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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who ever wore or now wears the Taro Leaf. Dues are \$5.00 per annum inclusive of a subscription to the publication.

The Association is a strictly non-profit, non-military, non-rank, nonsense organization of men who once served together or who serve together now and desire to keep alive the warm friendships formed in that service.

Who's that on the cover? It's the group of Ft. Stewart officers making plans for the upcoming annual 24th Infantry Division Association Convention. The convention is scheduled to be held at the DeSoto Hilton Hotel in Savannah Aug. 13-15. Developing the agenda are (seated, left to right) Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR E. RICHARDS III, G1; Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD T. RICHARDS, G3; Major CARL J. DAVIS, assistant G4; (standing) Lieutenant Colonel BRIAN G. FOOTE, G5; Major MICHAEL A. KALLA, assistant G1; Major CHARLES F. ROHDE, deputy G2; and Lieutenant Colonel PAUL YURCHAK, executive officer, Division Support Command. (U.S. Army photo by Barry Sikora). We've called it a Friday through Sunday party. Better get there Thursday. Friday threatens to be an all-day busy time.

CHARLIE ANDERSON, (Hq. Co. 6/42-8/45), of Lindsburg, Kans., writes that he's an asthmatic and in the last two years has had Addison's disease, pneumonia, Hodgkin's disease, and shingles. Charley, how about saving a couple of those for someone else? Plucky guy, there.

It's ridiculous. The airlines make sure you're not carrying a weapon. Then they give you a knife, a fork and all you can drink.

# A FINE MESS!



You've had no Taro Leaf since October because the printing and postage costs have soared out of sight, and we've been bent on squirreling enough money so that we could publish a Division History. Whether the membership will agree to an increase in dues from the present \$5 per annum rate remains to be seen in August, when, in all likelihood, it will be discussed. We'd like to see the present rate retained, leaving it to the membership to throw in an extra five or ten when and as the spirit indicates - as so many of you do. We'd like to see one thing in this country continue to operate on its old scale without trying to gouge someone else's pocket. Ours could be the exception.

Was LBJ bilked at Bragg? The Armed Forces Journal which first published the story says he was. So does a former LBJ aide who was the President's advance man for the Bragg visit, according to Newsweek. Retired Lt. Gen. Richard Seitz, who was division commander of the 82nd Abn at the time says no stand-ins were used. Brig. Gen. Donald Blackburn, who was an asst. div. commander at the time, says that stand-ins were used, but denied any intent to deceive LBJ. He said that the aircraft never left the ground and the troops returned to their barracks after LBJ left. And then, as suddenly as it appeared, all the pap about the incident disappeared - without a clear resolution as to whether the Army did or didn't pull off the deal. Strange.



"I guess we're all set for the barbecue, Argyle . . . Call in our position for a napalm strike!!"

Life Member and Past President and Last Year's WILLIAM J. VERBECK CUP awardee BOB DUFF announces the Chicago gang's 3rd annual booster meeting. It's an all-day affair, slated for Saturday, May 22nd at the Clubhouse of the Willow River Apartments, 944 E. Old Willow Rd., in Wheeling, Ill. For details, write Bob at 940 E. Old Willow Road, Wheeling or call him at 312-541-5191.

ADOLPH DAMISH, (34th and 19th - '49-'51), of Norwood, Mass., writes that he suffered a heart attack last May 3. "Presently feeling fine". Take it easy, Adolph. Don't rush it. Remember, there are 3 things some people have trouble remembering - names, faces, and we can't recall the third.

You definitely have an inferiority complex if you reset your watch each time you see a clock that disagrees with it.

Vermont gung-ho on the issue of listing wife's names in phone books at no cost to subscribers. Ma Bell, natch, would do it only for a fee. This woman's lib business has no limits, has it? Last night went home and found our wife libbing with another man.

Heard from after a 10 year absence: LOUIS SANTORO, (I 34th '41-'45), now retired to Margate with Angie. Daughter Gerry is married. Louis is 18 and Jeannette is now 15. Lou has a job at the Fla. Medical Center Hosp. after a career with the post office.

That Division History? \$1635.13 has been subscribed by 113 members to get it on its way. When we asked for a \$10 contribution from each member to help write and print the book, we had in mind that we would have full and complete access to the \$15,000 and more which the Association has in its "reserve", in savings accounts in an Attleboro, Mass. bank. The sense of the membership, at our last (Peoria) annual meeting seems to have been that the \$15,000 would be used only in case the membership didn't come through in a supportive way. In short, there were strings attached and the result is a cloud over the entire arrangement. We are reluctant to go forward to pay for the necessary typing work involved, let alone the printing expense represented without a better understanding than this. We'll try again, come August.

Some Bleeding Hearts are seeking a presidential pardon for Iva Toguri D'Aquino, alias Tokyo Rose, to wipe out her treason conviction. She served more than 6 years of her 10 year sentence and was stripped of American citizenship but never deported. She runs an import shop in Chicago.

Col. WILBUR THIEL, (L & M 21st '50-'51), of Columbus, Ga., is retired, managing the Military Clothing Store at Benning. He and Dolores retired in '72 after 28 years - 2 V tours and 1 w/HUGH BROWN and our Veep HOWARD LUMSDEN in Korea. They have 7 children, ages 12 - 33, and 10 grandchildren. They'll see us at Savannah, Wil and Dolores, that is, "not the gang", although they'd be most welcome.

Past President PAUL WISECUP, (L 34th '44-'46), is getting ready to retire, so reports Dottie. They spent a month in Ft. Myers, Fla., this winter and then had a few days at Tampa where Curt is going to the U of So. Fla.

This from the BERNIE LUSQUEZ family: "Find a check for \$5.00 to the association. About 1½ years ago SPIKE O'DONNELL thought I was a new find so he sent \$5.00 to get me started with the Association. Well, I was already a member, and I noticed that the \$5.00 was accredited towards my dues. I told Spike about it and offered him back the \$5.00 at the Peoria Convention, but he refused the \$5.00. So, I said O.K., I'll send a \$5.00 check to the Assoc. He said fine. So please don't give me credit and pay my dues on this one." This is what makes the editing job so much fun.

Kitchen-snooping: When freezing ground meat, flatten it into a large patty. Thawing time will be much quicker.

# Hup...two...three...OOPS



We recently caught this series of photos and thought you'd enjoy them. We just hope they reproduce well enough for you to catch the spirit of it all. One Patricia Leonard, a member of the ROTC Women Cadets at Northeastern U. sort of developed her own ballistics missile. She was practicing for a drill when her rifle flew out of her hands, taking off like a big bird. Patricia aims to do better by the time the next inspection rolls around. Hold onto them, Patty. Sound off as if you had to.



# We won't just make your convention a hit.

# We'll make it a big hit.



The Editor's conscience speaks. At Peoria, someone pressed into his hands, a \$20.00 bill, same to be credited for something. The Editor clipped a slip of paper to the \$20.00 and wrote "\$20.00 from N.D." (or N.P.?) The money has been properly deposited, but not properly credited as "ND" (or N.P.?) can't be identified. Who was ND? (or NP?) And was it for dues, Life Membership, decals, history, or what? Anyone got any bright ideas? It all proves that dues collecting and drinking do not mix. We apologize for the slip and hope sincerely to make the appropriate entry in the records.

Call it "Pacific Rendezvous" wrote JOHN EADIE, Sr. (L 19th '40-'45, '48-'51), of Bay Shore, N.Y. Or may be "From Pearl and Beyond" or "The Beginning and the End."

Kitchen-snooping - a little lemon juice in the cauliflower water will improve its taste and keep it whiter. Remember - you read it first in Taro Leaf.

Faithful MILTON SKELLY, (Div.Hq. '45-'48), of 465 Ocean, Brooklyn, N.Y. writes to show us how they observe Memorial Day in his home town. It's a sacred day there and Milt is one of the veterans who gives his all to make meaningful the parade, memorial service, and other ceremonies. We wish there were 100,000 Milton Skellys to spread around the country in these troublesome times.

