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GOVERNOR COMBS TO ADDRESS ASSN. AT REUNION IN AUGUST

Word has just been received from Roscoe Claxon that Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky has accepted our invitation to be Guest Speaker at the Banquet on Saturday night. Our communication stated that further details would follow, and we'll have them for the next issue.

Mayor Bruce Hoblitzell has notified us through R. C. Bing that Saturday 12th of August 1961 is being proclaimed 24TH DIVISION DAY in Louisville.

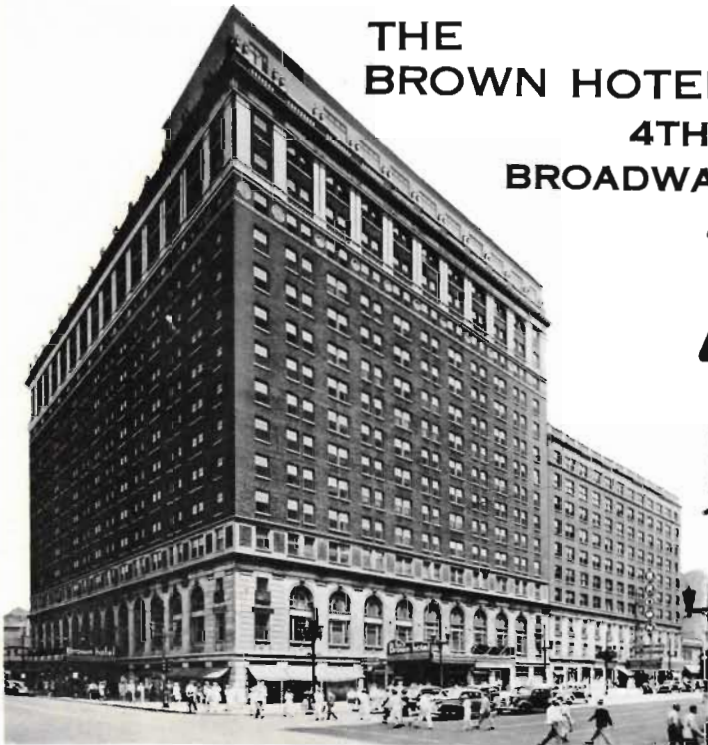
Some of the plans of the Convention include tours such as a cigarette factory, a distillery, and others. The committee will select those tours which they consider to hold the most interest, and announce them at a later date. One tour that is definite is the tour of FORT KNOX, which Lt. Col. URB THROM has lined up. This tour will be first thing on the Saturday morning schedule, and all present should take advantage of the opportunity to see this installation. Many of us have not been on an Army Post for ten or fifteen years, and we should see what advancements have been made.

Louisville is a city of tradition and progress, which was founded by General George Rogers Clark in 1778 when he established an 18 cabin base at Corn Island. It was first known as Beargrass Settlement, and later named Clark. In 1780 the Virginia Legislature passed an Act for establishing the town of Louisville at the falls of the Ohio River.

The first ocean-going sail ship came down the Ohio with a cargo of 720 barrels of flour and docked at Louisville in 1800.

Jefferson Seminary, forerunner of the University of Louisville, was founded in 1798 and today, the U. of L. is the oldest municipal university in the United States.

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Louisville's first race course - Oaklawn track - came into existence in 1830. The Louisville Jockey club was formed in 1874, with 320 original members each contributing \$100. With this money, Colonel M. Lewis Clark started the world-famous track of American turfdom, Churchill Downs.

In 1840, Louisville became the first city in the American West to acquire electric lights. During this decade Louisville was the largest tobacco and pork market in the world. The auction method of selling tobacco originated in Louisville, and after the Civil War, Louisville became the tobacco auction center of the world.

The first Kentucky derby was won by Aristides, ridden by O. Lewis, in 1875 - on May 17th. Since then the best of three year old thoroughbreds, and the leading jockeys of the nation have competed in this annual renewal of the World's greatest horse race.

Louisville's Park system, today the city's largest landowner, was established in 1890. Cherokee Park, one of the several large-size Parks in the City, is considered one of the handsomest naturally-preserved public parks in the country.

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY NEEDS INFORMATION AND MATERIAL!!

The 24th Division in Germany through its TARO LEAF, is planning to publish a complete unit history of the Division, in the form of an annual. They naturally, are interested in as much history of the Division as they can get.

Most of the men working on this publication, have joined the Division since it has been in Europe, or at least have not been with it too many years, with a few exceptions, and no matter how much of the official history they have available, are still looking for bits of little known history which we might have.

1st. LT. CHARLES MCKELLAR, TIO of 24th Division asks that former members of the Division who might have historical material, such as past histories of units that may or may not have been printed, photos, with explanations, furnish this material for use in this new Division History. Should you have personal pictures, notes on personal observations, or anything which might add to the documentation of this proposed history, send it either to Association headquarters, and same will be well cared for. After Lt. McKellar has made copies, he will return all pictures, or other copy immediately.

If and when sufficient material is received for this new book, and it finally is published, we will do our best to have extra copies printed in order that members of the Association may obtain them at some sort of nominal cost. This is not a promise, but we will try.

DON'T FORGET -- ANYTHING you might have which would help in the preparation of this important historical document will be appreciated. Pictures are especially good. All material will be returned to you in good order.

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The President decided not to ask you again for your dues - even though we need the money. Instead, he asked General Newman to tell us why he is a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association, and what it means to him. General Newman has expressed the feelings of most of us. His letter follows:

612 Juan Anasco Drive
Longboat Key, Florida

Dear President CG:

I am happy to write this letter, as suggested, for use as you consider appropriate in contacting former members of the 24th Infantry Division reference joining our Division Association.

Membership in our Div Assn is a great pleasure and privilege. In the Association I have kept in touch with war time friends, and come to know them better. We share memories that nothing can ever replace---the special memories shared only by soldiers who "have fought, bled, and got scared together".

