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## CLICK!

We were mighty glad that our old friend ED EDRIS (34th from '40 to '45) now a Lt. Col. at Benning, has joined up. BILL VERBECK (21st) put the bee on Ed in Korea and now Ed is "in like Flynn". Ed was in the 34th when it was part of the 8th Div. He was a Lt. in Item Co., commanded Charlie Company and was Exec. of the 1st Bn. He left the old outfit on Leyte. We're glad to hear from you, Ed. Your good friend, BOB DANIELS, now at Leavenworth (the college, that is) never writes but what he inquires of you.



ELMER VAN ZANT (24th MF) writes us from Turkey where he is with the A.G. Sec., TUSAG, APO 206, c/o P.M., New York. Van reports that he has met GEORGE MOODY (Div. Hq.) over there.



BILL DAILEY (Div. Art. in '47) would like the addresses of LT. MILTON KINNIE of Springfield, Mo. and NICHOLAS SANTA MARIA of Providence, R.I. who served with him in Division Artillery. Does anyone have these names? Bill's address is 361 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass.



ED MOSS (Cn. 21st) of 10806 S. Ave. G, Chicago, is looking for a copy of BILL VERBECK'S book, "A Regiment in Action." Can anyone help him out? We're down and out, Ed. So sorry.....



TOM CHACONAS (3rd Bn. 34th in P.I.) is a chemist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington. On the side, he's a real estate broker at 1424 K St., N.W. If it's property management, sales, loans, or rentals that are worrying you down in the D of C see Tommy. We'll drop in on you the next time we're in town, Tom.



LT. COL. H. P. EASLEY (19th) is now at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. He reports that he's there with "an old buddy", JAY K. VALLERY (3rd Bn. 19th).



## We Say "Welcome Home" to:

DONALD K. LEGAY (19th)  
Leominster, Mass.

HERMAN SMITH  
Mouise, Ky.

LOUIS KERKSTRA (19th)  
Byron Center, Mich.

ALBERT L. HOWARD (19th)  
Nashville, Tenn.

JOSE M. GARCIA (21st)  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Fulton, N. Y.

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Granite Quarry, N. C.

HARRY F. MINCEY (5th)  
Cleveland, Ohio

CECIL V. PRESTON (19th)  
Sausalito, Calif.

FRANK F. PAUL (5th)  
Copley, Pa.

JAMES M. FRANKLIN (5th)  
Petersburg, Va.

SUSAMU SHINAGAWA (34th)  
Ilele Kauai, T. H.

VERNON BOWLING (5th)  
Grayson, Ky.

JOHN KING (5th)  
Orlando, Fla.

They are feeble words in many ways. For we of the Association, as for every real American, a part of the burden has been lifted. To us, your homecoming is overwhelmingly poignant. We are grateful to the Almighty that you are back and we pray to Him for the safe return of all wearers of the Taro Leaf and all others of the United Nations command who are still prisoners of the enemy in Asia.

## QUICK!

GARNETT DICK (11th F) recently made history through the Louisville Times, his hometown paper which quoted him as "a former artillery battalion commander in Korea". Garnett said that army artillery in Korea had been firing hundreds of shells in "shows" for visiting dignitaries despite the contention over charges of ammo shortages there. There has been a bit of talk about it, you know.

The news services picked up the story and quick like a rabbit, Garnett was being quoted by just about every paper in the country.

Garnett was quoted as saying he had taken part in 3 such shows himself last September, one of them for Congressmen.

"The same thing was going on all along the front," Garnett said. He reported that everyone was trying to make a good impression with superiors and that talk about the "shows" was common among the troops. This clearly rings a bell and prompts the thought that this is where we came in, or is it where we went out?

Garnett, whom we well remember from personal contact in WWII days when he was with the 11th Field in New Guinea, Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao, also declared that six helicopter landing spots had been carved out of a mountainside so the visiting feather merchants would not have to ride to the OP's. Up to here, it all sounds like SOP, Garnett; please continue.

The show was conducted last Sept. 10th, said Garnett, from the OP of Gen. Wayne Smith, CG, 7th Div. He identified the Congressmen as Dewey Short (Rep. of Mo.), J. Frank Wilson (Dem. of Tex.), and Leon Gavin (Rep. of Penn.).

In Washington, there were few replies to the Dick statement. Rep. Short described it as "poppycock". He was convinced that he had witnessed a legitimate routine artillery bombardment of enemy positions. Oh, Congressman, if you but knew.



BILL McKENNA, of Albany, Calif. is an old and faithful member of the Assoc. Bill refers us to "The Big Picture", on A.B.C. Television. He suggests that we "bombard" them with requests for the 24th Division films. We've done it from here and now ask that each of you write A.B.C. Television in New York City with similar suggestion that they show the Taro Leaf story. We did it, Bill; the rest depends on the members who will come through -- they always do.

Bill also suggests that we include a short feature in each issue about some campaign or battle. We can do it, Bill, but frankly we purposely have avoided it because of the history which is in the process of being written. We'll do it, however, if enough tell us that they want it anyway.



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JOE BADARACCO (Div Hq), our hard working Convention Chairman says "Meet me in St. Louis in August".

"In other words, he got here firstest with the mostest . . ."

## HERE IT IS!

When we took over the job of editing this little poop sheet 15 issues ago, we promised ourselves - and you - one thing: we weren't going to dwell upon finances in issue after issue. You who read our copy were presumably paid up members in good standing so that any cries of the pauper which we might have raised weren't intended for the likes of you. We could find no basis for talking  $\$3$  and  $\$4$  with you good people who were doing your part so admirably well by supporting us with the nominal contribution of  $\$3.00$  a year.

But in the intervening time, we've encountered an attitude not anticipated when we took over the editor's chair. The renewal memberships have been sifting in at a rate something less than a dribble. Over 400 of our 1700 plus members have not yet paid their dues for the year August '52 - August '53. We have maintained these delinquents on our mailing list throughout the year, however, hoping that we might yet induce them to stay with us. 7 issues so far this year have gone out to these 400 delinquents. That's 2800 copies of the paper (at an estimated cost of  $\$0.12$  per copy). Figure it out. We've spent more than  $\$336.00$  just trying to be fair and square with about 400 one-time wearers of the Taro Leaf who haven't had the good taste even to acknowledge our several letters of appeal.

Chaplain, sharpen up that punch; I'm falling in at the end of the line.

