall carry on the correspondence of the Association, compile historical data as to the Division and its veterans, and maintain liaison with other veterans' associations. He shall keep the minutes of the Annual Convention, the Executive Board, and any other committee of which he is a member, and shall be the custodian of the Constitution and all other documents. In addition thereto, he shall collect, hold, and disburse all funds of the Association, and keep records of the same in the form to be prescribed by the Executive Board. His accounts shall be subject to an annual audit by the Auditing Committee, and he shall obtain a bond in the penal sum to be determined by the Executive Board. He shall make no expenditures or incur any obligations except as hereinafter authorized. Special funds which may be created for memorials, publications, and welfare shall be maintained separately from the general funds of the Association to be expended only for the purposes created but otherwise controlled in the same manner as prescribed for general funds. In general, the Secretary-Treasurer shall assume all the duties incumbent on the secretarial and fiscal offices.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. The governing body of this Association shall be the Annual Convention. Any member in good standing shall have the right to be a delegate until twenty-five (25) Chapters shall have been organized. Upon being organized, each Chapter may send two delegates to the Annual Convention. The first Annual Convention shall meet at the date and place determined by the temporary presidents as provided in Article VIII. Thereafter, and until such time as World War II may be formally declared ended, the Annual Convention shall meet at such place as the Executive Board determines and on Organization Day (1 October). Subsequent to the formal declaration of the end of the war, it shall be held in conjunction with the annual convention of any such national veterans' organization as the Executive Board may decide.

Section 2. The Annual Convention shall determine the qualifications of the delegates thereto, receive reports from the officers of the Association and the various committees, elect officers for the ensuing year, adopt policies and take such actions as are germane to the purposes of which the Association was formed. The Annual Convention may amend this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present, but a vote of the majority of the delegates present shall be sufficient for the election of officers, the enactment and amendment of By-Laws, and for any other matters that may be properly brought before it.

Section 3. Fifteen (15) members-at-large may apply to the Executive Board to organize a Chapter along geographical lines, which Chapter may adopt a constitution and by-laws, not at variance with those of the Association. Several Chapters may form a Department, also along geographical lines, with such privileges as the Annual Convention may decide.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the duly elected officers of the Association, and the past president of the Association. It shall be the governing body of the Association between meetings of the Annual Convention, and shall assume such authority as is accorded to it by this Constitution and as may be expressly delegated to it by the Annual Convention. The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President of the Association, who shall also be the chairman, but it may authorize the transaction of business and the voting by mail, within its discretion. The Executive Board shall supervise the work of the Standing Committees, pass on applications of the establishment of Chapters, supervise the expenditure of the funds of the Association insofar as the right to do so may be delegated to it in the Annual Convention, and serve as the advisory body to the President.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall appoint the following Standing Committees of five (5) members each, two (2) members to serve three (3) years each, two (2) members to serve two (2) years each, and one (1) member to serve one (1) year, reappointments being for a term of three (3) years. Members of these Committees shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

a. Committee on Publications: This committee will prepare and publish for the Association such histories or other publications, including a bulletin, as may be authorized by the Annual Convention or the Executive Committee.

b. Committee on Memorials: This committee will prepare and execute plans for such memorials as may be duly authorized by the Annual Convention or the Executive Committee.

c. Committee on Relief: This committee shall receive and take action on all requests for the relief of needy veterans of this Division, their wives, and immediate families. Such relief shall be temporary in character and shall only be made while an application for relief from some governmental agency is pending or in event such application has been denied. This committee shall render all assistance in its power to secure for veterans of the Division such relief as may be authorized by the Federal Government, or by any other agency.

d. There shall be an Auditing Committee with the duty to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer and such other audits as may be desirable. The Annual audit shall be completed prior to the Annual Convention and report made thereon.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The Annual dues in the Association shall be two (\$2.00) dollars, payable on application for membership and thereafter on a date to be announced by the Executive Board. Chapters may determine the dues for their Chapter-Members subject to the approval of the Executive Board, but they shall remit to the Association one dollar (\$1.00) annually for each chapter member.

Section 2. The President shall submit a budget to the Annual Convention which shall have the sole authority to authorize disbursement of the funds of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. It being apparent that many of the provisions of this Constitution cannot, by their terms, become effective until implemented by the Annual Convention, the following Sections of this Article will take precedence over any contrary sections or Articles, until the Annual Convention shall have met.

Section 2. A majority vote, of those present, of the representatives of the units of the Division (19th, 21st, and 34th Infantry; 11th, 13th, 52nd and 63rd Field Artillery Battalions; 24th Medical Battalion; and Special Troops), duly appointed to



this Constitution, and thereafter it shall be considered valid for all purposes.