Not only have I enjoyed the reunions, but my wife went along on two of them. She shared with me the experience of the special Memorial Service at the Saturday Night Dinner. In these Memorial Services we of today pay our respects to those of yesterday, remembering the time of war and violence that took them from us. These searing memories differ for each of us as we recall times and places and combat scenes.....and soldiers of our Division in battle.

On such occasions the past comes flooding back. You remember Moon and Diamond and Mowrer and Clifford and Barrow, and all the other known and unknown you saw fall, or looked down on where they fell. You feel humble and proud---and realize that our Division Association and Reunions are in themselves memorials to them.

By your leadership and enthusiasm and interest you have been a vital part of this heritage, CG. I look forward to sharing it again with you at Louisville, Ky. this summer---and with so many others like Ed Henry, Bob Duff, Tom Compere, Bill Davidson, Vic Backer and many more, including new members who will say with us, "Remember when...?"

I especially hope many new members will join old members in making the effort to go to Louisville---or, failing this, plan to go "next time" but enroll now and keep in touch by reading the Taro Leaf.

Sincerely,

Aubrey S. Newman
Aubrey S. ("Red") Newman
Maj. Gen., US Army, Ret.
Ex Div Hqrs and 34th Inf

FLORIDA AND Southern States

This Editor, on a February tour to Florida uncovered the following bits of news..... MARTY GRINER is still the City Clerk of Lake Butler, and lives with his wife and family near the Lake. He has two children, Martin III, and Harold. Marty, formerly with the 24th QM Co. (Capt), has retired after 20 years in the Army. He was with the Division from '41 to '44. He is one of our newest members. His hobby is fishing. He is the Commander of Union County Post 153, American Legion and this Post sponsors a Boy Scout Troop. Address: Box 97, Lake Butler. He says these fishing is always good! We hope to see Marty and Vivian in Louisville.

COL. W. J. KLEPINGER - (Div G-4) still teaches at Auburn College, in Auburn, Alabama. Now has his new home completed, and finished planting 30,000 Pine tree seedlings - what a job.... he looks as chipper as he did in '42. Col. Klep tells us that Dave Hiester (former Asst G-4) is now BRIG GEN with Ord. Sec. Hq, EUSA, APO 301, San Francisco, Cal. Klep's address: Box 850, Auburn, Alabama.

Stopped by to see Col. IRVIN BISNOFF at Sarasota. He will be with us in Louisville with all his trophies..... Contacted BOB LUHRSEN and TOM ZALEWSKI of Miami. They are both well and have plans to attend the reunion. Tom will have more photos for us soon. Bob still fishes.

Visited the AUBREY NEWMANS ... Their new home on Longboat Key, overlooks the bay. It is a rambling home of a semi-circle design, with floor to ceiling windows in the dining area and Florida room, affording one a beautiful view at all times. Not that it is needed badly, but the home is complete with fireplace. One interesting feature is the weathervane which registers the direction of the wind on a dial on the ceiling of the Florida room. General Newman designed and supervised the entire project which consists of seven rooms and car port. The former residence next door will be used for his offices, dark room for photography, etc., since he soon will be writing on a full time schedule. At present he does a few magazine and newspaper articles. He and Dorothy are doing a fine job on landscaping. The fishing is, or was good when I was there.

Enroute, stopped by to see Col. Urb THROM and Jackie. Had a pleasant visit with J. B. JONES (Lt Col) who had just moved in next door to the Throms. Urb has the bans and tours lined up for the reunion, and the tour of Ft. Knox will be complete with Army personnel as guides. Patton Museum is on the list of sights to see. General Johnson, CG of Ft. Knox will be a guest at our reunion.....

Oh Yes, LUHRSEN AND ZALEWSKI TELL US THAT THEY are having luncheon meetings from time to time and expect to have a Florida group going be- too very long. Recently Col MURPHY, ret, joined them. The Col. was with the Division in 1941.

Bring Your
TROPHY(S)
to the
CONVENTION
Trophy Room will be Guarded

1961 REUNION IN
LOUISVILLE KY.

CG Calls Determination Troop's Greatest Weapon

24th DIVISION PIO - Not long ago, the "Pro-Blue" cause was brought to every soldier in the Victory Division.

Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, in an address to the Div. Hq. Co. beamed a message to every member of the command when he stated, "The 24th Infantry Division is the greatest team of fighting men in the U.S. Army"

He further stated, "This I know, as long as you and I are on the team, Khrushchev will find out--if he ever chances to turn his measly hoards, ineffective planners, and uninspired puppet armies toward the West. This Division stands ready to show its steel. From this moment he can commence to plan for the destruction of his forces as well as the communist fling at debauchery -- if he has not already.

"This Division will bury him, and not in a capitalist world either, but in a grave beside Vinnitsa -- the city he buried alive."

Gen. Walker graphically depicted the individual soldier's challenge when he said, "The greatest weapon today is will and determination. With a hundred percent will and determination we will outstand most weapons we carry on our backs. Will and determination is insurance for peace, the only substitute for war, and an absolute requirement for military victory."



19th INF. NEWS

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Raleigh, N. C.

HIGGINBOTTOM, ROBERT V. - 1st Sgt, 19th Inf Regt. from 1940 until 1944, resides at Route #1, Newport, Arkansas. Bob is a Superintendent for a manufacturing plant. He is not married. Hope to see him down in the Blue Grass country in August.

ZEHNER, RUSSELL C. - 19th Inf, Hq Co. Russ was a T/Sgt when with the 19th. His home address is Lincoln Avenue, Orwigsburg, Pa., where he lives with his wife Rachel, and four children: Diane, age 11, Constance, 13, Janice, age 7, and Carl, 3. Russ is a Bricklayer, and one of his hobbies is Archery.

TOWNLEY, SAMUEL JOSEPH - 19th Inf from 1944 to 1945 - is a Medical Laboratory Technician. He lives on Woolman Avenue, Masonville, New Jersey. He and his wife Shirley have two children, Patricia and Michele, and Sam says, "All well, and would like to hear from anyone who knew me."

