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A RECORD TURN OUT....



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ISSUE

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- New England Members to organize Chapter.
- Chicago Chapter News-views
- Maj. Gen. A. S. (Red) Newman retires after 35 years.



This is YOUR Official Association paper. We want your suggestions & ideas. Most of all, we want to know all about you and your family. Pictures are always welcome.

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THOMAS, Vincent J. - A Loyal Member from Ohio, reports in:

418 E. Clinton Ave
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Dear Ed:

Sorry I haven't been too prompt over the years with my dues in the Association but it seems like I always seem to have so many places waiting for each five spot that comes my way.

I'm even sorerrier (more sorry?) - a sad sack over not being able to attend any of the conventions to date. Maybe when my family is grown up and on their own I'll make it.

I can't express my appreciation of the Taro Leaf nor describe the pleasure I derive in reading it. It's wonderful to read about men I haven't seen in so many years. I still exchange Christmas cards with a few of the 'boys' and with the widow and son of Wellington Mast (21st) in Reading, Pa.

I'm now 'Daddy' to a 12 year old boy and 4 girls ranging in age from 4 yrs to 13 yrs who have the grandest mother ever.

I'm employed as a circulation district manager by the Akron Beacon Journal in a suburban area adjacent to the city limits of Akron, handling 70 home delivery newsboys. I like my job and do it well enough to avoid promotion or demotion. Like being a PFC in the 21st.

My hobbies in recent years have ranged from remodeling our home to the finishing work on my present, recently built, home - serving; as Ideas Committee Chairman and later Cub-Master for Cub Scouts, Publicity Chairman for the local Council of 3340 Knights of Columbus and former VP and now President of our parish, St. Paul's Holy Name Society.

Don't know whether the above autobiography is of any interest but you're stuck with it now. I know I enjoy learning what other old friends are now doing.

That reminds me of a fellow Akronite who is a vet of the 24th in PI and Japan - Vince Flaherty, former of ~~xxxxxx~~ Ser. Co. 1st Bn. 21st. Vince now has a thriving potato chip business at 546 Grant Street, Akron, O. He has the best chips in Akron and the surrounding counties too, for that matter.

I'll try to be more prompt with my dues in the future. Please keep the Taro Leaf presses rolling.

Best wishes to you, Ed, and all the members of the Assn.

Vince (Vincent J. Thomas)



BEAR FACTS... FROM THE PRES.

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

As your president and past vice-president, I have had the opportunity of working very close with our secretary-treasurer, Edmund Henry, our editor, Robert Duff and the members of the Executive committee. I, for one, never before realized that responsibilities these men have. They have spent a lot of time and their own money keeping this great organization going.

As each of you know, the only means of support that the organization has is the annual dues of \$5.00 per member. In the past we have had enough money to publish 4 editions of Taro Leaf per year. I look forward to reading each publication, and I am sure you do too. The fact is, however, that the treasury is practically broke. Too many members have neglected paying their dues in the last 3 years. I am sure that this has been unintentional.

To keep this great organization alive and growing, let's get together and make things a little easier for our secretary-treasurer, editor and the paying members of the organization by paying in your dues now. I am hoping that each and every member will back me up and make this a 100 per cent paid up member year.

I am hoping to see all of you and your families in Atlantic City

Sincerely,

C. G. Hanlin, Pres.

See You In Atlantic City In 1960



Photo by MULDOON

RUTH L. KERR, our Secretary's Secretary, Ruth, like Ed, has served the Assn. well for many years. Believe this... she knows each and every one of you. Our thanks to you Ruth, and may we see you at a Convention one day. Many of us have had the pleasure of meeting Ruth, and feel that she is practically a member. She should be.

shoot
the editor

Editor's mistake, - on page 5 of the last issue, the young lady sitting fifth from the left, is SARAH GAMBALE; the editor identified her as Joyce Mashett, but was quickly corrected, thanks to several readers. Well, either of these gals represent the Philadelphia area.

