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Into the night of history passes our 25th gathering of the clan.

They say our Flying Carpet's fiesta was best yet.

Surely they spoke sans reference to what lies ahead.

Wheeler, Les, honor guest, displayed the same fire of yore, and

Excitement reigned when Irving, Fred, walked in unannounced.

Such happy events went far to soften the upsetting news

That pill pushers were knifing Newman, Red, down Florida way.

Poor excuse, however, for next Prexy, Red became anyway,

Opening the way for Wisecup, Paul, to wind up grand tenure, and

Introducing too, a reason for coronating Crown Prince Lowry, Bert,

Not to mention a Sec'y/Treas/Editor - so we won't -

Though include we do Chaplain Berlo, Chris, our favorite

ticket-puncher.

Inform you too, we do, of the best news yet, that

Next time 'round will find us at the "Ring Knocker's College"

'7ty-three bodes well for us all, be we

3 or 300 or 3000 strong in congregation assembled next July 13th - 15th.



Our Association has been privileged to have many friends in the sense of non-members who have shared the pride from some of our good works, the sorrow from some of our tragedies, and the laughter from some of our antics. But in its more than quarter century of history, none served it more faithfully, with a kind of loving care only represented in the manual labors attendant to the production of our Taro Leaf. The tedious tasks of rubber stamping and postage stamping and labelling and stuffing of envelopes consumed verily thousands of her waking hours when considered in the light of 112 issues which she set to sail since her first mailing in 1951. MAUDE E. ROSS literally and figuratively, thrilled at the "privilege" (her word for it) of being a part of the publishing effort. And now this issue, with which she might have been so intimately involved, will have gone its way to you without her tender touch, for, on January 25th last, what had been a beautiful life of 89 years came to an agonizing end following two final months of pain and anguish. The B&G C had scored again. By our members she will be sorely missed but by none so much as your Editor whose sainted Mother she was.

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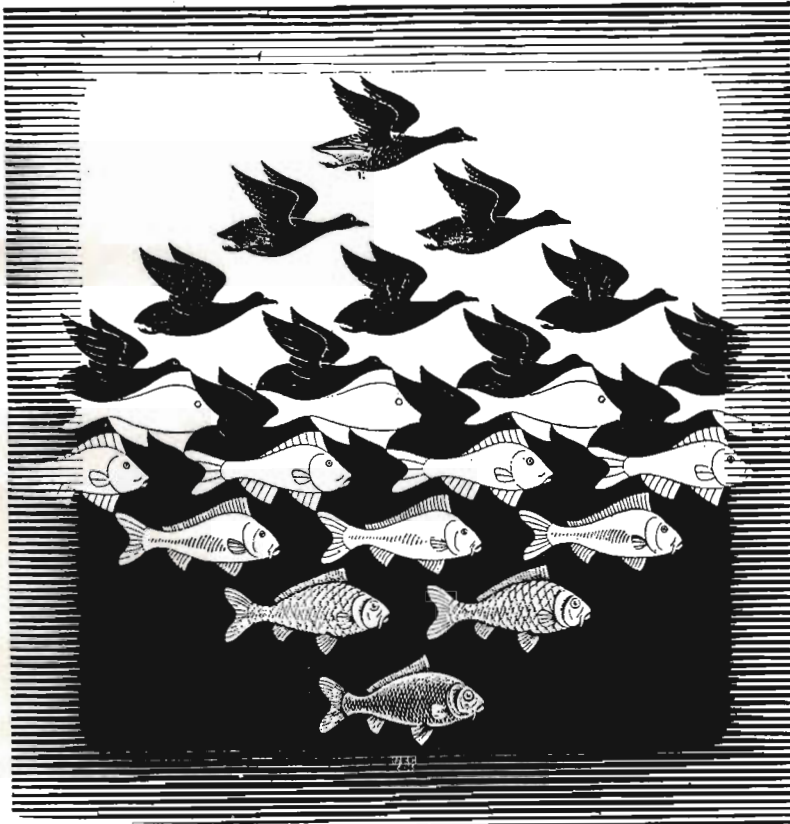
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It's called "Sky and Water", a magnificent wood cut by the Dutch artist, M.C. Escher, whom we like because of the games he plays in his work. With this one, the fish change into fowl as they emerge from the shapeless ground.

Upper Darby, Pa., Sept. 10: GEORGE M. CLOAK, (C52 '42-'45), died in Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Hospital after a 6 weeks illness. His widow Catharine, brought us the unhappy news. We paid respects, of course. George was a terrific member - paid regularly and faithfully for 20 straight years. We shall miss him.

We are an equal opportunity employer.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Adroit JOHN and Lucille BOYCE, (F 19th), were tickled with the decision to hold our '73 convention at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, N.Y., next July 13, 14, 15. Johnny and Lu live only a skip and a holler away, in Rahway, N.J. Johnny had written in for information about ourselves. We replied and pronto, back came a note with a fifty note and then they made Chicago. The folks have 5, one son with the 2nd Div. in Korea. Johnny is a tunnel sup't. with Perini Corp.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aeonian CHARLES J. BRADY, (21st), of Syracuse, N.Y., was happy to convention it once again after several years of being just too busy. Regretfully, the good Msgr. had to leave on Saturday to get back in Syracuse for Sunday ayem. 'Twas great seeing you, Msgr.

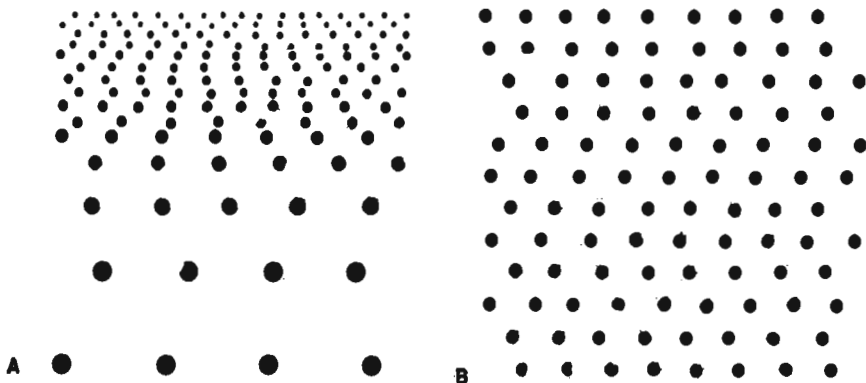
Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Apothegmatist VICTOR BACKER, (34th), of Lake Success, N.Y., sans Rita, never fails to regale a few in some secluded convention room with his latest edition of "What's New in John Lindsey's Fun City".

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Ameliorative CHESTER ANDREZAK, (Cn. 21st), once again demonstrated an arcadian willingness to pitch in anywhere and help the cause. Not proud, Chet's specialty this year was in running the watering spa. This club needs more Andrezaks. Good man there, Gloria.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aberrant ROBERT ANDRE, (724 Ord. & 63F), continued on with that independent style which marks him as just a little bit different. This year, he and Jo took the honors as "the couple coming the least distance to get to the convention". Drawled Bob, "Just live up the road a piece - 'bout a mile - same town, Des Plaines."

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Adaptable ERVIN and Phyllis BRODY, (19th), of Franklin, Wis., asked if we'd include convention photos in our convention reporting. We answered affirmatively; we thought things would be different this year. Not so. We are somewhat inured to this foolishness. As we count on our fingers and toes, we've waited for convention pictures, for more than 20 yrs.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Apocatastatic ROBERT DUFF, (Div.Hq.), and Anne, told everyone at C. about their new quarters at Wheeling, Ill. Bob Jr. just graduated from South Ill. U, majoring in journalism: Dean's list, outstanding student, Pres. of Alpha Delta Sigma. Proud Bob, Sr. was responsible for some great convention coverage by the news media. You're also adducible, Bob - and accipitrine and anagrammatic, too.



LOOK AGAIN: Why do the dots recede in Figure A and remain stationary in Figure B?

