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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any of its attached units. Dues are \$10.00 per annum, inclusive of a subscription to Taro Leaf.

Target date for publication of "History of a Division, 1981-1983" is the Savannah Convention, August, 1983. Only Association members will be allowed to purchase copies. The price? Are you ready for this one? \$20 per copy. Closing date for orders — April 15, 1983.

Gala Christmas Issue

This comes to us courtesy FRANKLIN SKINNER, (Sv. & C, 11th F '50-'51) of 2 Fourth St., Camden, NY: Dutch soldiers, who pioneered the army hairnet, are now allowed to wear earrings.

Baseball is over for a few weeks. We can do without TV's giving us managers spitting brown juice, players scratching their private areas, and umpires housekeeping home plate. Let's play ball.

BOB LAVENDER, (19th '50-'51), of 1120 Harrison, Hurst, TX, in flying from Detroit to Dallas a few weeks ago chanced to sit beside PAUL VANCE of 23624 Elmwood, Dearborn, MI. Words exchanged, in the usual fashion, only to find out that they each once wore the Taro Leaf. Paul had never heard of the Association. He has now.

Bypass surgery for LT.GEN. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM on Oct. 19th -- at Walter Reed. Recovery reportedly "excellent." We flowered him in the name of "the 24th" while at Reed. You might drop a card to:

Lt.Gen.Donald R. Rosenblum
Commanding General
HQ First US Army
Fort George Mead, MD 20755

ROY F. MILLER, (19th '45), of Rt6, Box 42, Doniphan, MO, lost his good Dad and now has his Mother in hospital. He sent us a picture of himself, ART NAGLEY and PETE PETERSON taken at Camp Hood, TX. Too light, Roy. Sorry, couldn't use it. You are having your troubles, aren't you?

Brig.Gen. LESTER L. WHEELER, 2108 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308, recovering nicely at home from a bout with diverticulosis. And you think an Editor's job is an easy one? Could hardly spell it. What's it, you ask? It's an intestinal disorder characterized by the presence of many diverticula; we just looked it up. Les couldn't eat for a week. Is very thin, but nonetheless is recovering nicely. We "flowered" Les in your name -- a bit late but the thought was there.

FRANK MCKENNEY, (AT 21 '43-'45), of 14 Lake, Millbury, MA, had surgery. The Peace Corps gave son Johnnie emergency leave from Africa for the obvious. Pop doing okay.

We hasten to add that BILL KUSHINA (Can. 19th '41-'45), of 777 W. 3rd, Runnemede, NJ is a paid up member.



Season's Greetings to a Wonderful Gang

Jesse & Daisy Louise Foster

E 19th '40-'43

6608 Powhatan St.,

Riverdale, Md. 20737





... not a creature was stirring ...


*Good friends like good wine
Grow better with the years ...*

So Cheers!

Edmund F. Henry

Div. Hq. '42-'45
21 Park St.
Attleboro, MA 02703





At St. Louis in August of '81, a committee was appointed to draft a proposed revision of the Association Constitution and By Laws. The committee was chaired by THOMAS COMPERE (Div.Hq.) and included EDMUND HENRY (Div.Hq.), JAMES O'DONNELL (21st) and CLIFFORD HANLIN (34th). At their final meeting at BII, the Committee handed over a final draft of its proposal. It is reproduced here for your perusal and evaluation. It will be voted upon at Savannah next August:

CONSTITUTION OF THE
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: Under the provisions of ARTICLE V of the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association, effective 1 November 1945, as amended, we the Membership of that Association do hereby amend that Constitution and the accompanying By Laws by revoking them in their entirety and ordaining and establishing in their stead this new Constitution and By Laws which shall become effective as of the date of adoption hereof ().

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the 24th Infantry Division Association and shall hereinafter in this instrument be referred to as the "Association".

Section 2. The objectives of the Association shall be to preserve in patriotic reverence the memory of the fame and glory of the 24th Infantry Division, to maintain and strengthen the bonds of comradeship which distinguished the men of that Division, to provide for the gathering and dissemination of information concerning those men and for their periodic assembly in local and national reunions, and to provide assistance to families of members of the Association.

The Association shall:

a. electrify and unify the invisible current of fellowship moulded in the throes of war and preserve the comradeship common to the veterans of the 24th Infantry Division;

b. promote the interests and welfare of the members of the Association;

c. honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who distinguished themselves by their services and sacrifices while with the 24th Infantry Division;

d. memorialize the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of the 24th Infantry Division;

e. encourage and aid historical research in relation to the activities of and acquire and preserve records of the 24th Infantry Division and the personnel thereof;

f. mark scenes of the activities of the 24th Infantry Division with appropriate memorials;

g. celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the anniversaries of events in the history of the 24th Infantry Division;

h. assist in the relief of families of men of the 24th Infantry Division;

i. promote the National Defense and help to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom;

j. defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 3. The Association shall not engage in any political or profitmaking activities and no profits nor earnings shall accrue to the benefit of any member.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.

*Wishing you a beautiful Christmas
and a New Year
of peace and happiness*

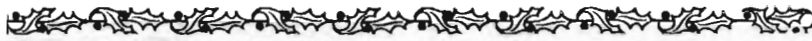


Tom and Polly Bakewell

724 Ord. '42-'45

1007 Beachside Lane

Huron, Ohio 44839



To One and All of the Buddies of the 24th —

Happy Holidays

Johnny Robinson

C19th '42-'45

359 "I" St.,

Brawley, CA 92227



Section 2. The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, all living Past Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor, each of whom shall have one vote.

Section 3. The term of office of the President, of the Vice President and of the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor shall be one year or until their successors have been elected and have taken office.

Section 4. Each President, upon the expiration of his term of office, shall serve as a Past President.

Section 5. No officer shall receive any compensation for his services.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. An Annual Association Convention shall be held at a time and place designated by the membership.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall convene in an Annual Meeting during the Annual Association Convention and at such other times as the President may direct.

Section 3. The legislative body of the Association shall be the Association Convention. Such Convention shall be held annually during the period from April 1st to October 31st.

Section 4. A quorum of an Association Convention shall exist whenever the lesser of seventy-five (75) or ten (10) per cent or more of the total active members are present.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the membership in its Annual Members Meeting during the Annual Association Convention and shall take office immediately after election.

Section 2. Election shall be decided by a majority vote of the qualified active members.

Section 3. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to that office for the unexpired portion of the term of office.

Section 4. A vacancy in the office of the Vice President shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of office by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Members shall be divided into five classes; (a) Active, (b) Associate, (c) Honorary, (d) Affiliate, and (e) Life.

Section 2. Active membership: All persons who have served as members of the 24th Infantry Division, or of a unit which has at any time been attached to the Division, shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 3. Associate Membership: Any person who is related to any deceased person who served with the Division shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

Section 4. Honorary Membership: Any person who by act or deed has indicated a special devotion to the 24th Infantry Division and who has been approved by the Executive Committee shall be eligible for Honorary Membership.

within limits
the undersigned
wishes you a
moderately pleasant
holiday season ❖

KEN ROSS

Div. Hq. '44-'47

120 Maple St.,

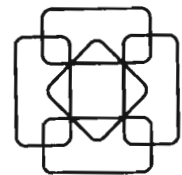
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Section 5. Affiliate Membership: Any employee of the American Red Cross or other agencies officially recognized by the Department of the Army who has been assigned or attached at any time to the 24th Infantry Division shall be eligible for Affiliate Membership.

Section 6. Life Membership: Any member who upon payment of \$100.00 shall be given a Life Membership in the Association.

Section 7. Members whose annual dues become more than one (1) year in arrears shall forfeit all membership privileges.

ARTICLE VI



Section 1. The Association Fund shall consist of all funds derived from dues, contributions, interest on deposits and from other appropriate sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on August 1 and end on the following July 31.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds (2/3rds) of the active members present at the Annual Meeting during the Annual Association Convention.

Section 2. No proposal for amending the Constitution shall be considered unless the text of the proposed amendment has been published in the official publication of the Association not less than ninety (90) days prior the Annual Members Meeting held during the Annual Association Convention.



Merry Christmas to all our Members and to those special ones who have joined since I became Membership Chairman. They are the ones who made my job a success. Without their joining, I would have been a failure. AGAIN, I WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



LEE B. and CECILIA LIST

115 Ronald Rd.

EAST PEORIA, ILL. 61611



Postcard received from Leyte:
 "Mabuhay! Greetings to the 24th.
 BILL MULDOON"



BILL MULLINS, (C 13th F '42-'44), of 3412 Loganview, Baltimore, MD, kindly sent us this BII picture of Maj.Gen. FRED IRVING, his nibs, Mrs. RICHARD "Ruth" LAWSON, and Mrs. Vivian IRVING. Wrote Bill: "I had a wonderful time at the reunion. It turned my life back 38 years. I saw people I last saw in 1944. I made a lot of new friends. All I can say is it was great. I think everyone had a good time. Hope to be in GA next year. My wife loved the reunion too."

