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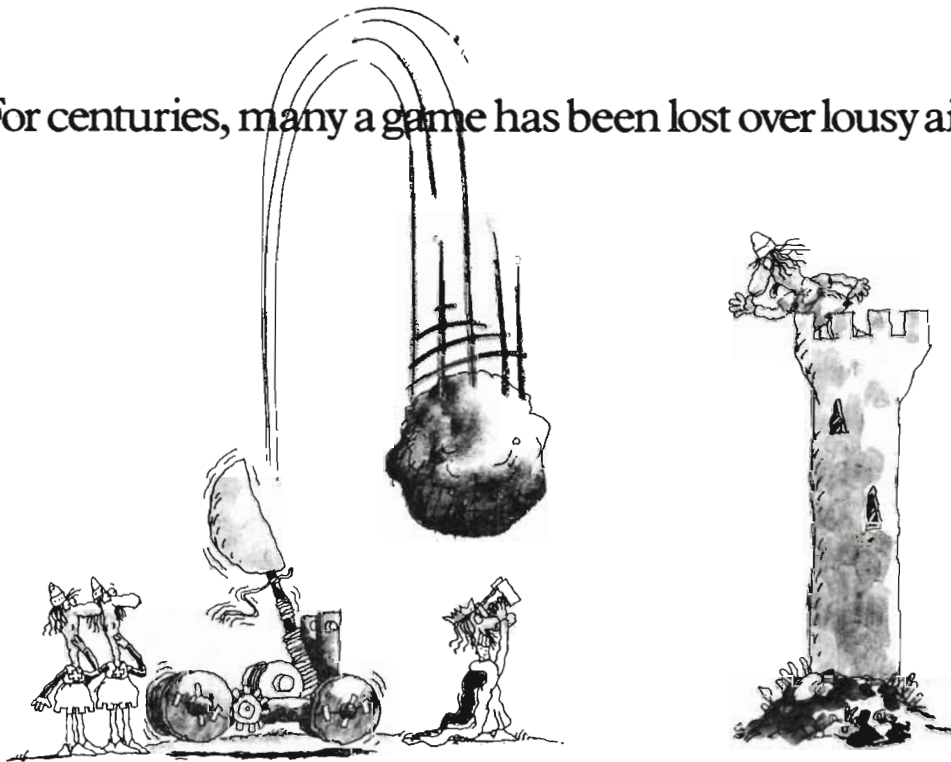
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For centuries, many a game has been lost over lousy aim.



Let's aim to make this game a great one. You wanted it! Here it is -- at last.
We announce:

A West Coast Gathering of the Clan

at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, 5985 Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA,
a 5 minute walk from LAX --
all day -- Saturday, June 15th.

If desired, single or double room rate is \$55.00.
Telephone the hotel for reservations at 213-642-7500.

Here's the schedule as it reads at press time.

MG H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF is leaving his Division Command on Friday, June 14th.

President RAY KRESKY and Editor KEN ROSS will represent us at that ceremony.

They will then depart for LAX, arriving sometime Friday evening.

Meantime, BOB ENDER (H 21st '42-'45) is planning for the West Coast Get-together.

A simple program -- A hospitality room open all day Saturday -- for checking in,
getting reacquainted, and tossing down a few --

Followed by a "Break Bread Together" routine at the Hotel -- for a \$20.00 a head fee
-- with an evening of good fellowship to follow -- nothing spectacular -- just a grand
opportunity to meet once again, swap tales and do what comes naturally.

For information, try Bob Ender:

Office: 110 E.9th St., Los Angeles
Tel: 213-622-4690

Home: 1864 El Paso Lane, Fullerton
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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.

About 120 soldiers of the 24th Combat Avn. Bn. are serving in Honduras as part of the U.S. military presence there. They will be back around July 1st and will be replaced by other troops. They themselves relieved troops from Riley and Carson.

Lt.Col. R.L. STEELE -- not one of ours -- of 1505 44th St., Washington, D.C., seeks color slides and movies taken during the Japan occupation, '45-'50. Any interest? Call him collect: 202-337-5836.

Brand new member -- DONALD C. PHILLIPS, (E 5th RCT '53-'54; E 19th '54-'55), of 1040 N. Daisy, Ludington MI. Don writes: "My brother, Charles F. Phillips was in A 35th Inf., 25th Div. He was KIA on July 12, 1950. I served first with the 5th RCT but stayed with Division when the 5th returned to Ft. Lewis." We're right proud to have you with us, Don.

CWO RALPH L. LANDRY (19th & MP '50-'51) has moved to 60-530 #19 Dillon Rd., Desert Hot Springs CA 92240.

GEORGE "Lou" FORD (34th '43-'45), of 832 Middle, Chambersburg PA recovering from his "3rd bout with cancer -- 2nd in the neck." Is on chemo at Martinsburg, WV VA Hosp. Drop Lou a line, won't you please?

KERMIT BLANEY, in concert with Convention Chairman TOM NORTOF, hit upon a great idea for those who suffered the Baguio fire. Those planning to make Louisville; 69 at last report, wanted something by way of a "gathering within the gathering" for properly memorializing those wonderful friends who didn't make it. Proposed Tom, "Let's combine it with our annual Saturday night Banquet and Memorial Service." All hands concurred and that's "the way it's going to be" said Kermit.

8th Ranger Company men. Any of you out there? Told the fellow who's trying to locate you that we'd plug this for him. He's HERM BOLDT of 37 Beechwood, Box 6159, Oxford Maine. If the shoe fits, drop him a line, will you please? BOB JOHNSON is the one who thought of this one. Bob, you're keeping us hopping.

We have been asked to include this announcement: "The pre-WWII Chicks will have their annual breakfast in Louisville on Saturday morning, August 17th. I would appreciate it if those who plan on attending the breakfast will notify me prior to going to the reunion. Thanks a lot. "Steady Eddie" Robinson
605 Truman Hwy., Apt. B1
Hyde Park MA 02136"
There you are, Ed; we did it.

Postcarded are we from Jakarta, Indonesia, by BILL BROOME (I 21st '38-'40), of 15100 Dacosta, Detroit MI. Looks like it's around the world for Big Bill.

GILBERT O. HEABERLIN (A 34th '42-'45), of 1407 Northglen, Longview TX, in thoughtfully sending in dues for GEORGE KNOKE, RFD 4, Decorah, IA, adds these thought-provoking words: "We are still in a state of shock from the fire."

Planning on Louisville are FRED and Elizabeth PUTZ (G 21st '44-'46) of Rt. 2, Box 142, Lacona IA.



MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

You know, we are on the mailing list for all other Division Association publications and, of course, we give them ours. Here's a piece appearing in a recent issue of the 96th Division's magazine. It reminds us of days on Leyte, on Mindoro, and on Mindanao:

THE OUTPOST

A lizard sat in a bamboo tree and
wiggled his tail in reptile glee,
For the moon was dark and the stars
shone bright,
the velvet gloom of a tropic night.
And the lizard called from the
tall bamboo,
Duck you! Duck you! Duck you!

A rocky place on his lonely beat,
with furtive glances and suspicious feet.
As he cursed the lure that had been
the means
of inviting him to the Philippines.
When the challenge came from the night
anew.
Duck you! Duck you! Duck you!

He stopped and turned in alarmed
surprise,
Searching the gloom with anxious eyes
For his post was far from his
comrades' den.
The lizard wiggled his tail again
and answered his mate,
as those reptiles do.
Duck you! Duck you! Duck you!

His hair stood up as his fancies grew,
He wished he was back in Kalamozoo.
It's them blamed gooks, Whew!
one, two, three,
I'll get the big uns ahind that tree,
and the shadows echoed, as shadows do.
Duck you! Duck you! Duck you!

The black moved as he arose.
He thought of a thousand unseen foes.
And resting his gun between two twigs,
He shot the mother of fourteen pigs.
While a lizard sang in the gleaming dew,
Duck you! Duck you! Duck you!

—Reflections—

Reflections

EARL ADAMS (Sv. 21st Hq.Co. '41-'44)
now at 1059 Pritz Ave., Dayton OH 45410

Change of address for LEROY E. ATKINS
(21st). He's now at PO Box 1588, Orleans,
MA 02653-1588.

If you're pushing 50, that's exercise
enough!

PEOPLE POT-POURRI

URB THROM signed in at C. as being,
from '44 to '46, with "24th Med. Bn.,
34th, 21st, 3rd Eng., Div.Hq." Are you
kidding, Urb? Urb by the way is into
horse racing. Owns 4 plugs. His one
sentence description of the experience:
"Boy, but can those suckers eat, not run,
mind you, but eat?" Urb, by the way,
spent 8 hours on the roof of the Pines
before being helicoptered off. Long a
close personal friend, we're grateful that
Urb "came back."

Louisville

Bumper Sticker: Grandfathers are
fathers with a lot of practice.

FOLLOW THE CROWD!

A faithful contributor, who in all
likelihood will prefer anonymity on this
one, sends in a provoking item -- thought
provoking that is -- out of an Ann Landers
column:

Dear Ann: It irks me that so much is made
of guys and gals sleeping together. It
seems to me that so long as they are sleep-
ing, nothing is going to happen. It's
when they are awake that the situation
takes on a variety of interesting possi-
bilities.

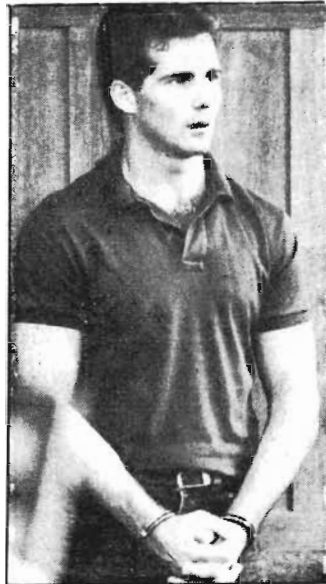
Reminds me of an old story: Jim asked
Joe, "Have you ever slept with a redhead?"
Joe replied, "Many a night." Then he
asked, "How about a brunette?" The reply,
"More nights than I could count." Last
question, "Joe, how about a blonde?" He
replied, "Not a damned wink."

