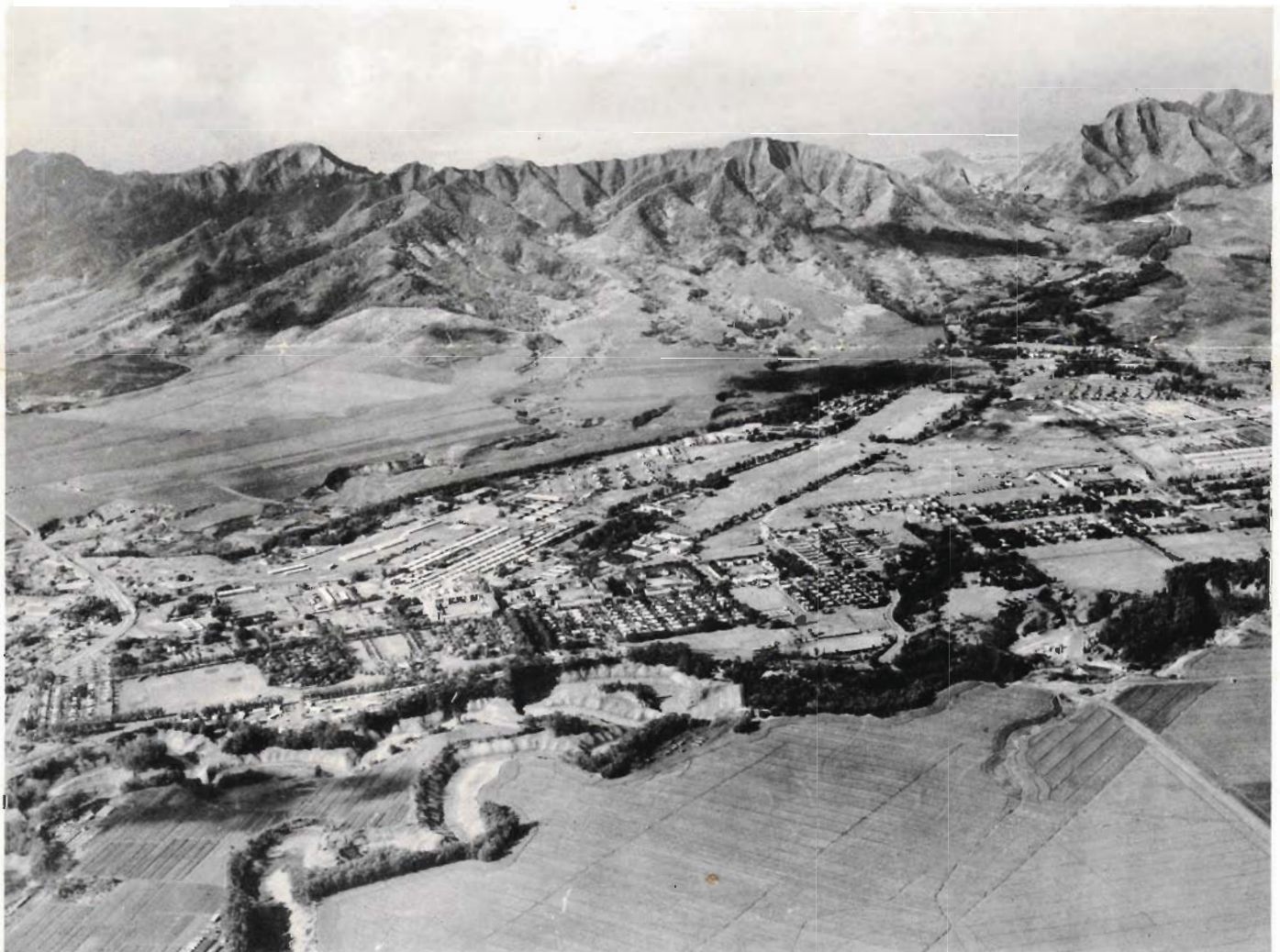


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The response to a plea to our Association Chaplain, Major Christopher J. Berlo (19th) for news concerning the Schofield Barracks of 1954 was typical of the man; immediate, enthusiastic, wholehearted, complete. The above photograph is from the manager and owner of Kemoo Farms and was intended for our forthcoming publication, "The Autobiography of a Division." So delighted were we with the picture that we couldn't resist the temptation to give you this advance showing thereof. To Kemoo Farms, a hearty acknowledgement; to Father Berlo, a grateful recognition for a never-ending line of thoughtful favors, large and small. To all others -- a few clues in case they may be needed: in the upper right corner, Kolekole Pass; in the foreground, Wahiawa and Kaukonahua Stream; in the center at the far left, the road to Honolulu; across the center of the picture reading from left to right, Quad C, Library and PX, Quad D, Boxing Arena, Gymnasium, Quad E, Post Theatre, Old Housing Area, Quad F, New Housing Area, Old Hospital, Officers Club, Quads I, J and K, Ordnance and Chemical Depots.



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We feel as fiendish as Captain Bligh -- we have another new member: JOHN H. RILEY of Rt. 1, Littlestown, Pa. (34th from 3-44 to 844). Welcome aboard, Johnnie. What company was it? . . . . . O10-18-5306. . . . . The weaker sex is really the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.



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DOC PHIL HOSTETTER (19th from '43 to '46) is a Loyal 100 man. He writes us that the biggest regret of his whole military experience is that he didn't take time out every few days to write the folks or newspaper "of one of my men just to let them know he wasn't just a number to me, that he was in good health, etc." It's a good thought, Phil, but a little late, that's true. It's not too late to keep in touch with these fellows through our paper, however. That's what we're O45-05-7521 in business for. . . . . VIC PACKER has high hopes for the White House visitation he's planning for the morning of August 13th. Vic has already been to the White House and has made the plans. . . . . A kiss shortens your life by three minutes, they say. Yes, but what a pleasant way to kill time. . . . . O36-14-8627.

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We're doing our best to refrain from editorial comment but we simply can't resist the temptation to suggest that the retired army general who posted a reward of \$100 for the first NCO to punch Pvt. David Schine in the nose made a donkey of himself. Regardless of your feelings in the controversy, we trust you'll agree that the general made such a complete donkey of himself that he might look better drawing a wagon instead of a pension. Talk about your "conduct unbecoming", this takes the cake.

LADISLAW PRYKUP (63rd) has been critical of our editorial policy. He says "not enough news on the west Coast boys." We merely repeat the old song: "we'll print anything you send in. We can't make this news up -- we try once in a while, but each time we do, we fall flat on our great big face. Snoot the dope and we'll use it. . . . ."

News commentator Robert C. Ruark who interviewed the late Maj. Gen. KENNETH F. CRAMER (Div.Hq.) recently wrote O24-26-7991 a column which we want to reprint here in full as you may have missed the original. The article read:

"I'm a little late to come to the obit on Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, but I'd like to write it, anyhow. The old boy, who died in Germany while hunting, died without ever having been cleaned up, formally, as a pretty good military man.

"I never met a man I liked less. I went up to check on him this past summer, when he was the hot point of an implied congressional investigation. I went there on assignment and the implied assignment was to give him the treatment. There was money in it for me, because a national magazine had specifically asked me to go and currycomb the old bloke.

"In the end it cost me the price of the magazine wage and some extra of my own expenses, plus a couple weeks of working time, to discover that Cramer's only sin was priggishness, and that he was guilty only of being a stiff-backed general in a time when the generals are supposed to drink bear with the privates in order to be popular.

"What caused the uproar was that Cramer had fired a colonel -- a loot colonel -- for drunkenness and riotous consort with some frauleins. I don't have the notes with me but, as I recall, there were some 15 specifications in the court-martial, most of which had to do with being publicly disorderly. The officer quit without contest.

"Cramer didn't have a careful of high-rankers awaiting trial. I looked at his convening record upside down and backwards and illegal, too. He hadn't pulled a courthouse Lee in his command out of Munich.

"I checked back into all the old furor that stemmed from Camp Pickett in Virginia, in 1951. There had been a lot of conversation about martinetcy in that command, where the ladies weren't allowed on the post, in face of an overseas order for a training group about to see Korea.

"Gen. Cramer was a good general officer, despite the National Guard background, and the fact that he held his Southern Area Command in Germany, after all the newspaper screaming, made you believe that he had something -- something we need more of these days in a time of Boy Scout approach to the military.

"Certainly, he was a prig. Certainly, he didn't drink. Certainly, he didn't smoke. Certainly, he ran his command with a ramrod back. Certainly, he enforced uniform regulations, and certainly, he made his staff toe the line on working hours.

"I spent a week in Munich asking questions informally, and was never able to glean more than a petty complaint -- the kind of petty complaint that you'll hear from any junior officer or enlisted man about a general who runs a taut shop.

"When I left the area I wrote a long series about a Sunday-school teacher with four silver stars who was guilty only of trying to obey orders, trying to save the United States money, trying to exert maximum performance from his troops and trying to uphold a respect for the United States in a conquered territory by stern discipline.

"It almost undoubtedly pulled him off the hook of a congressional investigation, which was breathing down his neck at the time. But there was never a word from Cramer.

"I never expected any gratitude although I could have hung him by the heels. He was that kind of guy: a thorough prig, but the kind of prig who served his country well according to his lights, and the kind of prig we could use more of. He was a good servant of his land, and was generally unappreciated."

- We have two comments on the article.
1. We are more proud than ever that we served with and under Ken Cramer.
  2. If Mr. Ruark felt so strongly and favorably about Ken Cramer, why in Hell didn't he say so more clearly in the series about him which he wrote while the Old Man was alive?