JERRY VON MOHR, (AT '45), of 3846 Villanova, Kettering, Ohio, smiles with seraphic contentment as he sends us this one. It's daughter, BETH, just



elected to the National Honor Society. That's great Beth. As you may know -- and just in case you don't -- it involves more than scholarship. Include character, leadership, and service. All of these are evaluated when the faculty selection committee makes its decisions. Beth, we're right proud of you, as is your good Dad.

Nice to see The Amerasian "dust children" coming to the U.S. and their American dads. We like it. And you said we had no heart!!!

Social Item: Hiroo Onoda, 54, the Nip Lieutenant, who held out on Lubang until '74 as a lonely guerrilla, married Machie Onoki, 38, a tea ceremony instructress whom Onoda met in a Tokyo restaurant. They married in Sao Paulo, Brazil, not far from the ranch that Onoda now runs. Think it's all over now, Onoda?



May health and
 happiness be yours

in all Seasons

Bob Hardin

5th RCT '50-'51

27000 SW 142 Ave.

Naranja, FL 33032

— and —

Charles H. Dybdahl

I 5th RCT '49-'51

100 Point Pleasant Rd.

Glen Burnie, MD 21061

I'm happy to be in the United States to extend

"Best Wishes for the Holiday Season"

To all my Friends, rather than in the Philippine Islands

or New Guinea as we once were.



Paul and Ruth Hartley

21st '42-'45

3407 Grand Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa 50312

To cherished old friends

and

valued new friends,

James M. "Spike" O'Donnell

G21st '42-'45

414 Clinton Pl.

River Forest, IL 60305

Gerald and Belle Stevenson

Div. Hq. '40-'45

160 Center Ave.

Wheeling, IL 60090

orchids & onions

L E T T E R S

When Alice SANDERSON recently retired from a career at nursing, the pattern at her farewell dinner was to roast her. For example... "Alice has kept people well for 30 years. Unfortunately, she's been in the business for 40 years"... Alice is to nursing what Orson Welles is to tap dancing"... Pitcher Fernando Valenzuela is learning English and when he does he'll find out the Dodgers are paying him \$2 an hour."

Maj.Gen. ROBERT L. WETZEL, (34th '62-'63, Hq. Spt. Command '62-'63), is now Commanding General, the Infantry Center and School, Ft. Benning, GA. we are proud to report.

Lt.Gen. HOWARD F. STONE, (34th '57-'58), is Commanding General, Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

JIM MACK, (Hq. 19th '39-'41), of Furnace Lane, New Florence, Pa., asks if the \$20 for the History is due now or when the book is published in the spring. We'll print only copies paid for as we go to print. If it's 700 copies paid for, then we'll print 700. If it's 7000 copies paid for, then we'll print 7000. Obviously orders will not be accepted after we go to press.



From RALPH KISNER, (B 19 '42-'45), of 1801 S. Woodland, Santa Ana, Calif., comes this one showing, in the back row, with grass skirts and all, his nibs, MARTIN, JOE PEYTON, and WILLIAMS. It was taken on Ferguson I. The boys had rowed over from Goodenough. The Fuzzy Wuzzies in the front row were not identified.

Maj.Gen. EDWARD A. DINGES, (11th F '66-'67), is Commanding General of the Field Artillery Center & School, Ft. Sill, Okla.

Rodney Dangerfield told his dentist that his teeth were getting all yellow - and the dentist told him to wear a brown tie.

80 is a wonderful age - especially if you're 90.



Col. EDWARD T. RICHARDS, (G-3 and Bde. CO '74-'77), is now Commanding 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Bragg.

BILL MORNHINWEG, (C 21st '44-'45), of 907 Kaw, Perry, OK, missed St. Louis. Was in hospital. Cancer of the throat. Can still talk, thank fortune. Reports that "I'm getting along fine now." Our best wishes and deep prayers go with you.

Friendly words from HERMAN HARP, (M 34th; C 24th Med. '44-'45), of Lamoni, Iowa: "I believe I'm one of the oldest out of the Div. - 75 last April - one great grandchild almost 6 - proud to be a member of a fine organization.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO MY FAMILY —
Patricia, Tondra and Mark Bolleter,
plus all Taro Leaf Members, and all
others who might take time to read this.

Francis A. Bolleter, Jr.

21st '50-'51
9420 DANTE COURT
RIVER RIDGE, LA 70123



Stewart has a Bookmobile running
around the post. We like what we see --
wish we could give it to you in
technicolor.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO:

DOUG and LORRAINE KEYSER DOC WITCHER and FAMILY
LEO and ARLINE AGUILAR PFC. FUGGETTA
BILL and VIRGINIA KEYES BILL WHETSLER
DICK AMERMAN ED VOSO and FAMILY

ALL D 21st '40-'45

and all others of the most wonderful gang in the world.

John & Virginia Morrison

D 21st '40-'45
54 CHELSEA DRIVE
MT. SINAI, NY 11766

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Joe and Priscilla
Petrauskas*

7 Shattuck St.,
Nashua, NH 03060

NOEL

PAUL F. WISECUP

1265 Kasa Masa Lane
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Division celebrated its 41st birthday
with a "Victory Week" program, Oct. 27-
31, with varied activities for the
military and the post's civilian
neighbors. Regretfully, we couldn't
make it.

Some of the highlights included two
demonstrations Oct. 29 by the members
of the 1st Battalion, 75th Rangers. The
first demonstration was at 1 p.m. at
the NCO Academy on Fort Stewart, just
off Ga. Highway 119 near Pembroke,
and the other at Donovan Field on Fort
Stewart, at 2:30 p.m. the same day.

The program included dedication of
Dean Field, in honor of Maj.Gen.
William F. Dean. Rangers made a
parachute jump as a part of the demon-
stration.

A Volksmarch, an event offering walks
of different lengths for families,
individuals and military units, was set
for the Saturday morning. Not a race,
the event offered a family outing with
walks of 10 and 20 kilometers.

Col. Alice and RUSS HAGERMAN,
(11th F '45-'47), enjoying their
2712 14th Ave., SE, Ruskin, FL.
address along about now. Envy you,
folks.

Stewart shuttles the gang, and
families to and from Savannah on week-
ends. For free!! Remember that 20 mile
road off the Interstate to the post
proper? "The tunnel," they call it.

Division puts out a monthly paper and we've snitched a piece of it.



Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Ft. Stewart

Morale Support Activities **BULLETIN**

Information Bulletin 82-11
AFZP-PAM
NOVEMBER 1982

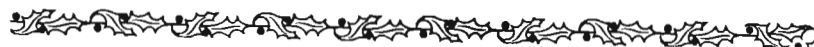


BAVARIAN FESTIVAL SCHEDULED AT HUNTER — The all Bavarian Festival show band will appear in person at the Hunter Community Center on Sunday, November 14, from 2 to 6 p.m. In addition to an outstanding show, the band will present a program of dance music which includes Swiss yodeling, German drinking songs, polkas, standard "pop" tunes and semi-classical numbers. In the

tradition of the Alps, the show will include the Happy Schuhplattler (Shu-platt-ler) Dancers. German and American food will be available for purchase at the show. The Bavarian Festival is a show for people who will enjoy the feeling of walking through a door and being transported to a European Continent. The festival is open to the public.

Just what Morale Support Activities means, we're not quite sure but we can make a good guess. So can you.

As to the Bavarian Festival, we can see shades of our Germany days carrying over. Sounds like it must have been fun.