The above mentioned photo was furnished us by MARGARET MILLER of the windy city of Chicago, wife of our faithful ADOLPH MILLER. The picture of the group on page 4 of the previous issue was also furnished by the MILLERS. They are very active in the Chicago Chapter.

BILL DAVIDSON has cleared up the #7 man in rear row of the photo on page 3 of the last issue: He is JIM PEARSALL. KLEPINGER, KAYE, & DUFF are absent.



ED HENRY and KENWOOD ROSS recently returned from a trip to the Dominican Republic. They had a wonderful time, ate Millington's salad and pepaya 3 times a day! Some chap sketched this of Ed just before they came back. (Ken says, "Aside from the overdone Roman nose, think it's a good likeness.")



FABULOUS AUGUST
HOLIDAY

Enjoy carefree days in
ATLANTIC CITY



11th - 14th AUG. 1960

THE **Ambassador**

CONVENTION FACTS

The Convention Committee, under the direction of JOE MacDONALD, JOE MASHETT, and VIC BACKER are busy beavers. They held a big meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City on 27th February, with a good representation from the area.

Hotel arrangements are complete, even down to the menu. (We will give you that in June).

Don't forget, when in Atlanta, you have no worries about anything. At the Ambassador, everything is available. During the days of the Convention you will not have to leave the Hotel and beach area for one single thing. Don't hesitate to bring the children - there will be some activities for them also. Supervised play area available.

We are getting very good rates, which are running about the same as last year. You will be able to get a double room adjoining your buddies for as little as \$12 per day per room. Suites are also available.

A postage paid Hotel Registration card will be enclosed in the June issue of the Taro Leaf. PLEASE complete the card and return it to the AMBASSADOR HOTEL as quickly as possible. That way, we will know you are attending, and can plan accordingly.

Let's not let the Committee down - let's get to Atlantic City in August. These boys are working hard, and with the fine cooperation they are receiving from the Hotel Management, this August you'll enjoy a reunion you'll never forget!



CONTACT A FRIEND GET HIM TO THE REUNION!!

Chicago NEWS

CHICAGO CHAPTER - 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Officers for 1960-61:

President	-	PAT CIANGI
1st Vice President	-	BOB ANDRE
2nd Vice President	-	RICHARD GOINY
Secretary & Treasurer	-	DICK LIGMAN & TOM COMPERE
Sgt. of Arms	-	ADOLPH MILLER
Program Chairman	-	CHET ANDEZAK
Editor of Paper	-	JOHN TRINCA

The CHICAGO CHAPTER holds regular monthly meetings, at a place most convenient to the most number of men. Most recently they have been held in Garfield Park, and on other occasions they meet at MacDuff's. Chicago area men are, however, notified either thru the Chicago Chapter Newsletter, or by card, in plenty of time for each meeting.

JOHN TRINCA has been doing a fine job with the Chapter paper. He keeps men of the mid-west well informed. PAT CIANGI, the new President, was unable to attend the first meeting of his year due to illness, but he is again on the bell.

It was just 2 years ago last St. Patrick's day that the Chicago Chapter received its Corporation Charter. Since that time, it has been a very active Chapter. They have conducted many activities which not only drew interest to and helped the Chicago group, but greatly boosted the National Association. This group also aided the Association in 1958 financially. In addition to the regular meetings each month, Chicago plans regular parties and other events throughout the year. One is the Halo'een party, another is the annual Christmas Party. THEN - each July (Rain or Shine this year!) they hold the annual Family Picnic, and Raffle. These are great fun and they expect a record turn-out this year. The date is: 17 July 1960, Schiller Woods North Area #6.

For each 25¢ donation, you receive a chance on one of the several fine prizes they are giving away at the picnic. If you don't have your name in write to Pat Ciangi, John Trinca, or any of the above named Officers, and they will gladly send you blanks which you fill out and return with your 25¢...it's as simple as that. HERE ARE THE PRIZES....

- 1st. Prize - - 17" Portable TV
- 2nd. Prize - - Clock Radio
- 3rd. Prize - - Sunbeam Waffle Iron
- 4th Prize - - Glassware

So remember you guys and gals and your families and friends, come on out to SCHILLER WOODS NORTH AREA #6 - Rain or Shine, and remember the date: Sunday, JULY 17th, 1960.

