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*NEW ENGLAND Chapter Formed With Bill Muldoon Pres.,
Bob Gerry V.P. -- CONVENTION COMMITTEE Awaits You!
--- General VERBECK GUEST SPEAKER.....*

NEW ENGLAND



Over 40 former 24th

Division men and their families gathered at Ft. Devens for a 4th of July party and meeting as guests of General and Mrs. VERBECK. The affair was in the form of a picnic, and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all those attending. Many present have not been able to attend our annual Conventions in the past, and this form of a reunion was a treat to them. It also spurred some of them to make it a point to attend this coming August.

As was anticipated and desired by all, during the course of the day, a NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER was formed! All the details are not available at the moment, but the first President of this new chapter is none other than our long time and very faithful member, BILL MULDOON. Congratulations Bill, and we know that the men of the New England Chapter of the 24th Division Association will enjoy many wonderful years together.

C. G. HANLIN motored out via air, arriving in plenty of time, but missed his return flight, arriving back in Elwood early the 5th. He reports that all present enjoyed themselves to the fullest, and that practically everyone was planning on attending the Convention in Aug. in ATLANTIC CITY.

'SPIKE' O'DONNELL, who was in the area a short time prior to the party, expected to attend, but other business prevented his presence. We hope to see him in August.

Thanks, PEGGY and BILL VERBECK for your gracious hospitality!!!

Those attending included: (- hope we havn't missed anyone). -

PEGGY VERBECK
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ERNEST L. VIENNEAU
MRS. E. L. VIENNEAU
MAJOR J. J. BERNARD
MRS. J. J. BERNARD
DUKE CRANFORD
BRIG. GEN. TOM YANCFY
ACE McCRANIE
BETSEY GALLANT (Ed's niece)
MARY MULDOON
C. G. HANLIN
PATSY MULDOON
CRIS McNAMARA
LARRY McNAMARA
DUKE CRANFORD
DWIGHT ADAMS

Now that the New England Chapter has become a reality, lets all the 24th men out there get in touch with MULDOON, become active, get your feet wet by helping build the Chapter and keeping alive the old spirit and renew old friendships. Best of luck to you all.

Getting to know you

FARRELL, Philip - (52nd FA Bn) has joined the Association. We have no information regarding his family or employment, but as time goes on, we'll get the low down. Phil lives at 20 Josephine Avenue, Somerville, Mass.

PARENT, James M. - (21st Inf) joined the Association in February. He resides at 42 Loomis Avenue, Westfield, Mass. He's so near Atlantic City, imagine we'll be seeing him at the reunion.

From the Medical Detachment of Division Artillery, we hear from STANLEY C. KAISER, D. M. D. Don't know what years he served with Div. Arty., but since Doc lives in Quincy, Mass., at 30 Whitney Road, he no doubt will be among us in August and fill out one of our 'long forms'.

McQuillan, John - (34th Inf) - dropped his name, address and dues in the post box, and is another new active member. John lives at 27 Cochrane Street, Methuen, Mass. See you in Atlantic City John.

CALLAWAY, J. W., Lt. Col - another former 34th man is at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I. Col Callaway attended the luncheon last Spring, given in honor of Gen. Verbeck. He'll be around the Convention Headquarters also.

WALTHAM, Mass. is the home of ERNEST L. VIENNEAU, formerly of the 21st. Inf. Regt. He lives at 26 Potter Road in that City. Waltham is also the home of Bill Muldoon.

O'COIN, Wilfred, of 33 Valley St. Spencer, Massachusetts is another Eager Beaver of the New England Group. I believe he attended the luncheon for Bill, and he'll probably be on hand at Gen. Verbeck's party on the 4th of July. Wilfred was with the 21st.

WRIGHT, Robert E - (3rd Engrs) - attended the 1959 Convention and expects to be present again this year. Bob's home address is R.D. #1, Herpursville, N. Y. He and Norma have 2 children.

WOYTON, John J. formerly of H₂ Co., Div Hc, attended the Reunion last year and introduced himself. He was with the Division from 1947 to 1948. He and his wife and 3 children live at 209 Kevin Lane, Media, Pa. John, having served with the 24th Division, you are eligible to join the 24th Division Association. Also, you and your buddies might contact Muldoon and become active in the New England Chapter. Let's hear from you...