*May the Holidays bring you
much Joy — Happiness
and above all —
Good Health*

**Maurice (Moe)
and
Dora Finegold**

**Sv. 19th
475 N.E. 50th Terr.
Miami, FL 33137**

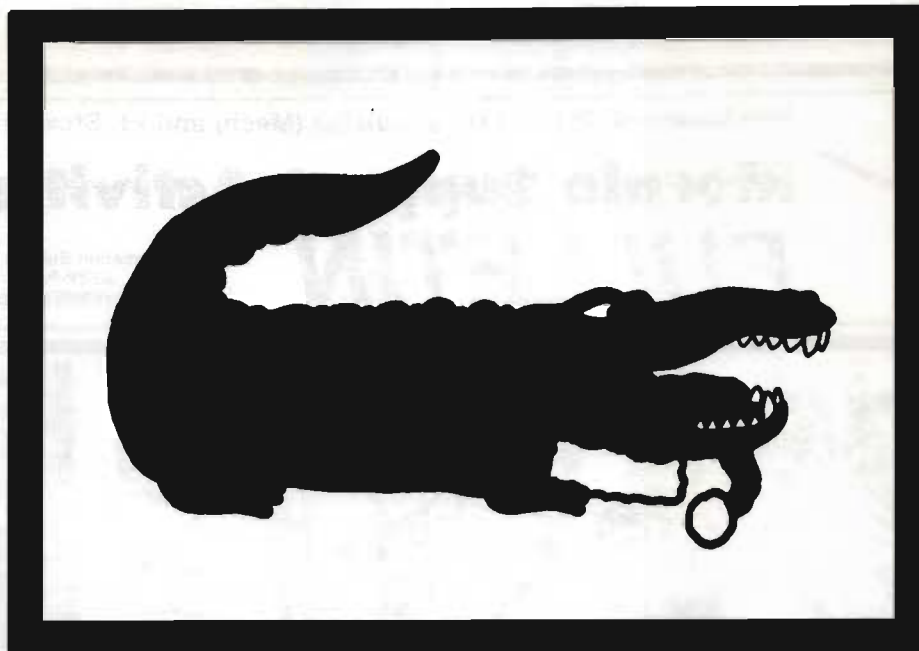
*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

ROBERT P. LAVENDER

34th ('45), 19th ('50-'57)

1120 Harrison Lane

Hurst, TX 76053



everyone overeats at christmas

Best Wishes

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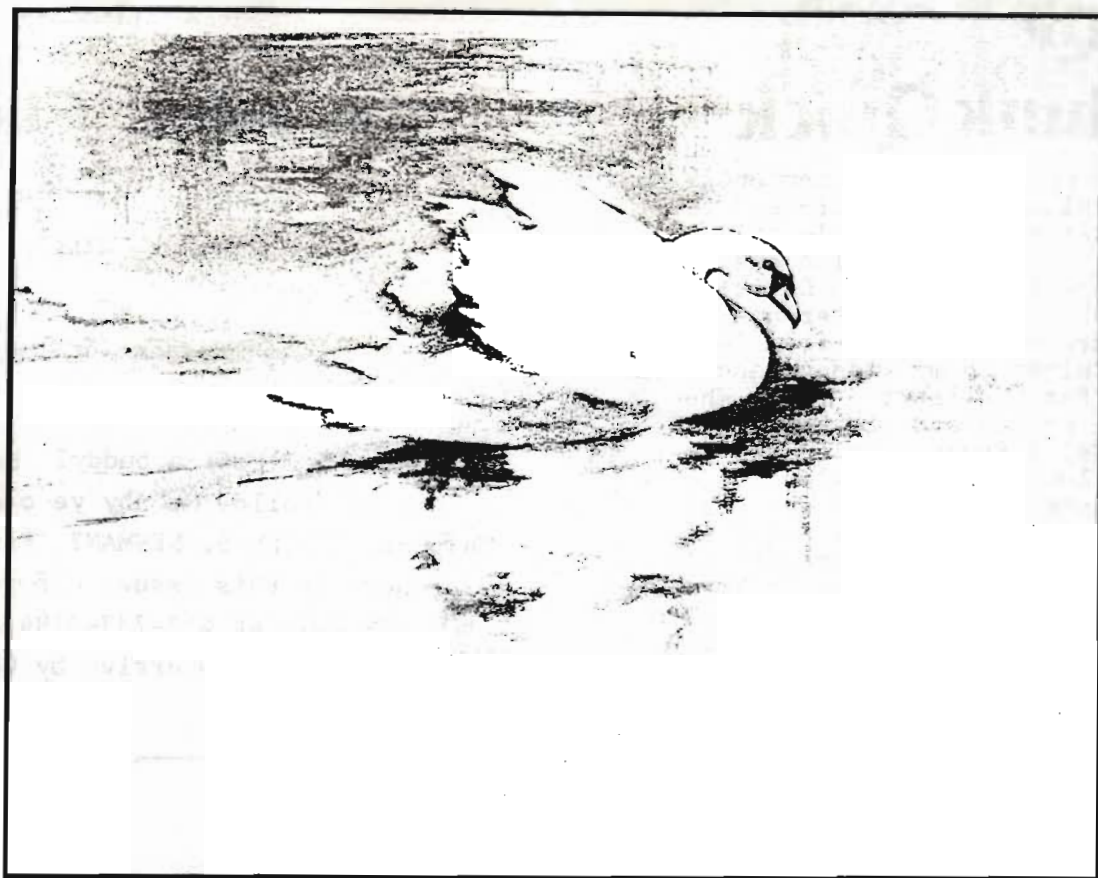
HAPPY HOLIDAY

SEASON

And the New Year

**Bill and Alice
Sanderson**

57 Peck Street
Attleboro, MA 02703



*Christmas is remembering...
...and a time to
reflect the bright spirit of our
Christmas season.*



TOM AND ANITRA UPTON

Div. Hq. '41-'44

4 DARTMOUTH ST.

FOREST HILLS, QUEENS, NY 11375

Think Quick
Think Quick
Think Quick
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Think Quick

Lindsey Nelson, the TV announcer, was a 9th Division man. He attended their reunion last summer and told this delightful story: "In Africa one afternoon, I came bouncing into Division hqs. at Bou Chebka late one afternoon. Bouncing around that road from Tebessa had done things to my kidneys and I made hurriedly for the latrine fly. When I parted the canvas and started to take a step inside, I found myself face to face with a fellow wearing a helmet that had three big stars on it. He was just sitting there... and I was standing there ... and our faces were not six inches apart. I really didn't know what to do. I was pretty well schooled in military etiquette. I knew whom to salute.. in my case, that was easy, I saluted everybody. But... etiquette in the latrine had not been covered in my course. I didn't know whether to salute ... to tie my tie... zip my fly ... retreat... or advance. The three-stars never said a word. He didn't feel compelled to introduce himself. He didn't have to. I knew who he was. His name was George S. Patton, Jr. I don't think that Congress had yet approved his promotion to Lt.Gen... but he was wearing the three stars... and that was certainly all right with me.

"I eased on over to the far corner of the fly where the facility had been dug. He was still just sitting there. There's not much a fellow in that position can do.

"When I had finished, I eased ever so carefully by him and when I was at the exit, I quietly tipped my helmet and ran like hell. In the years since the war ... at social gatherings ... people have said to me, 'Did you ever see General Patton during the war.' I say, 'Oh yes. We met'."

Season's Greetings

THOMAS H. COMPERE

1897 Clifton

Highland Park, IL. 60035

Season's Greetings

Roscoe C. Claxon

Stamping Ground

Kentucky 40279

Wanna Xmas gift a buddy? How about a copy of "Follow Me" by ye old Redhead, Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN? Prices elsewhere in this issue. If you're game, call KEN ROSS at 413-733-3194 and we'll ship it in time to arrive by Christmas eve.



*loud
'n
clear*

We're quoting JACK FINAN's latest letter in full; it's wonderful:
"Greetings From Tar Heel Land:
"Perhaps a new member -- perhaps not. John T. (Steady) Jackson, PO Box 154, Waldo, Ark. (Ed. note: Steady is now in.)
"Gen. Red Newman will remember Steady as a top notch Sergeant in H 19th. Also, the finest athlete in the history of Schofield. All-Schofield in baseball, football, basketball, and The Javelin Record Holder.
"I could be wrong but I believe Steady retired as a Master Sergeant. After 42 years, I got a letter from him. He is a cousin of Travis Jackson, Hall of Fame Baseball 1982 - New York Giants.
"Jesse Foster sent me news and photos of the Baltimore Pow-Wow. Sorry about being absent due to health problems. If all goes well we hope to make it to Savannah. Jesse is a Gung Ho Trooper and thanks to Colonel Al Hoffman, we got him in the Taro Leaf Assn.
"The condemned man was before the tiring squad. He was asked if he had any last requests. 'Just one,' he replied. 'Use blanks.' ALOHA NUI, Jack"

*Wishing you a
beautiful Holiday Season
and all good things
for the coming year.*



Joseph J. McKeon

19th & Div. Hq. '49-'51

12733 Muscatine St.

Arleta, CA 91331



It's More you.

We're stumped. BILL EARLEY, (A 26th AAA Bn.), of 25 Kelly, Hamden, CT, told us at BII about one of our boys who collects fire department patches. For the life of us, we can't recall who that was. At any rate, Mr. Calabash, wherever you are -- Bill has a patch for you. Sing out and we'll get it to you.



A Taro Leafer was out hunting in the forest. A storm came up. It was raining torrents, so he crawled into a hollow log. It fit snugly. The storm lasted an hour and the water soaked through the wood in the log so that it began to contract. When the storm abated, the Taro Leafer tried to crawl out, but he could not. He strained and strained -- but to no avail. The log held him tightly within the hollow. He began to panic. He would call out, but no one would hear him. He would die of starvation. His whole life began to flash before his eyes, particularly his errors, his mistakes, his sins. Suddenly he remembered that he hadn't paid his "24th" dues. This made him feel small -- so very small in fact that suddenly he was able to crawl out of the log.