The Chicago Chapter also has done a good job in keeping a supply of items such as 24th Division Fountain pens, ash trays, decals, ties, shot glasses etc. Should you desire any of these items. Just write to either DICK LIGMAN, 3333 W. Fullerton Ave. or to TOM COMPERE, 67 W. Division, or John TRINCA, 650 N. Albany, Chicago.

STEVENSON, STEVE - Word reached the Chicago Hq, and then on to Taro Leaf that there will be a blessed event for our boy Steve's wife along about Convention time. Steve runs Steve's Drive in in Wheeling, Illinois, and serves the best in foods. We understand that he has just enlarged.

WE SEE by the papers that TOM COMPERE, JR. will be married in August. Tom Sr. is all smiles these days.

SHAW, BOB, another member from Wheeling, Illinois has gone into the service station business. Bob and a partner operate under the name of B & J Service Station, located at Palentine and Wolf Rd., Wheeling. When you are in that neighborhood, stop in and while Bob fills your tank changes your oil, and has your car washed, you can be enjoying a delicious T-Bone steak at Steve's. Good luck Bob, in your new venture.

FLASH - WHEELING, ILLINOIS - A special dinner meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the Assn. was held on Sunday, 24th April, 1960 at STEVE'S Restaurant in Wheeling. Thirty were in attendance and boy, you never tasted better Broasted Chicken. Steve (Gerald Stevenson) reserved his new dining room for the Chicago Group.

Plane were discussed for the July 17 family picnic, new members were introduced: John GIUSTINO, wife Gloria, and children, John Jr., and Barbara; also CHAS. KALMAN along with his Mother Lottie Kalman, and his Sister, Elizabeth Nelson. THOS. HELEY (11th FA) was with Dick GOINY. Julie Pacholaki was a guest of the BOB ANDRE family. WILLIE NIKER was present, but the Editor missed meeting him, he must have departed early. Oh yes, TOM COMPERE arrived late and left early due to urgent business. A list of the names of those present will be found elsewhere in this issue.

PAT CIANGI urges all of you to forward you money for your reffie books SOON, in order that the committee can make plans early. They have to get our and purchase the BIG PRIZES. A map of the area where the picnic will be held is, or has been sent to all men in the Chicago area, and if you want one write to PAT. It shows the roads leading there.

C. G. HANLIN & BOB DUFF flew up from Elwood and Denville, were grounded Monday A.M. due to winds and low ceiling, but finely got off the ground mid morning and making one stop for bearings and storm reports, arrived home safely before noon. C.G. took many movies, and the ADOLPH MILLERS took a great many. Margaret Miller is quite a photographer.

We missed JOHN TRINCA, who could not attend the dinner at Wheeling.

WE SALUTE the CHICAGO CHAPTER and its present and past Presidents: First Pres. was MIKE RAFTER, followed by DICK LIGMAN, and now PAT. TOM COMPERE has been right in there too, with bookkeeping and correspondence.

Before we go to press, your President of the National Association, C. G. HANLIN, and your Editor want to express our appreciation and thanks for the hospitality shown us by the families of the Chicago Chapter last week, and, in fact, not only last week, but at any time we or either of us has visited Chicago. On the 24th we were house guests of the STEVENSONS.

Contact a Friend - Get him to the Reunion

New England NEWS

The active New England Group has long hoped to organize a Chapter out there in order to keep alive the many friendships that have formed over the years, and also to strengthen the National and make for better reunions, which none of us ever want to miss.

The ball started rolling on 27 February last when a self appointed committee arranged a luncheon. This they carefully planned for weeks prior to that date. The meeting was held at Motel #128, Dedham, Mass.

Guest of Honor was MAJOR GENERAL BILL VERBECK (21st). Bill has always been a booster for the Association, no matter how far away he has been stationed. Right now he is, as you know, at Ft. Devens.