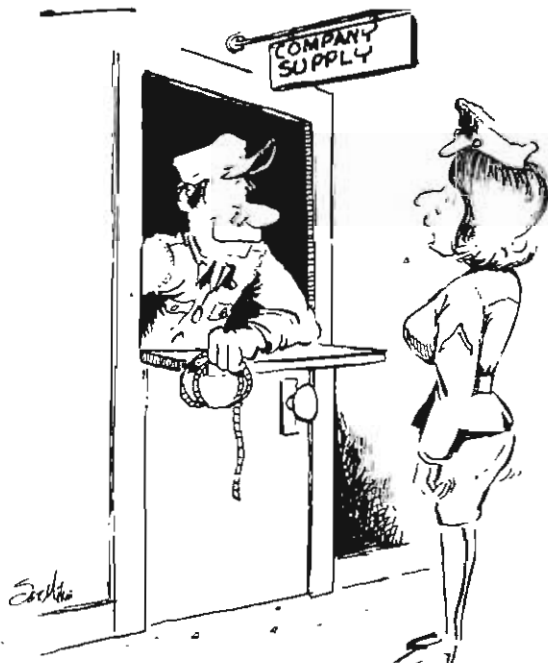
Another "wifu" writes. Lola writes for DON LUEDTKE, (34th '48-'50), of Arcadia, Nebr.: She says, "Just a short note. All well here; busy as usual. Don trying to harvest a little wheat; haying is around again and irrigating is underway. Had hoped we might make it to convention, but a trip to North Carolina last month put a stop to that. How about Omaha or Lincoln some year? Nebraska really is a lovely place. Alan (18½) finished his 1st year of college - pre-med course - made the Dean's List the 2nd semester. Brian is 16½ - tall and quite a mechanic; Curt is 14½ and very scientific - all sorts of chemical experiments; Denise is 13 and a mod lady - musical and can cook well. I still work out of the home, too." Ever so grateful for that peachy report, Lola.

That Boston policeman, AL RIDGE, (21st), father of 10, finds it in his heart to send in a fiver for Sfc. ALLAN HART, of the Salem, Mass. Recruiting Office. Says Al: "He shows up at my intersection about once a week, in uniform, and always wearing the patch - so I stopped him". That's the way to bring 'em in, Al. Thanx. Al is right proud of son, Lt. Lawrence K. Ridge, who recently received his commission. The young lieutenant thoughtfully sent along some Schofield photos which will ring a few bells:





Nice words from STAN KAISER, (Med. Det. Div. Arty.) when he wrote from Quincy, Mass.: "In order to assuage some of the guilt feelings that have generated within me over my inability to attend the '75 reunion, please permit me to offer this small 'burnt offering' to cover my dues obligation. Though I won't be there, much thought will be given to the goings on and my best wishes are extended to all my 'old comrades in arms'. Ours is a fraternity of the greatest singularity and privilege and let us not ever forget it. ....In a recent issue of the 'Leaf' I read and reread that most gripping account by 'Red' Newman and the bittersweet story should go down, in our history, at least as the classic of our time. Newman's concept of command and communication between and among fighting soldiers and the especial bond that unites them is unique and springs only from the well of understanding that is fed by the waters of dedication and experience. No armchair General is he. In the name of all that is valor and in the recognition of the finest traditions that General Newman does embody, I salute him." For obvious reasons, we had to use it just as Stan wrote it. Bless you, Stan.



"You lost th' requisition again? But this makes the fourth time you've had t' measure me for a flak jacket!"

KEN TARRANT, (A 63rd 5/42-8/45), of Quincy, Mass., is on total disability. Ken, Jr., now a 1st Lt. with the Marine Det. on the USS Chicago out of San Diego. Ken tells about the Jap freighter - The Bonsai Maru, by name - that was en route from Nagasaki to 'Frisco. He was carrying a load of yo-yo's - nothing but yo-yo's - when it hit one of those reefs just outside Golden Gate. It sank 132 times.

For that "Mini Reunion" in Wheeling, Ill. on May 22nd, here's a part of Bob Duff's pitch:

Time: Saturday, 22 MAY 1976

Place: Clubhouse, Willow River Apartments  
944 E.Old Willow Rd. (Willow Rd.  
at River Rd) Wheeling, Ill. 60090

Early Bires will start arriving on Friday. We will have sufficient rooms available at the Holiday around the corner, BUT PLEASE let us have your reservations as soon as possible.

FREE FOOD - FREE DRINKS - ALL DAY -  
POOL TABLE - SWIMMING POOL -

Come and enjoy another Mid Year Reunion. We had 52 there last year and this one promises to be as great or greater. Visit, relax, EAT.

We'll try to have movies or slides of past reunions.

You know you'll have plenty of Steve's famous mixed drinks, also Food all day.

Call or write Duff, at 940 E.Old Willow Rd., Wheeling, Ill. 60090 or Gerald Stevenson, 168 Center, Wheeling, Ill. 60090, Ph. 312/537-0452.

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW!!!

No matter what route you may take, we're just north of Des Plaines and south of Wheeling on Des Plaines River Road (RT. 45) at Willow Rd.

No Dues, - nothing to pay except your room if you stay over. Come enjoy the fun.

EVERYTHING FREE ALL DAY SATURDAY.  
Food - Pool - Drinks - Music.

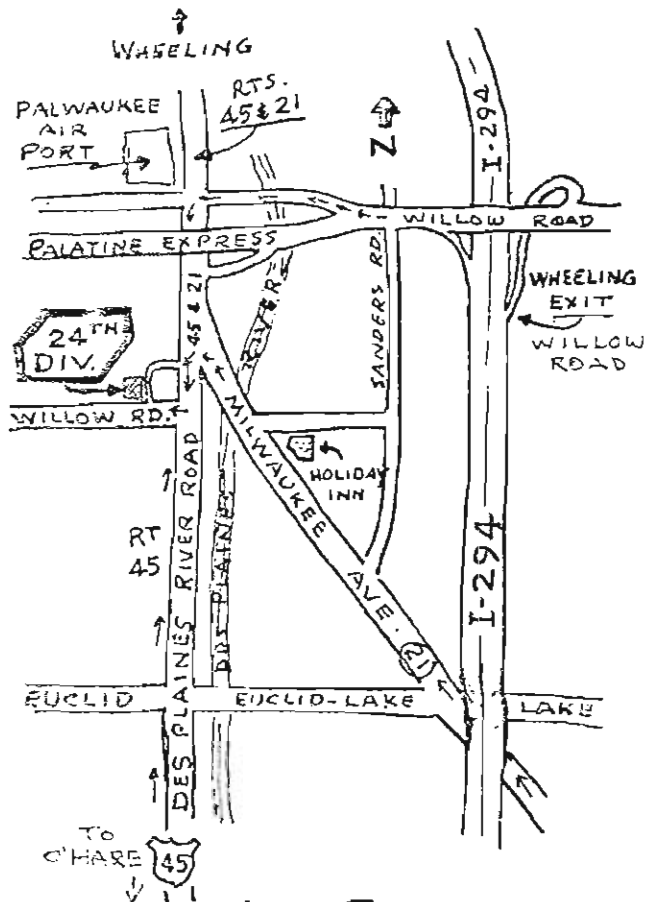
LET US HEAR SOON SO WE CAN PREPARE

Chicago Area Taro Leafers are asked to bring your own bottle as usual.



Hospitalized was VIC CASTRO, of Berkeley, Calif. Vic, hit by a car, suffered a broken arm and torn knee ligaments. Then a pinched nerve put him back in the hospital for more surgery. A year ago he had a prostate operation and had to take radiation. You've been hit hard, Vic.

Gonna make the Chicago Mini-Reunion on Sat., May 22nd? Here's a map reading to 944 E. Old Willow Rd. (Willow Rd. at River Road). And if you can't read a map, call BOB DUFF for help at 312-541-5191.



Peoria scene: DALLAS DICK, C19, ALVIS ROCK, Sv 21, and LELAND LIPPER, H 21st.



BOB DEWS insisted that Miss Margy Kodak him at the Ft. Stewart entrance as they arrived last Sept. 20. Thanks again, Marge.