STEVENSON, Gerald R. - Steve, as he is better know, served from 1941 until 1945 with Div. Hc. He was with Shorty Scherer in the Officer's mess, and later becoming Mess Sgt. He operates Steve's Restaurant, on Wolf & Dundee Roads, Wheeling, Illinois. He has recently remodeled and constructed a new addition, and has a dandy place. Steve really puts out the broasted chicken and charbroiled steaks, his specialties. The Chicago Chapter recently enjoyed a dinner meeting up there. Steve and family live at 62 Drien Rd.

MUELS, Ted - (Cannon Co. 19th) - 1942 to 1944. Ted attended the Philadelphia reunion and says he'll be on hand in Atlantic City. He resides at 102 Hillcrest Ave., Cranford, N. J.

BEST, Charles, (19th) was with the Division from Feb. 1945 until Apr. 1946. His home is in Prescott, Kansas.

REHM, Thomas C., (34th Inf) Tom lives at 796 Stonewall Street, down in Memphis, Tenn. He is a fairly new member, and we hope to see him at many conventions.

REHM, Dr. Walter L. - Doc has attended many Reunions and we're certain to see him again this year. He and Mrs. Rehm live at 306 Market St., St. Genevieve, Mo.

NOTE: We have two Rehms; Rehm...Rehm.

REIFLER, Sam - 6309 23rd Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. is usually on hand at Conventions. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, and works all day if necessary. Round up a couple of dozen Brooklyn boys, Sam and get them over to A. C.

See You In . . . ATLANTIC CITY 11th - 14th AUG. 1960

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We've all had a very busy year but it's been a lot of fun! The HANLIN Family: C. G., Gordon, Vickie, Marie, and Cathy.

Getting to know you

LOUIS D. SMITH - havn't heard from Louis for some time. He lives at Monroe, La. P.O. drawer #1791.

ELWARD DOUBEK - 10627 S. State St., Chicago, 28, Ill., a friend of DICK GOINYS is joining the Association according to Dick. Fine, and we trust we'll see both of you in Aug.

PARNCUTT, Robert L. Jr. (24th, Co. F) lives with his wife, Elizabeth and 4 children at 5202 F. St., Philadelphia. He was with the Division in 1944 and 1945.

PARKS, Charles E. (Co "E", 21st) from 1944 to 1946. Lives at 41 Darrow Drive, Baltimore, Md. Charles' wife name is Naomi. They have 2 children. He attended the 59 Convention.

NIBLING, Arthur O. (Hq 19th) 1944-1946. Art and his wife Cordilla have 2 children and live at 1175 Muhlberg Drive, Valley Forge Estates, PO Wayne, Pa.

MILLER, Adolph, (Co E, 19th) and wife Margaret live at 1420 W. Erie, Chicago, Ill. Adolph is a life member of the Assn. He and Margaret are camera fans and are especially helpful in furnishing photos of the Chicago Chapter affairs. They never miss a reunion.

MARINO, Mike - (Co. C, 19th) another 19th man and an active one. Mike was there last year and we are sure we'll see him again in Aug. Mike lives at 109 South Ave., Cranford, N. J. He was with the Division and the 19th from 1942 until 1945.

MacDONALD, Joe and wife JOAN live at 4317 E. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Joe worked on Davidson's committee last year, and is Co-Chairman, along with JOE MASSETT and VIO JACKER for this years Convention. Both JOES were in the KOREAN Campaigns. We were in error last month and WW II was a mis-print.

JUNGLUT, Albert P. (24th Div Arty) from '41 until '45. Al and wife Florence have 2 children and live at 38 Morris Ave., Burlington, N. J. He attended the reunion in 1959. Will be here in 1960 also.

JOHNSON, Edmund F. (24th QM) lives: Mountell Route, Middletown, Pa. His wife is Ariene. They have 1 child. Edmund is not yet a member of the Assn., but we trust that he will join before the end of this year. See you at the reunion Ed.

GELHOED, Theodore ('I' Co. 19th) from '51 to '53. resides 60 North 8th Street, Hawthorne, New Jersey.

REMEMBER - You Fellows in the EAST, there is a NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER of the 24th Division Association. You'll really miss something if you don't JOIN 'EM.

