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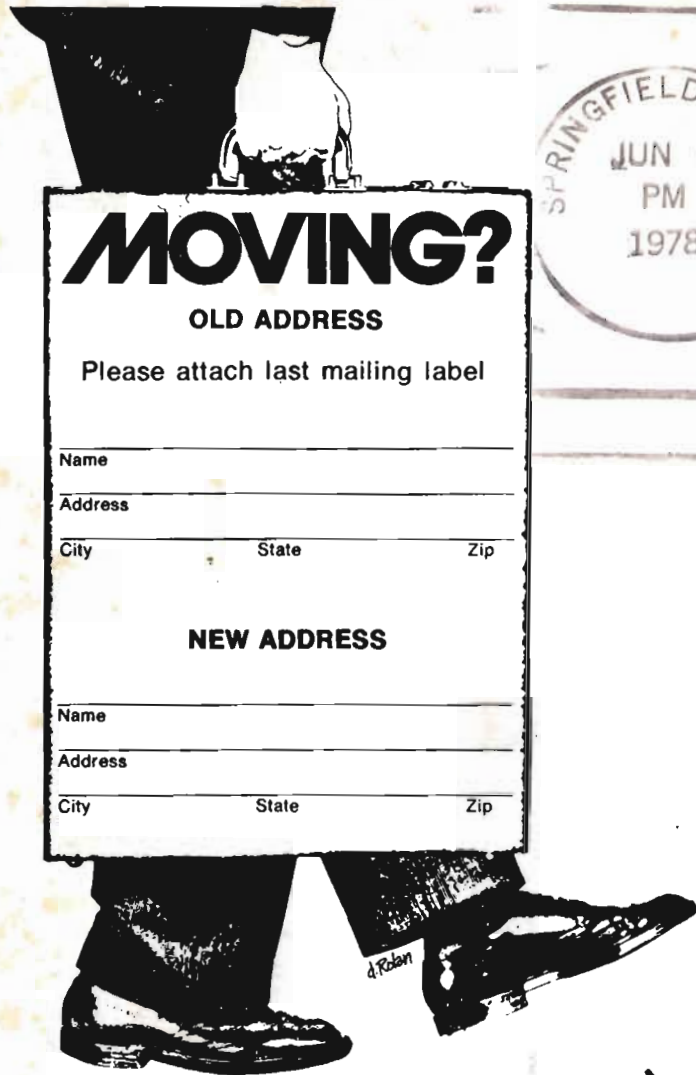
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Taro Leaf

24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

*To all members
of the
24th Infantry Division Association,
their wives, families, and friends...*

A special invitation from me on behalf of the greatest group I've ever had the pleasure of being with. Come join us at Savannah in August (3-4-5-6). The success of our convention depends on all who come, and remember, the more the merrier.

Most of the activity is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 4, and Saturday, Aug. 5, with Aloha's on Sunday, Aug. 6. Those who come early can mingle with others to get that relaxed feeling of togetherness in our Hospitality Room.

If you are a new member, and this is your first time, it won't take long to get acquainted. All you have to do is let us know you are there.

As for the "old timers" who have been to many get-togethers in the past, they won't have any problem in entertaining themselves or others.

To remember, get your reservations in early, as this promises to be one of the greatest conventions, — and we have had many of them.

Sincerely,

John E. Klump
President

24th Infantry Division Association

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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any unit ever formally "attached" to the 24th Infantry Division. Dues are \$10.00 per annum inclusive of a subscription to the publication, Taro Leaf.

The Association is a strictly, non-military, non-rank, non-profit organization of men and women who serve or once served together and desire only to keep alive the warm friendships formed in that service. Our purpose is only one of good will toward our comrades in arms. We ask nothing and expect nothing, as an Association, from the White House, the Capitol or the Pentagon. We are as non-official as we can possibly be.

Quality Inn provided superior banquet service and brunch on Sunday, as well as comfortable lodgings. The nearby Army War College at Carlisle Barracks especially opened the Omar Bradley museum for the members for a tour on Saturday. It is generally closed on weekends. In addition, the Carlisle tour included a visit to a Revolutionary War Forge which, during the Indian Wars, served as a prison, an Indian cemetery, and the athletic facilities used by the Olympian, Jim Thorpe.

Col. JAMES PRICE, a member of the faculty at the War College who served with the 21st in '53 and '54, was guest speaker at the banquet on May 6. He showed the development of weaponry since World War I, and explained the comparative strength of the U.S. and U.S.S.R. today.

"Nuclear capability is at about parity," the colonel said, "but our greater sophistication to accurately hit targets gives us an edge at present."

In showing some of the new weapons of the Army, the colonel said, "One of our major developments is the combining of laser-equipped missiles and helicopters, which provides us with a devastating defense against Soviet tanks."

In talking about today's volunteer Army, Col. Joseph Clelan, Commander of Army recruiting in central Pennsylvania, said that the quality of our young service people today is higher than ever. A film strip he exhibited showed dramatic changes in barracks life, and facilities the young people have.