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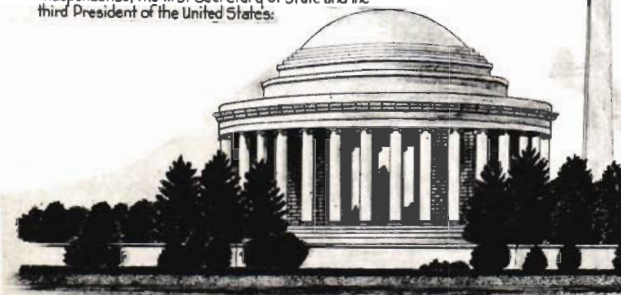
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Six-year-old boy failed to show up for supper and, after two hours of frantic telephoning, his parents asked police to comb the nearby woods.

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When a wife starts wearing the pants in the family, the husband sometimes shops around for a new skirt.

HANK LEERKAMP (L-34 and returned POW) is now M/Sgt. in George Co., 130th Inf. at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Word from the N.Y. Times is that the Philippine Government is spending a million dollars to rid Mindanao Island of rats and check a reversal of a Filipino migration to the area.

The settlers, destitute, have been moving out of Cotabato Province, where the rat infestation is centered, because of starvation. The rats, millions of them, ate their rice and corn crops. The displaced persons pose an acute relief problem. An estimated total of 200,000 acres of land has been stripped of crops by the rodents.

The invasion was gradual. There have been rats in Mindanao as long as man can remember. In normal numbers they are not hard to control. They are field or ground rats, gray-colored and amphibious. With increased settlement of the south-central Mindanao area following construction of a few key highways before World War II, the rodents thrived and multiplied on newly planted grain crops. Some time in the late Nineteen Forties, they tipped the breeding balance and got out of control. However, the problem has become an emergency only in the last year.

We hope this is nothing that we'll be blamed for.

BILL CORREA (3rd Eng) out on Oahu ("The Rock") 008-22-8223 writes: "Wish to inform the 24th and all men from Headquarters and Service Company 3rd Engrs, from 1941 to 1945 that Edward Kaukukukui from Hawaii, passed away in Dec. 1953. He was well liked by everyone. Edward was a good soldier. He and I served together with the 24th here on Oahu, Australia, and New Guinea. We will all miss Edward. It seems like a dream that Edward is not with us anymore. Life is so funny. God be with you Edward." Thanks for the message, Bill.

We're looking for these returned POW's; their mail keeps coming back to us:

- SGT. THOMAS J. HOWELL C-555 Amarillo, Tex.
- CPL WILLIS W. STAPP, Moran Tex.
- CPL JACK P. GOODWIN (G-21), Waco, Tex.
- CPL JOHN D. ERVIN, Wichita Falls, Tex.
- CPL VINCENT AQUILERO (5th), Ft. Worth, Tex.
- PFC EDDIE G. BARNES, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- PFC EUGENE L. SCOTT (B-21), El Paso, Tex.
- CPL CURTIS A. THOMPSON (21), Lubbock, Tex.
- SGT THOMAS BAYES, Jr. (6 Tk Bn) Dallas, Tex.
- PVT O. D. SNEAD (K-19) Ft. Worth, Tex.
- M/SGT BILLY KNOWLES (E-19) Ft. Worth, Tex.
- SGT GEORGE T. LONGORIA (C-21) San Antonio, Tex.

It looks as though when those Texas boys 017-21-4632 finally got home, they just didn't stop at Texas. Does 032-18-2112 anyone know where any one of them is? Please advise the Editor.

Maj. Gen. WILLIAM F. DEAN (Div.Hq.) was main speaker at Fresno, Calif. recently when the monkey island at the Roeding Park Zoo was dedicated in honor of Capt. RAYMOND D. HATFIELD who was KIA on 9-21-50. This quotation is taken from the program of the ceremonies:

"Captain Raymond D. Hatfield was born in Fresno, Feb. 6, 1906, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hatfield. As a boy he lived with his parents on O Street, between Tulare and Kern Streets, and attended the Fresno Public Schools. After attending Fresno State College he entered business and became engaged in the maritime shipping industry, which he left in order to enter the Army in the Second World War. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, Captain Hatfield enlisted in the military services, and was attached to the 24th Division as a transportation and supply officer. After having evacuated virtually all division personnel and supplies from Taejon, July 21, 1950, he stayed at his post and sacrificed his life when the town was overrun by the enemy. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his efficiency in moving the 24th Division from Japan to Korea and later, when Taejon was about to fall, he received the Oak Leaf Cluster for moving Headquarters behind the lines so competently that not a life was lost in the operation. He Commanding Officer, Major General William F. Dean, has recommended that he be awarded posthumously the Silver Star for his heroism and devotion to duty."

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We've long liked this shot. Can you name them? We'll give you 45 seconds; then turn the issue upside down.

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A 25-year-old man in Wyoming told cops he shot up a store window and fired at them as well because he wanted to be "brave" so he could get into the Army.  
 This fellow may not be as dumb as he sounds. We can't think of a better way to stay OUT.

The Statler chain has announced its new family travel plan. There is no charge for children under 14. So why not treat the whole family to a royal good time at our Convention this August?

BOB and Jo Ann SEITZ (Hq. Spec. Troops 6-44 to 1-46) announce the arrival of a prospective Taro Leafar at their house. James R. Seitz arrived on Nov. 6, 1953. That's wonderful news, kids. Congratulations! Bob also writes "Please don't delay any copies of the TL as I miss them. You can always count on receiving a renewal from me when due." Thank Bob....

"I was shot through the leg during the war."  
 "Have a scar?"  
 "No thanks. I don't smoke."



This one has little to do with soldiers (past or present) but it warms the cockles of our heart. We believe you'll enjoy sharing it with us.



The Treasury Department says that more than \$51 million in uncollected leave bonds awaits former WWII enlisted personnel. The bonds paid 2% interest and matured in 5 years if not cashed earlier. The last of the bonds matured a year ago and now cease to accrue interest. Have you cashed yours?.... We hope you'll make it to Washington this August to see the old gang. Get your friends to be sure to get down there, too. Let's make this one our best clambake yet.... 004-07-9826

VIC PACKER (34th) and ED HENRY (Div.Hq.) are "Loyal 100" men ten-fold. That's 10 times each. Thank you each 10 thousand times, gents. Ed spent a day with us recently with his lovely secretary, Claire Quinton who, by the way, has worked many long hours in our behalf and without due recognition. One of Ed's requests of us was that we release one O19-03-4427 issue without mentioning him in it. O.K., Ed. We will -- this is the issue!.... Vic wants us to be sure to tell you that the Hotel Statler is 100% air conditioned. Washington in August? We'll need 100% air conditioning!.... 025-16-9160.... Two cannibals meet in an asylum for the insane. One is devouring pictures of men, women and children. "Say", the other queried, "is that dehydrated stuff any good?"

DICK AMERMAN, of Wethersfield, Conn. (Loyal 100) says that he and BILL KEYES (D-21) of Hartford, Conn. are interested in a New England "clambake." Well, Dick, ED HENRY has this department well in hand. More news on that shortly.... 020-20-7321

HOWARD, Jean, Sandy, Andy and Susie RICHARDSON (724 Ord) all sent recent greetings. Is that family growing each year, Rich, or is it just our imagination? We'll always remember Rich for his story about his schooldays. He used to say that he would have married his teacher as they were very much in love. The only trouble was she was 21 and he was 36.... 049-16-9944

ROSCOE CLAXON (724 Ord) is a delightful story-teller. His pet is about the census-taker who called at the 022-10-2613 shack of a hill-billy tribe in a Kentucky town "just outside Stamping Ground".

"Your Pappy home?" he asked.  
 "My Pappy," said the young girl at the door, "is in the jailhouse at Lexington."  
 "Your Mamma home?"  
 "Oh, Mamma is in the crazy-house at Cincinnati."  
 "Got a sister?"  
 "Sister's in Paducah reformatory. I got a brother at Harvard!"  
 "That's nice, a brother at Harvard. What is he studying?"  
 "He ain't studyin' notin'. They's studyin' him!"

CHARLIE STANCIL (SV-19th) has had a light heart attack. We're right sorry to hear that kind of news, Charlie, and hope that O10-03-6110 your next report will be more encouraging.... ROSS W. PURSIFULL (34th) writes us from Banff, Canada, where he's on a skiing safari. Thanks for thinking of us, Ross....

Mrs. Earl E. Reynolds writes us that her husband, Capt. EARL REYNOLDS is very ill in the U. S. Army Hospital in Camp Gordon, Ga. Earl has the good wishes of each of us for a speedy recovery.... PETE GREVIE (21st) of Arbuckle, Calif. advises that things are on the increase at the Grevie ranch. Not only is there Kathleen, age 6, and Peter, age 4; there are twins, Carolyn and Marolyn, born 10-22-53. That's a sizable family, Pete. Thanks for O34-12-7591 all those grand pictures for the Division history, too. You'll get them back.

WHY A 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION?  
 To honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who distinguished themselves by their services and sacrifices while with the 24th; to perpetuate the memory of the achievements of the 24th; to encourage and aid historical research in relation to the activities of the 24th; to acquire and preserve records of the services of the 24th and the personnel O28-10-3607 thereof; to mark the scenes of the activities of the 24th with appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of events in the history of the 24th; to assist in the relief of families of men of the 24th within reasonable limits; to promote the National defense and to help to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and at all times to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

It's Ft. Cobb, Canal Zone now for MORRIS J. NAUDTS (Lt. Col. 1st En. 19th 1950-51). Morris has left his old post at Ft. Benning. He still smarts over that fight "to within a few miles of the Yalu" and then to have to give it up. We burn slowly and quietly, too, Morris. Morris, by the way, is a Loyal 100 man.... 035-05-8470

NEVADA  
 RAMSEY, JOSEPH N. (K-19) c/o John L. Ramsey, Las Vegas  
 YOSS, RAYMOND L. (K-34) c/o Edna R. Yoss, Nelson



BOB PERE (I-34) now of the Bronx is a member of the "Loyal 100." Bob writes us: "I am looking forward to buying a copy of 'Autobiography of a Division'. It's bound to be great. 037-16-7412 I have so many personal recollections of the Division it's hard to single them out, and putting things like that down on paper has never been my forte. So you'll just have to pass me by on that score."

