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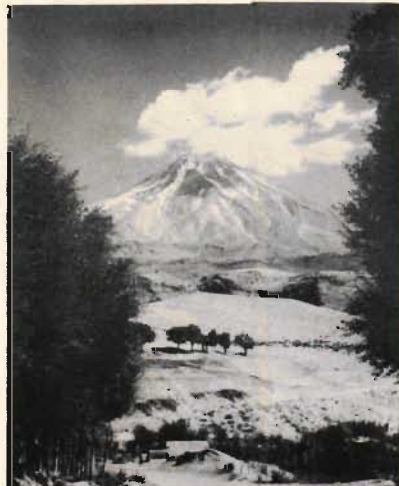
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The MILTON SKELLEYS (Div.Hq.) send us good greetings from Tehran. Milton is with Army Section MAAG, A.P.O. 205, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. there. Milton also sent along this message -- \$5.00 to the first man to send in a translation:

خانواده اسکیلی

با کمال مسرت عالیترین شادبانی های میمبانه

خود را بمناسبت آغاز سال نو بحضور محترمان

تقدیم و سلامت و سعادت آن خانواده شریف

و ارجند را از خداوند آرزو مینمایند.

Also enclosed was this picture of a Tehran mountain. Looks like nice country.



SAM UMPHREY, our one-time Chemical Officer and now a civilian in the Engineer Section, Hq. Southwestern Command (that's Japan) writes:

"The year of the Dragon has passed. Us Orientals enter the year of the Snake with reluctant tendencies because the year of the snake (in the 5th year of the 12th year of the 60 year cycle) always portends disaster in the form of jealousies, and personal animosities between the little brown brethren. For I, the Maestro, it is forecast as just another year -- a period of income taxes, (my bit to shoulder the world burden), a bit of golf under the spreading eucalyptic trees on the banks of the Komogawa River in old Kyoto, a smattering of the breeze in my sailboat on the rippling surface of beautiful Lake Biwa, long dreamy drives in the twilight of spring after old Sol has sunk into the China Sea to draw the soft velvety curtains of an Oriental Night over the island of Honsu, and finally intoxicated with the romantic effervescent aroma of the culminating factors, to head homeward, stagger to the privacy of the room and fall into the arms of Morpheus to dream the dreams of the pure in heart until the snril elation call of the cock small rouse me from my bed to face another endless day of drudgery in the salt mines. Ah! What bliss -- what ecstasy!"

Better watch your step, Sam. You may get yourself the job of editing this poop sheet.



Brig. Gen. CHARLES L. DASH, JR., CG of the Division, writes us as follows:

"My sincere thanks to you and to the other members of the 24th Infantry Division Association for your kindness in making me an honorary member of the Association. It is an honor to command the 'Victory' Division and a rare pleasure to be a member of its fine Association.

"I have long been interested in division associations and feel they have much to offer former members. Through my own personal experiences I have come to know that there is something lasting in those friendships fostered by the Service. Our division association renders its members an invaluable service when it makes possible the renewal and continuation of such relationships.

"You may be assured of my interest and cooperation and that of the members of my general and special staffs."

Those are mighty nice words, General. Thank you.



Here's where your Japanese "upbringing" may pay off in a dividend. This was recently noticed in the "Reader's Digest":

"To beat tension and fatigue, some doctors are currently prescribing the easiest treatment a patient was ever asked to take: 'Take off your shoes whenever and wherever you have the chance.'

"The medical head of a large sanitarium says, 'I'm forever telling people to take off their shoes.'

"An orthopedist says, 'There's a very true saying that when your feet hurt, you hurt all over. It's no joke to say that shoes are at the base of a lot of trouble.'

"A family doctor says, 'I prescribe it for my patients. The beauty of it is that it comes so easy. You don't realize you're making an effort to relax, which is where most methods fall down.'

"So if you feel the urge to take off your shoes, obey it. It's nature politely making a request, and nature's often got more common sense than you have."



When Maj. Frank Y. Bowland, Jr., presently serving as S-2 of the 34th Regiment, returned to Japan in 1951 he saw a peaceful nation undergoing a new phase of national existence and he saw it from a vantage point totally different from the one he occupied in 1945.

During the last year of the war, when Japan was being blitzed by the giant air armada that razed its factories and cities from one end of the country to the other, Maj. Bowland was piloting a B-29 with the 20th Air Force. He headed his Superfort on nine missions over Japan during the period from July to October 1945.

Prior to World War II, Maj. Bowland served with the 49th Division. He received his commission in July of 1941. He took his pre-flight training in the Air Force at Santa Ana, Calif., after serving in the Pacific until June 1944. After various phases of training, including that with the B-24, Maj. Bowland finally graduated to B-29's early in 1945. Then followed his transfer to the Pacific with the 20th Air Force and the bombing runs on Japan.



M/Sgt. Robert E. Cole, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross and presently serving as first sergeant of Hq. Co., 34th Inf. Regt., at Camp Fuji, reenlisted for a term of six years upon his discharge on December 28.

The sergeant, who won the nation's second highest medal before rotating from Korea in January of 1951, is currently spending a 15-day leave with his Japanese wife, the former Sachiko Miura, and their new-born son at the couple's home in Gotemba.

It was in the spring of 1946 when Sgt. Cole met and fell in love with Sachiko Miura and following three years of courtship, the couple decided to marry. But Cole's marriage plans were temporarily shattered when he was returned to the 21st for discharge. He reenlisted and volunteered for duty in the Far East to submit a second application for marriage and found himself assigned to the 29th Inf. Regt. on Okinawa.

He volunteered for combat duty in Korea when hostilities broke out. While passing through Japan on rotation, Cole asked for an 18-month tour of duty but policies prevented this. Reassigned in the States, he again requested Far East duty and was subsequently attached to the 34th Regt. His third application was approved in Nov. 1951 and the couple was, at long last, married.



Ingenuous money-saving ideas continue to mark the 21st Regiment's cost consciousness program at Camp Schimm.

The latest, developed by the Regimental Supply Office, is the utilization 3.5 rocket containers as stove pipes on field kitchen emersion heaters.

Capt. PAUL W. JACKSON, Regt. S-4 said, "Frequent snipping damage to stove pipes sent from the States often bring the cost per pipe to over one dollar. Since all companies are issued 3.5 Rocket Launchers all that is needed to beat a 3.5 rocket container M241 into a usable stove pipe, is a hammer and a hard surface."