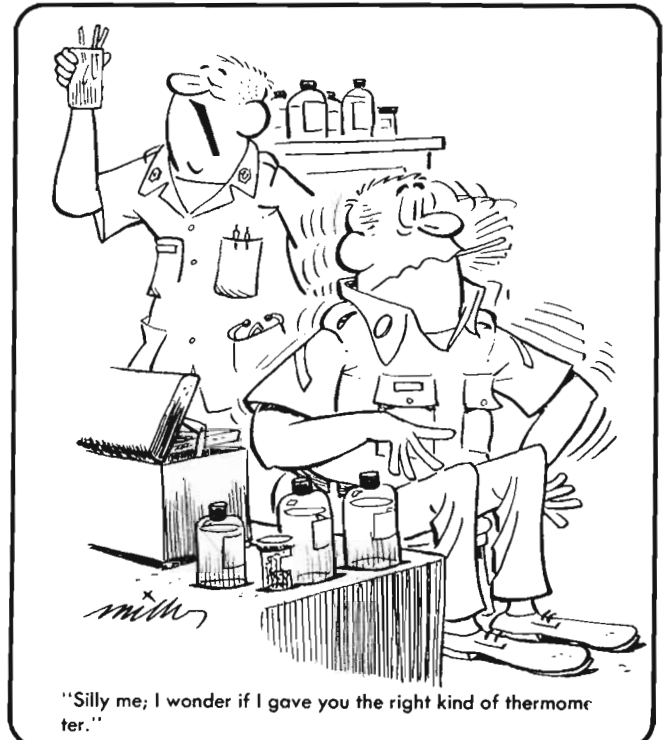
Association President JOHN KLUMP, in brief remarks, provided some of the highlights of the forthcoming national

More than 40 persons attended a meeting of the newly-formed Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association, in Carlisle, Pa., on May 6th and 7th. Highlights of the two-day event included:

- * a tour of the historic Carlisle Barracks, the Army's second oldest post;
- * informative and interesting speakers who told of the state of today's volunteer Army, and the changes in tactics and strategy since World War I;
- * a business meeting that endorsed the permanent establishment of the "Mid-Atlantic Chapter, 24th Infantry Division Association."

DALLAS DICK (Major, Retired) will be chairman of next year's get-together, assisted by DAVID STANLEY - this year's energetic chairman - and CHARLES A. SHEPLEY. All are former Chicks. The members voted to hold the reunions annually in May, and voted to hold the next reunion in the general area of Harrisburg in 1979.

"It was a great place to have a meeting," SPIKE O'DONNELL said. The



convention in Savannah in August.

STANLEY, in concluding remarks, especially thanked DALLAS DICK for acting as reunion registrar, and AL WAGONHURST for coordinating tour transportation.

Those attending the event included --

Robert & Rose Anderson, 24th Med.
1013 9th Ave., New Brighton, PA.

Dallas & Peggie Dick, 19th Inf. '35-'45
1701 Bridge St., New Cumberland, Pa.

Stanley & Jerry Fairbrothers, 63d FA '42
P.O.Box 14, Laughlinton, PA.

Edmund Henry, Div.Hq. '44
21 Park St., Attleboro, MA.

Thomas I. & Joan Farrier, Sig.Co. '49
319 Lombard St., Reading, PA.

John Fedock, 19th Inf. '41
RD 3, Box 292, Shippensburg, PA.

Calvin Garrett, Div.Hq. '44
806 Linden Ave., Hanover, PA.

Fred J. & Jerry Gilliam, Sig.Co. '41
113 William St., Springdale, PA.

John E. & Hilda Klump, 34th Inf. '45
and Guests, Wesley and Mary Booker
(Son-in-law and daughter)
RD 1, Box 253, Guilford, IN.

H.E. & Momoko McClure, 3d Engr. '53
2270 Lohrer Rd., Fairview, PA.

Leo J. & Josephine McDonnell, 24th QM -'53
1715 Prospect Ave., Scranton, PA.

Charles E. & Helen McMichael 19th Inf. '44
158 Freeport Rd., Butler, PA.

J. Spike O'Donnell and daughter, Michele
424 Park Ave., River Forest, IL.

Matthew & Josephine Sabatine 21st Inf. '44
616 Roseto Ave., Roseto, PA.

Walter E. & Marjorie Scherer Div.Hq. '41
3 New St., Warren, PA.

David L. Stanley 19th Inf. '51
74 Oak Ridge Dr., York, PA.

Ronald G. & Beverly Young 19th Inf. '51
109 Gold St., Reading, PA.

Arland H. & Peggy Wagonhurst 21st '45
110 Union Hall Rd., Carlisle, PA. 5th RCT-
'50 -
Div.Hq. - '68

Charles A. & June Shepley 19th '41-'45
864 Eden Rd., Lancaster, PA.

Joseph I. & Margaret Peyton 19th '43-'45
1405 Belmore Ct., Lutherville, Md.

Salutes go out to Dave, Dallas, and the others who worked so hard to get this balloon off the ground. They did.

As their first official act following organization, they sent along a \$55.00 contribution - a "donation by the chapter for use in publishing the History". Thanks, gang, thanks very much.

You may know that Springfield, Mass., is the home of Webster's Dictionary. What you may not know is how it all began. Noah Webster wrote it. But why? Well it seems that Noah's wife, Bessie, was a very cynical woman. Everytime Noah would say anything, Bessie would snarl back: "Well, what's that supposed to mean?" So Noah wrote the book.

TOM UPTON who sprayed that Malaria control stuff throughout Goodenough and New Guinea, is recovering nicely from hip surgery. He'd been carrying a pin for 15 years; broke it way back then. And the pin just wouldn't last forever. Now this. Postcard him at 4 Dartmouth, Forest Hills, N.Y.

DANNY CUOMO and HAROLD FRITZ of B Co. 34th are trying to locate Capt. JESSE BROMFIELD (of S.C.?) and Capt. HOWARD BABB (of Fla.?), each of whom commanded their company at some time during WW II. They also want to locate FRANCIS "Red" MILLER likewise of Baker Company who, when last heard from, was working out of the Colombia, S.C. post office.



"He's still looking for the smoking lamp to see if it's really lit."





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Dear 24th Infantry Division Association Member:

I wish to extend my warmest welcome to all of you who will be attending the meeting this August in Savannah, Georgia. It is indeed a great pleasure to be associated with such a professional group of people who share a mutual history of bravery and dedication to duty.

