

"Taro Leaf" is the official publication of the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc., and it is published by its members, for its members, "Of, by and for those who served or who now serve the 24th Inf. Div.", it is published "frequently".

Our cover was intended to dazzle. It's a bit of optical art. The bulging and shrinking lines falsify perspective as they lead the eye a frantic chase past valleys and hummocks which will not stay put. As art, this kind of stuff has won snickers and sneers along with bold praises and big prices. But rare is the viewer who does not feel himself on the verge of vertigo as he looks at the swerving lines. And if your reaction is such that you want to get away from it all, why not start planning on going to Hawaii with us come August?

To Beantown came never-fail PAUL E. BELISLE (L19th '42-'45) of 55 Summer St., Bristol, Conn. Paul observed that our Association is middle-aged - like so many of its members - settled-in, sedate, uncontroversial. The Boston clambake, now a part of history. rather proves the point. The gathering of the clan, while joyous, was somewhat subdued-even the most ardent of the fun-makers were noticeably slowing down from their record paces of years before. JAMES M. O'DONNELL (G-21), for instance, had to admit on each morning-after that he felt as though he "had been up all night doing my ironing". Or measure it all, if you will, from the viewpoint of one knowledgeable bartender who was heard to say: "This crowd used to be able to drink more than this". Alas, we must face up to facts: we are a bit older.

CHARLIE BEST (H19 '44-'46) came on to Boston from Prescott, Kans. with his mother. Charlie, like every conventioneer, knows that, upon arrival, you submerge yourself into the bowels of the hotel, not to see daylight or breathe fresh air again until the final parting shot on Sunday morning. Decamp from your cab or car and, like as not, you'll not go outside again until the reunion's over. Piece by disparate piece, we seem to bore a long and intricate labyrinth within the four walls of our host hotel, well able to find therewithin the answers to all of our needs for our reunion hours. Charlie Best observed that "Jean Valjean had no greater range in the sewers of Paris".

Cadillac, Mich. is represented in our ranks now by CARROLL NICHOLS (24th Sig. 6/42-8/45. Carroll and wife, Olive, live at 358 Marble, and have 3 children, Louis, George, and Carol Anne. Carroll is a BSM man for the Leyte operation. We're proud to have you with us Carroll....Writing this poop sheet is fun. We try to be a careful craftsman. Possibly we're old-fashioned in our concern for words and respect for facts. We write first as it occurs to us then add whatever it takes to fill the gaps, and finally try to make sure that the sutures don't show. Our effort may look like action writing to some who merely see shrieking colors on a huge canvas. We try, however....

We enjoyed the story of the mess sgt. at Schofield who, anticipating an inspection, and wise to the ways, neatly spelled out "Aloha" in black olives on the floor of one of his garbage cans....

FR. CHRIS J. BERLO (19th) from 59 South St., Shrewsbury, Mass. and his lovely sister were "everywhere" at the convention, having loaded themselves down with responsibilities of all kinds in all departments. Here they are at



the banquet with Peggy Verbeck and PAT CIANGI to their right. Sunday Morning Brunch, 16 Aug., was hosted by the BERLO's. We don't know what we'd do without these precious friends. Before the "Farewell"s. "Aloha"s. "Sayonara"s, and "Goodbye"s, the parting guests were made firm and fat for the homeward journeys with a table set for a king. We left it all with happy minds and contented stomachs. .... We're trying assiduously to avoid straight news items such as one covering the convention, one covering plans for Hawaii, etc.. etc. - all as you may by now have noticed. Instead, we've got delectable tidbits scattered throughout our pages, all in the hope that you'll read all of our copy from cover to cover.



ED and Lottie BAK (19th '39-'42) and children, Mike and Pat, came in from 9043 Mercedes, Detroit, for the annual event. Ed says that Detroit is ready for us in August of '66. They have a live bunch in that area and, thanks to Ed, that enthusiasm is going to be kept alive...Through inflation, the purchasing power of the dollar has been steadily reduced - 63% since '33, 43% since '45. By borrowing, by printing more \$, by steadily diluting the purchasing power of the dollar, the government has already in effect repudiated 63¢ of every dollar it borrowed in '33, 43¢ of every dollar it borrowed in '45. To put it bluntly, the creditors, the holders of U.S. government bonds, have been cheated.



