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Dear Fellow 24th'er:

As a past president of the 24th Infantry Division Association and as the present editor of its publication, The Taro Leaf, can I make a direct appeal to you for your support?

We of the Association desire earnestly to have you join our ranks as a member of this NON-MILITARY, NON-POLITICAL organization.

In the rush and haste of making a living, you may have stopped at times, to reflect that something is missing, something that was yours and ours at the time we swallowed atabrine, conquered islands and dreamed of home. What is the thing that's missing in this peace-time existence? We don't mean the glory - no. We mean the comradeship that was ours in the 24th... the feeling that gave a special meaning to the Taro Leaf, the feeling that makes our eyes light up when we see someone wearing it today.

The history we made as members of the 24th will live as long as America. Our deeds will be remembered in history books long after our names have been forgotten. But to keep alive our comradeship, the names of those who sweated and shared danger along side of us - that's our business. It is for this reason that we have the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Your service with the 24th at any time, at any place along its hard, proud, victorious road from Pearl Harbor to Japan and Korea is your passport to membership in the Association. It is yours because it is made up of the men who, like you, carried the Division's weapons in Australia, on New Guinea, in the Philippines, in Japan and in Korea, through combat and occupation. Does that mean anything to you? We are sure it does! It's your Association. You belong in it. It is non-partisan, and all members (regardless of former or present military rank) share the same rights.

Membership dues are \$3.00 a year. On receipt of this amount, the Association will send you a membership card and keep you abreast of all developments. An Association newspaper goes to all members. We ask that you accept our cordial invitation to join. We shall put you in touch with other members of your Association in your area and elsewhere upon your request.

Most of the famous fighting outfits have formed Associations similar to ours. There is every reason that ours should rival or exceed the best of them in membership and spirit. The 24th and its battle record rank high among the crack divisions of our and any other time.

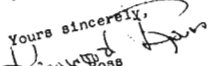
Help us to keep bright the friendships we forged in the fires of yesterday. It is with pride in our war achievements, as soldiers of the 24th, that we ask you to join. You were one of us on the long overseas road. Be one of us again - TODAY.

The "Autobiography of a Division", our Division History from '41 to the present, is fast developing. Target for publication is October 1st. To make it truly autobiographical in nature, we want to include just as many personal recollections as possible. We have hundreds already but we want yours for inclusion -- the funniest, most tragic, most exciting, best or worst -- or one of each -- that you remember about your life in the 24th. Be sure to be as specific as you can as to time and place. Those who contribute by return mail will be given an opportunity to proof read what we make out of your story or stories. Won't you sit down today and give us one minute of your time in reminiscing about what you liked best or hated most in the 24th? This is not going to be just another history, we're printing them just as you people call them and when it goes to press, it will be hailed as telling about war as it really was. You can help us to make this so.

Pictures for the History are also needed. Full credit line will be given for each used and same will be returned to you. Glossy prints 4 x 6 or larger are preferred.

Join our ranks today, won't you please, and in any event, won't you help make the History a success by contributing to its pages?

Or, if by chance, my appeal has left you flat, will you please write me a "No thank you" note so we'll know that we've reached you and that you don't want to be on our mailing list?

Yours sincerely,

Kenwood Ross



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Lt. Col. and Mrs. JAMES B. JONES (19th and Div Hqs) in front of the Prefect Governor's Residence at Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan. In the fall of '45, J.B. as Div. G4 lived here along with Generals WOODRUFF (ROSCOE B. that is) and CRAMER (KENNETH FOX that is) and a small band of funmakers, CRUMP, DANIELS, DRAKE and NEE by name, who called themselves the "General Staff".