Section 3. The representatives as described in Section 2, or their similarly appointed successors, shall have the right be majority vote to elect temporary officers who shall serve without compensation but only until officers shall be elected by the Annual Convention as hitherto provided in this Constitution. The temporary officers shall consist of a President, 3 Vice-Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall call periodic meetings of the representatives at the occasion arises, and preside at the same, but may in his discretion delegate his authority to preside; he shall appoint all committees as he deems necessary and be, ex-officio, a member thereof; he shall issue a call to an Annual Convention at the earliest possible date; and he shall discharge all the customary duties of his office. In the event of the inability or disinclination of the President to serve, the Vice-Presidents shall select one from among their number to perform the duties of the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately accept applications for membership in the Association on the basis of the eligibility set forth in Article III; he shall have custody of all funds, records, and documents of the Association; he shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the representatives and of all committees of which he shall be an ex-officio member; he shall generally undertake the usual duties of the secretarial and fiscal offices. All temporary officers shall take immediate steps to publicize the Association through appropriate agencies and shall continually foster interest and disseminate information relating to it.

Section 4. No officer under this Article shall have the right to disburse funds of the Association, or incur any obligations, except as previously authorized by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the representatives at a meeting expressly called for that purpose, and then only for such expenditures as may be necessary to increase the membership of the Association and arrange for the meeting of the Annual Convention. The Secretary-Treasurer may, however, without any prior authorization disburse funds for postage and necessary incidentals to publicize the Association.

Ratified, in substance, on 29 November 1945 at Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan, by representatives of organic units of 24th Infantry Division, met for that purpose.

/s/ James N. Purcell  
JAMES N. PURCELL  
Lt. Col., Signal Corps  
Acting Chairman

## OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTLETS

Maj. ALBERT F. WIEST began his second tour of duty in the Sendai area when he joined the "Victory" Division last week to become Assistant G-3.

Major Wiest was S-3 of the 223rd Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, last fall while it was in this area. He was stationed at Camp Schimm from September, 1951, until January, 1952, when he left with the 40th Division for Korea.

During World War II, he served throughout the Pacific theater as commander of a heavy weapons company.

A new G-3 and new CO of Special Troops were assigned at Division headquarters last month.

Lt. Col. JOHN W. BLAICKIE, former Special Troops CO, has been named G-3, replacing Lt. Col. EUGENE TRAHAN who is now with the 40th Division in Korea. During World War II, he fought with the 3rd Division's 7th Regiment in Europe.

Maj. RICHARD E. HANNAH has been appointed new commanding officer of Special Troops. He has served with 24th Division headquarters since September, 1951.

## 63rd Field's New Official Crest First To Note Korean Service

Men of the 63rd Field, attached to the 34th Infantry at Camp Fuji, are proudly sporting a new battalion crest. The new emblem, approved for issuance in September, has added blue and gold bands running across the scarlet shield.

The blue band, color of the Korean Service Ribbon, is the first of its kind to be granted for emblazonment on a unit crest and runs over a gold band, which was taken from the coat of arms of Champagne, where the battalion earned its first battle honor in World War I.

In contrast to the original unit coat of arms, approved in March, 1946, the figure of the ancient Hawaiian warrior, Kamehameha, founder of the Hawaiian Kingdom, represents the birthplace of the Battalion, and is mounted on the "field artillery red" shield over the gold and blue bands.

The battalion's original motto, "Hanau ia no ke kaula" (Born to Battle), which commemorates its origin in Hawaii and its entry shortly after into World War II, was retained on the present coat of arms.



Let Rose  
do the squeezing



There is only one...

The November Reader's Digest carried a story, "How Heidelberg Was Saved" by O. K. Armstrong. It told how in the spring of '45, the Allied advance in Western Germany was heralded by tremendous artillery fire. Spearheading the American advance was our own BILL DEAN'S 44th Div. Maj. Gen. Wm. Beiderlinden's artillery brigade was in direct support. Beiderlinden made arrangements with the authorities that Heidelberg would be completely saved if there was no resistance. The story tells how there was no resistance and how the accumulated learning of the ages, the culture, refinement and ideas of the centuries stored at Heidelberg were thereby saved. It's a grand story.



We reproduce above a picture taken in the pit area at last fall's "Mile High Cup Race" in Denver, Colo. Entry #5 is a Jaguar XK120 owned and operated by Maj. CHRIS J. BERLO (19th). Judge for yourself whether the competition was keen. Chap. Berlo got up to 132 m.p.h. and still only finished fourth. It was a 72 mile race over the runways and taxi strips. Sounds like fun.



DON TORLIATT (19th Regt Supply Sgt) is shown being greeted by Chap. CHRIS BERLO (19th) at Fitzsimmons. Don's record is "10 years in the Army, 10 years overseas, 10 years in the 19th." Beat that record if you can. Just as always, Don still has a cigar. As Chaplain Berlo, to whom we are indebted for the picture, writes, "Even on the lousiest island in the Pacific, when even food was unobtainable, Don always had a cigar in his mouth." Welcome home, Don Torliatt.