Col Jones Assigned To the 54th Infantry

Lt. Col. **JAMES B. JONES** - (in '44, Capt. 19th Regt. Hq) recently assumed command of the 2nd Armored Rifle Battalion, 54th Infantry, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His assignment prior to coming to Knox was advisor to the Turkish Army Infantry School in Canhari, Turkey. This was part of the Joint U.S. Military Mission Aid to Turkey. He spent one year there.

Jones joined the 24th Division when we were still in Hawaii - was nicknamed 'Rebel' by his closer friends. Jim was graduated from Clemson University in 1940 with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering, and joined the 24th a short time later. With him at Fort Knox are his wife, Lois, and two daughters, Susan, 8 years old, and Rebecca, 5. By a coincidence, they moved into 1442-A Fifth Avenue---right next door to Lt. Col. and Jackie Throm, who live at 1442-B Fifth Avenue. J. B. is already planning to help with arrangements for the coming Louisville reunion.

D'ALONZO, NICHOLAS A. JR - 19th Inf - lives at 946 Summit Road, Penn Valley, Narberth, Pa. Nick and family were present in Atlantic City, and are expected to be on hand down in that little City which is situated right behind Churchill Downs.

See us at the Louisville Show!

THE ROCK - Are you getting your 'Rock' each month? If not, the reason is that you probably are not on the list. Write to JOE PEYTON for your copy, and information on how you may become a member of the 19th INFANTRY ASSN. Joe's address: 1405 Belmore Court, Lutherville, Md.

ZIERATH, FRED R. - (19th Inf & Div Hq) - Congratulations to Fred on his recent promotion to MAJOR GENERAL! Until a few weeks ago, he was C/S of Alaskan Command. His present address is Hq X U.S. Army Corps, Fort Lawton 99, Washington.

General Zierath, before leaving Alaska, sent the following for your reading and information:

"Alaska is experiencing the mildest winter ever; practically no snow and the temperature is in the thirties most of the time. This, while the eastern half of the U. S. is 'sweltering' in blizzards, snow, and ice! Ran across two former 24th Division members in Alaska recently-- Colonel WILLARD PEARSON, now C-3 of USARAL, who commanded one of the Regiments in Korea, ... and Mr. WILLIAM D. RENFRO, who was with the 19th Infantry in New Guinea and the Philippines, now a banker in Anchorage, Alaska. Will try to encourage them to join the Association. --- re the climate mentioned above, Horace Greeley should have said, 'Go NORTH, young man!'"

"I received a special kick out of reading the 19th Infantry News in the February issue of Taro Leaf to see JOHN FIRTKO mentioned, and his picture. It reminded me of an incident many years ago at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, when he was a First Sergeant of 'E' Company, and I was First Lieutenant of 'G' Company. We shared the same duplex barracks and were good neighbors. After the range season we had a 'beer bust' and invited the Officers and Noncommissioned officers of 'E' Co. to join us. During the course of the evening I offered a little toast for the members of 'G' Company for living up to their alphabetical key of G for having a Good range season. Firtko got up at that time and said, "I agree, Lieutenant, but don't forget E Company next door --- that stands for 'Excellent.'"

"P. S. - I would say that was fast thinking.....please send John my regards and respect"

F. R. Zierath
Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

Thanks Fred, and let's hear from you again soon. We know you have many many more stories and they'll be welcomed by our readers.

BERLO - Rev. Christopher J. Berlo, long time member of the Association, and a Chick of long standing has been on the sick list. Not long ago, he was given only hours to live, but with the help of God, and after arterial grafts by specialists, and taking the newer medicines, he pulled through the ordeal. Chris is now up and about, doing his regular work. For those who did not know, the Padre is an Architect, building Churches and Retreat Houses. He recently completed a Retreat House in Pittsburgh, and soon expects to construct a new Church, Monastery, and Retreat on a 30 acre tract, with frontage on Lake Worth, Fla.

A short time back, Father Berlo was a Sports Car racing enthusiast, and raced his own car. We haven't heard whether he still follows the races or not. He was recently elected Chaplain of the 19th Infantry Assn.

FINAN, Jack - 19th - The editor hears from Jack regularly, and he Jack, is working hard all the time to get out as many Chicks as possible to the reunion in August. Peyton reports that only one month has gone by in the last two years, that new members haven't been accepted. That is a good record.

Following is a list of the Officers of the 19th Infantry Assn.:

President:	JACK J. FINAN	758 E. Whitaker Mill Rd, Raleigh, N.C.
	(Co A)	
1st. Vice Pres:	ED. H. WIEGMANN	1512 St. Mary's Ave. Ft. Wayne, Ind.
	(Can Co)	
2nd. Vice Pres:	Walter J. Peters	Summerfield, Kans.
	(Co C)	
Chaplain:	Rev CHRIS J. BERLO	St. Paul's Monastery Pittsburgh 3, Pa.
	(Sv Co)	

Good luck, and the entire membership of the Association is confident that your Chapter will prosper and mean more to you each year as time goes on. As President Finan says, "ONCE A CHICK - ALWAYS A CHICK".

SUE McNEELEY - "C" Co - Crossnore School, Crossnore, N. C. writes a lovely letter to the Editor. She tells us that Mrs. Sam Gilner's Mother was one of the hostesses at the Crossnore annual Christmas Party. Sue also said that she received a box of books, games, etc from one of the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association, for which she and the entire student end teacher body was most thankful. Sue says they have to clothe and feed and send these boys and girls to school on a very few dollars per week, but somehow they always manage to get the job done.

BERNARD FAGAN - "G" C, 19th - one of our new members, who joined us in Atlantic City, lives at 20-66 27th Street, Astoria, Long Island, N.Y. He is really interested in the 19th and in the Assn. He is one of the boosters - thru his greeting in Taro Leaf - and plans on seeing you all in Louisville. Bernie is purchasing agent for the Central International Elevator Company of New York.