Coordination has been established with COL Rubin who is, as you know, the convention chairman. Be assured Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield is willing to assist in as many ways as possible to make this a worthwhile venture for those attending the convention. Probably the most memory-triggering event of the convention will be a tour through the recently opened 24th Infantry Division Museum, reflective of the past, and observing the present development and readiness of the "Taro-Leaf" ("Victory") Division.

I am anxiously awaiting the opportunity to meet with you all.

Warmest regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of James B. Vaught is written over the typed name and title.

JAMES B. VAUGHT
Major General, USA
Commanding

SAVANNAH

The grande dame of the Deep South

by Don Freeman

Savannah is all lush scents and tranquillity, a soft Southern murmur of a city, with the languid charm of a storied past. It is a profoundly sensual city—if Savannah were a woman, she would be, I think, the early Ava Gardner of *The Barefoot Contessa*. It is also an unhurried city with a passion for quiet. "No tearing Northern hustle, no ceaseless hotel racket, no crowds," wrote William Makepeace Thackeray in 1855 after a holiday in this Georgia low-country seaport.

Thackeray's Savannah has endured, in essence, to a startling degree, preserved and restored by enterprising Savannahians with a stubborn pride in their city and its traditions. Nearly a century after the English author's visit, a group of Savannah women organized to protest the inroads of creeping progress. These tough-minded Southern ladies—no Blanche DuBois in this crowd—had seen one landmark, the site of the city market since Colonial days, leveled and replaced by a parking structure.

Then the Davenport House, one of the last Georgian-style buildings remaining in Savannah, was about to be debased into another graceless steel hovel for parked cars. Angered, the women raised \$300,000 and saved the building. Subsequently, they formed the Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc., which in the last twenty-odd years has led the way in restoring most of old Savannah, all with private capital. As a result of their efforts, the visitor to Savannah is enveloped by a special mood and feeling as heady as the aroma of the dogwood, the sumac, the mulberry and the Confederate jasmine, a most seductive mix of elixirs.

Close to a thousand old homes and buildings were restored in a section embracing some 2½ square miles that has since been designated as the country's largest urban National Historic Landmark. It's a leafy history book with twenty parks and squares—all invitingly serene—in the heart of the city and bordered on the north by the Savannah River. Along the cobbled streets there is dignity and splendor in the restored homes, some turned into museums, others still lived in. Many are occupied by young Savannah families returned to the city core from the suburbs. The elegance comes in Victorian Gothic, Greek Revival, Georgian, Colonial, Regency, with wrought-iron balconies, graceful arches, gleaming woodwork, drawing rooms, salons, gardens. All of this pleases the eye and elevates the spirit.

"Savannah is like a mint julep," an old saying goes. "It should be sampled at a leisurely pace." It is good to begin at the **Visitors Center**, housed in a restored old railroad depot dating back to the national tragedy which many in Savannah still resolutely choose to call the War of the Northern Aggression. Walking along the roofed train shed behind the Center, a page out of Margaret Mitchell, I was swept by a wistful sense of the past and its shared memories of lost causes.

Sights to See

In the 1850s, the Swedish author and early feminist Fredrika Hermer wrote: "Savannah is the most charming of cities . . . the maiden in the greenwood." This lasting charm may be savored best by leisurely walks through the squares shaded by those grand old oaks: through **Johnson Square** where, on August 10, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to a wildly cheering assemblage; through **Forsyth Park** with its splashes of azaleas and its oddly forlorn monument to the Confederacy, and through **Montreux Square**, laid out in 1847 to hail the capture of Monterey, Mexico, a year earlier by General Zachary Taylor.

One of a number of restored homes open to the public, the **Owens-Thomas House** on Oglethorpe Square is probably my favorite, the most beautiful example of English Regency architecture in America. This intriguing mansion is alive with imaginative design—curved walls and curved doors and a small bridge that spans a portion of the upstairs hall. It is pleasantly intoxicating to linger there and enjoy, in the mind's ear, the precise and stately rhythms of the gavottes that once rang through its halls.

Stroll down **River Street** and **Factors' Walk** where fortunes from cotton were once gained and lost. The city's roots are there, by the waterfront, and it remains a port of call for ships from around the world. Besides the **Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum**, a memento to the city's salty past, the **River Street Plaza** includes shops, boutiques, art galleries and cheery places to slake a thirst with names like the Boar's Head and the Blue Bull. A short amble up the ancient stone stairway, up past the oleanders and palmetto trees, leads to **Herb House** on Broad Street, built in 1734 and still the oldest standing building in Georgia. The blue shutters were believed to ward off evil spirits, and perhaps they do.

A few steps lead to the city's most famous restaurant, the 23-room **Pirates' House**, which was a rowdy tavern for 18th-century seamen and, legend persists, pirates. One of its walls boasts memorabilia of a revered hometown boy who made good—the late songwriter Johnny Mercer who, they say, had Savannah in mind when he wrote the lyrics to "Moon River."

As America's first planned city, with a population today of about 120,000, Savannah remains close to what General James Oglethorpe, its founder, had in mind when he laid out a network of wide streets and flowery squares modeled, it is said, on Peking, of all unlikely places. A history buff's delight, Savannah is great with pride over its many firsts: the first Girl Scout troop was formed here, the world's first Sunday school, the first public school in Georgia. Golf was first played on American shores in Savannah, in 1796, by newly arrived Scots. Eli Whitney invented his cotton gin on a nearby plantation in 1793. And, in the spring of 1791, Washington actually did sleep here.