McNAMARA, Warren and his wife live at 871 Worcester Turnpike, Wellesley, Mass. He's a 21st. man.

HOSLER, William C. - (19th Inf). Bill was with the Convention last year and plans to attend this year. He was in the Division from '49 until 1951. Bill and Patricia have 2 children. They make their home at 76 W. Main St. Newville, Pa.

HENDERSON, Arthur H. (21st) ART attended his first Reunion in 1959 and says he'll not miss any from here on in. He had a wonderful time as did everyone. To contact Art write: 239 E. 79th St., New York 21, N. Y. You'll meet both Arthur and Marie in Atlantic City.

GEORGEANNI, Angelo (Hq 24 Div Arty) 1942-1945. Angele and wife Nancy live at Mt. Holly Road, Burlington, N. J. They have two children. Angelo is eligible to membership in the Association and we hope to have him with us come August.

FONDOTS, John (5th R. C. T.) from 1943 to 1951. Attended the Philly reunion and is an active member. His address: 1417 Butler Pike, Conshohocken, Pa. John sends best wishes to all his friends and hopes to see many of them in Atlantic City.

DeLEO, Joseph of 58 Sycamore Ave., Aldan, Pa. writes that he will try to attend the reunion. Joe was with the Division in Korea, and was a Prisoner for many, many months. He works at the Hotel Ben Franklin, and was a great help to many of last year.

DAVENPORT, George E. (Co. 'F' 21st) from 1943 until 1946. plans to see you all again this year. Address: East Drive, Laurelton, N. J.

DANTZLER, L. A. Jr. (21st Inf) from 1942 to 1945 is a long time and active member of the Assn. Dantzler says he wouldn't miss the Convention for anything. See you there. He lives at Eutawville, S.C. He and his lovely wife Jean have 3 children.

CUNNINGHAM, Walter- (Div Hq) the Professor and his famous pipe(s) will be arriving at Convention registration desk on time as usual. Walter is a Charter member of the association, and to our knowledge, has never missed a reunion. Walter lives at 135 Kennedy St., Syracuse, (LIYe Member).

FIERRO, Anthony - resides at 545 Calhoun Ave., Bronx, N. Y. Tony says he'll sure try to get to Atlantic City.

PERE, Robert S. is another New York member. He has been an active member for a long time. Bob may be reached at 1270 Gerard Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y.

McNeely, Sue, 1720 Truman Rd. Charlotte, N.C. is a life member. Sue attends the when possible for her to do so. She is very busy with her work at Crossnore School down there.

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New ADDRESSES

PAUL WISECUP has moved to R.R. #1, Winchester Road, Xenia, Ohio. Paul intends making the reunion again this year.

MAJ. DONALD J. BAKER to 201 E. 6th, Moscow, Idaho.

LT. GEN. B. M. BRYAN, since his retirement, resides at 41 Crescent Drive, Albertson, L. I. New York. General Bryan was our guest speaker at the 1959 Reunion in Philadelphia.

BILL KUSHINA writes from our next Convention area that he has moved and now calls 777 W. 3rd. Avenue, Runnemeade, N.J. his home. He will be present in Atlantic City.

EUGENE J. PAPI left Tennessee some time ago and is now located at 116 Broadhead St., Durysa, Pa. Gene is a former Band leader, now retired.

DUKE CRANFORD, M/Sgt. who, by the way, was present at Bill Verbeck's beer party, is now with Hq. Co. at Ft. Devens, Mass.

LT. GEN. G. S. MELOY, JR. is Commanding General, VII Corps, USAREUR, A.F. 0. 107, New York, N. Y. Stan attended our reunion in 1952, and we hope he will be present at another in the not too distant future.

RUSSELL HAGERMAN now lives at 29334 Sootten Drive, Farmington, Mich.

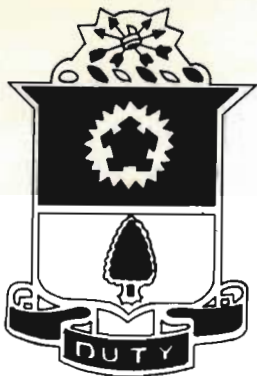
BRIG. GENERAL FRED. R. ZIERATH is way up there;; his is now: Hq. ALASKAN COMMAND, A.F.O. 942. Seattle, Wash. We know that Fred will be thinking about us, even though he will not be in Atlantic City.