BISNOFF, IRVIN - Colonel, 19th Inf - Colonel Bisnoff, now retired, resides with his wife, Evelyn M., at 3326 Mineola Drive, Sarasota, Florida. Their home is a cozy bungalow situated on a water-way in a new development on Sarasota's south edge. Col. Bisnoff was with the 19th...listen to this boys, ... from 1927 until 1934 at Schofield. He loved Hawaii and has many photos of the area where he was and where we were later, in the early 1940's. He also has several trophies which should be of great interest to all members and especially to the Chicks.

Irvin says that he is planning to attend the Convention in Louisville and will bring along everything he has pertaining to the 19th Infantry and the Hawaiian Division. (The Hawaiian Division was redesignated the 24th Division on October 1, 1941).

This editor just returned from a trip to Florida a few weeks ago, and while in the Sarasota area, dropped by to say hello to Colonel Bisnoff. He had just finished reading his last Taro Leaf from cover to cover, and after chatting awhile, I asked him if he had any photos of interest handy that might be used in this issue. He was kind enough to get out one of his foot lockers, and select a few pictures for us to use. The photo below was taken at the Unveiling of the 'Rock of Chickamauga' on Organization Day - 20 September 1928. Irvin Bisnoff attended that Ceremony. The names of the two soldiers performing the actual unveiling are not known, but the one on the left was the oldest man in the 19th Infantry at the time, and the chap on the right was the youngest. (Note Trophies won by Service Company in lower left of Stand).



Son of 19th Inf Hero Assigned To Chick Co A

19th Inf PIO - A name familiar to men of the 19th Inf during WWII is again amongst its ranks; the name of Chapman.

Presently serving as Plt Ldr of Alpha Co. Lt Don Clark Chapman is the son of Col George Chapman, a main-stay in the history of the 19th Inf. Col Chapman is now the CO of the US Army Schools, Europe, stationed in Oberammergau.

It was Col Chapman, a 1930 graduate of USMA, who, while serving with the 24th Div as the Regt Cmdr of the 19th, spearheaded the powerful Leyte Valley Drive in the early part of WWII. His unit was credited with killing 1,300 Japs while losing only eight of his men.

He was also the commander of Alfa Co of the 19th when Pearl Harbor was bombed before becoming regimental commander of the Chicks at Mindaro. The famous colonel has felt many phases of the military program while serving his 27 1/2 years he now has in the Army.

Lt Chapman is a graduate of West Point also, with the class of 1960. It is coincidental to note that he has been assigned to the same company that his father commanded years ago.

While at the Military Academy, Lt Chapman was a member of the LaCrosse team for two years and sang with the Glee Club. He enjoys traveling and hopes to see as much of Europe as possible.

See You In Louisville, Ky. in 1961

New England NEWS

Men in the New England area should be on the watch for notice from the New England Chapter Hq of a spring meeting which is now in the planning stage.

The date and location of this meeting will be published in the N. E. letter which you will receive, and it is hoped that you will be able to attend.

For information about the New England Chapter, write to BILL MULDOON, 643 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, Mass.

VERBECK - Major General William J. Verbeck (21st), Commanding General of XIII Army Corps, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, recently toured the Country inspecting supply offices such as are found at Weymouth, Ft. Knox, and Attleboro, Mass. General Verbeck travels in an H-21 Copter which he calls his 'banana'. Bill visited Ft. Knox in early February, and later visited Attleboro. He is shown below with our Secretary, Ed Henry with whom he visited while in Attleboro.



BILL VERBECK with the busy schedule he has taken time out to write to us to say that he desired to purchase space in the Taro Leaf to say hello to all you guys. His greeting ad will be found in this issue. Bill also sends along some interesting news. He says, "I am enclosing some news items for the April-May issue of the Taro Leaf". Here goes:

*FREDERICK R. ZIERATH, formerly C.O. of 1st. Bn., 19th Inf. from 1944 to 1945, now Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Command, has just been nominated by the President for promotion to Major General." (Since this writing, General Zierath's address has been changed. He is now at Hq. X U. S. Army Corps, Fort Lawton 99, Washington). Bill goes on to say,

"BRIG. GENERAL GINES PEREZ, Assistant Division Commander, 82nd. Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N. C., was at a Senior Officer's Preventive Maintenance School with me at Fort Knox, Kentucky, February 5-10. Perez commended the 21st Inf. during the early 1950-51 fighting in Korea."

"While at Knox, I had dinner with Lt. Col. FURMAN W. MARSHALL, (AG, 24th Division, Korea, 1953-54), Lt. Col. URBAN THROM, and Lt. Col. J. B. JONES, formerly 19th Inf.

JONES lives 1442-A Fifth Ave., Ft. Knox
THROM 1442-B Fifth Ave., Ft. Knox
MARSHALL 1454-A Fifth Ave., Ft. Knox

"COLONEL ROY W. MARCY, formerly C. O. 2nd Battalion 21st Infantry, is recovering from an illness in an Air Force Hospital in Austin, Texas. Home address: 1500 Lakewood Drive, Austin 2, Texas.

LT. COL. JAMES H. THOMPSON, formerly 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry, now is in VIII U. S. Army Corps in Texas. Address: 127 Lilac Lane, San Antonio, Texas.

"WARREN M. McNAMARA, a very successful Real Estate operator, lives at 7 Elmwood Road, Wellesley, Mass. Peggy and I went there for an evening during the Christmas season. He formerly was Commander of Company D, 21st Infantry in 1944-45. While there we had a call from FRED SKINKLE, (same outfit), from Steubenville, Ohio, and after a few libations, we all called TOM SUBER (21st), the MAYOR of Whitmire, S. C.

"LT. COL. JOHN P. LEAHY (1st Battalion, 21st Inf) now is stationed at the Boston Army Base, and lives at 300 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill 67, Mass."

-----Bill Verbeck

Thanks for the news items, Bill. We are always glad to receive them.