Sweet moment -

LT. GEN. HANFORD MACNIDER, a onetime Second Division boy once addressed his Indian Head Associates as follows:
 "The Division Marches on---
 "Outside the pages of history its fame and name can only be kept alive by the men who made it the most unique fighting unit ever assembled under the colors. From every state, from the Army, the Marine Corps and the Navy, it was and still can be, if we stick together, the greatest combat outfit of its kind in the annals of our country.
 Gray, moth-eaten, fat with luck or bowed with adversity, we may not resemble the crack files of yesterday. But we have enough of the old fire that made the Second a tornado on hobnails to roar down the whole cockeyed world.
 "It won't be the same outfit without you, old timer. If we're going to make our kinds believe that we won that war--and the truth must be preserved--we've all got to march together, fight together, and fall together, if necessary. Otherwise we're lost.
 "Meantime, your \$3.00 will help hold that line!"
 We liked it so very much -- and we considered it so appropos that we took the liberty of lifting it en toto for our own use. Thank you, General MacNider and incidentally congratulations on that third star.

THE NEW ARMY
 [Official Bulletin No. 87, Fort Myer, Arlington, Va.]

- 4. BLACK SHOES* a. Reference: Paragraph 4, DCMD Bulletin 84, 18 Jul 56.
- b. In connection with the change-over to black shoes and socks on 1 September 1956 by all male Army personnel, including reservists, the following procedure has been recommended by The Quartermaster General in dyeing russet shoes:
 - (1) Wash shoes, upper and tongue, with a cloth using tepid water. Do not submerge shoes.
 - (2) Use a mild commercial soap or saddle soap to remove all dirt, stains, and old wax. Avoid using soaps that have an alkali base which is harmful to leather.
 - (3) Apply a good grade of commercial black dye while the shoes are damp (not wet) and allow to dry and set. Dye should be applied evenly with a dauber or brush.
 - (4) After the shoes are thoroughly dried they should be polished with a black wax base polish.
 - c. Care should be taken to preclude any hazard caused by fumes generated from the dye. A room or space well-ventilated should be used.
 - d. Under no circumstances should shoes be dyed with the feet in them.



"Gomen nasai—takusan wind—China dress dame-dame!"



The secret has leaked out. Even though still classified as SECRET, we're able to let you in on the fact that our annual clambake this year will be held August 9th, 10th and 11th at the Hotel Bismarck in Chicago, Ill. JAMES M. O'DONNELL (21st) and MICHAEL RAFTER (21st) are co-chairmen for the event. For questions and answers contact Mike at 3901 W. Belden Avenue, Chicago 47, Ill.

for a
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 convention**

HELP PUBLICIZE THE REUNION

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You can cooperate in getting men to the Reunion by contacting your local and State Veteran organizations, such as the Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, American Veterans of World War II, and Polish War Veterans.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TV STATIONS. SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE AVAILABLE. TO OBTAIN COPY WRITE THE REUNION CHAIRMAN.

AT LONG LAST....

There will be those among you who will wonder why we don't come around more often. It's a question of money, friend. We've had some of this copy ready since November. Much of what we've made up has had to be thrown away because it was so old. We can't ever go to press until the Treasurer gives us a green light and he doesn't press that button until the treasury shows a sufficient balance to defray the printing and mailing costs. Talk about the wolf at the door. Brother this club has got them all beat.

This Couple Is Not

Coming To Our Chgo Reunion



We are in receipt of the above snapshot from the Ugh Ughs of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.

Max Ugh Ugh sent it to us along with his regrets that he and his "Fair Lady", Eliza Ugh Ugh, won't make it to Chicago this summer.

Note Eliza's jewels. Max says that it's an innovation in the life of the New Guinea natives since we were there. Before the innovation, the jewels on the gals always hung down much farther.

Max tells us that he and Eliza were only recently married. For 13 years, she refused to marry him, saying: "Me Fella wait. Look him Yank belong him Victoree Division. He stop along Sheboygan but him come back some day. Me wait."

Max sinks a barb into us with the notation that the No.1 Yank boy never came back whereupon Max moved in. Eliza says she married Max so she'd know where her next coconut was coming from.

