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We've put the show on the road

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We're on the way



"Mars, the God of war"

To the pagan world, the violence of the month of March demanded dedication to the god of war. The struggle to extermination between winter and spring spoke of a strength that a pagan could only identify with war.

It is easy for us, as children of our age, to see Lent through a pagan fog as a war with the world or a war within our own raging appetites. In the light of Christian life, which gives Lent its only meaning, this time is not an invitation to war, but a caution against losing the peace, a program for the conservation of real strength. THE TRUTH, who came to give us truth that we might be free, above all, of the ravages of war, made clear that the home of peace is a man's heart. That peace, which the world can share in but cannot give, is compounded of three elements: first, there must be a treasure so great as to dwarf every other desirable thing. Then this treasure must be of such a kind that it will not shrink with time, rust away, or disappear piece by piece as it is shared. Finally this treasure must be securely, inviolably, serenely one's very own. Granted this, a man is at peace. Lacking this, a man is at war.

God Himself is the only possession able to fill these conditions -- those who possess Him are strong with the only enduring strength, the strength of the peaceful.

Chaplain Chris J. Berlo

# HERE IT IS!

The good word from Anne and KREIGH MOODY (Div.Hq.) is that Kreigh is on a year's tour in Turkey while Anne keeps house in Wellesley, Mass. for herself and the four kids. We're right close by and we're ashamed to admit that we've seen the Moodys but twice in the last three years. It's a record in which we take little pride.... J.B., Lois and Susan JONES (19th and Div.Hq.) invite us down to spend a few days with them at Clemson where J.B. is PMS&T. Don't be surprised if we don't do it.

## "BIRDS

### OF A FEATHER."

BILL VERBECK (21st) has sent us a Christmas photo of JIM PURCELL (24 Sig.) and himself taken in Korea. Please note the Taro Leaf glasses in which Bill and Jim have mixed a couple of Coca Colas for themselves. Our thoughts and good wishes go out to you both.



## — take a ride

We are plenty "on the spot" on that Division History. Please understand that this isn't a project of the Association. The Division in Japan is running this one. We merely advertised it for them and we're beginning to regret it. Our own order for 2 has been over there for a year now. Any and all attempts to get more information from Japan have proved in vain. We do know that Division has had plenty of trouble with the Japanese printer. As to when it will finally be released, we frankly don't know. Until we do know, we aren't encouraging anyone to buy it.

## Tears in our eyes

Retired in January -- GENERALS ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF and JAMES A. LESTER. Well done, faithful servants!

### FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT



is a photograph of it. We reproduce it herewith. Jane says she doubts that she did the Taro Leaf justice. We say she did a perfect job; we'd like to see the original, a 25" x 30" canvas. Who knows -- it may hang in the Pentagon one of these days. Congratulations, Jane.

MRS. C. RUCKER FORD (P21) writes us that Rucker is back in Korea. She says that tho' he is now a radar officer with the 5th AF, he still prefers his old uniform. She (Jane) painted his picture before he left and has sent

BOB HEDLUND (Div. Hq.) is now with 27 BFD, A.P.O. 696, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y. That's in Nurnberg. Bob says "it can't compare with good old Kokura and all the old gang." Bob arrived in Germany on a Monday and by Wednesday, he was in the field. Same old Army, Bob.... JOE DUFF (AT-19) is now at 8921 TSU, Bldg. 222, Presidio of San Francisco.... ED GEYER (724 Ord.) sends us a renewal membership from 1233 "E" St., Sacramento, Calif.... ART WEST (Div.Arty) has moved to Cheshire-Naples Rd., Canandaigua, R.D. #5, N.Y.... GLENN FARRIS (one-time CO of the 34th) is now living at 1510 Community Drive, Alexandria, Va. How are things, Glenn?.... BOB LANGE (E-21st) has left the Gimlets and is now in Co. A 9th Inf., A.P.O. 248, c/o P.M., 'Frisco.

## Discovery

JACK LEDDY (24th Med.Bn.) is at Hq. U.S. Forces, Austria. This is in Salzburg. After the war, Jack went back to his work at a Providence, R.I. bank. Now he's back in and seems quite happy about it all. Prior to Austria, Jack, Sophie and the kids spent seven months in Italy. He reports that Lt. Col. Dalton is with G-4, USFA, Herman Carstensen (3rd Eng.) "The Norwegian Carpenter" is in Italy, as is Maj. Moeck (724th Ord.). Lt. Col. EBERT (24th Q) is now in USFA ordnance and Sgt. SHELLLEY (24th Med. - clear. Co.) is now in Plans and Operations, USFA Surgeon's office. He is having the time of his life, Jack reports, seeing the old Taro Leaf patch all over the world and reliving old times with "the tuba juice addicts who can recall Talamo Beach, the Narragansett Pier of the Philippines, the Big Red Father, Terrible Tom O'Connor, Jack Clifford and the others." Jack wants to start an Assoc. chapter in Austria. We're right behind you, Jack. Go to it.