### "BIRDS

#### OF A FEATHER."

FRED ZIERATH (19th) is on his way to Korea. His family is relocating at 1110 S. Barton St., Apt. 308, Arlington, Va. while he's gone. Fred writes:

"By the way, I had the privilege of enrolling the present Assistant Division Commander into the association as my recruit and the other day he sent me from Japan a record of the 24th Division Victory March written by a member of the band. It's a crackerjack march -- one that should certainly be on hand at the Convention. I have currently loaned it to Col. George Chapman to make a copy of on his wire recorder. Will be glad to send it to you for such use as you can make of it if the Assoc. has not received the record. Seems to me it can be reproduced and sold to the membership. Col. J.B. Crawford (my recruit) was instrumental in promoting the composition of the march and he, the band, and the composer have served us well."

Thanks, Fred, and we'll have the march at the Convention in August.

## CHAMPION

Brig.Gen. CARL I. HUTTON, the 24th Div. Artillery Commander, is one of the newest general officers in the Far East, having received his star March 19 at his Camp Young-hans Hq.

Gen. Hutton was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1930. During World War II he served as division commander of the 2nd Armored Division in the campaigns of Africa and Europe. After the war he was appointed director of the Department of Air Training, and later became Chief of Military History at the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Gen. Hutton next joined the Far East Command as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5. In Nov. 1952 he took command of Div. Art'y. with the Victory Division.

OPTIMIST -- a man who tries to sell fashion magazines in a nudist colony.

BOB LANGE (21st) is now with Able Company, 65th Inf. (That's the Puerto Rican regiment at APO 468 in Korea). Bob advises that the 65th is being broken up to ease the replacement situation over there. Bob formerly was with the 9th Inf. and says he's really plugging the Assoc. over there. We're grateful to you, Bob.

"Tell me about your dream," soothed the psychiatrist.

"I dreamed," she said, "I was walking down the street with nothing on but a hat."

"And you were embarrassed?"

"Terribly! It was last year's hat!"



The New York 34th boys have just elected IGGY SPANO as their prexy for the next 12 months. AXEL POLAND is the Veep, MARTY FRIEDMAN is Treasurer and BOB SOLOMON is secretary. They've a live bunch there; there's plenty of enthusiasm and they do enjoy themselves. They have a treasury of \$259.90 according to the latest issue of their "Informer"; they are slightly worse off than we are.... They report that VIC BACKER (34th) is off to Mexico on a business trip.... They run a "Do You Remember?" column that brings back the memories. Here are a few from a recent issue -- "who could forget Kole-Kole Pass on Oahu. Hiking down it wasn't too bad, but coming back! Of course there was always WHAIANI MARY at the bottom. How about that hike around Oahu and over the mountain back to the camp. Muddy, wasn't it? QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. The wood was so hard, we had to drill holes to get the nails through. The dynamite we used for sump holes and the adobe nuts next to the sump. THE BRIDGE into Rockhampton... did anyone ever see a boat in that river? How about the blackout? While we were in Hawaii it was all blackout until about a month before we left and the closer we got to the forward area, the lighter it was. Remember how the Samoa harbor looked from the ship? And the Hollandia harbor looked like Times Square on Xmas Eve.... what was the name of that eating place in Honolulu whose proprietor would put odds in the "Star Bulletin" and "Advertiser" written in pidgeon English? I just can't recall."

### FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

RALPH H. SELBY (Div.H. 8-45 to 4-46) is head of the Police Dept. Band of the City of Los Angeles. Beat that --- drum, Ralph.... GENE WANLEY (24 MP) writes us from Naha, Okinawa.... COLONEL CHARLES "BRAD" SMITH (21st) of "Task Force Smith" fame in the first days of Korea is Deputy C/S at III Corps Hqs., Camp MacArthur, Calif....

## Tears in our eyes

The man was interviewing the applicant for the position of chauffeur. "Are you careful," he asked. "I want a driver who does not take the slightest risks." "That's me, sir," replied the man. "May I have my salary in advance?"

ALCATRAZ: The pen with the lifetime guarantee

As we go to press, it is FULL SPEED AHEAD with our current Membership Drive. The present membership in the Association is 1,721. We are gradually gaining, and with the cooperation of each member we can reach 2,000 by convention time. What do you say? Let us all "pitch in" on the drive and see if we can't reach that figure by August '53.

If each of us could gain one New Member for the Association the next five months, our membership entering the month of August would be 3,442. That figure looks good, doesn't it? Let's see what we can do about it.

What can you do to help? If you have a former "Taro Leaf" friend who is not a member of the Association, why not drop him a line and tell him about our group. Better still, call him on the phone; even better, drop around to see him. It sounds so easy, doesn't it? But how many of us will do these things? We want the other fellow to do it for us.

Maybe some of you may want to give one of your pals a gift membership. It will be nothing new. Just recently, a new member Lt. RAYMOND R. STAFFORD (19th) sent in a \$3.00 check for the membership dues for a buddy of his. Ray wanted his buddy to be a part of the Association, just as he was a part of the Division. We are not asking you to do that, but we would like to see you help us to increase our membership. So, let's put our shoulder to the wheel, and make it 2,000 by the time we all meet in St. Louis, Missouri this coming August.

## SPARK PLUGS!

DWIGHT BEACH (Hq. Div.Arty.) is now with Div.Arty, 11th A/B Div. at Campbell. Have you jumped yet, Dwight?.... CHET DAHLEN (34th) is with Hq. 4th Army at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas....

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

We were mighty glad to hear from FRAN FOIRIER (19th) who writes:

"I was exceptionally pleased with your November issue. (Short but sweet). A picture appeared by Walter Manning of M Co. It showed my outfit L Co. and M Co. on the march in Davao. This was one of the nicer days I remember. Is it possible that I may be able to get snaps of this from him? I recall a Col. Dalton, CO of the 19th on Mindanao, who also took some good pictures of this march. Could you furnish me any information on him - address etc.?"

"Through the medium of the Taro Leaf I'd like to inform ED HEARY and my other very good friends of the 24th that I have started to work after a six year lay off."

We have no poop on Col. Dalton, Fran. Sorry. But we're terrifically pleased you are well again.

### If you're casting about

"Of course I'll be liberal with my money after we're married, darling. I'll spend it on you as fast as I can make it. Now, what else do you want to know?"

"How fast do you make it?"

### Discovery

PAUL ELLIOTT (G-21 from 9-51 to 1-52) at 1319 35th St. NW, Washington, D.C., is inquiring about Division Histories. There are two underway, Paul. Division in Japan has been promising a history of the Division in Korea for about a year now. We don't know when it will finally appear. We started one a few months ago which will cover the entire 12 years of the Division's history. At the moment, we have about 500 pages written. We estimate that it will go to 1000 pages when finished. We hope to have the draft of it ready to show the boys at the Convention in St. Louis in August. We are deliberately slowing the pace, Paul, as we don't want to conflict with the Division's publication which in all likelihood will be out momentarily.