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Acclamatory ALEX NAGY, (D 34th), brought Bernice with him to C. from Dayton, Ohio. When Al sent in a fifty recently, it warmed the cockles of our heart. We said that at C., we'd see that all present faced Dayton and in unison threw a hefty shout of thanks. Our signals got crossed and we missed it. Sorry Al.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Abstinent MIKE MOCHAK and of course Alice too, (D 19th), made C. from Springdale, Pa. Mike has made every convention but two; likewise JAMES "SPIKE" O'DONNELL.

LOOK AGAIN ANSWER: You know perfectly well that the globe is flat, but the regular decrease in the sizes of the spots and distances between them in Figure A creates the illusion of a receding plane.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Attenuated CARROLL WHITE, of Noblesville, Ind., had this one of Love Co. men of the 34th at our C. party. Left to right, it's STU STILLWELL, C.G. HANLIN, CARROLL, and PAUL WISECUP. Carroll and Frances brought



with them Wayne, 22, just out of 4 Air Force Years, and Sidney Marie, 21, a beaut of a beautician, who excited a few. Left at home were married Carolyn, 25, with hubby, Chuck Eiler and 2 lovely children, and married Dennis, 24, with wife Pat and their 2 yr. old.

START PLANNING
THAT JULY WEEKEND
NOW -
IT'S WEST POINT
JULY 13-14-15

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Acatalectic ANTHONY FARO, (G 21st), brought wonderful Lorraine and Jody and Janet. Tony was disturbed by the news that a few days before Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN had submitted to surgery at Sarasota, Fla. for the repair of a bad hip. At last report, Red is on the slow mend, for which the gratification of Tony and every other one of our 1100 plus members.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Affable KENNETH and Doris FENTNER, (52 F), of E. Amherst, N.Y., caught the news release on the one soldier of Nippon, holed up on Lubang since we left it, was killed and another was wounded in mid October. They engaged in a gun battle with national police. Kinishichi Kozuka, the dead man, was carrying 45 rounds of .25 cal. Jap ammo, a sewing kit, a picture, a piece of paper with Jap letters on it, and a couple of 1939 Jap coins. His parents in Tokyo, 81 and 77 years old, were shocked. As to the one who survived, he has been returned to Japan.

DIED: PAUL E. BELISLE, (L 19th 11/42-2/45) of 256 S. Marshall, Hartford, Conn. Suzanne Franklin, his daughter, wrote us that Paul had had open heart surgery on July 27th and was gathered up unto his fathers the next afternoon.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: August GERALD and Isabelle STEVENSON, (Div. Hq.), of Wheeling, Ill., were mighty happy to convene with adipose WALTER and Marge SCHERER, (Div. Hq.) of Warren, Pa. Shorty was looking for sympathy; seems they confiscated his Packard convertible right after Pearl Harbor. 31 years later, Shorty is asking where he can go to raise a little ruckus. Better keep still, Shorty. Where in hell have you been for 1 score and 11?

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Analeptic HOWARD LUMSDEN, (L 21st), of Wood River, Ill., spent some of his Flying Carpet time trying to persuade us that he plans to open up a motel with all red-headed bar maids. Glad, take note.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: HAROLD E. LIEBE, (13th F. '44-'45) wrote a delightful letter which was read at the banquet. It went: "Greetings, Tom Compere and all who have made it to the convention. I wish I could join in the festivities....Every time I receive the latest issue of the 'Taro Leaf', I get a big lump, as I read familiar names and recall certain events. I suppose that makes me the same as any other former member of the 24th.....I have noticed, however, that far too many issues of the 'Taro Leaf' are published without due homage being paid to the Field Artillery, and the decisive role it played in the outstanding accomplishments of our Great Division. I know YOU realize, Tom, that Artillerymen, being a dignified and efficient lot, are not prone to beat their chests and tell the world that they alone won all the battles. My purpose in bringing this to the forefront, is to remind all "gravel agitators" and "messkit repairmen", that whatever their individual and collective accomplishments were, (and there were many), came as a direct result of the Division Artillery having first paved the way and secondly, having then pushed the rest of them to their objective! The Field Artillery always settles the nasty little arguments you Infantrymen habitually start, and by restoring a dignified and orderly process, never fail to escort the riflemen to the 'high ground'. In addition, don't ever forget that the four finest Battalions of Field Artillery in the whole Army, were members of the 24th, and the best of the lot were the 'Clansmen' of the 13th Field.....Now I'm sure that a lot of chaps will register a few mild rebuttals to what I've said. Most of these will come from the uninformed. After all, those who know, don't argue with the facts!.....Of course, all of this is intended only to bring out the fact that such friendly rivalry resulted in the Best Teamwork of any Division in the Western Pacific!.....My best wishes to all old 'Poi-leafers' and especially to the 'Cannon Cockers'. Thanks, Hal. You are wonderful.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Anteprenalial KEITH PERKINS, (13th F '53-'55), was in the buffet line at the Friday evening bash when he told us about the sign hanging in a hardware store in his hometown of Arlington Heights, Ill. It warned: "If you are caught stealing in here, we will make sure you go to jail - and by ambulance." Love it, Keith, told you we'd use it.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Advectitious DON C. WILLIAMS, (34th), of Farmington, Mich. was his usual unassuming self, chuckling over ED HENRY's comment as he studied the convention program: "Cocktail Hour? If there's one thing this gang doesn't need, it's a cocktail hour".

Convention Photo, courtesy of LOU DUHAMEL, showing Lou (What'd ya expect?) on the right and the ANDREZAK's, CHET and Gloria.



Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Algeficient MATT SLOWIK (19th Inf.) of Chicago, Ill. burned up every conventioneer with his giveaway. Everyone got a "Slowik's Delight".

That means horseradish as packaged by Slowik Hall, 3200 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Send for a dozen bottles today - and sizzle. Those who tried it at the banquet couldn't find enough beer to put out their respective fires.

Lowell, Mass., Sept.: Following C., assiduous LOU DUHAMEL wrote us: "Just thought that I would type you a few lines, to let you know that the experience from our first 24th reunion, is something that we will cherish for the rest of our lives....I personally was able to enjoy the activities, but I did it too strenuously, and so I found out that as long as I am careful, I wouldn't get to feel that bad. But the Lahey Clinic had me feeling so darned good that for a while I had forgotten about my condition.... But I must say again that Claire and I greatly enjoyed ourselves. And of course with all the new friends that we made, it just was impossible not to have a good time. Congratulations to the committee for a job well done.....You can bet that if at all possible, we will be at West Point next year....."

Chicago: Aug. 10 - 13: Androcentric FRED PUTZ, (G 21st), of Lacona, Iowa, was going 'round shouting, "Let's hear it for Betty Friedan." Good thing Betty Putz didn't overhear it. Fred, by the way, was one of "Junior's Boys".

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Amaranthine JOHN ROSS, (G 21st), of Hammond, Wis., and Toni, make a splendid couple at any convention. They suggested a Directory of Members and we promised that we would.

World military spending in 1971 went to \$216 billion - \$8 billion more than in 1970 - according to US Arms Control and Disarmament. Not bad, eh?

Oak Park, Ill. More trouble for JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL. That would be the headline were we able to afford headlines. Here we sit, staring at a blank piece of paper in our typewriter, groping for the letters and words that must go together for this report. Our September memo reporting Spike's initial scare, followed by surgery and then the medic's good news, turned out to have been premature. The intent was bona fide - rejoicing simply appeared to be in order - and we did for Spike that which we'd like to do for every member when his news may be especially good or bad.

That the idea had merit is evidenced by the fact that Spike was flooded by mail - over 300 letters, wires and calls - for which he was and is simply grateful - overwhelmingly so.