DICK CARBERRY (Hq. & Hq. 19th) is now with Co.A, 36th Recn. Bn. at Ft. Knox, Ky.

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## CHAMPION

BOB LANGE (E-21) writes from his "hole" in the 2nd Div. in Korea:  
"To answer your appeal for new members, I am enclosing the names and addresses of four men I personally know served with the Division and may be interested in joining. In addition, I plan to write and appeal to these men myself and soften them up.  
"It's my belief that anyone having served with the Victory Division will never regret his service with it and find none better. With as good a record as the 2nd Div. has, I still believe the 24th far surpasses it."

Thanks, Bob.

## SPARK PLUGS!

The World's attitude toward war is like that of the toper toward his bottle. He has learned at last, from much experience, that it is bad for him, physically, mentally, and morally. It wrecks his home and ruins his property; he knows that. It damages his career and brings sadness to everyone about him. It leaves him spent and with a guilty conscience, plus a whacking big bill for breakage and other incidentals at various spots around town. He knows all that, has talked to his doctor about it, and freely admits that the whole business is inexcusable from every point of view. He even means in a general way, to swear off. But at the same time he finds it hard to resist the temptation to have one more fling before doing so. "Just one more," he keeps telling himself wistfully. "One more good one, by God, to get over that last one, and then really I'm off the stuff for good."

## If you're casting about

BRIG. GEN. AUEREY S. NEWMAN (19th, 34th and Div.Hq.) -- "RED" to all of us -- has contributed another article to the Combat Forces Journal. In the January issue appears his "Unified Principles and Procedures." In it, he discusses the theory of a unified command. He makes it seem as easy as "rolling off a log." He compares it to marriage. The principals -- Army, Navy, Air -- simply have to learn to give and take for the common good. It was a good article, Red -- so like you.

## There's plenty to DO and plenty to SEE

BILL VERBECK (21st) requests us to tell you all that MAJOR ROBERT (ACE) MALONE is now stationed at Fort Barry, California, and his address is Hdqrs. 937-B. Malone was former CO of Co. A, 21st Inf. Incidentally, Bill said he just returned from a week's visit along the lines and he is still very enthusiastic about the ROK troops.

# new friends

We're happy to be able to report that new members continue to join up. We have at least passed the 1700 mark. Here are those who joined since our last issue:

ANTONIOUS, WALTER P. (21st)  
72 Rawson Road  
Arlington, Massachusetts

BREYETTE, ERWIN E. (21st)  
2 Holmes Avenue  
Catonsville, 28, Maryland

COHEN, MAX M. (19th)  
294 W. Runyon Street  
Newark, 8, New Jersey

CSEPP, JACK J. (21st)  
11 S. Vail Street  
Arlington Heights, Illinois

DODD, JAMES H. (19th)  
Alzada, Montana

DONAGHY, PFC THOMAS J. (19th)  
Company L, 11th Inf Regt  
5th Infantry Division  
Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania

FELDMANN, WAYNE J. (6th TB)  
Breda, Iowa

HAAS, PETER G. (21st)  
4092 Front Street  
San Diego, 3, California

HOLTEN, SGT RALPH F. (21st)  
707 Ordinance Company  
APO 7 - 1/2 Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

IRONS, PHILIP S. (III) (21st)  
112 High Street  
Mount Holly, New Jersey

JAWORSKI, M. SGT. ERNEST L. (21st)  
Camp Carson Separation Center  
Camp Carson, Colorado

JOHNSON, DICK (Unit Unknown)  
8771 Dumbarton  
Detroit, 4, Michigan

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Oakmont, Pennsylvania

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2526 Alden Street  
Kansas City, Kansas

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

FUCHULE, TONY (19th)  
Valley Forge Army Hospital  
Ward 19-A.B.  
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

RIGBY JR, THOMAS J. (24th MP)  
218 Wythe Street  
Petersburg, Virginia

SMITH, WILLIS (13th FA)  
Mescalero, New Mexico

SOVA, SGT CARL T. (Unit Unknown)  
Hq Co 3d Bn, 15th Inf Regt  
APO 468 - 1/2 Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