Chicago NEWS

CHICAGO CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

BOB ANDRE, Charter member of the Chicago Chapter, and a long time member of the Association, has been elected President of the Chicago Chapter to succeed PAT (Little Caesar) CIANGI. Along with Andre, the following were elected for one year terms:

1st. Vice Pres.	RICHARD GOINY
2nd. Vice Pres.	CHET ANDREZAK
Secretary	RICHARD LIGMAN
Treasurer	PAT CIANGI
Sergeant-at-Arms	ED DOUBECK
Editor-in-Chief	JOHN TRINCA

The Chicago Chapter held its inaugural banquet, and initiated the new Officers at Steve's (Gerald Stevenson, Div Hq) in Wheeling, Illinois. Steve has a lovely restaurant with private dining room for such affairs.

The last regular meeting of the Chapter was held on the 24th March at MacDuff's Lounge in northwest Chicago. Sixteen members, together with their families and friends attended. This meeting was most informal. A short business meeting was held, after which the group enjoyed the usual food and festivities. The new President wants to try to arrange meetings at locations most suitable to the membership, and may, from time to time, move to various parts of Chicago for such meetings. The next meeting, in April, may be near the loop, to accommodate members who cannot get out on the west or north sides. Later, meetings may be held on the South side. It is up to the membership.

Bob has sent a letter to the membership to obtain an opinion of the last meet, and as to future monthly meetings. He states, "I would like to hold our next monthly meeting at an establishment such as the Wagon Wheel, which is adjacent to the Merchandise Mart Building. This will permit members to have dinner with other members and perhaps become better acquainted, also to have another small business meeting shortly thereafter and a semi-social affair for those desiring same with members and their friends."

All members in the Chicago area were sent a request to return the inclosed letter indicating whether they would try to be present. If each will do this, it will make it a lot easier for the officers to plan, and prepare for each meeting. The Chicago Group really has its feet on the ground, and has done wonders in the short time since its founding. Most of the parties are free. They hold an annual picnic, where a grand time is always had by over 100 persons. Grand prizes are awarded each year, and these are good gifts such as Television sets, etc.

SO, come on, all youse guys in the Chicago area and if you have not dropped in on a meeting or social gathering for a spell, plan to do so next time --- tentatively the last of April; then there will be still another the latter part of May. Get over there, and get your ride lined up to Louisville, also.

You will be notified each month of the time and place of meetings either thru the Chicago Chapter monthly letter, or by Bob Andre.

For your information, here is the list of addresses and phone numbers for the Chicago Officers:

Bob Andre	2134 N. Clifton Ave.	Ph: EA 7-3870
Richard Goiny	3619 West 64th St.	RE 5-2536
Chet Andrezak	3225 N. Natchez Ave.	MU 5-7965
Dr. Dick Ligman	5230 W. Irving Park Rd.	AV 3-3660
Pat Ciangi	4746 W. Monroe St.	ES 8-2846
Ed Doubeck	10627 S. State St.	IN 8-0516
John Trinca	650 N. Albany.	

Mrs. Gerry Stevenson, of Wheeling, was recently in an auto accident. We do not have the details, but understand that she is recovering, and will no doubt be in fine health by the time August arrives.

Remember --- Chicago Chapter members DO NOT PAY DUES --- they sell decals, fountain pens, ash trays and many other items... all made for the 24th, and with the Taro Leaf engraved or inscribed on them. For your Ash Tray, or Sheaffer pen, contact any officer of the Chicago Chapter. You may also, thru a donation of 25¢ up to 1 dollar or even \$5, receive chances on the big drawing to be held in Chicago next July at the Annual Picnic. There will be several good items given away. You do not have to be present to win. Write to Andre or Ciangi for details. This is a not for profit deal... (like someone said, "We didn't plan it that way, but that is the way it is .. no profit").

TOM COMPERE - Div Hq - One of two things must have happened: Either Tom hibernated for the winter and all communications are in his 'Hold' basket, Or, he's so busy that he isn't down far enough in his 'In' Basket! This busy Attorney, with offices on N. Michigan, also is President of T-M Publishers Inc. T-M edits and publishes Army Technical Manuals. Tom also is City Attorney of Highland Park, where he resides. He was one of the boosters who helped organize the Chicago Chapter, and served as its Secretary-Treasurer two terms. Atty. Comperre has always been active and helpful in the affairs of the 24th Division Association and we have always appreciated his sound advice when we have called upon him for same. He served as our National President for two terms, and upon the completion of the second term, he and C. C. Hanlin, who succeeded him, were asked to come to Danville, Illinois, to have charges of the dedication and naming ceremonies for a new U. S. Army Reserve Armory named for Captain Robert B. Chapman (19th) who was KIA on Mindanao. Tom was the Guest Speaker for the occasion. He has never missed a Reunion, no matter how busy he has been. Thanks Tom, for all you have done for the Association, and we are anxiously awaiting your ideas and the thoughts of all the other members of the Chicago Chapter on the Hawaiian reunion.

DON'T FORGET THE CHICAGO PICNIC... JULY 18, SCHILLER WOODS, AREA #6. 16 JULY, SCHILLER WOODS AREA #6... DON'T FORGET... THE CHICAGO PICNIC

ED DOUBEK is a new member of the Chicago Chapter, and as soon as we receive the vital statistics on him and others up there, they will be published. CHET ANDREZAK runs a big used car lot with his brother, but we don't have all the names, ages, etc of his family. The same goes for Goiny, and many others. Perhaps at their next meeting they'll get together, and fill out the form found in the Taro Leaf and forward to us.

MILLER, ADOLPH - Charter member of the Chicago Chapter drops a line to let us know that he has moved to 2658 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago 12, Ill. Adolph and his wife Margaret are very active in the Chicago Chapter work, and Margaret should be the 'Official' Photographer for the group. She has been keeping a record of the Chapter affairs with pictures.