The actual purpose of the program on that eventful day was:

- To honor General Verbeck
- To foster interest in the 24th Div. Assn.
- To promote interest in the annual convention.
- To take steps to organize a New England Chapter which will provide a focal point for veterans in that vicinity who cannot attend annual conventions of the Assn., but wish to preserve the friendships of the men with whom they served by having periodic meetings through the year.

They had a grand turn-out - over 30 in attendance. Many of these were new faces, and several who had never attended a National Convention. All present expressed a desire to go ahead with the idea, and from the news the little birds carry out this way, our bet is that by at least shortly after our reunion in Atlantic City, there will be a very active group in New England.

C. G. flew out for the affair and was much impressed. He tells us that he wasn't certain whether his jokes from out here in the "sticks" went over. (His bear stories usually do).

Committee for the meeting included: KEN ROSS, ED HENRY, BILL SANDERSON, BOB GERRY, BILL MULDOON, BILL DAVIDSON, C. G. HANLIN, & notice by their bulletin, Bob Duff, who was unable to attend.

A STAG MEETING & PARTY is scheduled for July 4 week-end at Ft. Devens, with Gen. Verbeck. For particulars, write to ED HENRY, BILL SANDERSON, 57 Peck St., Attleboro, or BILL MULDOON, 843 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, Mass. Do this, and you will receive full information regarding exact time, place, etc.

HATS OFF to the New England boys. ANY of you 24th men who were not present at their meet, or who want to know more about their plans, please get in touch with one of the committee.



MULDOON, BOB GERRY, GEN. VERBECK, ED HENRY



"The Boys" - New England Meeting.

TAPS

MAST, WELLINGTON B. - Sv Co 21st - We have just learned, with deep regret, of the death in 1958, of Wellington B. Mast, in Reading, Pa. Cause was a heart attack. Wally trained at Camp Fannin, Texas, and joined the 24th Division on Goodenough Island in March of 1944 and served in Service Company 21st in all its operations. He had many friends in the Regiment and we know all of them, as well as all members of the Association, will express belated sympathy to his widow. R. Gen.

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The Ambassador

Come to our colorful Cabana Club on the world-famed beach. Be active, be lazy; tan under the sun or hide away under an umbrella at this favorite daytime rendezvous.

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The Ambassador is Atlantic City's largest single unit hotel, and is known as the "Monarch of the Board Walk". It is an impressive fireproof building overlooking the sea and boardwalk.

The entire Ambassador has just been artistically redecorated. All the meeting rooms, dining rooms, lounges, etc, are air conditioned.

Golf is a year 'round attraction in Atlantic City. Golf courses are easily accessible to the Hotel. Also, you may ride horseback only a few yards from the surf. Both saddle horses and ponies for the children are available. On the 8 mile stretch of boardwalk you may cycling, ride the rolling chairs, bathe, go sailing. Last but not least, fish near the Hotel.... and many of us may.

There are sun decks at the Hotel; also recreation rooms. An indoor swimming pool is available. This is the Ambassador's giant Salt water pool.

The Ambassador's facilities also include Turkish Baths and Swedish massages.

These are only a few of the many comforts, pleasures, and all 'round activities you may enjoy in Atlantic City and the Hotel.

Aloha

DON'T FORGET ----- BRING YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT

JOE PEYTON will no doubt return with his own graceful style of the Hula! (We'll guarantee that the Audience' laughter will NOT have to be augmented)



General Retires

Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman



"Get up and get moving, - follow me!"

RETIRING GENERAL'S BIG MOMENT

Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman, inset, retiring chief of staff for Continental Army Command, is the central figure in this battle scene, which is part of a series of paintings depicting the history of the U. S. Army. General Newman, then a colonel and commander of the 34th Infantry Regiment, led his men ashore in the amphibious assault on Leyte in October, 1944, and during the 11 days of fierce fighting that followed he was severely wounded in action.

