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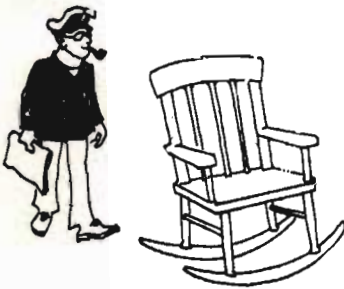

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The Division History, covering 1941-1981, will be released just as soon as the Editor, who is writing it, can finish it. Please bear with this poor, tired old man a little bit longer. The cost - \$20 per copy. Only members will be allowed to purchase copies.

BOB JOHNSON, (19th, 34th & 21st '51-'53) of Somerville, MA, keeps finding new prospective members. A real eager beaver with just one complaint. He lives at 24 Whipple Street. He says he gets mail addressed to 242 Chipple St. and 242 Shipple St. Says if his grade school teacher finds out about it she'll raise H. Says he always did have trouble in penmanship. Remember how they used to make us do those up and down strokes - and then the circles? Wow, that was umpteen years ago.

We have been waiting -- and waiting -- and waiting -- for reports from our on-the-spot reporters covering the stories of 1) the death of Maj.Gen. CHARLES B. LYMAN, the one-time regimental commander of the 21st, '42-'44, and 2) the ceremonies surrounding the dedication of the Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF theatre at Ft. Stewart, honoring our one-time Division Commander, 11/44-11/45. The awaited reports have not been forthcoming. We sentence those concerned to 10 straight hours of "My Mother The Car" reruns. Twenty minutes ago, our fat and jolly printer, Harry Rosen, called, pleading for this issue "today" -- because "the next three weeks are going to be killers, and I want to push the Taro Leaf through ahead of all else." So ahead of "all else" goes this issue sans the "Lil" Lyman and "Victoree, volleyball and valvecaps" Woodruff's stories -- along with our apologies to the readership.

From ever-thoughtful Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN -- there we go mentioning one of generals again, darn it -- comes this one on Gen. Tomuyuki Yamashita -- oops, a second one!!!

Red tells us that workers digging an irrigation project uncovered \$2.9 million worth of gold antiques believed to be the legendary World War II "Treasure of Yamashita" hidden by a Japanese general.

Word of the find brought thousands of residents armed with shovels and picks into the area near the small farming town of San Miguel in Surigao Del Sur province.

A Philippines national police spokesman said a bulldozer operator on the irrigation project unearthed a number of antique figurines and statues made of solid gold.

The spokesman said construction company officials theorized the golden antiques were part of the fabled "Treasure of Yamashita." Tales of the treasure have excited Filipino imaginations since war's end.

The stores have been persistent and tell of a large horde of loot collected by Japanese Imperial forces in Burma, Thailand, China and other Asian countries during the war.

Yamashita was assigned commander of the Japanese Imperial forces in the Philippines shortly before its liberation by Allied forces in 1945.

American forces captured, tried and hanged the Japanese general in late 1945.

Please don't fret if there's nothing on the program for every minute of every day at St. Louis. The object is just to sit back, relax, and simply enjoy one another's good company.

The Bulletin Board

Maj.Gen. JAMES F. COCHRAN, III, Commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart, has announced his retirement as of May 31st.

General Cochran is retiring after 30 years of military service. His overseas tours included both Korea and Vietnam, where he served as a battalion commander. Among his stateside assignments were Chief of Staff of the 82nd Airborne Division and Commander of the First ROTC Region.

He has been the Commander of the Division and of Fort Stewart since Aug. 3, 1979. He has guided the division in its initial role in the Rapid Deployment Force.

General Cochran intends to organize a management consulting firm in the coming months.

He leaves Division with the very warmest good wishes from each of us who once served.

As we went to press, Past President LESTER L. WHEELER, and Dottie too - of course - were touring Portugal. How we envy you wonderful folks.

Moved: CLAYTON PETERSON, to 308 Santa Margarita, San Clemente, Cal. Where have we heard of that town before?

Another mover - Lt.Col. JERRY SEYMOUR (Hq.Btry. Triple Nickel '50-'51 & 7th FA at Riley '69-'70), has moved to Box 1255, Alton, IL. Jerry's retired. He and Sandy have 6 - Holy Toledo!!! - Debbie, Steve, Amy, David, Pana & Philip. Bring the whole gang to St.Louis, Jerry.

Life Member 395 MARTIN SMITHWICK, (D 21 '43-'45), of Ponce de Leon, Mo., writes:

"Would like to hear from anyone from D 21st '43-'45. By the way, my idea of the Marines is:

MARINES -

MINI, ARMY, REAR, INF, NEWS,
ECHELON SQ."

We print'em just as we get'em; we don't always understand 'em, but we print 'em anyway.

Moved: DALE W. FIELDS, (C 19th '43-'45), Ace Syndicate, his own public relations firm, now gets its mail at N 5510 Bemis, Spokane, Washington.

Unable to fly in to Stewart for the Woodruff memorializing ceremonies, President WALTER CUNNINGHAM cabled this gracious note to the Division Commander:

"Dear General Cochran:

"The 24th Infantry Division Association expresses our deep appreciation to you and The Deputy Installation Commander for your action in designating the Fort Stewart main post theater as a memorial to the late Major General ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF. We feel this is most appropriate in honoring a superb soldier who led us in some of our most arduous operations in World War II. Col. HARRY RUBIN will represent the Association at the Dedication Ceremony. Best wishes to you and all those currently serving in the 24th Division.

WALTER CUNNINGHAM, President
24th Infantry Division Association"

Thank you, Wally, for speaking so well for so many of us.

ERRATUM and EXCUSATIO. We don't normally try to correct our errors by calling attention thereto in the next issue. Likewise as to apologies therefor. Being the writer, the task of also proofing your own copy is difficult under the best of conditions. And this is a little old one-horse outfit to begin with. So be it. But one error in the last issue haunts us. Our caption to PHIL HOSTETTER's picture of the sign inviting the boys to the brothel read that it was in Kochi, Kyushu. Kochi was in Shikoku. How could we have had such a lapse of memory? We're sorry.

Our last issue cost \$0.58 per copy to print and \$0.52 per copy to mail. That's \$1.10 to put the copy into a member's hand. Terrific arithmetic!!! Lousy economics!!! Got any ideas????

EL'TEE
BY BRUCE HIGDON



"Sarge, just because you boil some eggs in this water, that does not satisfy the requirement for chicken soup!"

President WALTER CUNNINGHAM's first call-to-mind on Brig.Gen. L'IL LYMAN upon learning of his death was of a scene in his tent at Hollandia in August of '44. Lyman had just been awarded his star and that famous rumor (false of course) of a German surrender had gone 'round the world, finally skidding in along the azure blue waters of Lake Sentani. Lyman, who had come up to Division Hqs. on some kind of business, cavalierly passed off the news when questioned about it with something like this: "The reason, of course, is obvious. They heard that Lyman has made General."

BILL DAVIDSON intercepted the news of the passing on of Brig.Gen. CHARLES B. LYMAN, regimental commander of the 21st '43-'44, on April 15th, in West Chester, PA after a long illness. He was 92.

Services and burial were at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lyman and his brother, the late Gen. Albert Lyman, were the first Hawaiians to become Army generals. He was one of three members of his family to graduate from West Point, having entered the academy in 1909.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he became responsible for martial law in the Hawaiian Islands.

Later he participated in campaigns throughout the Pacific, including Luzon and Leyte and Hollandia.

At the surrender, he was a brigadier general and combat commander of the 32nd Division and participated in the signing of the peace treaty at Baguio, Luzon.

He retired in 1946 to his horse farm in Chester County.

Lyman had a lifelong love of horses. Although an Infantry officer, he instructed the cavalry school at Ft. Riley, Kan., before the war, trained with the U.S. Olympic Polo Team and was named "Father of Polo in the Infantry" in 1929 for organizing the first infantry polo team to defeat the cavalry's polo team.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two grandchildren.