Too bad they can't make it. Eliza would make a big hit on LaSalle Street with those jewels of hers.

Close-ups...

One reader wants to know why his name never appears in our copy--the reason is that he never gives us anything to write about-----ELMER LIVINGSTON VAN ZANT (24th MP) has retired from the Army and is now Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Court of Richmond County, Georgia. Van's address is 2815 Rocky Creek Rd., Augusta, Ga. Good luck to you, Van.....Another reader says that the Taro Leaf is too dry. We are sending him some Comic Books.....

THE SOUND

AND THE FURY

EDMUND F. HENRY (DivHq) recently spent two "glorious" weeks visiting MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM J. VERBECK (21st) who is CG of USARFANT & MDP. Lt. Col. ROBERT J. DANIELS (DivHq), now at 2802 Knight Robin Drive, San Antonio, Tex. sends us an item about a 3 mile \$20,000,000 tunnel between Honshu and Kyushu. This is the finish of the tunnel which the Japs began in '38 and didn't finish because of the war...Thanks, Robin.....

HEIGHT OF CONFUSION: The guy who shouts, "Thank God I'm an atheist."

MAKE A DATENOW

The big Chicago convention, may be the chance you've been waiting for. Use it.

Since the war many members of the Division have talked about getting together again with their buddies, their close buddies, the guys in their platoon or squad.

But it has seldom worked out. The cost has been too great, especially the travel cost.

Here's your chance. Chicago is the best place in the nation for a get-together. It's centrally located. Men from every section of the nation may gather at a minimum cost.

So we have a suggestion: Start now to gather your close buddies. Make a date to meet them in Chicago.

Our convention program will be wide open and will provide you and your pals plenty of time to swap yarns and buy each other a drink.

It will never be cheaper for you.

There's another good reason for having these little unit get-togethers. The Division Association will grow stronger and become more useful with men from these smaller units participating.

OVER THE HUMP!

Word in from the south has it that BILL VERBECK (21st) is now a Major General with date of rank of Mar. 9, 1952 which advances him 2-1/2 years. Ring out, ye bells! ..After a long survey, it's been discovered that there are three ages at which men misbehave--young, middle, and old..... Don't blame us for these gag lines--we use these only when we don't have news about YOU!!....

Share the fun -

SEE YOU IN CHICAGO.

The 1957 Convention of the 24th Division is going to be the biggest in history.

This has been made clear these last few weeks as letters have poured into the Association CP from all parts of the country.

"I'll be there" say letters coming in from as far east as Portland, Maine and as far west as that other Portland where law and crime mix so well, in Oregon.

James "Spike" O'Donnell (21st), Convention Co-chairman says: "This is going to be a double barreled convention...we've got features that will make it worthwhile for the guys who bring their wives and families, as well as the guys who go it alone."

"Sell the idea to Mama", advises Spike, "and plan on being with us".



As we go to press, the rumor is that Maj. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, the one-time whipping boy of Senator Joseph McCarthy, is to assume command of the Division. We'll be following this up with interest.

Can you name three words that contain four consecutive vowels?(aqueous, queue and sequoia). There's at least one word with five (miaoued). And in two common words the vowels follow one another in alphabetical order (abstemiously and facetiously).



"Gee"

FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY

When the drone of airplanes sounded over Germany's ancient town of Freiburg the night of May 10, 1940, scarcely a bürger looked up. Their city was, they knew, of no military significance.

Suddenly bombs whistled down. Freiburg's picturesque "old city" was heavily damaged. Next day Adolf Hitler screamed that the Allies had violated an agreement to spare open cities. He vowed: "Five German bombs will fall for every enemy bomb," and tried to live up to it.

Nazi planes wiped out Rotterdam, swept across the channel to pulverize Dover and Portsmouth and leave London's inner "City" and the cathedral city of Coventry in flaming rubble. The words "blitz" and "total war" were added to military language.