## take a ride

Rastus: "Say Sambo, what time in yoah life does yo' think yo' was scared the worstes?"  
Sambo: "Once when ah was callin' on a married gal and her husbin' came in and caught me, boy waz I scared!"  
Rastus: "How are yoah snuah dat was de worstes time?"  
Sambo: "Cause her husbin' turned to dat wife an' says, 'Mandy, want's dis white man doin' heah?'"

Congratulations are in order for NAT LEVINSON (34th) who recently married..... HAROLD "SMILEY" ROSENBERG (34th) is now with Barry Jewelers, Inc. at 562 Fifth Ave., NYC. If it's jewelry, see Smiley.



We're continuing our Directory of Association members in this issue. Here are our GEORGIA members:

- ABT, Lt. F.T.  
Hq. 3d O.C. Bn, 1st O.C. Regt., Ft. Benning, Ga.
- ADAMS, Capt. RAYMOND E.  
1940 Apt 4, Stanton Rd., East Point, Ga.
- ADAMS, Lt. STANLEY  
30th Inf. Regt., Ft. Benning
- AMBROSE, Lt. BENARD J.  
Hq. & Hqs., 1st O.C. Regt., Ft. Benning
- BARKER, JOSEPH F.  
24th Evac. Hospital, Ft. Benning
- BLANEY, KERMIT B. (Maj.)  
Box 1684, Ft. Benning
- CAMPBELL, ROBERT M. (Lt.)  
Weapons Dept., Ft. Benning
- CHILDS, JOHN A.  
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- COATS, GENE (Lt.)  
Hq. Sq. - 2 ASG, Hunter AFB, Savannah
- COOPER, CURTIS (Lt. Col.)  
Communication Dept., TIS, Ft. Benning
- DAIGLE, ROLAND J.  
12-D Victory Apt., Columbus
- DAVIS, JESSIE P.  
Hq. Det., Ranger Tng., Ft. Benning
- DEWS, ROBERT P.  
Edison, Ga.
- DICKENS, DELMA B.  
Omega, Ga.
- DOWNEY, EARL C. (Maj.)  
3441 A.S.U., Camp Gordon
- EASTERLING, JOHN (Cpl.)  
Co. F., Inf. Sch. Det., Ft. Benning
- ELAM, GERALD (Sgt.)  
Co. F, Inf. Sch. Det., Ft. Benning
- FRENCH, D. L. (Lt.)  
11th O.C. Co., 1st O.C. Regt, Ft. Benning
- ELLINGHAUSEN, E.A. (Jr.) (Capt.)  
196th FA Bn, Ft. Benning
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251 - 10th St., NW, Apt. 62, Bldg. 6, Atlanta
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Box 134, Garfield
- GIRARDEAU, J.H. (Jr.)  
403 W 14th St., Tifton
- HALE, LINDSEY W. (Capt.)  
14th O.C. Co., 1st O.C. Regt, Ft. Benning
- HEARD, JOHN C. (Jr.) (Maj.)  
Hq. - 41st FA, Ft. Benning
- HERITAGE, WADE F. (Lt. Col.)  
64 Med. Group, Ft. Benning
- HOFFMAN, JOHN J. (Jr.) (Lt.)  
Staff Department, Ft. Benning
- HOLSTER, HENRY P. (Capt.)  
A Battery, 41st FA, Ft. Benning
- HUNT, JIM H. (Lt.)  
20th O.C. Co., 1st O.C. Regt, Ft. Benning
- KITCHENS, ALBERT B. (Lt.)  
24th Co. 1st S.T.R., Ft. Benning
- KRAWCZAK, EUGENE  
Ft. Benning, Ga.
- MCCHESNEY, HUGH (Capt.)  
The Infantry School, Ft. Benning
- MCCLURE, RICHARD  
ABN Dept., TIS, Ft. Benning
- MARKS, SIDNEY (Lt. Col.)  
2d O.C. Battalion, Ft. Benning
- MELOY, G. S. (Jr.) (Maj. Gen.)  
Ft. Benning, Ga.
- MOODY, JAMES D. (M. Sgt.)  
Co E, Inf. Sch. Det., Ft. Benning
- MOORE, ANDREW (Sgt.)  
Sv Co., 30th Infantry, Ft. Benning
- MOTE, JACK A. (Lt.)  
Allied Liaison Sect., 1st Stu. Brigade  
Ft. Benning

## Best news

We want to give this trimble profile of Maj. Gen. CHARLES L. DASHER (2nd star in March of '53), the present Division Commander. The General assumed command on Oct. 30, 1952.

Much of Gen. Dasher's military career has been spent in the artillery branch of the army. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1924, and served for several years with the 11th FA Bn on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands before attending the Field Artillery school at Ft. Sill, Okla. In 1940, he was sent to the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Riley, Kans., and in 1942 became executive officer of the Field Artillery school.

During WWII the General saw duty as assistant commander of the XIX Corps Artillery and as commander of the 32nd FA Brigade in the campaigns of Europe. In the closing phases he commanded artillery elements of the 75th Div. and XVIII Airborne Corps.

After the war, Gen. Dasher became commanding general of the Rome Area Allied Command, and later went to Spain as military attache. In May 1952 after two years of Stateside duty, he left for the Far East and became assistant commander of the 3rd Inf. Div.

In October of 1st year as left Korea to take command of the 24th. Under his leadership the Taro Leafers have trained hard to maintain combat-ready status, while providing military security for the Northern Honshu area of Japan. He was promoted to major general March 19, 1953.

## THE TRUTH

Every day it gets easier to break the marital knot. A Chicago woman just got a divorce because her husband beat her up for hiding his toupe. Granted, she snatched his wig to keep him from being attractive to other women. But since so many modern couples part on flimsy excuses, the judges ought to think twice about these hairline cases.

## THE SOUND AND THE FURY

The Lennox Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. is the site of our 1953 Convention. Jim Robinson, the Executive Ass't. Mgr. (now's that for a title?) writes us that they're all set for us.

"JEEP TRACKS"

STANLEY GLANTZ (11th Field from 9-45 to 9-46) is now at 5941 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo. We'll see you in August, Stanley.