For a city of the Deep South, Savannah is surprisingly rich in ethnic flavor, much of it traceable to the mix that Oglethorpe, a true visionary, included on his first shiplord from England in 1733. Among the townspeople are descendants of English Anglicans, Scots Presbyterians, Irish Catholics, French Huguenots, German Lutherans and Sephardic Jews from Spain and Portugal. The South's first Jewish congregation, Mickve Israel, was begun in 1735 by Jews who had arrived from London five months after the founding of the colony. One of them, Abraham Minis, died on the voyage, but his wife, Abigail, gave birth to the first white male child born in Georgia—their son Philip. The Jewish influence on this Southern city is still felt—Savannahians insist that **Gottlieb's** restaurant on Bull Street is the best of its kind anywhere south of the Stage Delicatessen in Manhattan.

A hot pastrami with a side order of grits? Only in Savannah. ■

William Colby, the former CIA head, now leads the pack for kissing and telling. He too has a book, "Honorable Men". Colby enjoyed the implicit thrust of the administrations he served. Now he talks. What possesses these people to drool at the mouth? Doing so - especially for the head of a secret intelligence agency - is an act of bad faith. Why he has felt compelled to wash the dirty linen one more time escapes us. There was no intrinsic need for it. If the head of the firm sees fit to write his book, once out, why condemn the privates down the line who do the self same thing? And to make matters worse, he had to make a self-promotional performance on the CBS show "60 Minutes". Is there no decency left?



We just got a hot flash about a Texas cowboy who jumped out of bed and broke one of his socks.

VETERANS' BILLBOARD

Q - What are the requirements for a veteran to obtain medical care at a VA hospital?

A - Veterans discharged from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions who need treatment for service-connected disabilities, have first priority. Veterans needing medical attention for nonservice-connected disabilities may also receive treatment if they certify their inability to pay for such treatment elsewhere, and space is available.

The most considerate man in the world is the one who shovels paths in the snow on his yard his paperboy uses to cut across each day.

WHERE AND WHAT IN SAVANNAH

To Stay: The in-town Ramada Inn.
To Dine: The Pirates' House is first class, with superb Oysters Savannah (open Sunday.) The Olde Pink House, in an 18th century showcase mansion, is celebrated for its Riverfront Gumbo and Old Savannah Trifle. Go to Johnny Harris' for ribs and fried chicken; survey the Intracoastal Waterway from Tasse's Pier. Teeple's Seafood has the only local oyster bar. The 1790 Restaurant blends continental cuisine with Old South touches. At the Old Crystal Beer Parlor, a landmark since 1933, they serve up what Southern author William Price Fox describes as "the world's greatest hamburgers and world's greatest country-style, fresh-fried potatoes". He doesn't exaggerate by much.

Escape is difficult but possible from Communist-ruled nation, but impossible from a Communist-ruled world.

Make plans now -

Savannah Reunion

August 4th and 5th

Some will arrive as early as

August 2nd and 3rd

We'll all go home

August 6th.

Customer: "Just look at this chicken you served me! One leg is longer than the other."

Waitress: "Were you planning to eat the chicken, or dance with it?"



Opening of the Four Seasons Shoppette in the Fort Stewart Mall area became official after ribbon-cutting ceremonies early in May. Maj. Gen. JAMES B. VAUGHT, officiated, assisted by the lovely Miss Patty Ko, store manager. Besides food, garden supplies and the newsstand, the shop features toys, bicycles, lawn furniture and pet shop. The Four Seasons Shoppette is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. We'll be in to see you, Patty.

Newly-joined FRANK J. BEESLEY, JR., (19th '32-'34 & '38-'41; Hq. 1st Bn. & C Co., 19th '49-'51), of 1545 38th St. N., St. Petersburg, Fla., says that he thinks his mother-in-law is nearsighted. Seems she came over one day without her glasses and stood there and nagged a coat hanger for ten minutes.

Minor Russian incidents were recently rung up in one week in North America when the following events occurred: The Russian Flu hit the U.S., a crippled nuclear-powered Soviet satellite hit the earth in northern Canada, and a Soviet motorist with diplomatic immunity hit an American taxpayer's car in Washington, D.C.

You are getting old when you have lines on your face and also on the face of your spectacles.

They are now trying to develop a low-calorie sweet potato.

The Division's first - and only - target acquisition unit, Battery G (TA), 333d Field Artillery, was activated recently. Major General JAMES B. VAUGHT, called Battery G, "the most sophisticated battery in the Division," referring to the battery's equipment, which includes weapons locating radar, and highly developed sound and visual target locating instruments. The mission of the target acquisition battery is just that - the acquisition of targets for the Division's artillery to fire on. Its highly skilled technicians accomplish that task by electronically sighting on incoming projectiles and, through complex mathematical and meteorological computation, locating the weapon that fired the round at the friendly forces. That information is passed to the Artillery Commander, who selects the targets to fire upon which will best accomplish the Division's tactical plan. Capt. DANIEL A. JURCHENKO, the unit's first commander, noted in his remarks that Battery G was one of only 16 such units in today's Army, and pledged that the final link in the Division's chain would be a strong one.

Dunks give drinking a bad name.

It is reported that a move is underway to abolish the exclamation mark. People aren't surprised at anything any more.

Sugar, as well as salt, may contribute to high blood pressure, according to work by Dr. Gerald S. Berenson and his colleagues at Louisiana State University's School of Medicine in New Orleans. The concentration of salt and sugar in the studies were close to what is found in typical "junk foods," so investigations will now begin to study the diets of school children and the effects.

According to Contributing Editor JACK "Pineapple" FINAN: "Happiness is... ..sitting down to watch some slides of your neighbors vacation and finding out that he just spent two weeks in a nudist colony."