Look Closely, What Do You See?

DAVID L. STANLEY (19th H & H '51-'52)
now at 14 Purdue Ave., Oakland NJ 07436.

I thought I had my life organized,
then I became a grandfather.





Warm birthday words from General FRED IRVING on the occasion of his 90th: "I have had a happy 90 years. Some of the best periods were spent with comrades of the 24th." And you just know that he means it sincerely. Fred is at 1101 S.Arlington Ridge Rd., #1110, Arlington VA 22202

Mail returned as "moved" for MANUAL T. CAJA, formerly 2049 S.San Joaquin, Stockton CA 95206. Anyone know where he's moved to now?

BILL NICHOLS (19th and G 21st '52-'57), of 537 Alabama, Birmingham AL, has had his right leg amputated just below the knee. We'll all start finding a place for you in our prayers, Bill.

We have long thought that the cardinal rule in cuffing was that you cuff'em in back, never in front - 1) to keep him from using his fists against you, 2) to restrict his momentum if he tries to run, and 3) to make it virtually impossible for him to reach out and snatch your weapon. Pass the word.

New address for Lt.Col. ROBERT I. BEAVER(52nd FA '41-'44). He's now at 10 N.Maguire, #207, Tucson AZ 85710.

JEROME CASSIDY of 7203 W. Carmen, Milwaukee, WI has retired. Good luck Jerry -- and don't get under Mary's feet. Retirees usually do, they tell us.

H.L. PAXSON (52-54), now at 1451 Creekside Dr., #2103, Walnut Creek CA 94596-5650.





A big fella belonging to Co. A, 4th Bn., 64th Armor. It's an M60A3. Coulda used one of these babies at Taejon, could we not? U.S.Army photo.

Wonderful \$25 check enclosed within the Xmas card of AL and Mabel Mae SOUSA, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), out there on Wahoo. Deep thanks, folks.

Look How Far We've Come.

We've got address changes for these members:

Malcolm D. Moomey
375 Brannen Rd.,
Highland Village #46
Lakeland FL 33803

Homer E. Dailey
103 Ashton Dr.,
Lexingtoy KY 40505

Clement C. Hutchins
Star Rt., Box 612
Hernando FL 32642

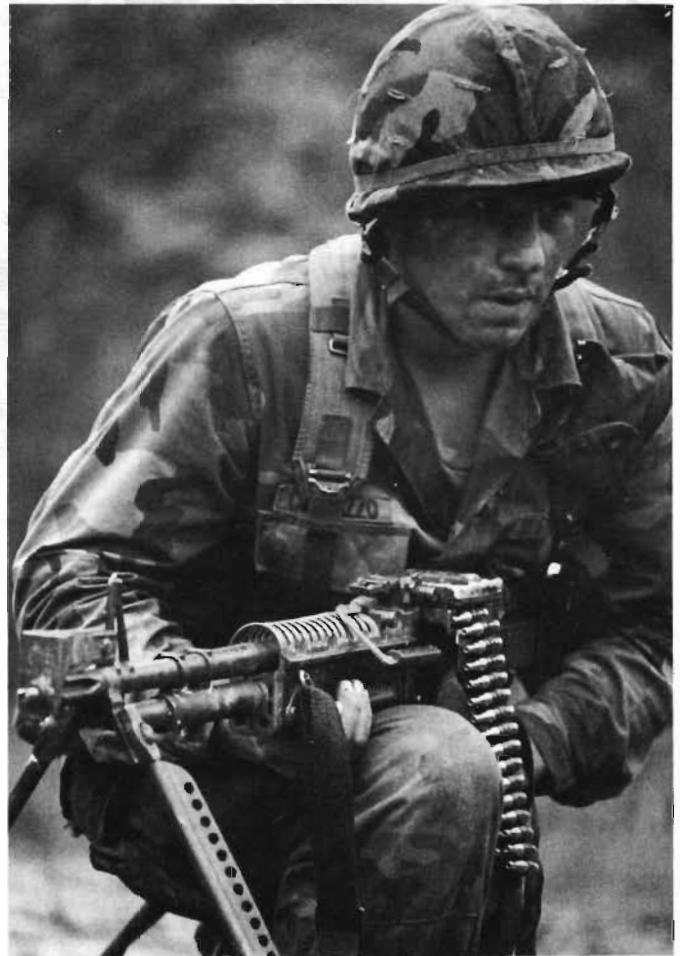
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1634 Makiki St.
#501
Honolulu HI 96822

Norman K. Smith
1102 Apalche St.,
Apt. A
Collinsville IL
62234

Wilbert R. Estabrook
26745 Avenida Shonto
Mission Viejo CA
92691

"AND THE WINNERS ARE..."

Burger King at Stewart now open.
\$373000 facility funded by Army Air Force
Exchange Service. Franchise fee is
\$15000 plus 6% of the gross sales.



Pvt. ANTHONY H. CORTAZZO, (D 3rd Bn. 19th) with his M60 machine gun. U.S.Army photo.

Nice words in from VERNON and Lavina GROSSHUESCH, (52nd F '42-'46) of 2228 Woody, Billings, Mont.: "The Taro Leaf covered the Philippines Reunion in an excellent manner. The tragic fire and loss of our friends was a sad experience. You did an excellent job. The trip, minus the Baguio fire, was excellent. Joe Hofrichter and Charlotte did a beautiful job."



"LET THE MEMORIES BEGIN"



We spotted this one of ourselves. We're on the running board. But what we really wanted you to see was the sign on the left.

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a big knot -- and hang on.

JIM WILLIAMS (K 21st '45-'46), of 3409 52nd, Lubbock, TX, has dropped out saying, "In all the issues I did not see a single name of anyone that I ever knew. All the news was about Korea or later."

Now there's a guy who joined in 1/79. Never wrote us a single letter. Never said a word. Never made a complaint. Rode the train for 6 years on a \$10.00 payment in '79 and now complains. How's that for chutzpah?

Mail keeps coming back from the address for JOHN E. ANDERSON (Hq. 1st Bn. 34th). We've got him at E.Brady Heights Apts., E.Brady PA, but it ain't good enough says the little man in gray. Sez Johnny has moved.



'Tis a little dark, but this one goes in come H--- or high water. In the left to right manner, identify if you can this S III group: FRANK KUBA, the Division CG, MATT SABATINE, NICK SLOAN and HECTOR COMO. Josephine SABATINE took it and we'll not disappoint this wonderful gal. Thank you, Josey. The most congenial Maj.Gen. NORMAN SCHWARTZKOPF was ready, willing and able to extend a hand to and pose with each and every individual or group at our S III gathering, Great man.

- A D V E R T I S E M E N T -

24 I. D. COINS



Thanks to a big price reduction by our supplier, we can now provide these for \$3.00 apiece. Bronze finish. Send check payable to "AUSA" to ACoFS, G5, 24th Inf Div (Mech), Ft. Stewart, GA 31314.





JIM ERWIN and SHORTY ESTABROOK will be in Fresno for the California State Convention of Ex POW's -- April 26-28. Ramada Inn. They hope to see some old friends there.

To sell something, tell a woman it's a bargain -- tell a man it's deductible.

JIM ERWIN asks if we have a LACY BARNETT on our rolls -- and we do -- and was he Med. Co., 34th from '49-'50. He was. Lacy's at Box 167, Winchester IN. Ma Bell him at 317-584-1280.

Want a picture of your favorite ship -- the one that got you there -- or the one that brought you home? Try Troopship Photos, Box 1131D, Arlington VA 22211. They have hundreds of negatives -- troopships, transports, LSTs, Libertys, Victories, you name them. Write for their free brochure on how to obtain 8 x 10 photos and histories.

Okay, okay, we goofed -- in our last issue we included a little notice about dues. Off to one side, completely escaping our eye, were the words, "Only \$7.00 a year." Read that \$10.00. Sorry!

Sign on the door of the apartment next to ours: "A messy room is a sign of character. Wait till you see the one who lives here."

Vital Signs

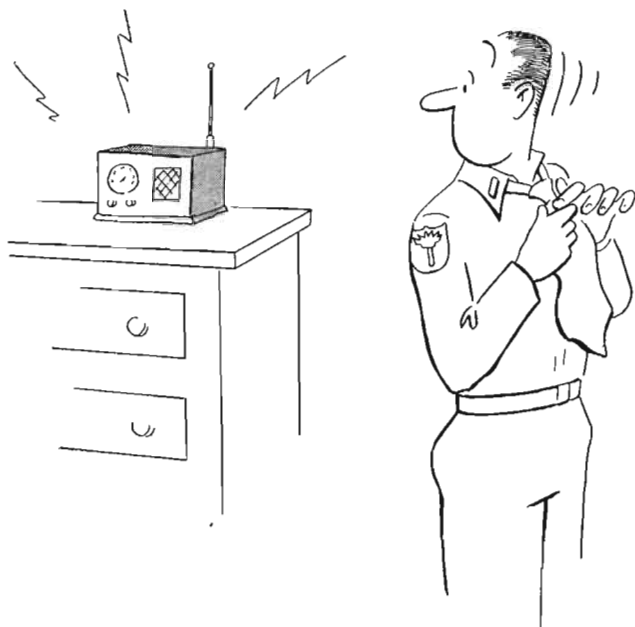
JESSE FOSTER (E 19th '40-'43), went back into hospital late in Feb. - "slight heart attack." As of this writing he's improving nicely. You might card him at 6608 Powhatan St., Riverdale MD 20737. Faithful Daisy will see that he gets your messages.



Meet HENRY and Elsa MCCUMBIE, (L 19th '44-'46), of 4417 Poplar, Baltimore MD. Enclosing \$100 for his Life Membership, he added, "We had an exciting trip to the PI with the Reunion for Peace. Wonderful receptions everywhere especially Leyte. Great time until Baguio. We were very, very fortunate to escape from fire unharmed although we lost almost everything. What a terrible way to end our 'Reunion for Peace.'"

The late beloved PAT O'BRIEN, the actor, in answering the question as to how long he'd had arthritis, would say: "Since it first came out. Anyone who doesn't have arthritis is either a spy or a pervert."





"Final score: Ohio 6, Gozaimasu 0."