RAFTER, Michael - and his lovely wife, Loretta reside at 3901 Belden Avenue, Chicago 47, Ill. Mike is a Charter member of both the 24th Division Association and of the Chicago Chapter, being elected the first President of the Chapter when it was organized in 1958. He and Loretta seldom miss attending a reunion, and then only because of something preventing Mike from getting off work or getting a vacation at that time of year. He is with the Chicago Police force, and is assigned to a precinct in the Loop and near north side. The Rafter's will be in Louisville if they have their way about it.

The first group of the Chicago members of the 24th Association started getting together in 1957, holding meetings, and finally organizing a Chicago Chapter of the Association. They received their Charter from the State of Illinois on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1958. Since that day, the Chapter has grown, and continues to grow steadily. In addition to their monthly business-social meetings, they plan affairs throughout the year, for the benefit and pleasure of the members and their families and friends. One of these shin-digs is the annual Picnic in July of each year. Besides food, drink and the like, there are games for the kids ... and adults too; Also Prizes such as T.V. sets, radios, electric skilllets, fountain pens. This year, we say again... the Picnic is at Schiller Woods Area 6, on 16 July 1961.

--- Contact any member of Chicago for map. ---

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9 - 12 p.m. Registration
 9 a.m. to Closing Trophy Room
 10 a.m. Unit Meetings
 11 - 5 Open House—Conviviality
 11 a.m. Combat Film
 11 a.m. Contest Committee Meeting
 11 a.m. Tour
 12 N. Judging of Trophy Contest

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1 p.m. Annual Meeting of Members
 Election of Officers
 2 p.m. Cocktail Hour (wives)
 4 p.m. Tour

SATURDAY EVENING

6 p.m. Punch Bowl Hour
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Candid close-ups

HANLIN, C. G. (Clifford Gordon) - took a week out and motored to the sunny State of Florida to fish. He left during a rainy season in Indiana but the weather was fine down in Florida. We don't have a complete report on what he did around Orlando, but he did get down to Bradenton and Longboat Key for a short visit with General Newman. He arrived there about a week after Duff left...and since Duff didn't catch all the fish, there were some left for C. G., according to Red Newman and Dorothy.

SAVELL, WILLIAM A. - A communication from BILL says that he will be with us in Louisville. We have missed having him with us the past few years, since he was always on hand in the fifties. Bill's present mailing address is; P. O. Box 625, Vernon, Florida.

LAXON, ROSCOE - (724th Ord) - received a letter from C. W. CARD, who is Personnel Manager for the Dobeckmun Co., a Division of Dow Chemical Company (no address given). He Says, "If you think there is a good chance to promote an O-K (Ohio-Ky) Chapter of the 24th Infantry Division Association in these parts, I have some enthusiasm and effort to pool with you for such a cause. Let me hear," signed, 'C. W. Card'. Roscoe is expected to have a report on the action he has taken ready for publication in the next issue of Taro Leaf.

PURCELL, JAMES K. - (24th Signal) - Jim and his wife Mildred live at 98 Iris Avenue, Floral Park, Long Island, New York. Jim says they will certainly be on hand in August in Dixieland. Thanks to Jim for the news article concerning VIC BACKER'S civic spirit!

BING, RALPH (formerly C.O. 34th & C/S) - is now administrative Asst. to the Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky. The committee has been in contact with Ralph, and he is lending a hand where possible, with our 1961 Reunion there.

CLIPPED from an Indianapolis paper (we don't know which one) and sent to the Editor of Taro Leaf, was this item, "GEORGE EMERY stopped by the office and asked us to notate that anyone around here who was a member of the 24th Infantry to please contact him at the Hartford office...."

(very important)---Didn't realize that George was a vet of Pacific and Korean action... We assume that George meant 24th Infantry Division, and that the Hartford office is the Hartford Insurance office. We'll try to contact him. The article was from Frank Gregory's column, 'Talk of the Town'.

AUSTRALIAN SHIP SOLD -- Many of you will remember the KANIMBLA, back in 1943 and 1944. The Kanimbla, an 11,000 ton Australian coastal passenger liner and one of the best known vessels in the Australian service was sold for an undisclosed sum recently, to the Pacific Marine Transport Co., of Liberia and will be used to transport Southeast Asian pilgrims to Mecca, according to Australian News and Info Bureau. The Kanimbla served as a coastal passenger ship for years and had a distinguished career as a Troop-ship and Hospital ship during WW.II.

PURSIFULL, ROSS W. - 22424 Outer Dr., Dearborn, Mich. Not long ago, Ross sent us a clipping from a Detroit paper telling of a police officer who captured two larceny suspects in his off duty hours. The article stated that Patrolmen CHARLES R. SCHATZBERG had been selected as policeman of the Month for his actions while officially off duty. He shot and arrested a larceny suspect and spared the life of another because he couldn't shoot him in the back. The article goes on to say that Mr. Schatzberg is an Army veteran serving with the 24th INFANTRY DIVISION in Japan. We wrote to Schatzberg, and asked for information as to which unit of the Division he served with and dates, etc. We also told him about the Assn. and sent him copies of four different issues of Taro Leaf, asking him to write and give us information. No word... another request was sent to him so we could give him an introduction to other members thru the Taro Leaf, and still no word from him. Thanks Ross, but some fellows won't come through. If he's not interested we'd just be carrying him, sending Taros and he wouldn't kick in even \$5. We have enough members now who are behind and still getting the Taro Leaf but we started last month cutting down the mailing, and am cutting off more with this issue. Those who are more than one year behind, are just getting theirs on borrowed time right now. We are having to cut them off one by one.

(See the mistakes in typing this time?... the editor has a finger in a sling)

HAWAII



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the last issue of the Taro Leaf, it was requested that you send along your ideas regarding an Annual Reunion over in Oahu, Hawaii. This matter has been brought up several times at our annual meetings and a great number of our members are, or were entused about it. We will be able to get a special rate by chartering a plane or planes. This will run something like \$250 to \$300 per person for round trip.

Before the executive committee can do anything, they must know what YOU want. This is your organization and the Officers try to act for the majority of the members. You must let us know what you want - especially if a trip is to be planned for 1962 or even 1963. Many details have to be taken care of, planes chartered ahead, lodging arranged for in Hawaii, and other plans too numerous to mention. In order that this matter can be acted upon at the next meeting in Louisville, won't you take a minute or two of your time and write to any of the Officers of the Association.

