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"Boy—you guys sure got it easy!"



HUME

"They tried to tell us we're too young . . ."



HUME

"You have steady girl friend—yes? You good boy—good boy!"

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CHANGING STATION?
 Don't forget to notify us of your change in address. Simply send your name, old address and new one to:
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"I liked 'Gone with the Wind' better!"

Welcome into the fold to WARREN MCNAMARA (B-21). Warren is selling real estate and insurance in Wellesley, Mass. It's nice to have you with us....BILL MAURIN (Med 19) writes us an Mid-West Oil Company stationery. Bill is living in Kansas City, Kans.....

EDITORIAL

Like the midget moonshiner who fell in the mash, we got a little behind in our work. Now here we are again and we promise you won't wait as long before our next issue.

Two days before Christmas, the Division was ordered to the western front of Korea. This makes the Division's third trip into Korea from Japan.



ANNOUNCING: A MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

**25 PRIZES OFFERED
 TOP MEMBERSHIP BOOSTERS**

TWENTY FIVE SPECIAL PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TOP MEMBERSHIP BOOSTERS WHO SIGN UP THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF NEW MEMBERS BETWEEN THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1955 and JULY 1, 1955. The prizes valued at over \$100.00, are an added stimulus to help spearhead a drive to gain 1,000 or more members in this special contest.

RULES ARE SIMPLE.

1. You must be a paid up member.
2. Write a buddy who is not a current member of the Association urging him to join.
3. Send him an official Application Blank which appears in this issue. (More additional blanks can be had just by writing for any amount to the Secretary.)
4. Sign your name on the application and have your prospective buddy send this application to the Association Secretary.

The members who help boost the membership growth by signing up the highest number of new members will be able to receive on the the prizes listed in this issue.

Many members of the Division have lost contact with their buddies and no doubt with the Association. We would like these untold thousands of former ninety-fourers to hear about the Association and their buddies. To keep our Association growing, it is necessary that every present member help in this campaign. If each of us does his share in this membership drive in the same spirit that we did in drive in 1950, then can we annex another title to it as the biggest veterans Association in the country.

Write as many of your buddies as you have access to. Send them an application with your name as sponsor during this contest. Then when the recruiting drive in this special contest ends, the Association will notify you telling how many members you helped sign up and if you are one of the top twenty five Association boosters we will present you will your special prize.

ED ESPLIN (21st, E.A.B. D & C Companies and 19th F Company) is now at Heavy Mortar Co., 23rd Infantry, Ft. Lewis, Wash. Ed recently contributed \$25.00 to our growing fund and also sent us a long list of prospects. Ed is one of our staunchest supporters.....



"And Little Red Riding Hood said . . ."

**Don't be Delinquent!
Pay Your '55 Dues
T O D A Y**

Be a Member in Good Standing.

Bring in a new member. Send the APPLICATION to a buddy who is not a member of the Association. Fill out your name as booster and current car number. Ask you friend to mail in the application before July 1, 1955.

NOTE: WRITE FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BLANKS TO THE SECRETARY. WE WILL MAIL THEM TO YOU IN ANY AMOUNT AS SOON AS YOUR ORDER IS RECEIVED.

BOOSTER'S CONTEST FORM

I wish to introduce a new member to the 24th Division Association. Credit me as a booster for this new member.

My Name.
Address
City. State.
Unit.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

24TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Wm. Muldoon, Sec.
212 Webster Street
West Newton, Mass.

Here are my three dollars (\$3.00 as my annual membership dues for 1955-1956. Please send me a membership card.

Renewal New Enrollment

Name. Last First Middle

Address.

City. Zone. State.

SERVICE SERIAL NUMBER. UNIT SERVED.

INFORMATION about yourself, family, old buddies etc.

Make all checks payable to 24th Division Association Signature



Qu'est-ce que c'est?

We've an interesting report from AL STEWART (F-21 from 1/43 to 11/45) who is in St. Nazaire, France: "You might be interested in a brief description of my work and organization since it isn't widely known. I am with the North District (one of four districts) of the Joint Construction Agency (J.C.A.). It is an organization composed of Army, Navy and Air Force personnel plus civilians (both American and French) charged with the construction of a line of communications completely across France, converging on the Metz area. The construction includes all types of military installations. I spent several months in Paris (oo-la-la) which is the main (Central Office) hqrs. and the North District Hqrs. I am now out in the field in the Office of the Special Area Engineer at St. Nazaire. The particular job on which I'm working at present is the construction of a fuel pipeline from near St. Nazaire to Metz with pumping stations and tank farms."