DICK AMERMAN, (D 21st '43-'45), of 83 Reed Drive, Wethersfield, CT 06109, anxious to hear from any of his old buddies - and as Dick says, "I do mean 'old'."

RAY PATTON made the trip to California all the way from St. Pete, FL where he's managing the Best Western North, 54th Ave. N., at I-275. Stop in if you're in town, looking for a motel. Ray wants us to consider his place for a convention. It's an idea, Ray. Send us your literature.

Sign on lawn: "Divorce Sale - Everything to go - including husband."

Here's a sad one - from SAM GAROFOLA of Box 74, Vernon, Fla.:

"The reason for writing this is in regard to JAMES COGBURN. My wife and I visited him recently at his mountain home in Tenn.

"I first met Cogburn in March of '41 on the 'Hunter Leggett'. I had left from the Brooklyn Navy Yard and Cogburn boarded at Charleston, S.C. On arrival at Schofield, we were both assigned to E 19th and we became good friends.

"In Feb. '43, I left the Division, but Cogburn stayed with Easy Co. through WW II and into the Korea where he was captured and then released after the war. Mentally, he has never fully recovered from this. In '53, he ran into a little misfortune when a few of the mountain boys got involved in a shooting spree and a Deputy Sheriff got caught in the crossfire and was killed. For this, Cogburn served 20 years.

"My wife and I spoke to several people from the area who feel he received a bum deal. Cogburn lives all alone in his mountain shack. We found him to be a most gentle person. He doesn't complain. No radio or TV. All he has to live for is just trying to survive, his dogs who live with him, and most of all, his memories of Easy Company.

"Now if he could hear from some of his old buddies, I know it would do wonders for him. Address is: James Cogburn, RD #1, Box 68, Huron, Tennessee 38345."

Sam, we've put the word out and we'll hope Jim Cogburn will be flooded with words of cheer. Our own is already on its way to him.

PP (That's Past President)
DICK LIGMAN, (3rd Eng.) of 4421 N. Monitor, Chicago, reports "kidney stones - meaning he has 'em, or rather had 'em. Okay, now Dick?"

RR, with his now famous quip, "I'd rather be in Philadelphia," has opened the floodgates for a revival of the terrific one-liners of all-time. Like "Damn the torpedoes; full speed ahead," or "I only regret that I have but one etc., etc...." or "Give me liberty or give me death," or our own McAuliffe's "Nuts." And don't forget Claude Raines, the urbane chief in Casablanca, for his "Round up the usual suspects." Nor W.C.Fields, with gallows humor for the hangman who asked him if he had one last request. Replied WCF: "Yes, I'd like to see Paris before I die."

Then there's Gable's "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." And never lose sight of Marilyn Monroe's show stopper when the reporter asked her what she slept in. With wide eyed innocence, came the reply, "One little drop of French perfume."

Notes for our columns come from Lt.Col. WALTER W. FRANCK, (24 QM 4/47-12/49), and for same we are grateful. Wrote Walt from 3409 Portsmouth, Hopewell, Va.:

"Nice to receive the Taro Leaf and enjoyed reading about some old buddies, especially the items submitted by my old boss and still great friend Col. Jim Ogletree. He was a great Division Quartermaster and had the 'Off Duty' handle of Uncle Jim.

"I served with the 24th QM Co. from April 1947-December 1949 at Kashii and Kokura, Japan. I would be happy to hear from the old gang; say Hello to them for me.

"M/Sgt Robert Toler, 24th QM, Retired on length of Service, several years ago, is living at 9007 Pennrose Lane, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205. Both Bob and wife, Gladys, are in poor health and would welcome hearing from old friends.

"Deceased: Major James B. Lavender, 24th Division Veterinarian, Camp Kashii Japan and Kokura - 1947-1950. "Doc" was in command of the monumental-task of cleaning up 'the rations mess' left by the Marines at Sasebo when they departed. He didn't know the word 'quit'!

"Major Thomas M. Price, 24th QM 1947-1950, at Camp Kashii, Japan and Kokura, Japan. Retired for Service connected disability in 1952. Died June 1979 in VA Hospital, Minneapolis. Tom came to the 24th via North Africa; Anzio Beach; Italy, Normandy, France & Germany. General Patton would have bestowed his high award of: 'Good Soldier'. His widow Margaret resides at 226 Grand, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

"CWO George M. Rivenbark, 24th Medics, retired on length of service, lives at Rt. 1, Box 66, Burgaw, N.C. 28425".

Great report, Walt. Thanks again.

DONALD SPAID of Div. Arty. in the '46-'47 period - that would be in Hakata, right Don? - wants to hear from men he served with. Don, which battalion? Had a back injury and is anxious to hear from fellas who remember it. There you are Don! Oops, almost forgot - Don's at Market St., Mifflinville, PA 18631. Hope this pulls for you, Don.



NICK LATANISHEN, (B19th '41-'42), of 3305 Belsford, Baltimore, MD writes: "Do want to say that in the last issue I received, I discovered a fellow member of Co. B-19th. I do enjoy the issue very much. Enclosed is my dues. Sorry I'm late and will now know better. Keep up the fine work."

Nice words, Nick. Thank you. Glad we could help you meet an old friend. That's the most rewarding part of our effort.

Do we want tee-shirts, with 24th Division emblazoned across the fronts of our hairy chests? Ah, that is the question put forward by JOHN E. CLARK of 316 Burmont, Drexel Hill, Pa. We promised Johnny we'd put the question out to you. By the way, Johnny, what unit were you in?

Anxious to make the December return to Wahoo are the FRED KLINGBAIL's, (19th and 21st '40-'45), of 217 Linwood, Stevens Point, Wis.



"Well, may I suggest we re-submit th' 'over-th-top' idea for further critical consideration?"

BILL WILLMOT, (21st '44-'46), of 1630 Venus, Merritt I., FL, has an idea. Says he: "Regimental Crests make an excellent decoration for Bolo Ties. Simply cut off or file off the clasp on the back of the insignia and glue on (with epoxy) one of the double loops that are used to hold the neck cord and presto you have a beautiful Bolo tie that proudly displays your regiment." Thank you, Bill. You never stop coming up with ideas. We appreciate it.

Lt.Gen. EDWARD L. ROWNY has been appointed by RR as his Chief arms control negotiator.

General Rowny was a member of the team that helped negotiate the strategic-arms treaty signed in Vienna two years ago. He later retired from the service to campaign against it, arguing that the treaty gave the Soviet Union an unfair advantage over the United States in terms of "heavy missiles" and the so-called Backfird bomber.

A White House announcement said that General Rowny would be special representative and chief negotiator "for arms control and disarmament negotiations," a title that could theoretically put him in charge not only of future strategic arms limitation negotiations with the Russians but also talks on reducing medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Rowny served as a battalion commander in World War II and as a regimental commander in the Korean War. He was later assistant division commander of the 82d Airborne, commander of the 24th Infantry Division in West Germany and commander of I Corps in Korea.

As a staff officer, he helped plan the amphibious landing at Inchon in the Korean War, served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was the chief logistician for the Army in Europe. He set up a team to test and evaluate counter insurgency in Vietnam and was deputy chief of research and development at the Pentagon.

A good part of General Rowny's career has been in quasi-diplomatic posts in Europe, where he has been Deputy Chief of Staff of the European Command, deputy chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Military Committee in Brussels, and the representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

to the talks on the limitation of strategic arms with the Soviet Union from 1973 to 1979.

As a scholar, he earned bachelor's degrees from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and the Military Academy at West Point, two master's degrees from Yale, and a doctorate in international relations at American University in Washington in 1977.



Associated Press

Here's one from SAMUEL W. NEWMAN, of 5413 Lake Lindenwood, Waco, TX 76710.

"A few years before WW II before the 24th Division was so named, it was the Hawaiian Division. I was a member from 1932 to 1934.