MUDGETT, C. F. (Lt. Col.)  
Staff Department, Ft. Benning

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Co. C, Inf Sch Det., Ft. Benning

PEEPLS, JEFFERSON W.,  
Kingsland, Ga.

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Hdqtrs - 1st Brig, Ft. Benning

PETERSON, A. J.  
103d Company, Ft. Benning

PETY, E. L. (Lt.)  
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REHM, DONALD H. (Maj.)  
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SCHILLER, MELVIN D. (Lt.)  
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Rt. 1, Fort Valley

WADE, MILDRED M. (M. Sgt.)  
Hq & Hq Det - Sec 1, 3440 A.S.U., Ft. Benning

WHEELER, HAROLD (Lt.)  
Weapons Dept, TIS, Ft. Benning

WILSON RAY C. (Capt.)  
Staff Department - TIS, Ft. Benning



Any cause BILL VERBECK (21st) gets behind is good enough for us. Here's Bill's latest:

"In the Korean City of CHEJU which is forty miles from this training center there are seven hundred and

four little orphans. They were evacuated from the Capital City of this Republic, Seoul, in December 1950, just prior to the Chinese Communist recapture of that City. The U. S. Air Force flew them to the safety of this place together with their Directress, Mrs. On Soon Whang. The name of the home is Orphans' Home of Korea, Cheju Island, Korea.

"I want to ask your help for these children and I want to ask you to get your friends and your friends' friends to come to their assistance. They have nothing except loving kindness from their Directress and her assistants who have nothing but spiritual aid and mental guidance, training and education to give them. Among these children are some with light brown hair and blue eyes. Their parents have been killed by our enemy or in many cases died as a result of the ruthlessness of war.

"In conjunction with my work here in the training of soldiers of the Republic of Korea Army I want to help Korea by making you a part of a crusade in which we Americans will all participate and share with these helpless ones our heritage of plenty.

"These children all study in the morning and work all afternoon. They hand paint Christmas and Easter cards but they need water colors and paper. They do embroidery but they have no embroidery thread or cloth. They all make their own clothes but they need buttons, thread, cloth, needles, yarn, etc. They can remake old clothes into almost anything. They have a band, they drill - as boy scouts, they even print a newspaper - but they have only the barest essentials of life.

Cannot you and your associates help? Send anything you can; hard candies, cloth, thread, knitting needles, yarn, old clothes, toys, - anything! Boys and girls, they are of the following ages:

Age	Boys	Girls
2		1
3	3	6
4	18	22
5	21	18
6	27	32
7	19	22
8	7	19
9	18	14
10	55	15
11	37	18
12	45	19
13	38	29
14	40	23
15	57	20
16	32	6
17	13	4
18	6	

"Of course, the older ones help run the Orphanage. If you care to help us in this crusade send your packages to:

Senior Adviser  
KMAAG, Replacement Training Center 1  
APO 102 c/o FM  
San Francisco, California

Sincerely,

Bill Verbeck  
P.S. KMAAG means Korean Military Advisory Group."

## Unforgettable days

There was a professor of law who said to his students:

"When you're fighting a case, if you have the facts on your side, hammer them into the jury, and if you have the law on your side, hammer it into the Judge."

"But if you have neither the facts nor the law?" asked one of his listeners.

"Then hammer on the table," answered the professor.



HERE'S THAT KICK IN THE PANTS  
YOU SAID YOU NEEDED TO PAY YOUR DUES.

Just for those who haven't sent in dues—  
this is the last dun!



(Ed. Note: Just as we were about to walk over to the printer with this issue, we chanced to observe that the current issue of Life Magazine was loaded with Taro Leafers. We thought the fact worth noting officially so turned on our heels, went back to the office and made up anew the entire issue. On these two pages, we include clips from the pages of Life's May 11th issue because they pertain to men who have shared the bond. Is it trite to suggest that Life has been good to us?)

DON LEGAY (19th) came out on top with a 3 page article which we reprint herewith in full. Don and the other freed POW's back from the Communist compounds of Korea brought with them a gift of gratitude which all the United States shared. We feel very humble as we express our own "welcome Home" to Don and all of the other more fortunate men who have "come home".)

## 'TREAT THEM NATURALLY,' THE GENERAL SAID

As the former-prisoners returned from Korea, Brig. General Rasley Chambers, the Army's chief psychiatrist, expressed concern over what might happen to them at home. The wisest, kindest thing to do, he said, is to "treat them naturally," as though they had "just been around the corner to the drugstore."

Cpl. Donald Legay of Leominster, Mass., spent 29 gray months in a brown mud hut near the Yalu River. The bones of his left arm had been smashed by two slugs, but there were no doctors to take care of him. "I didn't even have a sling," he said. "I had to carry my hum arm with my good one. The bones moved around in my arm and it hurt like hell all winter." At length the bones knitted partially and crookedly although a deep infection remained.

The monotony was worse than the pain. "We had no feeling we'd ever get out of there. In summer we'd plan what we'd do in the winter, and in winter we'd plan for the summer. When I left, the guys were getting ready to knock the mud out of the windows to cool the huts. Next winter they'll wall them up again."

Picked as one of the first 35 Americans to be released, Legay last week arrived in Panmunjom, where the treatment that was supposed to be natural began. "Smile, boy," said the photographers, turning on a battery of lights. "Tell us about the brutality." From Panmunjom, Legay went to a hospital in Japan, where nurses brought him food and drink seven times a day. What he wanted most was a beer—he did not get one there, or in Hawaii

on the way home, although whatever desires he had for floral neckwear were more than satisfied. He finally got the beer in San Francisco—bought it himself, for 30¢. He also got some phone calls in San Francisco and heard about some plans that were being made for him. The substance of the calls was this: certainly he was going home, but, well, not exactly straight there. His civilian clothes might not fit him anymore—he had lost 20 pounds—and a Boston newspaper would like to buy him a suit, under certain conditions. And then, a television producer wanted to talk to him about a couple of things. Of course he would see his family right away, but before he really got home there might be just a few little preliminaries. As indicated in these pages, there were



HOME AT LAST, Legay (in doorway) laughs with friends and neighbors. His brother James is holding a mop because at that moment the roof was leaking.

"All I want to do is get in my car and burn up a lot of road," Legay says. "And maybe I'd like to find me a nice quiet little country girl somewhere."



IN PROVIDENCE Legay obliges photographers by posing with snowshoes. "I never knew I was such an important guy," he said wryly. "A man asked me to give you Back the Best and said the job got was \$2,000. I said no, thank."



IN BOSTON his mother throws her arms around him after waiting for some time for photographers and officials to let him come down plane ramp. His sister Gloria is at left, his brother Joseph at top left, his father Walter Legay at right.