IN THE TARO LEAF:-

5 years ago: WALTER CUNNINGHAM (Div AG) reviewed BILL VERBECK'S (21st) new book, "A Regiment In Action." In case you've forgotten, the hero of the story was none other than the 21st.

1 year ago: ED HOLDER (Div Hq) reported in to the Taro Leaf. Ed was still in Japan, his 10th year overseas. (Ed. note: As we go to press, the guy is still over there -- they'll have to process him through Ellis Island when he gets ready to come home).



## Taro Leaf Division Boasts Full-Bloom, Living Insignia

Division has a full-blooming and factual claim to having originals of its insignia -- two bona fide, living taro plants from the Division's birthplace of Hawaii.

The plants, courtesy of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, were obtained after weeks of message exchanges. Their arrival was timed for the Division's 11th anniversary celebration at Schimm, Oct. 4.

When the Honolulu C. of C. wired that the plants were airborne, a series of complications began. Haneda Air Base was deluged with hourly phone calls requesting info on the aircraft's arrival.

The 24th's light aviation section was put on the hook to give the pickup at Tokyo a high priority. There were some disgruntled remarks about the PIO having no knowledge as to the size of the plants or package.

Haneda Visitors Bureau, obviously and rightfully anxious to end their participation in the operation, called the minute the plants were in their possession. The message cast a pall of gloom over the PIO office. The moral-destroying facts were: the plants were sadly withered -- one had a broken stem, they were quite small, and they would have to remain overnight before being forwarded via truck to Tachikawa, 2 1/2 hours from Haneda where the Division light plane could pick them up.

Meanwhile, M/Sgt. BILL MORRISON of the Division PIO staff was titled "Taro Plant Expert." Having no knowledge of taro technique, he quickly repaired with interpreter to the Miyagi Prefecture Agriculture office for the lowdown on the growing and care of the staple plant of Hawaii. Taro plants, to his amazement, are cultivated in great abundance in Japan. The local expert also pointed out that he was skeptical about their survival, but gave complete instructions on their care. He suggested that some of the super-enriched soil of Japan would be just the thing.

Several habachi-type pots were procured and a recon was made into the farmlands near Schimm for the suggested type of loam. A farmer, bending over his hoe in a field that got a "triple A" rating from the government-

al desk farmer, was a bit taken back by a request for two potloads of his aromatic, fertile plot. A 100-yen note left him scratching his head as the loaded jeep disappeared down the road.

With the hope that burns eternal in the heart of gardeners, the travel weary vegetables were tenderly transplanted to their new homes of vitamin-packed soil. It may have been the soil, but Sgt. Morrison claims it was nothing short of tender-loving care that brought his charges to life in time for the presentation to the Division CG on Oct. 4.

The ceremonies went off as smoothly as hoped. However, a stiff wind was blowing and the stalks of the plants waved dangerously about as the speeches were made. A festive air filled the stands as the ceremonies ended. For all it was a day of celebration. But not for several fingernail-chewing members of PIO. They alone knew that one of the plants had a stalk from its partner, transplanted so the presentation could be made with both gifts. The general turned and walked to his box seat and probably never wondered why the plants had been spirited away before he turned around.

In the weeks that followed, many low and uncomplimentary remarks were cast upon the attempt to bring out the fresh green that typifies the taro plant. There were even sacrilegious suggestions of purchasing several indigenous replacements.

After a month of unrewarding effort, life began to show. Green shoots appeared and grew with amazing rapidity. It was at this time that greedy looks replaced the scornful glances of the PIO staff. Veiled remarks concerning the cooking and preparation of the Hawaiian dish, poi, was made. The only information known was that the main ingredient is taro roots.

The sole purpose behind the plot to devour the Division emblem seems to stem from the desire to have the watering of the plants removed from the office charge of quarter's duties.

It is requested that any person having knowledge of the preparation of Hawaiian dishes not communicate with 24th PIO.



"Don't you 'on the double' me!"

## CO, Exec Together Again

The partly-parallel military careers of the two top men in the 19th Infantry Regiment have touched again, with the assignment of Lt. Col. KENNETH L. SIPES as regimental executive officer. Col. Sipes' new post is as right hand man to Col. PAUL S. SHOEMAKER, commander of the famed Rock of Chickamauga regiment.

The first assignment in which they were teamed was in the Arizona National Guard, with which they served from 1935 to 1940. The two colonels served together with the 156th Inf. Regt. in 1941 and 1942. Later their careers brought them together at Fort Benning and Fort McClellan in 1946. The most recent reunion was begun with Col. Sipes' arrival with the 19th in October.