Big BILL BROOME, (I 21st) was telling us this one at C.: The phone rang in the Maternity ward and a very excited voice exclaimed - "This is John Smith, and I'm bringing my wife in -- she's about to have a baby!" "Calm down," the attendant said. "Tell me, is this her first baby?" "No," the frantic voice replied, "This is her husband."

JIM and Joy ZIMMERMAN brought up the rear on the alphabetized list at C. Said Jim, an old 5th RCT man, '53 vintage: "This is the story of my life." They're from Alton, IL where Jim is a plumbing contractor. Wonderful couple.

Nice note in from CHARLEY MCBRYDE. Here, why don't you read it yourself: "Was in Washington for Congressional Conference with VGW. Went over to U.S. Soldiers & Airmens Home to visit my old 1st Sgt. ARMIN L. GRAPHLFS, (Hq.Co. 19th) He was called to active duty as a Capt. and was with a trucking Co. at Ft. Shafter. He is now 85 and looks very much the same as in '41. DON MCHALE called me, giving me Armin's address. I wrote him a letter, and he was very appreciative. Armin was retired as a Lt.Col., a very fine soldier and especially a great 1st Sgt.

"Ken, what is the fee for a Life Membership?" (\$100.00 Charley) "I enjoy the Taro Leaf so much that I do not wish to miss a copy because of not paying my dues.

"Armin recalls the battle of the Argonne in WW I. At the home he's called the 'Colonel.' Says the Army is his family. Wonderful man."

Thanks Charley.



It's AMOS JOHNSON on the left, JESSE FOSTER on the right. Amos lives in a trailer at Rt. 1, Box 151, Brattleboro NC. Tel. 919-977-1407. Says Jess: "Amos needs all the help he can, so you guys that may know him or travel in that area, stop and see Amos or contact him in any way. He can not get around very well and walks with canes. Be sure to give him a chance to answer the door or phone. He's not too far from Rocky Mount NC." Jess and LEE LIST gave Amos a Life Membership. How's that for friendship? Why not pick up a phone and call this old AT 19th man?

STAN OBREMSKI (A 6th TK Bn. 8/50-5/51), of 27 Valley View, Pringle PA, in sending in his dues, adds: "I'll try to send more -- depends on how Atlantic City treats me. I love to gamble."

Looking for a photo of a particular ship or plane that has a special meaning for you? Try Photo Service, US Naval Institute, Annapolis MD. They have over 35,000 photos.

GEORGE R. MONROE (H & Hq.Co. 34th, 12/43 - 1/45) writes to advise that he is now at Box 64, Ganges, British Columbia, Canada VOS1E0.

LINDY RADCLIFF, 608 Dover, Colonial Heights, VA is looking for a 52nd Field Crest. We haven't been able to find one for him. Anyone got an idea?



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The bad news and the good news --
all in one:



VICTORY DIVISION
4 April 1985

MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION:

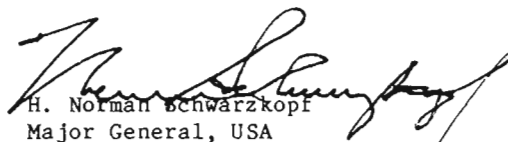
Last month, as I wrote the latest message to the readers of the Taro Leaf, I knew in the back of my mind that I would probably have to leave Fort Stewart this summer.

Sure enough, the Pentagon announced on April 3rd that the change of command will be on June 14th, and I'll be succeeded by a close personal and professional friend, Maj. Gen. Andrew L. Cooley.

Brenda and I were associated with Andy and Joan in Hawaii and at the War College. He's a great soldier, and I'm delighted that he's been selected to command our Division. Rest assured our colors will be in good hands.

My tenure with the 24th Division will always be cherished, particularly at future reunions. Your support during the last two years has been nothing short of magnificent, and the soldiers of our Division stand ready to uphold your tradition of Victory.

FIRST TO FIGHT!


H. Norman Schwarzkopf
Major General, USA
Commanding



"Why your ship go Hong Kong? Japan girls same-same China girls!"

Live in or near Michigan? JOE DAWSON and BENNY MASHAY are anxious for a get-together sometime before Louisville. Joe's at 17500 Stout, Detroit - Tel. 313-533-7415. Benny's at 32548 Knollwood, Warren - Tel. 313-268-7969. You set the date for the gathering, Benny and Joe - and we'll be there. Give one of these chaps a call if you want to join in the fun.

Warm words from the mouth of ALBERT ELMER "RED" DISKAN (Regt. Surgeon 34th '42-'45), of Box 608, Manchester CT: "WALT REHM, who died recently, was the dentist in my outfit. A really fine gentleman."

An historical novel is a book with a pretty girl on the jacket -- and no jacket on the pretty girl.

Change of address for WILBERT R. ESTABROOK. Shorty has moved to 26745 Avenida Shonto, Mission Viejo, CA. He signs off with "Tarolly yours." Like it, Shorty.

Nice long letter from Maj. Gen. CHESTER A. DAHLEN reporting that he has been corresponding with W.B. HESTER, the 34th Red Cross man from Leyte to Mindanao. He saw Chet evacuated on Leyte and was nearby when JOCK CLIFFORD was hit on Mindanao. Chet has a few words on the crocodile story which go: "Our supply to Jock on Kilay Ridge (except for air drops) was by LVT from Capocan to Consvegran and from there by hand carry to the Ridge. The LVT run was a full day's journey, each way. Supplies up one day - wounded back the next day. The LVT crew would sleep ashore. One night the crew was sleeping on the riverbank when a croc grabbed one. Save for his screams, that was the end. This was the story as I got it." It adds up, Chet.



GEORGE M. BAXTER of Carson City receives his star as a BG at Stewart, where he is assistant division commander for training. Pinning on his stars are his wife, Gwen, of Reno, and Maj. Gen. H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF. (US Army photo by Dan Mock).



"Frankly, fellows, I need the extra dough."



LOUISVILLE *Observed*

"G'day."

JOE DAWSON tells us about his beloved Gladys -- "Her cast has been removed from her right leg. And a cast is on her left leg up to just below the knee. JOE HOFRICHTER has asked her for the first dance at Louisville." It has been a slow road for Glad. We're thrilled to report that she has just never given up. Cheers, Glad!

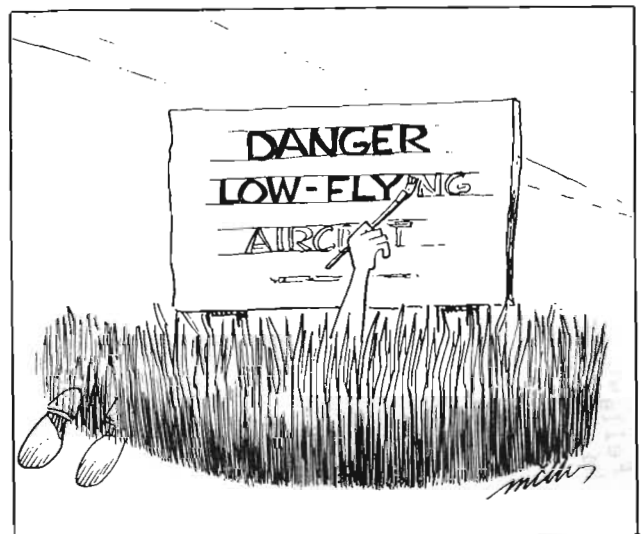


Good friend, Gimlet ED FARMER, sent us this picture of Shirley Temple which he took in '37 at the General's Loop at Schofield. She was made an Honorary Colonel of the 21st at the time.

AL DELAY (21st '41-'45) of Box 154, Tilden IL 62292, tells us that VIRGIL EASTERDAY (21st '42-'45) of 334 Seelig, Chillicothe OH was recently on Wahoo and ran into new member FRED TITCOMB (A 21st '42-'45), of 2101 Nuuanu, Honolulu. Says Fred, now an attorney, has 5 kids and 6 grandchildren. Fred "plays a lot of golf and takes things easy" reports Virgil.

Cpt. MICHAEL J. HORN (A 34 1/82 to Present) now at 624 E. McMurray Rd., McMurray PA 15317. Mike will be with the US Army Readiness Group, Oakdale PA.

That's Australian for "Hello, good day, glad to see you." You hear it often down under...D/A has decided that real men don't carry umbrellas. The ruling on this moist matter just came down. The issue of the embrella -- to be or not to be dry-- went all the way up to the Sec./Army and C/S. Can you believe it?...When all else fails, lower your standards...Veterans' dividends on GI insurance will average \$234.90 each in 1985. You'll receive it in the month of the anniversary date of your policy. No application for payment is required.



Writes JOE MORGAN (B 3rd Eng. '50-'51) of 2217 Grandview, Decatur IL: "Have had another round with doctors and hospital. Sure don't want to drop out of the Association. Although I was only in the 24th a short time in Korea, my association with the 24th goes back to the mid-1930's, in Hawaii, when my Dad and uncle both wore the Taro Leaf patch."

Flash: Some 4 million dollars' worth of obsolete military insignia has been found in storage, including 1.2 million shoulder patches for the 69th Inf.Div. - disbanded in '52. Reserve a healthy portion of words your mother never taught you for that one.

WOODSON C. TUCKER JR. (Hq.Div.Chem. Off. 12/8/41 - 3/44) also on the move. He'll soon be at 315 East Hathaway Dr., San Antonio, TX 78209

The "Big Fella" gets a whole page. As the Smith Barney man says when he talks about the "old-fashioned way -- he earned it."



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Office of the Commanding General

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND FORT STEWART
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA 31415-5000

TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT SOLDIERS OF THE VICTORY DIVISION

Hello to all of you once more. I'm really pleased to get this chance to talk to you again. This is a great way to reach many good friends and fellow soldiers.

In the last issue of the TARO LEAF I looked back at training highlights and other noteworthy events of the 24th Division in 1984. Today I want to look in a different direction. I want to look forward to what we are trying to accomplish in 1985.