A real reunion could be enjoyed in Hawaii, especially since that is where the 24th was born and first served. Some of our good members have already given us ideas on a future Hawaiian Reunion. Here is what they say:

The first is from EMIL M. LARSON, 706 S. Walts Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Emil who is totally blind, is one of our very loyal members, and never will miss a reunion if he can help it.

Subject: REUNION IN HAWAII

1. Such an anniversary observance should be held. It would remind and keep alive for the American people the reminder that men have been called to the Colors to defend and protect our Nation. People so often have the tendency to forget and to take for granted the freedoms they enjoy. Such an anniversary would afford us the opportunity to give due respect and honor our departed comrades.

The V.F.W. is planning a tour to Europe this year to visit the battle-field and cemeteries of both W.W. I and W.W. II.

3. If held, ours should be on the 20th Anniversary, which is a day of great meaning and significance. I think it should be held this year (in Oct) and not just a year later as once suggested. One must take into account that this year marks the 20th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the day that will live in infamy.

4. Such an anniversary observance should receive wide publicity in the Hawaiian Islands and on the mainland.

5. IF the Association cannot have the 20th Anniversary in Hawaii, let us PLAN NOW for a 25th Reunion in HAWAII. I am all for having such a Reunion in Hawaii. With my best wishes to all in the 24th Division Association, I remain

Yours in Comradeship,
EMIL M. LARSON

Dear Bob:

I think the idea of a reunion in Hawaii sounds good! I will make a special effort to be present. I have always looked forward to going back to the Redlands for a visit. I hope this information will help you in forming ideas.

Sincerely, Tom Zaleski
2301 N.W. 79th Terrace
Miami, Florida

Dear Bob: Have last issue.

Like idea of Hawaiian reunion but must be practical. It won't succeed.

You have a great group of enthusiasts, and these you couldn't kill off, even if you tried! As to the others, they come and go. You'll get a dozen or so who will sign up, but it will end up where 6 will finally come through with the money when the time comes. Take your poll. 90% won't even answer - so.

Vic and I went to 'Frisco a few years ago trying to spurt interest on the West Coast. It was a tragic bust. If we couldn't get them to 'Frisco how can we get them to Hawaii?

Let's keep our gang intact and forget the Hawaiian deal. We have a great bunch. Let's slow down the pace, and have our regular reunions. It is too hard a job editing the paper, or doing Ed Henry's job and running a convention to have an Hawaiian reunion if you can't get 100% cooperation.

Yours, Ken Ross
120 Maple St.
Springfield, Mass.

Editor's Note: In the past Ken has worked hard, and is today, to secure new members, and revive old ones. He has worked many gimmicks in his time, as President, and Editor. He has given memberships, had give-away programs, etc. to get new members into the fold so that they could enjoy the comradeship that so many of us do. We can see why he is not enthusiastic about any of the Officers taking over such a great project as Reunion Hawaii. BUT, it can be done -- with proper planning and supervision. AND, if YOU, and YOU and YOU are willing to help. This is most important. What do you say? It's up to YOU.

Louisville low-cost vacation

A letter from General AUBREY S. (Red) NEWMAN, (ret) summarizes his ideas about a plan for a reunion in Hawaii. He says:

"I think that the idea of planning a reunion in Hawaii is wonderful... and I want to go if I can. But can not make it in '61, and probably like many, not in '62.

Such a reunion requires getting ready time. For me this has not been planned, and I have committed myself to other long range plans I can not now change. Also ---and this is a vital factor---I need time to start a piggy bank account, in order to avoid any financial sweat. The trip will cost me double fare, as I want to take my wife along to see if the moon looks the same over there now as it did when I met her at Schofield Barracks in 1940.

"Am sure that many others also require advance planning to stage the operation properly. The arithmetic looks like this: If we agree this summer in Louisville to make it to Hawaii in 1965---that allows four years to get ready. Then, putting \$10. per month in a Savings Account, plus interest, will add up to around \$500--- or barely enough for one to squeeze in the trip. However, with \$20 or \$25 per month for four years, plus int. the bucks add up to a great deal more ... and two should make the trip in reasonable comfort on that.

"But there is still another reason to wait: By making it in 1965 we will be celebrating the 24th birthday of the 24th Division at the place of its birth---and I think the civilians and military in Hawaii would like that. It gives us a "build-up tag" for better publicity, especially since the 24th Division will never again have another birthday.

"Obviously, I think, if we agree on a date in Louisville and point toward that---then many more members will be able to make the trip.

"If a group wants to go this fall, and have the dough in hand that some of us do not have handy...then I suggest they charter a plane and go as an advance party planning group to look over the situation on the ground. And publicize this as the opening gun in the publicity campaign, ...the start of a Big Build-up for our Big Blow-out: The 24th Birthday of the 24th Division at its Birthplace!

"So the motion I place before the house is this: Let's agree in Louisville on a date far enough in advance to get in a good job of beating the drum: 'HAWAII'S OWN RETURN HOME!', 'Poi Leaf Boys Come Back', Waikiki and Waihawa in '65.....and start that piggy bank for '65.

A. S. Newman

To Officers of National Assn:

Dear Bob Duff:

My wife and I enjoyed Hawaii very much a couple of years ago; in fact, I took over 700 Kodachrome slides from Washington D. C. to Hawaii and return. We hope to make the reunion again this year and I now possess a new automatic projector so if you can work it, I could show color slides of last year's reunion in Atlantic City, plus about 200 of Puerto Rico including General Verbeck's past Command Post. I also have slides of Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, San Francisco if anyone is interested.

We have just tentative plans to drive to the West Coast this year, and we just might go on over to Hula Land and do some scouting and patrolling for you.