Our Wanderin' Boy WALTER CUNNINGHAM postcards us from Moscow so we suspect that he missed this year's running of the Derby at Churchill Downs, a "must" event for W.C. in years past.



There's trouble afoot. This appeared on page 10 of our last issue. Now DANNY CUOMO and HAROLD FRITZ tell us it was a B Co. 34th photo. Who's on first?



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Soviet Russia's greatest export is starting wars for smaller communist countries to fight.

People who don't read the fine print sometimes have their day in court.

We asked for comments on the idea of paying the Slovic widow that \$70,000. This came in from RALPH LANDRY, (19th '50-'51), of Los Angeles, Calif.: "..... I think this is just another step in the total breakdown of authority as we soldiers knew it. President Carter seems to jump at every opportunity that comes along to "give in" to the cry baby panel that must camp outside his office in the White House. Although I feel for the widow and her plight...to pay her \$70,000.00 just because she is old and feeble does not seem to be justice in any sense of the word. If payments are to be made, I suggest that the widows of deceased servicemen KIA be paid instead. I think that strong protest should be voiced to prevent this from becoming a reality and the members of our organization should get in touch with their reps. in Washington, D.C. who can pass our feelings along to President Carter so he won't sign any special interest bills placed on his desk by the "cry baby panel". I am proud that our Division had no such "foul-up" in our ranks to spoil our record..... Cheers, Ralph - and thanks for answering.

Archie Highball says that Monday is a terrible way to spend one-seventh of your life.

And here is a quick loan company named, "From Now Until Eternity".

Joined: Lt.Col. HAYWOOD STANLEY, (555 FA & 11th FA '51-'53) of Box 115, Four Oaks, N.C. Haywood asks if we've heard about the young Polish gentleman who, when told that the winter was half over, took off one of his snow tires.

Cost of printing last issue - 1550 copies for \$587.53. That's 37¢ per copy.

Economy move. We've gone to the extra outside pages in our issue which means the elimination of the pesky brown envelope which was costing us about 5¢ each time we used one. Any complaints.

JACK FINAN offers this: "Happiness is... seeing the cab driver who just passed you by as you stood in the pouring rain skid into a police car at the next corner".

This is one for the books said the carpenter as he built the library.

The Division Museum has located exhibits at various points on post. These displays depict wars in which Division units participated including the Indian Wars, Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection, First and Second World Wars, and Korean War. Weapons, uniforms, equipment, insignia, awards and decorations, and documents and pictures of wars designating which divisional and installation units were engaged are shown in the exhibits which may be viewed at the Main Post Exchange, Top Five Club, Ft. Stewart Branch of the Hinesville Bank, Welcome/Inprocessing Center, Officer's Club, Post Library, and Post Headquarters. The Museum is in the process of accumulating historical items relating to the Division and welcomes all donations of artifacts, documents, pictures, and memorabilia relating to any of America's wars from the Civil War onward, especially if the history of the item is known. The museum will reimburse the donor for the cost of shipment. For more information call (912) 767-4891.

Rumor has it that Tarzan is moving. Seems that Jane has grown tired of the baboon docks.

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parks and squares. Boating, fishing, and golfing are year-round activities.



Pictured above are just a few of the more than 2,000 historical buildings found in Georgia's oldest city.



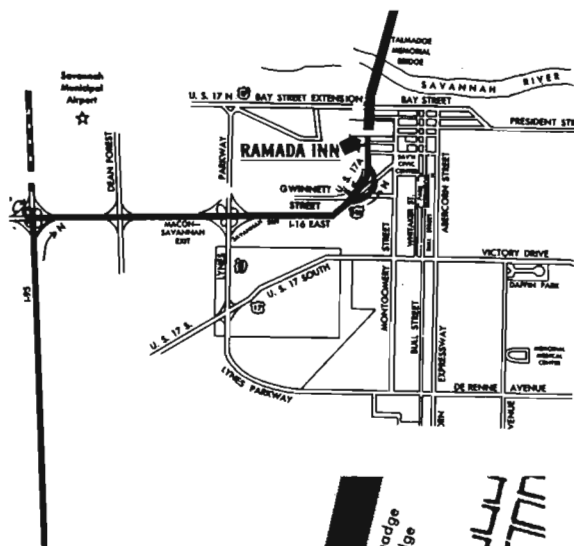
One of the difficulties in life is trying to laugh when some person tells you the same joke for the second time.

You never see a copy of "Prevention" magazine in a medical doctor's office.

A letter from one Filomeno Lapinig has been received. He's now at 318 55th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., but he used to live in Davao. He made an appeal in VFW magazine and it was spotted by LOU PERRY down in Abbeville, La. Lou referred Filomeno to us. Here's part of what he wrote: "I was an errand boy of an anti tank company of the 24th Division when you were in Davao City. I am looking for a certain Sergeant Taylor from Arkansas and Corporal Porky of Peoria, Ill. I have a notebook then, which has the names and address of all the members of that cannon company and because of the lapse of time I lost it. I plan to join your annual reunion at Ramada Inn, Savannah, Ga. come August. According to Mr. Perry, there were only three cannon companies so if you can please give me all the names of the members of the three companies I think I could remember some of them and I could easily trace the whereabouts of my two friends.

"I would like to tell you of myself. After the war, I finished my High School at the Davao City High in 1946. I went to Manila to look for a job and study. I worked with the Bureau of Public Works from 1946 to 1951 and at the same time I study at night. I finished Commerce in 1949 and took the C.P.A. examination in the same year. In July 1951, I transferred to the Bureau of Internal Revenue until February 1976 when I was allowed by the U.S. immigration to be a permanent resident of this country. I was married in December 1953 and have 8 children. My entire family is here in New York."