"I am trying to locate one of my friends of my younger days who served with me at Schofield in '33 and '34. It is just possible that there are members of the Association who may have known my friend of long ago. Could you run a query much like the following:

Schofield Barracks, 1933-1934.

SAMUEL W. NEWMAN, 5413 Lake Lindenwood Drive, Waco, TX is trying to locate ROBERT E. BLAKE with whom he served in HQ HAWAIIAN DIVISION 1933-1934.

Appreciate any knowledge of his whereabouts.

"I lost track of Bobby Blake early in WW II. One of our old-time mutual friends believes that Bobby was killed in France shortly after the Normandy invasion.

"I went to the Pacific in the summer of '42 - New Guinea and P.I., and came home in '45.

"Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter."

There it is Sam; anything for a Newman!!!

DICK REINKE, (Div. Hq. '44-'46), of 7015-9th Ave., Bradenton, FL, sends us this one:

If good girls go to Heaven,
And bad girls go to Hell,
Where do prostitutes go?
To the Virgin Islands
to be recycled.

We're trying hard to keep this a family paper, Dick, and here you run this kind of stuff in on us. Does Marie know you're out peddling pornographic literature? Hell, we don't even have a pornograph.

General Rowny was born in Baltimore on April 3, 1917. His father was a Polish immigrant who had lived under Russian rule and been forced to speak Russian instead of Polish. As a boy, Edward worked for his father on construction jobs, chipping cement from bricks. That grind, said a friend, taught him thrift and patience.

After his graduation from West Point in 1941, he married Mary Rita Leyko. They have five grown children, Marcia, Peter, Paul, Michael and Grayson, who is called John and is a rock-and-roll musician.

General Rowny plays golf but shoots in the high 90's. A friend says he plays the harmonica better and has been known to call up senators and sergeants on their birthdays to serenade them with "Happy Birthday."



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"Everything's fine in Kansas City" - 'scuse us, we mean "Colonial Hts., Va.-- that's right next to Petersburg and Ft. Lee. Anyway LINDY RADCLIFF lives there. He's A 52nd 6/49 - 7/51 and his street is 608 Dover Lane. Lindy married Kyung in Korea. What we started to say was that Lindy is on his way to becoming a Life Member.

KEN FENTNER favors the Niagara Hilton for our '82 convention site, 3 blocks away from the falls - 401 rooms, the largest in the area. In fact it's about the only one of a size capable of handling our crowd.

At Keystone Race Track, in PA, late in May, they ran a General Charles B. Lyman Handicap in honor of our departed brother.

LOUIS HALDEMANN, unit uncertain, of 627 Fairview, Wis., reports in faithfully with dues. He speaks of a group meeting in Williamsburg, Iowa, last July. Tell us about it, Lou. Who was there? Any pictures?

Life Member BOB CHALUPA, (Hq. 3rd Bn. 21st '45-'46), of 9541 S. 89th, Palos Hills, IL, spotted CHRISTIAN MARTIN's name and picture in our last issue. These folks visited in '50; they hope to "see them and other old friends in St. Louis in August". We're counting on you to be there Bob; be sure to bring Rita.

In case you're new at St. Louis, don't be bashful. Step forward, and press the flesh -- with anyone and everyone. In 5 minutes, it'll be like old times all over again.

RAYMOND and Peggy ANDRUS, (L 34th '43-'46) of 11843 Burgess, Whittier, CA., report in with dues. Well, Peggy does; Ray doesn't like to write. He's a lumberman, foreman of the largest yard and mill in So. Cal., and lumbermen, we know don't like to write.

DON CUBBISON, (52 F '41-'42), 1311 Weber, Clearwater, FL, suggests a Directory of Members. We've done one every 3 or 4 years. It's an expensive undertaking. That's why we haven't done it more often. We'll do it again soon, Don.

My mother-in-law is a dear. I wish the hunting season were on.





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Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN very much wanted to represent the Association at the Woodruff ceremonies at Stewart but was held back by his "ticker problem" which acts up on him now and then. As Red wrote:

"I had called Stewart and reported that I would represent the Association.

"I had also written Maj.Gen. Cochran -- a matter of protocol -- telling him I would arrive at the theatre after lunch, so as to cause no trouble -- and not participate in the planned program for Col. Woodruff (the General's son) -- as that would take the light away from him in some degree.

"Then I went downtown and got caught in a booby trap traffic situation -- and got a ticket. This was a most unsettling experience, and probably was in some measure the spark that set in motion my past ticker trouble -- as had happened when I turned back in Alaska en route to the Philippines. No pain, just a matter of difficulty in breathing, and need for oxygen -- so travel ruled out.

"Incidentally, I had this trouble at Pittsburgh -- and left the banquet early. Next day, on the bus with Charlie, both of us were a bit under the weather -- but I'm still around, and he's gone. Am not sure if you knew him -- but he sure was a nice guy and a good soldier.

"Am glad Harry Rubin was able to go. If he had not been able to go, that would have posed a real dilemma for me.

"I had already figured out what to say -- no long speech or eulogy, just recount my knowledge through several little incidents of the kind of officer, gentleman, soldier and -- behind that gruff exterior -- a kind and friendly man."

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

IF SO, PLEASE SEND US YOUR
NEW ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

JACK NEDERFIELD, (Hq. 19th), of Rt. 1, Box 165, Westfield, Pa., 16950, writes: "Thanks to JOE PEYTON I had a call from TONY CASSAMASSIMA in Seneca Falls, N.Y., and through him, a letter from "Stew" MULLIGAN in Eugene, Oregon. The last I saw of either of them was when they slipped home from New Guinea. Sure was good to hear from them again. 'Stew' writes that he is having serious trouble with his leg. I think a few prayers are in order. He asked for information about "Rock" Flynn and "Tony Soricelli. I wonder if anyone can help.

There aren't too many names of people I actually was with in your papers; but through the years many names have become so familiar that I feel as if I know them. Keep up the good work."

WILBER MAGEL, (Hq. 3rd Bn. 21st '42-'45), of 714 Aetna, Burlington, Iowa, sends us the name of KEN PATE, (E 19th '42-'45), also of Burlington. Ken is now in. Adds Wilber: "Sure was nice to see the picture on the cover of the last issue of our reunion." Were happy to print it, Wilber; only sorry it took a little time to get it in.

Dropped out of sight - C.C. and Marjorie MYERS (52nd F. '41-'46), of 4700 Old Salem, Eaglewood, Ohio. CC was a Commo. Sgt. with the 52nd. Hell of a communicator today. Must have forgot all he ever learned. His mail keeps coming back.

Life Membership: \$100 payable \$20 per year for 5 years.

The new Division C.G.? Knew you'd ask. As of June 1st, it became Maj.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN, formerly Asst. Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, TRADOC.

Born May 13, 1929 in Massachusetts, he was West Point '54.

Went to 65 Inf. '55-'56. Advisor to Colombian Army '56-'58. 101 Abn. Div. '58-'60. TARS '61. MA Eng. Columbia '62. English Dept. WPMA '62-'65. Command & General Staff College '66. Hq. 1st Air Cav. RVN '66-'67. O.Chief of Info. DA '67. Hq. ACDC '70-75. CO 3 DISCOM Germany '75-'77. Congressional Surplus '77-'78. MCA Mainz '79-'80. DCST TRADOC '80.

We say "Welcome" to General Galvin.

We're playing the trips and tours in low key at St.Louis. The costs are simply prohibitive. Besides, more than a few of our gang have clearly stated a genuine dislike for such.

Talk about filling up a picture, get a glance at this one, will you please? In the usual left-to-right manner, it's Life Member JIM FREDERICK, (E 34th '44-'45), of 2116 Menefee, Arlington, Tex (home of the Rangers), and the giant gold old barman, JACK KIRK, (E 34th '43-'45), of 600 E. Olive, Burbank, Cal. Jim and Louise were in Calif. this spring and called on Jack and Augusta for a happy get together.



