

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

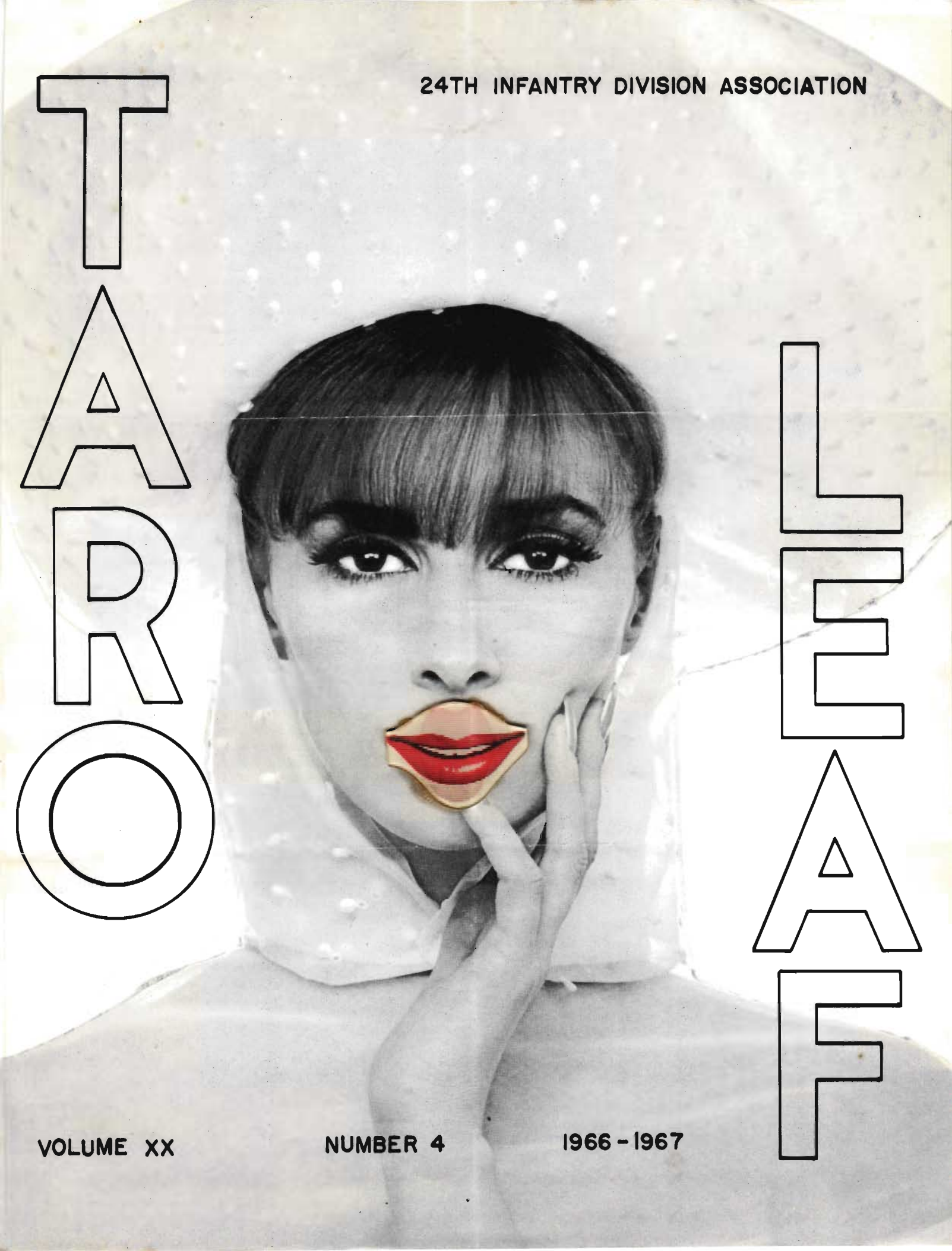
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Snow Scene: TOM BAKEWELL, (724th Ord. 4/43-8/45), of 494 Mountain, West Hartford, Conn., sends us this one taken at the Bromley, Vt. ski center. Tom and Polly reports that they may soon be moving to Sandusky, Ohio; he's with GM's New Departure. ND and Hyatt Div. are merging. They also send us a shot of Priscilla (15), Liza(11), Polly (7) and Jennie(9).



Wonderful set of little ladies, Tom and Polly. We live only 25 miles from the folks, yet never get down their way. Tom has offered to furnish us the "grid coordinates to my CP", but we recall those map reading courses and get cold feet.