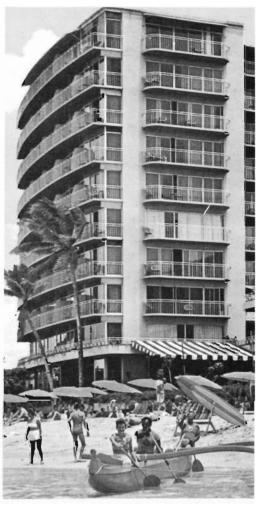
## It was fair weather, when these good fellows got together at Boston. K of the 21st was well represented by FRANK FULTON who "drove in", surrounded by EDGAR ST. JOHN, ERNEST VIENNEAU, and BASIL DONOVAN. Ed and wife, Lorraine, came up from Warren, R.I. where they hang their hats at 485 Monroe. Ernie and wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Dorothy, Jr. came in from 26 Potter, Waltham, Mass. Ernie was a faithful convention committee member to whom we are grateful...."What's wrong with fairy tales?", asked Tom grimly.....George Graham, who supplied the banquet orchestra, wrote after the party: "To the wonderful men and women of the 24th - Thank you for a most enjoyable engagement. It was a pleasure and privilege to serve you". We can thank ERNIE VIENNEAU for his noble efforts in

JAMES FREDERICK (E 34th '44-'46) is now at 2116 Menefee Dr., Arlington, Tex. with wife, Louise, and his 18 yr. old daughter and 16 yr. old son. Jim is a tool maker. He made Baltimore and New York in '48 and '49, then moved from N.C. to Tex. and lost track of us. Now, we're pleased that he's back again. Jim wants a membership list. We've asked him to wait for its release in a forthcoming issue. Also he invites anyone passing through the Fort Worth - Dallas area to give him a call and stop by. Jim would like to know the whereabouts of DAVE BIBBY, Orange, N.J., of BILL PINION, Ky., or TOBBY McGUIRE, Ky. Can anyone help?

obtaining the music.

Recall the long-time typewriter test sentence, "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy sleeping dog," which contains all 26 letters of the alphabet, so it's said. For variety, let's go to "Seven wildly panting fruit flies gazed anxiously at the juicy, bouncing kumquat," or "Quite a few prominent Zulus just can't get very excited about Hackensack.".....

## THERES





"Pssst...G.I., you wanna nice man?"



In which we present, among others, WARREN McNAMARA, (D21st), Dottie Vienneau, Dorothy Vienneau, ERNEST VIENNEAU, (K21st), Fred Wehle's niece, and FRED WEHLE (3rd Eng.)

DONALD C. WILLISM (Sv. 34th, 4/44-1/46) has a new address: 33712 Schulte, Farmington, Mich......HERBERT and Dorothy TISCHLER (C 34th '41-'45) of 36-22 Northern, Fairlawn, N.J. brought Iris and David with them when they made our Boston party.....Fr. CHRISTOPHER J. BERLO (19th) was recently

featured in an article in "Columbia", the K of C magazine. We give you this picture clipped from the article. Looks familiar, doesn't he? Told was the story of how this wonderful Passionist priest is serving as an archetect. resident engineer, and on-the-job boss for millions of dollars worth of major construction now being carried on by the Congregation's eastern province from Florida to Maine. Fr. Berlo is now in the hilltop town of Shrewsbury, Mass., a short distance from Worcester. helping to give birth to the new Calvary monastery church and laymen's retreat house.... "I was a spy for the FBI", said Tom informally.... We want your material. We may be forced to make eliminations and changes, but we'll be as considerate

as is consistently possible.....

Wonderful Christmas greetings received from URBAN THROM (Div. Hq. & 34th) who, with Jackie, is at 97th Gen. Hosp., APO 757, New York. Surburban Urban is Chief of Medical Service there. We remember Urb for his enormous pair of sunglasses. They were big enough to embarrass a Greyhound bus driver. Urb tells us that Col. JACK MATTHEWS is 7th Army G-3 at Stutlgart and that Col. DAVID DILLARD is 7th Army G-2. Urb's hospital is in Frankfort. We trust that it's O.K. to release this. The commies doubtlessly know it anyway.....Speaking of Christmas greetings, we were proud and happy to receive over 300 from Assoc. members. Thank you, one and all...BILL JUNGJOHAN (K19th 3-43 to 11-45) of 804 Beach, Valparaiso, Ind. has joined. He and Elva have a son, Jim. Bill is a tool and die maker and writes that he's happy to hear from "The Old Division". And we're happy to hear from you Bill.....THOMAS C. MURPHY (19th '55) of 5 Fidelis, Brighton, Mass. was among those present at our Boston get together. He and Ellen have Thomas, Terrence and Thimony.....Time Magazine gave a delightful review of the recent Elizabeth Taylor-Richard Burton poetry reading benefit show in N.Y. where the Burtons read verses alternately "in a sort of ping-poem match". Said nately "in a sort of ping-poem match". Said Time: "Elizabeth wore 2 gowns, one blue and the other white. She changed offstage. Wonderful, isn't it?