Now after prolonged insistence by the Western Allies who said none of their planes was near Freiburg that fateful night 16 years ago, the truth has emerged. German officials, digging into the archives of the Institute for Current History at Munich, found that the bombers that hit Freiburg were German Field Marshal Hermann Göring had ordered them from Landsberg for a raid on Dijon, France. Lost in heavy clouds, Göring's bombers had dumped their load on Freiburg by mistake. Göring and Hitler agreed to cover up the facts and used the incident to help "justify" the ruthless Nazi invasion of the Low Countries.

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ **PARAGRAPH**

PENTAGON ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Latest volume prepared by the Office of the Chief of Military History is entitled Korea 1951-1953. Dealing with the period from the grim days of January 1951 when Chinese Communist forces threatened to drive United Nations troops out of Korea, until signing of the Armistice in July 1953, the book comprises 71 pages of text and more than 300 pictures, representing the combined work of John Miller, Jr., Major Owen J. Carroll and Margaret E. Tackley. The work is available at \$2.50 a copy from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.



Maj. Gen. RUSSELL L. VITTRUP (DivHq) replaced Maj. Gen. S. B. MASON as Division Commander late in October. Gen. VITTRUP came to Division after 3 years as Dep. Asst. C/S, G-3, for U. S. International Affairs. Gen. Mason went on to Hq., Continental Army Command, Ft. Monroe, Va.

Gen. Vittrup was West Point '29.

His first assignment was with the 23rd Infantry at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex, where he served for four years. He was then transferred to the 33rd Infantry at Ft. Clayton, Panama Canal Zone, and in September, 1934, joined the Eighth Infantry at Ft. Screven, Ga., and was promoted to first lieutenant November 1, 1934.

In August, 1935, General Vittrup entered the Infantry School at Ft Benning, Ga, and completed the regular course in June, 1936, and the tank course in June, 1937. He then became a weapons' instructor at that school.

While serving as an instructor at the Infantry School, General Vittrup was promoted to captain June 13, 1940, and 10 months later entered the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon graduation the following July, he assumed command of a cadet company at West Point. He was promoted to major October 10, 1941, and in November was appointed Assistant Secretary of the United States Joint and Combined Planners, Combined Chiefs of Staff.

General Vittrup was promoted to lieutenant colonel February 1, 1942, and went overseas in June, 1943, for duty as chief of the Organization Section of the Allied Forces Headquarters--first at Algiers, North Africa, and then in Italy. He was promoted to colonel October 24, 1943.

In August, 1944, General Vittrup was named deputy G3 of the Sixth Army Group, with which he served in France and Germany.

Returning to the U.S. in June, 1945, he was assigned to the Strategy and Policy Group, Operations Div. of the War Department General Staff.

General Vittrup was appointed Chief of the Policy Section of that Group in July, 1946, and in August, 1947, he entered the National War College, from which he was graduated in June, 1948.

During the next three years General Vittrup served as G3 of the United States Army in the Caribbean, and commander of the 33rd Infantry at Ft Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone.

After a year as an instructor at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa, he was promoted to brigadier general July 5, 1952, and appointed chief of the United States Army Section of the Joint Military Advisory and Planning group at Athens, Greece.

Then followed his appointment as Deputy Chief of Staff; G3, for United States International Affairs.

General Vittrup received his promotion to major general October 18, 1955.

The father of a pretty co-ed asked her boy friend to see the basketball game over the television set. When the boy arrived, he brought a jug that obviously contained a mixture containing alcohol, and during the game he took a nip now and then. At last the father could stand it no longer.

"Young man," he said, "I'm forty-seven years old, and never in my life have I touched liquor."

"Well, don't get any ideas, Pop," the student snarled. "You ain't gettin' any of this."