MAJOR GENERAL AUBREY S. (Red) NEWMAN retired from active duty 26 March 1960, after 35 years in the service of our Country. Thousands of men who served with the 24th Division prior to and through 1945 will never forget this leader of men from South Carolina. In the early months of WW II, it was Major Newman, Asst. C/S G-2, then Chief of Staff, and later Regimental Commander of the 34th Infantry Regiment. Colonel Newman and his Regiment gained great fame for the outstanding action on Leyte. Red Newman will always belong to the 24th. Those of us who had the honor of serving with and under him will remember this also, - he spoke softly, but no phrase, no word was without significance.

General Newman and his wife Dorothy will reside in their home near Sarasota, Florida. We of the 24th Infantry Division Association wish the Newmans many happy years of carefree living down near the Gulf.

The following is reprinted from the Daily Press, Newport News, Va. A dinner was given in honor of General Newman on the week-end of his retirement.

STAFF OFFICER, COMBAT HERO

By HOWARD GIBBONS

To stand as a leader of men in the thick of combat and prove worthy of the training you have received over the years as an infantry officer and worthy of the confidence your regiment has developed in your leadership—this could be the high point of a military career full of solid accomplishment and devotion to duty. A man who has won two stars and held down the post as chief of staff of the largest field command in the U. S. Army retired at Fort Monroe this weekend with a backward glance to 11 days when he led the 34th Infantry Regiment in battle with gratitude that for that brief period in his 35 years of wearing a uniform, he had well fulfilled the first duty of a soldier.

Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. Newman, chief of staff of Continental Army Command, was a colonel—West Point trained and with 18 years of infantry service behind him—when he led his regiment ashore on Leyte in October, 1944.

It was a moment for which he and the men of his regiment had spent months preparing. That the preparation was good, that the mutual trust between the colonel and his men was justified, can be proved by a glance at the record.

The only thing you will hear from the regimental commander is an expression of quiet pride that he had the privilege of leading that regiment in that battle during those few days in the Philippines. The record, however, testifies that the 34th Infantry accomplished its mission under the shattered palms of Leyte and its colonel won two major combat decorations for heroism and leadership in action.

On the 11th day after the amphibious assault, the regimental commander was severely wound-

ed, thus ending this high moment in his life. After recovery, he returned to the combat zone as chief of staff of the 24th Division. But no combat command came his way again and most of the remainder of his career has been staff duty.

In a way, the colonel had spent a great part of life preparing for that moment. Born at Clemson College, S. C., where his father was on the faculty, he attended two years at that military institution before entering the U. S. Military Academy.

At the Academy, he excelled in all major athletics—as a track star at the Point, he established the international mile record which was not broken until the famous Glen Cunningham appeared in the '30's. Three years after graduating from West Point in 1925, Second Lieutenant Newman became one of the top Americans in the 1928 Olympics, participating with the U. S. Pentathlon team.

The prewar years were standard for the young infantry officer—company duty in the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, in the 31st Infantry at Manila, the 27th Infantry in Hawaii, the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg, N. Y., and back to Hawaii with the 19th Infantry. During these preparatory years, he attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning.

Just before the outbreak of World War II, then Colonel Newman began his long staff career with the 24th Infantry Division, first as assistant chief of staff for intelligence, then as chief of staff. This service was broken in 1943 when he attended the Command and General Staff School, but he returned to it upon graduation, in time to move with the 24th to Australia and the campaigns in New Guinea. He took over the 34th Infantry

Regiment during the staging period before the assault on Leyte. After the great days with the 34th, he returned to staff duty with the 24th in the Mindanao campaign for a brief tour in 1945.

The remainder of his career consisted of a steady rise in staff assignments—except for a few months of command of an airborne regiment in 1949-50. He qualified as a parachutist in 1949, "late in my career," as he put it.

In the decade of the '50's, General Newman served successively as chief of the training division for intelligence at Army Ground Forces headquarters in Washington, director of instruction at the Armed Forces Information School, commander of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment, chief of staff of the Iceland Defense Force (a unified command), assistant division commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, deputy commanding general of the Infantry Center, assistant commander of the 5th Infantry Division in Germany, assistant chief of staff for intelligence, U. S. Army Europe, and deputy commandant, Armed Forces War College.