Peggy Trechter, lovely daughter of OLIVER and Virginia TRECHTER (Div. Hq.) has just returned from a fabulous six months in Europe. She was with the FRED STOLL (21) family in Mannheim, Germany. We still don't know where the Trechter family is going to settle down for their "retired" days; how about it, Peggy?

ED MOSS (Cannon 21) sends us a few bucks from South Holland, Ill. to "cover dues etc." Ed desires a copy of BILL VERBECK'S "A Regiment in Action." We don't got, Ed--maybe someone in the clan has an extra copy. If you have, dear reader, would you send it along to Ed; he's at 1211 Sibley Blvd. there.....The numbers of cars bought on time proves that a little earning is a dangerous thing.

These good folks recently wrote in and pleasantly surprised us with their good wishes for which we are exceedingly grateful: BOB and Gussie SOLOMON (M-34), ROSS PURSIFULL (34th) MEL CREIGHTON (724 Ord), BILL, Helen and Kathie MCKENNA (34th), GENE MANLEY (24 MP), HOWARD and Jean RICHARDSON (724 Ord), J.B. JONES (19 & Div. Hq.), JOHN ("Peanuts") and Millie RUGGABER (Div. Hq.) and ED FARMER (21st)

During the annual Christmas "perbd of stress" there occasionally comes these golden rays of sunshine. It gives them and us the privilege of saying "Hi" once again to good people in the happy recollection of other days--days that will never be forgotten and which in retrospect all of us who dammed them, will come to call the "good old days."

CHARLIE, Charlotte and Deborah Kay STANCI (19th) remembered us at X'mas from their home in Little Rock. We appreciate the remembrance, folks.....Likewise, kudos to Lt. Col. & Mrs. GEORGE G. GAYNOR (Div. Hq.) now somewhere in the ETO. Where are you, George?.....And the JOHE E. FULLER's (Div. Hq) down in Alexandria, Va. never forget either.....

Here's an interesting report from CARL SCHAAD (63F & 52F) who is on "The Rock":

"I took a trip out through Schofield today and through some of the old North Shore installations--Schfield hasn't changed one iota except for the absence of people--like going into a haunted village. The old positions are almost impossible to recognize--Still a few tumbled down huts in the old 63rd KA Bn. over in Pupuken Heights but well overgrown. Minimum elevation for the artillery pieces would be approximately 90 degrees (1600 mls) which is straight up--due to growth of trees. Concrete OP's and MG positions overlooking the North Shore beaches are still in place but well occupied by huge spiders.

"Kemoo Forms just outside the main gate is anxiously awaiting the return of one of the divisions. By the way, Joe Itagahi, ex-part owner and chief chef, sends his regards. I had dinner as his guest the other evening at Kewalo Inn, Honolulu, which he owns. Joe as you may know made quite a record for himself as a member of the 442 "Go for Broke" Regiment. He is now a T.H. Senator."

The man fell from the sixth floor. A crowd gathered around him as he lay on the sidewalk. A cop pushed his way through, leaned over the still-breathing fellow and asked, "What happened?"

"Darn if I know." replied the man, "I just got here."

It's a baby daughter for the JOHN TRINCA's (C-21) over in Chicago. 8 pounds and 11 ounces light, Donna Rose Trinea came into this vale of tears last October. We're with you 100% Johnnie and Delores.

CEREBRATIONS

Among the many sending in Division memories was DICK REINKE (Div. Hq.) (Loyal 100 member). Dick wrote:

"As for personal recollections with the Division, I have many, and thank goodness most all of them are on the happy side. You will recall the HQ volleyball games on Mindanao and how Gen. Woodruff took it so seriously. Also recall the time we were "living" on the beach south of Davao, and Gen. Woodruff was bearing down on the careless discharge of weapons in the HQ area -- and sure enough the next "bang" comes from one of his "aides".

"Never forget either the Div. loading out of Hollandia soon after I joined the outfit in the Div. Surgeon's office. Seems like some Arty. officer was in charge of loading APA-7 and ran into difficulty. No little fuss around HQ when someone (G-1,2,3 or 4) picked on me of the Medics to take over loading of the ship. We made it O.K. too - even had Gen. Gruber aboard as a passenger without too much trouble."

Thanks for the memories, Dick.