Sgt. Antonio D. Santos, Chief Mail Clerk with the 34th Regiment, is wearing a big smile on his face now for he will soon be reunited with his parents on Guam and with his brother, who is also in the service in the 21. The sergeant, who is due for discharge next September, will soon be on the list of rotatees and expects to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luis A. Santos, of Mongmong Village, Guam, before returning to the 21. While in the States, he also hopes to hold a reunion with his brother, Frank, who is stationed in New York.



The Sendai Christian Orphanage received a gift of 150 pounds of winter clothing last week from the Lancaster (Pa.) Gospel Center, thanks to a written appeal by a 24th Division medic. The samaritan is Cpl. Donald E. White, of Lancaster, who wrote his church about the clothing need for the 160 children at the Japanese orphanage who range from infants to 17-year-olds.



President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, upon graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, received his first assignment as a commissioned officer with Fox Company of the 19th Infantry Regiment.

Ordered to report to the "Rock of Chickamauga" outfit at Galveston, Texas, Ike got there in the second week of September to find that the regiment had been flooded out of their barracks by one of the city's famous floods and had moved to Fort Sam Houston, only a few miles from the Alamo. It was here that romance, in the person of Mamie Geneva Doud, awaited him.

Lt. Eisenhower, on a Sunday evening in early October, was standing in front of the bachelor officer's quarters before supper. He was officer of the guard that day, and his uniform was freshly cleaned and pressed, brass shined and boots polished. He was conscious of a group of girls and officers sitting on the lawn in front of the officer's club. One of the girls, Mrs. Lulu Harris, an acquaintance, asked Ike to join their party, and he accepted the invitation. A few minutes later, he was introduced to a pretty, young girl, Mamie Doud. They immediately became infatuated with one another and later, on July 1, 1916 - the same day that Ike got his first promotion, they were married.

After a brief honeymoon in Abilene, Kans, the newlyweds returned to Fort Sam Houston and set up housekeeping.

Eisenhower saw duty in Fox Company as its executive officer. He was in charge of a military police detail which worked the dangerous streets of San Antonio's red light district. It was on this patrol that someone mysteriously fired a bullet at him as he walked up Matamoros St. and that a drunk buck private emptied a pistol at him point-blank but missed with remarkably bad aim.

With that conspicuous start at the 19th Infantry Regiment, Eisenhower began a career which saw him reach heights as Supreme Commander of SHAPE and now, as President of the United States.

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23 "Keeping guard over San Francisco and the
24 march to the ship with our 'A' Bags in the
25 pouring rain.... The mosquitos and that
26 first Xmas dinner in Oahu (creamed chicken).
27 Those signs 'Kapu', and the \$50 fine
28 to anyone stealing pineapples. (How much do
29 you owe?).... Rockingham with its steak
30 and eggs, served by toothless waitresses....
31 Terrible Point and the boat landings.... The
32 camp on Goodenough with the waterfall in the
33 background.... Lake Sentini where no one saw
34 any of the crocodiles it was supposed to
35 have contained.... Biak, where we had to
36 dynamite a slit trench.... Leyte, where it
37 rained and rained, etc., etc., etc.... Min-
38 doro with its sand and dust... Luzon where
39 it didn't cost us a cent, until '10 pesos'
40 became the standard cry of the natives....
41 and that foul-smelling, beautiful looking
42 Tuba... Oh yes! Do YOU remember? Some of
43 you may, but how could you forget the sound
44 of the Kookuburra, laughing, whenever we were
45 miserable.

Jordan is the 56th Army winner of the nation's supreme military decoration to be announced for the Korean conflict. Details of the presentation will be announced later.

The estimated \$4000-per-move saving does not include the cost of wire that is saved. Wire cost is \$110 per mile.

John suggests that we take a 30-day TDY and head back to the "old country." Would that we could, John.

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Chaplain Chris J. Berlo



We've sung the song about the "Wabash Cannon Ball" but we never had the pleasure. The Wabash bids you to "follow the flag," but not until you've seen their rates:

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NORM SWOPE (724 Ord. from 7-49 to 7-51) has a new address. It's 652 Inman St., Akron Ohio..... JOHNNIE ALLEN (Hq.Co., 3rd Bn., 34th from 10-44 to 2-45) is now at 3304 Heathermeadows, Toledo, Ohio. Thanks for the message, Johnnie..... If it's news about your pals that you want in this paper, how about sending some in. We print 110% of what we get so if this paper falls flat on its great big face because of lack of news, blame yourselves..... GEORGE WHITE-MORE (34th) has left Bragg for overseas again. All we know about his new address is Prov. Co. SE 1985, APO 613, c/o P.M., 'Frisco. ... LEE DAHLQUIST (21st from 7-50 to 7-51) can be reached at P.O. Box 55, Orcutt, Calif.

PETE BELAMIZA (I-21 from 8-49 to 1-51) has shipped to England. He's now a Sgt. with Dog Battery, 4th AAA Bn., APO 194, N.Y.C..... Can you arrange your summer schedule so as to meet with us in St. Louis this summer?... "Chief" MARVIN HANCOCK (Div.Hq.) is now in Naples, Italy, with CINC South Box 7, c/o F.P.O., New York, N.Y. Chief has been in the I.G.O. at Hq. III Corps. You're not "going Navy" on us, are you, Chief?..... BOB HOLLOWAY (21st) moved to Cas. Mail Directory, APO 743, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. We haven't the faintest idea where that is, but we'll lay you 2-1 that G. Malenkov does... Capt. MACON HAGGARD has moved from Ft. Sill to 2610 Welch St., Little Rock, Ark.

FRANK MAJESTIC (6th Tk.Bn. from 8-50 to 3-51) is at 3312 Harding, Lake Charles, La. Thanks for the card, Frank. Now there's a man who let us know when he moves.... J.R. KUTZER (63rd F) has shifted from Leesville, La. to 4011 W. Rosedale, Ft. Worth, Tex..... OWEN W. ASHWORTH (34th and 19th from 2-47 to 3-51) is at 130 Rainbow Dr., Forest Glen, Pipeville, La.

(Ed Note: In our February issue, we reproduced the Constitution of our Association as it was originally written and approved. Much water has gone over the dam since the days of 1945 when that earlier written law was conceived. We submit herewith a proposed Constitution and By-Laws which will be presented for consideration at the next annual Convention in St. Louis. It appears to be a far simpler matter to rewrite the Constitution in its entirety than to attempt to revise the existing one by way of amendment. What is your pleasure?)