He was in the very act of asking us to convey his thoughts to one and all via these pages, so tremendous did the ordeal of making replies seem when the sad news came down. The pathologists at Spike's hospital, where his earlier nose surgery had been performed, brought the pathetic news that two other adjacent areas show malignancy. Adds Spike: "My luck - two, not one." As we go to press, it's touch and go. We've delayed this first issue of our new year for week after week just because of this disconcerting piece of news. Now we simply can delay publication not a day longer. And just who is first on the telephone telling us to "get that issue out"? No other than James M. O'Donnell of 800 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, Ill. 60302. Tel. 1-312-524-0732.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Adroit FRANK GORSKI, (21st and 24 Med.), and Irene, didn't have far to come. Chicago is home. They were glad they did, and they appreciated LES WHEELER's story of the Gimlet's Col. GILBERT R. COOK and his plans for protecting his Oahu sector and the hogwash assumptions that Navy and Air would protect the water and air. Then PH and Cook was proved right. The very things he had feared happened.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Authentic HEINZ and Rhoda GRATZ, (G 21st), of Chicago, noticed that LES WHEELER made brownie points with his very lovely wife, Dorothy, by reciting the story, in his banquet speech, of how he stayed behind with the ladies on P.H. day and how he was witness to their imperturbability.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aurelian VERNE SCHENKEL, (34th Inf.), and precious Dottie, of Florissant, Mo., were rightly proud in introducing their absolutely gorgeous daughter and her husband, down from Milwaukee. You didn't look a bit bad yourself, Dottie. 'Swanderful to learn that you are holding your own medicalwise.

There's no real reason for including this gal in any of our issues, let alone this one. We just thought that as an example of black on white. In case you're guessing, why it's Lady Jane, of course. Every GI Joe will want one of these for his wallet - as it sits on the left cheek of his behind.



Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Abstractional ALBERT and Thelma SELTSAM, (34th), looked

as happy as a couple of clams at high tide. They brought a Kentucky smoked ham with them up from Danville, which was raffled off at the banquet. The winner? JAMES M. O'DONNELL!!

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Acritical HENRY BURGER, (21st), of Home, Kans., was happy to see elected at our annual meeting President AUBREY S. NEWMAN, Vice President BERT LOWRY, Chaplain CHRIS BERLO, and Secretary/Treasurer/Editor KENWOOD ROSS.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aestival BILL ALLEN was homeward bound to Arlington Heights, Ill. He was driving north out of Chicago when the signals out of his car radio described our party at the Flying Carpet. At the moment Bill was only 5 miles away. He simply turned around, drove over and spent the happy weekend with us. Lorraine joined us too.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Amadelphous FRANCIS MENNEMEYER, (G 21st), and Ruth, of Wood River, Ill., rarely miss a reunion. Fran amazed everyone at the Friday night Luau by leading in a rendition of "Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home".

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Auspicious CHARLIE McMICHAEL, (Hq. 19th), together with lovely Helen and Charles Jr., use reunion time as an excuse to get away from Butler, Pa. and go visit Charlie's brother in Villa Park, just a few miles from our CP. Charles Jr., a sophomore at Grove City (Pa.) College, made this one, his 11th reunion.

What gums up our budgets is yearnings outstripping earnings.

LOOK AGAIN: Can you find the natural "partners" in these vertical lines?

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Agathistic FONDO FINLEY, (13th F) and Rose, brought Steve and Joyce with them to C. from Lancaster, Ohio. Fondo also read the greetings of his VFW post at the banquet; he's the post chaplain. The post was congratulating us on our proud record and we enjoyed every minute of it.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Argus-eyed SAM and Sue GILNER, (13 F), journeyed over from Nanuet, N.Y. Asked they, relative to a '74 convention site: "Why not the S.S. Delta Queen between Pittsburg and Cincinnati or between St. Louis and Memphis or some such trip? Why not consider a cruise along the Ohio, or Mississippi, or Tennessee, or Cumberland on this venerable sternwheeler?" By the way Sue, you were striking in each of those different gowns you managed to wear for us. A veritable rainbow of colors.

LOOK AGAIN ANSWER: The seven lines on the left tend to fall naturally into three pairs and one lonesome isolate in the center. But the same lines repeated on the right, with the addition of the short horizontal lines, tend to be grouped with the more distant partners.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Altidudinal BILL BROOME, (21st), and Edna, of Detroit, Mich., enjoyed themselves at C. Played so hard Friday nite that they had to quit early the next evening. Complained Bill, "We're growing old". Adds Bill, "And be sure to plug that book of BOBBY DEWS, "The Successful Failure" in your next issue. Tell the boys that you've got 6 copies left, for \$4.50 each". We did it, Bill.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Adjuvant B.G. CALDWELL, (24th M.P.), and Bonnie, of Hannibal, Mo., made their first convention in years. B.G. was put right to work, as Auditing Committee chairman. He and LLOYD McCANDLISH gave the Treasurer's books their annual audit. It was good to see you again, Bonnie. You too, B.G. B.G. was TOM COMPERE's favorite when he'd have to go on his CP-hunting forays.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Azonic ROSCOE CLAXON, (724 Ord.), drove up to the front door in his Ford truck, bringing with him a box of apples and a ham and also bringing the news that his sainted Dad passed away in June. Roscoe's Mother carries on at 89, still writing for the local paper.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Allochthonous LOU DUHAMEL, (D 21st '44-'45) brought Claire with him to C., all the way from Lowell, Mass. Not only is Lou a new member; he's a Life Member. He's been in Leahey Clinic 3 times, has taken off a bunch of weight (40# in 36 months) and now feels 1000% better.

Life Member HENRY MARINELLO, (19th '43-'46), of 9 W 115th, Chicago, Ill., has "taken the ferry". Hank passed away last Aug. 13th after a valiant struggle over three long difficult years. We remembered with flowers and we wrote to Antoinette (Toni), his lovely widow:

"We do hope and pray that the marvelous strength which has been with you in the last 3 years will continue to help you through the hours ahead as you move into a new chapter in your life.

"Your courage - not to mention Hank's - has been something to behold.

"So please clench your fists just a little tighter - catch your breath - and determine to move on into your new way of life. It'll be hard - and lonely for a time - but you who have already known such adversity can get through it with colors.

"You can be proud of what you did - and tried to do - for Hank - now make us all proud of what you can and must to for yourself.

"Our deepest sympathies are yours - you know that - but our greatest wish for you is that you will make the necessary adjustment as you move yourself away from the memory of this horrible suffering.

"Peace is now Hank's - may you know a beautiful kind of peace as well."

Toni, in acknowledging our floral tribute (the patch in flowers) wrote, "It was simply beautiful. We placed it near Hank because the 24th meant so much to him."

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Archetypical SIDNEY and lovely Mary Jean MATHES, (K 34th), really fine people out of Waukesha, Wis., made this, their very first reunion. Sid liked the prototype.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Acroamatic ERWIN L. NEDZA, (24 Med), of Wauconda, Ill., had the interest at the Flying Carpet to ask us about convention pictures we'd use in this, the convention issue. We told Erwin we'd use all we receive. Famous last words. One photographer there took 59 photos. We asked for but were favored with none. Sorry Erwin. Sorry folks.



Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: The WILLIAM J. VERBECK AWARD has gone, in years past, to KENWOOD ROSS, EDMUND F. HENRY, JAMES O'DONNELL and THOMAS COMPERE. At the banquet this year TOM COMPERE went to the rostrum and spoke these words:

"I have the honor tonight to present - in behalf of this Association - the award which is the highest tribute that can be paid to one of our members - the Verbeck Award.

"This award was established in 1966 in the form of a sterling-silver bowl which the recipient retains only until the next awardee is announced. It is then passed on - bearing the engraved names of previous winners - and a miniature of the bowl is retained.

"MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. VERBECK died on November 4, 1965. Graduated from the United States Military Academy in the Class of 1927, he is best remembered by us as the Commanding Officer of the 21st Infantry Regiment. He was truly an ideal soldier - gallant in action, with a gift for leadership, but with a common touch that endeared him to all of us; a man who exemplified, as few can hope to do, that traditional concept of duty - honor - country.

"The man who receives the Verbeck Award this evening is the unanimous choice of the members of the Executive Committee. He served as president of our Association in 1954-1955. He served as Secretary of our Association from 1950 to 1952 and was editor of the Taro Leaf 1951 - 1952. He also for many years on his own edited "The Rock", a publication for his own beloved unit, the 19th Infantry Regiment, in which he served with distinction in the Service Co. from 1942 to 1945.

"He has attended most of the conventions, has performed yeoman service in the interests of keeping the Association a functioning body, and is without peer in his devotion to the principles which motivated the founding of this organization and, which alone, justify its continuance.

"By reason of his service to the Association, he indeed meets the standards required for receipt of the Verbeck Award.