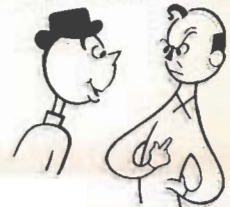
Another highlight of the intertwined careers is the fact that both have sons at the United States Military Academy. James P. Shoemaker, 20, is in his first year at West Point, in the class of '56, while Kenneth Sipes, Jr., will receive his gold bars with the class of '54.

## Outfit Mourns Death Of Vet

King Company of the 19th "Rock of Chickamauga" is in mourning following the death of one of its members, the beloved Corporal Peewee.

"Peewee," as he was affectionately known, joined the company in Korea when it was in a reserve position near the 38th parallel and since, had taken part in all company activities including the air drops, amphibious landings, and the maneuvers recently completed at Fuji. He received his promotion to corporal soon after arriving in Japan.

Thus we bid a final farewell to Corp. Peewee, a real pal to the men of King Company and the friendliest dog they have ever known.



We are grateful to those many friends who remembered us with Christmas cards. The first of the season arrived even before Thanksgiving. It was from SAM UMPHREY, our good Div. Chemical Officer in Japan. Sam is back in Japan with Hq. Southwestern Command in Japan where he is a civilian employee. It's APO 9, c/o P.M., 'Frisco, in case you're writing him.

*So Beautiful!  
So Durable!*

Two cavalry rookies were each given a horse, and they wondered how to tell them apart. Joe cut the mane off his horse, but in time it grew out again. Then Tom cut the tail off his horse, but it grew back. Finally Joe said, "Why don't we measure them? Maybe one horse is larger than the other." So they did, and sure enough, the black horse was three inches taller than the white one.

A shipwrecked sailor spent five years on a deserted island. One day he was overjoyed to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. A small boat came ashore and an officer handed the sailor a bunch of newspapers.

"The captain suggests," he told the sailor, "that you read what's going on in the world and let us know if you want to be rescued."

## WW II Div Yet Returns To Unit

CAPT. ROBERT C. PORTER, Jr., who served with the 34th Inf. Regt. during the last war was reassigned to his old unit and assumed command of Baker Company recently.

Prior to rejoining the 34th "Dragon" unit, stationed at Camp Fuji, the Captain served with the 32nd Regiment of the 7th Inf. Div. in Korea as Commander of Co. C and as 1st Battalion S-3 and Executive Officer. He arrived in the Far East on Mar. 13 and had been with the 32nd since Mar. 29.

Capt. Porter, who first entered the Army in 1942, attended the Officer's Motor School in 1944 and the Chemical School at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he served as battalion executive officer, in 1951. He also attended the Western Pennsylvania Horological Institute from 1946 to 1948.

He holds the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge and also the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Korean Service Medal, UN Service Medal, and two overseas bars.

Capt. Porter, whose prior service with the 34th Regiment extended from Aug. 1945 to April 1946, comes from Pittsburgh, Pa.

## GOING PLACES

We have been following with interest the study going on at the University of Washington about rumors. A delicious bit of scandal whispered across a bridge table becomes town gossip, they tell us. A local advertising stunt can capture the public imagination, they assure us. What they're doing out there is translating these things into mathematical formulae. Under controlled conditions, the kinetics of all may be predicted, we are assured. They are using the people of the good state of Washington as their guinea pigs in balancing their sociological data into involved mathematical equations. The plan is eventually to experiment with soldiers with their theories. We can put them at ease on that one. We know of a Division where they've been working on that stuff for twelve years. They call the project "Operations: Spread the Word". Our boys know all about it. We say to you over there at the University of Washington if you want a good Army unit to experiment with, go to Japan and see what our boys can show you.

## 21st Gets Twins Alike In All;

The Victory Division witnessed the arrival of twins last week when 2nd Lts. CARMAN T. and NORMAN D. SELBY joined the Division through the 24th Replacement Company.

A check of the twins' records discloses that their careers have been almost as identical as their appearance. As civilians, both of them attended Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville, both taught school, and both were coaches for the schools they taught.

The Selby's entered the Army together March 7, 1951. After they completed six weeks of basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Carman went to Clerk-Typist School, while Norman attended Leadership school.

From their respective schools, they were assigned to different units at Fort Leonard Wood. There, the two Selby's applied and were accepted for Officers Candidate School.

Both of them were then sent to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., where school policy forbade their attending the same classes. Norman was commissioned a second lieutenant May 31, 1952, and Carman received his bars two weeks later.

As officers they were further separated when Carman drew an assignment to Camp Atterbury, Ind., and Norman to Fort Riley, Kans.

In October of this year, the twins simultaneously requested Far Eastern service. They were then reunited for overseas shipment and assignment to the 24th Division, where both are now serving as platoon leaders in the 1st Battalion of the 21st Regiment.

## "LOOK OUT, JIM!"

Did you catch the cartoon in the Sateve-post (apologies to W. Winchell, E. Sullivan and all other columnists who murder the Queen's English for the sake of brevity) where the chap says to his friend -- "Nobody can cook like Mabel, but they came pretty close to it when I was in the Army?"