BILL MULLINS, (C 13th F '42-'44) of 3412 Logan View, Baltimore, Md., noticed our little "GTH" in our last dues notice. Asked if it meant "Go to Hawaii". No, Bill, but you're hot.

A retired police sergeant (33 years) is now one of us -- JOE BOCCHINO, (L 34th '41-'45), of 179 Kings, Madison, N.J. Joe tells about the time the Division Commander came inspecting through. He stopped by the man standing next to Joe and asked him what was the job of the regimental commander. The young soldier, obviously flustered, blurted out, "Sir, the colonel can do just about anything he wants."

LYMAN MILLER, (B 21st '43-'45), of Parker, S.D., found this one of himself and SKROPITS,

GRAZIER, JILSON, COSTELLO, LEONARD, BARFIELD, PULLIAM and his nibs in the very front - natch. He can't recall the others. Says it was on Mindanao in the summer of '45.





GEN. Sam S. Walker

Gen. (Ret.) SAM SIMS WALKER, 55, the Army's youngest four-star general at the time of his retirement in 1978, has been named superintendent of Virginia Military Institute.

A decorated battlefield veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, Walker held command posts with diplomatic involvements during the latter stage of his 32-year military career. He was promoted to four-star rank in 1977 when he was made commander of NATO's land-based forces in Southeast Europe, the command from which he retired.

Before entering West Point, Walker attended VMI as a member of the class of 1945.

Walker received his commission in the infantry upon graduation from West Point in 1946. He completed infantry and airborne training and served with the 11th Abn.Div. in Japan before the outbreak of the Korean War.

In Korea he was a company commander in the 24th Inf.Div. and later was an aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur. In the decade following the Korean war, Walker served in various staff and command positions and as aide de-camp to then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. Maxwell Taylor. During these years he graduated from the Command and General Staff College and from the National War College. He holds a master's degree from George Washington University.

Walker returned to Korea in 1962 and served for eight months with the United Nations Command U.S. Forces Korea before becoming secretary of the Joint UNC/USFK staff in Seoul. He later served as a battalion commander in Germany.

In 1966 Walker was assigned to Vietnam where he became commander of the 1st Inf. Div.'s. 2d. Bde. A year later he entered Harvard University Advanced Management Program and, in 1969, won his first star

Carrie WRIGHT, Jim's better half sent in the final payment on his Life Membership. Jim was E-19, '43-'45, and he and Carrie are at Pea Ridge, Ark., so they'll be at St.Louis. They say KEN PATE from Burlington, Iowa dropped in on them recently. Say Ken will be at St.Louis too.

Be sure to step forward at St.Louis and extend your warm welcome hand to VINCENTE SYDIONGCO. He's coming all the way from Jakarta, Indonesia, to be with us. Snobbery he'll need like Dolly Parton needs falsies.

If we slight HOWARD LUMSDEN, 167 Hickory Street, Wood River, IL 62095, our erstwhile membership chairman, it is for the same reason critics discuss the production, not the play, when they review King Lear. How many times can one say it's the best play ever written. We know Lum is the best membership king we've ever had. We expect him to be great. How many times can we say it?



"Get th' # ★❗❗❗ lead out, you *L% # II panty-waists!! Fall in, you *v❗❗❗ Shape up, @√+● # it!!!"

and assignment as Commandant of Cadets at West Point. He remained at the Military Academy until 1971 when he became commanding general of the 3d Inf.Div., USAREUR, staying in this command until 1974 when he became U.S. Commander, Berlin.

Walker returned to the U.S. in 1975 to serve as CG, Forces Comd, Fort McPherson, Ga. Following his promotion to four-star rank, he was assigned as commander of Allied Land Forces in Southeast Europe.

The general is married to the former Charlotte Behrenberg. They have three children; two sons, both West Point graduates, and a daughter who is a senior at Auburn University.

Terrific idea from Life Member BEN LEA, (13th F '41-'45), of Cottage Grove, Ore. Oh well, let's print it just as "Mike" wrote it:

"A little something enclosed to help with mailing at least my copy of the Taro Leaf for awhile. Also an idea that I am already trying out. I placed an add in our local paper, Eugene, Oregon (100,000 Pop) telling of our organization and listing your address as contact. You can get a pretty big weekend ad for less than \$10.00. If all members would spring for a weekend ad it would cover the country. If they can't hack the cost, maybe a note tacked to the local credit union bulletin board or 'Suds Parlor', or all two of it, would catch the eye of a potential member.

"Was scheduled to make the last blast at Pittsburgh along with RALPH PFISTER of Ft. Worth, also '41-'45, but wound up getting a leg fused solid after a woods injury so Ralph went alone and reported one hell of a good time.

"They saved me a leg and I have developed a real good 'Festus Shuffle' and Ralph and I are already talking about St. Louis.

"Am paid up in the dues department forever and also in advance for the History. Can't wait - but I will keep a little coming into the stamp fund or if you have a fund for a member who really needs a dues payment occasionally use it there.

Mike"

Great heart there, Mike. Much thanks.



"You know how mad you got because you said the Captain wouldn't put you in for a rocker? Well . . . Surprise!"

St. Louis The Meeting Place

JOHNNY NEENAN, (5th RCT '50-'52), of 2839 Parkwood, Toledo, Ohio, spotted Lum's item in the DAV magazine. Now he's on his way to a Life Membership. He and Ruth have 5 -- John, Brett, Peggy, Timothy and Michael. It's great to have you folks aboard.

TOM BAKEWELL, (724 Ord. '44-'46), has retired from New Departure - Gen. Motors. Is doing some hand engraving work. Always knew Tom had skills we hadn't tapped yet.

Past President and Life Member DON WILLIAMS says he has a neighbor who tells him "I've never been drunk - but I've often been overserved."

Notice in VFW Magazine in name of J. ERWIN, Box 608, Morongo Valley, Cal. He's trying to locate "Co. A 21st Lieut. Feb. '51, Hill 1157 or Lt. JAMES B. MOUNT."

It's a move for DICK FRASIER. He's now at 3960 W. Van Giesen, West Richland, Wash.

Past President and Life Member BILL SANDERSON tells about the Irishman who says, "Before we got married, my wife told me that lips that touch liquor will never touch hers, and I agreed with her. She stuck by her threat, and I've stuck by her too -- haven't kissed her in 40 years."

Now a Lifer is C.H. "Bronko" ATKINSON, (MP & 63rd F '41-'45). He's at 3800 S. Decatur, Las Vegas, Nev. Received a refund on a mutual fund program "some fast talker sold me in '64" so he joined our Life ranks.

JACK ANDERSON, (A 19th '40-'44), of Kannapolis, N.C. offers a \$25 reward for any info on the whereabouts of Sgt. JOHN DOHANISH and/or BILL KOSTANSKI. Jack tells us he is bringing Mabel to St. Louis. That's great news. Bring a little of that North Carolina White Lightning too, Jack. That was real good at Savannah.

"Your record is a disgraceful one, Patrick O'Brian," the Judge said to the prisoner before him, "and there is only one explanation: alcohol, alcohol and alcohol." Pat said, "I'm glad to hear you say that your honor, because everybody else says it's my fault."



JOHN R. RUSSELL, (A 21st '48-'50), of Bellefontaine, Ohio, says if you're vacationing in Mexico in the near future, you might want to travel part of that country by car.

That's because the price of regular gas there is 25 cents a gallon and high test sells at 30 cents'.

Ole!

Incidentally, J.R. caught our item about remembering the door-to-door photographer with the camera. The same day he caught a picture of just such a fellow operating in Bellefontaine, and he sent it to us. Here it is.