"I now have the honor to name the man whose name will be engraved on the Silver Bowl -

JOSEPH I. PEYTON.

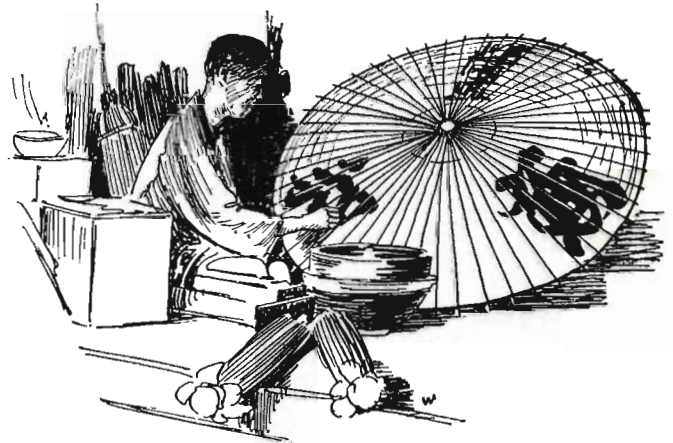


Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Apposite DANTE SCACCIANOCE had to bide his time before he could make a reunion; he lives in Chicago. Well, to coin a phrase, the time was bided - in '72. Dante made his first and is happy he did.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Affable PAUL WISECUP, (1 34th) and Dottie, of Kettering, Ohio, closed their glorious year as Prexy and First Lady. We are deeply grateful, folks.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Altruistic LEON SWEM, (AT 34th), and Alice hippity - hopped down the bunny trail from Carthage, N.Y. for our Chicago brawl. Alice gifted Leon with a Life Membership for Xmas. You're a peach, Al.

Future issues of Taro Leaf will give all the details about our forthcoming West Point affair.



Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Amenable TOM and Julie STRZODA brought friends with them to our Friday night festivities and they had a terrific time. Tom had the pregnant thought that if the Navy is going to get away with that gimmick involving broads aboard boats, we're for demanding equal time with the sky as the limit. Let's start with one per squad in every rifle company and we'll gather momentum from there.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Adjugate JOHN and Bess O'SULLIVAN, (34th) of Chicago, Ill. - and daughters Mary Ellen and Barbara - had the thrill of being gifted with a Life Membership by Convention Hostess Lu CIANGI, in memory of her beloved PAT.

Men who travel in circles find it hard to make both ends meet.



Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Assuasive CHRIS BERLO, (19th), of Scranton, Pa., was one of the many who spotted the Aug. 13th news release that the colors of the last combat battalion (3rd Bn, 21st Inf. of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade) were furled at DaNang, S.V., all marking the end of our infantry combat role in S.V. Lt.Col. ROCCO NEGRIS, left, of Providence, R.I., is shown holding the staff as Sgt.Maj. GEORGE R. GREEN of Honolulu furls the colors. We'll not comment on the miserable fact that this unit could be over there without our knowledge. Followers know full well our sentiments concerning the way D/A has bastardized the army units. They've chewed them up and spit out the pieces in myriad directions. Here's a case in point.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Acronymic SEEGER HANLIN, (L 34th), of Dunedin, Fla., reported at the bar that he had purchased a condominium, has bought and sold a bunch of houses, and for the kicks, goes deep sea fishing - recently caught a 690# jewfish.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: It was "long time - no see" for aesthetic BOB SILVERNESS and lovely Marion, (24 Med), from Proctor, Minn. We use aesthetic advisedly; Bob had to take us to task recently when we insisted on giving him an "L" for a middle initial instead of an "A". Sorry Bobbie.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Adscititious DICK GOINY, (E 21st), of Chicago Ill., enjoyed LES WHEELER's banquet speech in which he told stories of Division founding fathers back in '41 and what he learned from them.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Adept BOBBY BRABHAM, (Div.Hq.), of Sumter, S.C., our non-drinker, was happy to be with us. He and Inez thought the annual business meeting was a triumph in planning. It was all over in 1 hour and 6 minutes. Wrote Bobby later: "I can't express in words how much I enjoyed the Reunion. This was my third and I don't intend to miss another unless something happens to prevent me from doing so....Horace Mann once said 'Be ashamed to die until you have won some Victory for humanity.' We of the 24th should not be ashamed to die because we have done something for mankind - We offered ourselves and would have sacrificed our lives if necessary. I am proud to be a member of the 24th Division Association and am proud that I was able to serve... I am enclosing an additional check for \$15.00 which will make \$20.00 for the first installment on my Life Membership... Inez and I plan to see you again next year at West Point. Sincerely, Bobby"

Chicago, Aug. 10-13. Agreeable JACK and Norma HALLENGREN, (724 Ord), of Peoria, Ill., were tickled pink that our new Prexy, is apposite AUBREY S. NEWMAN, (34th and Div. Hq. '41-'44), of Longboat Key, Fla.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Ataraxic JOHN SHAY, (21st), and wonderful Mary, of Glenview, Ill., followed up the Flying Carpet hodgepodge with a weekend with the BERT LOWRY's in Lomax, Ill.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Amiable BOBBY and Verida ALBRIGHT, (Cn. 19th), of Waterloo, Ind. thoughtfully sent us a Chicago Tribune clipping showing the Mannheim Road hotel strip where a fresh storm put our Flying Carpet under 3 feet of water a week after we left. Bobby says our "amphibious heritage could have stood us in good stead".



Honolulu, Hawaii, July 14: Passed to his reward has Rev. HERBERT EGGLESTON, age 60, (C&B 34th '43-'45). Genevieve



was keeping us in touch with the sorry news that Herb was battling Stomach cancer (2 surgeries in 14 months). In fact she even sent in his dues, which we promptly returned. Finally, his tired old heart could take no more. Additional to Gen, Herb leaves Donald 21, Edward 19 and Steven 11. He had been pastor of the Pearl Harbor Memorial

Community Church. Herb went to Hawaii in '36, joined the Army as a private, received a battlefield commission for his bravery during Zig Zag Pass in '45.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: It was wonderful to see once again asthenic Lou TACCHI, of St. Louis, one of our original, original charter members. Wonderful, too, to see lovely Vicki with the same Kewpie doll dimples. Reports Lou that JOE BADARACCO just missed out on the nomination for Lt. Gov. down there in Sen. Eagleton's state - other party however.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Agerasiated JOHN KLUMP, (E 34th), and gorgeous Hilda, of Guilford, Ind., gave every evidence of being completely happy. John's hip surgery of two years ago was a howling success, ergo their joy. Johnny followed up Chicago with a 20 attached to a note saying "Just don't know what to say but we sure enjoyed the Flying Carpet and we'll say it with a little check to keep things going".

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Ampliative CHESTER KOZLOW, (34th), of Frankfort, Ill., brought the news that our boy, former M/Sgr. WILLIAM E. HIGDON, convicted over a year ago of larceny and graft, is now a private. His case is being reviewed, a procedure that will take a year. If the sentence survives, he is also liable to a DD, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a \$25,000 fine. His new status as an E-1 means \$288 a month. Authorities at Redstone Arsenal say they are uncertain as to "what we will do with Higdon". We have a suggestion, Redstone.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Arrant FRED OLSEN, (19th), of Brookfield, Wis., had fun at our clambake with the story that one Shoichi Yokoi, the Jap army sergeant, who came out of the woods on Guam, 28 years late. Fred was concerned about 57 year old Shoichi taking a bride when he finally got back to Tokyo. "From the frying pan into the fire" moaned Fred.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Analytic Col. URBAN THROM, (34th and Div. Hq.), made it all the way in from Denver, sans Jackie, we're sorry to say. Urb was insistent on telling us the one about the nervous chef - he was always on pans and noodles. We promised Urb we'd bury that one on pg. 8 among the truss ads.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Amazed ERICH TEIGELER and his wife, (C 19th), of Cedar Falls, Iowa, were surprised, but happy, to see CLEM "Larry" HARRIS, but grieved to see MIKE MOCHAK looking so thin. Said Erich, "Diet does not become Mike."

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Amatory JOHN TRINCA, (C 21st), of Chicago, Ill., brought oh's and ah's among all conventioners as he introduced Mona, his bride-to-be. A delightful little doll, a travel agent, she talks expressively with her hands. She's a doll, John.