IN GIFT CAR Corporal Legay waves to the press. He had to leave the car at airport while he was being led off to department store by the Boston Traveler.



IN CHICAGO Legay and other POWs are posed at their by photographers. "I got a tan from flashbulbs," he said.



IN HAWAII public-relations men greet Legay, who has already had a press record on him by a bit closer.



IN NEW YORK Corporal Legay enters night club where various celebrities eagerly posed with him. Champagne was on the house but he drank beer.

## THE LONG WAY BACK FROM A DRUGSTORE

In Boston, Corporal Legay was met by a delegation from Leominster, which presented him with a new car. On hand were official greeters, a Scoutmaster, a police chief, two Army public-relations officers, a radio announcer, three TV cameramen, 12 still photographers and 33 reporters. His family was also present.

Immediately representatives of the Boston Traveler, which had arranged for almost exclusive rights to the homecoming, took him off to outfit him in civilian clothes. Then he was flown to New York to appear on a TV program, at a nightclub and in a \$100 suite in the Waldorf. Next day he finally got home. For a man who might "just have been around the corner at the drugstore" it was quite a return trip.



IN A BAR in San Francisco he gets his first beer. He had time for only one before rushing off to his plane.



IN CALIFORNIA HE WAITS ON EXAMINING TABLE FOR HIS ORDERS HOME. DOCTORS SAID HIS ARM WILL BE RE-BROKEN, RE-SET AND WILL BE "GOOD AS NEW"



STILL A PRISONER, Legay (left) gets a watch from new friendly Chinese officers before being exchanged. This replaced one the Reds took from him.



FINALLY FREE, wearing a Communist cap, he beams at reporters in Panmunjom. He soon tired of it—"Everybody grabbed you, TV, radio, everybody."



SHOPPING FOR SOUVENIRS to take home to his family, Legay looks over goods in Tokyo Army hospital annex. He finally decided to buy nothing.



LEGAY'S SECRET is revealed to studio audience on TV program Eye for a Stone. The panel guessed it in 50 seconds and Legay got \$300 for appearing.



IN SAN FRANCISCO he phones his mother. Here he heard the first news of homecoming arrangements.



(Ed. Note: LEROY MCGILVAIN (19th) took second honors in Life's "Taro Leaf Issue" in the story below which can best speak for itself.)

## THE CASE OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND A FRIENDLY P.I.O.



FATHER AND P.I.O. confer on description of dead boy. Seeking soldier who took picture. Private Toole wrote, broadcast, searched Army records.

Last December, asked by an American soldier with a camera, 7-year-old Itsuo Sasamoto obligingly posed with playmates near his father's store in Hachinohe, in northern Japan. A month later Itsuo was dead of influenza. His father Kenzo, realizing there was not even a recent snapshot to remember his son by, recalled the passing GI and asked the U.S. Army for a copy of the picture. The search seemed hopeless, but Pfc. Joseph Stephen Toole of the 19th Infantry Public Information Office painstakingly set out to find—among all the Army's picture-taking soldiers—one who could be identified by these slender clues: a willy distorted Japanese version of a name, the fact that he had come in a jeep with a small boy and a woman wearing glasses.



WEeping MOTHER, with her younger son Yoshie beside her, sits on the floor of the store where her husband works, grieving over their dead son Itsuo.

(Ed. Note: JOSE GARCIA (21st) was another returning POW who took honors in Life. We who have also served can read into that handclasp some of the emotion which we ourselves have felt upon returning home.)



THE BOND OF BROTHERS brought Alfonso Garcia (right), of Los Angeles, out to Travis Air Force Base in a successful search for returning Pfc. Jose Manuel Garcia, 27, whose hand he finally clasped through the window of Air Force bus just before the bus pulled out for the base hospital with a load of ex-PWs.

## A SOLDIER IS TRACED TO KANSAS



WITH HIS MOTHER in Salina, where he visited while awaiting transfer to Europe, Sgt. LeRoy McGilvain checks over some of 1,500 photos he took while he was in Japan. Checking camera-fan soldiers, P.I.O. thought McGilvain's name was similar to name given by Japanese, then traced him to the U.S.

## HE CHOOSES A PICTURE TO SEND



BOY IN FUR CAP with dangling mittens, among the photographs taken in Hachinohe, seems to McGilvain to fit description of Sasamoto boy. Sure that he had right one, he made a large print of this picture for the Sasamotos. Just for good measure he sent along small copies of other photos made same day.

(Ed. Note: On the lighter side, as we announced in the last issue, JOE WEE (Div. Hqs.) blossomed forth in the same issue in the Imperial Whiskey ad. The picture which Imperial used was, in our opinion, not as good a picture of "Our Boy" as we ourselves used in our own April issue (see insert). Both, however, show Joe with the smile that made him so popular with us when he wore the "Taro Leaf". Knowing Joe as well as we do, we boldly inquired of him as to what the prevailing rate is for male models. His answer: "Three bottles of Imperial and a h... of a lot of kidding, both of which I have enjoyed to the fullest.")

## DOUBT AND DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE SASAMOTOS



GRIEVING FAMILY, remaining younger son, mother and father, with a neighbor looking on, study photo sent by McGilvain. Finger at mouth, Mrs. Sasamoto says, "Surely that is not her," and decides picture is a neighbor's son.

## BUT AT LAST ITSUO'S PICTURE IS FOUND

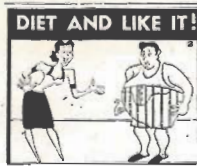


THE RIGHT BOY was discovered later (third from left) bundled up with fur ear flaps in another group shot that McGilvain happened to send along. When P.I.O. offered to get bigger enlargement, family said, "Oh yes, oh please."





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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**  
"Worth Thinking About"

During the week of Aug. 10-16 in St. Louis the Municipal Open Air Opera will be in full swing. Noel Coward's artful "Bitter Sweet" will be the production starring Miss Priscilla Gillette. The Municipal Opera is a 35 year old tradition in St. Louis and you ought to be sure to plan to take it in.

As for "Bitter Sweet" itself, it should be a must on your snopping list. The versatility of Noel Coward and the success he has enjoyed from it seems never ending -- at least if the popularity of his greatest operetta, "Bitter Sweet," among Municipal Opera patrons is any criterion. This production, with all its memorable melodies woven into a charming love story, will be presented for the sixth time this summer for thousands who never seem to tire of it. The music, book and lyrics are all Coward creations. And, of course, two of the most beautiful love songs of our time, "I'll See You Again" and "Ziguener," found their origin in this Coward masterpiece.