Thank you

Regretfully, we simply haven't the room to use all of the valuable and delightful material which Chaplain CHRIS J. BERLO (19th) so thoughtfully sends to us from time to time. Don't get discouraged, Chaplain; keep it coming, please. In addition to taking some Oahu pictures for us with his own Brownie, he keeps us abreast of all possible items of interest in and around the "Rock".

M/SGT. DAN CAVANAUGH (Med. 34) writes us from Munich, Germany (where he's with the Med. Det. of the 370 A.I.B.):

"Since the 34th was deactivated in August 1950, there has been a filthy rumor spread around among the G.I.'s that the 34th Regt. had lost its colors during the early part of the Korean War. It sure makes me mad to have some character come up to me and ask what part of the 24th I was in, and when I say the 34th he says "Oh" that outfit lost its colors. It has happened more than once. It sure would be appreciated if it was publicized that the 34th did not lose its colors."

OK, Dan, we did it and we're right proud to be able to.



The Charles E. Tuttle Co. of Rutland, Vt. has published "Babysan's World", being a collection of cartoons of G.I. life in Japan by Bill Hume. We have used some of his drawings in this issue. If you want a real buy, send a buck to the publisher and get the book. It's worth it.

Friends of FRANKLIN THIESFELD (B-21 '44 to '45) will be interested in the news that Frank is associated with Bennett Industries in his home town of Peotone, Ill.

JIM POSTMA (21st) of Lawrence, Kans. has plunged. Two days after Christmas, he married Miss Sally Fitzpatrick in the old home town. Best of wishes, kids...

M/SGT. DUKE CRANFORD (19th from 50' to 51') writes us from the 1st Cav. Div. giving us the names of some 24th men who are now in the 1st. Cav. who were in our 1st ole outfit. Thanks Duke, we're going after them. Duke, by the way, wants to hear from fellows who knew him when he was a CHICK. Address him Hq. Co., 7th Cavalry Regt., APO201, c/o PM, Frisco.....

ED RYAN (Div. Hq. & 19) of Providence, R.I. speaks: "The body of Father Herman G. Felhoelter, O.F.M., Capt. U.S. Army Chaplain Corps was returned to the U.S. in July 1953. Father Felhoelter's funeral was held at St. Boniface's Church, Louisville, Ky. on July 20, 1953. His burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

"To the men of the 19th Fr. Felhoelter is remembered as the Chaplain who remained with 28 G.I. litter patients at the Kum River, Korea, July 16, 1950. Next morning on his birthday, Fr. Felhoelter and his G.I.'s met death before the blazing machine guns of the North Korean Communists. For his part, the U.S. awarded Fr. Felhoelter a D.S.C.

"Early dispatches from the Korean Front told of a Protestant Chaplain who flipped a coin with Fr. Felhoelter to determine which of them would remain with the wounded and which would attempt to walk out with the walking wounded.

"This previously unnamed Chaplain was Kenneth C. Hyslop. On or about 5 November 1950, he was captured at a road block north of Anju, N. Korea.

"Word from his wife Mrs. K. C. Hyslop indicates that Chaplain Hyslop died in a Communist prison camp on 12 December 1950 from starvation and injuries.

"ANTHONY KNAPKE (A Co. & Hqs. Co. 19th Inf. Reg. 'T) Missing in action on 16 July 1950 at the Kum River has been declared dead as of 5 November 1950 according to the Army.

"Reports to Mrs. Anna Knapke, Tony's mother indicate he died on one of the "Death Marches." A veteran of World War II and the Battle of the Bulge, Knapke was one of the best known G.I.'s at Camp Chickamanga, Beppu, Japan.

Mrs. Knapke has also informed me that Eugene "Gene" Garolik, Medic of Charlie Company 19th Inf. Regt. MIA 16 July '50 Kum River has been declared dead



JOE RUTSKY (B-21) out in Chicago wants to know: "What ever became of Sgt. Beedle, the Arkansas Plow boy and all the rest of that fabulous crew of B Co. of the 21st? Would like to hear from some of them."

URB and Jackie THROM (34 & Div. Hq.), down in Hot Springs, Ark. advise that they'll be on their way to Iran by the time this poop sheet reaches the streets. We'll miss you both at the next clambake, kids.....

LAVERNE BAKER (21 from 1/41/ to 7/45) wants a list of men of the 21st from '41 to '46. That's a mighty big order, Bake, and we doubt that anywhere in this whole wide world is there such a list available. We'd like it too. Think of something easy, will ya?.....There are 1000 reasons for failure but not a single excuse.....

Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES PAULEY (B24 Med.) out in Detroit announce the birthday of Dwight D. last July 15. That's our birthday too, Charlie.....We recently received a French post card from ROSS PURSIFULL (34th) who remembered us while in Paris with a picture of the Place de la Concorde. Some postcard, Ross, but thanks, anyway.....The one time a man find it easy to keep his eyes off the women is when he is sitting in a crowded bus.





It's "Welcome Aboard" to new members JOHN AMUNDSON (3rd Eng. from 1/43 to 11/45) now living at 112 Spruce St., Bakersfield, Calif., and LESTER V. INEMAN (Hq. 21st from 11/51/ to 6/53) now at Valparaiso Technical Institute, Valparaiso, Ind.

The village idiot drove up to the corner in a shiny new Cadillac and all the wise guys were completely shocked. One of the boys finally walked over to the car and said:

"Look buddy, You've pulled some foolish stunts before, but this is the worst. You just better get this car back to its owner before the cops get after you."

"But it's my car!" protested the goof.

"YOUR car? Where in heck would you possibly get the money for a machine like this?"

"Girl gave it to me."

"Quit foolin! "

"She did. I was walking along the road and this beautiful woman pulled alongside in the Cadillac and said 'where ya going, mister'" and I said 'to town' and she said 'hop in.' I did, and she weren't wearing nothing but this little bitty bathing suit and was real friendly. Real nice girl."

"And she gave you the car?"

"She did. After we got to talking, friendly like, she pulled the car off the road and stopped. And she pushed the seat way back and held out her arms and looked at me and said 'buddy, you can have anything I've got.' And I knew that there little bitty bathing suit wouldn't fit me, so I took the Cadillac."

We're also glad to have MAJ. JOHN J. WELCH of the 63rd FA Bn. with us, thanks to PAUL DUNCAN out in Oklahoma City. John is in the I.Q. Office at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

One of our members recently wrote in from and reminisced: "It was just eight years ago Mama set her trap for me--and she hasn't shut it since!"

Greetings to BRIG. GEN. HUGH CORT (div. Arty.) who in retired life is Executive Director of the Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges with Hqs. in Little Rock.

Wine, women, and song were breaking up his home, ruining his health, interfering with his business--and costing him money. The guy made up his mind to reform and lead a completely moral life.

First he cut out smoking. Then he cut out liquor. Then he cut out swearing. Then he cut out women.

Now he's cutting out paper dolls.

ROGER K. HELLER, our old faithful in Oakland, Calif. writes us that he is now SI and Adjutant of the 361st Inf. He's trying to find Taro Leafers in the regiment. Good luck to you, Roger.

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Your Assoc. needs your dues now. Please pay up if you haven't already....If you have any news which you want printed, please send it in to the Editor.....

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JOE PERKINS (K-21) would like to hear from M/Sgt. HARRY SMITH (K-21 who lives in Oklahoma and Lt. JOHN UFNER (K-21) who lives in Penn. Sorry Joe, but neither is a member and we don't have a better address on either one.....

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The college swimming star got married to a beautiful girl, and on their honeymoon, treated her to a display of his swimming talents.

A real champion, he dived into the hotel pool with the grace of a soaring bird, cut through the water like a home-sick shark, and came up on the other side with a proud smile on his face. The smile faded when his lovely wife dived in and duplicated the feat in just half the time.

"Darling," he exclaimed, masking his bruised ego, "You're wonderful! Why didn't you tell me you're a swimming champion, too?"

"I'm not," she replied. "I used to be a street-walker in Venice."

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BOB WILLETT (At 21) of Brooklyn, Iowa writes:

"I am writing you a few lines to tell you of an incident that came about because of my "Taro leaf" Sticker on my windshield.

The other evening I stopped at a filling station in a neighboring town and the operator noticed the Taro leaf and we got to talking about the div. and in the process I recruited a new member for the association. I'm sending his name, address, and dues: PAUL W. SCHNEEKLOTH (F34) Marengo, Iowa." We appreciate the thoughtfulness, Bob.

good!

AL MILLER is hard at work trying to round up the boys of his old outfit, Able of the 21st. Keep at it, Al.....DON BELL (63rd from '43 to '46) wants to hear from buddies of the 63rd. He reminds us of the time he was a forward observer in the P.I. saying, "we were camped near a cemetery and had a small encounter. About a year and a half and some 5 hospitalals later, I ran into an infantry boy in one of the wards who had his fox hole about 10' from me that night. It took us a year and a half and several hundred miles to cover that last 10 feet." It's a small world, Don.