Cheers to HAROLD WELMAN (21st from 3-50 to 2-51) who has just joined the Assoc. Harold is now with George Co., 22nd Inf., 4th Inf. Div. in the ETO.... 036-16-6380....

"Doctor," said the young ex-GI, "my trouble is my dreams. I always dream the same thing: girls, lightly clad girls, running in and out of the room in the wee hours of the morning."

"Ah, yes. And you want me to make you stop dreaming about these girls?"  
 "No, no, Doc-- I want you to make them stop slamming the door."

The idea of sending your Taro Leaf on to a buddy has been clicking. We became slightly confused, however, when ROGER L. SHAW (A-21) of Hastings, Iowa, told us that he'd sent his copy to another ROGER L. SHAW O18-16-4123 of Preston, Minn. To all ROGER L. SHAWs of the 24th Division, we say "Hi."

CARL H. OEDER (724 Ord) together with his very lovely wife, recently sent us greetings from 1307 Oxford St., Hopkins, Minn. We'd been wondering about those wonderful people. Now we've found you. Let's not wait a year before we hear again.... 040-18-3222.... JOE FRANZINO (724 Ord) sends us greetings signed "Mary and Joe" so we take it Joe has left the club. What's the secret, Joe?.... 048-10-5811.... BOB SOLOMON (34th) also remembered us as did BILL McKENNA (34th) of 1036 Evelyn Ave., Albany, Calif.





Lower lobby of the Statler, Washington, D.C. where many Taro Leafers will shake hands in August.

AL FRANDESKY, of Corpus Christi, Texas, thoughtfully sends us a news clipping from his local paper O37-01-9994 that reads as follows:

"A Corpus Christi teenager received word yesterday that a major Army post in Korea has been named for her late father, a hero of World War II.

"Kris Clifford, 14-year-old stepdaughter of Capt. Robert M. Milner, staff training officer for the Naval Air Advanced Training Command, received word in a letter from Maj. Gen. William S. Lawton, commanding general of the Korean Communications Zone.

"The Army post at Koje-do, Korea has been named for Col. Thomas E. (Jock) Clifford.

"Kris, who said she is 'very proud' of the honor, was only 5 years old when her father was killed in action on Mindanao Island in the Philippines on June 24, 1945.

"Previously she was notified by the mayor of Davao City on Mindanao that the city park has been named 'Clifford Park' for her father. Davao is one of the largest municipalities in the Philippines. Col. Clifford also has an Army landing craft named for him.

"Col. Clifford was graduated from West Point in 1936. He won national acclaim as an All America center of the Army football team.

"During World War II he commanded the famous 'Rock of Chichamauga' Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division. He was awarded numerous decorations for gallantry in action, among them the Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star and Legion of Merit.

"Kris lives at the Naval Air Station with her mother, stepfather and sister, Jan Ellen 4. She is a ninth grade student at Hamlin Junior School."

If you're interested in war surplus stuff, write Sailors Surplus, Inc., Orangeburg, N.Y. for a copy of their catalogue. They've got everything from maps to compasses to model planes and ships to jungle hammocks (surely you'll want one of these) to ditty bags to anything we once used and might want to use again. Drop 'em a line.... we met DAN SEAGRAVES (724 Ord) on the plane from Frisco to New York the other day. The doctors advised him to play 36 holes a day. So he went out and bought himself a harmonica. Dan is well - he's a major now - and he's with the New York Ordnance District.... While out on the West Coast, we picked up the campaign slogan of the gagsters which is sure to win the votes of some California males. Here 'tis: "Send Jimmy to Washington. The wife you save may be your own."

CLIFF HANLIN (L-34) of Elwood, Ind. tells us that ROSCOE CLAXON (724 Ord) stopped by recently to say "Hello." Also, one day recently, he flew to Dayton and picked up Dottie and PAUL WISECUP (34tn) He said O01-14-1357 that they flew over CARROLL and Frances WHITE'S (34tn) home in Noblesville, Ind. and buzzed the folks once or twice. They'll all be in Washington for the Convention, they say.... If the hotel statler is a little too rich for your blood, there are plenty of other places where you might stay that are close by; and just outside Washington there are motels. O08-01-2123 we'll see you there on August 13th, won't we?.... The drunk tiptoed upstairs, snored in hand. He patched up the soars of the brawl with adhesive tape, then climbed into bed, smiling at the thought that he had put one over on his wife. Came the dawn. The ex-drunk opened his eyes and saw his wife glaring at him.

"Why, what's the matter dear?"  
 "You were drunk last night."  
 "Why darling, I was notating of the sort."  
 "Well, if you weren't, who put the adhesive tape all over the bathroom mirror?"

There are approximately 19,288,000 veterans of all U.S. wars still living, says the VA. That's a lot of veterans... O02-07-4206 A recent survey showed that 340 of the nation's top admirals and generals occupy as many swivel chairs in the Washington, D.C. area. A survey revealed that 105 Navy admirals, 17 Marine Corps generals, eight Coast Guard admirals, 118 Army generals and 92 Air Force generals are now assigned to duty in the Pentagon and nearby military offices. There are now 1218 admirals and generals on active duty in the U.S. military services. They include 287 Navy admirals, 59 Marine Corps generals, 15 Coast Guard admirals, 477 Army generals and 361 Air Force generals. Top military officials assigned to the Pentagon included officers assigned to the various offices of the Department of Defense and those assigned to their own military establishments. Also included in the Pentagon-Washington assignments were 8 admirals serving at the Coast Guard Headquarters and officers assigned to other Government agencies.

CHARLIE PAULEY (R-24 Med) says, "I think the idea of the 'Autobiography of a Division' is a wonderful one. I've always wanted something like this for my wife." O01-07-5396. We like that spirit, Charlie....

Recently, we spotted James A. Michener's story, "Sayonara" as appearing in McCall's Magazine and commended it to you. Now O02-05-9526 Random House has published it in book form and we still urge that you read it. There's a theme here that will not fall lyrically on the ears of every single American, but we who have been to Japan can understand the rapture with which Lloyd Gruver fell in love with a woman whose language he couldn't speak. The answer to the question "why?" being what it is, it's probably just as well for us that we're not running for public office, in which case a public reflection of this sort on American womanhood would be fatal -- something like advocating a subsidy for man-eating sharks. As a matter of fact, there is a man-eating shark in "Sayonara" in the form of Gruver's prospective mother-in-law, Mrs. Webster, the wife of Gen. Mark Webster. And... better read the story in case you haven't already.

Sgt. SHELBY L. JACKSON (A-19), a returned POW, is now a member of Co. A., 508th Abn. Inf. Regt. at Camp Campbell, Ky. O08-24-8837 He wants information on his old Company Commander Sam Walker. Well boys!..... JOE PEYTON (19th) 1954 Convention Chairman has a block of twin and single rooms reserved for us at the Statler. They are reserved for arrival on Friday, Aug. 13 and departure on Sunday, August 15. The Hotel is asking for reservations by August 1st (that's two weeks ahead of time!) Single rooms start at \$8.00. Double rooms start at \$11.00. It is perfectly possible for two persons to share a double room. We just read that one over and it makes so dog-gone much sense, we're just going to leave it in. The point is, you pays your money and you takes your choice. O43-12-9636.....

Our thanks go out to LARRY GALVIN (21st) ROSS PURSIFULL (34tn), DON NESS (I-21) for their O06-12-3127 literary contributions to our "Autobiography of a Division"... HAL LIEKE (13F) also contributed and we are grateful. Hal is now Commandant of the Artillery OCS at Sill. Will anyone ever forget the night the Japs set his plane on fire on Mindanao?

We're still getting calls for O06-14-5254 copies of "Children of Yesterday". You can buy a copy for \$3.00 by writing Combat Forces Book Service, 1529 18th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Few veterans realize that a man or woman discharged honorably from the Armed Forces of the United States after any war need never be buried in Potter's Field. Our Government has made sure that the people who served their country in time of need can be buried with honor and dignity in national cemeteries which will receive perpetual care for all time.

Under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army there are national cemeteries in thirty-one states, in District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Then there are others in the District of Columbia, Mississippi, Montana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. O01-05-3475

Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States dying in active service or a former member during any war in which this country has been or hereafter may be engaged is eligible for burial in any of these national cemeteries if space is available. To date only a very few are closed.

This same privilege is extended to all Americans who served in the Armed Forces of any other government allied with the United States. Under the latest regulations adopted October 2, 1951, the wife or husband of a veteran can be buried in a national cemetery as well as minor children.

DICK "CURLY" REINKE (Div.Hq.) has moved from Milwaukee to Alexandria, Va. He's with the Soil Conservation Service. We get into D.C. regularly, Dick. We'll be calling on you.... O44-01-6636.... Did you hear about the chap who was going through customs? The examiner said, "Do you have any pornographic literature on you?" "Pornographic literature?" the wide-eyed man answered, "Hell, I don't even own a pornograph!"... O08-09-9430.... And then there was the dog who saw the sign "wet Paint" on the bench, and so he did.

PAUL McCONNELL (Div Hq from 4-45 to 2-46) writes us that he's still trying to sell Chevrolets out in Monticello, Ill.



"Soul Maintenance"

We are all travellers on the road of life, and our destination is the Eternal City, - the Kingdom of God. The motive power for this journey is provided by our spiritual power plant, the immortal soul. It is the responsibility of everyone of us to be concerned about the proper care, maintenance and operation of this power plant, and to orient ourselves properly on the correct route for this all-important journey.