The Army theme for 1985, as designated by the Secretary of the Army, is "Leadership." We in the Victory Division are looking forward to implementing that theme throughout this year. We realize the inherent value of sound leadership for any military unit. That value is reflected in our own history, indeed indirectly in our own nickname. The 24th has achieved its great record of success over the years because it has had good soldiers and leaders who took pride in their achievements. If we can continue to maintain those elements in the 24th, then the Victory Division will never have its honor tarnished.

To help our division leaders meet the many challenges of leadership, we have established a set of principles to guide them. These "Victory Leadership Principles" are five in number and each is important to our mission accomplishment.

The first is "maintain readiness of the division." Since the Victory Division is part of this country's Rapid Deployment Force, our leaders must make sure that troops, weapons and equipment are always ready for any eventuality. We do not have a choice here -- if we are not ready we will fail our country, our Army and ourselves. By our continuous training at the National Training Center, special exercises like Callant Eagle, and deployments to overseas locations (our 24th CAB is currently in Honduras), our leaders get the chance to test readiness and improve upon it.

The second leadership principle is taking care of soldiers. A leader must learn to take care of his people. This is as true today as it was 40 years ago. The soldier has always been the heart of our Army. Therefore, the soldier's needs and welfare must always be considered by those who lead him. Housing, recreation and personal affairs are just some of the areas that must be considered. We can do no greater harm to our soldiers than to ignore their genuine needs. A leader who does ignore them is no leader at all.

Third, leaders also take care of soldiers' families. This principle is receiving more emphasis today than ever before. That is due in part to the fact that today a high percentage of our soldiers are married; and approximately 50% of our new soldiers come to us with a family. We want these families to enjoy military life and benefit from it. Therefore, we've established Quality of Life Councils at various levels to listen to the problems families face, both on and off-post, and to determine solutions to the problems. A leader needs to be able to listen to family needs and offer viable ways to meet those needs. If a soldier's family is cared for, he will have better morale; he will be a better soldier.

The fourth principle is to develop cohesion. Teamwork is absolutely essential to military units. You guys proved that at Leyte and in Korea. On the battlefield, or in a training exercise, soldiers must be able to work together in order to achieve their objectives. They must establish confidence and trust in each other because their lives may one day depend on this. A leader has the responsibility to achieve this cohesion through whatever methods he finds effective. Establishing pride in the unit itself is important here. We in the 24th Division have been given an exceptional history that infuses us with our own special brand of esprit de corps.

The final principle of our leaders is to develop subordinates. We have great soldiers in the Army today. They are capable, intelligent and dedicated. With proper leadership these soldiers can develop and maintain skills which benefit them as well as the Army. We want our leaders in the Victory Division to help these quality soldiers achieve success in the Army. We really want our people to "be all they can be."

At Fort Stewart we are busy developing programs that will give credence to these Victory Leadership Principles. Some examples of these are the Quality of Life Program, composed of the Troop, Family and Civilian Employee Action Councils, Community Overwatch, Outreach, Family Day and Victory Day. They all contribute to better conditions for our soldiers and their families. They show our leaders do care and are sincerely making efforts on behalf of their soldiers.

Before I close I want to give you one good example of strong leadership at the enlisted level. Several weeks ago I had the opportunity to be at an awards ceremony for one of my soldiers. Sp4 Mark Wilson was presented the Bavarian Medal of Bravery by the German Consul from Atlanta. This soldier while serving in Germany had risked his life to save a German citizen from a burning car. While others stood by and watched, Specialist Wilson and some other soldiers stopped at the scene of the accident, tried to put out the fire, and pulled the occupants away from the burning vehicle. Specialist Wilson was recognized as a hero, and rightly so. He took the lead and did what was needed. In doing so he saved lives and gave honor to his country and his Army. He symbolizes the great soldier we have in the Victory Division, and shows the dividends that good leadership can provide.

My continued best wishes to all of you. VICTORY!

H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF
Major General, USA
Commanding



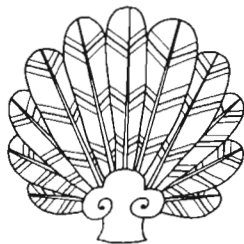


1st Lt. Mark Woempner, HHC 2nd Bn 34th Inf., uses hand signals to indicate the correct position for trajectory guide poles as his platoon lays their mortars in on Mortar Point Five. (Photo by Pat Burke)

NOTICE

LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR HISTORY. \$20.00 MUST be paid BEFORE June 14th. We're going to press on that date.

Sorry but we simply can't use everything sent to us in the way of copy. There simply isn't enough space for it all. As is, we make a bona fide effort to cover a variety of subjects and try to include items of interest which will cover each distinct part of our Division's history.



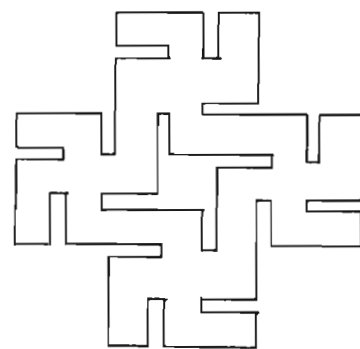
THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:
(a wee one, for lack of space)

Hurrah! Hope to see you at Fort Stewart 6/14, Los Angeles 6/15 or Louisville 8/15 - 17.

Aloha,

Ray

RAYMOND E. KRESKY



"DOING ANYTHING TONIGHT, BABE?"

AL BRANDESKY writes:

"Sure appreciated the last issue.

"Spent 9 days at Clark AFB Hospital.

"Put me down on the side of those who are praising the treatment at Clark, and the Baguio Hospital. The people were just super. Looked like they just couldn't do enough for you.

"My right foot was broken (cast removed 12/19). Badly bruised tail bone and assorted cuts and bruises. Getting back in stride now."

New Man On The Block



MAJ.GEN.ANDREW LYMAN COOLEY

A Biography

Date of Birth: 14 Oct. 1934

Place of Birth: Louis, MO.

Years of Active Commissioned Service:

Over 28 years

Present Assignment: Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (Joint Affairs)/Director of Strategy, Plans and Policies, Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Military Schhols Attended:

Armor School, basic and advanced courses; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; U.S. Army War College.

Education Degrees:

George Washington University, BA, Social Science; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, MMS, Military Science; George Washington University, MA, History.

Major Duty Assignments:

May, 1969 to Sept. 1970 -- Commander, 1st Battalion 64th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), U.S. Army - Europe
Oct. 1970 - July 1972 -- Staff officer, regional capabilities branch, war plans division, plans directorate office, deputy chief of staff for military operations, U.S. Army Washington, D.C.

Aug. 1972-June 1973 -- Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Aug. 1973-June 1975 -- Chief, doctrine branch, review and evaluation division, later executive assistant to the deputy chief of staff for operations, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA.

Aug. 1975 - Aug. 1976 -- Commander, 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea.

Aug. 1976 - Aug. 1977 -- Chief of Staff of 2nd Infantry Division, Korea.

Sept. 1977 - July 1978 -- Federal executive fellow, The Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C.

July 1978 - Dec. 1979 -- Executive assistant and senior aide to commander-in-chief, Pacific, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, HI.

Dec. 1979 - July 1981 -- Assistant division commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

July 1981 - Aug. 1983 -- Assistant deputy director, later deputy director, politico-military affairs, J-5, plans and policies directorate, organization of the joint chiefs of staff, Washington, D.C.

Dates of Rank:

Second Lieutenant -- Temporary, 24 Aug. 1955; permanent, 3 June, 1957.

Brigadier general, Temporary, 8 Feb. 1979;

The ex-vaudeville performer down on his luck, thought he would try a new tack and link up with a talking dog. So he did and then visited an agent.

"Look," he said, "I've really got something here -- a talking dog!"

The actor turned to the dog and said: "Tell me, Rags, what's on top of a house?"

And the dog let out something that sounded like "Roof! Roof!"

"Terrible!" cried the agent. "Get out! Get out!"

But wait a minute," the actor insisted. "This dog's really got something. Give him a chance." He turned to the dog again. "Now, careful, Rags, old boy. Who was the greatest ball player?"

Comes a sound from the dog: "Ruth! Ruth!"

But the agent had heard enough. He opened his office door wide and kicked both performers out into the hall. Then, sitting where they had landed, the dog looked up at his actor friend and said: "DiMaggio?"



"At ease! Pipe down! If you guys will shut up for a few minutes Miss Hart will entertain you."

permanent, 22 Jan. 1982.

Major General: frocked.*

Decorations:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation with V Device, two oak leaf clusters; Combat Infantryman Badge; Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge.

Source of Commission: Officer Candidate School.

* Don't say it; we thought of it too!!

BETWEEN THE LINES

1985 NATIONAL 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND 5TH RCT REUNION

HOTEL RESERVATION

As soon as possible, but no later than JULY 15, 1985, please complete and mail this reservation form directly to:

HYATT REGENCY - LOUISVILLE
320 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

After July 15, 1985, the rooms will be on both a space and rate availability basis only. To receive convention rate, reservations must be received by July 15, 1985. The hotel says this is a firm Hyatt policy and cannot be modified.

Since I expect to attend the 39th Annual Reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association and 5th RCT, please reserve:

PLEASE CIRCLE RATE REQUESTED

| <u>NO. OF ROOMS</u> | | <u>RATE</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| _____ | SINGLE(S) (1 Person) | \$55.00 |
| _____ | DOUBLE(S) (2 Persons - 1 Bed) | \$60.00 |
| _____ | DOUBLE(S) (2 Persons - 2 Beds) | \$60.00 |
| | ADDITIONAL PERSON IN ROOM | \$15.00 |

For Revisions or Cancellations, Please call toll free number (800) 228-9000.

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ Time: _____ .M. NO. OF NIGHTS _____

Check-in time 3 PM

NAME _____

Association Name: 24th Infantry Division Assoc. and 5th RCT Reunion

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. AREA CODE _____ - _____ .M.

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____ Time: _____

Check-out time 12 Noon

☐ I am enclosing a check/money order payable to Hyatt Regency-Louisville for the first night's deposit to guarantee my reservation and will await your confirmation by return mail.

RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 6 PM UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT OR AN ACCEPTED CREDIT CARD NUMBER AND SIGNATURE.