NR+HE×T=MMW

The well known military writer, R. ERNEST DUPLY reviewed JAN VALTIN'S book "Children of Yesterday" with these words:

JAN VALTIN'S Children of Yesterday, the story of the 24th U.S. Infantry Division in the Philippines, gives the operations of the division in rapid reportorial style, compiled from the records of his and of other combat reporters in the division. It is strong meat for the casual reader, but it tells the horrors of war as they should be told--lest we forget. The pity is that only men who have fought will understand it. Valtin knows the American soldier. He knows the Nip, too, and the sometimes lovable, sometimes exasperating, always childish "little brown brother," the Filipino. He has caught the stifling sweat of the cogon grass--he calls it kunai, Aussie style-- the fishy stink of the barrios of spindly bamboo houses, the incredibly beautiful sky and sea framing the lush growth and purplish rocks of the islands, the rasping sighs of bamboo swaying in the wind.

There can be no doubt that Valtin was there. Only an infantryman who has gone through battle could thus give the stink and taste of jungle fighting--the highs and lows of humanity in war. The invasion of Leyte, the bloody affair of Breakneck Ridge, Mindoro, the retaking of Bataan, the storming of Bottomside and of Malinta Hill on Corregidor, the purging of Mindanao--all are set down in terms of small units, of individual fighting men killing and being killed. If you want to know what an infantryman's war is like, read Children of Yesterday.

Write Ed Henry at 21 Park St., Attleboro, Mass. for your copy if you don't already have it. Be sure to send along \$2.00.



"Gee, it's great to be home, Dad . . . Get a haircut."

They were considering "form" messages at the telegraph center. The problem was to transmit telegrams and cables to servicemen, putting in short wordings all the things soldiers would be most anxiously waiting to hear. One man suggested, "Let's have one reading: 'I am going to have a baby.'" Because many a man will be glad to hear that.

Another spoke up, "And let's have one reading: 'I am not going to have a baby'--for the very same reason."

IT'S IN THE MAIL BAG



Lt. Col. J. L. GUEYMARD recently replaced Lt Col JAMES D. GREEN as CO of the 19th Inf Rgt's First Bn.

Colonel Gueymard comes to Korea from Ft. Monroe, Va., where he was Chief, Analysis Div. Inf. Sect., Continental Army, since 1954.

Upon his arrival in Korea he was assigned to umpire the infantry battalion tests of the 7th Inf Div. at Nightmare Range, before assuming his duties with the 19th Rgt.

Colonel Gueymard, who hails from Carville, La. was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army at Ft Benning, Ga. in 1942. He graduated the Advanced Officers Course, The Inf School, Ft. Benning, Ga. in 1943.

Colonel Gueymard served with the First Philippine Inf RCT in New Guinea and the Philippines from 1944 through 1945. He was Hq Commandant, Fifth Inf. Div. Ft. Jackson, in 1948 and 1949. From there he went to Ft. Knox, Ky, where he took the Regular Advanced Officers Course at the Armored School. Rgt. First Inf. Div. in Germany, holding posts at various intervals as Rgt. S-1, Bn. Exec Off, and Third Bn CO.

Returning to school in 1953, Colonel Gueymard attended the Senior School, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. He then took up his assignment at Ft Monroe, Va.

Colonel Gueymard holds the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the CIB.



"I just wanted to correct your grammar, pal. It's those wise guys, not them wise guys"

Sfc WILLIAM BRATTON, JR., NCOIC of 1st Bn. Aid Station, 19th Inf. is back with the old Division again after 11 years. He was with the 21st in the Philippines.....Sfc THOMAS L. WILLIAMS (C-19) is back with Charlie of the 19th again. He was a section leader and platoon sergeant with that outfit in '52, '53 and '54. Now he's section leader of the 60mm Mortar section.

FOREIGN NEWS

The University of Maryland is offering a Far East program and is running a full schedule of classes throught the Division. Courses are being offered in Government and Politics, American History, Military Science, Business Law, International Relations, Economics, Mathematics, Spanish, Sociology and Speech. Instructors are Division personnel who hold Master's degrees in their respective fields.