Since June, 1958, he has served as chief of staff of Conarc.

As in his brief combat command, General Newman can look with pride for accomplishments upon his staff assignments. Outstanding among his accomplishments, perhaps, is the development of the aggressor system of providing opposition for U. S. troops in major field exercises.

The idea of aggressors, U. S. troops uniformed as enemy and organized and operating after the manner of the major potential enemy of this country, was born in the mind of General Newman as the answer to the need for more realistic training for

Getting to know you COAST TO COAST

BRYAN, B. M., LT. GEN. - General Bryan formerly C. G. of the 24th, and more recently Commanding General of First Army, Governors Island, New York, retired last month. Gen. Bryan's address is:

41 Crescent Drive, Albertson, Long Island, New York.

A letter from JOHN B. FARRELL, Yeoho Rd., Sparks, Md. tells us that he is working on membership in that area. John may just get out some new, and old members and guide them to Atlantic City too!

WEHLE, FRED Jr. - Fred recently enjoyed an evening with ROSS PURSIFULL at which time he learned of the Association. He joined the 24th in October 1941, as Motor Officer of the 34d Engineers, later commanding 1st Platoon of "C" Co. Fred is an amateur photographer, and took many pictures during his tour in the Pacific. Because of his love for photography, he requested several times to be transferred to a Topographic Co., but as with many of us, was turned down.

Fred states that his only claim to fame in the 24th was his method of leaving it during the operation, due to our sloshy and foolhardiness he and two Sergeants tracked down some Japs who were in the Sentani Lake area. It happened that there were 14 of them and they got them all. He returned to Co. Hq. very worried because of disobeying orders not to hunt Japs. To forestall disciplinary action, he put his Company commander on the defensive by stating that he thought they all should be awarded the Bronze Star, to which the C.O. said, "If you think so, write it up." This was accomplished, and by the time the recommendation reached Col. OBERBECK, all was going well.

You see, it turned out that the Infantry boys had been looking for this Jap patrol for a week or two, and Oberbeck had the laugh on them in that he said it took the Engineers to get them, accidentally. The recommendation was changed from a bronze star to a silver star for the three of them. Col. NEWMAN pinned the stars on.

A few days later WEHLE'S request for transfer to a Topographic Unit was approved. Fred felt that he could better serve the Army in the work he liked best. Incidentally, his Company Commander at the time was Captain ZAHN.

HARDI, Ray - ("G" Co. 21st, May 1942 - June 1945) Ray and Audrey live at 8619 Goodfellow Steet, St. Louis, Mo. He is a printing pressman. Ray has attended at least 4 conventions, perhaps 5. We certainly look forward to seeing the Hardi family in Atlantic City in August.

These men came to the desk in Philadelphia after it had closed. They had seen Bill Davidson's ad in the paper regarding the convention, but could not get to the Hotel any sooner. They said they were INTERESTED in the Association. We trust they will be active in the future:

KANE, John M. (Hvy Mtr Co, 5th RCT) 3301 "D" St., Philadelphia, Pa.
GAVRANICH, Joseph A. 628 Cedar Ave, Collingswood, N.J.
DEMARCO, Patriok Chestnut Ave, Woodlyne, N.J.

HODOROWSKI, H. J. - (Supply Sgt. Div. Hq. Co. from before Pearl Harbor until about May 1943) When looking through some old files, your Editor came across a letter from Hodorowski which was addressed to Ed Lora's father, Roy. Hodorowski had mailed it after his return to the U. S., and had assured the folks here that we of the 24th Division were at that time still safe in Oahu. Has anyone seen or heard from him of late? His last known address:

H. J. HODOROWSKI Box 22 Jenners, Pennsylvania

Will some of you loyal Taro Leafers in that area try to contact him? Should you, I am certain H. J. will attend the Reunion.

MULDON, BILL - 643 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, Mass. was kind enough to drop a line and forward to the Tar Leaf some snap-shots taken at the recent meeting and dinner honoring General Wm. VERBECK.