KEN FENTNER, (52F '52-'53), of 1251 Smith, E.Amherst, N.Y., has been doing his homework. He and Doris want us to convene in August '82 in Niagara Falls, and they're coming to St.Louis to give us their best pitch. Ken's presentation is going to show that he has worked hard during the last few months in order to come to our get-together prepared to talk sensibly about something that has been well thought out. Let's consider carefully what Ken has to offer -- and let's not vote blindly for someplace like Oshkosh about which it develops not a single member in the meeting has one solitary piece of information. Plan ahead, says Ken -- and he's doing just that.

Nice words from GENE DISHMAN of the "24th Signals" -- as the British would have said it. Gene and Helen are at 406 Sundown, Norman, OK, and they write:

"Yesterday while working my territory selling Industrial John Deere to anyone who would listen to my story, I got to thinking about Paul Fritsche who paid my dues. About three weeks ago, I got a call from Ed Shirley. Prior to that Bud and Jo Poe called. Thanks to all for all of this.

"Have sent in for our St.Louis reservations. Helen and I will be there. You should know me right off. No taller; little heavier; gray hair, still have some; glasses; no hearing aid (Helen says I need one). We will be driving red Chevy van with white spare tire cover with Oklahoma Sooners on it. The last might be the best aid. See you in St.Louis."

We'll meet you in St. Louis, Gene and Helen.

In convention planning for '82, be sure to ask, "Is the hotel within walking distance of whatever it is you want to be sure to see. Start thinking in terms of hiring buses for our crowd and we get as nervous as a cat in a roomful of rocking chairs. Have you tried hiring a bus lately? Rates are astronomical!!!

Dues: \$10 per annum - from August first to August first.

Dues in from DON HIRSCHHEY, (H Co. 34th '41-'45), of 602 Alexandria, Carthage, N.Y., along with:

The 4 Hinges of Friendship:

When you swear, swear by your country,
When you lie, lie for a pretty woman,
When you steal, steal away from bad company,
And when you drink, drink with us.

ED ROBINSON, (19th '41-'42), of 590 Beech, Manchester, N.H. -- new address, by the way -- will be at St. Louis.

JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL says: "When I got married, I found out what happiness was - it was being single."

Rates at the St. Louis Stouffer for 24th guests: \$40 single -- \$50 double.

FEEDBACK

In Morristown, Tenn., burglars broke into the Meadowview Middle School but took only 10 items -- 10 wooded paddles from teachers' desks.

A case of steal the rod and spare the child.

In case you're interested, were Adolf Hitler alive, he'd be 91 years old.

ROY BUCHANAN, (A 19th '56-'57), of Rt. 3, Box 66, Bakersville, N.C., is trying to locate GARTH PRUE and NORMAN GARLIC, both A 19th men in Korea in '56-'57. Any help out there?

ELMER MAY, (unit unknown), of 149 Griswold, Youngstown, Ohio, writes: "Read with interest your plans for our own trip to Wahoo in December. We are interested. There are 4 couples from our Mahoning Valley Chapter #5 PHSA who would like to be counted in, should you make arrangements. We have gone with Fitzpatrick Travel Agency before and would like to find an alternate route. We will be waiting to hear more."

Joan BONE, JIM's better half, (E 21st '44-'45), of 377 Willis, Monticello, Ark., thinks it would be nice if we'd place the expiration date on the mailing label. Anyone else? Jim and Joan have 3 - Jim, Jr., Jeffery and Rosemarie -- and "two lovely granddaughters." Jim owns Monticello Aluminum - always did have trouble spelling aluminum.

Moved: Life Member #221, NEAL A. HUFF, (B 19th '40-'44). It's no longer Clearwater, FL. Now it's Box 336, Walden, Colo. You're in beautiful country, Neal. Best wishes.



Have time for a favorite "Red" NEWMAN story? It goes:

"Then there was the private in my first company command whose appearance belied his amorous nature. A small wizened little man, almost completely illiterate, he was nevertheless much loved by all who knew him, for he was loyal and friendly and always did his modest best.

"In fact his friendliness with play-for-pay ladies lead to contracting their occupational hazard, gonorrhea. In due course the hospital cured him -- but he got it again, and yet again. After he was discharged from the hospital the third time, his company commander (my predecessor) started to deliver a lecture on the desirability of continence -- or better sanitary measures.

"Listen, Romeo," his captain began, "I'm getting damned tired of you getting VD."

"Yes sir, Captain," was the feeling reply, "I am too!"

Thanks, Red; we needed that.

Long time no hear from old "First" LEROY CRUCIUS, (A 24 Med. '43-'46). Here's why. He and Alys are not at 40359 18th, Lubbock, Tex. Additional to her artery problems, Alys went in for surgery last November. Cancer. They've been in a life care center in Lubbock. Now are going home to Wisconsin. We'll include the new address in the next issue. Never surrender, Roy. Our warm wishes go out to both of you from all of us.



It's JIM BRIERLEY, (L 21st '43-'45), of 305 Glenn, Beckley, W.Va., and comes to us by courtesy of JOHNNY ROGERS, (L 21 '43-'45), of 308 S.Cedar, Little Rock, Ark. Sorry it took so long to get it in, Johnny -- and Jim. Kudos to Johnny who also sends us this:

"I can read with my bifocals
To my dentures I'm resigned
I can drive with my arthritis
But, oh God! how I miss my mind."

Stop. Hold it. Wait a minute. Erratum. Correction. BOB NOLAN was in the cover picture in our last issue. But he wasn't Hq.Co. 3rd Bn 21st as we said. Bob was Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. We have it from '42-'45, Bob. Sorry. Bob, - and Catherine - live at 205 S. Bethany, Kansas City, Mo. He's one of our oldest Life Members - #8. He retired from the Cotton Belt (Rock Island) a year ago - then made a tour through Germany, Austria and Switzerland. This summer they're going to Scotland. Have a grand vacation, folks.



"Dear, guess what? Junior is learning to count."

HOUSECALL

"The doctor warned me against drinking," Harrigan was telling his friend Hogarty. "Did he now?" ... "Yes, he told me I'd have to limit me drinking to one a day -- right now I'm up to January 6, 1998."

FRANK and Irene GORSKI, (1st Bn.Med. 21st '42-'45), have moved. Try them at 2228 Terry Lane W., Broadview, IL. Frankie sent us the name of his old buddy CARL E. JOHNSON, 610 Main, Batavia, IL, who has now joined. What Frankie did was sent in a money order to cover Carl as Carl is having a difficult time right now recovering from a medical problem. Great spirit there, Frankie. Thanks.

A federal student loan program, passed by Congress in '65, is another depressing example of declining moral integrity in far too many areas of American life. It has helped over 8 million college students. Today there are more than \$4 billion worth of loans outstanding, of which more than \$1 billion is overdue for repayment. One of the most reprehensible tactics used by the youthful rip-off artists has been to file petitions in bankruptcy after graduation. Nice kids.



Stouffer's RIVERFRONT TOWERS



AFTER 77 DAYS behind enemy lines in South Korea, Mess Sgt. Ralph Kilpatrick rejoins 19th infantry. Making check-up: Lt. Alfred J. Gross.



Liberated Yanks

crowd around Red Cross representative Bill Knapp of Glen Ellyn, Ill. Freed at Namwon by the 25th Division, (l. to r.) Pfc. A. A. Steigerwalt, Slatington, Pa ; Pfc. James Walker, Riverside, N.J., and Sgt. Glen Ward, Yakima, Wash., are anxious to inform relatives of their safety.

(AP Wirephoto via Tokyo Radio)

Faithful correspondent BILL SHOWEN, (21st '41-'43; 245h Recn. '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis., sends 2 newspaper pictures with his own comments as follows:

"I read the last Taro Leaf and found the item on page 12 request from WILBERT R. ESTABROOK, of Portland, requesting a copy of "Life", May 11, 1953. No, I couldn't find that or any pictures from it but I am enclosing a rotogravure picture published in a Chicago Newspaper about 1950 or 1951 of Mess Sgt. Ralph Kilpatrick, 19th Inf., after he had rejoined friendly forces. He had been behind enemy lines for 77 days.