Chicago, August 10 - 13: Adept GLENN WAGNER, (Sv. 19th), of Shaftsbury, Mich., with June by his side, chuckled over LES WHEELER's nod to TOM COMPERE for his introduction of him at the banquet. Les thanked Tom for what he said, but thanked him more for what he didn't say.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aristocratic LLOYD and Mary McCANDLISH, (21st), brought Lisa and Raymond with them from Bremen, Ohio, and also brought adventurous DICK and Wanda KUNKLER, (5th RCT), of Lancaster, Ohio, a couple who exuded joy and happiness.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aspirant BERT LOWRY, (Cn. 19th), of Lomax, Ill., is our new Veep. "Crown Prince", we call him. Ginny told us all about Bert's battle in pesting his newly-discovered diabetes. It's daily shots and a strict diet for our favorite Mr. 5 x 5. Ginny guarantees us a much thinner Veep at West Point.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Apinoid DICK LIGMAN, (3rd Eng.), of Chicago, Ill., is now with Cook County Police, patrolling the SW side from 1200 South and West to the city limits.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Autodynamic RAY KRESKY, (24th Rec'n), of Chicago, Ill., took all honors at C. as our most mod member.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Ambulant FRANK KAWA, (Cn. 21st), of West Warwick, R.I., established a new record for the convention's early-riser. "5 AM" says Coffee, "Every ayem". He was up early enough on Sunday ayem to bid adieu to adaptable ANGELO STRADA, (C 21st), of Chicago, Ill., who was on his way to Las Vegas. It was Coffee's first flight on a jet. In fact, his last plane flight was from Hollandia to Milne Bay when he was pointed home.



Gladwyne, Pa.; Dec: It's really a fingerprint of the left thumb of FRANK C. TITLOW. Trick photography enabled us to center the gal within Frank's impression. Gladwyne, Frank? That's mighty close to West Point. See you there in July?

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Asygous JULIUS JOSZ, (A-19th), of Detroit, Mich., made C. without lovely Stephanie who has been riding the sick book. Julius decorated his Flying Carpet suite with a Philippine Passion Flower. Julius has little doubt that the Philippine Republic, that vast collection of 7000 islands and 39 million people, is slipping rapidly toward anarchy. In this best of all possible spawning grounds, a revitalized Communist movement has been plainly gaining ground. Makes one wonder if the extremes we went to on a few dozen of those islands were worth it.

N.Y. State Sen. Samuel Greenberg just retired after 30 years in the Albany Legislature. Paid \$15,000/yr. as a lawmaker, he now gets a \$36,000/yr. pension and he may also come into \$12,000/yr. more based on contributions he made into the pension system. Had enough? Want some more?

Charlotte, N.C.: Dues paid faithfully, every year since '51, by RALPH and Jean HALEY, (24th Sig. '43-'45), of 4017 Winfield. Ralph is looking for somebody to invent a gadget that will translate TV weather reports into English.

Bluefield, Va.; Sept.: For years now, good and faithful DON and Lavon ARNOLD, (K 21 & 724 Ord. 10/51 - 11/52), have been asking us to use our own picture in our Taro Leaf copy and for years we've fought the good fight in keeping it out. We have something of a phobia about an Editor who blows his own kazoo. But O.K., just this once, here it is, auxesic

KEN ROSS in the flesh. All of which reminds us of a bumper sticker we read the other day: "Keep Your City Clean - Eat a Pigeon".



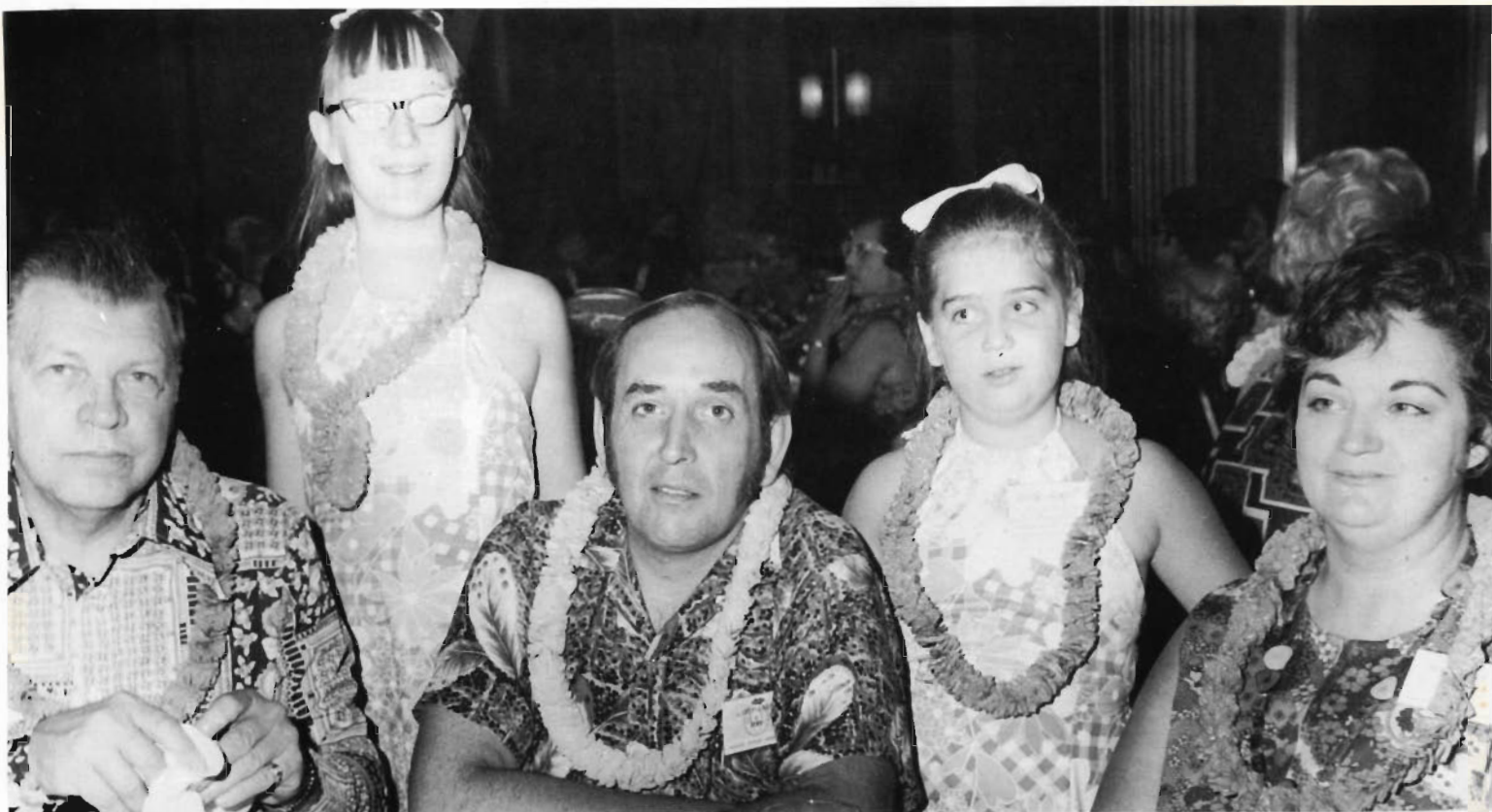
Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Armipotent J.J. McKeon, (19th) of Milwaukee, Wis., said it was a great convention. And why not. The Association is one of those universally revered modern American institutions like Mother, Friday Night, the Flag, Burgers, Progress, and Plenty of Free Parking, which everybody assumes that all decent, right thinking citizens approve of and support. You're O.K. J.J.

New Cumberland, Pa.: Taro Leaf is worried by the report of one of our newest Life Members, DALLAS DICK, who advises that Peggie had serious surgery in July. We're pulling for you both, Dallas.

Hannibal, Mo., Dec.: It's been surgery for Betty TEWELL, wife of CHARLES, (L 21 '42-'45). We're pulling for you in spirit, Miss Betty. Keep us posted, please, Charley.