Speaking of Alaska, your Editor heard that perhaps Col. Les Wheeler may be on his way to that region. If anyone hears from him, let us know. We do not have his present address.

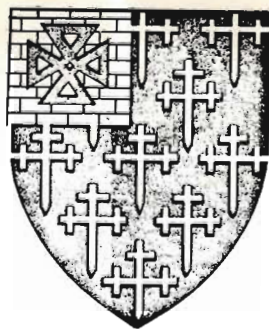
RAY KRESKY, active member of the Assn. and of the Chicago Chapter has moved. His new address is: 2519 W. Jerome Ave., Chicago 45, Illinois.



19TH INF REGT



21ST INF REGT



34TH INF REGT



6TH TANK BN



24TH DIV ARTY

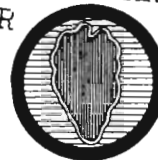


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A wonderful menu has been worked out for Saturday evening. This will follow the Cocktail hour and Memorial Service.

If you have not sent in your reservation card, you will find one in this issue. Cut it out and Mail Today, in order that the Committee can make plans, and assure yourself of a room upon your arrival.

With the growing interest in this year's Reunion, it looks as if we will have every Unit of the 24th Infantry Division represented, so C'mon.



11TH FA BN



13TH FA BN



52ND FA BN



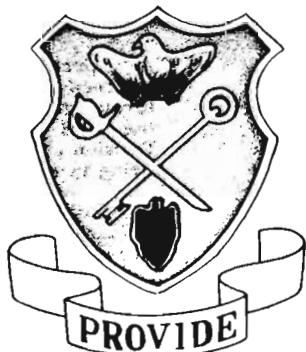
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24TH RECON CO



24TH QM CO



24TH AVN CO



26TH AAA (AW) BN



63RD FA BN

24th Signal Co
24th Spec Svcs Bn

24th Replacement Co

24th MP Co
DMZ Police Co

Chicago NEWS

The CHICAGO RAFFLE party was a huge success.... Both young and old had a swell time.... the weather was O. K. and the bugs were few. Plenty of chow, lots of gab-fests.

This reporter left before the drawing so unable to reveal at this time the names of the winners of the T.V., and other electrical appliances. The names of winners will be published in the issue following the annual Convention.

Yes, it was a typical picnic with all the food, drinks, a very few ants, also a few aunts.... horseshoe pitching, tall tale pitching, games for the children.... a very fine Chicago Chapter outing.

PAT CLANGI, Chicago Chapter President, has been ill off and on for the past month or so, but is getting along quite well now. Pat and Lou are both hard workers in the Chicago Chapter.

We don't hear much from TRINCA except thru the Chicago Chapter paper, & he never mentions Trinca. John busys himself in the making of maternity gowns etc.

DOCTOR RICHARD C. LIGMAN has moved his Office and residence to: 5230 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois

Doc not too long ago turned the office of President over to Pat after a very successful year in office. Dick's hobbies include hunting and fishing. We hear he is a very good hunter, but after seeing the photos of the fish he caught at C. G.'s place we wonder whether it is his fishing, or the bait, or the lake!!

Our roving President, C.G., dropped in on the GERALD STEVENSON'S the other day. The Stevensons are planning to attend the Reunion. BOB SHAY, also of Wheeling, will be there.

You fellows who receive this Tarp Leaf, and who do not know about, or who have never attended a meeting of the Chicago Chapter, get in touch with one of the following:

Pat Clangi	4746 W. Monroe	Chicago
John Trinca	850 W. Albany	Chicago
Dr. Richard Ligman	5230 W. Irving Pk. Rd.	Chicago.

You will enjoy the fellowship, snacks, smokers, parties, dances, picnics, etc. They have something going on all of the time, and also affairs for the wife and the family as well as stag. They show COMBAT films (DICK GOINY is official projection engineer). They meet once each month. Get in touch, and get on their mailing list and keep up with the gang. You will find a member of your former unit of the Div. no matter in which Co., Btry., or Regt. Chogo. Chapter has scores of 24th men. O.K.? ---- O. K.