Please hold my reservation for _____ 6 P.M. ARRIVAL

Assured by my Credit Card(American Express, Diners, Carte Blanche, VISA, Master Charge)

Credit Card _____ Number _____ Expiration Date _____

FOR GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS ONLY

I understand that I am liable for one nights room and tax which will be deducted from my deposit or billed through my credit card in the event that I do not arrive or cancel on the arrival date indicated.

Signature: _____



Mail Call!

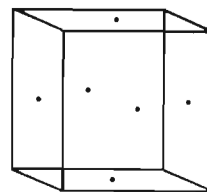
For years, we've dreamed of a convention on the Delta Queen or the Mississippi Queen. Consider please, the August 1985 schedules of each of these two boats:

- DQ - St.Louis to St.Paul - 7 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 31
- DQ - St.Louis to St.Louis - 2 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 24
(goes to Hannibal and back)
- MQ - Cincinnati to Pittsburgh - 5 nights
departs Cincinnati Aug. 25
- MQ - Cincinnati to Cincinnati - 2 nights
departs Cincinnati Aug. 23
(goes to Louisville and back)
- MQ - Cincinnati to Cincinnati - 4 nights
departs Cincinnati Aug. 19
(goes to Louisville and Madison
and back)
- MQ - St.Louis to Cincinnati - 5 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 14
- DQ - St.Louis to St.Louis - 5 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 11
(goes to Paducah and Girardeau
and back)
- DQ - St.Louis to St.Louis - 8 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 16
(goes to Nashville, the lakes
and back)

We make no secret of our personal desires. We've had this one up our sleeve for 34 years.

Be forewarned. We're coming to Louisville, complete with all data, prepared to sell the idea.

JESSE FOSTER of 6608 Powhatan, Riverdale MD, recovering nicely from another heart attack. He wrote, excitedly, "Gen. Red NEWMAN sent me a beautiful note. Gen. IRVING did too. Gen. ROSENBLUM also wrote an encouraging note. And I got a peachy note and picture from Gen. SCHWARTZ-KOPF. Who in h--- wants to die with all these great folks pulling for you?" We don't know how you do it, Jess. Looks as though you've stayed pretty close to the flagpole. Anyway, politician or no, we're happy that you're on the mend.



Here's a 6-sided question for you. The directions are simple. The solution is tough. Here goes. The figure on the left shows a transparent cube with a dot in the middle of each face. Now, using the dots on the right, draw a cube so that each dot is in the middle of a face. Answer in this issue.

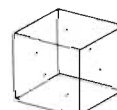
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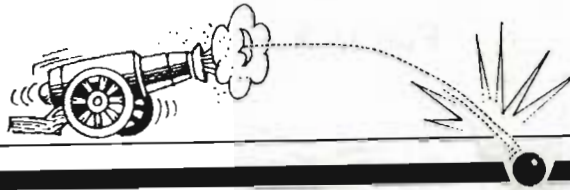
Presto -- and it was all over for Maj.Gen. EDWARD L. ROWNY who formerly headed the arms control negotiating team. Strong hints exist suggesting that Sec/State Shultz wanted our general out and his new team in.



Only in Louisville would you find it: a Colonel Harland Sanders Museum - at the Fried Chicken "International" Hdqtrs. Frank Purdue, they say, is furious.

That 6-sided question? How'd ya do? Here's the answer.





BORIS GERGOFF, (19th '42-'45), of 7541 Windsor Woods Dr., Canton MI, didn't exactly ask us to use this one appearing in the Canton Observer. But then he didn't exactly ask us not to either.

Pluck and luck took him places

Sitting in the living room of his apartment in Canton, Boris Gergoff showed a gold medal and said, "This

is more proof that I am the luckiest guy in the world." Gergoff, who fought under Gen.

Douglas MacArthur in World War II, was showing the medal which was a gift from the Phillipine government. The medal was a way of showing appreciation to soliders in the army which returned the islands to the government when the war ended.

"It's been 40 years since the islands were returned," he said, "and I was supposed to go over for a celebration and pick up the medal in fitting ceremonies.

"But I took sick and couldn't make the trip. So I thought I missed the medal, but it came last week with a great deal of surprise. And I am just as fond of it as a person could be."

Gergoff pointed out that receipt of the medal was further proof of his luck. Then, with horror, he told that the group from over here that went to the Phillipines was quartered in a hotel which burned with the result that four died and 45 others were injured. "It was one time when sickness helped me."

As he sat there recounting his experiences under Gen. MacArthur, he showed his admiration by saying, "he was one general who knew what to do, then did it."

TRACING HIS luck he recalled that one day his outfit was ordered into the jungles. As the "buddies" started out, his sergeant ordered him to remain back with him.

"And would you believe it, he held me back because I could drive a jeep. Then came the news that 27 of the 29 men were killed and the other two got away. Talk about luck!"

He recalled that he was drafted and assigned a member of the 24th Infantry in 1942 and remained in service three years and was discharged as a medical technician.

Born in Flint 66 years ago he spent most of his service time in the Phillipines and the Pacific. Right after he was drafted he was sent to California, then to Pearl Harbor, and on to Australia and New Guinea before being assigned to the Phillipines under Gen. MacArthur. All told, he spent 37 months overseas.

Now he lives retired while his wife is employed in the Canton office of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC).



BILL BRESLER staff photographer

Boris Gergoff, a World War II veteran and a Canton resident, reflects on the memories his service medals bring to mind.

Prediction -- that we'll shortly rue the day we busted up AT&T. Wait'll you see what it does to your pocketbook.

MAX J. BEILKE, (Hq. 2nd Bn. 19th '53-'54), is Legislative Counsel of the National Association for Uniformed Services at 5535 Hempstead, Springfield VA. Go easy in forwarding your problems to Max. He's a busy man.

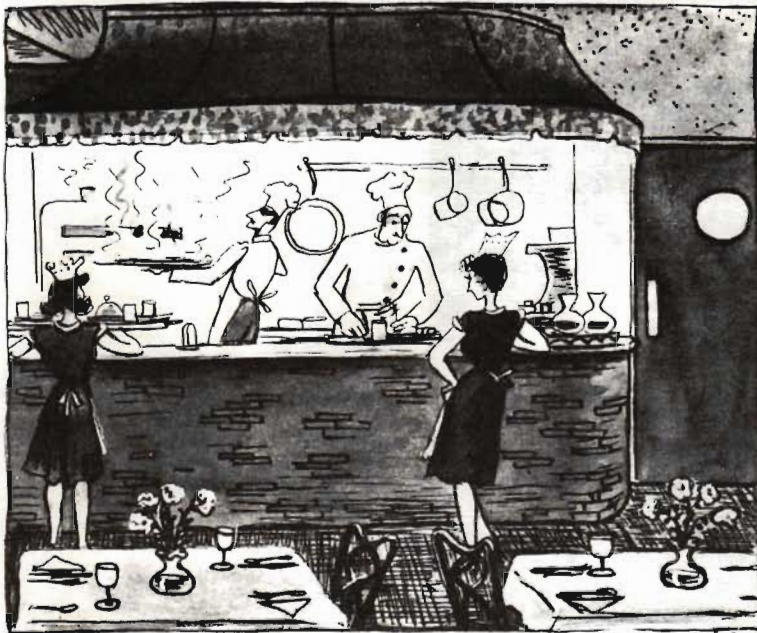
Skirts are getting shorter and necklines lower. We want to be there when they meet.

JIM ERWIN asks if we have Col. JOHN DUNN (34th - POW) on our rolls. We do -- but we have a signal on the file that his address is not to be given out.

HERMAN "Jim" J. HALE (8th Ranger Inf. Co. Airborne 3/27/51 - 7/31/51) has moved to KCl Bldg. A-II, 4344 Broad River Rd., Columbia SC 29210.

While he is nursing a weakening cold he has started to write a book telling of his experiences in the war. As he folded it, he smiled a bit and said:

"I'll have to rewrite some of it now that I have received a Phillipine Liberation medal and I'll have to stress my good luck -- for I sure have been one lucky fellow -- through a war and home unscathed and able to discuss it 40 years after my discharge."



HAWAIIAN STYLE SPARERIBS

- 4 lbs. pork ribs
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 6 oz. can pineapple juice (3/4 cup)
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 piece fresh ginger root

Remove any visible excess fat. Sprinkle ribs with salt, pepper and a little flour. Fry in a little oil until browned.

Mix sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, pineapple juice, peeled garlic and ginger root (or 1/4 tsp. dry ginger) in large saucepan and heat until sugar dissolves. Add browned ribs and simmer 45 minutes to an hour.

To get rid of excess fat, cool the cooked ribs in refrigerator. Fat will harden on top and can be scooped off. Then reheat and serve. Serves 6.

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE PIE

- 2 packages vanilla INSTANT pudding
- 1 (16 oz.) sour cream
- 1 (16 oz.) can crushed pineapple and juice therein

Beat all of the above with a mixer until thick and creamy.

Pour into prepared graham cracker crust.

Best when cooled in refrigerator overnight.

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One of the charming puzzles of Hawaiian life, pidgin English, is under attack these days on the ground that many young Hawaiians refuse to become proficient in English, even though no one can understand their pidgin except another pidgin speaker.

A conversation between two Honolulu surfers is as impenetrable to the uninitiated as if it was in Navajo.

"Da kine" is a brain-in-neutral pause phrase, similar to "you know" in another culture. Hawaiian words, English, Japanese, Chinese all go into the conversation, and intonations also are a mixture of the languages of the islands.

Hawaiian pidgin has its roots in a language developed on the plantations a century ago so Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans and their European bosses could communicate.

No one agrees on how to write it, so when a conference was held here recently to discuss the problem the scholars disagreed on how to spell the pidgin words for the name of the meeting. Versions ranged from "Hakam Yu Tawk Laidat?" to "How Come You Talk Ladat?" which is almost English for "Why Do You Speak That Way?"

K 5th RCT '50-'51. Anyone out there belong? We've got one -- SGM Ret. MELVIN H. HARMS, down in Scottsdale AZ. 8529 E. Avalon is his street. Wants to hear from any K Co. men. Tel. 602-947-0810.