MAIL CALL

Vic Vet says

LOUIS J. ARMENTARO (F-21) sent us a note recently saying:

"I dug up a bunch of my old papers.

Came up with a card you sent me back in 1951. I was a member of "F" Company 21st Regt, 24 Div. back during the Phillipine days. Is the association still going strong? If you have some old copies of the paper you put out, send me some back copies if they are cluttering up your room. I have two questions to ask. First can you tell me what Col. William Verbeck's address is. The last time I heard from him was in '51. Second, I have looked all over to get some 16 mm sound movies of the 24 division in action during World War II. especially in New Guinea and more so in the Phillipines. I would like to buy, beg or steal some of those sound 16 mm combat movies to keep in my film library. Verbeck told me at one time the association had some during one of the conventions. If anybody knows where they are at and if no one wants them, I would like to very much have them. I have my own movie sound outfit (ran the movies for the 21st after our Phillipine campaign in Mindanao) and I save combat movies and would very much like a set of our own combat files. Can you help me. I am desperate for a set of them."

Well, Lou, BILL VERBECK's address is Hq. Penn. Mil. Dist., Indiantown Gap, Pa. He's a B.Q. now so go easy on him. As for the films, we've been trying to buy a set for the Assoc. without success so we can't tell you how to do it. Sorry."

Two days before Christmas, 1954, the Division was ordered to the western front in Korea to replace the Stateside-bound First Marine Division. This latest redeployment came a bare 53 days after jubilant Taromen received official word that they were soon to move from Camp George in Yanggu, Korea, to nine separate camps in Japan.

Part of the Defense Department's long range plan to increase the mobility and effectiveness of America's fighting forces, the Korea alert for the 24th came swiftly on the heels of the announcement of the return of the Marines to Camp Pendleton, California.

Although two regiments, the 19th and 21st, never reached Japan following the November redeployment, over 50% of the Division did enjoy as much as three months of Japanese duty. Major units to reach Japan included the 34th Infantry Regiment, Division headquarters and Special Troops, and Division Artillery. Rear detachments of some of these elements were still enroute to Japan when the announcement of this latest change of station was being made in Washington, Tokyo and at Division headquarters at Camp Hakata, Kyushu.

The complex re-move is being carried out in three separate phases. Japan-based Division elements moved by sea and air to their new station. The 21st Regiment, from its base at Yanggu, moved by road to the staging area at Camp Kaiser in preparation for the occupation of its new area. The 19th Regiment, now stationed under KComZ control in the Pusan area, will move into position with the rest of the Division in the near future.

We are in receipt of a memo from Lt. Col. E. Harding, Jr., Comptroller of the Southern Area Command, APO 407, New York, N.Y. Col. Harding writes: "Major General Numa A. Watson, Commanding General, this headquarters, has instructed me to contact you to advise that he is tentatively planning a reunion of the 24th Infantry Division veterans in Europe to be held in Garmisch, Germany, on 16 and 17 April 1955. A lavish entertainment program at minimum cost is contemplated and this will include night clubs with excellent floor shows and the famed Casa Carlioca ice show.

"General Watson would like to know if you have any suggestions or recommendations to give in connection with this proposed reunion. He is particularly desirous that you understand he is not attempting to encroach on normal activities of your association and would welcome any assistance that you could render, particularly in the form of publicity in the "Taro Leaf."

"I can not advise you until shortly after the 1st of March as to whether the proposed reunion will actually be held, but I can assure you at this time that everything is favorable thus far. Shortly after the initial announcement was made in the Stars & Stripes newspaper the response was enthusiastic. I am taking additional steps to insure maximum publicity which I believe will bring the desired results."

in this issue...

Well, here it is—the first installment of our history. The rest will follow, in big or little chunks, depending upon our treasury.

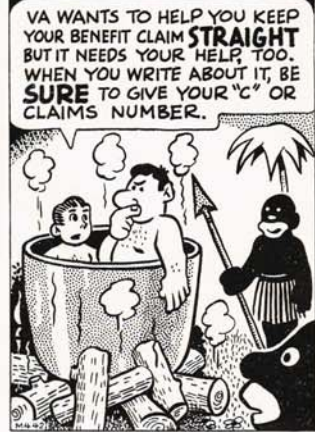
We trust that the document will be fresh and meaningful, now that the generals have written their memoirs and the politicians have had their say.