Peoria Daze: FRANK KAWA, B.G. CALDWELL and Past. Pres. BILL MULDOON.

The private made a fervent request for leave on the grounds that his wife urgently needed him at home. Finally his commanding officer asked, "Do you place your wife before duty to your country?" "It's not that," answered the GI, "but the army's got three million men taking care of my country. But as far as I know, I'm the only one taking care of my wife." (He got the furlough.)



"Thorndyke, don't you think you'd be happier in another branch of the service?"





"Tom, darling, guess what?"

Meet Life Member #140, JOHN L. JONIEC, (E 19 6/41-12/44), of Philadelphia. Johnny sent in \$10 for dues, asked about the Life Membership plan, and 10 days later sent in \$90 more. He's President of an 8000 member union for service employees. Covers 14 eastern states. Welcome aboard, Johnny.

If you like names that rhyme, you'll find a flower dealer named Dermis Tennis in California and a real estate developer in St. Louis named Jack Rack.....Naura Hayden is penning her second book, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Energy But Were Too Weak to Ask."

Troubles in the JOHN CLARK, (Div. Chem O. '42-'44), family. Carole has suffered 5 strokes in the last 9 months. Write Johnny at 3834 - 175th Ave., N.E., Redmond, Wash. He'd appreciate it.

Anyone considering reenlisting in a combat arms unit has CONUS units to choose from. Twelve-month stabilized reenlistment tours are now offered with newly activated brigades of the 5th Div. at Polk, the 7th Div. at Ord, and the 24th at Stewart. If you know a likely candidate and he's worthy, how about steering him to Stewart?

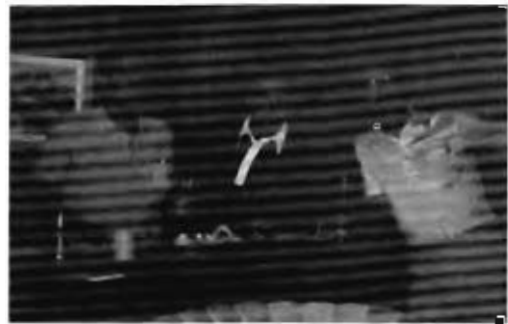
LEROY CRUCIUS, (A 24 Med '43-'46), has had to sell his Wis. property. Alys has suffered the effects of artery surgery, lung and bladder infection, and Parkinson's D. so they've had to settle at 407 S. Chamisal, Rosewell, N.M. Postcard this tough-luck couple, would you please; they need a little lift right now.

Following the path of least resistance is what makes men and rivers crooked.

Great trip this summer for Chick DON and Shirley McHALE. Shirley, by the way, is treating with a new orthopedic surgeon and they have hope for helping her hands. Two surgeries are in the offing.



Here they are, on the left, with WALTER and Lou JOHNSTON at Jupiter, Fla.



Here's a lousy one of Don, Walter and BEN KALISH at Walter's bar. This is NOT a U.S. Army photo.



It's Don, LESTER THOMAS, CHARLEY McBRYDE, and "Pineapple" JACK FINAN, last Sept. 18th. Taken at Raleigh, N.C.

DICK and Mary GLASER of McComb, Ohio, tells us that some of the 724th Ord. gang meet each year during the 2nd weekend in August, our own meeting time. Wish we could join forces next year. This year they met in Port Huron, Mich., at QUENTIN CUPPEN's home. How about your gang getting together with our gang, Dick?



The command of the 1st Brigade, changed hands on Sept. 24. B.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, former commander of the brigade and now division commander, passed the colors to Col. KENNETH C. LEUER, the new commander.

After the presentation of the colors the general said, "It is a great privilege to pass the brigade colors to such a distinguished soldier as Col. Leuer. I congratulate him on assuming command of the 1st Brigade of the Victory Division."

As he assumed command, Col. Leuer said, "There is no greater honor than to be placed in command of such a fine brigade." U.S. Army photo.

JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL (G 21st '42-'45), for years conducted a Dear Abby column in our issues. But business has fallen off. He reports having received only one letter in the last 6 months and this one concerned whether or not Damon and Pythias were homosexuals. Spike reports that he sent his answer right back to this question, a T/5 in the 63rd Field: "I think Damon was O.K., but I'm not so sure about Pythias." Haven't lost that touch, Spike. By the way, Spike is now with Industrial Shippers Assoc., Inc. in Chicago.

Says ED MACADLO, "Everyone is interested in astrology these days; these are the times of the signs". Thanks, Ed; we needed that. Ed was 24th Sig. and is now at 141 Pierce, Buffalo, N.Y. He continues his note with this: "Seeing a picture of Michael Tino in the Taro Leaf, I started to correspond with him as he was in Signal. He has had a stroke and does not work. Bill Dudek who lived at 84 Haller St., Cheektowaga, N.Y. and was with the 24th Div. Signal Corps. as a cook under Sgt. Bannister passed away Easter Sunday, April 14, 1974 at the age of 54.....Well once again thanks a million for sending me the Taro Leaf which is so interesting, and which I save in my files for future references. Very good reading, and congratulations on your great work towards its existence." Nice words, Ed, and we appreciate 'em indeed. By the way, he collects postage stamps. Got any? We send him ours when we can remember to.

Member MARTIN MUECKE, (21st '45-'46), of Rt. 1, Heyburn, Idaho, sends in dues for a new member, RUSSELL MOHLMAN (34th '45-'46), of Rt. 3, Rupert, Idaho. We welcome you in, Russ, and we're grateful to Martin for the thoughtful act. Marty asked if we'd heard about the Chinaman who went to see his opthamologist. "You've got a cataract", said the medic. "No" replied the Chink, "I've got a Rincolu Continental".



Spear a fresh tomato on a knife and turn it slowly over a gas flame until the skin softens. Rinse under cold water and it will peel easily.



Brig.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, CG 24th Inf.Div. and Fort Stewart, and Col. RAYMOND E. GRANT (right), commander of the 48th Inf.Brig. of the Ga. N.G., discuss summer training plans for the 48th. The 48th, which was affiliated with the 24th Div. in December, will train at Stewart from July 10-24 and will be assisted, supported and evaluated by the 24th. Col. Grant was recently nominated to become a brigadier general. U.S. Army Photo by Barry Sikora.

Item: Hotel reservations for our August bash must be in the hands of the hotel by July 20th. Oh yes, you can hold off and not bother. Oh yes, you can treat this as pure bunko. But get to Savannah and drive up to the DeSoto Hilton sometime on Aug. 13th or 14th and you may not get a room.

Veterans applying for the Philippine World War II Medal should send proof they served in the islands. Those entitled to the medal can obtain it by writing The Adjutant General, GHQ Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. R.P.

In Savannah, be sure to hit Pirate's House. Elegant eating. 23 unique dining rooms. Nationally famous. Lunches and dinners. Don't miss it.

We're very sympathetic towards the massive building program scheduled for Ft. Stewart in '76, '77, '78 and '79. But much of it is off into the future. And they're closing down Ft. Devens in Massachusetts where the bricks and mortar for supporting an entire division are already in being. You explain it.

There are two kinds of little boys: dirty and not yet.

The convention schedule looks like this:

Thurs., Aug. 12 - registration at the DeSoto Hilton-all day

8:30 p.m. - orientation by Div. staff officers

Fri., Aug. 13 - A.M. live demonstrations and static displays - Ft. Stewart

Noon Lunch.  
Ft. Stewart Officers Club

Nite - Informal party and dance at Hunter AFB

Sat., Aug. 14 - 10 A.M.- parade  
Ft. Stewart

Noon Lunch.  
Ft. Stewart

2:30 p.m. - Assoc.  
Annual Meeting -  
Hotel DeSoto

Nite - Banquet and Dance  
Hotel DeSoto

There's a program for you.



"Thank God it's Friday!!"