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The 24th Infantry Division Association" and shall hereinafter in this instrument be referred to as the "Association."

Article II

OBJECT

The purposes of the Association shall be as follows:

- to electrify and unify the invisible current of fellowship moulded in the throes of war and preserve the comradeship common to the veterans of the Division;
- to forward and promote the interests and general welfare of the members of the Association;
- to honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who distinguished themselves by their services and sacrifices while with the Division;
- to memorialize the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of the Division;
- to encourage and aid historical research in relation to the activities of the Division;
- to acquire and preserve records of the Division and the personnel thereof;
- to mark the scenes of the activities of the Division with appropriate memorials;
- to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the anniversaries of events in the history of the Division;
- to assist in the relief of families of men of the Division;
- to promote the National Defense and to help to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom;
- to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be four (4) classes of membership in the Association: (a) Active; (b) Associate; (c) Honorary; and (d) Affiliate.

- Active Membership: Any person who served or is serving with the Division shall be eligible for Active Membership.
- Associate Membership: Any person who is related to any deceased person who served with the Division shall be eligible for Associate Membership.
- Honorary Membership: Any person who by act or deed has indicated a special devotion to the Division and who has been approved by the Executive Board shall be eligible for Honorary Membership.
- Affiliate Membership: Any employee of the American Red Cross or other agencies officially recognized by the Department of the Army who has been assigned at any time to the Division shall be eligible for Affiliate Membership.

Article IV

ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Association shall be organized into State Chapters in each of the forty eight (48) states and in Hawaii.

Section 2: Other local chapters may be formed wherever there is a nucleus of interested personnel to warrant the formation of the same.

Article V

CONVENTION

Section 1: The legislative body of the Association shall be the Association Convention. Such Convention shall be held annually during the period between August 15th to November 15th at such place and date as shall be determined by the preceding Association Convention.

Section 2: Each State Chapter and Local Chapter shall be entitled to the same number of delegates at any Association Convention as it is entitled to votes as hereinafter provided.

Section 3: In Convention voting, each State and Chapter shall be entitled to have one vote and one additional vote for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof. For the purpose of this article, the Association membership figures as of the first day of August immediately preceding the Convention as determined by the National Secretary shall apply.



Section 4: A quorum of an Association Convention shall exist whenever ten (10) percent or more of the total votes entitled to be cast in the Convention are represented by accredited delegates. A Chapter delegation shall be considered as present in full strength if one or more of its accredited delegates are present.

Article VI

POLICY

The general policies of this Association shall be established by the Executive Board. Any action after a policy has been determined concerning either a majority or a minority viewpoint shall be co-ordinated through the Executive Board to the end that a fair expression of both majority and minority views may be presented to the Association.

Article VII

OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall consist of the following: a National President, forty-eight National Vice Presidents (one for each state), a National Secretary, a National Treasurer, a National Chaplain, a National Historian, and the immediate past National President.

Section 2: The Association Convention in general session shall each year elect all of the officers authorized by the preceding section (with the exception of the immediate past National President) to hold office for one year, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 3: The nominations of the Association officers shall be upon the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made, if desired, from the floor at the Convention.

Section 4: In the event of the death, inability to serve, or resignation of any elected officer of the Association, the vacancy thus created shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Executive Board.

Section 5: All commanding generals of the 24th Infantry Division shall be designated as Honorary Presidents of the Association.

Article VIII

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The affairs of the Association between Association Conventions shall be administered as hereinafter provided by an Executive Board.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall be composed of the Association Officers as provided by Section 1, Article VII.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall have full power and authority to act for the Association between Association Conventions on all matters pertaining to the Association. Actions taken by the Executive Board shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution or of action taken by Conventions of the Association.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall hold meetings from time to time and at such place as may be designated by the President at the call of the President, or upon petition addressed to the President signed by not less than two members of the Executive Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 5: Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to one vote at unasssembled meeting of the Executive Board.

Article IX

COMMITTEES

Section 1: The President shall appoint the following Committees and such other Committees as he deems necessary:

Nominating Committee	Auditing Committee
Time and Place Committee	Publications Committee
Resolutions Committee	Memorials Committee
Constitution and By-Laws Committee	Committee on Relief

Section 2: The President shall be an ex-officio member of each of the Committees.



Article X

EMERGENCY GOVERNING BODY

In the event of a National emergency whereby such large numbers of the Members of the Association are called to military duty and as a result thereof are unable to attend a Convention in sufficient numbers to make said Convention practicable, the Executive Board by a two-thirds affirmative vote of its members present may declare that an emergency exists within the Association and may thereupon appoint a Board of Trustees composed of all members of the Executive Board and of the Past Presidents of the Association who shall become the exclusive governing body of the Association. The Trustees shall endeavor, if economically possible, to continue the functions of the Association. The Trustees shall continue to be the sole governing body of the Association with all the rights, powers and duties of the Executive Board until the occurrence of either or both of the following contingencies:

- (a) The Trustees by their vote determine that the trusteeship shall terminate;
- (b) A Convention shall determine that the trusteeship shall terminate.

Upon the trusteeship being terminated, it shall be the duty of the Trustees to give a full report or accounting of their official conduct and acts during the trusteeship to the members of the Association through the President first elected thereafter.

Article XI

FINANCE

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of September each year. There shall be an audit of the books of the Association by an auditing committee appointed by the Association President, with the approval of the Executive Board, the report of which shall be submitted to the Association Convention.

Section 2: The revenue of the Association shall be derived from the annual dues paid to the Association in the amount of \$3.00 per member per annum.

Article XII

BY-LAWS

Appropriate By-Laws to carry out the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted or amended by any Association Convention.

Article XIII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by any Convention by a Two-thirds affirmative vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the assembled Convention before the calendar date upon which it is adopted.

Article XIV

RATIFICATION

All acts performed and charters heretofore granted by the Association under any former Constitution are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Article XV

REVOCATION

All prior Constitutions of this Association and amendments thereto are hereby revoked and shall become null and void immediately upon the adoption of this Constitution.



BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATION -

(a) An applicant for membership in the National Association, upon payment to National Headquarters of the annual dues, shall become a member of the Chapter specified in the application for membership. If the applicant expresses no choice of Chapter, he shall be assigned by National Headquarters as a member of the Chapter embracing the state in which he resides. An applicant not residing within the territorial limits of any duly constituted Chapter shall become a member at large of the Association.

(b) Any member upon moving from one locality to another may transfer to the appropriate Chapter without payment of any additional dues for the remainder of his membership year.

(c) For the purpose of published reports of National and Chapter membership, and for the purpose of computing percentage of membership quotas achieved, all classes of membership shall be included.

Section 2 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Each Chapter shall forward promptly to National Headquarters all applications for membership and shall notify the Association Secretary thereof. Such application shall be on forms furnished or prescribed by National Headquarters and shall be accompanied by the initial annual dues for each applicant.

Section 3 - MEMBERSHIP ROLL

The records of the National Headquarters shall constitute the official membership rolls of the Chapters and shall be the final and controlling authority on all questions pertaining to the computation of membership.

Amiable Joe Nee (Div Hq) has gone commercial. Shortly you'll be seeing this Imperial Whiskey ad in, as Marion Nee says, "all the best magazines". Marion, incidentally, came through with this advance copy of the picture after we got down on bended knee (no pun intended) and pleaded for the loan. Joe will be readily recognized as the one with the fish pole in one hand. That much just isn't right; we have it on good authority that Joe has never fished in his life. As for that glass in the left hand, Joe, that's natural.



ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - NAME

The Association shall be known as "The Twenty Fourth Infantry Division Association." The Chapters shall bear such names as the members thereof may designate, subject to the approval of the Association.

Section 2 - AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Amendments to, or revisions of, the Constitution and By-Laws of Chapters shall be submitted to National Headquarters for approval before their adoption. In the event that any portion of a proposed amendment or revision to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be determined by the Association to be in conflict with, or not to be in conformity with the provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws, such portion thereof shall become invalidated without affecting the validity of the remaining portions of such Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3 - ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS

Each Chapter shall be operated under a charter issued by The National Association.

Section 4 - CHAPTER CHARTERS

Charters for all newly-formed Chapters shall be issued by the National President. Upon written petition, signed by not less than ten (1) persons eligible to be active members, addressed to the Association, and accompanied by a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws, the Chapter President will forward the petition and copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws to National Headquarters. Such petition shall be accompanied by the applications for membership in the Association of those signing the petition who are not already active members of the Association. Upon approval of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws by the National President, the National President shall be authorized by proper National authority to issue a charter to the Chapter. The charter of a Chapter shall be suspended automatically when the number of members is less than ten (10) and be reinstated upon request when its membership again reaches a minimum of ten (10).

Section 5 - AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Amendments to, or revisions of, the Constitution and By-Laws of Chapters shall be submitted to the Association. In the event that any portion of the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws as amended or revised shall be determined by the Association to be in conflict with, or not conforming to the provisions of the Association Constitution and By-Laws, such portion thereof shall become invalidated without affecting the validity of the remaining portions of such Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6 - SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CHARTERS

(a) Any Chapter charter may be suspended by order of the National Executive Board for the violation of the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, or for the violation of any provision of the charter granted to the Department or Chapter or for any failure to function properly, provided, however, that before the suspension of any Charter due notice in writing setting forth clearly the alleged violation shall be sent to the Secretary of the offending Chapter at least thirty days prior to the proposed suspension. Such notice shall provide an opportunity for the offending Chapter to be heard by the National Executive Board.

(b) A suspended Chapter may be reinstated by the National Executive Board when the cause for such suspension has been removed. A Chapter shall have the right to appeal to the succeeding National Convention, but in the event no appeal is filed within thirty (3) days of the effective date of such suspension, the charter may be revoked by order of the National Executive Board. In the event that an appeal is filed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of such suspension, the matter will be referred automatically to the next National Convention, which shall have the power to revoke or reinstate the charter.

Section 7 - RESTRICTIONS

No Chapter shall take any action in violation of the National Constitution or By-Laws, nor take any public action inconsistent with the announced policy of the Association as determined by the National Convention, or the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - The Association PRESIDENT -

The Association President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association with authority to contract obligations within the approved budget and to represent the Association in all matters pertaining to its affairs. He shall preside at the general sessions of the Association Convention, and at meetings of the Executive Board, enforce the provisions of the Association Constitution and By-Laws and execute the mandates of the Association Convention. He shall appoint all necessary committees, subject to ratification of the Executive Board, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 2 - The Association VICE PRESIDENTS -

The Association Vice Presidents shall act as representatives of the Association President on all matters referred to them by him and at his request shall preside over meetings of the Association Convention and Executive Board, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. In addition, each Vice President shall preside over meetings of their respective Chapters and shall advise the Association President on matters of policy and procedure concerning their respective Chapters.

Section 3 - The Association SECRETARY -

The Association Secretary shall keep the Minutes of Association Conventions and of meetings of the Association Executive Board and shall handle such other secretarial duties as may be assigned to him by the Association President.

Section 4 - The Association TREASURER -

The Association Treasurer shall supervise the administration of all funds and securities of the Association and shall cause regular accounts to be made thereof. He shall coordinate all matters of finance between the Association President and the Executive Board and shall cause to be made periodic reports on the condition of the Association Treasury to the Association President and the Executive Board. He shall perform such advisory functions as are usually incident to the office. He shall be required to furnish bond during his period of office in an amount to be determined and approved by the Executive Board, the premium for which shall be paid by the Association Treasury.

Section 5 - The Association HISTORIAN -

The Association Historian shall cause to be compiled annually from the archives of the Association and from other authentic sources a narrative history of the Association, its activities and accomplishments.

Section 6 - The Association CHAPLAIN -

The Association Chaplain shall perform divine and non-sectarian services at any meeting of the Association and shall conduct such ceremonies as may be required by the Association President.

ARTICLE IV - ASSOCIATIONS AND CHAPTERS

Section 1 - Annual Association Convention - The Association shall hold an annual Convention between the fifteenth day of August and the fifteenth day of November of each year for the election of Association Officers.

Section 2 - Notice of Change in Chapter Officers. Each Chapter shall report to National Headquarters within ten (10) days the results of each election, or change of its president or secretary with the post-office addresses of the new Chapter President and Secretary.

Section 3 - Chapter Dues. Chapters may levy and collect dues from members apart from and in addition to the official annual dues as provided in the National Constitution.