ALSO: THE CHICAGO CHAPTER IS SPONSORING A SPECIAL COACH TO ATLANTIC CITY. YOU WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL PRICES. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COME BACK IN A GROUP, SO IF YOU DESIRE TO STAY OVER A DAY OR SO, YOU MAY. THE SPECIAL CAR IS ALMOST FULL, SO CALL NOW -- ANY OF THE ABOVE OFFICERS OR ANY MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER TO GET YOUR NAME IN OR TO GET ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. DON'T DELAY -- CALL TODAY. GET ON THE CHICAGO CHAPTER 24TH INF. DIVISION TRAIN TO ATLANTIC CITY.

FLORIDA AND Southern States

During a recent trip to Florida, we decided to try to contact as many 24th Division folk as possible. Our original plans were to visit my sister and her family and General and Mrs. Aubrey S. Newman. Before leaving Danville, we selected a roster of all the States we intended to pass through in order that we'd have addresses handy of the men in those States.

There are a number of potential active members, and new members down in those Southern States... all that is needed is to ring them up on the phone and tell them about the Association. Here is a very short memo of the Florida and Southern round-up:

KLEPINGER, WALTER J. (G-4, Div Hq) - On nearing Alabama, and remembering that KLEP lived in Auburn, decided to try to make it within calling distance that evening. Our Motel on the route was only five miles from Auburn, and a phone call found the Colonel and Mrs. Klepinger at home. A very enjoyable evening was spent at their country home just outside Auburn.



Col. KLEPINGER was with the Division from Pearl Harbor time until 1944, as A/CS, G-4. He later returned to the States, and then on to Europe. Klep recalls many happy and interesting events which occurred during his time with the Division. His recollection of the days near Rockhampton, Qd., were most vivid... campfires, singing, short and tall tales told night after night, and our move on to Goodenough.

He wonders about two Hq men; Maj. Dave Hiester, and Capt. Kaye. (We learned from Griner that Hiester was with 8th Army not too long ago.

Colonel Klepinger retired from active duty in 1955, and was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute until recently, when he took over the Engineering drawings Dept. at the same College which is now called the Alabama Institute.



4th July 1960, New England Group Ft. Devens, Mass.

Col. and Mrs. Klepinger recently built a new home on 90 acres where they raise Angus cattle, and peacans. They have their own little lake stocked with a variety of fish. He is Deputy Commander at ROTC Summer Camp, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. This photo shows him concentrating on these plans.

Klep mentioned that it is a wonderful feeling to meet up with former members of the 24th Division. He states that we all have done a wonderful job of keeping alive the esprit de corps of our Division. The warm freindships formed will never die. A letter was just received from Klep with a very warm greeting, and he also wishes to extend his and Mrs. Klepinger's best wishes to all members of the Division and the Division Association. A generous check - for \$25.00 - was inclosed, 'to help along with Taro Leaf expenses'. Thank you Col. Klep. The Colonel is one of our long time members, and we hope to see him at the Convention in August. The Klepingers have a daughter and three grandchildren who live in Auburn.

The next day found yours truly in an easy chair sipping a cool one and overlooking Sarasote Bay from the balcony of General RED NEWMAN'S Hq. on Longboat Key. This end the next day were related in the last issue of this paper.

With the limited time, and being too fer from the route, it was not possible to get over to look up either BILL SAVELL at Vernon, Florida, or Lt. Col. JAY L. HALL at Tallahassee. Perhaps next time.

Down thru the Everglades and to Miami... after a couple days of fishing it was time to start back to Danville. In the meantime calls were made to the members we knew were in the Miami area.

Fain, Sam of 825 S.W. 44th Avenue, Miami was not to be reached it seemed. SAM has been an active member and we hope to see him soon, and will if it is necessary for another trip down there this coming winter.

FINEGOLD, MAURICE J. - was found and in the best of health. He and his wife DORA live at 475 NE 50th Terrace, Miami. Maurice was with the 19th from June 1943 until November 1945. He is with the U.S. Postal Service.

FINEGOLD is President of the Coral Gables Bnai Brith with 410 members and is very active in the Jewish War Veterans. With all this, he doubts that he will be able to attend the Convention this year. His hobby is bowling and he has a 166 average.