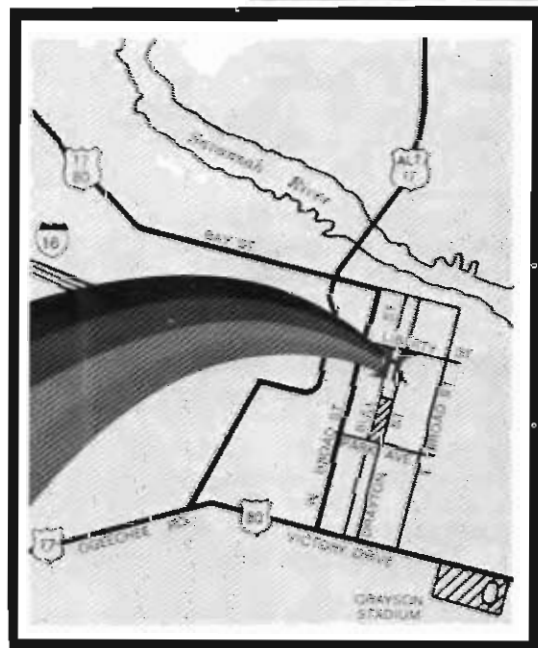
A druggist told me that a bottle of liquid medicine (tonic, cough syrup, etc.) should be shaken sideways instead of up and down. Didn't explain why - just said it was better!

*WILLY LADD*  
**THERE'S NOTHING  
WE'D LIKE BETTER..**

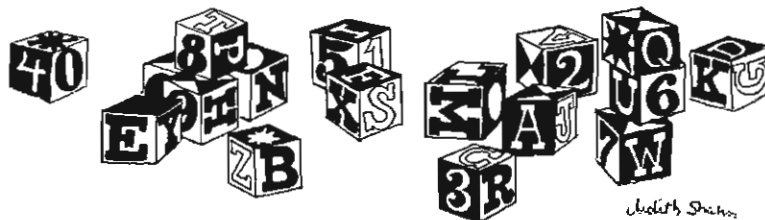


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# NEWS BEAT



Report JACK and Sophie LEDDY: "Jack has had a recent session with the Department of Water & Power - has had a cystoscopy w/surgery for a few bladder tumors, 1 malignant, but the Docs feel they got all of it - cystoscopy every 6 months for the rest of the route - prosectomy in Jan. - won't be too weird 'cuz the exhilarating procedure is a reminder that I've been there before." Great fellow, that Jack. This issue is beginning to sound like a report on the morning "Sick Call".

Writes Pineapple JACK FINAN: "Always a pleasure to see a familiar name in the Taro Leaf. During early '53, I took the Field Grade Officers Course at Benning. My platoon leader was Col. CHESTER DAHLEN. I doubt if he will remember me since I was a Rudy in the Rear Rank of the platoon. Nearly fainted when I saw the name LEO RACHMEL. During 1950 I was with Leo at North Carolina State. One day, the one and only Leo gave about a 2 minute lecture on Information & Education and when dismissed our group Lt.Col. Stell stated, "A new world's record". The I & E program was a bunch of junk and Captain Leo had the courage to get us back on the job instead of sleeping in the classroom. And the name KEITH TAYLOR. Keith was a fine soldier in Service Company, 19th. He is one trooper I would love to see but I never get out to Calif."

We have a Medal of Honor man in 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. He's M/Sgt. CHARLES B. MORRIS, decorated for his performance as a squad leader in the 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. in V. in '66. Although seriously wounded, he directed his men as they held off a numerically superior force for over eight hours until reinforcements could get to him. We're right proud.

Life Member BOB TREADWAY, (G 21st '41-'45), of DeValls, Bluff, Ark. has paid up in full on his Life Membership and sent along an extra \$20 for the pot. Says he's raising minnows for wholesale bait dealers. Something fishy there.



Meet CLARENCE "Bud" COLLETTE, (5th RCT '51-'52), of LaCrescenta, Calif. With Pacific Telephone, he and Jean have Dave, 19, and Cindy, 16. Bud is V.P. of his Chapter of the D.A.V. and is on the way up through the state chairs.

LEW KEPLER, LEO CREAMER, and Helen KEPLER leaning a little to the left of center at Peoria.



JOHN T. O'CONNOR, (D 34th 11/44-10/45), of 5 Noel, N.Arlington, N.J., fresh out of hospital. Cyst on right leg. Recovering nicely. Good luck Johnnie.

## BRING YOUR 'PEACH' TO GEORGIA



# GOING PLACES

TARO LEAF yells "Hats off!" to RICHARD JOHNSON, (24 Admin.Co.), out there in Jackson, Wyo., not only for giving us the name of a new member, RICHARD M. KEENE (3rd Eng.), of Tupelo, Miss., but also for the suggestion that, when we have a name and unit on a fellow and no address, we list it in Taro Leaf and ask for your help. Good thinking, Dickie boy. We've got about 75,000 of such names.

OTTO KRONE, (C 19th 9/48-10/49, Hq. Co. '49-'50), of Metairie, La., a retired state police trooper, is anxious to hear from Camp Chickamauga men who served in Japan and Korea from '48-'50. And for the name of our forthcoming history, he suggests "The 24th Infantry Division - in Peace and War". Then he sends along a ten spot for his copy.

Did you happen to catch ABC's much-heralded epic, "Collision Course" early in January? Sponsored by Aetna, who likely are ashamed of themselves, it pitted E.G. Marshall as President Truman and Henry Fonda as General MacArthur. Talk about revising history - this took the cake.

Second time around for DICK PEARSON, (B 52 F '55-'56), of Rouses Point, N.Y. We had a quickie note saying that he'd flipped and was honeymooning in Vt. So Patricia's out and Harriet's in, in case you write. We walk on eggs in this job.

Need any help in processing your claim? Try STAN DOLAT, (B 21st and 24 Med. 9/45-10/46), of 50 Raymond, Holyoke, Mass. He's Chief National Service Officer of the DAV. Call him at 413-534-5583 if you've got a problem with VA, GSA, SSA, or DD. Stan's offer of help to those of use who need it is the greatest thing since sliced bread.

We've asked ZACK LANDRUM, (B 3rd Eng. '43-'45), of Mansfield, Tex., to write the story of how B Co. built MacArthur's house on Cyclops Mt. at Hollandia. It ought to be a WOW.

CLYDE MILNER, (Hq. 1st Bn. & Sv. 19th '40-'45), of Oxford, Mass., is in hospital with kidney problems. Taro Leafers - terrific fighters - but lousy kidneys.

MIKE TINO, who suffered a stroke in '71 leaving useless his left arm and leg is coming along, writes his good wife. Says he still has trouble walking. They hit the N.J. lottery for ten thousand in Aug. Cheers!

ED HENRY and your Editor visited the MG AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN's over the Christmas holidays. Fabulous hosts, those Newmans. Red offered his definition of a consultant: "a man who knows 49 ways to make love, but doesn't know any girls".

For a title, MIKE WASKIEWICZ, of Omaha, Neb., says: "From Chickamauga to Korean Shores". Guess what outfit he was with.

ED and Jeanellyn DELANEY, (Div.Hq. 5/64-11/66), sent warm Christmas wishes from their new home in Las Vegas, Nev. Ed was Div. AG in Augsburg, Germany. They don't say Why Vegas.

ROGER HELLER, of Oakland, Calif. - a Chick - and a "real" historian - wrote us a long letter about our forthcoming history. Had to remind him that ours is going to be more along the lines of a collection of odds and ends as written about us - some written by our own people - and some written by others. It will not be one of those high brow histories - it's going to be a book about us and for us - one we can enjoy reading. Don't mean to argue with you, Roge.

JIM POSTMA, a Lawrence, Kansas lawyer, sends us clips out of the Kansas City Star which told of the trials of 2 24th men - ROBERT DEMPSEY, of Paola, Kans. while on Leyte, and LEO SILVA, of Columbus, Neb., while on Mindanao. We're using the stories in our history. Thanks Jim.

Our Life Member #141 is JIM BOLT of Laurens, S.C. Jim and Chris reside at 115 Kingston Drive there. He was with the 63rd in Japan, the 52nd in Korea and the 13th in Japan and Korea again - all between '49 - and '54.



"You really outta donate yer brain t' science, Sledge - it'd give 'em th' opportunity t' study an unused specimen."