The moral? Of course there's a moral: don't let your dues go unpaid until you find yourself in a tight pinch.

Season's Greetings

John E. Klump

RR #1

Guilford, IN 47022



"Now Is The Time! To Prepare a Guide for Your Survivor" provides step-by-step instructions so that widows and other heirs will be fully informed concerning burial, benefits, taxes, wills, and many other death-related matters. For more information, write to: National Association for Uniformed Services, PO Box 1406, Springfield, VA 22151

Revised DA Pamphlet 600-5, "Handbook on Retirement Services for Army Personnel and Their Families," is now available for \$5.50 from Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Specify Stock Number 008-020-00912-1 and enclose check or money order payable to Superintendent of Documents.

DON WILLIAMS says, "The only female who knows what she has in her bag without looking is a kangaroo."

DICK STUBEN, (3rd Eng. -19th '49-'51), of 3560 Jackson, Omaha, NB, has asked us to publicise a letter from Hal Daub, energetic Congressman from Nebraska, and as stated in the letter, a member of the newly formed National Committee for a Korean War Memorial (Hal served in Korea and married a Korean girl).

Writes Dick, obviously before BII, "Anywho, if you are going to have a short 'business meeting' in Baltimore, I wonder if you can bring this matter before the bar and let it be known that action for a Korean War Memorial has been initiated and any support the group can offer will be appreciated (at the present time just writing a note to their respective congressmen and expressing approval would be most appropriate) (before the price of postage goes up). And/or if you can't bring this business up in Baltimore, perhaps you can spare some space in the 'Taro Leaf' to push this project???"

The matter got sidetracked at BII, Dick, but we give your request this space.

And we reproduce Congressman Daub's letter to you. Boy, do you travel in high circles.





Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

July 7, 1982

R. A. Stuben
3560 Jackson # 3
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

Dear Dick:

Knowing of your interest in the Vietnam War Memorial and also, of ensuring an appropriate tribute to the veterans of the Korean conflict, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the current initiatives.

Since the March 26, 1982 groundbreaking ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, construction is progressing on schedule and a dedication ceremony is anticipated for Veterans Day, on November 11. As the result of a compromise between the Memorial Fund organization and opponents of the original design, an American flag and a statue of a soldier will be added to the memorial. Secretary Watt authorized the use of federal land for the project and assisted in the compromise efforts.

As a member of the newly formed National Committee for a Korean War Memorial, I am presently supporting efforts to acknowledge and memorialize the dedication and sacrifices of the veterans of that conflict.

Visitors to our nation's capitol should have a place to reflect and pay tribute to the living and deceased servicemen who served our country during these wars. As a former serviceman I strongly support the military and their dedication to peace.

Sincerely,

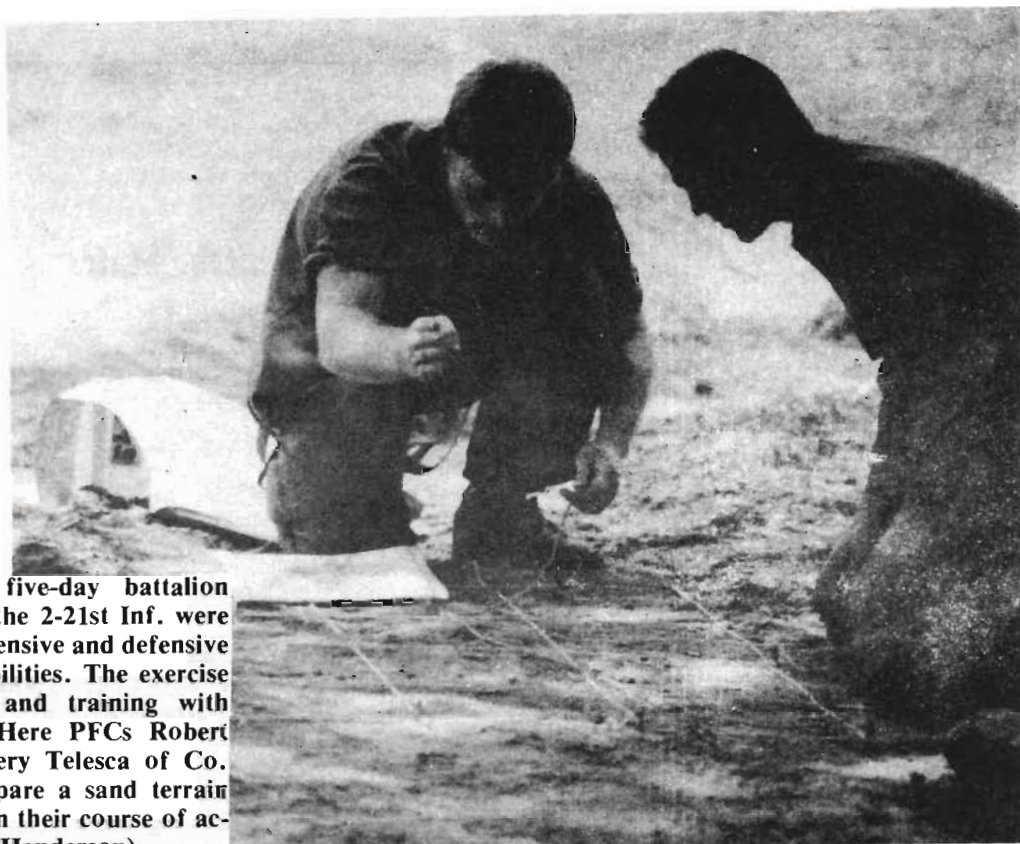
HAL DAUB
Member of Congress

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P.S. Cindy sends her warmest wishes!

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Around the post



During the recent five-day battalion ARTEP, soldiers of the 2-21st Inf. were evaluated on their offensive and defensive techniques and capabilities. The exercise included a live-fire and training with MILES equipment. Here PFCs Robert Davis (left) and Jeffery Telesca of Co. B's 2nd Platoon prepare a sand terrain map to help them plan their course of action. (Photo by Tom Henderson)



It can be a lonely but necessary job as Pvt. 2 Rod Turner of Co. A, 2-21st Inf. performs his duties as road guard and perimeter defense during the recent ARTEP of the battalion. The ARTEP included day and night evaluations of the unit as it and its soldiers, like Turner, performed the many tasks of a combat-type unit. (Photo by Tom Henderson)

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



C. G. Hanlin

34th '42-'45

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DID YOU KNOW...



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Season's Greetings

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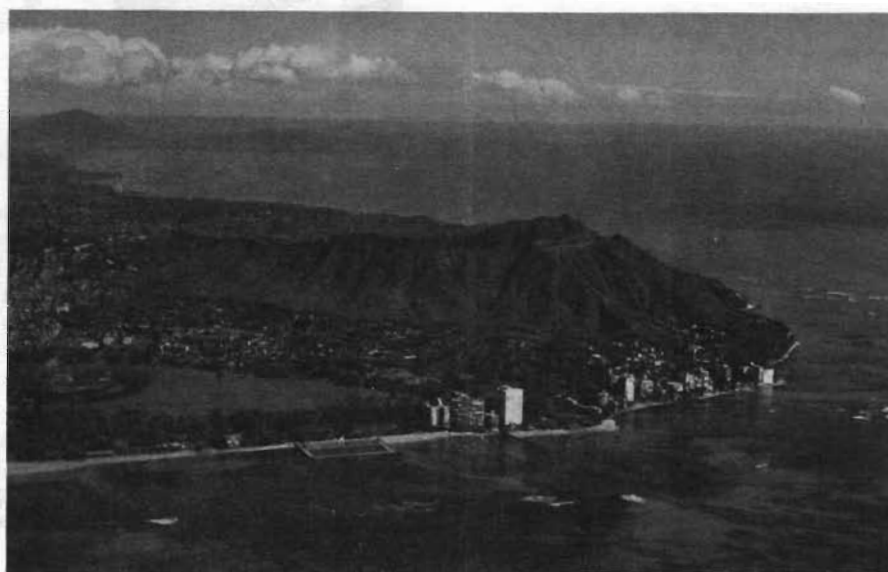
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"A Soldier's War" -- in narrative
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with the 1st Division. Available for
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Mele Kalikimaka

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hauoli Makahiki Hou

VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

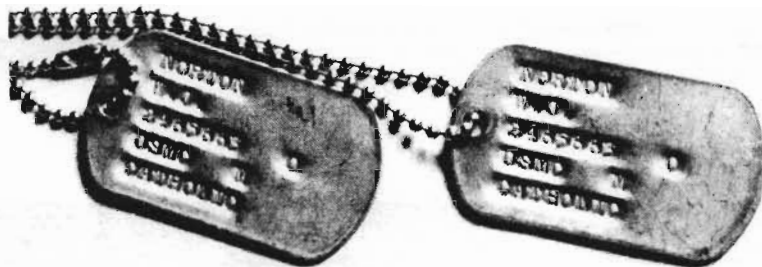
ALFRED and MABEL SOUSA

3rd Eng. '41-'45

3672 Woodlawn Drive

Honolulu, Hawaii

WILLIAM ROMZ, (D 5th RCT), of 6155 S. Keeler, Chicago, IL writes: "My most profound thanks to DICK GOINY for making me aware of your fine organization."