KEN NAKANO of 969 Janet Drive, Kent, Ohio writes us that he's still alive and kicking.

(Ed. note: The following meaty editorial recently appeared in all of the Hearst papers. Inasmuch as it concerns the Division, we take the liberty of reprinting it herewith. Whether you agree with the thoughts which it contains or not, at very least it does warrant your careful reading. For members of a Division that has been through "Pearl Harbor" and the "Smith Task Force Defense at Osan", here is an article that may very well set you to wondering about your successors in the Division who now "sweat it out" in Korea.)

Editor's Report Korea Disaster Threat Looms

By WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, JR.
Editor-in-Chief, Hearst Newspapers

ABOUT A YEAR ago The Hearst Task Force returned from its Asian tour. From first-hand information gained on those travels I wrote an open letter to President Eisenhower concerning the Communist arms buildup in violation of the armistice in North Korea and the strict observance of the truce on our part. The letter said:



W. R. HEARST, JR.

"The more I think about our not supplying our men in Korea and the brave ROK forces with our most modern weapons of war, the more disturbed I get and the more I feel United States policy in the matter is a mistake.

"When all is said and done—or not done—it is YOUR policy.

"Certainly the leaders of our armed forces don't agree with it."

Now, a year later, the critical disparity between the modern arms the Communists have been sending into North Korea and the obsolete or fast-becoming-obsolete weapons available to our two divisions and the ROKs is beginning to receive the attention it deserves.

The President, probably within the limits of what he could say publicly, touched on it in his press conference Wednesday. The day before Secretary Dulles said "it may be that the serious armistice violations give us greater freedom of action."

Here is further evidence of how very serious the situation is:

Last month a special Senate Committee made public a report from Dr. John A. Hannah, now president of Michigan State University and former assistant secretary of defense. He made a study of foreign aid operations in Korea and other parts of the Far East, just as I did on request of the committee in Norway, Denmark and West Germany.

"It is evident," he said, "the United States has little alternative but to maintain strong military forces in Korea. To remove this military strength would rob the Korean people of hope, as well as to destroy the hopes of other peoples in Asia who are determined to resist Communism.

"WE ARE NOT SHOWING ORDINARY INTELLIGENCE IF IN CONTINUING TO SUPPORT A KOREAN MILITARY ORGANIZATION WE DO NOT PROVIDE THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.

"The decision should be made at once to equip our own forces, and those of the Republic of Korea, with the most modern equipment and weapons of war.

No Spare Parts for Rifles

"In the event of any resumption of the Korean war, who will assume the responsibility for explaining to American families whose sons will be needlessly lost because of our failure to supply modern equipment and support?"

Dr. Hannah concluded his report by recommending that "we ignore the prohibition which prevents us from sending Korea modern weapons."

More corroborative evidence has come to me from Marvin Stone, head of the Far East Bureau of International News Service.

Probably the most startling illustration of the obsolescence of weapons on which our men in Korea have to rely is the infantryman's rifle. The model 105 rifle is now entirely obsolete because spare parts are no longer being made for it. There is a similar approaching obsolescence in machine guns, artillery pieces and tanks.

Commander Presents Problem

Gen. Isaac D. White, commander of the 8th Army in the Far East, put it bluntly on the line:

"It has been our policy to observe to the letter the armistice terms which prohibit entry of new weapons.

"The effect has been to deprive my troops of the latest and most effective weapons with which United States troops elsewhere are equipped."

I have reason to know that top military men in the field and in the Pentagon feel that our adherence to the letter of the truce terms, while the Communists continuously and contemptuously violate the armistice, is dangerous and potentially disastrous.

It is good to know that the issue which I raised a year ago is now receiving the serious attention it deserves.

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SPEAKING of modern weapons, Great Britain's decision to put practically all her military eggs into the missile basket is one of the most important decisions that country has ever made, involving as it does Great Britain's very existence. In brief, it is substituting the principle of mass-retaliation for defense.