LEO GOGOLATSE, who is 24 MP (7/40-10/45), is at Box 171, Warren, Pa., and wants to hear once again from MOOSE FISK, NORM PERKINS, MILLNER, STIFNICK and SALISBURY. Leo reports that he's out of the hospital following his heart attack - "not a very strong one but it was a good signal that I'd better start taking care". Leo has to lose 40# and stop smoking. Best wishes, Leo. See you at Chicago? Bring Loretta. We're "co-ed", you know. Leo asked us to give the pitch to DAVE PORTMAN, of 129 Nimitz, Woonsocket, R.I. We did, Leo. It worked.

Member Gets A Member: BILL and Vivian HALABY, (19th) of 2217-B Poplar, Oceanside, Calif., re-upped and sent along the name and address of JOE YULIO, (H 19th 12/43-1/46). We addressed ourselves to Joe at 67 Hunter, Pompton Lakes, N.J. and he promptly joined. New member Joe comments that, "It appears the US is sending arms to just about everybody except the Venus de Milo". We like that, Joe.

CONDOLENCES: To RAY KRESKY, 2519 W. Jerome Ave., Chicago, Ill., on the death of his brother, Frank.

Name To Drive Our Bookkeeper Nuts: Whenever MAJOR HAYWOOD, (21st 9/42-11/45) pays his dues, and he recently did once again, it sends our gang into a tizzy. As we all know, Major's name is Major. S'matta fact, Major was a Lieut. Try that on your piano. Write him at 464 E. Center, Madisonville, Ky., if you're in doubt.

Medals: ARTHUR and Marie HENDERSON, (21st '45-'46), are living at 239 E 79th, New York, N.Y. Arthur tips us to the fact that a Philadelphia warehouse is stuffed to the rafters with WW II and Korea medals which are going unclaimed. Try writing "The Adjutant General, Decorations and Awards Branch, D/A, Washington, D.C., if you want a little color for your chest.

Another Div.Arty Man: ED HODGE, (Hq.Btry, Div.Arty.), is at 2912 Mulberry, Phoenix, Ariz., according to JIM PAFFHAUSEN.

St.Charles, Ill. Chapter: W.G. and Annamae HOFFER, (52 F), of Rt. 1, Box 637, in St. Charles have very kindly forwarded dues for another year.

Rose PEPE makes sure her man CARMINE "packs a 38"; she paid his dues. They're D21st from '51 to '52 and hang their hats at 149-38 81st St., Howard Beach, Queens, N.Y.

Wants to hear from old friends - LESTER W. HOLFORD (E 21 '42-'45) of 9527 - 171st Ave., N.E., Redmond, Wash.

Flips And Quips: OTTO KASSAK, (A 34th 7/45-12/45), of 543 Tipton, Wood River, ILL, has been doing a **little** bowling. Says Otto: "When I bowl, you can't hear a pin drop".

To A Sheriff, It's Which Way They Went - To A Smoker, It's A Kent: CHARLIE KAHMAN, 3240 W.Foster Ave., Chicago, Ill., was trying to locate HAROLD W. BLACK of Able of the 21st. Try 2923 West 25th St., Omaha, Nebr., Charlie.

Word From Division: S/Sgt. JAMES W. KEYT (Hq. 24th Med. Bn.), sends us a copy of an information brochure containing a history of the Division and of the Med. Bn. which is issued to all incoming personnel. We'd like to use it, Jim, but space will not permit. We're saving it for our own forthcoming Division History. Thanks, Jim, for thinking of us.

Dedicated Soldier: Sgt.Maj. A. MITCHELL (34th '40-'43), of 210 N. Manhattan, Tampa, Fla., is now with Florida N.G. Advisory Group.

Sergeant Major of the Army: Division recently visited by Sgt. Maj. of the Army WILLIAM O. WOOLRIDGE. Woolridge was Sgt. Maj. of Division from 2/63 until 1/65. Asked how he felt to be back, Woolridge



replied, "It's just like coming home again. Here he is, in the center. At left is new Div. C.G., Maj.Gen. RODERICK WETHERLL and at right is Div.Sgt.Maj. JAMES L. TAYLOR.

Branded: FRED and Julia CRADDOCK, message us from their new address: Box 1211, Cocoa Beach, Fla. Fred tips us to an easy way to hang onto your own wooden-handled tools. Brand'em, he sez. Paint your name or initials on the handle with a liberal supply of nail polish, then set the polish on fire - quick! Before it dries. Works just like a branding iron. Don't forget to blow out the flame or you'll lose the whole handle. Tell us, where else can you get this kind of dope?