ARTICLE V - RULES OF PROCEDURE

The proceedings and deliberations of the Association, including the Association Convention and the Executive Board, shall be according to the Rules of Parliamentary Practices established by Robert's Revised Rules of Order. Voting by proxy shall not be authorized.

ARTICLE VI - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at Annual Association Conventions shall be, insofar as may be practicable, as follows:

1. Invocation
2. Roll call of Chapters
3. Reading of Minutes of Previous Convention
4. Reports of Officers
5. Reports of Committees
6. Addresses
7. Announcement of General Convention Committees
8. Committee Conferences
9. Section Meetings
10. Reports of General Convention Committees
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Election of Officers
14. Installation of Officers
15. Adjournment.



We can't guarantee that the engine won't plow into the St. Louis station should you come to the convention via the Pennsylvania R.R. In case of any doubts, we suggest that you jump off at East St. Louis and finish the trip via taxi. At any rate, the Pennsy is one line that pretty well connects the Northeast and St. Louis. Here's the dope on their rates:

SUBJECT TO CHANGE	RAIL TICKET FARES			
	in Full Fare All Classes		in Cents	
	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip
St. Louis and				
Albany, N.Y.	46.25	87.50	34.99	59.49
Albany, N.Y.	46.25	87.50	34.99	59.49
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If the Frisco line will serve you best, you'll want to look this report over on fares to St. Louis.

BETWEEN	RAILROAD FARES			
	in Dollars		in Cents	
	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip
St. Louis and				
Albany, N.Y.	23.69	40.85	17.19	29.85
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ARTICLE VII - GENERAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Section 1 - There shall be the following General Convention Committees appointed by the Association President:

- a. Nominating Committee
- b. Resolutions Committee
- c. Auditing Committee
- d. Time and Place Committee

and such other committees as may from time to time be deemed necessary by the Association Convention or by the Executive Board. Each Convention Committee shall consist of six (6) members.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at any Association Convention by a majority vote, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Convention prior to the day on which it is adopted.

ARTICLE IX - REVOCATION OF PRIOR BY-LAWS

All prior By-Laws and amendments thereto are hereby revoked and shall be null and void immediately upon the adoption of these By-Laws.





Guest Editorial

In the light of the investigation which followed General Van Fleet's statement that "there has been a serious shortage of ammunition since I have been in Korea," we are up a tree.

We lean toward Van Fleet even though the Senate Armed Services Committee seemed to us to avoid meeting the issue head-on.

That Committee agreed that there had been deficiencies in certain calibers but apparently chose to look at the picture through rose-colored glasses. It was as if they didn't care to consider yesterday. They seemed to stop as soon as they were assured (by the Pentagon) that things are O.K. today.

The investigation fizzled out just as did the MacArthur investigation some many months ago.

The Committee went into session roaring mad but apparently came out completely pacified after listening to the testimony of Sec/Def Wilson, C/S Collins, Sec/D/A Stevens and D/A/Under Sec'y Johnson.

The emphasis before the session was on "Who allowed it to happen?" and "Why?" Things apparently got twisted in session because the statements following the meeting seemed to be directed toward a better today and tomorrow.

We're still wondering about last week and we surmise that so is General Van Fleet.

The MacArthur and Van Fleet episodes seem to indicate one of two things: either we're leaving our field commanders too long in the field, wherefore their senses of proportion are allowed to get out of kilter (in which case they, the field commanders, are in error) or the powers-that-be in Washington (not only in the Pentagon but on Capitol Hill as well) are too busy feathering their own nests to become too concerned over the actual acute situations the field commanders find themselves in (in which case, they, the Washington brass, are in error).

As members of a Division which has never set foot within the forty-eight states, we are inclined to the belief that the man in the field comes pretty close to knowing what-is-what and if he doesn't, then he never should be decorated with a DSM a few hours or a few months before he sounds off.

In a few words, we believed General Van Fleet before the investigation and we believe him now. We call especial attention to the reports that while before the committee, Van Fleet didn't backwater. We like the man.



Until we got into this little study, we had no idea that so many railroad lines served St. Louis. If you get into any kind of trouble, you ought to be able to make a getaway in some direction without too much effort. Here's how the Nickel Plate breaks the sad news about traveling expenses:

BETWEEN	RAIL TICKET FARES			
	In Full Term		In Comps	
	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip
ST. LOUIS AND				
Baltimore, Md.	20.05	38.80	14.07	26.20
Chicago, Ill.	6.38	11.21	4.38	8.04
Cleveland, O.	75.08	133.26	47.13	89.18
Dayton, O.	172.01	294.80	113.33	214.20
Frankfort, Ind.	11.49	22.94	7.58	14.53
Lima, O.	116.55	212.30	72.22	137.89
Louis, O.	11.49	22.94	7.58	14.53
Marion, Ind.	11.49	22.94	7.58	14.53

The Louisville and Nashville R.R. drops into St. Louis. You may have a special interest in what they'll be able to do for you, so here it is:

	RAILROAD FARES			
	In Louisville		In Nashville	
	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip
St. Louis, Mo.	17.15	32.88	25.97	48.85
Altoona, Pa.	21.85	39.35	30.38	57.76
Ambridge, Pa.	12.54	23.60	17.58	33.20
Chattanooga, Tenn.	12.54	23.60	17.58	33.20
Chattanooga, Tenn.	13.92	26.10	19.02	36.28
Cincinnati, Ohio	4.90	9.80	6.70	12.50
Cleveland, Ohio	24.64	44.40	34.80	65.00
Columbus, Ohio	14.90	28.20	21.20	40.00
Dayton, Ohio	8.15	14.70	11.20	19.95
Indianapolis, Ind.	14.70	28.20	21.20	40.00
Knoxville, Tenn.	14.70	28.20	21.20	40.00
Memphis, Tenn.	14.70	28.20	21.20	40.00
Montgomery, Ala.	14.70	28.20	21.20	40.00
Nashville, Tenn.	14.70	28.20	21.20	40.00
New Orleans, La.	17.60	33.70	24.60	46.15
Newport, Tenn.	14.70	28.20	21.20	40.00
St. Petersburg, Fla.	24.60	44.40	34.80	65.00
Savannah, Ga.	24.60	44.40	34.80	65.00
Tampa, Fla.	24.60	44.40	34.80	65.00
Wilmington, N.C.	24.60	44.40	34.80	65.00



Veterans Administration gears have begun to mesh producing the first sizeable flow of checks to National Service Life Insurance Policyholders eligible for the 1953 dividend.