The Lord has provided us with information points and service stations where we can obtain, not only essential knowledge about the soul, its faculties, its powers and its needs, but also the best road map, God's own book of the Scriptures and pure, unadulterated spiritual fuel, the grace of God, gratis and for free. Here also, the necessary service can be obtained and damages repaired. For the small down payment of a little goodwill, you will find that a visit to Chapel services will put new zest and power into your spiritual motor and add immeasurably to the comfort of the journey.

God has posted many important signs on the road of life, warnings of dangerous curves or of crossroads ahead. At times too we see spiritual wrecks, sad warnings of what may happen when advice is ignored or fast living causes a driver to lose control, or a turn is made to the left instead of to the right. The broad and smooth highway is not always the correct one; death traps may be avoided if we are willing to travel slowly and patiently for a short stretch on a hilly and inconvenient road.

Each of us receives but one spiritual power plant, one soul and at the end of the trip God demands an exact accounting of how we have handled it, for it definitely is not expendable. If we turn it in at the pearly gates in "satisfactory" condition, He will salvage it for a bright new "Eternity" model, which requires no further care, work, fuel or maintenance, nor is it subject to wear and tear, for it will operate by radiance from the author of all Power, Light and Beauty, and it will be our pride and joy for evermore.

Chaplain (Major) Christopher J. Berlo



If you qualified for the American Defense Service Medal, the European, African-Middle Eastern, or American Campaign Medals, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, or others and have never received the actual medal, you may obtain it by writing a letter to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., asking that it be issued to you. Be sure to give your serial number, to state whether you are or are not now a member of the Reserve, National Guard, or Regular Army, and of course to give your current mailing address.

"Did you make the debating team?"  
"N-n-n-naw, t-t-they said I wasn't t-t-tall enough."

Mrs. Mae Closson, of 3940 1/2 Florida St., San Diego, Calif., mother of ARNOLD J. CLOSSON (MIA 7-12-50), has written in to us asking if we know of anyone who knew her son before he met his fate north of Chochiwon. Will anyone who can help Mrs. Closson please write directly to her? Thank you!

ALEX POLAND (34th) is Building Manager of The People's House, E. 15th St., New York. Also he's a Loyal 100 man. Last we knew, Alex was on the 017-20-5711 way to marrying Marie Franklin. Have you gone and done it yet, Alex?

ED FARMER (21st) has shipped overseas from Berkeley, Calif. He's now Asst. G-4 in Hq. V Corps, APO 79, o/o P.M., New York, N.Y. That's Germany, brother - Frankfurt to be specific. Ed is in charge of the Command 006-03-2328 Maintenance Inspection Team. He writes, "I'm the guy everyone hates to see come and loves to see go." We know what you mean, Ed.

TERRIFIC!

The San Francisco get-together was a turkey in some ways -- in other ways it was a howling success.

The cries for the formation of a "cell" in the Pacific area had been so insistent that we were afraid Senator McCarthy would be going over our books next.

But "cell" was what was wanted - we prefer the word "chapter" - and cell or chapter is what is going to be, the preliminaries now being over.

Because of persistent and loud clamorings for several years from the West Coast for action in the Pacific area, your administration decided to reply with action.

Days had dragged on into weeks and weeks into months without the necessary "staff functioning" (an expression plucked up while working for the government among various Pacific Ocean islands years ago). Being so, the high command decided that enough was enough. There and then, it declared March 27th as the day and the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco as the place. And it was -- for all of those who make the effort to get into town for the clamor. President VIC PACKER (34th) and your editor flew to the West Coast for the festivities and were joined there by a grand crowd of do-or-die Taro Leafers who want passionately to continue to keep in touch with old friends and acquaintances of the Division through the medium of our Association. Among those present who expressed themselves on the subject were HOWARD PLANCO (I-34), TONY PLANCO (224 Ord.), JOHN BLARRE (C-11F), CECIL PRISTON (M-19), DICK CUNDY (5th RCT), JACK SUMNERLAND (A-19), BILL UNDERHILL (M-34), JOE SANDALITO (C-11F) and LEROY SAISER (Hq. 34).

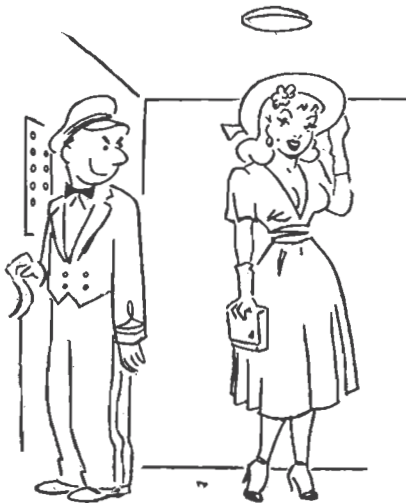
Others who made it, we are happy to say, included JONNIE FREEMAN (Hq 83F), LADISLAW PRECUP (Hq 63F), BILL "ZAPPY" KAYE (Div Hq), TONY MARUCA (AT-21), TOM MALONE (C-21), J.A. SNYDER (19th) and G.V. KOWALSKI (C-21). JOE LIZON (Div Hq), JACK JETTINS (34), ROGER SUSPACNY, BOB MANSELLAN (24 WF), RALPH SHAMSHOIAN (34th), NEWTON LAMTRON (3rd Pn 34), ROGER WELDER (Sv 19) and BOB ENDER (M 21) also honored us with their presence as did TOM WISE (24 Sig), FRANK MOORE, AL DEMELLO and DICK JOHNSON.

We aren't going to try to name them all as time and space won't permit. This will simply give you an idea that the message did get through and that Prexy Packer's trip wasn't for a lost cause.

The important matter is that we started something on the West Coast. The explosion wasn't resounding but we have every confidence that we have given birth to a new and vitalized form of activity in the far West. In short, the die has been cast and AWAY --- WE --- GO!!!!

Special thanks are due BOB GICKER, BILL MCKENNA and RALPH SHAMSHOIAN for their efforts in organizing this first west coast get-together of the members of the clan. Theirs was the effort that put the show on the road. With their continued enthusiasm, the impetus is forward.

We were far from discouraged and we flew back East leaving the land of the coffee cars behind us, convinced in our minds and in our hearts that a conviction of long standing was sound and proper -- San Francisco is the most beautiful city in the United States.



"Down, boy."

(Ed. Note: Here is a part of Fr. CHRIS J. BERLO's reply to our recent question, "What's doing at Schofield these days?" Elsewhere we have indicated our gratitude for his wonderful response but, as it bears repeating, we want to say "Thank you" once again.)

"Should you, as an old-timer, return in 1954 to the Island of Oahu for a nostalgic visit to Schofield Barracks, the old stamping ground of the 24th, you would not fail to notice signs of change, improvement and modernization as soon as you stepped off the Lurline. The ride from Honolulu to Schofield is over a modern 4-lane, divided highway, except for about three miles of 3-lane, in the Kipapa Gulch area. However, after you turn in at the Macomb Gate (the Funston Gate is not used these days) the old familiar sights again greet your eyes: the same paved roads with their beautiful trees, the same Post Library, Quadrangles, Boxing Arena, Quarters, Clubs, Ranges and drill fields. The faces, however, will all be new; almost all, that is, for here and there you find one from the days gone by, one that was present on the day of Pearl Harbor, such as Mr. Helmick or Mr. Gos, both now in the Schofield rank.

"These memories were brought back forcibly for a while last year, when the camera crews and actors from Republic Films were on location in Quad C, filming 'From Here to Eternity', events that supposedly happened in Co. B of the 27th Inf. Except for the principle actors and actresses of the story, the participants were real soldiers from Schofield, fitted out with campaign hats, dishpan helmets and Springfield rifles, a la 1941.

"For the benefit of you old-timers, we give here the location of the various units at the time of Pearl Harbor, according to the present designations of the quadrangles: Quad B, 3rd Bde.; Quad C, 25th Inf.; Quad D, 27th Inf.; Quad E, 21st Inf.; Quad F, 19th Inf., and the Artillery in Quads I and J. Some enterprising soul from the 5th RCT painted the pentagon shape of his unit's insignia on one of the palm trees in the SW corner of Quad C.

"At the present time, Schofield is the Hawaiian Infantry Training Center (HITCO), plus Casuals and USARPAC Personnel Center. Inductees from the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and American Samoa here receive their basic. The quadrangles all appear to be in quite good shape and recently announcement was made of a \$400,000 rehabilitation program to improve the 'weather tightness and structural soundness' of the physical facilities. This naturally gave new impetus to the rumors about Schofield again becoming the headquarters for a Division. Although these rumors reappear at regular intervals, they have become especially active in recent months. However, they must be classified as rumors, informed or otherwise, for there is no official pronouncement, no Division identification and no set time for such a move.

"Life for a soldier on Oahu today is probably not much different basically than it was in the old days. The population of the Island is now, as then, composed of the same social ingredients: the upper level of mainland heathens who own and run the place and the lower level of 'natives', a mixture of many racial stocks, predominantly oriental. The soldier is in a class by himself and belongs to neither of these groups; he is sort of poor tourist, without the financial backing of the Waikiki variety.

"Should a Division again come to Schofield, the old Quads will again be the center of that unique military life which, if the truth be told, is actually rosier in retrospect than in the living. It is the life of men, with plates, rifles and probes; as classrooms and life for a while, even if cadenced, is lived to the fullest. It is a hard life, hard as blued steel, but those who cross that testing ground on the plains of Leilehua should have in them thereafter something of the same temper that is in the steel.

"Yes indeed, the Old order changeth - but it doesn't drop dead.

"Greetings to all the veterans of the 24th from the old home base, Schofield Barracks, one of the finest and most military Army Posts of them all."