Happily, we report the proud presence, in Boston, at the 17th convening of our Marching and Chowder Society, of: ALBERT J. JOSEPH (21st) of Maine Ave., Onset, Mass. - he and Rose Mary have 1, Albert, Jr., ROBERT JOHNSTON (21st) of Turnpike, Stoughton, Mass., GEORGE H. STANLEY (121st) of 251-1882 Ave., Bellerose, N.Y., JOHN and Mary SHAY and kiddies, Veronica and John (21st '46-'52) of 804 N. Riner, Mt. Prospect, I11., SAM SNYDER (34th) of 1356 Walton, Bronx. N.Y., DR. ROBERT WALLACE (3rd Eng.)....."I once rowed for Harvard," said Tom crudely.....The Assoc. is your agent: use it, work for it, advise it. Sound off. Every suggestion is valuable. We welcome them.

COL. GEORGE H. CHAPMAN, JR. (19th) died at his home in Dickerson, Md. on Christmas day. BILL VERBECK represented us all at George's West Point funeral on Mond., Dec. 28 and we also remembered by way of a floral piece. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to widow, Helen. We have lost a staunch friend.

New Prexy PAT and Lu CIANGI (724 Ord '42-'45) and children, Pat and Michele, stopped off at the World's Fair before joining the hullabaloo in Boston. Pat was delighted with our report on RAY and Helen DENDE (724 Ord. '45-'47). It seems that Helen presented Ray th 7 #15 oz. of Denise on July 6th. The Dende's are out of 1435 Woodlawn Ave., Scranton, Pa. We're happy for those grand folks...."I just passed my Wassermann", said Tom positively.

WALTER CUNNINGHAM (Div. Hg. '42-'45) glided softly in from 2828 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, just as we were about ready to give up on seeing him this year. Walt is of the belief that you're not drunk so long as you can lay on the floor without holding on. He insisted on telling all of his friends and they are legion - that he is continuing with his hobby of counterfeiting postage stamps. However he's now devoting himself exclusively to forging air mails.... The District Court has reduced Maj. Gen. EDWIN A. WALKER's jury award in his libel suit against the AP from \$800,000.00 to \$500,000.00 "bad" reports covered Walker's activities on the "ole Miss" campus during the Meredith enrollment affair in Sept. of '62.

JACK and Marie DAVIES (34th '43-'45) and children Louise and Tom were happy arrivals at our clambake, coming up from 5 Winding Way, N. Caldwell, N.J. Jack hails the arrival into "the club" of DONALD J. HIMBURG (34th 12/46-2/47) of 118 Totten Dr.. Greenwood, Ind. Don reports that he and Barbara are the proud parents of Deborah, Joseph, Theodore, and Susan. Dan is a contract manager.... Conventioneers seem to speak a rococovilabic language, e.g. this toast overheard the 24th Bar: "Gin comes from junipers: beer comes from hay; wine comes from barrels in gushes. And what's more important, I'm happy to say, I come from a long line of lushes"

JIM and Emily FANNING (34th '41-'45) came to Kennedyland to help make our party the success that it was. They're at 176 Bennett, Rochester, N.Y. Jim permits us to repeat his expression: "As Confucius say, he who bowls 300 has no time to spare"...When the gang was through opening those 200 presents at the banquet, the Somerset's ballroom looked like a Monopoly board toward the end of a hot game....FRANK and Marge FULTON (K21st '40 - '45) of 50 Hancock, N. Dartmouth, Mass. were busy and faithful convention committee members who helped unmeasurably in making the weekend the howling success that it was. Thanks, folks....Frank says that "Frank Sinatra, Jr. is a carbonated copy of his pop". We like it so much that we're using it here Frankie. Thanks again.....