## Striking Contrasts

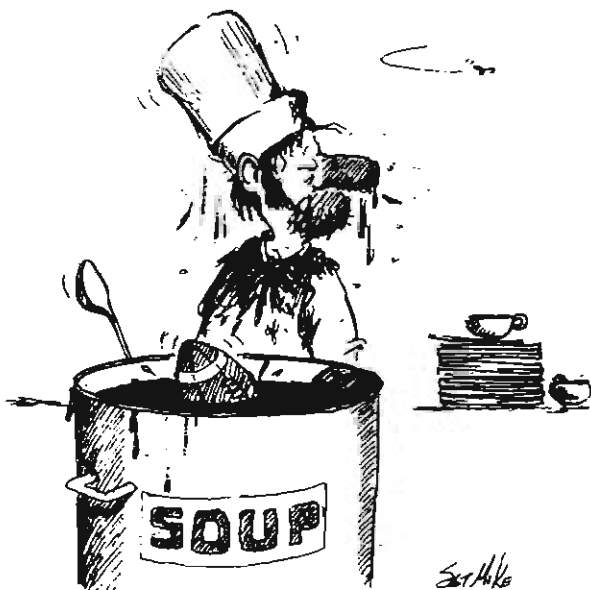
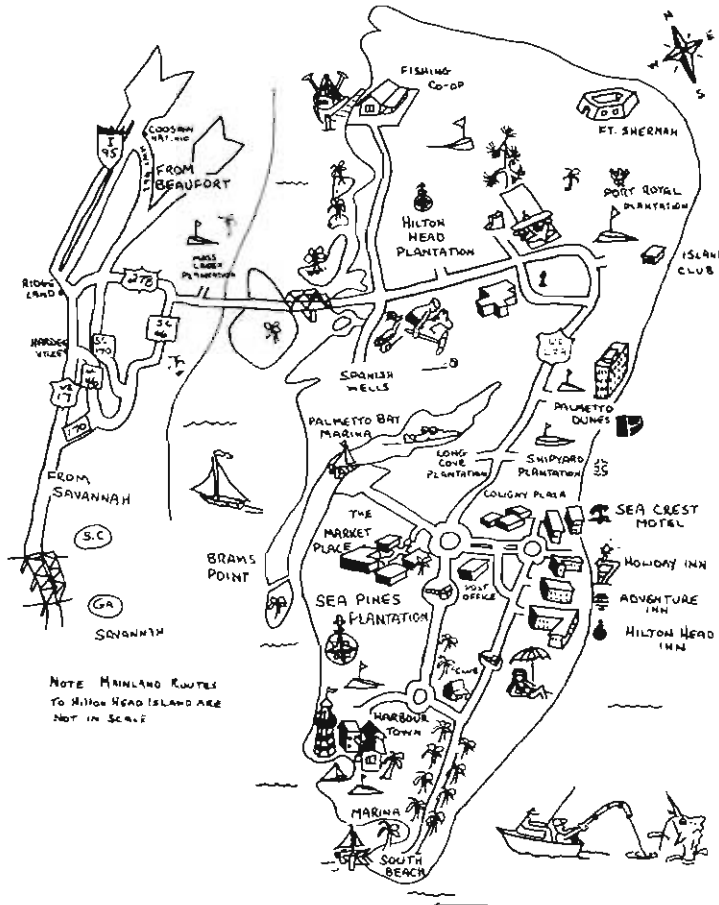
In this area of coastal Georgia and South Carolina are two striking contrasts in tourism and visitor attractions. Savannah, with its ties to the past is just 45-minutes by auto from one of the newest, most beautifully developed resorts in the nation.

Hilton Head Island to Savannah, or vice versa, is a pleasant drive through coastal low country. The route, shown on the accompanying map, winds along and through marshlands and low-keyed (VERY sleepy, if you will) farmlands. The trip either way ends with a bridge crossing—the James F. Brynes bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway to Hilton Head Island, and the Talmadge bridge over the Savannah River into the city.

Hilton Head's golf courses, tennis facilities, beaches and wide range of recreational and general resort activities are widely known. It is also noted for its excellent hotel and condominium accommodations. Certainly one of the most outstanding is the Holiday Inn. It has 202 rooms, beach location and dining experiences that rank among the best in the nation. The Explorer's Club Restaurant offers fine low country fare and also includes the Admiral's Table, which is gourmet dining at its best. Upstairs is the Explorer's Club Lounge which swings to the top names in the pop music field.

The Island also offers shopping and browsing in some of the most exotic settings. Harbour Town, in Sea Pines Plantation, is one of the most remarkable sights in the eastern U.S. Guests of the Hilton Head Inn and Sea Pines' villas are given passes for the gate when they register. Others may enter the gates by paying a \$3 dollar charge, which can be refunded by any of the Harbour Town shops.

# HILTON HEAD ISLAND & how to get there



"Hey, Cookie, did-ya happen to . . . see . . . o . . ."

Twenty-four Senators have sponsored a bill which would make it illegal for servicemen to join a labor union or for service people or labor unions to attempt to unionize military people. S.3079 would provide up to five years' imprisonment for service people, up to \$50,000 fine for unions. The bill would not apply "if the activity, purpose or function of the labor organization with which the member is concerned is unrelated to his membership in the armed forces." Sen. Strom Thurmond, author of S.3079, told the Senate he supported unions "but the union has no role in the military community...Some freedoms which are well established in the civilian sector must be denied to the military...Unionization...would mean the end of an effective defense force." Co-sponsoring the bill were Sens. Allen, Bartlett, Brock, Chiles, Curtis, Domenici, Eastland, Fannin, Garn, Goldwater, Hansen, Helms, Hruska, Laxalt, McClellan, McClure, Moss, Nunn, William Scott, Taft, Tower, Young and Talmadge.

# Spit 'n' Polish



Four big stepping stones in the Division's rebuilding process have arrived at Stewart. Delta Battery, 1st Bn., 13th Field, 'gun-less' since its reactivation got its weapons in the form of four M110, eight-inch, self-propelled howitzers. The M110 is the largest weapon organic to the Division Artillery and is the largest artillery piece in the Army's inventory. The tracked howitzer is capable of hurling a high explosive projectile weighing 200 lbs. more than 10 miles with an amazing degree of accuracy. CAPT. KERMIT EDNEY, Delta Battery CO, boasts of his new acquisitions, "They are the best, most accurate field artillery pieces in the world." Attesting to accuracy, gunners for the weapon claim that while other howitzers fire at an area, they can fire at targets. As to the speed with which the 30-ton weapon system can be put into action, Capt. Edney stated, "A well-trained crew can start from scratch, prepare and fire the M110 in only two minutes. That's one of the goals that we've set for ourselves." He also issued fair warning that once the battery starts practice firing, their presence will be heard all over the post.

U.S. Army photograph.

Wrote BOB and Madge ROGERS, (34th '43-'45), over in Ft. Wayne: "A wonderful convention and our thanks to all who made it possible." Here are Bob and Madge on the right, with Doc WALTER and Nell REHM. Walter said that as he approached Peoria, he noted the sign "Peoria reminds you; 30 days hath September, April, June and November - and anyone exceeding our speed limit".

Said Voltaire, "Common sense is not common".

Ft. Stewart was named for Brigadier General Daniel Stewart - great-grandfather of President Theodore Roosevelt.

A Revolutionary War hero and Georgia statesman, he was born in St. John's Parish, now known as Liberty County.

In 1777, at the age of 15, he joined other Georgians in the colonial fight for independence from England. He was assigned to special duty by the head of the Provincial Government of Georgia in 1778, and by the age of 16, he was colonel of a battalion of Minutemen. His ardor did not abate until the cause was won and Georgia was free to take her place in the Union of States.

Though records are scant concerning General Stewart's actual service in command of troops, strong evidence indicates he was considered a person to be depended upon for performance under even the most adverse conditions - and one in whom superiors had implicit confidence. After the war he took rank among leaders in the country and was foremost in virtually every undertaking concerning the protection of people and advancement of their interests.