New York, N.Y. Dec.: 'Tis said that Cassius Clay's favorite sandwich is a corn beef smothered with cream cheese and sliced cucumbers on rye. Now what's that doing in here?

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Auspicious ERNIE and Ann STANOVIC, (24th Med.), of Willoughby, Ohio, made our Flying Carpet jamboree, along with Ken and Ron. When told that the luxurious Post mansion in Palm Beach had been offered to the government - and accepted - as a Presidential retreat, Ernie raised an eyebrow and said, "Well, there goes the neighborhood."



Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Algedonic CLEM HARRIS, (F 5th RCT), and Jean, of Clarendon Hills, Ill., ran hot and cold as their two lovely daughters, Belinda and Carole danced and danced and danced. That's austral WILLIAM BYRD, (21st), of Ft. Smith, Ark. on the far left. Bill auto'd it all the way up, without Margaret, we sadly report. Bill agreed to serve as Red's Membership Chairman this year. Look for real action there.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Anecdotal PAUL HARRIS (G 21st), and Lessie, were somewhat sad in C. in reporting their upcoming move from Greensboro to Charlotte, N.C.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Assiduous EDMUND HENRY, (Div.Hq.), of Attleboro, Mass., kept intact his record of never missing an annual Association convention.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Antepenultimate Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING, (Div.Hq.) of Arlington, Va., pleasantly surprised everyone by registering in late Saturday ayem. He brought the news that Maj.Gen. LIVINGSTON N. TAYLOR, (Div.Arty.) has retired after 33 years. His last assignment was as Chief, USMAAG, Taiwan.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Aegistic TOM COMPERE, (Div.Hq.), and accordant Elise, of Highland Park, Ill., merely did what they do every year - they kept the party going. Tom has made every convention but one.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Aclinic ROY GRIMES, (34th), of Rolling Meadows, Ill., identified himself as a nonjoiner; a nonmixer - but he did enjoy LES WHEELER's various references to RED NEWMAN as "Iron Duke", "Man-o-War", "Big Red", the one who forged a competent Division staff by pounding his people into shape, molding, hammering, and purifying, "for in his soul, he was an artist". Added Les, "The scar is in my soul, but the stars on the shoulder are the responsibility of Red Newman".

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Anglophile NICK SLOAN, (21st), and avuncular MAJOR HAYWOOD, (21st), reminisced over PHIL IRONS' "busy" days on Mindoro. Major, by the way, is still looking for his old ex-sgt. BRENT. Anyone any ideas?

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Addisonian WALTER CUNNINGHAM, (Div.Hq.), of Baltimore, Md., confided to us in one of the Flying Carpet rooms that he was bopped on the head recently by a trio of teenage boppers. Walter, on his way to his favorite Baltimore eatery, spotted the monsters up ahead, thought nothing of what was seconds off. Coming abreast of the little bastards, he was grabbed and conked. He broke free and ran - into the arms of a cop on the next corner. You guessed it, the monsters were gone. Said W.C., "I hated to run, but to stay would have been the height of stupidity".

Men who claim to understand women are either psychologists or badly in need of one.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Applaudable LESTER WHEELER, (Brig.Gen.) (19, 21, 34, Div.Hq. 5th RCT '41-'45 and '51), of Alexandria, Va. was our delightful guest speaker. Remembered for those steeley blue eyes, Les still has 'em. A brag sheet on him goes like this:

"General Wheeler was born in Baltimore 11/26/10 and was graduated from West Point in '35. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College; and he successfully completed numerous branch and troop schools, including the General Officers' Orientation Course at the Army Management School. He has been a member of the Department of Tactics at West Point, an instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College, and has completed a tour of duty as a Department Director and Deputy President of the Infantry Board at Benning. Throughout World War II, he served with the 24th in the capacity of company commander, regimental and division staff officer, battalion commander, and commander of the 34th Infantry Regiment during the campaign in Mindanao. During Korea, he served as commander of the 5th RCT and as Chief of Operations, Eighth Army. General Wheeler has also served two tours of duty on the General Staff as an action officer in Joint War Plans Branch, and as Chief of the Training Division in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations. He served for two years on the Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Chief of the International Policy Branch, and in this capacity attended the Foreign Minister's Conference in Geneva in 1959 as a member of the United States Delegation. Following his appointment to flag rank in June of 1960, General Wheeler served concurrently as Commanding General of the Yukon Command and Fort Wainwright and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army, Alaska. He served for two years as Chief of Staff of the Third U.S. Army at McPherson. General Wheeler has been awarded thirteen individual decorations for gallantry, heroism, or outstanding service in wartime; and he is privileged to wear the United States, Philippine and Korean Distinguished Unit Citation Badges. General Wheeler joined the RAND Corporation as a resident consultant with the Tactical Operations Group on 1 Sept. 1965. He came back to Virginia in '70, primarily to locate where he and Dorothy could see their children (in the Army) and grandchildren occasionally. Dottie is First Vice President of Northern Virginia Region, Army Relief Society, and working in Real Estate with Town & Country Properties, Inc.

Joined: ROBERT M. HASSELL, of 3805 Trumbull, Trenton, Mich. Welcome to our club, Bob.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: The LOU DUHAMELS again - and why not? They sent us the pictures.



Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Alopecoid MIKE RAFTER, (A 34th), and Loretta too, made the Flying Carpet, their first convention in years. Mike looks the same as he did 20 years ago. Maybe the secret is to be bald.

West Islip, N.Y., March: ENRIQUE and Rose ESTELA are looking for chicks of the 7/50-1/51 era. O.K., Hank, we've said it. By the way, give us an address for MIKE PONST.

Curwensville, Pa.: Sorely missed at Chicago - CYRUS and Mildred HOUSER, (21st). Hope your luck improves, Cy.

Kitchen Helper - add soy sauce to an ice cream sundae for an unusual dessert. Watch it Helen Gurley Brown; we're gaining on you.

Oakland, Calif., March: Ten received from CW and Betty HOOD, (E 21st 7/41-9/44), of 911 Aquarius, in the City Charley Finley made famous. Bill was Easy Company Commander. Bet Oakland can't take another pennant, Bill.

One Albert Y. Molner of Woodtract Rd., Wolcott, N.Y., recently sent Prexy Red NEWMAN this picture of BILL VERBECK (2nd from left) taken as Bill and his scouts had "just returned from an extremely hazardous expedition to the Jap held western-most Alaskan isles. This was on Dec. 22, 1942. Thank you, Albert Molner.



Longboat Key, Fla.:Oct.17: Fog, 85 mph speed and alcohol spelled collision for Prexy RED and Dorothy NEWMAN this day. The boozier was a 21 year old Sarasota speed demon who, in attempting to change lanes, clipped Red and Dorothy, sending their car into the air, finally rolling onto the hood of the drunk's car. These pictures give their own account, though they show Red's car after it was righted. Our Prexy and his good lady landed upside down.



Writes Red, "I think he was going more than 90 miles an hour, for our car - a heavy Ford LTD - was hurled into the air, end over end like a dropkicked football, and landed on its top upside down. The front end never touched the ground in the somersault, and the top was crushed down on Dorothy's side - so the fact that she did not have her seat belt fastened (she usually fastens it) saved her life, because the impact had thrown her into the back of the car when the other man hit us. Both of us have multiple injuries - bruises over our bodies and both have whip-lash injuries to neck and shoulders. I had 14 stitches taken out of the gash in my forehead today, and a second degree cement burn back of my left shoulder dressed again. But we feel very lucky it was no worse - glad that it was our nice LTD that was the total loss instead of us. In fact there was no infection in my brush burn when



examined by a doctor today, so I am going ahead with my planned cataract operation on Nov. 1st, for my left eye only. Apparently my new metal hip joint was not seriously hurt, though I was bruised quite painfully between the knees and hips in both legs. However X-rays show no displacement of the new metal joint. At present I am still walking with one crutch, but hope to be walking on my own by Christmas."

So there you have it on these good friends. This has definitely not been their year. Thankfully, despite it all, they are with us.

Wouldn't you know? Red suggested that we play the story down. O.K. Red, we did.