With no scientific foundation, some people think that the U.S. post office svstem has spells of mail menopause.



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ROUTE 17A AT TALMADGE BRIDGE—INTOWN

We just can't adequately describe the good works of Membership Chrm. HOWARD LUMSDEN. He rounded up two Life Members and two regular members in 1 day. For Life Memberships, there were JIM CLOCHER, (724 Ord. '45) of 48 S.Fairview, Roslindale, Mass. and Dr. WADE HERITAGE, (Div.Surg. '49-'51), of Southern Pines, N.C. For regulars, there were Col.IRWIN FEINBERG, (B&C 11th F '49-'50), of Sunnyvale, Calif. and JESSE SKIPPER (H 21st '38-'44), of Hialeah, Fla.

MYRL and Gladys BROWN, (M 34 '44-'45) of Prairie du Chien, Wis., made it back to the P.I. last spring. Myrl is a sheriff of Crawford County.

"Judge" ALVA CARPENTER, (JAG '42-'45), writes us from 4850 Ocean Beach Blvd., Cocoa Beach, Fla. that he was hospitalized 3 times last summer - "ticker wouldn't stabilize" - and "my eyes are deteriorating - say nothing can be done". And now for the GREAT news - Judge hopes to be at Savannah.

Past Prexy ROSS PURSIFULL, (34th '42-'45), at 2336 Edgewood, Grand Rapids, Mich., has sent to the Ft.Stewart Museum Curator a few Japanese items of interest. So at least a few of us are trying to be of help there. Thanks Ross.



It's ribbons for JIM SHIRAH, (D 34th '56-'57), of 616 47th St., Columbus, Ga., when Lt.Gen. George SHOEMAKER, made this award at Hood last July upon Jim's retirement. And in the other one, Bonnie also received a citation for putting up with Jim for 15 years of tours in "Okinawa, Laos, Viet Name and other remote places". Jim was in MI before it fell all apart. U.S. Army photographs.



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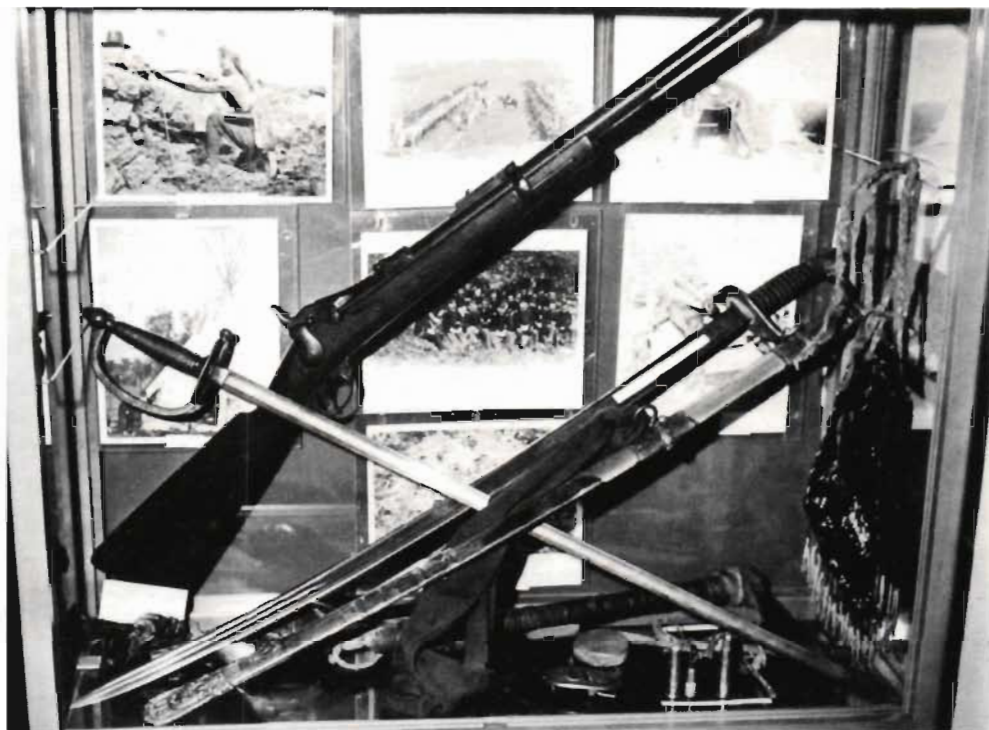
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The Division Museum has a display of Indian War pictures and artifacts in the Main Post Exchange. The artifacts include a Colt 6-shooter, pepperbox pistol, .45-70 caliber "trapdoor" Springfield rifle, cavalry saber, noncommissioned officer sword, and other Indian items. The 2nd Battalion of both the 19th and the 21st and the 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry, trace their lineage to the Indian War. (U.S. Army Photo by Specialist 4 Kathy Carpenter).

From JOHN A. WETTERAU, (19th '34-'43), of Box 54, Grants Pass, Ore., comes this one of the first three graders of the 19th at Schofield before WW II. Johnny was 1st Sgt. of Service Company when this was taken. He retired in '47 as a Major. Is now a young 89. Which one is Johnny in this picture? You didn't tell us Major Wetterau.

A note from Nell REHM reads "WALT's recovery is slow. Major surgery in the spring of '76 and again in the spring of '77 nearly knocked him out. He works 4 days a week and comes home terribly tired. We're looking forward to better days and we may even be with you in Savannah in August". Great spirit, there, Nell. Card Walt, who was in the 34th from '43-'46 at 481 S. 4th St., Ste. Genevieve, Mo. He's a dentist there.

ED SHIRLEY (24th Sig. '43-'45), of 8531 Margerita, Orland Park, Ill., wants an Assoc. Directory. Anyone else? It'll run anywhere from \$750 - 1000.00.