Season's Greetings

In Memory of G. N. (Blackie) White

13th FA

July 1941 - Aug. 1945

BESSIE WHITE

P.O. Box 98

Parker Dam, CA 92267

There was one treat you really missed in Baltimore if you didn't get over to it. That was Haussner's Restaurant over in East Baltimore. Supremely opulent. With an unbelievable art collection of paintings, bronzes, china, marbles, wood carvings, clocks, etchings, you name it. The Men's Bar features oils of nude you-know-whats. Terrific. Thank you, WALTER CUNNINGHAM, for making sure that we visited this one.



Season's Greetings

William Byrd

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MARSHALL BUTCHER, 1st Bn. 19th, '48-'51), of 2501 E. 20th, Tucson, AZ, is trying to locate 1st Cav.Div.Assn. Try this, Marsh: Col. Robert F. Little, Jr., Ret., 302 N. Main St., Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

"How a Heart Attack Is Improving My Life" -- written by a retiree who survived a heart attack. It is intended to help all Americans, but by implication older Americans, prevent heart attacks, but if they do have them, how to survive them. The publication is available for \$3.50 from William P. Buttler, 142 Piute Avenue, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

Participants in worldwide campaigns resulting in the liberation of France and her territories may purchase the Medal of Liberated France from: LTC Henry van Nus III (Ret), 25372 Hugo Rd., Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Send stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope for complete information.



Season's Greetings

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Season's Greetings

PAUL A. HARRIS, JR.

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Wilmington, NC 28401



RALPH BALESTRIERI, (F.O.-C13th F and 19th '50-'51), of 41 Rose, Eatontown, NJ, sings the praises of the 58th AFA in ETO but hastens to add: "But my best shooting was with the Chicks. Better targets? By the way, I read Ridgeway's "The Korean War." He made a statement that the morale of troops in Korea was very low. I believe he interviewed some 19th people. I couldn't believe my eyes! The only infantry I've ever seen with better morale was the 36th Arm'd Inf. Regt, and I've been with tanks and/or infantry in a half dozen different divisions. As I've said before, 19th I'd serve with anytime."

Love your enthusiasm, Ralph -- and your loyalty.



Season's Greetings

RICHARD T. LIGMAN

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Season's Greetings

Hubert Lowry

Lomax, IL 61454

Season's Greetings

Howard R. Lumsden

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

MAJ. GEN. FREDERICK IRVING

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We do!

FRANKIE KAWA, (Cn. 21st), gave us this one at BII, and we loved it. It seems that Clyde King, the Yankees' manager -- or was as this is being written -- was talking about some of the deceptive maneuvers he has executed in his athletic career and the subject of illegal pitches arose. King admitted to having thrown such a pitch one -- a bubble-gum pitch.

He threw the pitch, King related, in a game he pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers against the New York Giants. The Giants had two out and runners at first and third in the ninth inning with Whitey Lockman at bat.

"Lockman always hit me," King recalled. "I had told Roy Campanella, the catcher, about a bubble-gum pitch I could throw because I always chewed bubble gum. So when I got two strikes on Lockman, Campy came out to the mound and said, 'How about throwing your bubble-gum pitch now?'"

King thought it was a good idea, but he cautioned Campanella that when he caught the ball he had better get away from the plate fast so no one could look at the ball. Then, turning his back to the plate, King let his wad of bubble gum drop into his glove and attached it to the underside of the ball.

"I threw the ball," he said, and "Lockman was waiting to hit it. But he swung and the ball dropped straight down and he missed it by a lot. Campy caught the ball and ran for the dugout and so did I. Lockman and the umpire were standing there not knowing what to think or way. When I got to the clubhouse, Campy was standing there waiting. He said, 'Hey, professor, you can have the last ball if you can get it out of my glove.'"

*Warmest wishes
for a Merry Christmas
and the best of
everything in the
coming New Year!*

Brig. Gen. Lester and Dorothy Wheeler

19th, 21st, 34th, 5th RCT & Div. Hq.
'41 - '45; '53

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Alexandria, VA 22308



Engineers practice demolition

story and photos

by Dean Wohlgemuth

Simulating an attack behind enemy lines, men from the 3rd Engineer Battalion quickly moved into an area in Abbeville County, S.C. Sept. 1 and destroyed two bridges.

While the exercise was simulated, the demolition of the bridges was actual. However, no one cared.

The bridges would soon have been completely submerged, when Richard B. Russell Lake is completed, sometime next year.

Although there was no need to remove the bridges for the purposes of completing the lake, Savannah District Army Corps of Engineers officials realized the training potential that several small bridges would offer to the combat engineers at Fort Stewart.

With several members of the news media from the area, as well as some local city officials, a UH-1 helicopter slipped over the tops of the trees and sat down on a small grassy field some quarter of mile from one of the bridges. A similar attack, this one not before witnesses, was simultaneously conducted at a second bridge.

The chopper sat down for only an instant while a small scout squad from Delta Troop, 2-9th Cav. from Hunter Army Airfield, quickly left the helicopter and took tactical positions in the field. Once the helicopter moved out, the squad swiftly divided, each half taking a different side of the small stream.

The scouts worked their way carefully downstream to the bridge, which they promptly secured after determining there were no enemy in the area. Once this was ascertained, they sent a radio message to the engineers that they could move in.

Moments later, two more copters arrived, landing one ahead of the other and unloading their cargoes of demolitions and men.

The members of Co. A, 3rd Engineers, carried their deadly load to the bridge and began rigging it for the demolition job.

Under 1st Lt. Ken Cox, the engineers planted six 40-pound cannisters of cratering charge in the road, three on each end of the bridge. These charges were to blow the bridge abutments out, and into the stream.

At the same time, other men of the squad installed C-4 plastic charges on five steel beams under the 30-foot wooden bridge. All charges were connected with detonation cable.

Maj. James Askew, executive officer of the 3rd pointed out that the job normally would require about 90 minutes. However because members of Delta Troop, 2-9 Cav. were being crosstrained in demolition techniques and because of the very rocky ground in the dirt road, as well as delays required for news coverage of the event, the job took somewhat longer.

Finally, the charges were all in place and spectators and soldiers alike were moved out of the area, to a safe distance of 5,000 feet. The danger zone was cordoned off by roadblocks set up by Abbeville County sheriff's officers and South Carolina Highway Patrol troopers. A final pass over the area was made by a helicopter to assure there was no one in the danger zone before the blasts were set off.

The order to go ahead came. The message rang out over the radio systems, "'Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole!'"

Seconds later, the blast shook the ground. The sound was heard a distance of at least seven miles away, clearly audible through the county seat town of Abbeville. There was no alarm, however, since the public had been forewarned of the exercise.

As the military and the media returned to the site, after an all-clear was given, they were greeted to the sight of shattered heavy timbers and twisted steel. Destruction was complete. The heavy steel beams were ripped, torn and bent. Heavy timbers were rendered into splinters. No vehicles would cross that bridge again.

Beaming happily, Maj. Askew declared the operation highly successful.

"We've conducted test firings in pits, we've practiced all the techniques, but this is the first time we have ever had the opportunity to do an actual demolition on a bridge," he said.

Calling in

Point lookout Pvt. Richard Arseneau, Delta Troop, 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry, calls for helicopters which will bring in the Engineers' demolition team. Scouts from Delta Troop first secured the area, determining it was safe for the engineers to move in.



Best of Holiday Wishes
from the Von Mohr's
Jerry, Paul, Beth & Jay
Jerry Von Mohr

AT 19th '45

3846 Villanova Drive
Kettering, Ohio 45429

Can you believe it. Word out of Darmstadt, West Germany, is that the U.S. Army plans to issue pregnant servicewomen a camouflage maternity work uniform.

The Stars and Stripes says that the Army has reaffirmed its ban on male soldiers in uniform carrying umbrellas. Female soldiers may carry them. But the Air Force approved umbrellas for airmen in uniform three years ago.

The Marines allow a man to carry an umbrella if it belongs to a lady he is accompanying, the newspaper said, but the Navy does not.

CLIFFORD H. SMITH, (1st Bn. 19th, '50-'51), of 3613 N. 72nd Drive, Phoenix, AZ, anxious to contact any 1st Bn. Chicks of that vintage.