**The Broadway Bugle**

Recently a shipload of rotates from the Orient did it the hard way. They came via New York. This Life picture showed one of the load who is wearing a shoulder patch that has a special meaning for all of us.

The armed forces, which in their time have devised many mysterious ways to torture GIs and gobs, showed they had a trick or two left. After 28 days at sea the Navy transport General William Weigel with 2,238 Korean veterans aboard raised New York Harbor at 6 o'clock one evening. Instead of docking the weigel dropped anchor in the bay. There the men, grivously anxious to get ashore and home, were kept aboard to watch Broadway entertainers put on a show. "All we want to do is get off this bucket," griped the men, as the Army accused the Navy of a publicity stunt and the Navy explained the snip was kept in harbor to save docking overtime at night.

At 9:30 A.M., 15 1/2 hours after arriving, the snip docked. Even then the GIs were not let off. There were dockside speeches from the mayor's representative, the Korean consul, a brigadier general, a lieutenant general. Finally the hundreds of relatives who had waited on the dock for hours raised angry cries of "Let 'em off!" From the snip rose an echoing wail, "We want to go home!" The speakers cut it short, a gangplank was hasted up and the vets finally streamed off into anxious arms.

The St. Louis Browns will be "at home" all during our own Convention week. On wed. August 12th, they meet Detroit in a night game. On Thurs. Aug. 13th they meet Detroit again, this time in the afternoon. On Friday, Aug. 14th, they play Cleveland in a night game. No game is scheduled for Saturday. Well, that's our Big Day and we'll be busy anyway. On Sunday, Aug. 16th, Cleveland plays a doubleheader. It looks like a busy week for the Browns and us.

**You Said It!**

Convention Chairman JOE BADAUCCO is up to his ears in details getting ready for us. Joe has the rate sheet from the Hotel Lennox (our Convention site) and it reads as follows:

Single rooms (1 person): \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$6.75, \$7.00, \$7.50 and \$9.00

Double rooms (2 persons): \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00

Twin bedrooms (2 persons): \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00

Rooms for 3 or 4 persons (equipped with twin beds and a double in-a-door bed): \$14.00

2-room suites: \$16.50 and up.

For those who feel that the prices are high, there are other motels in the immediate vicinity where you can get away with it for somewhat less.

Never before, perhaps, in the history of the world, has mankind so desperately needed Christianity as it does today. And yet men do not seem to know how to attain Christ. Nor why they should even try to do so.

A man may read a religious book for a short time and then carelessly lay it aside. Or at rare intervals he may discuss religion with a friend, give voice to a few opinions and then drop the matter. The truths of Life, Death and Eternity seem so complex and so deep to him as to be utterly beyond human comprehension. Or worse still, he may dismiss religion as being only for certain people. His haphazard efforts fail completely in grasping the simplicity, the power and the glory of God's dealing with mankind.

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Torturing doubt, uncertainty and error must disappear if a man will earnestly study and read the truth, starting with the simple truth that God exists, from which all others follow. There is a true meaning to life, a real reason for being, just as there is one happiness worth while.

Chaplain Chris J. Berlo



**St. Louis, Mo.**

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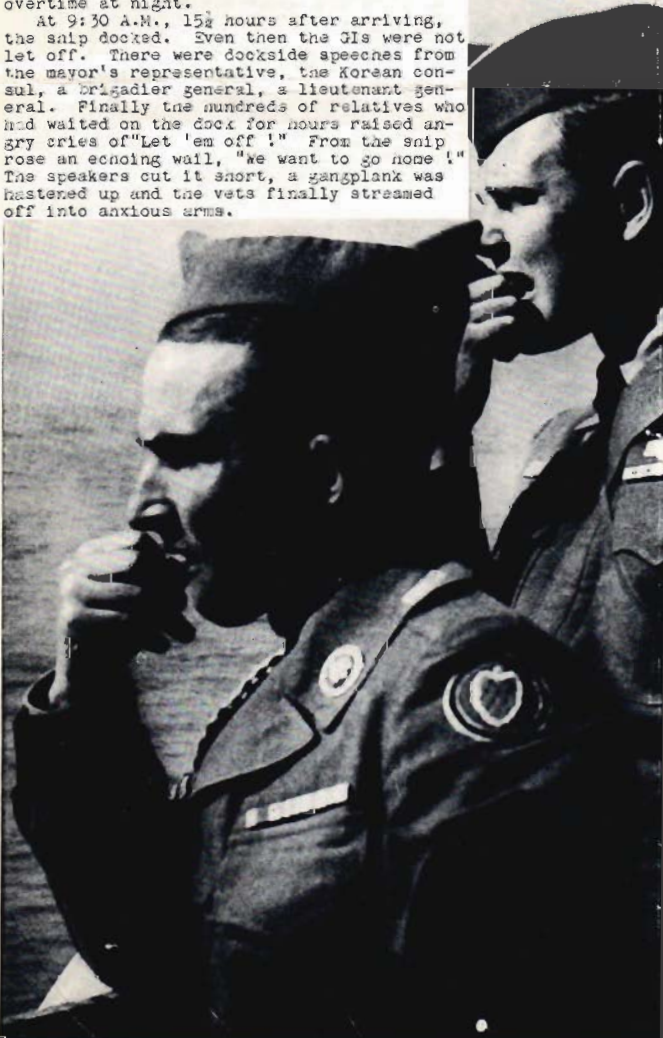
GARNETT DICK (11th F), about whom more appears in this issue and who puts us in mind of Voltaire's words which went, if memory serves, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

**FLICK!**

Christine Jorgenson has been named "Woman of the Year" by the Scandinavian Societies of Greater New York for her "contribution to science."

This brings up a tale we heard about Christine, who was stationed in Maryland when she was still an Air Force sergeant.

Recently, the boys at her old post heard about this. They located the bunk where the now-famous ex-sergeant had spent sick time. Over it they tacked a sign: "Christine slept here. Now they tell us!"



MAIL-BITING GIs line rails as the ship finally moves in to pier after staying all night in harbor.