It might suddenly come upon you, as you read it, that your own days in World War II or in the Korean action must strike oddly on the ears of the current crop of soldiers, like tales told of the Russo-Japanese engagements some four or five major wars ago.

"Modern history, like a deaf man, answers question no one has asked—" says Tolstoy in his Second Epilogue to War and Peace.

May it be so said of this - our Division History.

Rosebuds



Form 3547 Requested

Front And Center

RAY SANCHEZ (A 24 Med "from Honolulu to Mindanao") asks us to report the birth of his first, Kevin Roger Sanchez in Woodland, Calif. O.K. Ray--hope you are all over your mumps.... ED HENRY (Div Hq) was in the Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington, N.Y.C. recently and confounded the waiter by ordering humuhumunukunukuapuaa and lauiwiliwiliunukunukoeoe a na bagel. Thems is fish....Lt. Gen. ANTHONY C. MCAULIFFE (Div Hq) the new commander of the U.S. Army in Europe will likely be wearing 4 stars by the time you read this. His headquarters is at Heidelberg.



A little girl whose father is a judge always said she was Judge Brown's daughter when someone asked her name. Her mother thought this sounded snobbish and told the girl not to do it any more, ever. Just tell them her name and let it go at that, said mother.

Next time someone asked if she was Judge Brown's daughter she said:

"Well, I thought I was, but Mother says I'm not."



Editing this poopsheet puts us in mind of our college days when we wrote a humor column in the weekly. It was dangerous business then as it is now.

Ever since the distant era when we narrowly averted disaster for certain of our own outpourings, entire boards have been given the heave-ho at regular intervals for getting too fresh with the faculty, treading on the sensitive toes of the trustees, or printing jokes that might best have been saved for the fraternity smokers. In the latter instances however, we've noted that the offending issues promptly sold at premium prices, and old grads who hadn't been heard from in years, popped up suddenly to renew subscriptions. It's a thought.....A toy poodle and a chow were talking things over. The poodle seemed so high strung the big dog suggested he see a psychiatrist. "Oh," yiped the little mutt, "You know I'm not allowed on the couch!"

No issue would be complete without quoting liberally from a letter from Maj. Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF (Div Hq). Here it is: "Mrs. Woodruff and I just returned from a rather extensive visit with the Daniels in Bad Nauheim, Germany, where Robin commands a battalion of the 22nd Infantry. The occasion of our trip to Europe was the arrival of the fourth child in that family. We went by freighter from Houston, a long three weeks to Bremerhaven. Only four other passengers. If one wants a rest, that's the way to get it.

"The Daniels are well in spite of the devilish weather prevalent in Central Europe at that season. It was raw, rainy and depressing I was reminded of the showing of a news reel about 1922 when some international conference was being held in Paris. One of the shots showed some of the diplomats leaving their meeting place, with rain pouring from their umbrellas. A voice from the back of the movie house sounded off with much feeling, "My God! is it still raining over there?" Having spent the winter of 1917-1918 in France, I could appreciate the story. And the situation there now seems little changed.

"We had a most pleasant weekend with the Red Newman's in Heidelberg where he is G-1 of the U.S. Army in Europe. I enjoyed discussing with him the many problems of the personnel chap under the present conditions. I do not envy him but I do know he is doing the job well. At a dinner there I was glad to see Lt. Col. Willets, formerly of the 34th, now also assigned to Hq. U.S. Army, Europe.

"Our only other trip away from Bad Nauheim was a one day visit to Berlin, an overnight-train trip. We unfortunately met a foggy, rainy day but did manage to see something of the place even going over into the East Sector. There were plenty of Russian and East German soldiers and East German Police in evidence. They appeared to be at least as interested in us and our American car as we were in them.

"I was glad to again get some Texas sunshine. Col. Dahlen, who had the 34th during the latter part of the Leyte affair and for a time there after, is now Deputy Chief of Staff of Fourth Army, here at Fort Sam Houston. I see him frequently. He is a thorough chap who has the confidence of his superiors.

"I continue to do some work with the American Cancer Society and the West Point Society. Also, some small projects in my shop have put me to sham for so long that I just had to do something about them! And it is no cinch to locate some hunting in the country of money ridden hunters. I expect to go out for a couple of days later this week, hoping a buck will stand still at short range for long enough for me to get into action."