All five VA District Offices reported that check-writing machinery is now grinding out dividend checks to ex-GIs whose policy anniversary date carries a January dateline.

Veterans will receive their checks -- \$60 will be the maximum payment in most cases -- about 40 days after the anniversary date of their policy -- the date taken out.

Eligible for the \$180 million payment are five million NSLI policyholders whose policies were in force a minimum of three months between the anniversary date of their policy in 1952 and a similar period this year.

Service personnel who waived NSLI premiums under the so-called "free GI insurance" law are eligible if they paid at least one month's premium preceding the waiver during the above period.

Only policyholders who request payment in cash will receive a 1953 check. Unless requested in writing the dividend is applied toward payment of future premiums or put on deposit at VA, with interest.

Payments are computed at the rate of 50¢ per month for each thousand dollars of insurance held. Except for some permanent-type policies, maximum payment will be \$60.

About five million veterans are eligible for the 1952 dividend which totals \$200 million. Eligible are NSLI policyholders whose policies were in force a minimum of three months between the anniversary dates of their policy in 1951 and a similar period in 1952.

February 12th marked the 43rd week of payment. Since only about 55 percent of the \$200 million earmarked for the payment had actually been paid on that date, indications are that a sizeable number of veterans either (1) requested that the dividend be held by VA or (2) neglected to apply.

In the latter instance, VA will apply the dividend toward payment of future premiums or place it on deposit with interest.



"THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER"

DEPARTMENT

We mustn't mince words, gang, things are really fouled up.

May we put the cards on the table and give it to you straight?

IF your dues are paid up, stop right here and hop over into the next column.

IF you're one of the 500 odd members whose dues are in arrears, stay with us, Brother. We've just thrown the crying towel in.

My cash on hand at the moment is \$406.55. I've got to pay for five issues of the Taro Leaf (April - May - June - July - August) at approximately \$165.00 per issue. Now my mother didn't have any silly children; I know I can't swing it - UNLESS you 500 who owe me \$3.00 each will HURRA-HURRA and give my little ole treasury a badly needed shot in the arm.

I'm one step removed from being on bended knee. As a gentleman, I say PLEASE once again. What more do you want? Blood?

Bill Savell, Treasurer
Box 268
Blountstown, Florida



Brig. Gen. S.L.A. MARSHALL, rated among the world's top analysts of U.S. Army combat operations and a staff member of the Detroit News recently wrote the lead article in an issue of Collier's titled "Do the Medal Heroes Get the Medal of Honor?"

Believing you'd like to read parts of it, we quote below:

"After careful study I have come to the reluctant conclusion that the Medal of Honor and our other high decorations aren't being used as they were intended and have lost a great part of their value among our troops.

"Many men earn their medals the hard way. But others sometimes get them without truly earning them. The decorations are awarded by boards of officers who often lose sight of the main idea in a snarl of red tape. Under our present system, not only does it take so long for medals to be awarded that they lose their good morale effect, but -- for more serious -- morale is undermined because too many outstanding acts of heroism go unrewarded.

"How can such injustices occur in the world's most scientifically run military organization? If you had analyzed combat operations during two wars, as I have, you would find little science in our cumbersome method of awarding decorations. Injustices occur constantly."

After citing specific case histories and after explaining how the system works, Gen. Marshall gets down to some concrete ideas.

"How can we correct such abuses? The answer is fairly simple:

"First, the narrative should be short; decorations should not be a competition in prose. Any heroic act can be described in a half-dozen paragraphs.

"Second, the operations officer, or S-3, of each regiment should be charged with systematizing awards, with a full-time decorations specialist under him to collect the necessary information. That would take the burden off inexperienced, harassed junior officers. The unit leader would simply make a recommendation to the specialist, who would then interview the witnesses and write the citation.

"Besides scouting out deserving men, the specialist would bring about standardization, identify cases which are now missed, and protect men who might otherwise lose out because of prejudice.

"The third major corrective should be the virtual elimination of the board system. The Bronze Star and the Silver Star should be awarded in the field by the regimental commander on the advice of his S-3, and the division commander should award the D.S.C. on the advice of his operations officer.

"Responsibility for the Congressional Medal should go no higher than the Army commander, who should have a full-time officer to investigate Medal of Honor cases. Awards boards could be convened to consider marginal and complicated cases, pass upon recommendations from small and operationally independent units and consider all decorations for nonbattle service.

"There is really nothing radical about these ideas. In World War II, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., rushed to Bastogne after the relief of that stronghold and pinned the D.S.C. on Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who certainly earned it twice over. If it can be done for a general, why not for deserving enlisted men and junior officers?

"One reason is the prejudice of some of our leaders against awarding 'too many medals' -- no matter how richly deserved. They say they don't want to cheapen the award. To my mind, you can't cheapen an award except by awarding it to the wrong man. The present system is not free of cheapness and hypocrisy, as is proved by the quota method of distribution. Under the quota arrangement (which is not arbitrary but is used periodically) just so many awards of each class are given to each command. The command may either use up the decorations by rewarding minor acts, or create true heroism by husbanding the awards too carefully because there are so few.

"I think we ought to eliminate the cynicism and bureaucratic nonsense from the system and get back to the original purpose for which awards were created -- to stimulate pride of unit and morale in the men who do our fighting. And I wouldn't worry about how medals are given away just so long as they're deserved. I also want to return the prerogative of awarding medals to the commanders in the field, where it belongs."

Insurance Queries Indicate Need For More Info

THE whole field of government indemnity and insurance protection apparently is much misunderstood by members of the armed forces.

That fact is indicated by continuing inquiries from servicemen and women, who mistakenly believe that they will be better off by revoking the waiver of term or permanent premiums and once again operating on a pay-as-you-go basis.

After Public Law 23 was enacted April 25, 1951, a serviceman who carried NSLI had three choices: (1) to continue his NSLI premiums, (2) apply for premium waiver, or (3) come under the indemnity. Those without government insurance on and after April 25, 1951, had no choice, since that law prohibited issuance of new War II NSLI after that date.

INDEMNITY is a gratuity granted service people by the government as a financial protection in event of death. It is not insurance, since there is no contract between the government and the serviceman.