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McKeesport, Pennsylvania

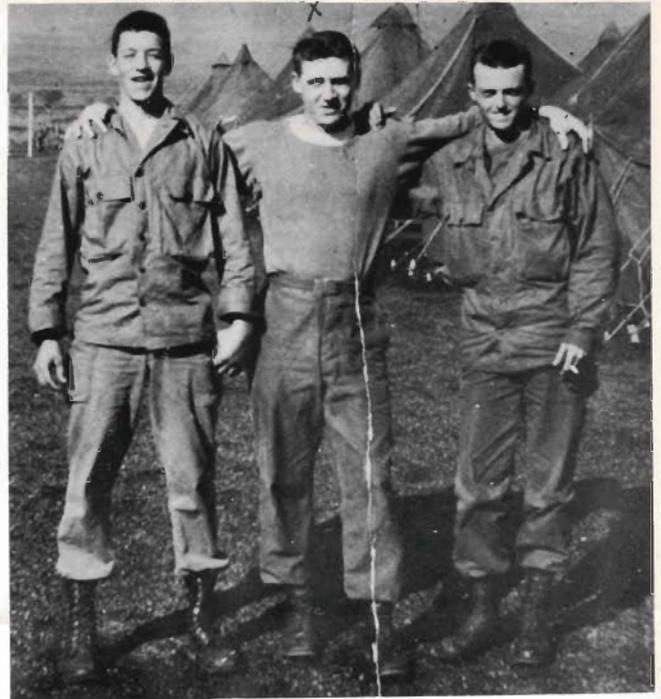
WETRICH, DAN A. (Unit Unknown)  
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Parks Air Force Base, California

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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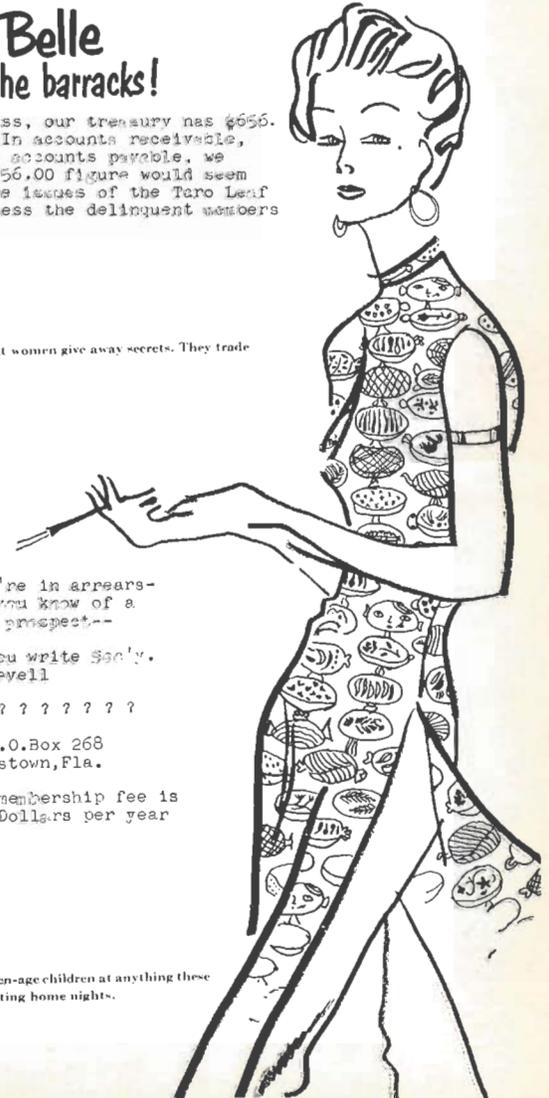
# Now's the time



Here's one where we might be of help. Miss Betty Overend of 4146 Compton Ave., Rockford, Ill. is looking for anyone who knew Pfc. HARRY RADANOVICH (I-21st) who is shown in the center of the photograph. We told her we would publish this. He has been missing since July 12, 1950. Here is another case where the parents are unable to obtain any satisfactory answers to their many questions. Anything that you can offer will be appreciated. Harry was in position on the line north of Chocoma on July 11th and 12th when the 3rd Bn. was surrounded.

## Belle of the barracks!

As we go to press, our treasury has \$656. in cash on hand. In accounts receivable, we have \$1542. In accounts payable, we have none. The \$656.00 figure would seem to indicate no more issues of the Taro Leaf after the next unless the delinquent members get on the ball.



It's not true that women give away secrets. They trade them.

If you're in arrears-  
or if you know of a  
likely prospect--

Send you write Sec'y.  
Bill Sewell

TODAY ? ? ? ? ?

It's P.O.Box 268  
Blountstown, Fla.

A the membership fee is  
Three Dollars per year

If you can beat your teen-age children at anything these days, it's probably getting home nights.

## DIVIDEND



An interesting ceremony took place recently in the Headquarters Ohio Military District at Fort Hayes. Three Assoc. memberships were awarded to former Taro Leafers presently assigned to the headquarters. In the picture, we show you Col. FORREST J. AGEE, assistant to our good friend Col. HOLMES G. PAULLIN, Chief of the OMD, presenting the memberships to Sre JOHN DELANEY (21st), Cpl. LAURENCE C. DAWEY (5th) and M/Sgt. ARTHUR C. BERSON (19th). Welcome aboard, mates. We'll never forget our good friends of the army out at Ft. Hayes.