## heartaches

Division last week greeted a new chief of chaplains, Lt. Col. Edward J. Saunders. He succeeds Maj. Cajetan J. Troy.



# Korea Vets Get Big Plumb Under GI Bill Of Rights

WASHINGTON.—Thousands of Korean veterans sifting through separation centers on their way homeward—together with over one million ex-GIs already released from service—are bursting at the seams with questions about the Korea GI Bill.

Here—for the first time anywhere—is an authentic briefing on the new GI Bill, prepared by the Veterans Administration and presented by *Army Times* as a public service.

The education and training provisions of the GI Bill will be discussed this week. Future articles will deal with GI loan, unemployment and mustering-out pay benefits.

## Eligibility

**Q. Who is eligible for training?**  
A. A veteran is eligible if he meets all of these requirements: (1) a discharge or release from service under conditions other than dishonorable; (2) active military duty any time after June 27, 1950, and before the end of the present emergency; and (3) at least 90 days total service, unless discharged sooner for an actual service-incurred disability.

**Q. Must a veteran actually have served in Korea to be eligible for training benefits?**

A. No. He may have served in the armed forces any place in the world—in the United States or abroad—and not necessarily in Korea.

**Q. Are there any kinds of military service that do not count in figuring whether a veteran has enough service to qualify?**

A. Two types of service do not count: time spent in a civilian school studying courses offered to civilians, and time spent as a cadet or midshipman in one of the service academies.

**Q. Assume that a veteran meets all the requirements for training. May he enroll under the Korean GI Bill even though he has gone back on active duty and is in uniform?**

A. No. Veterans are not eligible for Korean GI Bill training while on active duty even though they meet the law's basic requirements.

## Training Length

**Q. How much training entitlement does a veteran get?**

A. An eligible veteran may receive one and one-half days of education or training for each day spent in service on and after June 27, 1950, and prior to the end of the present emergency period.

**Q. What is the top amount of training a veteran may receive?**

A. The maximum is 36 months of training.

**Q. How much Korean GI Bill training is allowed to a veteran who previously had trained under the World War II GI Bill or Public Law 16 or 894 for the disabled?**

A. Such a veteran must subtract the training he already had from 48 months. The difference is what he is entitled to under the Korean GI Bill. But that difference still may not exceed 36 months.

**Q. What if a veteran's entitlement runs out when he is part-way through a quarter or semester school? Will he be allowed to continue?**

A. If his entitlement expires after the half-way mark of a quarter or semester, he will be allowed to complete that quarter or semester.

**Q. May a veteran have his entitlement extended if he is in a school not operated on a quarter or semester basis?**

A. Yes. If his entitlement runs out after he has completed the major part of his course, he may continue to train either to the end of the course or for nine weeks—whichever is the shorter period.

**Q. Is it possible to have entitlement extended for veterans taking correspondence courses?**

A. Yes, provided they have completed more than half of the course they have enrolled in. In their case, the training may be extended to the end of the particular course unit or for nine weeks—whichever is less.

**Q. May entitlement be extended for apprentices or other non-school trainees?**

A. No; not under any circumstances.

**Q. How is entitlement used in the case of veterans taking flight training?**

A. For flight trainees, entitlement will be used up at the rate of one day for each \$125 paid to them for education and training allowances.

**Q. How much entitlement is used by veterans taking correspondence courses?**

A. One-fourth of time elapsed time in taking correspondence training will be charged against a veteran's entitlement. Elapsed time is measured from the date he enrolls to the date his last lesson was serviced by the institution.

## Selection

**Q. How should a veteran so-**

about planning a program of study under the Korean GI Bill?

A. First, he should decide upon a specific goal he wants to reach. It may be either educational, professional or vocational. Next, he should choose the type of training that would best help him reach his goal. Finally, he should select a school or training establishment that offers the type of training he will need.

**Q. What are examples of the various types of goals?**  
A. An educational goal would be the attainment of a diploma, degree or certificate showing scholastic achievement. A professional goal would be law, medicine or some other profession. A vocational goal would be the job training leads to, such as steamfitter or machinist.

**Q. What kind of plan needs help in choosing a goal?**

A. VA will provide him with educational and vocational guidance. He should indicate that he wants counseling in his application for GI training.

**Q. May a veteran train in a school outside the United States?**

A. Yes, provided it is an approved institution of higher learning.

**Q. Are there any courses not permitted under the Korean GI Bill?**

A. Courses in bartending, dancing or personality development are prohibited by law.

**Q. May a veteran take any other so-called avocational or recreational courses?**

A. Only if he submits justification to VA that the course will be of bona fide use in his present or contemplated business or occupation.