By contrast, National Service Life Insurance is mutual insurance and a contract (policy) is issued by the government.

Servicemen who waive their NSLI term premiums are still afforded insurance protection; that is, they are covered—at no cost whatever to themselves—against death in active service and for 120 days thereafter.

Further, all rights under NSLI contracts are continued while the policy is in force, including the right of conversion to a permanent plan. However, during the waiver period, no dividends will be earned as waiver makes the policy "non-participating."

That in itself may not be such a big deal as is generally supposed because, on paying for term NSLI, an individual would still be losing money, since the dividend is never equal to the monthly premium.

IN ADDITION to free coverage, NSLI policyholders are protected against loss of insurance if, while their policies are under the premium waiver, the NSLI term period expires.

Public Law 23 provides that term NSLI expiring while on waiver will be automatically renewed for an additional five-year period. Thus, the insured need not take any action to assure that this is done, and he has not lost his valuable NSLI.

However, those paying premiums must take individual action to renew their insurance before it expires—including expiration occurring within 120 days after discharge—or lose their old NSLI rights. The premium for renewed term NSLI will be at a higher rate based on the age at the time of renewal.

Where such term insurance expires in service, and no waiver is in effect, an equivalent amount of term NSLI may be granted upon the individual's application within 120 days after separation. Evidence of good health and the premium for the then attained age must also be submitted to VA.

All of these points are important to remember, with changing military addresses, there is no assurance that VA renewal notices will be received in time.

Upon return to civilian life, holders of waived term NSLI must resume premium payments to VA, to obtain continued protection and benefits. Unlike those who had no government insurance on April 25, 1951, they are entitled to more than National Service Life Insurance.

PERMANENT-PLAN policyholders may likewise apply for waiver of premiums, but the waiver affects only that portion of the premium representing the cost of the "pure insurance risk." Although such policies do not earn dividends during the waiver period, they are accumulating reserve values—cash surrender, loan, paid-up and extended insurance.

Because of actuarial difficulties, the VA has requested such veterans to continue "full" premium payment while in active service. An amount representing the waiver portion (plus interest) will be refunded by VA at least once a year upon application, or at the time of discharge.

Permanent NSLI which was surrendered for cash after April 25, 1951, may be replaced within 120 days after separation from active service under the following conditions:

(1) Make written application and pay the required premium at the attained age for permanent insurance on the same plan which cannot be in excess of the amount surrendered for cash.

(2) Request reinstatement of the surrendered insurance, at the original age and effective date, by paying the required reserve and current premium.

In either case, replacement may be accomplished without medical examination.

POSTSERVICE insurance authorized by Public Law 23 provides two types of non-participating NSLI—non-convertible term in-



HAMBURG
24 Div 550

"YOU SAY YOU CLEANED THIS LAST NIGHT?"

THE NEW ARMY
(WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED SOLDIER
WILL WEAR)

[Bulletin of Officers' Mess, Lackland Air
Force Base, San Antonio]

UNIFORM INFORMATION

Dress standards in the club have been substantially altered in the face of a long standing tradition which has dictated a more formal mode of dress. This step was taken in the interest of your comfort and convenience. However, it is intended that the decorum of the Club will not be prejudiced by any change in its standards. The incidence of improper dress is becoming increasingly noticeable, and in numerous instances a flagrant disregard of propriety has resulted. To eliminate any confusion in the minds of the members as to the type of dress acceptable in the club, a schedule of dress regulations follows:

MILITARY UNIFORM

Before 1800 Hours, Monday thru Sat. Class B (without tie) summer uniform.

After 1800 Hours daily Monday thru Sat., a tie must be worn with this uniform.

On Sundays and Holidays (all day), a tie must be worn with the uniform.

For Informal Dances, a summer uniform, with tie, is acceptable.

CIVILIAN DRESS

Before 1800 Hours daily (including Sunday). Any type SPORT SHIRT (except T-shirts) may be worn. All shirts must be tucked in at the waist. If long sleeve sport shirts are worn, the cuffs must be buttoned at all times.

A dress shirt (one intended for wear with coat and tie) is never acceptable without a coat and tie. When a shirt is worn alone it must be of a sport type.

After 1800 Hours daily. Sport shirts may be worn in the Club, they may be either long or short sleeve, they must be solid color, and they must be tucked in at the waist. (Multi-colored sport shirts of any type are not permissible after 1800 daily.)

Informal Dances, a coat must be worn. If a dress shirt is worn with a coat there must be a tie also. However, a sport shirt with collar buttoned, and without a tie, is acceptable with a coat.

If your dress does not conform to the above, please do not embarrass yourself by entering the Club.

The Club Annex, Bldg. 2900, is available to you in any type dress, at any time. The only restriction is that some type of shirt is required.



insurance and insurance for those with service-connected disabilities — based on the Commissioners' 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality and interest at 2 1/2 percent per year.

The term NSLI carries the same privileges regarding choice of beneficiaries, waivers and settlement options as NSLI contracts issued before April 25, 1951. The premiums and maturity values, however, are lower than for NSLI convertible term insurance because they are based on the new table.

For non-disabled veterans who must apply within 120 days after discharge, postservice insurance is strictly term—it will not accumulate cash or loan values. It cannot be converted to any type of permanent plan—as can NSLI—which will earn cash surrender, loan, paid-up or extended insurance values. Moreover, it is nonparticipating and does not earn dividends.

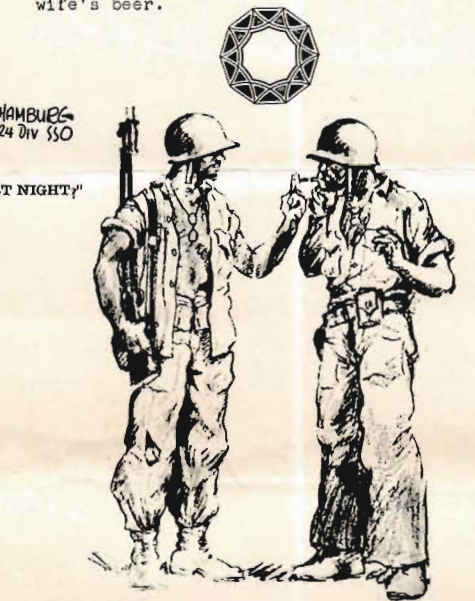
Although this postservice insurance can be renewed for additional terms of five years, each time it will be at a higher premium based on the age of the veteran at the time of renewal.