Thunder Out of Texas: Writes Lt.Col. WILLIAM E. CRUMP, JR.: "General WOODRUFF has been out in Colorado for the past few weeks doing a little trout fishing. He reports that they are responding nicely to his angling. See very little of BOB DANIELS. His duties keep him on the road at least 50% of the time. There are a lot of units to be inspected in the Fourth Army Area. Both of his sons are to attend Texas A & M this fall". Hope that Betty's disc trouble is in the mending stage, Bill. Please keep us informed. Bill and Betty are Div.Hq. (11/44-1/46) at 2803 Little John Drive, San Antonio, Tex.

A Little Gasser In the Petroleum Industry: ROY FROST, old 1st Lieut. of Baker of the 34th, (4/42-10/44), is now at 1922 N. Main, Hutchinson, Kans. He's Sec'y. of the Kansas Petroleum Industries Committee. Sounds imposing, Roy; how are Betty and the 3 young folks?

In: JAMES R. CHAMPION (A 13th F 8/41-4/45) and wife Betty, of 622 Euclid, Erie, Pa., are in the club. Jim, a packer at Hammermill Paper, says he's with the army reserve, retiring next year. The folks have 2 - Dennis, 18 and Elizabeth, 17.

LEN and Anne YOURG, (E 21st), of 223 S. Albert, Mt. Prospect, Ill., just let us hear from them.

Wise Men Learn By Other's Mistakes, Fools By Their Own: Now one of the clan is BEN F. ALMAND IV. Yes, that's right "IV". Ben was with us in Augsburg. He's at 33a Bow St., #3, Somerville, Mass.

RUSSELL ARNOLD messaged us at Myrtle Beach expressing regret at not being with us and asking to hear from ELMER VAN ZANT.

From DAV Magazine: JOE KASTENBAUER, (E 21st), of 213 Fifth Ave. W., West Fargo, N.D., had a notice in the DAV Magazine asking any of those who served with him to write him. Well, Joe, here we are!

Another Georgia Cracker: Gimlet OSCAR D. BENETEAU has joined our ranks. You can post him at 119 Davant St., Martinez, Ga.

Vietnam Costs: Know what they are? \$2.2 billion a month, or \$26.4 a year, at the present rate.

Lt.Gen. ALBERT WATSON II is returning as high Commissioner of the Ryuku Islands and CG of Army forces there and returns to become governor of the US Soldier's Home in Washington.

Gen. DWIGHT BEACH's command US Army Pacific, at Fort Shafter, is known as the "Pineapple Pentagon".



"Tell me, Carter, have the men come up with a tough but affectionate nickname for me yet?"

Family Group: We beg and beg for phone books and pictures. DON BELL is one who responds with both. In this one, we see Gary and Douglas in the front row



and Dave, our boy, Ruth and Caroline in the rear. Poor Marcia missed out; she had to take the picture. Send one of yourself, Marcia, and we'll give you a "solo". Dave is on the USS Pocono out of Norfolk. Thanks, Don, for the news and book and for the names of buddies who might join. He and Ruth are at 1121 Prairie Du Chen Rd., Iowa City, Iowa. Don was 63 F. and at Div.Hq. - G3 - from '43 to '46.

11th Field: Dues in from FRANK J. NAIMO who was in Charley Battery, 11th Field from '41 to '45. Frank's at 1 Parkway Ct., Chelsea, Mass.

Newly Joined: LAWRENCE and Rita NEYLON, (592 E B&SR '42-'45), of 333 Washington, Arlington, Mass.

Another George of the 21st Man: WILFRED O'COIN, of 330 Valley, Spencer, Mass., has sent in a good word.

Life Member ROSS W. PURSIFULL sends us the lyrics for "The Fighting 34th", the regimental song, which words were written by Capt. JOSEPH C. ROSEN of the 34th Med. Det. The music was written by ANTHONY LOFRANO of Love Company:

Oh, we're the fighting 34th,
And we want the world to know -
The hard, smashing 34th,
We're the tops where'er we go.
We'll win wherever we are sent,
On that you sure can bet -
If there's a better regiment,
they haven't made it yet.

We don't care where we may go,
'Cause we're sure we can't be beat.
The only thing that we don't know
Is the meaning of Defeat.
We've got what it takes to win,
That's why it's great to be
The men who just won't give in -
We're the 34th Infantry.

Fight on, 34th, on land or on the sea!
Fight on, 34th, right on to Victory!
Fight! that's right! and carry on
with all your might!

What if the foe gets touch,
We will never give up ground.
We like to play, and we play rough,
Just you watch us mow'em down.
We're sure to win, 'cause we are right,
So push on to Victory!
We can't be beat in any fight,
We're the 34th Infantry.

In Like Flynn: Now one of us is GEORGE H. GREENE, (3rd Eng. '43-'45), of Box 4343, Roanoke, Va., we happily report.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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24th DIV. UNIT: _____ FROM _____ TO _____

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