# Compare\*

It's up to you

PUNCH LINE

Various members who have the thoughtfulness to write in and tell us what they like and don't like about our copy seem to indicate that they approve of our "general interest" articles. Here's one that should be of general interest. A recent article titled "What You Americans Did to Me" was written for the Saturday Evening Post by Hisashi Ko, now a student at the University of New Hampshire.

He was born in Yawata, near Kokura, Kyushu, Japan and was a houseboy over there for Maj. & Mrs. Edward Holway (of Rye, New Hampshire) when they were in Fukuoka.

Here's part of what he says:

".... You have no high fences around your houses, as we do in Japan. This must be because privacy is not a democratic way of life. The lawns in front of your houses are as well kept as our rice fields, and you fight your crab grass as if it were a scourge on the crops. I was impressed by your cellars. At first I thought it was very odd to have a cave underneath the house, but then I saw that it was useful for keeping many things out of sight.

"I was a long time getting used to American food. It was not so hard to get used to knives and forks, but I, a grown-up man, felt like a baby when I drank milk with every meal. Canned vegetables, canned fruits for desserts, canned orange juice were strange to me in the beginning. Then I saw that they saved time and labor, which we are very wasteful of in Japan. But I noticed one thing that I cannot explain. Cans seemed to be used more in the families where the woman was the most highly educated.

"I have been surprised to find so much ignorance about the rest of the world. I have been asked if there were streetcars and office buildings in Japan! At first I was hurt. But now I understand. As a Japanese, I often wonder what it would be like to be an American, but I never wonder what it would be like to be a Borneo native. That is because I don't envy or admire the Borneo native. When you are very fortunate you have no need to envy or admire anyone, and so you have little interest in them. I think that is the way it is in America....

"It was when I first began to think of you as a practical people that I began to understand many things that had puzzled me. I understood why you preferred to learn from listening and seeing instead of from reading and talking. I think it started in the wilderness days, when you could not even survive unless you used your eyes and your ears. And I understood how you could laugh at yourselves so readily. When you deal with practical things you have to be ready to laugh at yourself -- they can so easily make a fool out of you.

"I thought your ability to laugh at yourself was very practical. In Japan a man cannot laugh at himself, because anything ridiculous means he has lost 'face.' I realize now that 'face' is not realistic....

"Your practicality is your greatest strength, but to the foreigner it sometimes seems cold. That is because we do not look underneath. I noticed at once that even your homes are practical. Living in them is like living in a hotel; someone is always going in and out. Homes to your children are more or less places to eat and sleep. But I realized after a while that this is the way you pass on from one generation to another your custom of independence and self-reliance. Besides, it made for better relationships. You do not believe that children "belong" to their parents. They belong to themselves. That is something we could learn in Japan, where there is little freedom in the home....

"You have a saying, 'Forget it.' In Japan we have a similar saying, 'Mei fa zu,' but it means a very different thing. 'Mei fa zu' is materialistic. It means that nothing can be done any more, so let's give up. 'Forget it,' goes much further than that. It is completely practical. It says: 'This is all we can do, and nothing more can be done, so let's do something else.'

"'Mei fa zu' is said to no one. But 'Forget it' is always said to someone else. An injury has been done, an accident has happened, someone has done an injustice. They are sorry. Nothing more can be done. Nothing, that is, except two things, and they are the measure of your practicality. They are forgiveness and a fresh start.

"That is the difficult lesson I take back with me to Japan."

ROY BELL (Div.Hq.) runs BELCO in Decatur Ill. Stop in and buy some paint or wallpaper or both. Roy has this to start the tongues to wagging:

"You have written several times of the difficulty in keeping old members and getting new ones. An organization such as this in which the membership is built on comradeship, sentiment, or loyalty to the old outfit is very difficult to maintain unless something concrete can be offered with membership in the Association thrown in.

"Maybe some idea such as this can be worked out whereby the Association could offer some service to tie the members together tighter and make a longer lasting bond. Some service in which each member as an individual would participate anyway, and he might as well secure it through the Association as from other source. An idea might be insurance - automobile or otherwise - such as that furnished to persons on active duty in the Armed Forces but not civilians. I am not suggesting that we get into the insurance game. The legal and financial end of it might be prohibitive. But everyone has a car and therefore carries insurance on it. If the Association could furnish to its members a good insurance at a good rate and add enough to the premium to cover membership in the Association it might just keep a member around longer than it would if he were just paying dues to an Association.

"Before the war the Infantry Association had a book selection service. You could buy any book you wanted through them and they got a cut on it. I don't know if they were cheaper to members or not, whether or not it paid off is something else. However, everyone doesn't buy or read books."

Thanks Roy. The insurance idea suggests possibilities. It also suggests a financial involvement which at the present moment and within the foreseeable future, we simply can't afford. As for the book service, we tried it a few months ago. We had not a single customer. Keep thinking, Roy, you'll hit on it yet.