"Another newspaper picture of liberated Americans is also included but this type of picture seldom reproduces well and is also difficult to have a negative made from. I have been successful with the rotogravure picture. But thought you'd be interested since the one picture concerns the 19th, a part of the 24th during the Korean War."

It hurts to lose touch with GEORGE STANLEY, (I 21st '44-'46). Mail to Bellerose, N.Y. is coming back to us. D----- shame too. George has been one of us for over 32 years. George, where are you?

At St.Louis, Hawaiian shirts and muu-muus will be IN.

Another Gimlet has joined - BOB THIBODEAU, of 616 106 St., Ft.Lee, N.J. Was with Hv.Mort.Co.

HOWARD BRUNO, (Hq. 1st Bn. 34th, '45-'46), of 3842 N.Desert, Tucson, Ariz., will summer in the Adirondacks. Says he'll drop in on us for a blue plate. It's a deal, Howie.

Mail returned from F.E. GUTHRIE, Innkeeper for Holiday Inn, Helena, Ark. That's all right; we never cared for the Holiday Inns anyway.

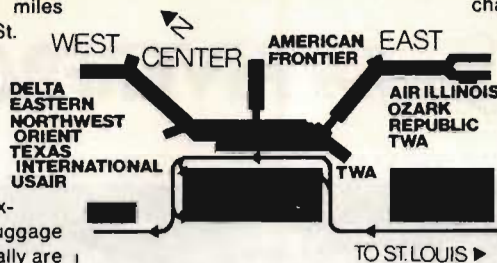
ART SMITH, (D 34 '45), of Dallas Center, Iowa, is interested in war-monument inscriptions. He sends us this one, for instance, which is inscribed on the monument to the Spartan dead at the Battle of Thermopylae, 480 BC:

"TELL THEM IN LACEDAEMON, PASSERBY, THAT HERE OBEDIENT TO THEIR LAWS WE LIE."

Says Art: "King leonidas and his 300 men of Sparta were ordered to hold the Pass of Thermopylae against the Persians at all costs. They were hopelessly outnumbered and the pass had already been turned by the Persians' finding another pathway, but the Spartans died to the last man obeying orders."

Lambert International, 15 miles northwest of downtown St. Louis, has been undergoing a revamping, which should make it one of the nation's pleasantest airports before long. The terminal consists of a long four-domed building and expanded concourses. The new luggage system is so efficient bags usually are waiting when you reach the carrouseles. Soon, moving sidewalks will make connections more convenient.

• **Departures**—Curbside-check luggage with most airlines (also free five-minute parking on yellow level of adjacent garage). Short-term garage parking directly across from terminal more expensive after 24 hours than long-term (\$3 a day) or valet parking (\$4.50 a day, plus \$3 one-time charge). Buses to sheltered long-term parking every ten minutes. Figure 15 to 20 minutes parking to gate. For valet parking, leave car on departure ramp across from terminal doors.



LAMBERT ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL

Lighted airport diagrams inside terminal. British Caledonian and Ozark use docks instead of gates, with motorized transporters sometimes carrying passengers to planes.

• **Connections**—Allow 20 minutes between flights. Till moving sidewalks in, half a mile walk possible if connecting between TWA and Eastern.

• **International flights**—No curbside checking or baggage transfer to domestic flights. British Caledonian and

charters only international flights here (docks H and I).

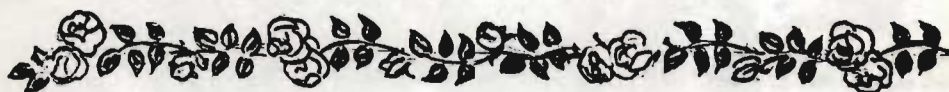
• **Arrivals**—Limos, buses, and courtesy cars at far right (Exit 7) as you leave baggage claim. Taxis at far left. Limos to downtown hotels every half hour (\$3 to \$4) and to key points on west side of metro area (\$5.10). Airport Express to downtown bus terminal (75 cents). Taxis to center city (\$8 to \$10).

• **Food**—At least two snack bars on each concourse, plus restaurant and snack bar at end of terminal (all open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.).

• **Nearby lodgings**—Motel information boards in baggage claim (most prices \$40 to \$50 double).

• **Emergencies**—Call 2048 on courtesy phones. First aid station at west end of lower level.

• **Detailed information**—Robert F. Case, Manager of Public Information. St. Louis Airport Authority, Box 10212 Lambert Station, St. Louis, MO 63145. continued



In the greatest display of courage since Benedict Arnold applied for veterans' benefits, be sure to bring your absolutely wildest and loudest Hawaiian shirts and muumuu's to St. Louis. All's informal, save for the Saturday night banquet. Then it's "Uniform A" or your best cocktail suit (with tie) or dress -- whichever you're wearing these days.

HANFORD RANTS, (Hq. 34th '43-'45), of 9330 Parrot, Downey, Cal., is looking for a copy of the "Follow Me" poster starring you-know-who in technicolor. Does anyone have an "extra"?

JAY WELCH says she doesn't know that she'll make St. Louis. Something about having a partner who doesn't know how to behave when 24th'ers get together. Can't figure it out Jay; put JOHN on the line, will you please? Look forward to having you both at our circus. You two will certainly add grace and charm at our gathering. Not that we're hurting, but you two will simply give us a nice little dividend. See ya.

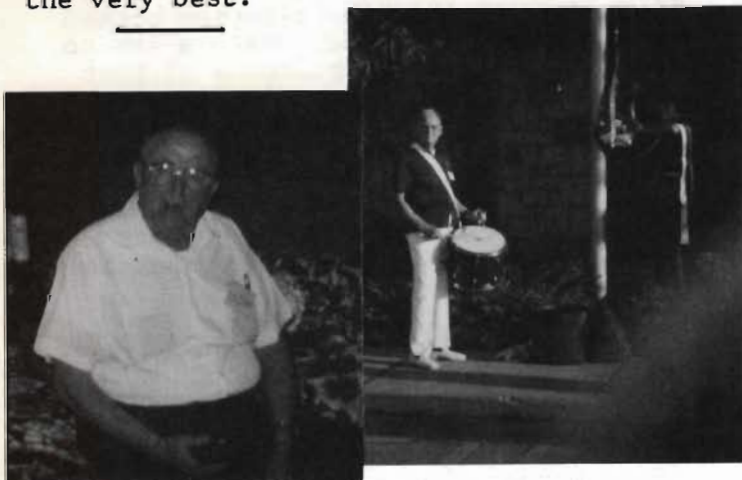
This time around, let's try to inject a little sanity into the selection of our '82 convention site. For instance, let's be sure of what the host hotel can do and will do for us before we make our decision - and at what rates. Then too, let's be sure we know we've got a man close by who can run the show for us. Very important.

Sure wish they'd turn the lights on; I wanna send in my registration card to Stouffer's in St. Louis.



Wanna have some fun? Wanna play "Balloons"? Fill in the two balloons in this picture and send it in. The best ones will be printed in our next issue. A prize will be awarded for the very best.

We dislike mentioning it but we must. If you are a fully paid up Life Member (\$100), and have yet to receive your membership plate, will you kindly tip off the Editor. The recordkeeping on this one has been a sore point for some time -- and regretfully continues so to be. The keeping of the record on who-has and who-hasn't should be as simple as running a 2-car funeral. Unfortunately it turns out to be more screwed up than a Japanese fire drill -- and we watched enough of the latter to know whereof we speak.



It's JOHNNY ROGERS, (L21 '43-'45), of 308 S. Cedar, Little Rock, AR, taken by AL RIDGE (Band and F 21st) at Pittsburgh. Remember Al for his drum roll as they raised the flag? Sorry the pictures aren't better.

C. J. HARRIS of Route 3, Box 90, Harrisburg, AR, wants to hear from members of Baker of the 19th. Let's hear it out there for all you fellas of B Co. Drop C.J. a line, won't you please? The smoking lamp is lighted!!! Sweepers man your brooms!!!