## Which way?

We have just learned that Brig. Gen. W.E. DUKELBERG (Div Hq) is back from Korea and is with the 6th Inf. Div. at Fort Ord. We're a little late on the greetings but it's welcome Home, General.... Word in from HARRIS CHAMBERLAIN (724 Ord) is that he's still running the Shell Station at 4025 Dixie Highway in Snively, Ky., just outside Louisville.... We'll all watch with interest the outcome of the case of one Angelo Maggio, of 2446 Dean St., Brooklyn, N.Y. vs. Columbia Pictures (who made "From Here to Eternity"), James Jones (who authored it) and Charles Scribner and Sons (who published it). It appears that there is such a person and that he was clerk of Co. F of the 27th Inf. in Hawaii at one time. Talk about coincidences!..... BOB ENDER (H-21) of Los Angeles tells about the two seagulls who found a half-full can of beer and proceeded to empty it delightedly. When they were through, one muttered groggily to the other:

"Heathcliffe, I'm dizzy. Shall we fly around a little before we go home?"  
"We'd better, Gertrude," mumbled the other. "We're in no condition to walk!"

## This is it!..

KEN NOBLE (Med. 21 from 9-50 to 9-51) is now with the 3rd Armed Med. Co. 016-08-4847 at APO 46, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y. Are you still passing out those little white pills, Ken?..... ROY MARCY (Lt. Col. 21st) has moved from Walla Walla, Wash. to the 43rd Div. in O19-16-1267 the ETO.... SAM TOWNLEY (E-19 from 11-44 to 5-45) is now married. Mrs. T. presented him with April Dolores last Nov. 11th. We love that name, Sammy.... If you've heard this O11-18-3538 one, pass along brother: "So you want to marry my daughter, eh, young man? That's ridiculous. Preposterous! Why, you couldn't even keep her in underwear!" "You haven't been doing too well yourself, sir."

## THE SOUND AND THE FURY

BOB BENJAMIN (21st from '40 to '45) of Niagara Falls, N.Y. has passed on. His widow has written to us from 253 Hyde Park Blvd. in case anyone wants to write to her. This is an item we wish we didn't have to print.... STAN LOKKEN (34th) of Beloit, Wis. also died recently. We have none of the facts.... When we asked BILL GRANLING (C-34) to write a word or two for our forthcoming "Autobiography", he O24-09-6449 answered, "I'm sorry that I can't help you out with material as requested. I don't consider myself much of a story teller, all I can say for my experience is 'I had some of the best and some of the worst in my life with the 24th'. Putting it to a phrase, 'I wouldn't take a million to be without, and give a nickel to live some of the times over.'"... JOE NEE (Div.Hq. '45-'46) writes that "Coffee is a great stimulant; if a cup of it doesn't keep you awake, the price of it will! Thanx, Joe. O28-22-6821.



"Ho, dear, I'm not in bed, I'm in SAC. SAC. S-A-C-I"

# Enjoy Yourself - Have Fun - Join the Gang Meet Old Friends - Renew Your Past

## FROM BOY TO SOLDIER

By Elma Dean

His nerves are taut. His hands, new-learned in ways  
Of guns, grip the smooth stock.  
On this green hill  
Someone may die because of him.  
Young days  
Rush back unwanted and old  
pictures fill  
His inner screen: the scared and  
orphaned fawn;  
The cornered hare; the bird with  
injured wing—  
The small and hurt his gentle  
hands have known;  
And he is shaken with  
remembering. . . .

A stranger moves within the  
narrow sight . . .  
Who loves blue sky the more, this  
man or he?  
No matter now. No longer wrong  
and right  
Content for place. Only to feel,  
to be!  
Then pressure and thud—the  
imperceptible pause—  
And two lie dead: his foe, and the  
boy he was.

Elsewhere we spoke of having met DAN SEAGRAVES (724 ord) on a plane between Frisco and New York. It was a pleasant trip and naturally our minds went back to days of service together. Dan hit the truly responsive chord of the entire flight when he reminded us of TOM DRAKE'S (Div Hq and 34) order on the croutons. It had slipped our mind. You may recall how Tom - known in certain intimate Nipponese circles as "Chief" (English equivalent - "Chief") - issued the order to all Division mess personnel that croutons would be served with soup at all times. The specifications for the toasted tidbits were quite precise, as Dan best recalls: "They were to be 1" square for E's -- 3/4" square for Officers." Dan says "I tell people that story today and they look at me with utter amazement." We'll vouch for its authenticity, Dan. We were there and we helped to eat the croutons.

## THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE ONE, THE ONLY

DUM DeUm DUM -- This is the City. The story we are about to tell is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent. My name's Friday. I'm a cop. I'm working the late trick out of missing persons. Lately we've had a lot of missing persons. People aren't letting us know where they move. Now all we want are the facts, Ma'm. So give us 30 minutes of your time, please, and if the address above isn't the best address for getting mail through to you, please send us a corrected listing whereby we can mark this case closed. Thank you.

Start Plans  
TODAY  
For Your  
Get-Together

We regret to report the death of JACK BELLAH (63F from 1-45 to 12-45) who died in his home in South Palo Alto, Calif. on March 8th. His widow writes: "Jack felt that the 24th was a second home".... PETER G. HAAS (D-21) is back in civilian life at San Diego Calif. He's living at 4092 Front St.... We can't locate LLOYD E. HARDWICK (E-34) of Ft. Smith, Ark. He has moved and left no forwarding address.... BOB GERRY (K-21 from 2-44 to 1-46) thoughtfully sent us a Taro Leaf plate for our automobile. We're running a Sunbeam Talbot these days, Bob, and it's already wearing your memento. Thanks, Bob... Sgt. STANLEY ZARKOWSKI (L-21 from 8-50 to 8-51) better known as "Murph", is stationed at 1264 PCSU, Cp. Kilmer. He's living in Passaic, N.J. Murph says "I'm proud that I once belonged to the best Division in the U.S. Army." Our sentiments exactly.... Word has reached us that DEAN K. ENGLISH (63F) up in Jackson, Mich. has died. Does anyone have any details on this?

We've been trying hard to locate Maj. DONALD REHM (E-19). We've traced him from Pel Air, Md. to Penning. Now it appears that he's at West Point. Is that so, Dan?

Maj. Gen. HENRY I. HODES is now CG VII Corps in ETO following a very successful tour as Commandant C. GSC, Ft. Leavenworth.

DUKE CRAWFORD (19th) of Ayer, Mass. wants back issues of the Taro Leaf which we simply don't have. Our regrets, Duke.

President VIC BACKER (A-34) has just received a communication O13-12-7471 from Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff (Div.Hq.), the "Daddy" of this Association. Gen. "Woody" writes: "I find I have increasing difficulty in realizing that the time is getting by so fast; that it has been eight years since we spent the alleged holidays in the Western Visayas, the Central Philippines.

"I greatly regret my inability to get to the Convention in St. Louis, but I expect to make the next one to be held in Washington this August. Everyone who can do it should make a real effort to be there; it looks to me like it will be the biggest one yet - a good opportunity to see a lot of friends.

"Your letter indicating O18-18-1941 the establishment of more area groups was good news. Such go-getter teams would be much benefited if everyone could try for more publicity for the Division. For instance, when any one of the veterans of the outfit is thought to be worthy of press notice, it should be assured that the 24th Division is mentioned. The veteran himself may not be in a position to influence public relations but maybe someone who knows the situation may do so. And the notice in the newspaper or on the radio may be the means of gathering other Taro Leaf graduates to the fold. Along the same lines are the decals which some of us have had on our car windows. At a motel in New Mexico some time ago a man came up and asked, "Who's from the 24th Division?" He had joined the division five years after I left it but surprisingly we had a lot in common!

"I wish there were some way we could stir some O16-15-2849 of the many, many thousands of eligible men to stop procrastinating and come across with their dues to the Association. I doubt very much that the financial outlay would hurt 99% of these men; they just don't get around to it!" And the Taro Leaf can't be gotten out for nothing. Without that publication our contact with the other fellow is pretty limited. It might be within the realm of possibility that some of our people are blessed with enough income to consider making substantial contributions to the cause. It would help in figuring Income Tax!!

"The more I think of the accomplishments of the 24th Infantry Division over its whole existence, the more convinced I am that most of us take too little pride in the fact that we have the privilege of wearing our famous insignia.

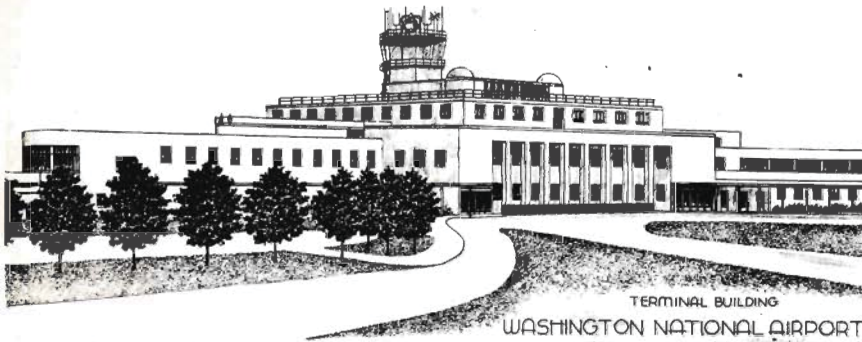
"It makes little difference that but few O13-14-2189 people ever heard of the campaigns in which the Division took such an heroic part; the main thing is that WE know the outfit did well! More than any other unit with a similar history, we are too content to just shut up about it. Let's tell the world about those magnificent actions which we fought!

"More power to those of you who, through the years, have kept the Association going. I am confident of your continuing success." Thanks for the good words, General.



"O. K. runner—take this message back to the Pentagon!"





**WRITE YOUR BUDDY !!! ASK HIM TO SIGN UP**

Dear.....

I am a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association but I don't know that you are. Therefore, I'm asking you to sign up. You can use the application blank below.

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**PLEASE CUT AND MAIL TODAY**

To KEN ROSS

24th Infantry Division Association  
 1387 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

Please find enclosed my \$3.00 for which please enroll me as an Association member and as a subscriber to the "Taro Leaf".