"How about some inimitable G.I. humor to cheer me up, Jack?"

## ON AND OFF THE AVENUE

Korean ammunition expenditures emphasize we're in a shooting war --

Navy - during second year of action, almost twice as much tonnage of shipboard gun ammunition has been expended as in first year. Total tonnage of bombs dropped by Navy and Marine aircraft during two years of Korea almost equals total expended during entire World War II. Total number of rockets used already exceeds World War II totals.

Army - It's estimated that during first two years the Army expended about same number of rounds of basic artillery and mortar ammunition as was used in European Theater in 11 months from D-Day to VE-Day.

USAF - In first two years Air Force expended twice as much aircraft ammunition as during first two years of World War II in all theaters. Air Force rocket expenditures and napalm bomb tonnage far exceeds WW II totals.

## Take a number -

BILL CRUMP (Div.Hq.) is back from Japan and is now at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. Bill dropped in on us via telephone the other evening. Thanks for the call, Bill.

We enjoyed reading "The Secret of Love: Have American Girls Forgotten?" in a recent issue of Esquire. We enjoyed even more the squawks which the article raised and which were subsequently published in the magazine. Because the subject is on the lips of us all from time to time, and in spite of the fact that the problem deals with German frauleins and American soldiers, we reproduce some of the letters herewith. One who signed himself as a "Private" in Darmstadt, Germany, wrote thus:

"Here is a man, a colonel in the U. S. Army, old enough to be my father and supposedly a man of the world. Personally I think he is off the beam. He says these frauleins make him feel comfortable and there is nothing false about them. Well I got news for that guy. I am a military policeman stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. In my type of work I get to see things that the colonel doesn't see. Take the 5 to 12 shift on the main gate of the camp I'm stationed at. The officers and G.I.s take their frauleins to a show here. After the show they go to the club or snack bar. After that they come to the gate and some of them take the girls home. If the guy doesn't have an overnight pass, she goes home "by herself." Only right after she leaves, one of the other boys with a pass will catch up with her and get to take her home. Just like that. 1-2-3.

"The blind old man says these frauleins have such a natural sincerity. Well, they use that line with every sucker they meet. They are the greatest actors I have ever seen, acting to get to the States, acting to get money or chow or nylons. There isn't a man in my company who can wait to go to the States where he can meet a smart woman who wears smart clothes and has self respect."

Obviously, we delight in the argument; that's why we're writing it up in this issue.

Another Mr. A. writes:

"The colonel who defended some of the German women explained the situation beautifully. I am not a married man but I do have a girl over here and I'm going to marry her and take her back to the States.

"Julia' in the article was talking about how bad the men are over here. Well, I know of plenty of well-educated and high-standing American women that go out and live with German men while their husbands are out on maneuvers for the summer months.

"I have just one other thing to say. In the article it said that there are thousands of American women over here that the G.I. or officer could go out with. I have never seen such a disgusting lot of women in my life, but the point is that the American civilian girls won't even spit on a G.I. over here...."

Keep firing, folks. We're with you. Another one wrote in:

"The article by Betty South is a major discussion around the outfit. I know plenty of enlisted men and officers who have their families over here that do just what she says in her story, but neither she nor the colonel has given an altogether correct explanation. Most of the guys have a pretty low opinion of the Dependents over here. They say that they are running the Army. Lots of the housewives and kids are spoiled too much. Many of them have maids to follow them around and wait on them hand and foot while they take off for the nearest night club. I believe that if we didn't hand out so many privileges to the Dependents it would ease up the problems of the American housewives over here. The soft life they are leading makes them feel a little too independent. A man likes to think that the woman is leaning on his shoulder. The American women have always rated highest in my book and I think they're capable of holding their men when they want to... Sure the German girl makes you feel at ease and that you're the boss, but in most cases that's because they're afraid of being tossed into the streets to hunt for another guy...."

If all of this doesn't start a discussion in your house tonight, it won't be because we didn't try.

When a woman marks anybody's words, she probably teaches spelling.

DON REHM (E-19) is now a Major and is located at Ft. Benning. It's P.O. Box 1715 if you write him.... Walter Cunningham's definition of middle age (Walter should know): when a man stops wondering if he can escape temptations and begins to wonder if he's missing any.

The best way to get rid of a noise in your car is to let her drive.

## URGENT!

The "Greatest Gift" in the world is life — you can present this "Greatest Gift" by donating a pint of your blood.