**Q. If a veteran is in the military when he starts his course, must he be discharged before starting his course?**

## Applying

**Q. How does a veteran go about applying for Korean GI Bill training?**

A. He must obtain an application blank—VA Form 7-1990—at any VA office. Fill it out completely; attach photographs and certified copies of both sides of his discharge or separation paper, and send it to his nearest VA regional office. The application should not be mailed to VA headquarters in Washington, D. C.

**Q. What is the next step?**

A. If the veteran's application is in order, VA will send him a Certificate for Education and Training—VA Form 7-1993. He presents this to his school or training establishment, and he's in.

**Q. Is a veteran supposed to put down his training program in his application?**

A. Yes. If he's aiming for a college degree, he should state the degree. If he's going to college, he should state the college. And if he's training on-the-job, he should put down his employment objective.

**Q. Does an institutional or farm trainee follow the same procedure?**

A. Yes, but a little more is required of him. Along with his application he must submit (1) a detailed outline of his program as approved by his school; (2) a certification from a school official stating that the program meets all standards of the law; and (3) evidence that the veteran has control of the farm and that the training program will occupy his full time.

## Program

**Q. How many times is a veteran allowed to change his program under the Korean GI Bill?**

A. Only once—and no more than that.

**Q. May a veteran change his program if his progress in his present course has not been satisfactory?**

A. He may, if he shows VA that the lack of progress was not due to his own misconduct, neglect, or lack of application, and if he had not had a change of program prior to this time.

**Q. What is meant by a change of program?**

A. It means a change in the educational, professional or vocational objective for which the veteran entered training.

**Q. A veteran has had an educational goal—such as obtaining a degree or certificate. He wants to go on and get either a master's degree or switch to a professional goal such as law. Would either step be considered a change of program?**

A. Yes. The reason is that the original goal has been changed.

**Q. A veteran wants to change courses without changing his goal. Would such individual course be considered a change of program?**

A. No, so long as the course changes do not involve (1) ma-

terial loss of credit or (2) an extension of the time originally planned for completing the program.

**Q. Must a veteran have VA's approval before changing his program?**

A. If he makes his change before his deadline for starting training, he will not need VA approval. But if he wants to change after the deadline, he will need VA approval.

**Q. Under what conditions will VA approve a change of program after the starting deadline?**

A. VA may grant approval if it finds that (1) the veteran has not been making satisfactory progress in his present program through no fault of his own, and the new program would be more in keeping with his aptitudes and previous training; or (2) the new program is a normal progression from his present program.

**Q. How does a veteran apply for a change of program?**

A. Even though a veteran may not need VA approval, he must apply for a change, on VA Form 7-1995. The application goes to the VA regional office that has his records. Included must be a report of progress and conduct from his present school or training establishment.

## Deadlines

**Q. What is the deadline for starting training under the Korean GI Bill?**

A. A veteran discharged before August 20, 1952, must start before August 20, 1954. A veteran discharged after August 20, 1952, has two years from his date of discharge or separation in which to begin.

**Q. Are there any requirements as to continuous training after the starting deadline?**

A. Yes. A veteran in training after his starting deadline must generally pursue his course continuously until it is completed. But he has the right to suspend training for periods of not more than 12 consecutive months—and even longer, if he can prove to VA that the suspension was due to reasons beyond his control.

## Payments

**Q. When are the allowances paid?**

A. A veteran will get his monthly allowance some time after the end of each month or training completed. But before VA can pay him, it must get a certification signed by the veteran and his school or establishment that he was actually taking his course during that period. Normally, a veteran's check should go out within 20 days after the time VA gets the certification.

**Q. Are there any conditions under which a trainee won't be paid his allowance?**

A. If he is enrolled in an accredited course or in farm training, he won't be paid for any period in accordance with the school's regular policies and in accordance with the law.

## The School

**Q. May a veteran enroll under the Korean GI Bill in any school or training establishment that he wants?**

A. He may choose his own school, so long as it will accept and retain him in whatever field it finds him qualified for, and so long as it has been approved for Korean GI training by an appropriate State Approving Agency. Certain types of schools also must meet other requirements.

**Q. May a school, approved under the World War II GI Bill, train veterans under the Korean GI Bill without further approval?**

A. No. Schools and training establishments must be specifically approved for training under the Korean GI Bill.

**Q. What are the other requirements that certain schools must meet?**

A. There must be at least 15 per cent of students paying their own way in beyond-college proprietary schools, either profit or non-profit. Schools, other than those which are public or tax-supported, must have been in operation for at least two years, before veterans may enroll under the Korean GI Bill.