While enroute to the Philippines on LST 460, the LST was hit by a Jap suicide bomber. He escaped from his burning ship by jumping overboard, which was witnessed by CARL SCHANK of Hq. Carl watched Marloef's every move thru Maurice's field glasses which had been entrusted to him for safe keeping. Maurice says, "Bob, I thank God dearly for living on borrowed time". He adds, "My best to all the boys of the Assn.". Maurice is another long time member and hopes to attend the Convention in 1962.



BOB & GERTIE LUHRSEN
Miami, Florida

LUHRSEN, ROBERT H. (19th Inf Regt) and Mrs. L. reside at 1031 NE 83rd Street, Miami Beach Florida.

Bob has been in Florida almost four years, and thinks it is wonderful. He is Assistant Manager of Smith-Corona Division of Smith-Corona Merchant Co. of Miami.

We found them both in the best of health, and happily settled in their new home, which is on a waterway. Bob has a fine boat anchored at his dock. He was getting ready for a fishing trip on the following day, but as luck would have it, time did not permit us to stay over, as much as we'd have like to!

Bob has always been an active member of the Association, and he is planning to get a group of the Florida members together one of these days in the near future. There are several in the Miami area not to mention the others in the Central and south of Florida. We spoke to FINEGOLD along these lines and he is more than willing. Luhrsen and Finegold are going to form a Committee of two, and outline plans for a Florida Group Get-together. Bob receives the Rock and enjoys it, as well as the Taro.

Mrs. Luhrsen, like Ann, is a professional hair stylist and Cosmetologist. In this photo she is holding her pet Siamese cat.

Back up the road thru to Ft. Pierce, and we missed ROBERT B. MILLER at the Causeway Trailer Court.

On through to Raiford where we knew that a 24th QM man once resided when his father was Warden of the Florida State Penitentiary. Finally located him in Lake Butler, Florida, so the lost is found:

GRINER, MARTIN E., (24th QM Co.) - Marty was in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor and was one of the original members of the 24th. He was a Captain in the 24th QM when he left the Division in 1945.



After a terminal leave in 1946, Marty again joined the Army to make it his career. Serving as instructor and in various other capacities in the U.S.A., for a number of years, he finally was sent over to Korea. He was assigned to the AG section of 8th Army Hq. Dave Hlester was also there at the time.

Martin, with 25 years of Service, retired in 1957. The 24th is his first choice, and he hopes to make a Reunion before too long.

Marty and his family live in their new home overlooking the river and Lake Butler. He is an expert fisherman. He has taken up politics since his retirement and is now City Clerk of Lake Butler, Florida.

After a pleasant visit with Griner and Mrs. G., his children and Mother, we were on our way.

I might mention that after learning of Brig. Gen. CHET DAHLEN'S new address at Ft. Benning, Georgia, we did not stop since it was during the early hours of the morning. He is now Deputy Comdt. there.

WHEN we passed thru Broxton, Georgia, it was still early, and did not locate JAMES O. SMITH. His address is Box 293, and with the directions and old gent gave me, was afraid of getting lost. No time to hang around since I was due back in Danville the day before.

Hurrying over the Smokies, finally reached the State of Kentucky. After a while we began to see signs at intervals, "Louisville 200 Mi., Stamping Ground 193 Mi." Each time I'd see "Stamping Ground" I'd follow the arrow (leading me away from Louisville) and suddenly there it was! Upon inquiring from the local Chief of Police as to where I could find ROSCOE CLAXON, he said, "He just went thataway with a load of manure". I followed a trail around 16 curves and over 9 bridges, and came upon our own Roscoe with a crew of six men unloading his tandem truck. I was invited to help, but decided to wait until August.

Roscoe lives with his Mother and Father just outside Stamping Ground, and they farm two farms, & raise cattle. In addition to tobacco, you've never seen a more beautiful 40 acres of alfalfa.

During his years with the Division, Roscoe was a hard working boy with the 724th Ordnance Co. He was active in the construction of the 'Claxon Air Strip'.

We found out one thing, - one can ask anyone, & they'll say, "Shur, we know Roscoe C. -- saw him t'other day", or "Ya, he was over to Lexington last week".... Everyone in Kentucky knows Roscoe.



He has never missed getting to the reunion, and promises that he will again this year, put his duds in the station wagon and head for H24D Convention Hall to make his annual bid for the next Convention to be in Kentucky, the land of beautiful women and fast horses.