MANLOVE, ALVA W. attended the farewell dinner given in honor of MAJOR GENERAL AUBREY S. NEWMAN, who has retired after 35 years service. (Story regarding the 24th's own "RED" NEWMAN will be found in this issue).

PEIFLY, RICHARD S. - 724th Ord Co., operates Smith & Peifly Inc., of 10th and Turner Streets, Allentown Pa. Dick has been one of our loyal members for many years.

SCHRAAD, Col. CARL W. - One of our fine Artillery men, 63rd FA Bn. He can be reached at A 304 River House, 1111 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington 2, Va. It sounds as if he is in the Pentagon.

SMITH, LEWIS D. who was with us in Div. Hq. in Japan from 1945 to 1946, now practicing law with Hayes, Harkey & Smith, 1504 Stubbs Avenue, Monroe, La. He and his wife, Charleen have three children.

HELLER, RICHARD - Hq Co, 1st Bn, 21st.

SNAVELY, HARRY L. - 2nd. Bn, 34th.

VINCE THOMAS wants to know the whereabouts of HELLER, and C. A. MOTE inquired about SNAVELY. His letter mentions 'Carl' Snaveley, but we imagine he meant Harry L. Snaveley, who about 10 years ago lived in Lanoster Pa. Records will probably show that he attended the 1952 Convention. He went back into the Army, and went to Korea, and we have not heard from him since.

ENGLE, RUEBEN A. - Served in Co B 34th Inf. lives in Jack Benney's home town at 838 Prescott Street. This lad is one of our really long-time members.

WALLACE, BENJAMIN F. - was a S/sgt in Item Co 21st. December '42 to '45. He is now a railroad engineer and lives at 1515 Ledwich Ave. Yakima, Washington. He and his wife Betty like to bowl.

TACCHI, LOU - Co. E 34th - from May '43 to Aug. '45. Lives at 6832 Bradley Avenue, St. Louis. He and his wife, Vicki, have 5 of them - from 1-1/2 to 13 years.

DAIGLE, JOSEPH I. - S/sgt. Sig. Co. from '42 to '45. One of our oldest members. He lives at 419 Louisiana Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana.

BEHREL, GORDON H. - Hq. 1st Bn. 19th - from '44 to '45. Gordon says he is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. His address is 4507 Washington Street, Downers Grove, Illinois. He likes sailing - so Downers Grove must be near the Lake.

HAGERMAN, RUSSELL - 11 FA Bn. from Apr. - Nov. 1945. He still is a military man. Staff Asst. Mich. Natl Guard.

DABERKO, WILSON - 24th Sig. Co. - has a home at 929 Parrish St. Uhricksville, Ohio. He owns The Hicks Company, which is a furniture store at Dennison, Ohio. Wants to know the whereabouts of Jim Purcell -- like the rest of us!

ANDERSON, WALTER A. - was a veterinary officer in Australia and New Guinea. Now operates 2 veterinary hospitals in Tacoma, Washington. He lives at 4002 So. Tacoma Way. with his wife, Ruth and Philip (12 years).

Wonderful world...

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intelligence officers. While serving in Army Ground Forces headquarters, he wrote the original plan and pushed it through to approval. Today, the Aggressor Center at Fort Riley, Kan., and the surprisingly unchanged use of the aggressor system, is a major element in Army field training.

Although willing to take a modest look at his career during the past 35 years ("A staff officer should remain in the background"), General Newman is more eager for the future, out of uniform.

Retiring voluntarily at 57, he plans to reside in Florida, where he has acquired a home on the West Coast near Sarasota, a home with a seawall on which one can lounge and fish and, more important to him, an "office" in which he can pursue his avocation - writing.

From early in his days as a young infantry officer, General Newman has been a rather prolific writer. In Hawaii, he covered military news for the Honolulu Star and wrote a weekly column on military activities. Later, he branched out to magazine work, never writing under his real name. It has not been generally known that the general has been the author of some of the classic works on military command and staff theory appearing in such publications as the Infantry Journal and Army Magazine.