Warm letter in from Col. FRED H. STOLL (21st '46-'48), of 1906 Hercules, Colorado Springs, CO. You picked a beautiful city to retire to Fred. Thanks for this picture of the soldiers of the 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles who relieved you and your Gimlets at Okayama in June of '46. Remember those knives they wore on their hips?

Maj.Gen. FREDERICK A. IRVING wrote us:

"Yesterday I attended General 'Lil' Lyman's funeral at Arlington.

"He was with the Division when it was organized. For nearly 2 years he commanded the 21st before being promoted to Brig.Gen. at Hollandia and transferred to the 32nd as ADC.

"On Leyte he headed a reconnaissance party of 32nd people preparing for the takeover and I accompanied them to Breakneck Ridge. There were dead Japs strewn all over the ridge. Lyman said he was glad his old outfit had taken care of so many of them. With Bob Spragins' 2nd Bn. 19th cutting in on the Jap east flank and Jock Clifford's 1st Bn. 34th enveloping the west flank from Kilay Ridge, the situation looked good for the 32nd.

"He was the best athlete of his class (WP '13).

"I first served with him in '20-'22 at Benning.

"I remember attending the funeral of his older brother in Honolulu in 8/42. He was WP '09 and was Dept. Engineer of Hawaii when he died.

"I thought that his old comrades of the 24th might be interested in some of this."

Thank you, Fred - sincerely.



"I pride myself on knowing every one of my men personally and calling each one by name. Your name will be 'Four-Eyes'."

BOB and Linda THIBODEAU, (HvM 21st '50-'51), of 616 106th St., Ft. Lee, NJ, report they want to make a convention but can't say when. Bob trucks from coast to coast. Timing will do it Bob. Plan your time right and truck right on in to St. Louis. You'd be most welcome.

Good to see ED FARMER again - after about 30 years. He came down to our California party from 3450 Ramstad, San Jose, CA. He's running IMEX TRADING, LTD., foreign trade boys. Sells anything.



Who? What? When? Where? Take a guess before you read on. Says old faithful ROGER HELLER, (19th), of 5567 Thomas, Oakland, CA, in sending it to us: "It's the Administrative Building at Hollandia. Also used by the Nips. Taken about June in '44." Thanks, Roger. Good picture too. You oughta see some of these we receive. Look like they've been soaking in the Mindanao deep for lo these past 35 years.

TOM MURPHY, (K 19th '51-'52), of 4391 Mary, Eden, NY, not only sells cars (Murphy Oldsmobile in Hamburg, NY), but also has the hots for any pictures showing the 1951 visit to the 19th of Gen. Ridgeway and V.P. Barkley. That was the one where K of the 19th got the citation for the battle at Chip-O-Ri. Tom, in the forefront that day, writes: "I was one who had the citation pinned on his jacket. It would mean a lot to me if anyone had any pictures of that visit." Tom's in them, of course. Small wonder that he'd like a copy. Can anyone come to Tom's aid on this one? This request is unique; Tom's not looking for an affidavit that you know he was hit, etc. etc. etc. - he just wants a copy of a picture which he may possibly be in.

Hawaii in December? Not quite ready to announce the plan. Will put out a special issue shortly. Sorry for the delay.

Ever wonder what cops do on their days off? ED (and Ann and daughter Karen) FITZGERALD (21st and 24th MP '46-'51), of 52 Osceola, Deer Park, NY, recently went to Montreal. They have a good friend there who is a Montreal detective sergeant. Ed is finishing 26 years in law enforcement. In Montreal, 5 cops who had gone to a school together 10 years ago had a reunion. All were former army - 75th Div. 3rd Div., 45th Div., Princess Pats, and one l'il old Gimlet and MP from you know what. They gather together annually. Great!!!

Heard from for the first time:
BILL EARLEY, (26th AAA, '50 - '51) of
25 Kelly, Hampden, CT and ART D. SMITH,
(K 34th '45-'46), of Rt. 1, Dallas
Center, Iowa. Thanx men.

THAD LILLY, (Sv 21st '40-'44), of
Rt. 1, Box 152, Grifton, NC, has become
Life Member #416. He paid in full.

The football coach, dejected because
his team was losing again, looked down
the bench of substitutes and yelled,
"All right, Smith, go in there and
get ferocious!"

Smith jumped up with a start and
cried, "Sure, Coach. What's his number?"

NOEL MJONESS, (M 21st '51), of
Northome, Mont., spotted JIM ERWIN's
plug for the Assoc. in the VFW
Magazine. So Noel wrote Jim and Jim
wrote us and we wrote Noel - and you
guessed it, Noel's a member. Noe's a
logger and land developer. Thanks, Noel.
Thanks, Jim.

Wants to know more about us does JACK
PROFITT, (Div.Hq. '53-'54), of 1 Oakgrove,
Irvine, CA. We're just a group of men
who don't want to lose contact with each
other, that's all Jack.

"Spike" O'DONNELL, (G 21st '42-'45),
was recently complaining about the price
of the new small cars. The auto salesman
looked at him and shrugged, "Well, if you
want economy, you have to pay for it."

Contributed by good friend ROY BELL
(Div.Hq. '46-'48), of Elizabethtown, Ky.:

Your children begin to look middleaged.
Your mind makes contracts your body
can't meet.

You know all the answers, but nobody
asks you the questions.

Your favorite part of the newspaper is
"25 Years Ago Today."

You're 17 around the neck, 42 around
the waist, and 96 around the golf
course.

A fortune-teller offers to read your
face.

You have too much room in the house,
and not enough in the medicine
cabinet.

Your little black book contains only
names ending in M.D....

Roy and Doris will be with us in
St.Louis. We last saw Roy 34 years ago
in Kokura.

Salutatio! That's how Julius Caesar
would have said "Welcome" were he
writing this instead of us. Either way
it's "Salutatio" to GERRY SCHROEDER,
our newest member. He's E 19th from
6/42 to 9/45. He and Marguerite are at
301 N. Ithica at Chandler, Ariz.
Gerry's retired. Salutatio, Gerry!

Plumbing the depths: Slogan seen on
the side of a truck owned by P & G
Plumbers of Philadelphia: "A flush
beats a full house anytime."

Life Member BOB PLEASANT, (C 13th F
'41-'45) of 260 Barkley, Columbus, Ohio,
has the recipe for living to 100 -
whoop it up until 99, and then coast.

Col. URBAN THROM, (34th & Div.Hq. '44-
'47), of 9941 E. Cornell, Denver, CO, paid
a visit on Col. LUCIEN BOLDUC who is at
Fitzsimmons Army Med. Center, Urb's old
stamping ground before retirement. Writes
Urb:

"I visited Lucien on the orthopedic
ward. He doesn't communicate very well.
He had had surgery on the right hip, but
his doctor wasn't around at the time. He
had hoped to be home by Easter, but it was
not to be. On the 18th I visited him
again on the ortho ward. He had been
started on a series of IV antibiotics
a/c of an infection in the right hip
area.

"This time I got to talk by phone with
his orthopedist. Incidentally, Lucien
is approaching 81 years. He has had a
hip replacement, and has developed just
about every complication in the book,
including a stroke. His doctor indicated
that he was not doing well, and the
outlook for his recovery is bleak. The
infection had not been responding to
treatment. He uses a wheelchair from
time to time, but is generally down in
bed and getting little exercise. Think
he understood who I am, and that I was
bearing the greetings of you and the
Division Association membership, and
was clearly grateful."

Do you suppose he's nearer the track?
At any rate, JOHNNY BOLES, (D 21st '44-
'45), has moved from Miami to 875 S.E.
9th, Hialeah, FL.