General Stewart returned to active duty to fight the Indians in Southern disputes and was promoted to brigadier general during that time. His energy and zeal in protecting Georgia's lands were indomitable and unflagging. He died at his home in Liberty County in 1829 at the age of 67. He is buried in Midway Cemetery near Ft. Stewart.

Word out of that city has it that famous Manila-based architect, Lindy Locsin, is remodeling the Manila Hotel. To keep its romantic charm and historic flavor, while adding rooms (149 to 500) to bring it into contemporary living, he has in the building (ready in Nov.) a tall addition, long and narrow, rising behind the original like a pillar and having a pitched green roof duplicating the original. Thank fortune, they're saving the old gal.

"I'd like to hear from any 13th Field men", so sayeth ELMER MILLSAPS who served that wonderful outfit during '49 through '51. Elmer and Helen hold forth at Maryville, Tenn. and they are the proud parents of Jim, Darrell and Rebecca.

JACK FINAN has an idea about what to call that book. "Schofield to Japan to Korea", he suggests.

Quick Quiz: What do calves, goats and sheep have in common? Give up? Each bleats.

## "DOGS ARE 24TH ORD SOLDIER'S HOBBY"

by Mary D. Stauffer

Career soldiers often pursue hobbies which lead to after-retirement activities or second careers. Staff Sergeant Rinaldo Wunderlich of the 24th Ord. Co., who will retire next year, will go to the dogs.

And why not. After spending 11 years of his youth in a German circus as acrobat and trainer of performing dogs, his interest in dogs remained. He always had it; his father trained dogs for World War II's German army and taught his son.

The German circus took him all over Europe and finally to the U.S. where he decided to become an American citizen. Eleven of SSgt. Wunderlich's 19 years in the U.S. Army were spent in Germany. There he acquired Arco, a rare, all-black German shepherd puppy, now seven years old.

Arco, whose blood line goes back for 27 generations, has been trained to search for people and for lost items, to sniff, to obey and to kill. He has won, according to SSgt. Wunderlich, about 125 medals, citations and certificates of achievement. "The American Kennel Club values Arco at \$23,000," says the sergeant.

In Florida in Aug. 1969, he adds, Arco searched for and found a lost child. In Germany he was often used for search, and there also he attacked a man who broke into a K-9 training club and injured him so severely that the man was crippled for life.

Today, Arco lives in the Wunderlich kennel in Hinesville. He has entertained and impressed military and civilian audiences alike in his obedience demonstrations. Particularly impressive is his ability to attack or cease to attack immediately on command.

His obedience and go-get-'em spirit caught the eye of Hinesville Chief of Police J. Robert Ryon, who asked the sergeant if he would train a German shepherd called Smokey for him.

SSgt. Wunderlich agreed to do the job, free of charge, and today Smokey's training in obedience, attack, trailing and sniffing out drugs is about complete.

On weekends the sergeant directs the Ft. Stewart Dog Training Club in the old Boy Scout quarters. Right now Doberman pinschers, collies, German shepherds and a bulldog are being trained. Their owners are taught as well. "A good master makes a good dog" says SSgt. Wunderlich.

Mild heart attack felled DICK WATSON while he and Phyllis were in Las Vegas in November. Hospitalized there, home by early December, then more hospital and tests. Recovering nicely. Cards to RR 2, Box 19, Daleville, Ind. Speaking of Las Vegas, hear about guy who went out there in a \$15,000 Cadillac and came back in a \$40,000 Greyhound bus?

**Kitchen-snooping:** Make a paste of Dijon mustard and white wine for a tempting pork chop topping.....Garlic-flavored potato chips, crumbled, will make a great topping on a tuna fish salad.....Try using a highly-seasoned mushroom sauce when you prepare veal chops to give them an extra zip.

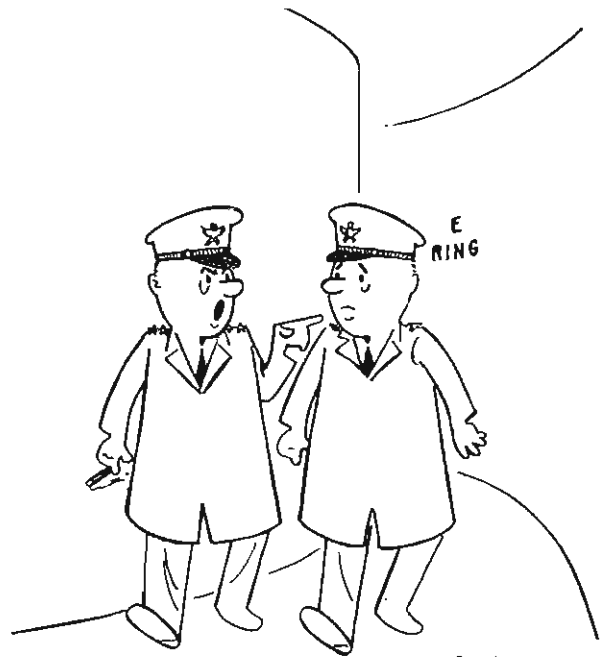
HANK and Dorothea SCHUBERT, (G 19th '42-'45), of Bristol, Conn., are looking forward to retirement after 39 years with General Motors.

CLYDE BOST, (M 21 '40-'44), writes from Kannapolis, N.C. He and Amy Lee "have 10 children - Married 30 years". You'd better believe it.

News from 3rd Eng. AH KEE LEONG in Honolulu. He has been out of work for 3 years since closing the flower shop.

We've another bank president - BOYCE HUSON (Div.Hq. 8/39-2/42) of the First National Bank of Normal, Ill. We now have 4 on our rolls. Sez Boyce, "As the ancient Arabian oil man said, 'Oil at 50¢ a barrel is like Raquel Welch wearing a 34 A bra - all out of proportion'".

AL JUNGBLUT, (Div.Arty. '41-'45), now retired, has gone back to work as a civilian in the Ft. Dix communications get up. Al telephoned us the other day to say he wants us to publish that Division History. We heard you, Al.



"You're my intelligence officer — find the men's room in this place."



GEORGE HUDSON doesn't write, so Lucille does it for him. Oh we have a lot of those, Lucille. They're in Edmonds, Wash. Lou says:

"We enjoy the Taro Leaf, however we haven't read of anyone from the 19th between '48 and '51. George was in 2nd Bn. Hq.Co. A & P platoon '49 and '50 and '51 - leaving for Korea with the Regiment July 1 of '50 as a Master Sgt. and commissioned three weeks later.

He retired in June of '58 with twenty one years of Service and has been with the Boeing Company since July of '58 - looking forward to that Second Retirement Day. We live in Edmonds, Wis., - have been married over 33 years - hope to return to Beppu as a tourist, as well as a trip to Korea when retirement comes around again.

George wishes to know if any one of the 19th stationed in Beppu in above years remembers the Christmas tree he and his men transplanted in front of the Main Post Exchange just before Christmas of '49. Col. Guy Milloy was Regt. Commander at that time."

Lou also sends George's picture which we'll use - dark or no. We fear that you'll see nothing but a shadow when it's printed Lou but we'll try it. Thanks so very much.



This one is for the Byrds. Meet the first grandchild of our President and First Lady. Call him Chad. Adds Bill: "One Hell of an appetite."

Have a statistic. Please. Not a single soldier who fought in the Civil War is still alive, but 272 of their widows are, and 25 of these are more than 100, the oldest being 117.



We'll use it, MARTIN MUECKE, (2nd Bn. Med. 21st '45-'46), because you sent it but our fingers are crossed; it may not take. Mouse identifies the picture as "Guard duty at Tottori, Japan '46".

Felled by a heart attack on his 48th birthday was LACY BARNETT, (A 24 Med 1/49 - 3/49; 34th 3/49-9/50; 34th 9/50-3/51), down there in Union City, Ind. We are awaiting assurance that he is recovering nicely.