First order of business for the general will be autobiographical - a book about his own career. Following that will be a book each on command and staff theory, then a book on basketball instruction. Following that, the field is wide open, both in military and athletic subjects.

There are other plans, too. The general has a few ideas for inventions - one of them is an automatic golf scoring card, on which the patent is pending, perhaps not to be expected of a man much more familiar with tennis courts.

Thus, retirement for a man who has never been idle and whose activities in a long career have left their mark will amount to little more than a change of emphasis - from staff duty to command, it might be said.

EDITORIAL

THIS ISSUE PAID FOR BY "Mr Anonymous"

A very active member of our wonderful 24th Division Association has made arrangements to pay for the printing of this issue of the TARO LEAF. He instructed me to tell the Secretary-Treasurer that it had been paid for by a Mr. "Anonymous". This I cannot do, because it is our belief that all the members, both active and inactive should know of members such as "Mr. Anonymous". All those who have at one time or another been active in the affairs of the Association know and have that certain deep feeling of love for it and its hundreds of fine men and their families. True, many of us have not been able to make as great a contribution as we would like to, but we have tried to do our share, even though we have been limited.

This man states that it has been his desire for a long time to shoulder the expense of one issue. No organization could mean so much to him, and he has never enjoyed such fellowship. He wants the Association to prosper, therefore, another reason - to save the Treasury the expense this time.

This "Mr. Anonymous" is none other than your President, C. G. HANLIN. He has never stopped working for us, letter after letter, air miles upon air miles. Almost 2000 Copies of this issue are going out - to members and non-members.

Your Editor, also a Charter member, and having the same feelings as does C. G. is paying the first class postage on all the copies this issue. We hope you enjoy this Convention copy. Ed, put your pen away. The Association can pay for the June 15th issue. See you then.

Bob Duff, Editor.

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RODES, ELMER O. - writes from Roanoke, Virginia:

Dear Mr. Duff:
I recently was sent a copy of the TARO LEAF.
Having been a member of the 24th Infantry Division, please advise me concerning membership in the Association, and subscription to the Taro Leaf.

Sincerely,
/s/ Elmer O. Rodes

Elmer is connected with Sowers, Rodes & Whitescarver, Engineers, according to the letterhead.

We have forwarded an application to him, and perhaps by the next issue will have more details from him, regarding his Unit time of Service, his family, etc. Rode's mailing address:

1316-A Grandin Road, S. W.
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24th SIGNAL COMPANY REUNION

From left to right: FRED GILLIAM, JOHN DUKOVICH, & BUD POE.

FRED J. GILLIAM - 24th Sig Co. - 1940-1944 - was one of the original members of the Signal Company. He lives in Springdale, Pa. on William Street, and works as a mechanic. He has just heard of the Assn. and joined up. He is especially anxious to attend the Atlantic City reunion. Here is a copy of a letter from Fred:



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"The ROCK"

CHICK OF THE MONTH for APRIL - Each month a former "Chick" is selected as "Chick of the Month", and interesting bits of information about him are published in THE ROCK. In April, Bill Muldoon was selected.

Bill had a short term of service with the 19th, serving from March to to November 1944. Bill, however, was with the outfit during most all the operations during WW II period. Bill has been a longstanding & loyal member, and the Association never has to ask twice for volunteers when Bill is approached for a favor or a job. Bill was secretary of the Association for a term, and has always been an "eager-beaver". He is very active with the New England group, having been selected as Acting Secretary of that Group. (A New England Chapter is in the making). Bill is Yardmaster with the New York Central RR. He is married to a lovely girl, Mary. They have a six year old daughter, Patricia Ann. Joe Peyton, Editor of The Rock says he is sure the Muldoon gang is preparing for the August reunion. Congratulations, BILL MULDOON, on being named CHICK OF THE MONTH, April 1960.:

Incidentally, during the past month, the ROCK gained 11 new members....Also, the membership now covers 19 States, and Germany. So keep plugging, you Chicks, and the stronger your ROCK grows, the greater the 24th Division Association.

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