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The following have joined the Assoc. since the last issue. We are indeed indebted to Joe Feyton, our Membership Chairman, who simply never gives up. We welcome the following to the Assoc.:

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Denver, S. Colorado

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White, Lt Col Claude F. (34th)  
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# Div Lt, PFC Among Few To Survive Freak Flipover

What started out as a routine helicopter flight for pilot 1st Lt. ARCHIE BREEDLOVE and crew chief PFC LORIN G. MOELLER, both of Division Light Aviation Section, turned into a hair-brain, one-in-a-million brush with death in the mountains of northern Japan.

The pair's adventure began mildly enough at Lanier Field on the outskirts of Sendai where they took off on a routine mission to Camp Youngmans, 60 miles westward.

In the vicinity of Sakanumi, and over the rugged mountain chain that backbones most of Honshu, the helicopter was buffeted by high winds.

Breedlove headed his bucking whirler toward a valley in the hope of reaching less turbulent air between protecting mountain walls. It was at the valley's entrance that the nerve-shattering episode unfolded in rapid, breath-taking sequence.

Still at over 2000 feet, the craft was seized and suddenly sucked down like a feather by freak air currents. A split second later, the occupants were horrified to find themselves hanging by their safety belts. The helicopter was upside down.

"The sudden, violent maneuver," recalls Lt. Breedlove, "pulled me completely off the controls. It had been just like going into an outside loop. The copter somersaulted over with a forward and downward motion."

PFC Moeller adds, "The first few seconds I was lost. Then I remember it was very quiet and I could hear the cracking and snapping of the overstressed parts of the ship and I realized what had happened. My God, I thought to myself, we're upside down and the motor's conked out."

"According to the books," he goes on, "a powerless helicopter flat on its back is about as flyable as a pregnant elephant. I think living through a snafu like that has happened only four times in the history of helicopter flying."

The helpless aircraft, losing its momentum, plummeted down toward a mountain peak that filled the glass of the cockpit with amazing leaps and bounds.

Lt. Breedlove's mind, backed by years of experience, was almost automatically trying to invent ways of recovering control of the craft. But the little drama's only logical conclusion seemed to be terse newspaper stories mentioning search parties of next of kin. His first and only words to Moeller were "we've had it!"

However, the helicopter, in an almost storybook fashion, unexplainedly righted itself in another structure-shaking maneuver within 150 feet of the mountain top.

In spite of being right side up again, the pair still seemed doomed. The momentum from the extremely high rate of descent continued to rush the craft toward the ground.

At the last moment, Lady Luck smiled on the twosome. The windmilling rotor blades began giving some lift and forward motion for the first time since the somersault. The speeding, motorless craft, now under partial control, passed over the tree-covered mountain and continued downward into the valley, following the steep contour of the opposite slope.

"This was really a stroke of luck," Lt. Breedlove says. "If that side had been 10 degrees less it would have meant a certain smash-up."

Terraced rice paddies skimmed the belly of the helicopter as the lieutenant fought to slow down for a crash landing. He finally brought the machine to a thudding halt in a narrow space between a paddy and a wood patch -- with only feet to spare. Entire time consumed from flip to flop -- 30 seconds.

Without uttering a word, Breedlove and Moeller stepped out unscathed into what both described as the nicest, muddiest, most beautiful "gonan" bog in Japan.



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### Popular Mail Clerk Leaves Haugen

Sgt. SAMUEL GOLDBSTEIN after serving 3 years as Camp Haugen's chief postal clerk, reluctantly departed for the 21 last week.

The popular "Sammy" was stationed at Haugen since Sept. 1943, and spent much of his time organizing benefits for the children of 4 neighboring orphanages. For the past 3 years, he has been a year-round Santa Claus to these children.

In appreciation of the work Sgt. Goldstein has done for the local orphanage, the Hon. T. Murai, mayor of Hachinohe, presented him with a citation and a gold inlaid tea set. Among Sammy's other souvenirs are letters of appreciation from the governor of Amori prefecture. He was the first American in the Hachinohe area to be honored in this way.

In addition to helping the orphans, Sammy contributed much to the morale of troops of the 19th Regt. and attached units. He established a large bird house in the post service club, starting the collection with two canaries and gradually increasing the flock with different varieties of Japanese birds. The aviary, recently remodeled to include a colorful shrine and artificial tree, provides the feathered inmates with comfortable roosting places.

### Irons in the Fire

ELMER E. GASTON (19th) recently sent in his \$3.00 for membership renewal. Elmer wants a convention out Topeka, Kansas way and states that he would assist any committee in regards to that work. At present Elmer is Adjutant-Treasurer Disabled American Veterans, 2020 Hope St., Topeka, Kansas.

### FRONT and CENTER

CHARLIE WELLS (21st) now a M/Sgt. in 40th Div. Recn. Co. in Korea thought well enough of us to remember us with a Christmas card. We appreciate the remembrance, Charlie.

### Don't worry, Scotty,

To improve his speech, parents of a 12 year old sent him to camp with a Harvard English professor. At the end of the summer they asked the teacher for a report on progress he'd made.