See where the British army is taking 6 million penguins under its wing in the Falklands. A major will serve as their bodyguard, making sure they are not disturbed. Surely you've known of, or been involved in, some pretty stupid army details yourself. What was the worst, or most ridiculous, in your memory? Send it in and we'll publish it. Prizes for the winners!!

This one came to us from Past Prexy DON WILLIAMS:

The instructor gave his freshman English class an assignment to write an essay on people in high society. One student's paper included this sentence:

"The lady of the house descended a staircase, tripped, fell and lay prostitute on the floor."

The instructor circled the erroneous word and commented: "You must learn to distinguish between a fallen woman and one who has temporarily lost her balance."



*From your immediate Past President,
Seasons Greetings to all our friends
in the 24th Infantry Division Association.*

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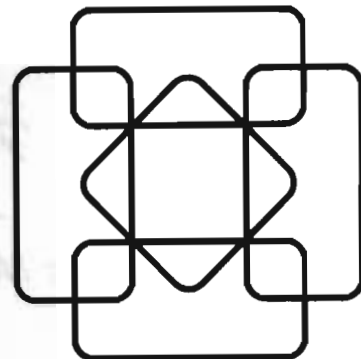
*Also, Peggie and I want to thank you all
for making our Baltimore Convention
such a great get-to-gether.*



Dallas and Peggie Dick

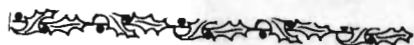
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FACES & MORE FACES



Back to Georgia went a couple of old medics. It was the 60th anniversary of the 24th Med. Bn. - and coincidentally it was the 40th anniversary of the joining of the Bn. by TOM BRODERICK and TOM UPTON. TOM BRODERICK became C.O. of Co. B; TOM UPTON became the Division expert on matters involving the mosquito especially of the genus anopheles. So Lt.Col. B. RICHARD LAAKEN present Bn.CO invited the twosome back to the post, actually Hunter, not Stewart, for the festivities, in late August -- and they went. And we give them to you in alphabetical order, beginning at the left: TOM BRODERICK, DICK LAAKEN, and TOM UPTON. "Grand party" report both Tom's.

JOSEPH J. MCKEON, (19th '49-'51; Div. G-2 '51), at BII made a \$50 contribution to the kitty -- and we happily acknowledge same. And if that doesn't entitle him to make a criticism, we don't know what does. Following the Saturday night banquet, he cornered us in the lobby, announcing that, unless "we" did something about the long-winded folks who didn't know when to stop talking from the rostrum, this would be "my last convention." We recall that Joe similarly complained a year earlier at St.Louis II. We think the complaint to be most valid -- and we intend to try to change things. That was - and is - our promise to Joe.



Season's Greetings

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Season's Greetings

Michael J. Rafter

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Season's Greetings

JOSEPH I. PEYTON

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It was "The Big Knife" for Lt.Gen. DONALD ROSENBLUM. A Walter Reed by-pass. Sounds like a new route around Baltimore. Patient is back home in Quarters #1 at Meade -- doing fine, thank fortune.

Christmas Greetings

and

Best Wishes for the New Year

MAJ. GEN. A. S. NEWMAN

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HEY, THIS IS BETTER

Let's be our own lexicographers. Let's make up our own dictionary of "cracker barrel" terms peculiar to the Army. You know - like "SNAFU," "KILROY WAS HERE," "G.I.," etc., etc. You send yours in along with definition if you can, and we'll print them. Casual observers might believe there are more worthwhile pursuits for scholars, but to suggest as much to dedicated 24th'ers is to invite the resounding rebuke "Applesauce" - or another having something to do with a horse. We tried it for size at BII and dozens of you said you'd send in some of yours. Okay, gang, send 'em on.



Photographer STAN KAISER, (Div.Arty., Med. Det.) gets into his own pic at BII. It's JOHN WELCH, (63rd F), then Dr. Stan standing, CARL SCHAAD, (63rd F), and Carl's lovely bride, Mary. Don't know how you did it, Stan.

Sign outside a liquor store (of all places) in San Francisco. "Double Your Wardrobe, Marry a Transvestite."

Wife Lillie gave PHIL SANTANGELO, (11th F), a surprise birthday party on Oct. 3rd. They're at 14 New York, Massapequa, NY. We cabled a "Happy Birthday, Phil, from the entire, and we mean entire, 24th Division."

No Dues
No Reveille\$

INSPIRING

They spray up like crabgrass in July-- the friends of Alice SANDERSON that is. Almost 400 of them gathered together one night in November to celebrate her retirement from more than 30 years of nursing service at the Providence, R.I. General Hospital. Congratulations, Al. Oh, lest we forget, Al is Mrs. BILL SANDERSON.

SMILE!



This is the band on parade for the Med Bn 60th anniversary. Says TOM UPTON who was there for himself, "Incidentally we must insist on a new drumhead for that bass drum -- or fire the bass-drummer and find one who will be more gentle -- we want a perfect Taro Leaf for our parade next August."

Big, Big Mac: Every day four percent of the American population visits McDonald's.

James Jones wrote an epilogue called "Pass in Review" at the close of his book, "World War II." We like it. It goes: "Pass in review. How many times they had heard the old, long drawn-out, faint field command pass down the long length of the vast parade ground, fading, as the guidons moved out front. So slowly it faded (meaning World War II), leaving behind it a whole generation of men who would walk into history looking backwards, with their backs to the sun, peering forever over their shoulders behind them, at their own lengthening shadows trailing across the earth. None of them would ever really get over it."

THIS YEAR
I'M NOT
SENDING ANY
CHRISTMAS CARDS..



..EXCEPT TO
PEOPLE I LIKE!

HERE'S YOURS!

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!



WALTER CUNNINGHAM

Div. Hq. '41-'45

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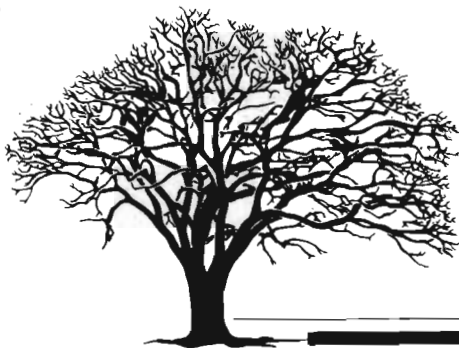
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Savannah . . . A New Destination

Cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages, quaint little pubs and restaurants . . . all shaded by magnificent moss-draped oak trees . . . that's the setting for our meeting in Savannah.

Sitting Pretty

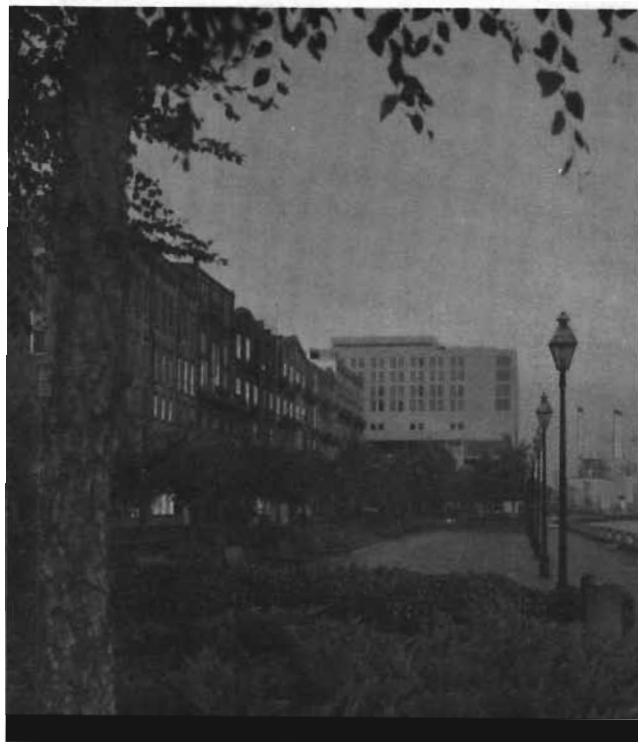
JOE PEYTON, who worked so hard to make B II a success, has asked us to include this item for him in our next issue, and we happily oblige: "...if you have any photos of the reunion please send me a copy. I want to make a scrapbook of the reunion and put as many pictures in it as possible. If you know the names of the individuals in the photos, they would be appreciated also, but they are not necessary. Thank you." Joe's at 1405 Belmore Ct., Lutherville, Md. 21093.



Now out: "The Devil's Gluttony, Part 2" by a couple of Japs. Like the earlier work, out last spring, it delves into the human experiments -- the injections of plaque, cholera, typhus, and other germs, the freezing of limbs, the injecting with syphilis, etc., etc. which caused the deaths of at least 3000 Chinese, Russians, and Mongols and American POW's. This all allegedly took place in Manchuria during WW II. We're trying to run it down -- esp. that part about "American POW's". We can't believe that the home press isn't aghast. Stay tuned.