As for the hip operation, our little memo on the subject meant over 100 get well cards for Red so, naturally, he has "acknowledge" problems. And Red is especially one who treats this thank you business seriously. In his behalf, may we beg your indulgence if this good man just doesn't send out individual replies? Hip operation - auto accident - cataract operation. Surely we need say no more.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Analeptic JOSEPH PEYTON, (Sv.19th), of Lutherville, Md., was the surprised recipient of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK Award. Margaret knew it was coming, but kept her tongue, bless her. And too, Joe proved once anew that he's one of the oldest ecdysiasts of them all. Joe and Maggie Volkswagoned out, stopping at Canton, Ohio, to see LES and Carmel Patricia OLDS (Carmel had just had an operation on her spine). On their way back, they called on amorphophilous CHARLIE and adorable Maxine HOGUE at Edwardsville, Ill., and also made a call on ampullaceous BILL WEISSERT at McKeesport, Pa.

Chicago, Aug. 10-13: Apolpaustic BILL and Alice SANDERSON, (19th), of Attleboro, Mass., always enjoy our conventions 1000%. Look for Bill to be mending from surgery by the time you read this. It's 57 Peck St., Attleboro, Mass., in case you get-well him.

Chicago, Aug. 10 - 13: Antipolemist STUART and Marjorie STILLWELL were on the Flying Carpet too. Reflected Stu, since WW II, we've spent \$1.1 trillion (yes trillion - it's no typing error) on the armed forces.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14: DICK GOINY nicely took care of us for the Association floral piece for the Hank Marinello farewell. Dick's florist, by the way, is a good friend of AH KEE LEONG in Honolulu.

SET ASIDE THAT MID-JULY WEEKEND NOW.



Ft. Smith, Ark.
Our Member-
ship Chairman,
Gimlet
BILL BYRD,
- a real
go-getter!

Memphis, Tenn., March: CHUCK DAVIES, (Sv. 63 F '55-'57), is living at 1409 Agnes Pl., and is now a member. He'd like to hear from Capt. GUY J. MARGARE and PRENTISS L. WILLIAMS, his CO's. So would we, "Grunt", but we haven't a lead. We'll see what this pulls.

Fruitland Park, Fla., March:
Joined - Sfc. HUGO SINGER, (Sv. 34th & B 52nd F '50-'51).

Seoul, Korea, March: Just announced as the VD rate in the 2nd Div. in Korea is something up to "1110 cases per 1000 men". That looks like a pretty good rate to us. Let's hear it for the 2nd Div.

St. Louis, Mo., March: As we go to press, word has it that JOE BADARACCO, (Div. Hq.), has a good chance of socking it to John Poelker in the race for Mayor of St. Louis. Poelker beat out Mayor Alfonso Cervantes in the Democratic primary, and now faces our own Joe in the April general election.

Canton, Ohio, March: Fine words from LES and Carmel OLDS, (19th), Dghtr. Leslie Marie, now 22, is married and nursing at Akron Children's Hospital. Carmel has been hospitalized; kidney infection. O.K. now. Les does add that ROLAND CLOUD, Svc. Co. motor pool sgt. has had a stroke and is now living at 512 Cabot Dr., Hochessin, Del. Cheers Rollie!

New member has joined, thanks to Pineapple JACK FINAN, the "old chick" of '35, '36, '39, '40, '41 & '42 daze. The new member is DICK DIMOND, of Bridgeville, Pa., a chick from '39-'41. Dick was one of RED NEWMAN's troopers when Red commanded Dog Company.

Washington, D.C., March: Wonderful words in from ALVA "Judge" CARPENTER, (Div. Hq. '42-'45), who has been experiencing some rough times at Walter Reed. Sez Judge, "After a poor six months, I believe I am over the hump and am taking off for Florida where I expect to spend the winter." We're pulling for you, Judge.

Merritt I., Fla., March: The HINTERHOFF's, Lynn and Bill, now retired Army folks, signal from 1125 Carrigan.

Kerrville, Tex., March: One of our faithfuls in the 5th RCT (Co.F), CLEM and Jean HARRIS, invites us one and all to drop in on them when we're down their way. Plenty of grits, Clem promises. Clem loves 'em; Jean hates 'em. VA has given Clem a new lung machine (he's 100% disab.). Clem and Jean have 2 lovely daughters, Carol and Belinda. They close with:

May your hoss never stumble
Your cinch never break
Your belly never grumble
Your heart never ache.
These good folks will never grumble.

APO 'Frisco, March: CHARLEY DIETERICH, a SSG with Co.A SATT.DET., was with Co. B of the 24th Avn.Bn. in Germany during '63-'65. Charley, will you be back in time for West Point in July? Charley's next move is about as predictable as Bobby Fischer's P-K4.

Colombia, S.C., March: HENRY CAMPBELL, ('55-'56 in Korea), wants news of the 24th and its people. Taro Leaf tries to fill that bill, Hank. But we need "news" from good folks like yourself. Dues are \$5.00 per year by the way; that includes a subscription to Taro Leaf.

Pine Ridge, S.D., March: Welcome to a "charter member" of the Div. HOMER PRICE, a Gimlet writes us that he was there when the Div. was split off from the old Hawaiian. Went first to Hqs.Det., 1st Bn.

Culpeper, Va., March: An old engineer has been found; RUSSELL PEMBERTON, (3rd Eng. '50-'51) saw BILL BYRD's plug in Retired Army Bulletin and responded. Russ was at Kitagata with the 3rd Eng. - remember that place? - when the call to ship to Korea came.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb.: A check for fifty from Life Member ALEX K. NAGY, (D 34 '44-'46), of 1450 Springfield, Dayton, Ohio. Watta guy!

JULY 13-14-15 AT WEST POINT WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WILL RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS.

(Ed. note: How about tearing this page and
bucking it to a friend who is not yet
an Association member? Thanx!).

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Dear Fellow 24th Divisioner:

The 24th Infantry Division has an Association of which you may or may not know. I write you on my own stationery only because we are out of Association stationery at the moment. I am the Association Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.

We keep in touch with each other through a periodic "Taro Leaf" and an annual get-together somewhere in the U.S.

Won't you help to keep alive the memories of earlier days by joining up with us? Only by the support of you and the likes of you can we keep this Association operative and these issues going their way.

But join or no, won't you drop me a line as to where you are and what you are doing now, that I may give it publicity? You'd be surprised if you could see my mail bag each morning. I average 10 letters per day from old timers of the 24th looking for buddies with whom they served. Who knows, tomorrow's mail may be an inquiry about you. I'd like much to be able to be the go-between. Better still - and providing it's a glossy print - I'll put your picture in a forthcoming issue. Family photos with full data as to wife and children are preferred.

We're strictly social, non-political. We're not out to "get" anybody over Vietnam. We're not grinding any axes. We're not selling a thing. We're not looking to anybody for anything. We're together strictly for the fellowship involved.

Help support us, won't you?

Please - and now I'm begging.

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'44 - '47

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what do you see?



It all depends on your point of view. Concentrate on the white portions, rather than the black and you'll read "SEE US". How about seeing us in case you're behind with your dues.

Maj.Gen. JOHN E. SLOAN, who commanded the 88th Inv.Div. from Gruber (5/42) to Italy (10/44), died last Oct. 15th after suffering a stroke. As a Lt.Col. in '39-'41, he was E.O. of the 13th Field Art., and of the 11th F.A.Brigade at Schofield.



Atlanta, Ga., March: Weekending recently with the JACK FINANS were the AL FASSBENDERS out of Ulster Park, N.Y. This town is only 40 miles from West Point. We'll surely see you in July, Al.

Tacoma, Wash., March: From Maj.Gen. FRED ZIERATH, out in Tacoma, Wash., comes the happy word:

"Thanks for your tip off on the site and time of the reunion next year. Could not be better and am going to make every possible effort to attend; sentimentally and for renewal of old acquaintanships."

JOHN R. KERNODLE of Burlington, N.C., is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Assoc. And we're right proud, Doc.

The 56-year-old physician, a native of Burlington, received his bachelor's degree in 1935 from Elon College and his medical degree in 1942 from Duke University. He interned in pathology at Duke Hospital during 1942 and in obstetrics and gynecology in 1943 and 1944. Dr. Kernodle served as an instructor at Duke University Medical School in 1942 and 1946-68.