"Lizzen," said the prof. "You ain't got nuttin to worry 'bout wid dat kid. He's in da groove!"

### DAILY SPECIAL

Hats off to FRED D. KLINGBAIL (C-21 as EM, I-19 and K-19 as Off, from 8-40 to 12-45). Fred sent along a little something "extra" with his dues. In return for the compliment, we want to put in a plug for Fred. He's anxious to contact any of his old gang. O.K. boys, write.... OSCAR "ED" HOLDER (Div.Hq.) chalks up another year overseas. We've lost track of the time, Ed. How long is it? Ed is still with the Japan Central Exchange, APO 503 in case you write.... KEITH BOYD (A-21) checks in again from Mountain View, Alaska. Keeping warm up there, Keith?.... 1663 members as we go to press this month. We're growing.

## AT YOUR SERVICE

### Service "Testimonial"

Q. What is the significance of the following notation on a soldier's service record under the heading "Decorations, etc." -- "The Presidential Testimonial 5 July 48"?

A. That denotes a testimonial of the President given in appreciation for honorable service rendered to the nation by members of the armed forces during the period Sept. 16, 1940 to Dec. 31, 1946. It is embodied in SR 600-45-3 and was given to all servicemen who were honorably discharged.

### Laughing Cat



The good word from BILL VERBECK (21) in Korea is that JIM PURCELL (24th Sig.) is his Communications Officer. Bill in writing of his work with the ROK troops says:

"We have no rotation. Every month we do not lose 10% of our effective strength due to rotation and we are fighting for our homes and our country. That makes a difference..... I am the first K M A G (Korean Military Advisory Group) officer who can talk to his people without an interpreter. They all speak perfect Japanese and already I am working for all the other K M A G people..... Sure, we eat raw dog's livers and decayed squid but it is worth it. I really have found my slot.... The chinks, from habit, always attack the ROKs. In the old days before we got the ROKs trained and built up, the chinks and N. Koreans always used to attack the ROKs. Being Orientals they are slow to change habits. Every time they do it now they get their noses bloodied. But they are slow to learn. I cannot tell you must what wonderful fighting men these little South Koreans are. Right now we have an ordeal on our hands -- Sniper Ridge. We hold the place (we have just retaken it for the 21st time) until they have lost 2000 out of the 6000 that hoards its way up and then our boys just disappear, silently and with very few losses. Then our artillery and mortars smother the place and a couple of tough battalions swarm back -- ours again. 6000 chinks gone."

It was a wonderful report, Bill. Please keep us on your mailing list. You've got Marguerite Higgins beat in every way. You're not as cute, but we like you nonetheless.

### JUST A MINUTE-

Necessary action has been taken by D/A to eliminate the Chemical Mortar Battalion from all current programs and to provide for Infantry Heavy Mortar Battalions in their places. Table of Organization and Equipment No. 3-25 Chemical Mortar Battalion is being revised and redesignated as TO&E No. 7-45.

### New Patches



TWO little publicized branches of the Army have recently been given recognition by the Quartermaster General's Heraldic Branch in the form of new shoulder patches. They

are reproduced above. The shield is for Special Category Army with Air Force (SCARWAF) personnel, and is described thus: "On a red shield 2 inches in width and 3 1/2 inches in height, a sword, with a pair of wings issuing from the guard, all white." U. S. Army Missions are now entitled to wear the other patch: "On a blue hexafoil with a 1/2 inch white border a constellation of 13 white stars; the overall circumscribing diameter 2 inches."

## Times up!

An elderly lady who was a pillar in her church was trying to introduce the new deacon to her definitely deaf and rabidly Republican husband.

"Mortimer," she bellowed, "this is the new deacon."

"New Dealer?" he snapped.

"No. Mortimer! Not a New Dealer ... new deacon ... he's the son of the bishop."

"Huh!" snorted Mortimer. "Every darn one of 'em is!"

## "KNOW-HOW"

Our one-time Assoc. Treas., BILL DAVIDSON (Div. Hq.) keeps us informed as to his busy life. He returned from a business trip in N.C. recently and stopped in on the way to see GORDON WALKER (Rcn) at Petersburg, Va., where he lives with wife and 3 junior editions. Bill also stopped in on JULIAN MASON (Div.Hq.) at Bowling Green, Va. Carolyn is expecting along about the time you read this. We'll be thinking of you, Carolyn.

LORNA and BILL DAVIDSON attended the Army-Navy Game as FRED IRVING'S guests. Bill says he was right in the middle of Collins, Pace, Irving, Haislip, etc., etc. Lorna wisely told Bill that he'd better lap it up as it would be a long time before he got out with the brass again. DICK and RUTH LAWSON (Div. Hq.) were present as were JACK MATTHEWS and his wife.



"Does your husband ever talk in his sleep?"

"No. That's what worries me. He just smiles!"