RICHARD LUM made B II, his tenth reunion with us. He was telling us about the football team coached by FRANKLIN H. HARTLINE whom he hadn't seen since Pearl Harbor. BILL KUSHINA, JOHN TEN EYCK, CHARLEY MCBRYDE and BILL SANDERSON were also old Wahoo footballers who made B II. Richard tells us that Sanderson was kicked off the team for missing practice. Seems he had won a little in a card game and had taken off for Honolulu.

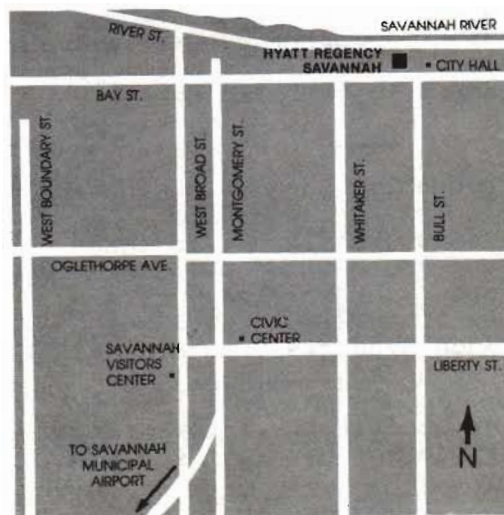
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IN and OUT

BOB NEWKIRK, (H 21st '41-'44), of Franklin, IN, was bent on making BII with Elsie. All loaded and about to sail when hit with a kidney stone attack. Hospitalized 24 days. Let him who is without a kidney cast the first stone, we always say. Bob getting along fine now.

BOB "Hutch" HUTCHISON, (Ambco 24th Med '49-'51), of 2413 Westchester, Springfield, IL, has known FOREST "Bill" CULLERS, of Rt. 3, Box 20, Greenville, FL for 15 years, and has just found out that Bill's 71st construction Bn. was attached to the 24th in '50 and '51. Yep, Bill's in as a member, thanks to Hutch.



As we told WARREN AVERY, (G 21st), at BII - we may not be able to squeeze all of the convention news into a single issue. Reason: space. The overflow will go into issues #2, #3, etc. Please bear with us. Why here's a photo taken in St. Louis in Aug. '81 showing VICENTE and Inday SYDIONGCO who had flown in from Malaysia for the party. That's Maj. Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN in the left background. This was handed to us at BII - so you can get an idea of what we're up against. Sorry, but we lost the note on who gave us this one. Came nicely addressed to us in an envelope too.

One day recently, the U.S. Senate opened with a prayer led by its \$52,000 per annum Chaplain. It then rejected the measure aimed at permitting school prayer. It then closed with a prayer led by its \$52,000 per annum Chaplain. Such hypocrisy! Incidentally we've been trying to find what other duties that Chaplain performs. So far, we've been unsuccessful. Inferentially, U.S. Senators do not have to "see the Chaplain."



There's an old Chinese saying that goes: "If you sit by the river long enough, you'll see the bodies of all your enemies float by." Reflect upon it, next time you get mad at someone.



WE'VE GOT IT ALL

TOM and Polly BAKEWELL, (724th Ord. '43-'45), of 1007 Beachside, Huron, Ohio, have reported in with a 6 page letter. Wonderful! Tell of their young ladies -- Priscilla, married, one child, living in Unity, Maine. Elizabeth, on Masters program at Brown. Anthropology. Wazzat, Liza?? Jennifer, museum work in Nyack, NY. Polly, senior Univ. Me. in Portland. Tom, retired from New Departure Hyatt, follows his primary interest - gun engraving. Tom and Polly living on shore of Lake Erie. We spent the coldest winter of our life at Camp Perry on Erie's shore, '42-'43: Tom writes interestingly about that lake:

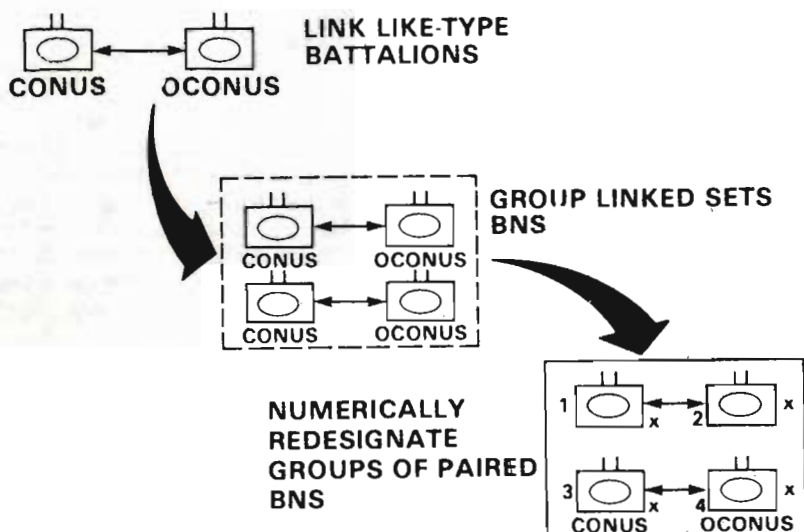
"Last April we got hit with a dandy storm - had two inches of ice all over the house so couldn't see out of any of the windows for several days until it melted. Good mud-colored ice that had come from the waves breaking against our seawall and carried against the house by the wind. Some of our neighbors walls completely collapsed and much of their lawns were washed away. So, we've been putting in steel piling and that's been driven down 12 feet. If that washes out, it will be time to head for the hills.

"The lake level is a great topic of conversation out here and it has been considerably 'over normal' for quite a few years. Blamed are: the repairs on Niagara Falls, the canal of Chicago, the Canadians, etc. If anyone knows, they are not saying. Of course, because of the shallowness of Lake Erie, each extra foot of water level translates into an appreciable amount of extra cargo that can be carried by the freighters - and that is \$ so I expect the lake level will remain high. We get boats from all over -- China, Greece, etc., into Huron loading soya beans and corn. Generally, the lakes stay open through Christmas and right now is quite a busy time."

Hold onto your hats. We may be off again.

Although the Chief of Staff has approved the regimental concept under which like units will be paired, when the first regiments will be formed and their designations still have not been decided, according to DA officials.

REGIMENTAL DESIGNATION



A typical regiment probably would consist of four battalions, officials said. Each regiment will consist of like units (infantry, armor or artillery) which would be associated under a regimental designation. Part of the regiment would be overseas and part would be based in ConUS.

Officials said that the new regimental system will be used only for manning and assignment purposes, and that the Army will continue to be organized by divisions and brigades for tactical purposes.

As regiments are formed, battalions within it will be redesignated (i.e. to the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Bn, X Regt). That means existing designations of some combat arms battalions will change as units come under the regimental system.

tem. That also means that some battalions will wear different unit crests than at present. Officials said that the switch will be gradual.

Career soldiers will be assigned to units within their regiments for three years and will return to the regiment during future troop unit assignments. First-term soldiers will remain with the regiment throughout their enlistments. Once assigned to a regimental unit, soldiers will not be permitted to reenlist for another assignment during their tour of regimental duty.

The nucleus for the regimental system will be the COHORT (cohesion, operational readiness and training) units. The Army now has 35 infantry, armor and artillery COHORT company-size units. That number is expected to increase to 52 by the end of FY '83, to 72 by the end of FY '84 and to about 80 by the end of FY '85. At the end of FY '85, a decision is expected to be made on how quickly other combat arms units will become part of the regimental system.

Two regimental system company-sized units have been sent overseas, the first to be deployed outside ConUS. Five more are scheduled to be deployed to Germany in February and March 1983, officials said, bringing the total to seven.

The units going to Germany next year, three mechanized infantry companies, one tank company and one field artillery battery, will be deployed from Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Carson, Colo. The first two COHORT units to deploy overseas, an armor company and an artillery battery, left Carson for Germany in late September.

Current plans call for 22 COHORT units to be assigned overseas (10 in Germany, one in Italy, nine in South Korea, one in Alaska and one in Panama) at the end of FY '84. The overseas tour length for units will be 12 months in Korea and 18 months elsewhere, officials said. Careerists who go to long-tour areas in an accompanied status will be reassigned within the overseas area after the unit's 18-month tour ends. They will remain there for the rest of the accompanied tour length, generally an additional 18 months.

Currently, most soldiers enlist for three or four years. But the Army has proposed legislation that would allow the period of initial entry training to be added to enlistments so they could spend an entire three-year period with a regimental unit. That legislative proposal has been passed to the Office of Management and Budget for review, officials said.

Because of the time required for initial entry training, units rotating to long tour areas now only can remain in ConUS for 15 months if they perform an 18-month overseas tour. That also means that a COHORT unit's life cycle after recruits complete their training and join the unit is 33 months rather than the desired three years, officials said.