Spotted this one in the name of our own JOHNNY VENEZIA, 9 Valley View, Rockaway, NJ. It goes: "24th Div., 724th Ord. (M)Co. & 5th RCT (Death Valley, Korea, Apr. 25, '51) Seeking anyone who remembers incident in which the 724th assisted members of the 5th RTC. John Venezia, 9 Valley View Dr., Rockaway NJ 07866.

Johnny would appreciate any help you might offer.



Hey, look everybody! Here comes Bob Hope!

Proudly do we snitch this one from the
March 3rd New York Times:



Associated Press

U.S. POST IN PANAMA GETS NEW CHIEF: Gen. John R. Galvin, right rear, reviewing troops in Panama City during ceremony at which he became commander of the United States Southern Command. He replaces Gen. Paul F. Gorman, walking ahead of him, who will

retire in April. Others are Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., left rear, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and an unidentified officer escorting General Gorman. General Galvin becomes the highest ranking U.S. military officer in Latin America. His last assignment was in Bonn.



Spotted, this plea for help:
724th Ord. Bn. (Korea, Japan, 1952-54) -
Seeking John Frankhauser (N.J.) and Ray
Salisbury (N.Y.), others who recall my
medical problems or exposure to chemical
agents at Aberdeen in 1952 -- Sam Terraz-
zino, 18 Oak Hill Rd., Needham MA 02192.
Clues, anyone?



Four ex-24th buddies get together in Jacksonville FL in April. They were in D 21st at Schofield on 12/7/41. (left to right) ED J. BROWNE (Orlando FL), JOHN E. BROWN (Jax, FL) CLARK THOMPSON and JAMES O. SMITH (Broxton GA).



Spec 4 KEVIN BARTON (A Btry 1st Bn., 13th Field) prepares to arm an M 106 projectile during the battery ARTEP. US Army photo.



PASS
THIS
ON

We've goofed; we admit it. Apologies please.

Months and months ago, while DON ROSENBLUM was still First Army Commander, he "posed," at our request, to show himself holding the Verbeck Bowl.

That picture just crept out of the woodwork. Where it has been we cannot say. But we want to use it now, even if it is late.

As Division Commander in the 1975 to 1977 period, Rosenblum assisted the Association in many of its programs. "No commander has worked more actively, but always smoothly and quietly, to help make the Association a continuing and viable fraternity of old comrades in arms," stated the executive committee in selecting Don for the 1983 honor.

Into this issue it goes. We don't care if it is "dated." Rosey is still our kind of guy.

A true friend remembers your birthday but not which one.

NOTICE!!!

To receive Hyatt Regency's Convention Rate, Registrations must be received by July 15, 1985.

ANOTHER PRESIDENT'S CORNER:
 (he gets 2 this issue)

Hurrah!

Because more than 100 westerners have responded favorably to a convention in their area, it will happen.

Ken Ross, Joe Peyton and I are looking forward to this meeting with you. We'll see you on June 15th at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, 5985 Century Blvd., Los Angeles, 1/4 mile from LA airport. Single or Double Room Rate - \$55.00 - if you overnight it. Hotel Tel. 213-642-7500.

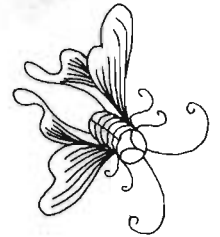
See you there!

Ray
 RAYMOND E. KRESKY

BOB HARDIN has asked us to publicize the fact that the boys are planning a Korean Veterans Memorial Service and Reunion, 26-28 July 1985. The Memorial Service itself, will be at the Tomb of the Soldier, Arlington Cemetery at 1000 hours, 27 July, which is the 32nd anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty in Korea in 1953. Reservations and clearance for holding a wreath-laying ceremony have already been obtained from the OIC at Arlington National Cemetery. So come on Vets -- let's support them by showing up in D.C. 26-28 July '85! Full details will be appearing in American Legion and VFW magazines. Okay, Bob, there it is.

BOB HARDIN (I 5th RCT '48-'52), of 27000 SW 142nd, Naranja, FL, has asked us to include an item on the Purple Heart belt buckles which are now available through Rudolfo Reyes, 123 Lena Terr., North Syracuse NY 13212. Prices are in the \$12 - 30.00 range. There you are, Bob, we did it. If the boys are interested they can pick it up from here.

LOOKING BACK



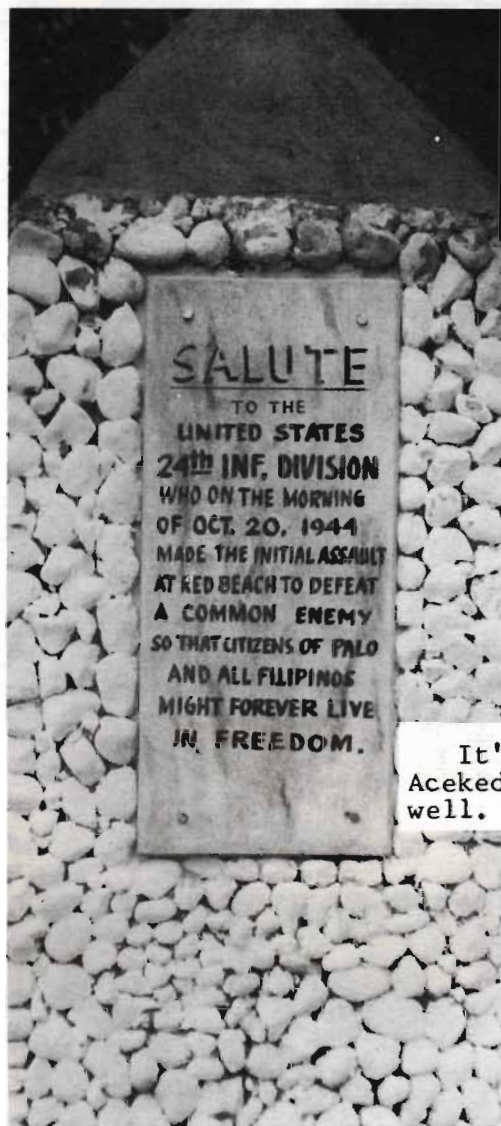
At the dedication of the Division Monument at Palo. Wearing the jumpsuit with his back to the camera, GIL HEABERLIN, 34th, JERRY FISCHETTI, 34th, BILL LLEWELLYN, 34th, Helen and PHIL HOSTETTER, 19th, in front of the bus.



Extreme right in Hawaiian shirt -- Col. FRED WEBER, 19th and 21st. Extreme left BG BOB SPRAGINS, 19th Inf.



Chaplain JOE PEYTON speaks in memory of those Division people who made the supreme sacrifice.



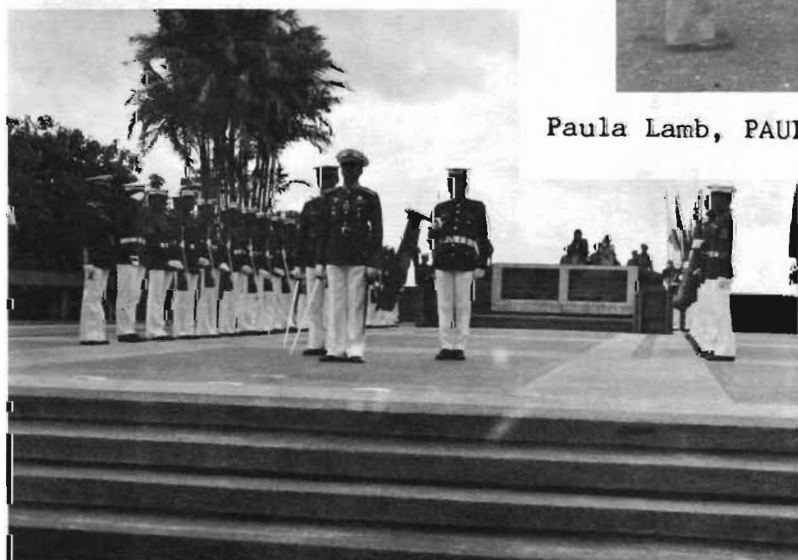
It's JOE, of course, but standing by is little Jeremias Acekedo who designed the four monuments at Palo. We remember him well. "Miyak" was what they call him -- a clever artist.



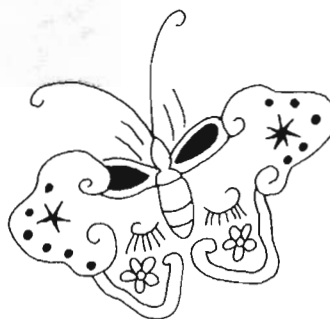
Plaque on one of the four monuments.

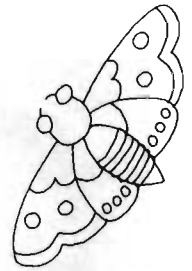


Paula Lamb, PAUL AUSTIN's daughter, is taking a picture.