BOB HARDIN suggests that we each write our You-know-who in You-know-where about H.R. 1871, a bill introduced 1-13-77 by Mr. Montgomery and which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The bill proposes to amend section 312 of title 38, United States Code, by providing a two-year presumptive period of service connection for the psychoses which develop within two years from the date of separation from active service.

VETERANS' BILLBOARD

Q. -I am the 18-year-old son of a veteran who has a 60 per cent service-connected disability. Am I eligible for Veterans Administration educational benefits?

A. -Only children of veterans who suffered permanent, total disabilities or who died from service-connected causes, or children of military service personnel missing in action or prisoners of war for more than 90 days are eligible for education benefits.

A person can't maintain a low profile by dieting.



"I think it's time we offered them foreign aid."



HOWARD and Rita BRUNO, (Hq. Co. 1st Bn 34th '45-'46), write us from Box 6272, Tucson, Ariz. Wouldn't you know a letter carrier would have a box? Here they are-40th wedding anniversary last year. The folks moved to Ariz. 20 years ago because of daughter, Paula's health. She is now a healthy beauty of 23. Great work, folks. Howard would like to hear from any of his old gang. He and Rita have a new motor home and plan on travelling when he retires next year. ALEX and Berna NAGY (D 34 '44-'46) stopped by to see them recently. They're now at 2957 N. Hampton, Springfield, Ohio.

DALE FIELDS, (C 19th), of Spokane, Wash., is a story teller of the first order. Here's one he has sent to us:

"It was a cold and bitter day on November 11, 1942 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Two hundred of us draftees were standing in a large hall, naked as jaybirds. We were each standing on two white-painted footprints on the floor. In front of us was a brand new Medical Captain and behind him was a T-5 with a clipboard.

"Each of us had been examined by the doctor, grabbing our utensils and asking us to cough (to one side). We had done the side straddle hop and with eyes closed put our fingers together in front of us after starting them from the sides.

"All the tests had been made and the doctor in his gruffest voice said, 'Now, men, I want you all to urinate in those jars over there' as he pointed to a rack of jars in the corner of this large hall. There was great silence. Then the doctor, no doubt realizing some of the men in that hall did not know what one word he had used meant, said 'I mean I want you to make water in those little bottles over there.'

"I was in the far corner, but behind me was a boy from Arkansas with the usual Arky drawl. And that fellow boomed out 'From way over here, Doc?' And that's when the place erupted. And that's also when the veins in that doctor's forehead stood out and a T-5 behind him was having trouble not breaking up.

"What a way to enter the Army!" Loved it, Dale. Many thanks!!!



Look at what the 101st A/B Div.Assoc and active Division have had constructed on Memorial Drive at Arlington National Cemetery. It honors their 30,000 casualties of WW II and Nam.

In this age of verbal maelstroms, Pentagonese, and xeroxgraphy, permit us to offer a concise, logical model of military writing from the far simpler era of the Civil War:

To Major General Early:

General: General Jackson desires to know why he saw so many of your stragglers in the rear of your division today?

Signed: A.S.Pendleton, A.A.G.

Dear General Jackson:

In answer to your note I would state that I think it is probable that the reason you saw so many of my stragglers on the march today is due to the fact that you rode in the rear of my division.

Respectfully,

Jubal Early, Major General.

South Korea: recipient of \$4,912,000,000 in U.S. economic aid and \$6,711,000,000 in military assistance over the last quarter century. And worse, as it comes down to a grubby scandal in which the Koreans used money allocated by the Congress to try to "buy" the Congress. What hurts is that a lot of American lives along with a lot of agony, sweat, tears and blood are sinking in that cesspool of greed, crookedness and tyranny.

Trivia - "Leave It To Beaver" - Remember that TV show - circa 1957-63? Well, the Beaver, Jerry Mathers is selling real estate in L.A. Now 29, he married a high school Latin teacher! Latin? Leave it to Beaver.

Show us a man who plays golf in the rain and we'll show you a mashie nit wit.

Retired Lt.Col. ROBERT BACON writes to thank us for our copy but would like more on his cronies of Augsburg and Munich days, vintage '58-'61. So would we.

EDWARD OLENDER, (look at this - I 21st '41-'42, C34th '49-'50, and L 19th '50-'51), sends in dues faithfully from Tillson, N.Y.

WHAT WARS HAVE COST U.S.

	Combat Deaths	Wounded	Money
Revolutionary War (1775-1782)	4435	6188	\$75 million
War of 1812 (1812-1815)	2260	4505	\$134 million
Mexican War (1846-1848)	1733	4152	\$166 million
Civil War* (1861-1865)	234,000	382,000	\$ 4 billion
Spanish-American (1898)	385	1662	\$576 million
World War I (1917-1918)	53,402	204,002	\$25.7 billion
World War II (1941-1945)	291,557	670,846	\$341 billion
Korea (1950-1953)	33,629	103,284	\$ 54 billion
Vietnam (1961-1973)	45,937	303,616	\$137 billion

*Combat killed and wounded for both Union and Confederate forces, Union cost only.

WILBUR "Rabbit" HILL, (I 21st '41-'45), of 2311 New Berne, Richmond, Va., has rejoined. Was a member 30 years ago. Ran a barbershop in Rockhampton. Says the hardest part of that job was shaving his Captain every a.m. Is looking for Lieut. ABLE out of S.C. and other old friends of Item Co. Rabbit and Mildred will make Savannah in August. Remember, it's the weekend of Aug. 4th and 5th and not the weekend of Aug. 11th and 12th.