"A ranger? Do you work at Yellowstone or Yosemite?"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST 13-16, 1981

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration	Daniel Boone Room
9:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Hospitality/Conviviality	Daniel Boone Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration	Daniel Boone Room
9:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Hospitality/Conviviality	Daniel Boone Room
9:00 AM - Noon	*Tour	Grant's Farm
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	**Tour	Anheuser-Busch Brewery

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Registration	Daniel Boone Room
10:00 AM - Noon	Members Annual Meeting	Missouri Room
10:00 AM - Noon	Ladies Fashion Show	To Be Announced (TBA)
12:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Hospitality/Conviviality	Daniel Boone Room
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)	West Assembly Area
7:00 PM - 1:00 AM	Banquet & Dancing	Meremac/Missouri Rooms

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee & Alohas	To Be Announced (TBA)
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* This will be a group tour lasting approximately 3 hours including travel time (14 miles) to and from the farm.

** Brewery is only 2 miles from Stouffer's and plan to use shuttle bus system as tours are not scheduled at a specific time there as they are at Grant's Farm.

Both tours are free but if the cost of bus transportation continues to rise it may be necessary to charge \$1.00 per person in order to stay in the black.

In memoriam

(Ed. note: Somehow, when it came to the business of writing about Brig.Gen. CHARLES B. LYMAN, it seemed more fitting that we should call upon one who knew him far better than we. A telephone call to TOM UPTON was all that was needed. Tom obliged us with these warm words.)

It was Friday, the thirteenth of March, 1942 when I first met Colonel Charles B. Lyman. He was in command of the Army's portion of the defense of the Island of Maui, T.H. Our unit was part of the 27th Division. The smoke was still bubbling up out of the sunken hulks at Pearl, when we left Oahu. And now it was March. The Colonel received our party at his headquarters in Kahului. He made no bones about being relieved by the sight of the hundreds of G.I. uniforms swarming off the inter-island steamer. He said he wasn't sure how long he, his sergeant Major, and their six-man detail could have held out against a determined Japanese attack. "If the truth were known," he said, "the Japs could have taken us by phone."

As Sergeant Major of one of his new units, I remember well how severely he took us all to task over our early treatment of the local residents of Maui. An over-zealous "morale" officer had expropriated a local residence and had tried to dispossess a Japanese-American family, to provide recreational facilities. The air was blue and a lot of butts were rubbed raw while he pointed out that we were not an army of occupation. He made sure that it was clearly understood that the slanted eyes were those of American citizens, personal friends of his family for decades.

The ground rules the Colonel set up for us on Maui made for some very fine public relations during my stay in that beautiful valley paradise.

I lost track of Colonel Lyman during our mutual subsequent administrative rearrangements. In Australia, I was able to renew the acquaintance when I found him most receptive of my anathematization of the Anopheles. As a resident of the Pacific islands, he was well aware of the character of the lowly mosquito. He became a most enthusiastic supporter of malaria discipline. His enthusiasm matched my own. It is my firm belief that, when you have a worthy cause, you just gotta give it your best shot. Given the outrageous depredations of the lowly mosquito in that part of the world, pitting wits against the beast was a most worthy cause.

And so it came to pass, at Weaversdorp of fond(?) memory, where the 24th Division took up residence prior to the jump-off to Leyte, that we found the archetypal to beat all archetypal victims of ELEPHANTIASIS. It was really in Depapre, a few miles east, that the case was found. Dr. Tom Broderick found him. It was a native who probably detected the odor of medicine in the wind, and wandered in on Sick Call. Dr. Tom's Collecting Station turned up all kinds of bizarre wierdies in those days, but this was the most bizarre! In a family-type gazette, it's hard to do full justice to the exotic details of this patient's outward signs.

As soon as we got word at Headquarters, Mobley and I jeeped to Company B, and there it was. I was reminded of the farmer who, at the sight of his first giraffe, said "There ain't no such animule!" But there is. And it was there!

Malaria discipline in Division was excellent. But this called for heroic efforts. We had to superimpose Aedes Egypti discipline ON TOP of the Anopheline pressure. The order went out: "Keep your shirt on -- at all times!" The easiest thing in the world to do is issue an order. Compliance is something else. To the long-suffering dogface, this constituted CRUEL AND UNUSUAL punishment. "Shirts, jackets, sleeves-to-the-wrist!" The only exceptions were, when bathing, and for sports, but then ONLY in open sun-lighted areas!

Weaversdorp was in the Lake Sentani area -- adjacent to the three airports. The Division was surrounded by many non-Divisional units: Corps troops, Army Engineers, Navy Construction Battalions (Sea Bees), and lots of Air Corps units. None were under Division control. Many were outside Army jurisdiction.

Lyman's 21st Infantry Regiment was right next to an Air Group Headquarters. The Colonel's own personal tent looked out upon a tree-shaded volley-ball court. The fly-boys vollied from dawn to sunset. Play was constant, continuous, vocal, unceasing. Volley-ball-uniform for both sportsman and spectator was: brown G.I. undershorts and jungle boots.

Had this sports-palace been in Lyman's domain, the C.O. of this sports-palace would be paying \$100 fines for each and every infraction, multiplied by the number of infractors. The Colonel fumed! Consider how this man must have been tantalized. All of his adult life he had known of the horrors of the dread disease of elephantiasis. Now, with the certainty that the bug was within mosquito-flying-distance and, requiring the most strict compliance by his own people, here, under his very nose, but just beyond his reach, heedless people were exposing themselves to the unthinkable.

Alas, it happened: A hard hit volley-ball bounded out of Air Corps control. Into Army country it bounced and bounced and bounced and bounced. Then it skimmed up to rest at the feet of the seated -- camp stool seated -- observing, L'il Lyman.

A lithe, young, volley-baller, clad only in G.I. undershorts and jungle boots, chased after the ball. He came to a sudden stop at the sight of the Colonel's upraised hand -- and simultaneously spoken command, that "You must wear a shirt in Army Country!" The young man came to attention, said "Yes, sir," about-faced, and in the strictest military manner, marched off.

In a moment, the young man returned. He was now clad, in addition to the brown G.I. undershorts and jungle boots, in a dapperly-shaped officers' shirt, which he could be observed hastily buttoning. He marched directly to the ball, still at the Colonel's feet, halted, stooped, retrieved the ball, and rose. He saluted the Colonel, about-faced, and again in the same strict military manner returned to Air Corps country, where he removed the shirt, tossed it aside, and put the ball back into play.

The Colonel was still standing by his campstool. He had popped out of his chair when he saw that the ball-retriever was wearing, on the collar of his tailflying shirt, a General's star. The ball-retriever had been returning the Colonel's salute!

It was a comfort to read in the New York Times obituary that the Colonel had, in the passage of time, acquired his own star and had become Brigadier General Charles B. Lyman. It is my fond wish that wherever the good General encamps, he may have jurisdiction over all he surveys, including juvenescent, whiffet, underaged Major Generals.

Thomas F. Upton.

Life Member #101 ELVIN E. GREEK, (K 21st '42-'45), of 2917 Emblem, Richmond, Va., reports, with sadness, the passing away of EDWARD SNORTLAND, (K 21st '43-'46), in Tolna, N.Dak. Ed left his wife, Aleda, two sons Keith and Lee, and daughter, Louise.

Deceased: JAMES T. WHITLEY, (34th '42-'44). A Decatur, IL lawyer in the firm of Whitley, Suter & Mancuso, Jim died Apr. 29, 1981. A University of Arizona graduate, he earned his law degree at the University of Illinois. Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, his daughters, Mary Williams of Boulder, Colo. and Melissa Larson of Long Beach, Cal.

JOE MORGAN, (B 3rd Eng. 1/51-12/51), also of Decatur, sent us the sad news. Joe and Jim and the gals socialized frequently -- they met through the Assoc. Joe and Jim had lunched just 3 weeks before Jim was hospitalized and crossed the river. Joe, by the way, has his own troubles. Has to have his "blood drained about every 5 weeks. Had trouble with blacking out." Says that's been stopped. Well there's at least one bit of good news in this item, Joe. Thanks for the sad news on Jim.