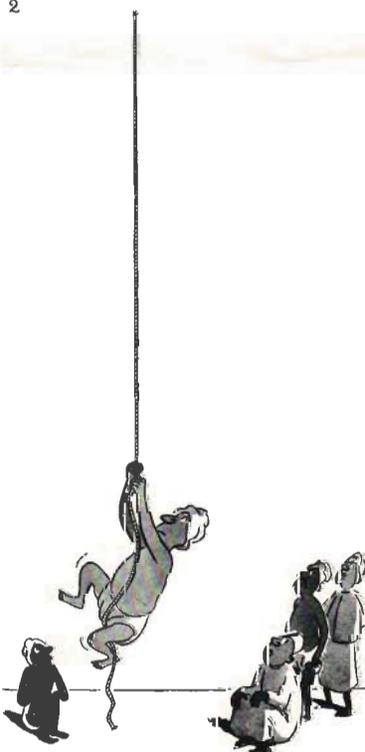
Our young comrades in Korea are critically short of life-giving whole blood and we make this urgent plea to you to see your local RED CROSS CHAPTER for your "Greatest Gift."

Frances White, wife of CARROLL WHITE (34th) writes us a newsy letter from Noblesville, Ind., telling about their Thanksgiving Dinner at which were present PAUL WISECUP (34th) and his wife, WENZEL GRIFFIN (34th) and his wife, and KERMIT WARNER and his wife and children. Frances praises the Assoc. and its work for which we are exceedingly grateful. Thanks for every word of it, Fran.

## "ON THE ROCKS"

HOBART GILLESPIE (724 Ord from 1-45 to 9-45) dropped in to spend a night with us recently. It was a pleasant surprise. Gil is with Custom Colors Corp. and he and Barbara have just bought a house at 200 Sayre St., Rockford, Illinois.

ARRIS F. ANDERSON (Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 19th from 1-43 to 10-45) has changed his address to 878 North Cain St., Stephenville, Tex...



BOB SILVERS (Div.Hq.) has sent us a wedding announcement. He married Miss Alice Rusnarczyk in Chicago last December 20th. We recall Bob with pleasure. He was one of the few who could give TOM DRAKE as good as he sent. Bob, you'll recall, whipped together a football team at Matsuyama that went up to Tokyo and did right well by itself. Good wishes, Bob.

## smiles...

"DOC" BOB HYDE (19th) advises us he is now living at 85 Marbleridge Rd., North Andover, Mass..... JIM FAIRBROTHER (34th) of Pascoag, R.I., says "The officers of the group are doing a bang-up job which we members should appreciate." There are times when even to comment on an act of loyalty is to make a lugubrious ass of yourself. This is one of those times. Jim was looking for the December issue. We didn't have a Dec. issue, Jim.

## DEATH

We regret to announce that BILL CAULLEY (21st) was killed in an auto accident at New Castle, Ind. on Nov. 16th. His mother, Mrs. Eva D. Caulley of Rt. 4, Oak Hill, Ohio, writes us the tragic news.....

DICK JOHNSTON (Hq. 34th) is practicing law in Richmond, California.

GEORGE CHIN (724th) of Yuma, Ariz. has renewed again.

## Highlight Reviews

Japanese film makers are set to produce dramatizations of the careers of its World War II heroes, General Tomoyuki Yamashita and Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. The movie is being made "in an effort to reawaken Japanese patriotism." It is currently significant since "the United States is urging Japan to rearm and Prime Minister Saiweru Yosida has replied that his country must first be spiritually prepared before a modern Army can be raised."

The Yamashita biography will be made by the Toei Motion Picture Company on an \$80,000 budget with Tsumasaburo Bando in the lead; other Japanese actors portraying General Tojo, Prince Konoye and Admiral Yonai, and the roles of British and American officers who faced Yamashita being played by American amateur actors in Tokyo. General MacArthur will be seen through newsreel clips inserted in the picture. The film will present Yamashita, erstwhile Tiger of Malaya and conqueror of Singapore, as having opposed the war against the Allies on the ground that 1941 was not the time for Japan to wage war.

The scenario on Admiral Yamamoto, Commander in Chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy at the outbreak of the Pacific hostilities, is being prepared by the Toho Motion Picture Company. Iwao Mori, Toho's planning chief, stated that he admired Yamamoto who remained reasonable while "opposing war amid people who, ignorant of their powerlessness, acted by sheer force of circumstances." He emphasized, however, that the "tragedy of war must never be repeated, because even such a noble person as Isoroku Yamamoto was compelled by circumstances to tread the path he did."

## We'll let you see

CHARLIE SEIBERT (19th) checks in regularly from his home in Rego Park, L.I., N.Y. Thanks for keeping in touch, Charlie..... Ruth and Millie Slovik, widow and daughter of CHAPLAIN PAUL J. SLOVIK (Div. Hq.) never forget us at Xmas time. They're living at 1261 Curtner Ave., San Jose, Calif. Paul will always hold a soft spot in our heart.

## All that's best

ORLAND E. MONCRIEF (Hq.Co. 3rd Bn. 19 from 2-43 to 9-45) is now at 1551 Elizabeth St., Shreveport, La..... Women prefer men who have something tender about them -- especially legal tender.