Ship, the first routed to an eastern port direct from Korea, dropped Puerto Rican and Colombian





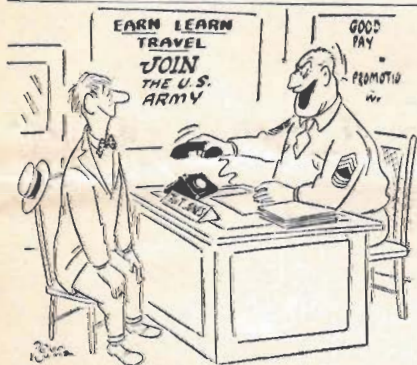
WHERE ARE YOU?  
 Changing station? Don't forget to notify us  
 of your change in address. Simply send us  
 your name, old address and new one.  
 Bill Savell, Sec'y.  
 24th Div. Assoc.  
 P.O. Box 268  
 Blountstown, Fla.

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GIL BADER (724 Ord. from 9-49 to 6-51) is  
 back from the Orient and is now based at Ft.  
 McPherson, Ga. .... GIL GUNDERSON (21st from  
 8-50 to 9-51) is now at Box 481, Wrangell,  
 Alaska. .... We'd appreciate it if you'd all  
 advise Sec'y BILL SAVELL when you change  
 your address. You've no idea what it costs  
 us when you don't.

LINDSEY P. HENDERSON (L-21) was author  
 of a well written article, "My ROKs Were  
 Good" in the Dec.'52 issue of Combat Forces  
 Journal. He tells of training a platoon of  
 Republic of Korea troops.

CLARENCE R. FORD (21st) is now at 1604  
 Pope Ave., Richmond, Va. He's on his way  
 to Korea for duty as a radar officer...  
 Earl Wilson's definition of a married couple  
 -- two people who sit in a balcony at a  
 movie because they want to smoke.



"You're in luck! That was Col. Frisbam of the 60th Infantry.  
 He needs a man right away and I'm telling you have first  
 crack at it, my boy!"

Evelyn Blanchard, daughter of Brig.Gen.  
 and Mrs. CHARLES BLANCHARD (Div.Arty.), was  
 recently married to British Army Capt. John  
 Hardy. They met in Trieste where Gen. Blanchard  
 was Allied Commander. .... BILL BYRD  
 (21st) writes us from Busa Field, Augusta,  
 Ga. where he is District Manager for the  
 Air Coach Transport Assoc., Inc. Bill was  
 doing a bang-up job for us rounding up mem-  
 bers in Arkansas before he left there. He  
 promises to do the same for us in "Gawgia".  
 Bill was vice president of the Ft. Smith,  
 Ark. Jr. Chamber of Commerce as well as  
 commander of the American Legion Post there.

BILL MAYO (Div.Hq. from 5-49 to 12-50)  
 has left Kilmer to go with the 73rd Army  
 Postal Unit, APO 227, c/o P.M., New York....  
 VERNAL NELSON (34th from 11-43 to 12-45) is  
 now at 1015 Oakley St., Salt Lake City,  
 Utah. .... DOC ERNER JONES (21st) writes us  
 from 2915 Dalewood, Little Rock, Ark. ....  
 BOB WEAVER (5th RCT) is now at the Personnel  
 Center, Cp. Kilmer, coming there from Hq.III  
 Corps in Calif.

Our very much respected Assoc. Historian,  
 STAN MELOY, is now commanding the Infantry  
 Center, Ft. Benning with two stars flying  
 on each shoulder. Stan went up on March 16.  
 Our sincere congratulations, Stan, and  
 thanks too for your report that the Associa-  
 tion's long awaited "History of the 24th  
 Division" is on its way to completion. We're  
 all looking forward to it.

The 77th Inf. Div. Assoc., which has a  
 very active organization in view of the fact  
 that so many of former 77th men live in the  
 New York state area, reports that it only  
 has a membership of 1524 as of March 10th.  
 It proves that things for us could be worse.

An old boatman was asked, "If a man fell  
 off this pier would he be drowned?"  
 "No," he said, "it's not falling into  
 the water that drowns a man; it's staying  
 there."

Our indefatigable Chairman of Membership,  
 JOE PEYTON (19th), was down in the dumps one  
 day recently. He had just completed his  
 2,923rd contact and had only acquired his  
 24th new member. We got out the slide rule  
 and if we can read it correctly (a matter of  
 no little conjecture, we'll admit), Joe  
 is only batting 0.82 of 1% which is hardly  
 big league stuff.

Chin up, Joe! We worked on the prospects  
 for two years. We contacted over 44,000  
 one-time Taro Leafers and we succeeded in  
 attracting less than 1000 new members into  
 the fold. The same slide rule tells us we  
 are at 2.2% which is so little better than your  
 score that we haven't the nerve to rub it  
 in.

These figures, in and by themselves,  
 would indicate a forward direction - slow to  
 be sure - but forward nonetheless - were it  
 not for the disturbing fact that we are at  
 the same time losing ground with delinquent  
 members. In case the word "delinquent"  
 floors you, we mean by that, "a B.T.O. who  
 ain't paid this year's dues yet." If you  
 are one of those, will you please SEND \$3.00  
 to BILL SAVELL, at P.O.Box 268, Blountstown,  
 Fla. before nautical twilight today.

In a few words, gang, we need the unpaid  
 dues of about 400 of you or there "ain't  
 going to be no Association no mo."



We repeat -- as it bears repeating -- that  
 if this little paper fails to provide you as  
 a reader with the kind of news that you ex-  
 pect of it, it very well could be your own  
 fault.

Send us the news and we'll use it -- every  
 single bit of it. Put aside that cloak of  
 modesty and tell us what you're doing - with  
 discreet omissions, of course. There are  
 others who want to hear about it.

Most all of us are flat failures as letter  
 writers, hence the purpose of this paper. If  
 you can't write your friends directly, write  
 us and we'll spread the word for you.

MAJ. PIERRE P. KIRBY (21st in Korea) is  
 presently attending the Advanced Course at  
 the Transportation School, Fort Austine, Va.  
 He had an article published in the April  
 1953 issue of the "military Review", the  
 monthly publication of the C & GSC at Ft.  
 Leavenworth, Kans. It was titled "Supplying  
 United Nations Troops in Korea." In it  
 Pierre described the "programmed movement"  
 of supplies by the JLG (Japan Logistical  
 Command). This was the outfit with "the  
 pretty shoulder patch", you'll recall. 'Twas  
 a fine, thought provoking article, Pierre.





FORM 3547 REQUESTED

Samuel Y. Gilnor (13 FA)  
78 Palisade Ave  
Bogota, N. J.