British Stand Is Realistic

The decision involves recognizing as a fact the contention and theory that the United Kingdom cannot successfully ward off an atomic missile attack, and that therefore the only way that they can sufficiently discourage or prevent such an attack is to be able to inflict similar damage upon the cities of their one potential enemy, Russia.

Ironically, Russia's two recent threats that she would bomb England, the first one made at the time of the Anglo-French move on the Suez Canal, and the second, just recently, in connection with her construction of the missile sites, had a great deal to do with England's decision.

I do not agree with the point of view that the move is in any way defeatist. There is nothing defeatist in the British make-up, particularly in relation to her own survival. They are realistic in the extreme to accept the fact that the relatively small area of the British Isles can be destroyed by guided missiles carrying H-bombs. That being the case they are saying in effect that they will shoot it out with the same weapons until they are wiped out.

It is a momentous and historic decision, but one which, in my estimation, the Russians will understand and therefore be deterred.

Temptation to Reds Seen

Wars are started and fought for an objective and with an end in view. If the only end in view is one's own destruction, there is no "object to the exercise," to use a British phrase.

The principle is the same in Korea. Should the North Koreans estimate that they can knock out the defenses of South Korea and defeat the defenders in the South, the temptation to do so might cause them to attempt it. If, on the other hand, they know full well that starting such an operation would end in their own destruction or even the destruction of both sides, the conception is self-defeating.

The administration should take a page from the new British book by modernizing the forces in South Korea, thus minimizing the possibility of war.



Enlarge The Membership!



Get the Jump On Competition!



New Members Always Welcome!

The Fable of the Two Squirrels



"Yes, Shultz, I DID say to feel free to bring me your problems. However . . ."

Col. ALMON "WHITEY" MANLOVE (Div Hq) has left Aberdeen Proving Ground for Alaska. He's now Ord. Off, U.S.Army, Alaska, AP0949, c/o PM Seattle, Wash.



Wee get too soon Old
undt too late Schmartz

Tackle BEN KAPP JR and center RALPH MUELLER of the 34th football team have known each other a long time. When the football season started in Korea this year it marked the third time they have lined up alongside each other, replete in football gear.

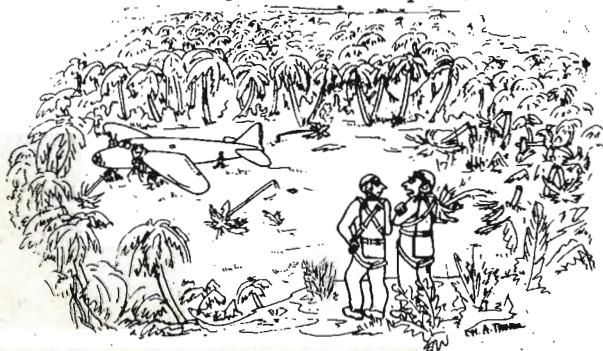
Natives of Patterson, N.J., the two buddies first met at the East Side High School where they played varsity football, Kapp as a guard and Muller as center.

In their senior year, the line coach of North Carolina State College, came to Patterson in search of football talent and promptly signed the two friends to athletic scholarships.

While at North Carolina, Kapp and Muller played the same positions they had played in high school.

Muller was graduated from North Carolina in 1954 and returned to Patterson where he worked in a textile firm. Kapp remained in school.

The two didn't see each other again until last spring when they were both assigned to the 34th. Kapp as a platoon leader at Lima Co. and Muller as a radio operator at Hq Co.



"ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, SO IT WASN'T THE CAMOUFLAGED RUNWAY!"

Once upon a time there were two squirrels who had taken apartments in adjoining trees. Their names were Mr. Hasty and Mr. Tasty.