Dear Sirs: About a year ago you published an article on how to live on \$25 or so a week. A friend of mine has been working on it ever since and says it's been tough but he's finally licked it. Here's the pitch:

Whiskey and Beer.....	\$ 8.60
Meat and Groceries.....	1.65
On credit Rent.....	Pay next week
Movies.....	.60
Midweek Pick-me-up.....	2.50
Coal.....	Borrow from neighbors
Life Insurance (Wife's).....	.50
Hot Tip on Horses.....	10.50
Tobacco.....	.45
Poker Game.....	1.65

\$26.65*

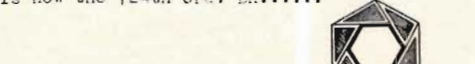
* Deadens pain of living
* This means going in debt, so cut out wife's beer.



Brig. Gen. Wilbur E. Dunkleberg of Rockford, Iowa, has assumed duties as assistant division commander of the 3d Infantry Div. in Korea. Prior to his new assignment, Gen. Dunkleberg was assistant division commander of the 24th. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, he served with the 15th Infantry Regiment in China and the Philippines. During WWII he served as chief of mobilization branch, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces; assistant division commander of the 95th Inf. Div. and from 1944-45 he was commander of U.S. troops in Attu, Alaska. After the war he served with the personnel division, Army Ground Forces. His wife, Lella, and their daughter, Judith, recently left Japan for Pipe Creek, Texas, where they will reside. Their son, Eugene, is now attending the University of Kentucky. Our good wishes go forward to you, General D.



DAVE DOUCET (D-19th) M/Sgt. Retired recently joined the ranks. He's at 41 Edgerly Rd., Boston, Mass. Glad to have you aboard, Dave.... Also "recently joined" is GENE COYLE (P-21st from 3-51 to 1-52). Gene hangs his hat in Hartford, S.D. Lt. Col. R. C. BIGGS, of Okahumpka, Fla. writes that he is commanding the Port of Kusan after having spent a while as Exec. Officer of the Port of Pusan. It sounds like work, Biggie.... The 724th Ord. Co. is now the 724th Ord. Bn.

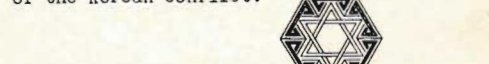


Chaplain (Lt.-Col.) EDWARD J. SAUNDERS was Chairman of the Division's March of Dimes drive this year. The boys contributed \$17,829.11. That will make JOE NEE (Div.Hq.) nappy. Joe is with the National Headquarters of the fund in N.Y.C.

The 26th AAA Bn. added new honors to their impressive combat record recently when Lt. Col. Ernest A.H. Woodman, Div. Arty. exec., presented four battle streamers and two unit citations to the unit. The 26th received the streamers for action in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe during World War II. Col. Woodman also presented streamers and colors of the Belgian Croix de Guerre embroidered "Liege" and the Belgian Croix de Guerre embroidered "Meuse."

Also receiving honors were Maj. Thomas E. Kavanaugh, who received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea, and M/Sgt. Solomon Bonhart, who received a Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant.

Redesignated and activated in Japan on March 20, 1949, Battery A of the 26th was the only triple A outfit in the early days of the Korean conflict.

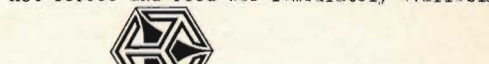


An "Army travels on its stomach" is an oft-repeated saying, but SFC Wilbur Greene (2nd Bn., 19th) has provided a different twist to the old adage.

SFC Greene, a mess steward in Hq. Co. developed a system to heat and prepare food for serving while actually on the move. SFC Greene's "moving" kitchen consists of a homemade sled, a weasel, and a field stove. The novel kitchen was born out of necessity. In December, the 2nd Bn. made a 17-mile ski trip to Misawa Air Base. While camping on the beach in an overnight bivouac, SFC Greene, hailing from Brooklyn, N.Y., discovered that some men were going to bed before the evening meal. He decided the only way to remedy this was to prepare the food while still on the move. Back at the base camp, he securely mounted the four by two-foot field stove with gas supply on a sled built by the P&A Platoon.

For the trial run, a weasel towed the kitchen on the roughest roads possible to a company in the field. SFC Greene had promised the men not coffee and cookies when he arrived. That the company placed little stock in Greene's promise was shown when he arrived. Steaming coffee was ready as promised, but the company hadn't brought their cups.

The real test for the sled kitchen came on the return trip of the 2nd Bn from the Sekine maneuver area. The battalion made the 80-mile trip on skis, completing the trip in 31 hours. Each of the four companies had its own sled kitchen traveling with the unit. While the chugging weasels pulled the sleds over the hillsides, a cook placed a bake pan containing water on the top of the stove and heated C-rations. At the same time, coffee was being made in the bottom of the stove. When the men stopped for rest, not coffee and food was immediately available.



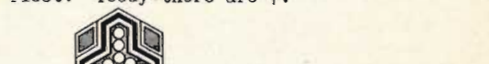
Lt. Col. Robert E. Reilly, 3rd Bn. Commander, 19th Inf. was married Saturday, Feb. 14th, to Mary Ellen Nelson in a military ceremony at the Camp Haugen chapel.

The first met at Ft. Jackson, S.C. in 1951. Mrs. Reilly at present is working in the Osaka Army Hospital as a Red Cross representative. Col. Reilly is from Columbus, Ohio, and his bride was formerly a Tampa, Florida resident.



This will be of interest to all who were aware of the complicated maintenance problems with vehicles in WWII. In WWII, there were 18 different engines in the various types of wheeled vehicles in the Army. Today there are 7. There were 19 different transmissions; today there are 7. There were 21 different front axles; today there are 7. There used to be 13 different sizes of tires; today there are 7. So those people in the Pentagon are working after all.

In WWII there were 17 different "basic vehicles" in the Army's wheeled vehicle fleet. Today there are 7.



Lt. Col. DAVID DILLARD (Div.Hq.) writes us from USAREUR where he is G-2 at Heidelberg. In August, he goes to the Army War College. It was great to hear from you, old boy. Have you written your mother lately?

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	United States	Russia
Aircraft carriers	100	None
Battleships	15	3
Cruisers	75	13
Destroyers	350	85
Submarines	200	370