BILL LEMON (L-19) of Maspeth 78, N.Y. wants to know if we have any decals or pins. We're out just at present, Bill, but more are on order.



MAX GIZON (Div.Hq.) now at Hq.VIII Corps in Germany sends us the sad news about Gen. Ken Cramer's son-in-law who was killed in Korea. We are indeed full of regret. Max tells us that Ken now commands the largest military area in our army today. Ken's headquarters is Southern Area Command, APO 407, c/o P.M., N.Y., in case you're writing him. Max, we're ready to report that there is a star on your shoulder these days. When are you going to send us the word? Soon, we hope.

## these pages



Here's Bobby Duff, son of our Prexy. We do hope the picture reproduces. It graced the Christmas cards that Bob and Louise sent out this year.

Association's GAM (Get A Member) Club is expanding daily. Have you found your member yet? Originated and sparked by Membership Chairman JOE PEYTON (19th), it looks like it'll be OVER THE TOP in '53. Please pass the word along and GAM today.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

O. E. TRECHTER, JR., wife June, and lil' Sherry and Tom, report in from P.O.Box 645 Lamesa, Tex. Thanks for the letter, kids.... ANGELLO and MARY LORIO (724 Ord) write in to us from Brooklyn, N.Y. We appreciated their Xmas greeting as are we grateful for the Xmas wish of FORD, Mural, Billy and Patti BARON 9724 Ord.) out in Salt Lake City..... ROBERT and Dottie DANIELS (Div.Hq.) think of us from their quarters at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. where Robin is fast winding up a school year.

## Amazing

New Addresses:- RUSSELL H. JONES, formerly West Sand Lake N.Y. is now at R.D. 2, Averill Park, N.Y. ROBERT F. BONAGURA (Hq.19) now at 103 Locust St., Floral Park, N.Y. Bob, incidentally, is now in partnership with a fraternity brother as Bolz and Bonagura, CPAs, with offices at 10 East 40th St., N.Y.C..... LLOYD PRICE (Div.Hq.) is now at 9418 Hobart St. in Dallas, Tex.



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## QUICK!

MARK and ELSA KRIEDBERG (Div. Hq.) have sent us a note from Hq. USARCARIB. That's Panama, brother. They love their assignment there and report that the Panama climate "reaches perfection". Good Luck, kids. We're happy you're happy.... RUTH and DICK LAWSON (Div. Hq.) write us a bit of flattery and we love it. They say "The Taro Leaf couldn't be in better hands but you are a glutton for punishment." To Ruth and Dick and all the rest -- thanks -- but we wouldn't be doing it if we didn't love it.... Christmas didn't get by this year without the usual good wish from MARGARET and JAY HALL (24th MP). Thank you both way down there in Tallahassee.

### Sergeant Marries Japanese Girl In First EM Wedding At Fuji

Ceremonies for the first wedding on post of an enlisted man to a Japanese girl took place recently at Middle Camp Fuji when SFC JAMES F. WATERS, platoon sergeant of Love Co., 34th Regiment, exchanged vows with Miss Chiyoko Nakajo of Kyoto, Japan. The wedding, conducted by Chaplain (Capt) Malcom Sadler, was held in the chaplain's office with a few of Waters' friends present, including Cpl. Frank Nickolette, also of Love Co., who was the best man.

Sgt. Waters first met his 20-year-old bride in Kyoto in July of 1951 while on R&R from Korea. He saw action with the 35th Regiment, 25th Div. in six campaigns while in Korea from Aug. 1950 to Sept. 1951 as squad leader. He holds the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge.

The 19-year-old sergeant was rotated to the ZI in October 1952 but returned to the Far East nine months later and became engaged upon his arrival here. He was assigned to the 34th Regiment in the same month (July 1952).

Sgt. Waters is due to be discharged in April and will take his new bride with him when he returns to the ZI. He entered the Army in April 1950 and took his basic training at Fort Riley, Kans.

## THE SOUND AND THE FURY

BILL JOHNSON (Hq. Btry, Div. Arty) of 1252 Harbert Ave., Memphis, Tenn., adds a note to a \$10.00 bill -- yes, ten dollars -- which reads, "The ten spot is in appreciation for past issues of the T.L. and is my contribution for carrying on the good work." Go to the head of the class, Bill....

CHARLIE CONNELL operates the River Court Motel at 7901 Nebraska Ave., Tampa, Florida. "Overnight rooms, kitchenette apartments by the week." O.K., Charlie. There's your plug. It goes without saying that Charlie is waiting for you when you go Tampa-way.... LEE FREEMAN, of Bethel, Kansas has Got-A-Member. Have you? Lee sends in the name of Glen Pasten, Jr. (24 Med. from '46 to '47) of Kansas City, Kans. Lee promises to make the '53 Convention if only to see Joe Peyton do his wonderful hula dance again.