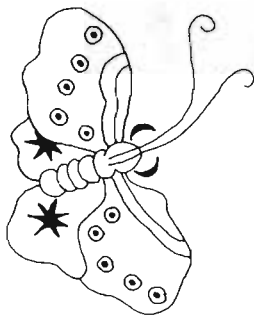
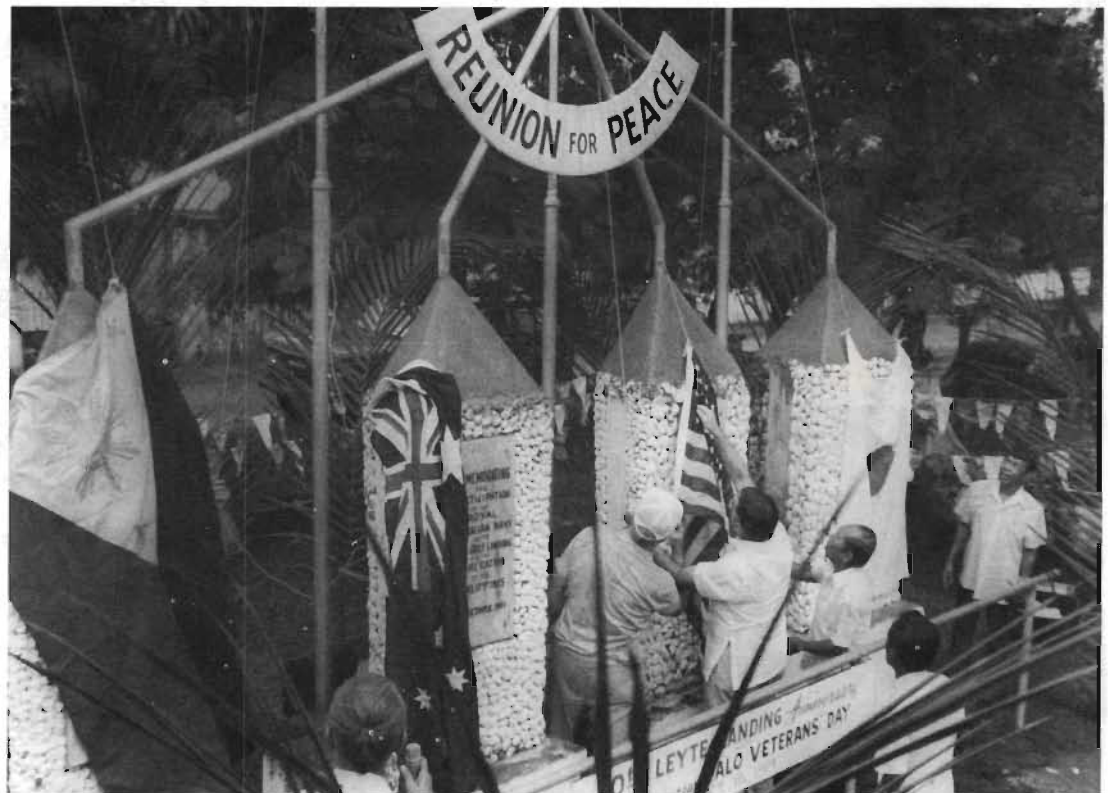


Philippine Honor Guard at the MacArthur Memorial, Red Beach.





A barrio scene at the Mainit River: JOHN and Hilda KLUMP, HARRY MAYS, (767th Tk.Bn.,) Joe and BILL LLEWELLYN, SAL GOMEZ.



Palo City Square -- JOE HOFRICHTER raising the U.S. flag over the Division marker. BOB ENDER is one of the helpers.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

WE ARE FAMILY

It does not take one long to recognize that we 24th Infantry Division Association members are Family. It is shown by the Love - Friendship - and Happiness that is about whenever we are together. Not just at convention times, but this Love - Friendship - and Happiness is evident throughout the entire year. It is written in "the Good Book" - "You can tell they are Christians by their love." Truly, one can tell, we are 24thers in addition to Love - by the Friendship, and Happiness that is constantly evident when we are together.

Family does not mean merely blood relations. We can recall during the Funeral Mass of our late chaplain Chris Berio, the homolist telling of his Families.

1. His 24th Division Family
2. His Heavenly Family
3. His Earthly Family
4. His Priestly Family

And the homolist went on to say -- "Yes, and I think he held them in that order." We don't really believe Father Chris held us in that high esteem, but the twinkle in the eyes of his Sister and Brothers told us, it was possible.

Recently, we have been contacting Association members we have not heard from for some time. It is so pleasing to receive their replies, advising of their desire to remain Family.

Then there are those Bagulo Survivors. Here is Family that has really been welded.

As we write this column, Easter is just a few days away. "He is Risen" -- and all Families are United -- is the theme of His resurrection. It is our prayer, each of you continue to enjoy the Love - Friendship - and Happiness of our 24th Infantry Division Family. God Bless.

Joe Peyton

Soldiers in the new 10th Inf.Div. (Ft. Drum) want to wear the "mountain" tab over their shoulder patch. It was a mountain division, you'll recall, in Italy. Our only mountain division.

Can't understand the inconsistency of the Post Office people. They are trying to force the 9-digit ZIP code on us while, at the same time, they're all for abbreviating the states - i.e. NE for Nebraska. How come it doesn't mean Nevada? Should have asked JIM SMITH (D 21st '40-'44) of Broxton GA at C. He works for those folks.

Good friend HOMER PRICE, (A 21st '40-'42) has moved with Frances, of course, to 1634 Makiki, #501, Honolulu HI. May this new chapter in your lives be a most wonderful one, Homer and Frances.

By the time your children are fit to live with, they're living with someone else.

Didja catch American Ceaser, TV's story on the life of you-know-who?

You Remember How It Was.

A streamlined food service structure that will provide two hot meals daily in the field has been approved.

The move initially will affect the 7th Infantry Division, now being converted to a light infantry division at Fort Ord, CA, and other light infantry divisions that are formed. But by the end of Fiscal Year 1968, the streamlining process -- including consolidating many company-sized dining facilities into those feeding an entire battalion -- will result in roughly 3,400 fewer cooks than the Army's present authorization of about 18,300.

Home Is A Portrait Of The Soul.

Heartwarming note from new member, BILL DOUILLETTE (A 6th Tk.Bn. '50-'51), of 55 Downing, Concord NH.

"It is an honor to belong to the 24th Div.Assoc.

"3 days after writing you, I received the Bronze Star Medal in the mail on Sept. 10, 1984.

"That's for being a part of the 24th Div. in 1950.

"So things have lifted my spirits at last.

"I also got a Bronze Star Medal in Feb. '52 with the 3rd Div.

"But this one means more to me for reasons that I know and feel.

"Again, thank you so much."

We're right proud you're now "in," Bill.



And, of course, when in Louisville, don't miss a visit to Churchill Downs -- only about a mile from our hotel.

BILL BROOME made the Alaskan cruise in July. There he met the sister of a Taro Leafer - JOHN HAMILTON, of 5811 Kirkwood, Wilmington, Del. Yep, John's now a member. We greet you John Hamilton.

IN THE NEWS

MG SCHWARZKOPF has asked us to publicize this one, the "Korea Revisit Program," he believing it to be a most worthy cause. This we happily do, giving it this entire page. Adds good friend, Lt.Col. JIM SIMPSON, Div. G-5, "This is truly an outstanding program. I worked it from the opposite side while I was in Korea, and they treat Korean War veterans like absolute royalty."



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10 January 1985

Dear Korean War Veterans and Families:

Please find enclosed with this letter our new and exciting brochure for the 1985 "KOREA REVISIT PROGRAM".

We hope that you will take time to read it over and also pass this information on to a friend.

We will be offering an extended tour package including the southern part of Korea, Kyung-ju and Pusan. We have found that over the past years, our veterans who served in the south of Korea have been showing a great interest to return to that area, so we think that now, this is a good opportunity for them to do so.

There is also our 15-day option tour: it will allow the many veterans the opportunity to travel to Korea, Taipei, Hongkong, The People's Republic of China and Macau, and also keep the cost as low as possible.

You will be able to stop-over in Tokyo and Honolulu for the price of \$50.00 each stop. Isn't that fantastic? We are offering you all the opportunities to go everywhere with the best prices.

If you have any questions regarding our program after reading our brochure, then please feel free to contact us. We will be glad to assist you in any way possible so that you can have an unforgettable trip.

Sincerely yours,

Steve J. Legier
KOREA REVISIT PROGRAM CENTER

8 DAYS
6 days/5 nights
in Korea

OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear Korean War Service Veterans and Friends:

These are days of rapid change everywhere in the world. In some places, though, change takes place so fast that one can hardly recognize them from one year to the next. One such place is Korea a country you saw, to be sure, 35 years ago.

What do you remember about it? Probably the same kind of memories associated with war anywhere — cold, chaos, destruction and despair. You came to Korea to fight with us for freedom and democracy. Over the years, you may have wondered how those friends are doing today. In 1985, Korea will mark the 35th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. The people of Korea would like to invite you to come back to see the fruits of sacrifice and discover the difference you have helped make.

Awaiting you is a country of contrasts. You'll find dynastic past of the country contrasted with her dynamic present. The charm of her ancient culture — lilting folk music, graceful court dance, stately royal palaces — have been rediscovered. The miracle of her modern economy — handsome sky — high buildings, smooth super highways, thriving export industries — have made for a better life. So you can see what Korea is like today.

We would like you to participate in our 1985 Korea Revisit Program. We offer you hotel accommodations and other arrangements in Korea for six days (including all meals) free of charge as a gesture of our appreciation. We will be honored to welcome you at most cordial receptions and to award a certificate as an "Ambassador for Peace" to you, plus a special medal commemorating your visit and our gratitude. We extend this offer to include spouses of the Korean War Veterans.

We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to get a fresh view of Korea and a chance to renew your fraternity with the land and the people with whom you once stood shoulder to shoulder in battle.

Chong-Hwan Kim
General ROK Army Ret.
President
Korean Veterans Association

**KOREA
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FREE HOTEL
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Korea Remembers

\$959.00

* June departure: Due to peak season air fare, additional \$125.00 per person. Only applies to the 8 days Korea tour.

Here is one of the most unique programs to honor ex-veterans in world history. Korea pauses to "remember" those who fought for their freedom and extends an invitation to all veterans (and their families) who served in Korea in peace or war to be their guest for six days in Korea in a spirit of appreciation and friendship.

We are now able to offer an eight day trip for the price of the air fare only — \$959.00 The itinerary is shown below. The air fare requires 20 persons traveling together. Participating members, their spouses, are all eligible.

You will receive:

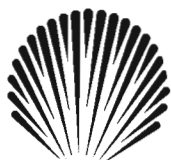
- * Air fare via a 747 Jumbo Jet from Los Angeles to Seoul and return, economy-class group affinity basis.
- * First class hotel for 5 nights, 2 persons to a room basis
- * American breakfast daily
- * All dinners and lunch provided
- * Sightseeing with English-speaking guides and including entrance fees
- * Deluxe motorcoach transportation in Korea
- * Transfers between Kimpo Airport-Seoul and hotel and return.
- * Tips and taxes on services provided
- * Baggage handling charges in Korea
- * Local Korean Tour Host

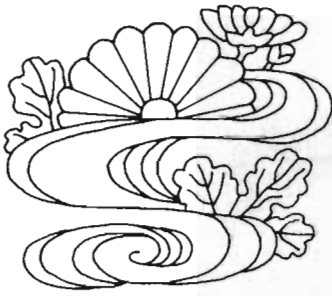
PLUS—

- * Special Receptions with Government Officials
- * Special Korea Veteran Service Medal
- * Special "Ambassador for Peace" Certificate

Departure Dates:

April 26, 1985
May 24, 1985
June 28, 1985
Sept. 27, 1985
Oct. 18, 1985





Tanks of B Co., 64th Armor, are ready to fire. US Army photo.