I was with \_\_\_\_\_ of the 24th from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (unit) (date) (date) Address \_\_\_\_\_

**“Very Important People”**

**WASHINGTON'S STREETS**

With the Capitol as the hub, the District of Columbia has four geographical sections. North-south streets in each section are alphabetical; east-west streets are alphabetical. An exception is the Mall area, where the drives are named for Presidents.

There is no easy way to locate diagonal avenues. They are named for states.

Beyond the streets that are lettered alphabetically, streets have names in alphabetical order, beginning with words of two syllables—as Adams, Bryant, etc. Beyond these are streets with three-syllable names, in order—as Allison, Buchanan.

If you're moving -- and from time to time people do, you know -- drop BILL SAVELL a line and tell him about it, will you please? ..... Mary and JOHN STAMMELL out in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, became proud parents of a son last Feb. 28th. He's to be John, Jr. These folks also have a fine daughter, Chrissie, who just turned 5. The whole family will be making the trip to Washington. We'll see you there, kids..... Then there was the fellow who said to Mabel, "How are you doing in your race toward matrimony?" to which Mabel replied, "Fine, I think I'm on my last lap now".... PAUL CAIN (I-34 from 4-43 to 8-45) out in Ivesdale, Ill. just rushed in a note to us to let us know he's alive and kicking, for which we are grateful. Paul also paid up his dues, for which we are double grateful.... We see where tipplers in Washington, D. C. drank 96,000 more gallons of liquor during '53 than the year before. Well, the Republicans have been doing a lot of talking about inheriting headaches from the Democrats. It looks like they're out to create a few new ones of their own.

Below, a U.S. Army photo showing Cpl. Murrel R. Childers of Hialeah, Fla., as he directed artillery fire on Hanoi on Aug. 28/50. Des McPherson, radio correspondent was making a sound tape and Capt. John R. Burns of Minneapolis, Minn. viewed the action and called the shots.



Cpl. ARTHUR BOWDITCH, of 2670 Stanbridge Ave., Long Beach, Calif., was recuperating at San Diego Naval Hospital when he gave out a statement which appeared in 3 installments in the Long Beach Press-Telegram under the headline "I Was A Human Guinea Pig for the Reds."

"I became a guinea pig for the Russian 'miracle drug.' They gave it to about 100 men. About 60 of them died. First the doctors -- there were more in camp now -- told us that this new drug, just in from Moscow, would cure tuberculosis, cancer, beri-beri, or anything else that ailed you. It looked like a piece of chicken liver to me. The doctors cut a hole in our chests, between two ribs, shoved in the piece of 'chicken liver,' then closed up the incision. We didn't have any choice -- and if we had, I was too weak to do anything about it. I was more dead than alive, and I didn't much care.

"Did it affect me? It paralyzed me from head to foot that night. I got worse. Other guys beside me -- sleeping on the dirty floor of the 'hospital' -- died like flies. My chest got infected and swelled like a balloon. After I had been given the 'miracle drug' the Chinks didn't have any more use for me. They threw me on the floor and left me -- to die, I guess. If it hadn't been for Billy Gunn, an Englishman, I would be dead, too. He was about 31 years old, and had a wounded knee. He didn't get the chicken liver treatment, so he was able to get around a little. He fed me, bathed me, sat up all through the nights with me, and talked to me. Billy rolled my cigarettes. He tried to keep me comfortable. It was on account of him I lived through it.

"While we were stricken, the Chinks came and took samples of the pus that formed on our chests, to make slides for their doctors to study. That wasn't the only thing they tried on me. I got a series of 30 shots, one a day for 30 days. But these, given by a needle in the arm, actually seemed to help me. So back I went to my prison shack, to sleep with the lice and fleas again. At least here we could clean our blankets -- we were allowed to wash them once a year, in the spring. While I was in the hospital, I was served a little better grade of rice and once in a while we got side dishes of a kind of stew. If we were real lucky, we'd get a fish that had a chunk of pork in it. I went down to about 90 pounds when I was in the hospital, but by November I was starting to gain weight again.

"Then came December and winter. I developed a bad cough. My chest began to hurt. I coughed up blood. It looked like I was getting tuberculosis.

"Out of the 13 men in my squad, four men had tuberculosis symptoms. White, Yockel, Walton and me. We never got any treatment at all. We asked for some kind of treatment and they gave us cold tablets. That was our medication for winter, and it was a long, cold winter with lots of snow. We never went out of our shacks all winter, except for emergencies, and we got only a little bit of rationed wood. The shacks were bitter cold. All through that winter we were too cold and too sick to move. We huddled in groups inside our shacks, and we slept. I guess we slept nearly all winter long, just like the bears. The Commies gave us quilts to add to our two blankets now. We got one quilt for every two men. Bob Stiverson of Detroit and I shared a quilt all winter. He was pretty sick, too. Bob had the chicken-liver treatment and trouble with his appendix. They wouldn't operate on him for that -- he's probably pretty lucky they didn't.

"American planes hit us during the winter because there were no signs anywhere marking the camp. Six or seven fellows were killed. We asked permission to mark the camp but they wouldn't let us. I was in the hospital when they brought the wounded and dying Americans in from one air raid. They didn't bring them inside. Instead, they left them outside all day long, until their photographers could get there and take pictures. The wounded and dying got no medical attention at all. But the Commies took their time in taking pictures, for propaganda purposes. When one American died, they didn't bury him that day. Instead, they stripped off all his clothes, and the photographers shot all kinds of pictures of him for propaganda."

It's a horrible story, Art; we're sorry we haven't room for the whole of it.

**PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY OF YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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"War, George tell me about the per (then) again, huh, George?"

HERBY TISCHLER (34th) was recently elected President of the 34th Infantry Association in N.Y. City. Congratulations, Herb... The 34th boys are very active up in NYC. They're planning to invade Washington en masse on August 14th.... They put out an interesting paper called "The 34th Informer". Each month Editor BOB SOLOMON writes a "Do You Remember?" column that catches our fancy. Here's what he wrote about Leyte:

"There was a place where a dry spell was a news item. Back in 1941 we were originally headed for P.I. and it took some time to get there, but there we got. The valley was filled with rice paddies and the hills.. kuni grass. There were many populated areas, which were loosely called towns. Of the towns, the most popular were Palo, Jaro and Tuk Tuk. The natives lived in wooden houses and thatched huts. Many of the fellows accumulated pets in the form of parrots and monkeys. There was one monkey that used to chase the women and crawl up their leers. Every family had a caribou, an ox-like animal which was used for work, transportation and food. The native boys were very helpful to us as bearers and we all had a youngster to do sundry jobs. These youngsters sort of "adopted us" in return for the food and clothes we gave them; they were very handy to have around. Whenever the time came for us to move to another area, it was hard to keep the youngsters from coming along. When we were up in the hills we were greeted every morning with some natives bringing us hot baked yams and either a chicken or eggs to barter with. We spent some time near the town of Jaro and while there we set up our tent city. It was nothing to be taking a bath in the river and have the native women doing our laundry some hundred yards down the river. How about all the times we were supposed to see movies of the invasion of Leyte and either the rain or a broken generator spoiled those plans. It sure was hard finding our way back to the tent through that mud in the dark moonless night. The thing that sticks most in our memories about Leyte was the foul weather and when we went on to Luzon it was without regrets."

## "MERRY GO ROUND"

Program? What's to be the program in Washington, you ask? We'll have so much on that program that you won't be able to see or do it all!!! In times past, we have been confronted with a kind of "I dare you" spirit. People have come to our clambakes with a kind of challenging attitude which translated has meant, "You just make me have a good time - I dare you." Well, gents - and ladies - we're not to be threatened this year. Come to Washington and see. If you're one of the above - and you know whether or not you are - we announce here and now that we have accepted the challenge.

Recently we ordered a copy of "24th Forward" for BOB WESTERN (Hq 34 4-49 to E-53) who is at Fitzsimmons. We ordered it from Assoc. of the U. S. Army, 1529 18th St. NW, Washington, D.C. They charged us \$7.50 for the copy. We think the price was rather high. We don't know why but it reminds us of that one about people being like blotters: They soak it all in but they get it all backwards.

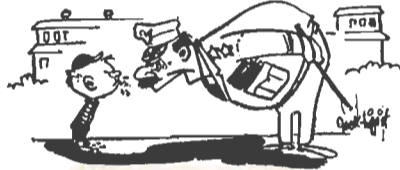
### BILL SAVELL'S CORNER:

I fell asleep the other night,  
And while I had my snooze,  
I dreamed each member stepped right up  
And promptly paid his dues.  
But when I found 'twas but a dream,  
I nearly threw a fit;  
It's up to you to make it true --  
Suggestion: PLEASE REMIT.

GERRY LIEPER (Div Hq) of St. Louis, has sent us the name of a possible new member: C. E. CHRISTIAN, of 8564 Hoffman, of St. Louis, Mo. How about all you St. Louis members cornering this fellow and enlisting him? Personal contact will do it, fellows; not long distance letter writing.... It's welcome aboard to these new members: JOHNIE JANOUS (24 MP from 8-45 to 12-46) of New Orleans, La., ELLIOTT MARKEL (19th from 9-51 to 1-53) of Brooklyn, N.Y., and HARRY BILLS, of Syracuse, New York.... NORN SWOPE (724 Ord) out in Akron, Ohio drops us a line telling us that he'll be seeing us at the Convention. The Swopes have a year old daughter, Cindy Lee, they tell us. Bring her along too, you good people.... A woman can bear up under anything if she wears a new hat, we're told.



Is the Taro Leaf merely skimming the surface? Sometimes we have the feeling that we are doing just that. We need more help from the membership in order to make our paper the more representative, the more interesting, the more serviceable. When you learn of something that the paper should mention, drop us a note, will you please? Send us clippings. Tell us if you'll prepare an article of your own which we can use.... Some girls are like prizefighters - they don't do any sparring until they see the ring.... The "Medaille de la France Liberee" is awarded to members of the allied forces who participated between 9-3-39 and 8-20-45 in war operations on land, sea or in the air on French territory. Can you qualify? If so, write the Adjutant General, D/A, Washington for certification. If eligible, the French Consulate General will award you the medal.