It was impossible to get around to see all those whom we wanted to see, but will try next time. Ft. Knox was a little too far off the route considering the time left, or there would have been a small reunion with Urb and Jackie THROM. The Julian MASON family also, in Bowling Green, and several others.

Thanks for putting up with this roving reporter-editor this time, but wanted you to know that these boys 'down under' are still kicking around.

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SANDERSON, William, 57 Peak St., Attleboro, Mass. is certain to be on hand. Besides always enjoying the reunions he (and Ken Ross) will probably have to help Ed with all the boxes of record, correspondence, trophies etc. One of these days it will be necessary to engage a van for such necessary items.

NELSON, Vernon, 3117 Lynch Rd, Baltimore, Md. should be signing in by Friday noon.

MUCCIO, Francis J., 72 Old Stage Road, Glastonbury, Conn. is looking forward to the big Buffet Dinner on Friday...

ROSS, Kenwood, former Pres. of the Assn. and former Editor of Taro Leaf will no doubt arrive with Ed Henry.

ADAMOF, Steve, 2527 Coral St., Phila., Pa. hopes to renew old acquaintances next month.

EMERSON, Richard L. who is in the Dry Cleaning business has always been a staunch supporter of the Assn. He is located at R. R. #1, Sturgis, Mich. Hope to see Dick on hand this year.

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"Getting to Know you", cont'd.

LINDEKE, CLARENCE A. - writes to tell that he is still living in St. Paul, but has recently moved to another part of the City. Clarence's new address: 1537 Atlantic Ave. St. Paul, Minn. He is trying to make the Convention, and wishes all his friends and everyone in the Association the best.

HARTLEY, PAUL - the Sheaffer Pen man, long time active and faithful member has also moved. From Chicago he departed for and is now living at: 11720 Edgewater Drive, Lakewood 7, OHIO. PAUL says he'll surely miss attending the Chicago meetings, & will miss his friends there. Perhaps he'll be instrumental in getting a Chapter going in Ohio.

ALBRIGHT, BOBBY L. lives in Waterloo, Ind., P.O. Box 485, and works for Sinclair Marketer. He and his wife Vereda, and 4 children Joni Lou, Ellen, Gay, and Brian E., ages 2 to 9. Bobby was a S/Sgt in Can Co 19th fr Mar 1944 to Dec 1945.

RE-ACTIVATION DAY 1960 - (July 1) the 24th INFANTRY DIVISION, Germany came out with an 18 page magazine in color, called "24th Division FOLLOW ME". The cover shows the landing on Red Beach, Leyte Oct. 20, 1944. It was here that the words "Follow Me" were immortalized. The 34th Inf. Regt. under the command of Col. A. S. (Red) Newman had hit the beach, wave after wave pinned down by murderous fire. Col Newman arriving on the fifth wave ran forward into the midst of his men. He stood up, walked straight toward the so unds of firing and waved his men forward. "Get the hell off the beach," he shouted above the crack of weapons, "Get up and get moving. Follow me." As one man they responded to their commanding officer's courageous action.

It was during the Leyte action that the Division gained its name "Victory". Upon arriving the troops were greeted by the natives holding up two fingers to form a V and shouted, "Victoree."

The Follow Me publication gives a history of the Division from Hawaii up to the present time. Today it is still known as the "Victory Division".

VONMOHR, J. A. (JERRY) - Jerry went and done it! On 23 Apr 1960, our good and faithful "Chick", JERRY von MOHR was united in marriage to MARY FLEMING. Mary is a nurse at the Veteran's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. She is 5'-4", 124 lbs. and WOW, man, as Jerry says. Mary has lovely green-blue eyes and is a blond. JERRY never misses a reunion, and this year you will all have the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Jerry von MOHR. von Mohr says, "This leaves only one bachelor attending - Rosco". (There are still a couple more - Ed.)

J. FRANK McKEENEY is one of the members of the New England Chapter, & was a charter member of the Assn. Served in AT Co. fr 1943 to 1945. He and his wife Lorraine and 2 children Carol Ann 8 yrs., and Jr., 4 years. live at 14 Lake St., Millbury, Mass. Frank Says: "would like to hear from anyone who was with Anti-Tank Co. from '43 to '45. Have heard of the deaths of two who were with our Co.: Ed (Pappy) Norris died two years ago from a brain tumor, in Highland, Texas. Dick Thrum from Worcester, Mass. with us in Hawaii & Australia, at one time an assistant to Father Brady, passed away in Veterans Hospital about six months ago."