SAM and Sue GILNER (13th FA '42 '45) and Sam Jr. made it from 290 N. Middletown Rd., Nanuet, N.Y. Sam was honored with election as our new Vice President. He's still as restless as a chipmunk's tail; he has news from Mexico, Maine. We never knew that there was such a place. Sam tells us that GILBERT NICHOLS (A and H-34th 1/47 to 2/48) of 173 Granite St. and wife, Ruperta, have 5 - twins, Charlotte and Charlene (11), Stephen (6), James (3) and Janet born last July 22nd. Congratulations, Gil. Gil is a paper mill worker.....The national debt is now at 308 billion dollars, or an average of \$6500.00 for every family in the U.S.



TOM and Elise COMPERE (Div.Hq. '42-'45) of 1897 Clifton, Highland Park, Ill. tripped through Canada and dropped down on Boston by way of Vt. and N.H. It's a delight to have these wonderful friends join our unbridled orgy each year....DENNIS J. RILEY, JR. (21st '51-'52) of 15 Hannon St.. Dorchester, Mass. seeks the correct name and address of KIA KASTANOWAY or CASTANOWAY or GASTANOWAY (spelling uncertain) who hailed from Cranston, R.I. and was killed about July 12 - 14 of '52. He wants to contact the family. Can anyone lend a hand here?....Stolen from the 95th Div's "Journal": They have a membership of 1135 - all paid. Can we match them? Yes, we answer, and this year, too.

FR. CHARLES J. BRADY (21st) of 410 Forman Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. was much in evidence in the Hub City through all of the festivities and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying himself. He had the old, familiar, gracious smile and warm word for everyone...Lt. Gen. CHARLES H. BONESTEEL, III (Asst. Div. Commander '56, and Division Commander '61-'62) highlighted the convention banquet, journeying up from Washington to deliver his heartwarming "24th message". That he could take the time to trip to Boston to spend a few hours with us, we are grateful.

It's close to reunion time - it's vacation planning time - and now is the time to reserve your position on the plane that is going to carry us to Hawaii and return for the 24th's 1965 Reunion. Write PAT CIANGI today and make your reservation. He's at 4746 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., 60644. Tel. 312-378-2846....

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At table 7 at our Boston Convention, going clockwise, we proudly show you the very grand Dorothy Wisecup, son Curt, and always smiling PAUL WISECUP (L 34th '45-'46), all of Winchester, Xenia, Ohio, Rt. Rev. Msgr. CHARLES J. BRADY, (21st) of 410 Forman, Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. Dorenla Best, the mother of Charlie Best, and on the grand lady's left is CHARLES BEST (A19th '44-'46) himself, in from Prescott, Kans., JIM FANNING (Med., 3rd Bn. 34th '41-'45), BOB ANDRE (63 FA and 724 Ord. '44-'45) of Des Plaines, Ill. and wife, Josephine, and Emily Fanning of 176 Bennett, Rochester, N.Y.

Pants are now a staple in every woman's wardrobe. First it was suffrage. Then cigarettes. Then they got behind the wheel, sat at our desks, confiscated our razors. Now man has truly conceded defeat, loosened his belt and handed over his pants. what used to separate the men from the boys barely separates the boys from the girls..... ELLSWORTH and Pauline MILLS and their two, Robert and Donna, drove all the way over from Rt. 2, Perry, Iowa, to make our Boston session. Ellsworth was with the 724th Ord. during '42-'45.....RAYMOND and Helen DENDE (724th Ord. '46-'48) of 1435 Woodlawn, Scranton, Pa., remembered this pillar of pollydoodle with a clever notice announcing the birth of 7# 15 oz Denise last July 6th. Congratulations, Ray and Helen.....We exchange papers with other Div. Assoc's. Just noticed, from the 26th "Yankee" Division paper that they took in \$8847 in dues last year. There's a business. Noted too that they pay their secretary a salary of \$3900. No hint intended.

Don't delay...

MAIL RESERVATION

TODAY:

Write Prexy PAT CIANGI today - 4745 W. Monroe St., Chicago. Ill. 60644. that you want a reservation for the Hawaiian trip.

VIC BACKER (A 34th '42-'45) flew in to Boston with Rita from 73 Westminster, Lake Success, L.I., N.Y.....We had to fly to Paris not too long ago. Air France is fully automated, you have our word. You push a button and out comes your seat belt. You push a button on the seat belt and out comes your pillow. You push a button on your pillow and out comes the hostess. You push a button on the hostess and out come your teeth....GEORGE R. NUTT (24th QM '40-'44) came to Boston to say "Hello" from 695 N. Main, W. Bridgewater, Mass.