(Continued - See Regimental Designation)

The idea behind the COHORT units and the regimental system that they will evolve into is to increase combat effectiveness by keeping soldiers in the same unit longer and to move units rather than individuals. As part of that plan, a single unit order for overseas movement, rather than individual assignment orders, is being used to move COHORT companies.

Members of the first two COHORT units that deployed overseas and who were authorized concurrent travel were accompanied by their family members. This practice is to be continued whenever concurrent travel is authorized.

Because units will remain intact for almost three years under COHORT, provision must be made to allow for normal promotion of soldiers. That is being done by a process dubbed "by-grade substitution," whereby some NCO positions in units are filled by soldiers in a pay grade lower than that authorized for the slot.

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"Must be a tough objective. Th' old man says we're gonna have th' honor of liberatin' it."

Forty years after he chronicled the misadventures of GIs Willie and Joe in World War II, cartoonist Bill Mauldin returned to Europe to see what their grandsons were up to.

It was Mauldin who so infuriated George Patton with his antibrass cartoons that the fiery general threatened to throw him in jail. It was Mauldin whose editors were menaced with a court-martial by another general in Italy if they continued to publish him.

However, Mauldin, now 61, doesn't expect similar problems on this trip. →

The Bulletin Board

We still have a "sale" running. It's for Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN's book, "Follow Me." Red allowed us to buy 100 copies at a ridiculously low price. We're selling copies for \$12.95 (cloth cover) and \$7.95 (paper cover) and we pay the postage. We're one outfit that doesn't curse you with "plus \$1.50 postage." You know about the book -- army recollections and anecdotes. It's priceless. And Red's famous Follow Me poster is in colors on the cover. That alone is worth the price of an admission. Oh yes - almost forgot - in case you want a copy, write ye olde editor at 120 Maple St - Rm.207, Springfield, MA 01103.

September surgery -- Heart by-pass for FRANK MCKENNEY, (AT 21 '43-'45). Reports are all A-OK. Card him at 14 Lake St., Millbury, Mass.

Banzai -- and then some. What happened to "Inchon", that movie. It opened, in Washington, last spring -- and then you heard no more. Was it a bummer?

He was invited by the Pentagon to cover Reforger '82, this year's exercise in deploying 20,000 soldiers, sailors and marines from the United States into Europe to take part in war games with North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces.

"It'll be interesting," said the bearded Mauldin. "In the '40s, I was trying to give the point of view of the ordinary dogface draftee because I was one of them. Now you've got an all-volunteer Army, and I guess the whole thing is different.

"Certainly, when I was over here, we were the conquering heroes. Now American troops aren't as welcome. I believe some bars and discos won't allow GIs to enter."

It's the first time that the Pulitzer Prize-winning artist has been with American troops in Europe since he was discharged at the end of World War II. "No," he said, "I don't think I'll resurrect Willie and Joe. I'll just draw what I see."

The artist described by Patton as "that little son of a bitch," flew to Europe aboard a U.S. Air Force transport carrying a unit from Fort Hood. None of the troops recognized him. Which suited Bill Mauldin fine. In World War II, nobody except angry generals knew who he was, either.

Charles Frost received special attention when he picked up the license plate for his new truck last week.

Hardin County Clerk David Logsdon delivered the plate, and state Rep. Virgil Pearman, a Radcliff Democrat, helped attach it to the vehicle.

The license reads "POW-001," and is the first issued by Kentucky to former prisoners of war.

The General Assembly approved the special license for POWs during the 1982 session, with Pearman sponsoring the bill at Frost's request.

Frost, now 50, was a member of the 24th Infantry Division when his outfit was overrun by North Koreans. He was taken captive along with 700 other American soldiers. Frost was held in a prison camp for 1,133 days.

The ordeal ended Aug. 26, 1953. Of the 700 captured three years before, 216 survived.

Frost said the fact that he was young helped him survive. "Not knowing nothing, I didn't know what I was facing." He saw many older soldiers simply give up and die. "After the first six months we all but gave up hope of ever getting out."

Frost's special license cost him \$25, the same fee as a personal plate. He will pay only an annual clerk's fee of \$2 to renew the plate during the next five years.

One of the rewards of growing old is that there are few things you are still able to do that will bother your conscience.

RICHARD BOGER, (I 21st '50-'51), of Halifax, PA, pays his dues and ten more with the warm comment: "Sure am proud to belong to the Association."

Introducing to the Fold: EMIL PACO (A 21st), of 3116 Wrightsville, Wilmington, NC., and BOB OSBORN, (34th, '46-'48), of 3929 - 66th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Life Member 500 is BILLY MULDOON, (E 19th '44-'44), of 643 Trapelo, Waltham, MA. He went "over the top" at BII.

As we go to press, C.W. "Bill" MENNINGER is on the squawk-box from Cal. (Wonderful to hear your voice, Bill). He's looking for MIKE TARRANTULA, first of A of the 34th in the '47-'48 era. That's at Sasebo, right Bill? Anybody got a line on Mike?



At BII ALFRED J. RIDGE, (Band and F, 21st '41-'44), admitted he was not happy with the length of the banquet proceedings at BII. But that isn't the real point of this item. Aside from voicing that after we begged for his story, that at St. Louis II a year ago he was told by some member whom he can't or won't identify not to bring his drum to Baltimore that he might do the requisite honors at Reveille and Retreat by the hotel's flag pole. We thought it to be a "wonderful gesture" and we told him so. We find it hard to believe that some member could be so cold and heartless. Bring that drum to Savannah III, Al, we beg of you. By the way, Al was the one who "discovered" RICHARD A. WRIGHT, (Div. Aun. Sect. '51-'52) at the U.S. Air office in our host hotel. Dick is the District Sales Mgr. for U.S. Air. He lives at 522 Nolwood, Glen Burnie, Md. Need we add? - Al persuaded Dick to join.



"AWRIGHT, SOLDIER, WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO SMOKE?"

FRANK SKINNER gossips that he just heard on his telly that JAMES GARNER (5th RCT) has just received his Purple Heart.

Have you yet ordered your copy of Red Newman's Follow Me? We have an item on how to get it, elsewhere in this issue. The book is a rare combination of recollections, anecdotes, and incidents, all illustrating how to praise and how to criticize, when to laugh and when to growl -- and boy could he growl. Every Taro Leafer should own a copy.

New names, new faces, new members --

Brig.Gen. HARRY E. and Maryann SOYSTER, (Div.Arty C/S '78-'81), of 4706 Duncan, Annandale, Va.



Lana Turner, in her recent autobiography, said: "My dream was to have one husband and seven children, but instead, it turned out the other way."

B Man of the 52nd Field -- MELVIN BUTRICA -- wants to hear from old friends. Mel was one of us 2/41 - 6/45. Write him at 33 E. Foch, Milltown, NJ. Hope they flood you with notes, Mel.

Ex-Presidential candidate Pat Paulsen on the subject of drinking wine: "You don't hold it at the top or at the bottom but in the middle so the brown paper bag doesn't fall off."

Remember when VINNIE CIMMINO (B 34th, '41-'47), of 595 Harrison, Garfield, NJ, won the boxing championship at Schofield just before PH? Vinnie anxious to hear from old friends.

Tell us your cannibal joke, we asked of JOHN "Bob" SHAY at BII: "Did you hear the one about the cannibal who ate his mother-in-law and then discovered that she still disagreed with him?" We used that one a couple of issues ago, didn't we?



Update on good MICHAEL MOCHAK (D 19th '42-'45), of 1143 Walnut, Springdale, PA, who's enduring so very, very much: Alice says that Mike had a setback - pneumonia -- and was in the hospital for about 3 weeks; now home and breathing and walking better; is done with the treatments; lung checkup next in order; they've now found that the bone marrow is not producing blood and they're going to give him some medication to try to fix that. Mike and Alice are both appreciative of the many cards and calls. As you can well imagine, Alice has just been too busy to write acknowledgements. Forget it, Alice; let us do it for you right here and now with a "Thanks gang". And Alice, you just keep on taking good care of Mike. Don't give up.

LLOYD POTTERTON, (E 19th '44 - wounded on Leyte), of 222 Balsom, Spooner, Wis., would like to hear from anyone who served with him at Hollandia and/or Leyte. He also asked if we might reprint Children of Yesterday. We're including it in our History, Lloyd.



Our ever-active Membership Chairman LEE LIST and lovely wife, Ciel, made it to Seymour, Mo. recently to visit STANFORD and Laura RHOADS. They report that Laura is the "best cook west of the Miss." While there, Lee recruited DAVID P. and Jean CARPENTER, (A 21st '45-'47), also of Seymour. Seems as though Lee can find one or two in every town he hits.