Faithful charter member (1946) is MATTHEW SABATINE, (Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 21st 4/44-12/45), of Roseto, Pa. So he and lovely Josephine are entitled to this space. We shudder when we realize that their 5 - Matt Jr., Kathy, Beverly, David and Joanne - are themselves in the 32 to 19 age bracket. Asks historian Matt, "Which U.S. President was the oldest to take office, father the most children, deliver the longest inaugural address, serve the shortest term?" Easy, Matt - William Henry Harrison, our 9th, went in at age 68 - had 10 (6 boys and 4 girls), talked for an hour and 45 minutes on 3/4/41 (8,578 words); died on 4/4/41, one month later. Bring on your tough ones, Matt.

The applique deal announced in our last issue was a bomber. 53 members paid in \$296.97 for the stick-ons. Before making a full statement on the financial end of it, we'd like to try pushing the things for one more issue. Late orders will be cheerfully received.

We got into this applique business because of an Association friend who makes the things.

They are self-sticking, pressure sensitive, non-staining color fast stick-ons, delightful for wearing on suits, dresses, jackets, coats.

Appliques can be applied to most fabrics in seconds and will stay on. Put them on and take them off for use again another day. Require no ironing, no glueing, no sewing. Save the plastic backing for storing when not wearing it.

Can be removed easily and can be reapplied to the same or any other surface. For the reuseable feature, do not apply to paper.

They come in various sizes and mixed colors. We offer 8 styles with this issue. If we succeed, we'll be back with more styles in the next issue. If we bomb, so long brother.

Order 1 or 100; the unit cost is the same.

The per item cost is intentionally sufficient to cover postage and a modest profit to our Association reserve fund for helping to launch our Division History.

Sorry, we can't fill orders for specific colors. Items run on tapes and we pay out as we fill orders. Items alternate on tape, so - order 6 of one item for example and you'll get one of each color.

Complete report on sales effort will be made with each issue of Taro Leaf. For now, we are offering these items:

Anchor and preserver  
1 7/8" high  
Colors: red, blue  
and white  
Unit cost: 40¢



Pussy cat  
1 3/4" high  
Colors: pink, yellow,  
grey  
Unit cost: 41¢



Dachshund  
1 1/2" high 2" long  
Colors: pink, blue,  
green, grey  
Unit cost: 41¢



Tiger  
1" high  
Color: orange with  
black and white  
Unit cost: 37¢



Owl  
1" high  
Colors: orange, red,  
yellow, green, brown  
Unit cost: 40¢



#### ORDER FORM FOR APPLIQUES

To: Kenwood Ross, Treasurer  
120 Maple St., Springfield, Mass. 01103

Send me the following order:

Rose  
7/8" high  
Colors: pink, red,  
blue, yellow,  
lavender, white  
Unit cost: 32¢



Shamrock  
7/8" high  
Color: green  
Unit cost: 33¢



Heart shaped floral design  
3/4" high  
Colors: pink, red, blue,  
yellow, lavender, white  
Unit cost: 36¢



#### Quantity

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_____	Tiger @ 37¢ = \$	_____
_____	Heart of flowers @ 36¢ = \$	_____
_____	Pussy cat @ 41¢ = \$	_____
_____	Dachshund @ 41¢ = \$	_____
_____	Owl @ 40¢ = \$	_____
_____	Rose @ 32¢ = \$	_____
_____	Shamrock @ 33¢ = \$	_____

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

From JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL comes the one about a poor decrepit Irishman with a large family who was out of work and broke. He needed \$50 very much. He applied to his priest who advised him to search for work and pray he would find it. A week went by without results, so the Irishman decided to appeal to the Lord direct. He wrote a stirring tearful letter asking for the \$50. He addressed the letter to the Lord God in care of Heaven, and mailed it but failed to put a stamp on it. The postman, thinking it was only a child's letter, opened it and after reading same was greatly touched by the appeal. That night he took the letter with him to his Masonic Lodge meeting and brought it to the attention of the brothers. They promptly voted him \$25 and sent it to the Irishman. A few days later, the postman found another letter similar to the one addressed without a stamp. He opened it and read: "Dear God: Thanks for the money, but please next time send it by way of the Knights of Columbus; the God-damned Masons stole half of it."

LEONARD and Ellen HANSON, of Elbow Lake, Minn., reunited in Yellowstone with the JOHNNY PERRA's this past summer. Here were 2 Recon pals and families together, the men for the first time since '44. Lennie still operating heavy construction equipment; Johnny has retired as a carpenter. Lennie tells us why the Polish gentleman always picks the green tomatoes - to make room for the red ones.

Asks ALBERT "Red" DISKAN: "How about a column about what has happened to some of the Div. and Regimental officers from WW II, from Korea, and from Germany?" You've got yourself a deal, Red. We'll start with that old 34th Surgeon from '42-'45, good ole ALBERT DISKAN who is practising medicine at 543 Porter, Manchester, Conn. Seriously, we like the idea, Red; and we'll try to develop such. Thanks for suggesting it.

Never forget us do BILL and Lucy DABERKO, (24 Sig. '41-'44), of Uhrichsville, Ohio. Bill was JIM PURCELL's Exec., you'll recall. He's still in furniture, Hicks Co. in Dennison. He and his terrific gal Lucy have raised 4 - the 2 youngest are in college, a year to go. Meanwhile, Bill has also become Prexy of the local bank. We're getting loaded with bank officers - but we don't mind. We're right proud, Bill.

Today there are over 11,000 "super-bureaucrats" in the federal government, each earning over \$34,500 a year. Had enough? How do you like it?



"The food is greasy, cold, badly cooked, tough, smells bad and—how come we can't get second helpin's?"

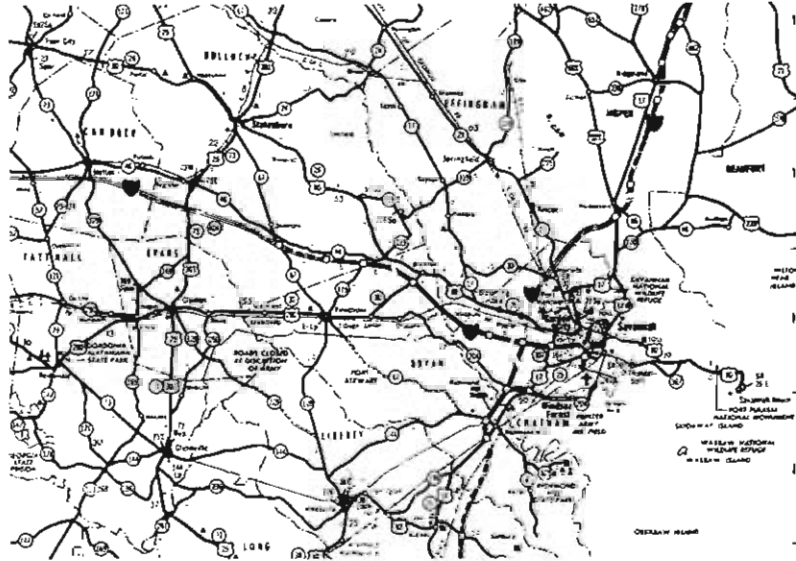


Past President Maj.Gen.AUBREY S. NEWMAN and his wonderful wife, Dorothy, are in the reviewing stands for the Sept. 20th Ft.Stewart ceremonies. Photo by Margery P.Dews. Wrote Red, "It was a tremendous experience. As I sat in the stand and watched those troops march by, it was borne in on me that it was 42 years ago since I marched in a similar review - wearing the same Taro Leaf. And it did not seem much different. I was much 'impressed'."

For a title, try "The Pacific Through A Peepsight, A Diary of the 24th Division" proposes CHARLEY CRAW, (L 34th '41-'44), of Livingston, N.J. Chuck took lead at Layte. He's a retired printer.



# directions to fort stewart



Ft. Stewart, located about 41 miles southwest of Savannah, Ga., is readily accessible by way of the major east coast thoroughfares, U.S. 17, I-16 and the completed section of I-95. The Ft. Stewart cantonment area is in the middle southern portion of the reservation, adjacent to Hinesville. The heavily wooded reservation is bisected in several places by paved roads, including Georgia Highway 144, running east to west from Richmond Hill to Glennville, and Georgia Highway 119, running north to south from Pembroke to Hinesville.