"...1 was on my way to the top promotions, soldierof-the-month, commendation ribbon- and then they put me in charge of the N.C.O. club ..."





EMIL LARSON (19th) of Sioux Falls, S.D. and SAM SNYDER (34th) of N.Y.C. post at Boston with the JACK DAVIES (34th) group which included Jack's grand better half, Virginia, and Louise and Tom.

VERNON SCHENKEL (34th '42-'45) was accompanied to Boston by the divinely fair Dorothy and their son, Steven. They came in all the way from 550 Bardot, Florissant, Mo. It's no secret to the 24th Div. cognoscentithat Dorothy is one of our most beautiful ladies.

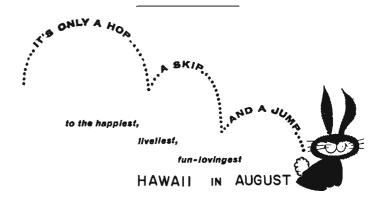
The sorcery starts as soon as you reach Hawaii. The islands work a special kind of bewitchment. They warm your heart with famous hospitality, then dazzle your eyes with island beauty. The spell lasts forever....There's a jewelry store in Hollywood where you can rent wedding rings....

During the last 4 yrs., the federal payroll has gained one employee every 4 minutes. There are 2,352,494 civilian employees on the federal payroll - or were as we went to pressith annual salaries totaling \$16.2 billion. Ponder on that one. Carry this thing to its extreme and what do you have? - a truly communistic state.

Word has just been received of the death of ALBERT V. CLEMENT (3rd Eng. Bn.). Al won a BSM for meritorious achievement in operations against the enemy in the Limon, Leyte area on Nov. 11, '44......FRANK KAWA (21st), of 66 E. Greenwich, W. Warwick, R.I., made Boston.....EDWIN E. SANDERS (K-19), Box A, Ypsilanti, Mich., who is sightless, is looking for one Sgt. Kerlinski. Can anyone help?....FRANCIS E. McGINTY (21st '40-'43) of 62 Everett Ave., South Portland, Maine, was much in evidence at our Boston party... Nice words in from FRANCIS H. HELLER, Assoc. Dean at U. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans. He says, "I hope that it will be permissible for me to include my annual contribution. I have found the past few issues of the "Taro Leaf" thoroughly enjoyable reading. I have been joined here by MAX L. PITNEY for a three year tour as Professor of Military Science".....

An employee with a wife and 2 kids and an income of \$5600, who paid an income tax of \$528 in '63 and is paying \$430 in '64, will pay \$386 in '65. Thus, through the tax cut, there is an annual saving of \$142 in '65 over '63. But under the bill demanded by the President and passed by the Senate, this man would pay \$174 in social security taxes in '64 and \$238 in '65. Thus, his income tax would be cut by almost a half in '65. The government giveth and the government taketh away.

The Reef Hotel is on the beach right next door to the Royal Hawaiian.....Titillating blurb in a recent NY Times issue was devoted to the "pushers" who operate in the Japanese railway stations. Remember how they used their full body weight to cram passengers into the crowded cars....New address on BOB LUHRSEN (M-19): 73 N.W. 98th St., Miami, Shores, Florida. 33150....Joined: WILLIAM A. BRINKERT, Grass Valley, Ore. ('42-'44) - Bill and Ruby have Elaine Mae and Gary William. Bill is actually a grandfather - three times - Elaine is the mother of 2 boys and a girl. Bill is farming out there. He wants to hear from CLIFFORD "Sach" HOLMES, STANLEY RENFRO, and "Butch" SHEARER. Bill has a citation which reads: "For gallantry in action at Lake Rombehai. Dutch New Guinea, on 31 July 1944. Brinkert, together with six other men, was sent on a mission to protect a secret radio station operated by three Australian soldiers at Lake Rombebai, Dutch New Guinea. At 0330 on the seventy-first day at the output, the position was attacked by forty Japanese soldiers. Brinkert engaged the Japs in handto-hand combat and was seriously wounded by shrapnel in his left side. Even though in great pain, he took his automatic rifle and fought his way to his position, and by skillful use of his weapon the Japanese attack was repulsed. He then remained at his post until dawn, even refusing to leave to receive medical treatment."