As we go to press, a Marine helicopter taking part in a U.S. amphibious exercise crashed and burned on Mindoro killing at least 10 of the 39 Marines aboard.



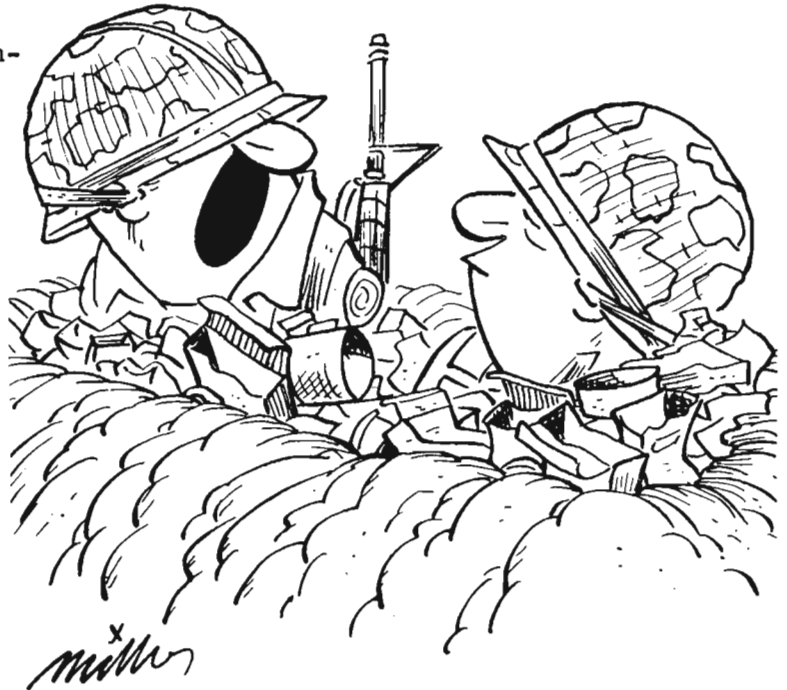
We saw the picture, liked it, and said, "We'll use it". Now, how to tie it in? Well, for one thing - it gives rise to answer the reader who had the problem of removing her cat's paw prints from her table. Here's a simple little trick. Dip a small amount of mayonnaise on a soft cloth or paper towel and gently rub it in to the wood. Wipe off any excess with a clean rag. There, how many magazines give helpful hints like this?

Did you hear about the guru who refused to let his dentist freeze his jaw because he wanted to transcendental medication?

Lost, but not forgotten - mail coming back from FRED DALLOWITZ, (H 19th '42-'45). Fred was at 3327 California, Peoria, Ill. Any leads?

Joined by ole Gimlet, DOUGLAS V. KEYSER, (D 21st '40-'44); CARSON L. KEMP, (52 F '57-'58), of 932 S.W. 36th, Lawton, Okla. Doug had this contribution to our items for this issue: "As the male jogger said to the female jogger: My pace or your pace?"

JOHN BORZILLERI wants to know the story on the Division History. It's coming, Johnnie. John sends us a story on the origin of Tappan Zee. Seems that in the 1700's, many, many people who had lost their teeth had to be content wearing ill-fitting dentures made of wood which were very painful. George Washington was one of them. A Dutchman in Tarrytown named Rudolph Flugel fashioned metal dentures which were kept firmly in place by magnets imbedded in the gums. To demonstrate their secureness he would, with Dutch dialect, invite prospective customers to "tap an' zee". He formed the Tappan Zee Bridgework Co., which became nationally known, and the span over the Hudson River was named after it. The product had one defect. When denture-wearing couples osculated, if one of the individuals had stronger magnets, he or she might inadvertently dislodge and withdraw the other's dentures. We dunno, John, but we suspect that this whole story is as false as the teeth old Flugel made or didn't make. We're running it down.



"It's your turn to take out the garbagel"

It's "Before and After" in the case of BILL SHOWEN, (21st '41-'43; 24 Recn '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis. First see our Tech 3rd at Camp Caves in Rockhampton in '43. Then see him and Rose Marie 35 - yes 35 - years later in Wisconsin. Sayeth Bill: "It was the late Robert Benchley who first said, after a swim, that he couldn't wait to get out of his wet suit and into a dry martini."

Hospital woes for TOM WISE, 795 Eddystone, Columbus, Ohio, but he's fine now. He and Wanda will make Savannah. Eureka!!

Confidentially, what's happening?

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Where do you work? _____ Your Position _____

Retirement soon _____ Any Plans for Retirement? _____

Trips Taken - where _____

Heard from _____ Address _____

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He's working for _____ Position _____

Saw _____ Address _____

Married _____ Children: Boys _____ Girls _____ Grand Children _____

He's working for _____ Position _____

Your former buddies that you hear from or see occasionally - are they members of the Association? If not - why not try a little "recruiting"? Personal contact and solicitation is much more effective than "cold turkey" solicitation.

If you are too busy - elbow bending - watching TV or working on your hobbies - ask your "better half" to fill in this page and send it in for you.

As you have been advised - unfortunately - we HAVE lost members due to the little or no news items appearing in the respective Battalion columns. Let's rectify this situation!!!!

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We don't know what this has to do with the 24th but we liked it. When apartments are cramped in a city like New York, it's nice to take a breather in the park, where chances are you'll meet someone you know and maybe idle away a few minutes. Nice, that is, unless you're a dog and the acquaintance you come face to face with is a cat. Or vice versa. Whatever the needs of their escorts, dogs and cats are notoriously short on pleasant small talk when such encounters take place. And when the situation so clearly calls for the releasing of pent-up animosities, it doesn't help matters to be pent up one's own self, inside a shopping bag or a satchel. Yeah! And that goes for that --- mouse too.

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