To reach the cantonment area from Savannah, drive west on I-16 or drive south on Abercorn extension to Hwy. 204 to the I-95 cutoff to Jacksonville. Continue south on I-95 about eight miles to the State Highway 67 cutoff to Ft. Stewart. Travel north on 67 for about five miles to State Highway 144, and on 144 for about 17 miles to a sign indicating left turn to cantonment area.

Coming from Atlanta, most people travel south on I-75 to Macon and then I-16 to Soperton. From Soperton, follow state road signs through Vidalia, Lyons, Reidsville and Glennville. Driving straight through Glennville onto Highway 144 will lead you across the southern edge of the reservation for 19 miles until signs show you the way to the cantonment area. The major highway passing through Hinesville is U.S. 82, and the two main routes to Ft. Stewart on the east and west edges of town are clearly marked on this road.





The LOUIS BROWNS, Lou, Eileen and Gary, down there in Vinita, Okla., give us these 2 rather grey pix of some of Service Co. of the 34th. Lou was there from 7/40 to 10/44. After finding us, he wrote: "How this organization has existed all these years and I knew nothing about it, I will never know. On several occasions, I have gone to the trouble to search for and find an old buddie but never has the name or mention of the Assn. come up. I know it has been my loss." Well you're in now Lou - and Eileen - and we're right proud.

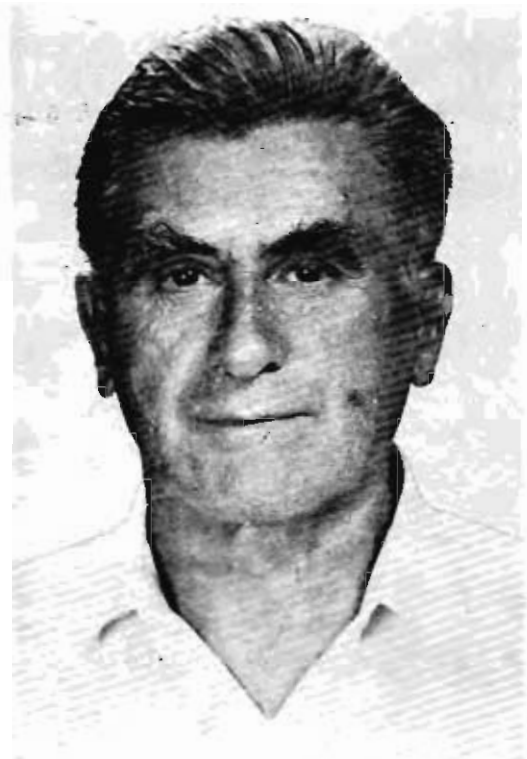


Of the first army group, Lou's note reads "L. to r.: DICK WAITS, DON FRAYSER, LOU BROWN, ? JONES, poor memory, JIM NELLUMS, RAY McROBERTS, and ELVIN PENNINGTON. Says it was taken in '42 on the East Range, east of Wahiawa.



Of the second group, he says "L. to r.: DON FRAYSER, ? GROSSMAN, ELVIN PENNINGTON, RICHARD WAITS, JIM NELLUMS, LOU BROWN, RAY McROBERTS and ? JONES.

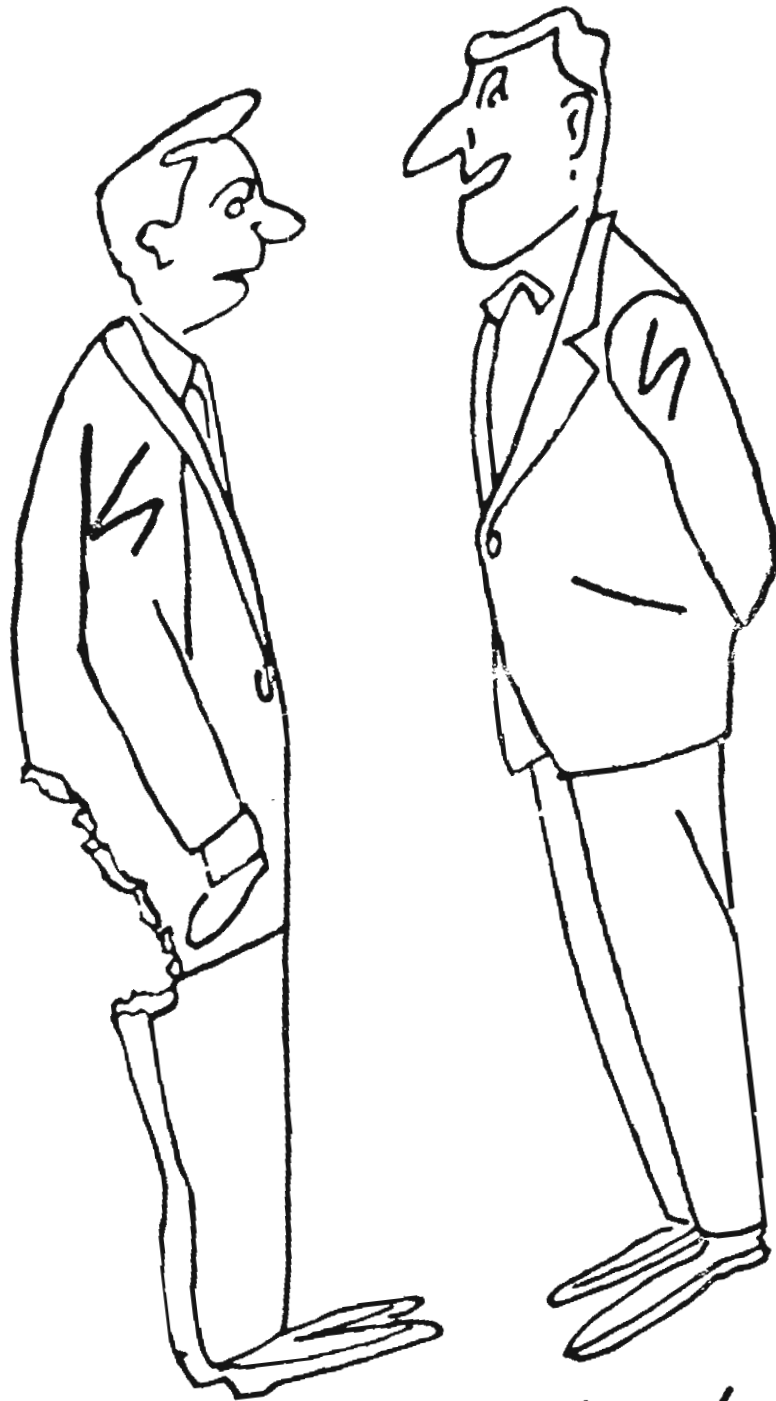
Bronson shaved his head for his role in "Hard Times". Wonder how much Columbia had toupee him? Look; they can't all be gems.



Word has reached us of the passing, on the day following Christmas, of Rev. WILLIAM J. WALTER, (Div.Hq. '43-'45). He had returned to the U.S. from the Caroline Islands, in a weakened condition, a few short weeks before. He spent his last days at the Veteran's Hospital in the Bronx, close to Fordham where he once - taught. After his death, the Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Michael's Church in his native city, Buffalo. At his own special request and in accordance with the wishes of the people he served and loved so well, Father Walter's body was returned to the Island of Mogmog in the Ulithi Islands, where he built his last Church.

The 24th Signal Battalion, the "Voice of Victory" was formally activated at Stewart last Nov. 21. First organized as Company L, Signal Corps, the unit was redesignated a year later, 1906, as Company B, 3rd Field Battalion. Joining the Hawaiian Division in 1922, the battalion became part of the 24th in '41 as the 24th Signal Company. The unit became a battalion again in '58. Deactivated in '70 along with the Division at Riley, the battalion takes its place among the 15 like-size units at Ft. Stewart, with Lt.Col. ROBERT R. SIDERIUS, commanding. Top NCO of the unit is S/Mjr. ROBERT E. IVEY.

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*"What did the Boss have to say?"*