A RELAXING HOLIDAY WITH LOTS OF FUN, SUN AND EXCITEMENT FOR ALL— COME IN AUGUST—ENJOY—AND BRING THE FAMILY•

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At Boston, JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL (G-21st) of 939 S. Kenilworth, Oak Park. Ill., and the HUBERT LOWRYS, rolly polly Hubert (Cn. 19th '42-'45) and gracious Virginia, in from Smithshire, Ill., entertain some of the small fry.

FRED WEHLE (3rd Eng. '41-'44) of 268 Yarmouth, Birmingham, Mich. has had plenty of eye trouble over the past two years. He tells us that according to Raymond Massey or another of those TV medics, ecchymosis is a name for a black eye. Fred combined business with pleasure when he joined us at the convention. He took time out to see his Boston surgeon and got a clean bill of health. We are happy for you, Fred....WALTER E. "Shorty" SCHERER (Div. Hq. '41-'45) of 204 Inwood, Syracuse, N.Y. moved in and out of the convention halls like a Henry James character. The years haven't hurt you a bit, Shorty. You're still a wonderful guy to know. They tell this story of Lt. Gen. ROBERT L. EICHELBERGER in Japan. It seems that the night Tojo shot himself, Uncle Bob was rousted out of bed at 3 AM. He went to where Tojo was. Tojo spoke no English. Through an interpreter, Tojo apologized for all the inconveniences he had caused. The General, with a frosty smile, looked Tojo in the eye and said, "You little s.o.b., are you talking about tonight or the last four years?".........GERALD and Isabelle
STEVENSON (Div. Hq. '41-'45) made Boston,
along with Marilyn, Donna, and Jerry, all
the way from 168 E. Center, Wheeling, Ill.... .. The Medics have a disease called haileyhailey (we've heard of beri-beri). It's for a tendency to grow horns. Throw this one out at your next party. Gephyrophobia is a fear of crossing bridges; gymnophobia is a fear of naked people; belonephobia is a fear of hat pins; taphephobia is a fear of being buried alive......JOSEPH I. DAIGLE (24th Sig.) writes, from 419 Louisiana, Port Allen, La., that he was recently visited by LESTER "Pete" REID (24th Sig.) and his family. Pete is at Box 184, Berryville, Va.

JERRY VAN MOHR (19th) of 3845 Villanova, Kettering, Ohio, found himself - along with Mary - involved in an auto accident. The policeman who investigated was MARSHALL B. MANNING (24th MP '51) 304 S. Elm. West Carrollton, Ohio, another Taro Leafer. Marshall spotted Jerry's membership card as he was extricating his driver's license, and that's how it all came about.

## Be a traveler...not a tourist!

This issue wouldn't be complete without acknowledgement of the thanks of we all to



our "two Beverlies",
Beverly Burtwell,
of Attleboro, Mass.
(in photo at left),
Beverly Treat, of
Springfield, Mass.,
for their gracious
assistance in
delivering the
"Christmas in
August" gifts to
the proper tables
as the lucky ticket
holders sang out
"Here", "I got it",

or whatever else came to mind at the moment.

Those who wish to stay in Hawaii longer than the 10 days will not be penalized farewise....Word in from 612 Juan Anasco Dr.. Longboat Key. Fla.. tells us that AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN is having lots of problems. Now his lovely wife, Dorothy, has been in traction with a bad spine and will have to take it easy for the rest of her life. We're all hoping the very best for you. Dorothy..... We hear that there's a new organization called "Beatniks Anonymous". If a member feels like taking a bath, he calls another member who rushes over and shuts off the water....Know how to make an elephant float? Well you take 12 gallons of ice cream, 71 quarts of ginger ale, and 1 very small elephant!

The program for our Hawaiian trip is being offered by Vip Travel Service. Inc. in Chicago. You'll be hearing directly from them shortly as they give you a sales pitch in our behalf....C. LARRY HARRIS. of 101 58th Pl.. Clarendon Hills. Ill., recently ran into EUGENE BOHAN (A-19th) of 1228 Navajo Dr.. Carpentersville, Ill. They were both attending a DAV meeting. Gene was wounded in Korea and is now in commercial photography in Chicago. Larry himself was hospitalized last fall, he reports. and will be turning in for treatment soon. Larry signs his letter: "C. Larry Harris. Cpl., USA Ret" and then adds a p.s. "Why not? - all the generals do!" At least Larry is retaining his wonderful sense of humor. He tells us that the way to drive a nail without smashing your thumb is to hold the hammer in both hands.