Sometime ago (in our July '52 issue to be exact), we carried the story of Kim Jang Hwan, the Korean refugee who was brought over here by Sgt. CARL POWERS (21st) of 410 Union St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Carl wrote us in response to our suggestion that we make Kim a kind of "honorary member" of the Association. Here's Carl's reply:

"As you requested in your recent letter, I am enclosing a picture of Kim Jang Hwan. It is not a current picture of him but nevertheless it is a good one and has a very long story behind it. It was made in late summer 1951 when he was still with the rear units of the 24th Division at ASCOM City (Bupyong - Korean name), Korea. It was from this place that he said farewell to the Taro Division and embarked upon his journey to the United States. It also marks the spot where the Division bade farewell to Korea when they moved to Japan for a well earned rest. Therefore this picture carries with it a history of the greatest division in the armed forces.

"I recall that in your original letter you asked if it would be in order to make Kim Jang Hwan a honorary member of the Association. I have discussed it with him and I can report that it will be perfectly all right to do so. He was excited and pleased to even be offered such an opportunity to retain that cherished tie with a division he loves.

"I am now attending college at Xavier University under the GI Bill in Cincinnati.



Should you have missed our May issue, be at ease, soldier, there wasn't any. We're flat broke and admit it. That's why we skipped the issue. Things are looking up, however; they've got to, they're flat on their back.



Here's more of our Directory. Here are our IDAHO members:

CLIFFORD, JOHN W. (Maj.),  
111 E 2 St., Reaburg, Idaho

HANSON, ROBERT L.  
Verness Hall, College of Idaho, Caldwell, Id.

UFER, CH. KARL A. (Maj.)  
561 A B Sp., MP. HOME AFB, Idaho

OTTO STOLZENBERG (Div. Hq.) who worked in the JAG section with Carpenter and Mason, had as his house guests in Philly recently BOB and CONNIE GOLDTAWAIT (Div. Hq.) of the old Finance Section in the days when LEON HOWARD pinched the pennies. Bob was down to the city of brotherly love attending a banker's convention. The conversation got around to Leyte, Mindoro, Mindanao and Japan (natch!) while Elizabetha (Stolzenberg) and Connie (Goldtawait) sat by and let the boys chew it all over. Bob and Connie sail from Salem, Mass. Otto and Elizabetha are at 6328 Homer St., Philadelphia.

## THE EDITOR'S O.P.

It isn't our intent to use the pages of this paper to send forward to you our readers our personal feelings about the Korean War, about the ammo shortage allegations, about the now controversial Brother Garnett Dick, or about any other of the many problems appurtenant to the Asian problem facing us today.

We do think it within the bounds of duty however to report to you that one of our own has projected himself into the act and we think it to be the Editor's prerogative to make the statement that he admires Garnett Dick for his guts.

It isn't the purpose of our Assoc. to become involved in controversial issues. No one knows that among Assoc. members any better than your Editor who has known and loved this Assoc. and the Division for which it stands since the beginning.

The present stalemate, however, and the apparent inability to come to an agreement as to how to get ourselves out of the miserable corner in which we find ourselves does seem to us to justify our sounding off at a time like this. And in so doing, we are not engaging in partisan politics. It matters not whether we are Republicans or Democrats. And for that matter, the first 100 days of the present administration seem to have done no better with this "keg of dynamite" than did the administration before it. So please take us at our word that we're trying to keep politics out of this discussion and out of the Assoc.

The fact remains however that you fought, or are now fighting for, that vague thing known as "freedom of speech" when you wore, or as you now wear, the Taro Leaf. As a veteran, or as a man in uniform, you are in a unique position to talk intelligently about some of these burning issues of the day. By talking, you can do something toward forming public opinion - and possibly guiding public action - concerning the much-desired settlement of the big problem. We believe in the freedom of the individual man to say what he thinks. So long as we are allowed to remain as your Editor, we intend to exercise that freedom. We invite you once again to use these pages to express yourself as well. Whether you agree with us personally or not is of little import. It's simply that we fought for this privilege and we intend to make full use of it from here on out. We promise you that we'll go down fighting in defending for you your right to sound off as well.

The point is - as if you needed the reminder - that there are still hundreds of our men held captive by the Reds today. So long as they remain the prisoners that they are, we intend to indicate indignation at the failure of the powers - that be - to bring this mess to an honorable conclusion.

We believe that too many wearers of the Taro Leaf have given their all for this cause which seems as hopeless today, almost three years later, as it did the day Task Force Smith caught its HELL around Osan.

Men of the caliber of Garnett Dick, who have been there and have seen some of these things with their own eyes are to be congratulated for having the intestinal fortitude to come forward and say what they think. Garnett Dick was simply exercising his right as an American citizen. Bless you, Garnett.

JOE BADARACCO (Div Hq) has announced that the following are serving with him on the 1953 Convention Committee:

- Ray Hardi (21st)
- General Co-Chairman
- Vern Schenkel (34th)
- General Co-Chairman
- Louis Tacchi (34th)
- Transportation
- Tom Minnella (34th)
- Transportation
- Gerd Heye (Div Hq)
- Hotel Arrangements
- Charlie Under (Div Hq)
- Registration
- Jim McLean (24th Med)
- Prizes
- Gene Friedhoff (21st)
- Surprises
- Evie Boulware (Div Hq)
- Program
- Frankie Walters (21st)
- Welcoming
- Larry Ruck (19th)
- Entertainment
- Les Creamer (Div Hq)
- Entertainment
- Flavel Page (34th)
- Public Relations

It sounds like a peach of a crowd that Joe has lined up to do the pick-and-shovel work. We know some of them personally and we know that they're live wires when it comes to effort. We're looking forward to helping to enjoy the results of their joint efforts come next summer.



WALT STOPA (K-19), an optometrist in Thompsonville, Conn., gives us a renewal with these friendly words:

"As is common with me, I just opened your letter of Jan. 23rd. Imagine what a "creditor's delight" I am in my business relationships. No excuse really -- it's simply that I enjoy living and only on occasion do I get around to my obligations.

"Where the 24th Div. is concerned, though obligation is a misnomer. It's really a pleasure. Despite my talent for procrastination, not a single issue of your fine publication goes unread. I really get my kicks out of each copy -- along with a sort of warm feeling of reminiscence. (Get the sentimentality of this old No. 4 Men, Rear Rank!)

"Enclosed find check for 3 years. Best of Luck."  
Thank a million, Walt, for staying with us!



Jimmy's father, a contractor, often bragged about finishing a contract in record time by putting more men on the job. When his parents asked Jimmy what he wanted for Christmas, he promptly said, "A little brother."

His mother told him there wasn't time for that, but Jimmy replied, "Why not, Mummy? Just have Daddy put a couple more men on the job."

To be happy with a man you must love him a little and understand him a lot - to be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and try not to understand her at all.