"I just hope you're in my outfit when you grow up!"

The name of PW Camp #1 on Koje-do has been named Camp Clifford in honor of the one and only Col. THOMAS E. CLIFFORD -- "Jock" to us all. West Point '35 -- All-American football hero -- All-American soldier -- All-American great. He met his fate on June 24, 1945, north of Davao, on Mindanao. We remember the tragic morning as though it were yesterday. BILL VERBECK (21st) thoughtfully sent us the news of the renaming of the Camp just as he was about to leave Korea at the end of his long assignment there. Thanks, Bill. 006-09-7128

HOTEL STATLER  
Washington, D.C.  
AUGUST  
13th and 14th

All Taro Leafers  
and Their Friends  
Are Invited

Special for veterans: The old war slogan has been changed. No longer is it "If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't move, pick it up; if you can't pick it up, paint it." Now they're saying "If it cries, change it; if it's on wheels, buy it; if it's hollow, rent it."

WHY NOT PASS THIS ALONG !!  
Send this issue of the Taro Leaf to someone you know who served in the Division. Clip this coupon and mail it to Ken Ross and he'll send you a replacement copy free as long as the supply lasts. Let's get the Taro Leaf around.

HIM - I sent my copy to:

(name)

(address)

ME - My name and address is:

## WHISKEY SOURS

There is no dearth of material to fill our pages -- but the good, readable articles of wide appeal are always eagerly sought. We will appreciate any and all news which you can send us for reprint.... Some women take up law as a profession; others lay it down.. . Someone wrote us recently and asked when and where we have convened in years previous. Here's the box score: Baltimore in '48, New York in '49, Chicago in '50, Detroit in '51, Columbus in '52, St. Louis in '54. Getting together for a renewal of war-born acquaintances is an annual custom as you can see.... Latest poop out of the Pentagon is that the Windsor knot is to replace the old 4-in-hand in the tying of all neckties on all Army personnel on and off post. We remember best the Army that didn't wear any neckties; an army of 17,000 men that made their own out of their shirt tails to celebrate VJ Day and to satisfy the whim of one TOM DRAKE.... Our membership is just over 2600 today, thank you.... Out at Camp McCoy, Wis., recruits are being tested to see how little food, water and heat they need for survival. We thought we went through all that along the 38th Parallel but this must be the real McCoy.... ALLYN R. MILLER (A-21) sends us a thoughtful greeting from Hoxie, Ark. where he's visiting. Thanks, Allyn.

Then there's the story of the young Doctor at Leyte who finally diagnosed the sergeant's ailment, but knowing there was little he could do with the limited facilities at hand, telephoned the Div. Surgeon and said "I have a case of beri-beri. What shall I do?" In short order he got his reply, "Give it to the 19th, they'll drink anything."



COL. JOHN L. THROCKMORTON (5th ROT) of Los Angeles, Calif. awarding BSM to SFC. SANTIAGO D. BUNDA (5th ROT) of Waiialua, T.H. during ceremonies just north of Seoul on 12/15/50. U.S. Army photograph.



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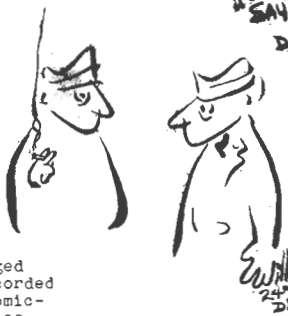
Girls have constituted an acknowledged commodity in Japan ever since the unrecorded date when a farmer first sold his economically unproductive daughter to a geisha establishment. There for ten years she studied how to strum a samisen, a banjo, sing in a high-toned voice, arrange her hair in wavy towers, pour sake, and generally entertain the revered male customer with appreciative laughter and chit-chat. The professional geisha was, and still is, the object of Japanese respect. She's usually not promiscuous, and she hopes to become the wife or faithful mistress of one of her more opulent clients. There still are genuine geisha of the singing-and-dancing variety. However, the term has become grossly contorted to include every variety of female, from the taxi-dance hostesses to the "Fourth and Y" damsels who swarm around that street corner under the very eaves of Tokyo's mayor's office. This latter variety of geisha became rampant when the Occupation, in a vain Western reform campaign, shut down the sprawling bawdy-house district of Yoshiwara, probably the greatest acreage anywhere in the world devoted to prostitution. One of the first acts of the authorities of New Japan, after the Peace Treaty became effective, was to legalize Yoshiwara and Tokyo's dozen other areas given over to the same purpose.

Next to the indoor and outdoor variety of call girl, the taxi-dance-hall type of geisha probably is now the most abundant in Tokyo. Although initially established for the G.I., some of Tokyo's most lavish dance emporiums, like the air-conditioned, chrome-plated Ginbasha, with its two hundred almond-eyed hostesses, have taken quick advantage of Japan's recently restored independence to declare the premises off limits to U.S. servicemen. When Americans were Occupationers in Japan, it was solely the function of the provost marshal to determine off-limit locales. Now, with Americans "guests" in Japan, the hosts make the decision.

However, there still is an impressive number of dance halls in the neon jungles of Tokyo's Shimbashi, the entertainment district, that welcome and cater to Americans in or out of uniform: the Bacconn, the Florida, the Mimata, and the once-seen, never-forgotten Snowboat. The Japanese tendency to carry things to an extreme is nowhere more fulsomely demonstrated than in the Snowboat, five stories of neon-lit cacophony where 600 Japanese hostesses in evening gowns hold forth. A bewildering kaleidoscope of flashing lights suggests that you've suddenly found yourself inside an elaborate juke-box. A nautical motif prevails. A young lady in sailor suit strikes a snip's gong to welcome you aboard. Similarly costumed attendants usher you to a table on one of the five balconies, called, of course, "decks." You hail a waitress as "marine." The manager prefers to be addressed as "captain." A rowboat-snapped device operates around the outer rim of each balcony to cart away empty glasses.

Suspended in the center of an open elevator shaft right smack in the middle of all this is the exposed floor of an elevator cab. Thereon sits a six-piece orchestra. The musicians are transported on this skeleton elevator up and down between the first floor and the fifth. The deliberate pace of the elevator provides each "deck" with an equal share of dance music, however intermittent.

We never sit down to write copy for this paper without getting the uneasy feeling that we may be doing too much talking, to the neglect of people like you. The fact is that we're doing the talking because you people aren't. Write us a line or two for reprinting. We'll publish anything you write so long as the Post Office will pass it through the mails.



A Chicago newspaper, urging local citizens to stay away from Jane Russell's new picture, "The French Life," says that Jane "has nothing, but nothing, except the body God gave her." Maybe. But, brother, what a present THAT is.

We are grateful to DICK EMERSON (B-13F) of Sturgis, Mich. for sending us a great bunch of pictures taken in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. They were a little small, Dick, but we'll get some of them into OIO-24-5946 the Division History. Thanks for the memory.... BOB SOLOMON (34th) writes of Biak Island:

"We filed off the LST at nite, not knowing what to expect of this little known Island. What we saw of it from the ship was just a lot of rock, and now that it was dark the rock looked ominous. We hiked about a thousand yards down the road where we bedded down on the beach. We were able to dig in on the beach but that was the only place we were able to dig in our short stay there. When daylight came we saw what we were on. The island was just a hunk of rock and coral. We couldn't dig while there, we built up for protection. There were a few days we spent up in the hills, where we had to carry our water up to the C.P. I still can hear that singing Jap filled with Saki...for all we know, he still is there. Biak will always be the place where we were each given a bottle of warm Jap beer. They were large bottles, packed the way one would expect wine to be packed. What about the time we got word General So and So was coming and we all were ordered to get rid of those beautiful beards. While on the rock, we didn't have enough sugar so we had to save all the sugar from the C rations. Then there was the time we had no syrup for the pancakes and the cooks made it from a batch of Xmas candy...that peppermint syrup tasted real fine. What about those fishing trips we had while there on Biak? When the tides were out we could walk a long way out on the reef and spot a school of fish through the clear water. With a grenade as our tackle we were able to obtain enough fish for the Company dinner with one bang. They were good eating. Then there were all the guys roaming all over the coral looking for shells and catseyes. Some of the fellows had quite a collection. For the benefit of those who don't know a cats eye, it comes from a snail-like shell. The eye is used to seal the creature into the shell; some came quite large, and when polished could make a stone for a ring."

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The nickel-nursing Smiths took their infant son to a movie. However, the usher warned them that if the baby cried the management would refund their money and ask them to leave.

Near the end of the feature, Smith nudged his wife and whispered "What do you think of it?"

"Terrible," she replied.  
"Check," agreed Smith, "Pinch the baby."

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CARL C. WINERIP (19th) writes a very interesting letter so we take the liberty of quoting a part O27-22-5013 of it here:

"Another story that might be a bit gruesome but it may be of interest to you concerns the time we of the 3rd Bn. 19th went to Luzon in Jan. '45. We were fighting fairly close to Ft. McKinley and then went to a rest area. A friend of mine named Donald Steele, who was called 'Stainless', 'Rusty', and several other names, made one of the Lts in the Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. angry over some incident. For punishment, he had us chase the natives and unauthorized personnel out of the area.

"We circled the field and when we walked to the back end, that overlooked a cliff, we came across a dozen or so dead Japs. Steele then went into his act, nudging and shoving them with his foot and rifle, and then telling them they would have to leave the area, as those were our orders, when they continued to ignore us he asked them to please listen as we would be held responsible. Naturally in the middle of his tirade the Lt. came upon the scene. Well -- it was funny at the time."

## WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, our Nation's Capital, is a city of which we can be justly proud. To all of us it is more than a city of tree-lined avenues, beautiful buildings and lasting memorials. It is a symbol of freedom for which our forefathers fought and which we are determined to protect and maintain.

Hal Boyle in his column carried by AP said of BILL DEAN (Div. Hq.):

"But although I never met him personally, he has enriched my life by teaching me two things:

1. Don't sell faith short.
2. A man's example lives beyond his presence.

"When I first reached Korea, Gen. Dean's 24th Infantry Division was still retreating after a series of confused but magnificent delaying stands to hold up an overwhelming North Korean army that, had it known how to use its power, would have had the entire peninsula in three snort weeks.

"A still-dazed American officer told me: 'We thought all we had to do was to stand on a hill and snow the U. S. uniform, and all those little brown gooks would run back north where they came from.'

"In those dark days the 24th Division had suffered terrible losses. And each day it suffered more. It is less a criticism of the men than it is of America to say the division was unready for combat. The men weren't in proper shape. They were short of the right weapons. And so it was that Gen. Dean, a first class fighting man, had to go up and do what no division commander should be required to do. He had to go up and show the boys how. He himself was the 24th Division. He was the spearhead of an ill-prepared America -- in the flesh. He had to do what they teach a commander at West Point he shouldn't have to do. He had to go to the bare front, forget his two stars, and lead like a second lieutenant. So did his colonels -- including rugged Dick Stephens, later known as 'the Big Six,' and now a major general himself.

"The fate of Gen. Dean was to be captured, after trying to get a wounded man back. He knew that theoretically a man of his rank shouldn't be where he was -- but he was fighting a fact, not a taught war. Without the on-the-spot leadership that such commanders as he and Col. Stephens gave, the retreat would have become a rout.

"After his bullet-pierced helmet was found, those of us who came later were sure that Gen. Dean was dead. But again and again we ran into this stubborn comment from the enlisted men who had seen him fight: 'They just couldn't have killed the general. He's too smart for them. He'll turn up yet.'

"This faith seemed futile and foolish to us at the time. But it was amazing how the example of Gen. Dean's personal courage carried on with his men. They found it hard to let him down, knowing what he had done. And they didn't let him down.

"But it is a fact of history that the sacrifice and valor of Gen. Dean paid off magnificently. Nor will the American army and the relations between officer and enlisted man -- suffer by what he did.

"In the annals of our soldiery he will be imperishably remembered as the general who, when it had to be done, went up gun in hand and showed the boys how. No other officer in our time has done more to popularize the stars of rank."



"Kemoo Farm, nearest place for a quick one, just outside the main gate at Schofield." The caption, as well as the picture itself, were supplied by Chaplain CHRIS J. BERLO.

ERNIE COMPTON (I-34 from 7-40 to 7-45) out in Warren, Mich. has found CARL E. ALPRECHT up in Utica, Mich. Bring him to Washington with you, Ernie. Ernie says that the best way for a woman to protect her wedding ring is to soak it in dishwater three times a day.



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**ABOUT ALL OF  
WASHINGTON**

Perhaps the most important single contribution we can make in this issue from the standpoint of practical use is an impartial, accurate listing of motor courts, resorts and restaurants in the Washington, D.C. area in case the Hotel Statler (our Convention hotel) is a little too rich for your blood. We furnish our listing of special accommodations and restaurants only after exhaustive research and through careful checking and rechecking. We are in the Capital City every three or four weeks and have been able to gather this material in your interest.

The District of Columbia is a specific geographic and political unit of a fixed size. Washington, on the other hand, while in many ways synonymous with the District, is actually much larger than the District proper as far as the visitor is concerned, has vaguely defined limits. It includes a cluster of satellite communities in Maryland and Virginia. In the listings which follow only those which are actually within the limits of the District are shown under this heading. Many others which for practical purposes are a part of or are closely associated with Washington are in Maryland communities like Colleere Park, Laurel, Rockville, Olney, Silver Spring, Chevy Chase, or the Virginia communities to the south of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

Accommodations in Washington, D.C. -- The capital probably has more good, well run city-type hotels than any city in the country except New York, N.Y. But Washington proper, which means the District of Columbia, has almost no motor courts. The single exception is one operated by the government in East Potomac Park.

But there are many excellent motor courts and motor inns, some with resort features, along the main arteries of motor travel leading into Washington, particularly along US 1 toward and below Alexandria to the south.

Within the city proper there are four areas which have a heavy concentration of good hotels. These are: around the Capitol Plaza and near Union Station at the east end of the main business section; along Pennsylvania Ave. and on the streets leading off from it between the Capitol and the White House; northwest and east of the White House area and close to the White House; and along Connecticut Ave. for a considerable distance.

Restaurants in Washington: more than in most cities, Washingtonians enjoy country and suburban dining. As a result some of the best and most popular restaurants in the area are outside the District itself, in Maryland and Virginia. Within the city proper the better known and the best restaurants tend to occur in the same area where there are good hotels. Many of them are in fact associated with hotels; this means around Capitol Plaza, along Connecticut Ave., and Pennsylvania Ave. and near the White House. An exception is a group of interesting seafood establishments along Washington's waterfront and several restaurants along the parked area on the west bank of the Potomac River.

**--- ACCOMMODATIONS ---**

Ambassador Hotel -- 14th and K Sts., N.W., facing Franklin Park. Big, modern, city-type

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Main Entrance to Schofield, Macomb Gate

hotel, 500 rooms, all air-conditioned. Facilities include indoor swimming pool and health club. Several excellent dining rooms include coffee shop and grill, menus feature steaks and chops. Orchestra music in High Hat cocktail lounge. Single \$5 up; double \$7.50 up.

Carlton Hotel -- 16th and K Sts., N.W. A renowned hotel famed as a social and diplomatic rendezvous; 250 rooms, all air-conditioned. Several excellent dining rooms, dinner dancing in the Congo Room, menus in the gourmet range, moderately expensive. Single \$6 up; double \$10 up.

Carlisle Hotel -- 500 N. Capitol, N.W. facing Union Station Plaza. Modern city-type hotel, parking lot next door, air-conditioned coffee shop and cocktail lounge. Moderate prices. Single \$4 up; double \$6.50 up.

Harrington Hotel -- 11th and E Sts., just off Pennsylvania Ave. City-type, 300 rooms, all air-conditioned, each room with radio, some with television. Dining room open 7 a.m. till midnight every day; Pink Elephant Cocktail Lounge \$3.80 single up; \$6.80 double up.

The Lafayette Hotel -- 16th and I Sts., N.W., 150 rooms, many air-conditioned. Dining room. Single \$5 up; double \$8 up.

Roger Smith Hotel -- Pennsylvania Ave. at 18th St., N.W. City-type hotel, 212 rooms, some air-conditioned, air-conditioned dining room, cocktail lounge, dinner dancing on Starlight Roof summer, member Roger Smith group. Single \$5 up; double \$8 up.

Hotel Statler -- 16th and K Sts., N.W. One of the finest, largest and newest of Washington's leading hotels. 1000 ultra-modern rooms, all air-conditioned, garage in association, several dining rooms range from moderate priced coffee shop to Embassy Room and Colony Room with menu in the gourmet range. Single \$6 up; double \$10 up.

Please check your address as it appears above. If it is incorrect, we would appreciate your writing Secty WILL SAVELL and telling him. This will help us save paper, postage and extra work on the part of the postal service and will assure you prompt delivery of future issues. Thank you!

Construction on the orphanage being built by the 63d FA Bn forged into its last stages recently amid the clank of cement mixers, the roar of heavy machinery and the sound of many hammers hard at work. The first two permanent buildings were completed and the bare skeletons of several others were put into place.

Second Lt. William M. Ortman is the officer-in-charge of the project and under his supervision the work is moving along on schedule. Lt. Ortman gave credit to much of the on-the-job direction to Sgt. Bernard O. Shrake and Cpl. Wayne A. Shirley. O23-14-8770

Pvt. Richard Dehner, a carpenter in civilian life, is responsible for the finer points of the carpentry work done. PFC John Wilkie and PFC Walter Dunn have been putting a finish on concrete floors, and PFC Abel Crona installs the plumbing.

The present plans call for six buildings in the orphanage compound. O28-07-2211.

CARL SCHMID (63rd F) of Washington, D. C. (our '54 Convention City) writes as to the "Autobiography" that he hopes it will include "a few stories about F. Gen. BILL GRUBER." We intend to, Carl. They're coming in one by one. Carl is heading for ETO. Good luck, Carl, send us a couple of O19-05-7720 Gruber stories yourself, will you please?.... Then there was the aeronautical engineer who got confused when he found that the girls with the most streamlined figures offered the most resistance.

WALT DISMUKES (C-18) of Fruitland Park, Fla. is anxious to locate J. W. JOYCE, a former O08-14-5654 Lieut. in C of the 19th I42 to '45. Can anyone lend a hand here? Walt thought he came from Ky. Our cupboard is bare, Walt, sorry. Maybe one of the members can throw you a bone.... As one fellow said to the other fellow, "Say, what do you have in this town in the way of a good show?" And the other fellow says, "Only the censors!" O06-10-1154.....

Sgt. MARTIN A. STRAVAN, Jr., believed to be the first American captured in Korea, died recently in Pontiac, Mich., of a disease contracted in a Red prison camp.

We just want to say "Hello" to Brig. Gen. RICHARD TINVALL (Div. Hq.) out in St. Louis. Every memory we have of the General is a pleasant - more, a happy one -- and we'd simply like to comment on the fact. We hope you're enjoying retired life, General, and are playing tennis every day.

RAY SIEVERT (34th and 24th MP) - 5 time Member of the Loyal 100 - is buying hogs and hauling livestock in Hubbard, Iowa. Ray is happily married to Ruth Sievert and they have two lovely daughters - Gene and Sanie -13-16-8227.