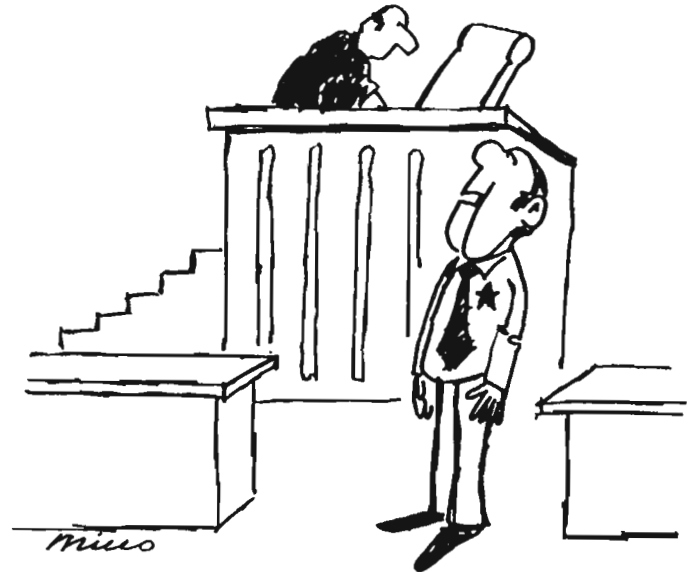


Dr. Kernodle was a captain in the Army Medical Corps during WW II and was awarded the Silver Star with cluster, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and merit citation.

Following the war, he was an assistant resident and resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Duke Hospital (1946-48), and during 1947-48 was a trainee of the National Cancer Institute. He has been in private practice in Burlington since 1948, and has been clinical assistant professor of

obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina Medical School since 1955.

He has been a member of the American Medical Association since 1948, serving on a number of committees and councils, and a member of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina since 1948.



"Superior Court, County of Baxley, Hon. John L. Mills presiding. And now . . . heeere's Johnny!"

Hotel Thayer at West Point on the west side of the Hudson is just 45 miles north of New York City.



"He's right, Joe. When we ain't fightin' we should act like sojers."

Canonsburg, Pa., March: It's "Welcome aboard" to BILL SKIRBLE. Bill's with the Pa. Dept. of Transportation as a project engineer. Whatever else he is, Bill is a fast talker. He could sell tuxedos to penguins.

Deer Park, N.Y., March: ED and Ann FITZGERALD, (21st & 24 MP '46-'51), took dark eyed Pat (12), dimpled Karen (8), and athletic Ed (14), to visit DICK and Louella CORBETT, (24th MP '47-'51) in Weirton, W.Va. Dick runs a country and western bank under the name "Slim Corbett", known throughout W.Va., Ohio and Pa.

Topsfield, Mass.: Faithful member since '51 is JOHNNY SANGER, (21st '43-'46), pays once again. See you at West Point, Johnny?

America's army of military retirees - 900,000 of them ranging in age from 17 to 105 - with their ranks growing at the rate of about 65,000 a year - have an annual payroll already close to \$5 billion - and growing year by year. How much more can we take?

Plan now to be with us at West Point come July 13-14-15.

You're on our dance card if you help us locate JIM P. HILL, (21st '41-'45), who has been a member since 1951. Mail sent to 1002 Mt. Capolte, San Antonio, Tex., comes back to us. Pity to lose this wonderful member.

Suggestion in from BOB and Sue SCHLATTER, (G 21st 2 yr. 2 mon.), of Box 374, Unionville, Conn. They want a good looking plastic membership card with the Taro Leaf et al. Good idea! Great! But understand that we use the present form - at the bottom of, and as a part of a letter - to save \$. For the self same reason, we go skimpy on Association stationery. But if you folks want something that looks better, your wish is our command. Sue nee McAllester, by the way, is Bob's young bride. Once upon a time a yeoman 1st class with stations in Washington and on Wahoo, Sue now works at the Hartford National Bank, deeply involved in securities, stocks and bonds. Maybe Sue can help us to invest our Life Membership account.

St. Clairsville, Ohio, March: DICK EDGAR, (B 19th '63-'65), says, "If there's anything I can do, just tell me."

Washington, D.C., March: DAN CAVANAUGH, (34th '48-'50 and 19th '50-'51) has retired and is at the U.S. Soldiers Home. Says Dan, "I'm not considering getting married. I'll consider it again only after my 90th birthday, and then only if the lady is pregnant".

Norma, Tenn., March: BOB PERGRAM, (34th '49-'52), wants his buddies to know that his address is Rt. 1, Box 61. Bob tells us that George Jessel was explaining, the other day, why he had hired an Arab secretary. "So she can open my mail", explained George.

Owosso, Mich., March: Newest Life Member - is JAMES W. HAHN (Hq. 2 Bn. 34th), who has been with the club since '51. Writes Jim, in sending his \$100.00, "It seems a little ridiculous for a person 63 to buy a life membership. Sorta like buying an all day sucker late in the afternoon. Mostly it is out of respect for the effort a few of you have had on behalf of the organization". Thanks Jim.

Baltimore, Md., March: JERRY KIRCHER, (13th F 5/51 - 6/52), is at 910 McKewin, living as a retired gentleman. Jerry was in a restaurant the other day and surprised the waiter with: Judging from the price, I presume your lobster is delivered by Brinks".

Convention Chairman VIC BACKER is promising us great things for our West Point gathering.



Omro, Wis., Dec.: Banker MAYNARD BIRKHOLZ, (24 Recn. 5/43-11/45), is back in the fold. He and Lois were in from '51 - '65, then disappeared. Now they're back. And are we glad!

Scranton, Pa., Dec.: Taro Leaf welcomes a wonderful report from RAY and Helen DENDE, (724 Ord. '46-'47), of Scranton, Pa. Christine, 21, graduates Marywood College in June, majoring in speech therapy. Paul, 17, graduates Scranton Prep. Third grader Denise, at home, keeping Ray and Helen young. We've got a story coming up on Helen; she's one of our very favorite people.



Tazewell, Va., March: SSgt. DAVE WOOD, in Div. from '65 until division inactivation at Riley, is living the retired life.

New Stanton, Pa., Jan.: RICHARD THEIS, (11th F & Band '43-'45), has rejoined. He was a member in '59-'60 and attended our Philadelphia conclave in '59. Sez Richard, "Wonder why the 24th doesn't advise of its meetings in the vets magazines?" We do, Richard, by God we do.

By all means, bring all the family to West Point!

Darlington, S.C., March: BOB KILGO, Esq., (E 21st 3/42-10/45), of Kilgo and Want, Attorneys at Law, writes that he enjoys reading us. Bob tells about the judge who said to the defendant, "So you're a locksmith, eh? What were you doing in that bookie joint when the police raided it?" Answered the defendant, "I was making a bolt for the door".

Quincy, Mass., March: Motivated by a gush of nostalgia, "Doc" STANLEY KAISER, Div.Arty., writes: "In a moment of reflection, it strikes me that it is now more than 30 years since I joined the WAR, (Dec. 8, 1941). Where did all the days and the years go? I suppose it's not disclosing any great military secret when I tell you the only reason I signed up with the Army was that I couldn't make the 5'6" height required for a Navy Commission. Also, I am going to gloat and boast a bit by telling you that I weigh about 2 lbs. less now than I did when I signed up. My dress uniform which I only got a chance to wear four or five times and is in new condition hanging in the Attic Clost fits me perfectly. How many of our buddies can say that? Thinking back, I recall a few of my old Div.Arty. friends and wonder about them; 'Fightin' Col. Tommy Lang of the G3 F.A., Maj. Hal 'Man Mountain' Liebe, Lt. Biedenhain, the Mississippi lawyer. I see former 1st Sgt. Ken Tarrant of the G3 & A quite often both around town and in the capacity of supplying dental services to him and his family. He is one great guy. Capt. Joe Carey, former Div. Postal Officer passed away a few years ago of a heart attack. He was a saint on earth - one of my truest and finest friends and is sadly missed. He was 58 years of age when taps were blown. Say a prayer for Joe at the Memorial Service. If angels have ears, he will hear you.

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