When the nutting season opened, Mr. Hasty dashed around like mad all day long with his cheeks full of nuts. Mr. Tasty didn't seem to work nearly as hard. He would sniff each nut critically--look at it from all sides--heft it in his mouth. Once in a while he would find one that exactly suited him, and only then would he store it away.

In no time at all Mr. Hasty had his storeroom full. He sat on a high branch, watching his neighbor still poking around, and said to himself, "You mark my word, before the Winter is over that fussy Mr. Tasty will be over here borrowing nuts."

But he was dead wrong. It worked out the other way.

What happened was that most of Mr. Hasty's nuts were wormy, and a lot of them were nothing but empty shells with the kernels all withered up.

Mr. Tasty didn't get his hollow filled till snow flew, but what he had were THE NUTS.

Moral: Join The Association, if you haven't already.

THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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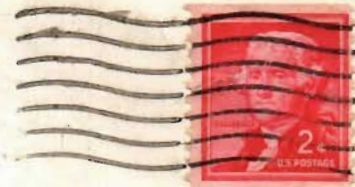
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I desire to/renew/ /start/ (strike out inappropriate word) my membership in 24th Infantry Division Association and thereby enjoy the many benefits of continuing to be associated with other members and former members of that Great Combat Division. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND \$3.00 FOR MY YEARLY DUES.

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REMARKS: (Please give all information that your friends in the Association would like to hear about such as present business, marital status, whether still with the 24th, etc.)

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Form 3547 Requested



"Now a word to those of you who may be thinking of Army life as it is depicted by Phil Silvers."

Here's one worth repeating, "Doctor," said the old gentleman as he entered the physicians office, "I've got to have a blood test, I'm going to get married." The doctor eyed him admiringly, "married" he asked, "how old are you anyway?" "I'm 78...and the bride? Oh, she's only 22." "22", cried the doctor, "why that kind of disparity could be fatal!" "Well" shrugged the old man philosophically, "if she dies, she dies."



Roy Stein

"Now don't you think, Private Perkins, that you were rather rude not to say 'Halt' first?"

Getting up early in the morning is simple... just a question of mind over mattress.

TO ERR IS HUMAN--but when the eraser wears out ahead of the pencil..you are over-doing it.

HOLD EVERYTHING!

For Sp3 Les Pilkington, a medic at the 34th Rgt Dispensary, the Army will always be a matter of life and death. When separated from the Army, he will pursue a veterinarian's career, a man dedicated to life.

Before his induction, Pilkington worked as a mortician in Union, New Jersey. He decided to join the Army to seek adventure, while simultaneously fulfilling his chosen career. Enlisting in the Medical Corps, he hoped to be assigned to Graves, Registration.

But Pilkington had made a mistake. Graves' Registration technically falls under the operation of the Quartermaster Corps. "At that time I thought it was the mistake I had ever made," says Pilkington.

During his post-basic training leave, Pilkington was invited by a friend to act as a veterinarian's assistant. Klein's Department Store of Newark, N.J. was sponsoring a Mary Had A Little Lamb sales extravaganza that required two men to shepherd a flock of lambs around the store.

Pilkington became an escort. During the show one of the lambs suddenly needed a veterinarian. She was giving birth. Pilkington was pressed into service and assisted admirably in the delivery.

"That was the turning point of my life," says Pilkington.

After that incident he took a liking to all living creatures.

When he arrived in Korea, he was assigned the job of veterinarian as well as Admission and Disposition Clerk at the 34th Rgt Dispensary.

Last month Pilkington decided to open a veterinarian's clinic upon his discharge from the Army. The reason the 22-year-old medic gave for his decision is that a veterinarian's life has its positive joys.

**Going to
 the '57
 Convention?**

Ivan Pophissnootoff liked to know all about the employees who toiled in his vast business. One day he came upon a new young man who was dexterously counting out a large wad of the firm's cash.

"Where did you get your financial training, young man?" he asked.

"Yale," the young man answered.

"Good," he said. "And what's your name?"

"Yackson."