WOODRUFF - A nice letter arrived from MAJ. GEN. R. B. WOODRUFF telling us that much to his disappointment, he will not be able to attend the reunion this year. Having had to make a recent trip to the East he will be up to his ears in work about Convention time.

The General's recent trip was twofold; to attend the 45th Reunion of his Class at West Point, and to visit his Son who is a fighter pilot in the Air Force, Class of 1941, USMA. His class reunion comes each five years, and they, as we do at ours, live together the 'old days', only theirs are the days as cadets.

President Eisenhower is a member of General Woodruff's Class. The President was there this year and attended all the events and ceremonies of the Reunion, and seemed to be very relaxed according to all reports.

Gen. Woodruff does some gardening, and his hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is also active in Community affairs. At the time of his letter he was visiting his son-in-law and family, Bob Daniels, (24th Div Hq, Philippines & Japan) who is now O-3 at Ft. Dix N. J.

ESPIRITA, NESTER P. - 1st. Lieutenant, PAF, Armed Forces of the Philippines. It was the pleasure of yours truly to enjoy an evening visiting at a cook out with Lt. Espirita in Danville. Mutual friends, Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Cheney hosted the Lt. and two other members of the PAF recently.

Lt. Espirita remembers well the Victory Division and prior to and after our arrival in the P. I. in 1944 with the Guerilla Forces, carrying supplies and helping the 24th Division whenever he could. At that time the Lt. was just a young boy. He is in the U. S. attending School at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

LEMEROND, Laurance, writes that he marched in the parade in New York on Armed Forces Day, wearing his army uniform with the TARO LEAF, around which was stitched the words, "24th Inf. Div. Assn" He wore this in honor of our Assn. and all 24th Division men. Laurance was with Co. C, 21st., lives 49 Van Wagener Ave. Jersey City, N.J.

PRICE, Donald-- word just received that Don can now be reached at: Rt. #1, Box 179, Mayland Villa Road, Mundelein, Illinois.

OUR THANKS to the following members who helped pay for this issue of the TARO LEAF with advertising. Whenever you see an ad or greeting from a member in any issue, they have forwarded a donation. Again to the following, THANKS.

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TOM COMPERE	\$10.00
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PIEPLY, Richard S. lives at 3125 Congress St., Allentown, Pa. He expects to meet up with old buddies again this year. Richard has been an active member of the Association for many moons.

THEIS, Richard - from New Stanton, Pa. will be on hand for the festivities. Dick's address is Box 22, New Stanton.

BUZZINOTTI, Victor W., 404 Harrison St.(Ext) Kittanning, Pa. and

CLEMENS, Wilbur, 345 Roberts Ave., Conshohocken, Pa. are two more Pa. fellows who planning on registering in plenty early.

PURCELL, Ross will be unable to be with us this year due to his Army Reserve work. Ross is a Life Member.

WEHLE, Fred, Jr., one of our newer members lives at 485 W. Milwaukee, Detroit, Mich. Looking forward to meeting Fred this year, and know that he'll enjoy his first Reunion with us. Fred will feel 'at home' the minute he enters the lobby!

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DISKAN, Dr. A Elmer of 29 Haynes Street, Manchester, Conn. is such a short distance away compared to the majority that he'll glide on over to A. City.

HOOTON, William Alden, Lt. Col. - Because of a mix-up in serial numbers, VA benefits are being denied the widow of WILLIAM ALDEN HOOTON who served with the 24th Division in Mindanao, 1943-1945. The widow has in her possession a wrist watch given to him by his men engraved, "To Lt. Col. Bill Hooton from his buddies, 24th Div., Mindanao 1945".

Mr. John C. Begovich, Service Officer in and for the County of Amador, Calif., as well as being Judge of Amador Judicial District, is a member of Third Inf Div. Assn. It is imperative that he finds some means of getting the information he needs through men who served with Lt. Col. Hooton. Any member of the 24th Div. Assn. having any information at all regarding Hooton, is asked to immediately send same along to our Secy., Edmund F. Henry, 1st. Nat. Bank Bldg., Attleboro, Mass. Please do this right away, please.



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