We enjoyed Atlantic City very much last year, and enjoyed the hospitality and friendship of everyone. I can't imagine why everyone doesn't attend our annual reunions. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and associate with fine people. As for next year to Hawaii -- it won't take me long to pack my lava lava - wicki wicki.

Aloha, John
Maj. J. J. Swast, ret.
2716 Terrace Rd. S.E.
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If you don't have the time to write a letter for the formation, then please complete this form for the information of the Hawaiian Convention Committee. (The Committee will not be chosen until our next Annual Meeting).

I AM AM NOT interested in an HAWAIIAN REUNION.

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34th Dragons



L. to R: 'Waldo' (we don't know first name), Sgt. Graves, Capt. Rehm, Cpl. Scoggins, Maj. Weller, and two members of the Di la Pirea family. Picture was taken on Christmas Day of 1944 in Caragare, Leyte. Photo courtesy Doc Rehm.

DR. WALTER L. REHM - Doc was in the 34th Infantry Medics as a dentist from 1943 until 1945. He and his wife, Nell Rehm, and children, Walter Rehm, Jr., 17 years, and Ann Rehm, 14 years, live at 481 So. Fourth Street, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. He likes to hunt and fish, and it certainly appears that he and Clifford Gordon Hanlin have a lot in common.

Doc recently dropped us a line and inclosed the names of former 34th Dragons. He says:

"I am always happy to receive the TARO LEAF, and look forward to receiving it. It brings back many, many pleasant memories, and again, some not too pleasant.

"My wife and I have every intention of making the Louisville Convention....one most important reason being to find out if Roscoe has been 'bulling' us for the last fourteen years!

"I am also interested in a "DRAGON CHAPTER", being with the 34th most of the time, and claim that as my old home. Over the years I have kept in contact with some of my buddies, so I am giving you their names and addresses as potential members of the Association, and maybe 'Convention attendants'."

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There you are, Dragons....go to work....write to these boys, and get them to Louisville. Doc. Rehm has done his part, and we are sending them Taro Leaves.

Speaking of the Dragons, C. G. has lined up quite a few who will be present this year. Some of them in Ohio and Kentucky are talking about forming an 'O-K' or and Oky Chapter for those of those States.

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LLEWELLYN - W. T. Llewellyn has just dropped a note to let us know that he and his wife are very much interested in a reunion in Hawaii. That is, if we have it within the next few years. The 'Hawaiian' column has been put to bed so we will publish Bill's letter next month. The Llewellyns live at 550 Pleasant View, Wannatosa, Wis. (34th).

DAHLEN - Major General Chester A. Dahlen (34th) has notified us that his new address is: MAAQ, Republic of China, Box 13, APO 83, San Francisco.

WHILE SNOW BLOCKS NEW YORK STREETS, PRIVATE FIRM GETS DUG OUT BY CITY....and VIC BACKER CAN PROVE IT.

While New Yorkers floundered through snow and slush-filled streets recently, two City-owned vehicles went out of their way to clear off a parking lot for the Cadillac sales and service agency at 61st and New York.

This work might have gone unheralded had not several eyewitnesses telephoned the newspapers. These citizens complained that the Cadillac agency was receiving this service at a time when many miles of city streets were impassable. Employees at the agency seemed to know nothing about how the equipment got there.

VICTOR BACKER, (34th) - partner in Paul Wing Studios Inc., commercial photographers, said he witnessed the entire proceedings. VIC had a photographer take pictures of the city equipment clearing off the private lot. One of the machines a tractor equipped with snow blades, and the other was a Department of Sanitation garbage truck with snow blades attached. According to reports, the equipment was used there for almost two hours. Vic's picture of the machinery in use was published in the New York World-Telegram.

Vic is still working on a price deal in case we vote to approve a reunion in Hawaii. He is, at present waiting to hear from another Air line. (Too bad N.Y.C. doesn't have Planes for private use.)

LEWIS, EARL L. - (Sgt. - 34th) lives at 6709 Archdale, Detroit 28, Mich. with his wife, Jacqueline, Susan 7, Gilbert 5, and Lawrence 1 1/2 years. Earl served with the 34th from October 1942 to November 1945. He is a cost analyst with Ford Motor Company.

TACCHI, LOUIS (LOU) - (Sgt. 'E' Co. 34th) - Lou and his wife, Vicky Ann have 5 children: Louis 12, Gene 9, Ernie 8, Pat 3, and Kevin 9 months. They reside at 6832 Bradley, St. Louis 39, Mo. Lou was with the Division from May 1943 until August 1945. He says that one of the most interesting experiences he had during his tour with the Division and the 34th was the rescue of 125 Missionaries in Hollandia by 'E' & 'F' Co. Lou is an electrician by trade and he likes to bowl.

PETERS, W. J. (Walt) - 'C' Co. 34th writes that he recognized quite a number of the men in the Company photograph which was published in last issue of Taro Leaf. Walt has requested 25 Taro Leafs in order that he might contact these men and get them interested in the Association and in coming to Louisville. Walt says, "I'll try to make the convention in Louisville, at least for a day or two." Walt is a long time member, and attends the Conventions. He is with Meyer Lumber and Hardware Co., Summerfield, Kansas.



Gimlets NEWS

When writing to the Editor, please include the name of your Unit with dates served, and details regarding your family and occupation. Thanks.

The Secretary received a letter from BILL WILLMOT, World War II Gimlet, Hq Co 3rd Bn 21st. Bill is working for Army Ordnance at the Reritan Arsenal and lives at 412 Belgrade Street, Avenel, New Jersey. Bill used to make our reunions, but we have missed him the past few years. He and his wife, Florence, will try to get to Louisville this summer.

Our railroad recruiter - KEN ROSS (see last page of last issue of Taro Leaf entitled "The Travelers") - is entitled to credit for our most recent member - SEYMOUR BERKMAN, RD #2, Box A2106, Yorktown Heights, New York. This former Gimlet (Co "A", from 1945 to 1946) is Treasurer of Ednalite Optical Co. His family consists of his wife, Toby, and Steven, age 9, and Michael, 6.



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