## THE TRUTH

GEORGE GAYNOR (Div. Hq.) is back from his Korean tour and is now with Hq. 9th Inf. Div., Ft. Dix, N.J. Welcome home, George.

## FLICK!

JOHNNY TRINCA (C-21 from '44 to '46) of Chicago is the proud father of a baby girl, Andrea Gail.... M/Sgt. CHARLIE WELLS (21st), now of 40th Recn. Co., 40th Inf. Div., took time out from his Christmas Day in the "Punch Bowl" to write us a word or two. He wrote:

"Last night was Christmas eve and the Chinks raised a little extra nell which was to be expected. This morning we checked our barbed-wire to our front and found Chink Christmas cards and notes to the effect that we should pack up and pull out of here. How they got by our O.P.'s I'll never know, but they are clever all right."

Charlie also sent us some pictures of Camp Wood, Kumamoto, Japan, where he recently went on 5 days R & R. He says the 1st Bn., 187th RCT is there now. Thanks for the news, Charlie, and keep healthy.

## QUIETLY WAITING



David R. Copple, of 3055 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind., writes us as follows:

"I have tried for some time to obtain some first hand information concerning my brother's situation in becoming 'missing in action' on Apr. 23, 1951, near Chip'ori, Korea, but have as yet been unsuccessful. He was awarded the DSC for his actions just prior to being seen last, and the citation does give some few and vague details, but not enough.

"My brother's name is ROBERT T. COPPLE. He was serving in K Company, 19th Inf. and was radioman for his company headquarters. I will deeply appreciate any information which your division paper may be able to have sent to me.

"I have been notified that his status is being continued as 'missing in action' indefinitely. Having been recently told of your paper, I only regret that I did not learn of this means of securing information long ago.

"I hope that you will be able to print some small article about him in the very near future. Thank you very much."

There's your item, Mr. Copple. Our boys will go to work on it at once if they are able. They always do. We sincerely hope that the effort will be rewarding.

## Best news

Had a good word from DICK, ARDIE and DAVID PEIFLY (724 Ord) recently and a gay "Mabuhay" from LEON and HELEN HOWARD (Div. Hq.) Leon wrote "Do you remember the Christmas trees of palm fronds draped with precious toilet paper and hung with oigrette tinfoil ornaments?" Indeed we do, Leon -- Carigara '44.

To wrap a package neatly, the average man needs only paper, string and his wife.

## CLICK!

Among others, WALTER RATHBONE (Div. IG) remembered us at Christmas -- for which we are exceedingly grateful.... WALTER CUNNINGHAM (ye olde Adjutant General) has moved again. This time it's to 415 W.118 St., New York City. Let's hear from you, Walter.... By design or sheer coincidence, we received two requests within 10 days of each other for the recipe for making "hush-puppies" such as the 292 Ord. Co. made while we were all together on Mindoro. Here goes: "Mix together 2 cups sifted gristmill meal or 1½ cups yellow meal and ½ cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, one egg (2 if you prefer), 2 tablespoons sugar, 4 tablespoons finely chopped onion, 1 tablespoon melted shortening, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¾ cup milk. Drop, by the spoonful into deep hot fat. The dough must not be too thin or it will fall apart. Fry until golden brown." We remember them well. The legend is that all Southern families had a drove of pound dogs who put up a great howl at the scent of food. To quiet the howl, the cook would toss a few of these fried bread cakes and shout after them: "Hush, puppies!"

## Unforgettable days

A strange sight was beheld the other night at the Camp Youngmans post theater by a few soldiers falling in line for the first showing of the feature movie.

At the head of the line they noticed a young, bespectacled soldier carrying a comic book, two packs of cigarets and a large box of popcorn. Following the lad into the theater, they saw him sit in the immediate front row, almost atop the screen. After the show, he remained in his seat, reading his book and calmly awaiting the next showing of the movie. Curiosity got the better of the men, and they approached him.

A few questions later they walked out, smiles on their faces, apparently satisfied with the answers.

PFC ED HARMON, a clerk of Hdqtrs. Btry., 52d FA Bn., the man in question, had made such elaborate preparations to stay for both showings of the picture "Horizons West" because his girl friend, Judith Braun, was appearing as second female lead in the second movie of her career.

Harmon was last seen staring at the blank screen, apparently awaiting an improbable third showing.

## "JEEP TRACKS"

Lt. Gen. ANTHONY J. McAULIFFE (Div. Hq.) today was named to succeed Lt. Gen. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, the new Eighth Army commander in Korea, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation and Administration of the Army.

Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, announcing Gen. McAuliffe's promotion to the key post on the staff of Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, also named Maj. Gen. Robert H. Young to take over Gen. McAuliffe's former post as Chief of G-1 personnel.

With Young's reassignment, Brig. Gen. G. STANLEY MELOY, JR. (19th) assumes command at Ft. Benning.