ITINERARY

(subject to change)

1st DAY – LOS ANGELES/ALOFT

Leave Los Angeles International Airport via a 747 Jumbo Jet to Seoul.

2nd DAY – EN ROUTE. Cross International Date Line and lose a day.

3rd DAY – SEOUL

Arrive Seoul early this morning for an official welcome at Kimpo Airport by the staff of the Korean Veterans Association. Transfer to your hotel. Balance of day to rest and "settle in". Dinner provided.

4th DAY – SEOUL

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning visit will take you to Korea Exhibition Center (KOEX) to view the various Korean products that are on display, lunch will be provided at a Korean Restaurant to give you the opportunity to taste a number of Korean dishes. Your afternoon tour will take you to the Kyongbok Palace and a visit to the National Museum as well. Dinner will be provided in your hotel.

5th DAY – SEOUL

Breakfast in the hotel. Leave the city of Seoul in the morning and have the opportunity to see the lush green country side as you ride North for a full day trip to Panmunjom via Munsan and Imjim River. Here the Armistice Agreement was signed in 1953 in a narrow demilitarized zone, and it is still the site of regular meetings between the North Koreans and United Nations Command. You will also visit the Conference Hall, Freedom House, Bridge of No-Return and Observation Post No. 5, lunch will be provided in the NCO club. Tonight – an official government reception followed by dinner hosted by the Chairman of the Korean Veterans Association.

6th DAY – SEOUL

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the U.S. 8th Army Headquarters for a briefing after which your tour guide will escort you to the city of Inchon where General Douglas MacArthur led United Nations Forces ashore in 1950 to regain Seoul from North Korean forces. A box lunch will be provided. Continue on after lunch to Subong Park where a large monument has been built to honor the landing of U.S. and Korean troops on Sept. 15, 1950 and was dedicated to the 1st Marine Division on the same day in 1980. This afternoon will take you on a shopping spree through the streets of Seoul where you will find innumerable products of Korea. Dinner will be provided in your hotel or *option night tour.

7th DAY – SEOUL

Breakfast in the hotel. You will travel this morning for an hours drive south of Seoul to the city of Suwon to visit the Korean Folk Village where you will see over 68 exhibitions of life-styles of the past and see real artisans daily practice such traditional skills as blacksmith, potter, miller, pipe-maker and brass worker. Lunch will be provided. Rest of the afternoon is free at leisure and dinner will be provided in your hotel.

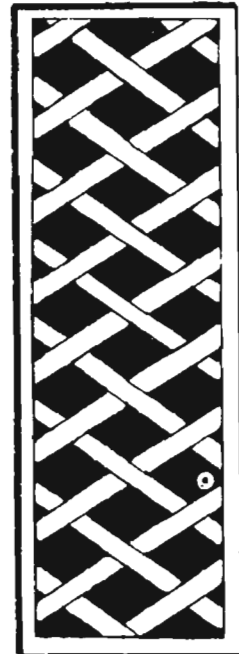
8th DAY – SEOUL

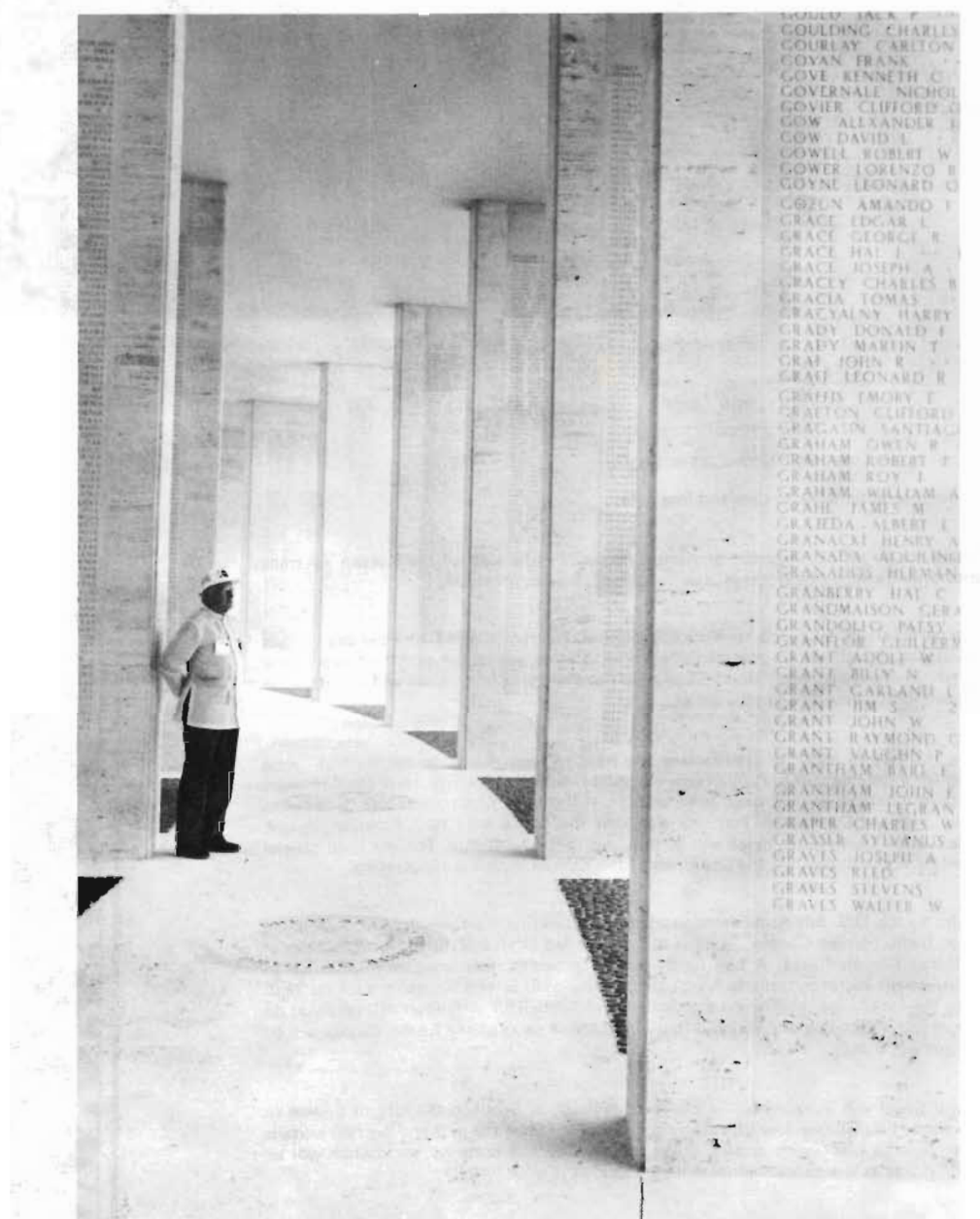
Breakfast in the hotel. Morning is free at leisure or some last minute shopping. Lunch will be provided in the hotel, afternoon will be free at leisure until it is time to transfer to the airport for the return flight to Los Angeles via a 747 Jumbo Jet. Cross the International Date Line and pick up the day lost on your westbound flight. Arrive Los Angeles early afternoon (same day), clear U.S. Customs and Passport Control.

SPECIAL 15 DAY TOUR in conjunction with the Korea Remembers program. Includes Taipei, Hong Kong, The People's Republic of China and Macau. Per person additional \$1131.00 only. Upon request we will mail you the itinerary. Honolulu stop-over is available for no additional cost on the 15 day tour only.

**** Option tours** – Night tour is to the Korea House where you will have a Korean buffet style dinner and a chance to see the Korean Dance Team perform traditional Korean dances. Cost is \$35.00/per person. Option 3 nights/4 days Kyung-ju/Pusan Tour cost is \$290.00 and Japan Tour cost is \$450.00 additional per person.

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A terrific shot of "Doc" PHIL HOSTETTER at the Manila Military Cemetery. Writes Phil cryptically: "One and many."



"You're sure you are not just trying to get out of a detail?"

What would you do when a lovely gal by the name of CATHERINE M. DOLEMBO, 2807 Tulip, Indianapolis IN writes you this?:

"I would like to be a member of the 24th Division Association. How am I affiliated? I am a retired Army Nurse who served along with the 339th Engineers in Milne Bay and in Palo, Leyte, with the 126 General Hospital. We arrived in Palo, 4 Jan. 45 and I stayed until Nov. 45. I know we took care of troops from your Division who were ill or wounded both in Leyte and Luzon.

"Last Oct. I was with the group which went to Leyte to commemorate MacArthur's landing 40 years before as a matter-of-fact. I wore the Taro Leaf cap and marched with the Veterans (the only female to do so!) five months ago today (23 Oct.). and along with many others jumped out the 4th floor window (Baguio) and eventually got down to the ground level. I'm very grateful my life was spared -- thirty others were not.

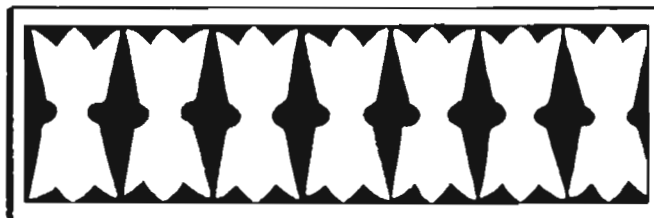
"I lost many things in the fire including my Taro Leaf cap.

"I am looking forward to the reunion in Louisville to meet the 'Survivors.'

"Sincerely, Kay Dolemba."

You'd do just what we did, that's what you'd do. You'd welcome her into the club with open arms and you'd start looking for a replacement cap that it might be presented to her in Louisville. So, guys, we have a new member. We've gone coed!

Louisville



Nice chatty letter from JOHN A. BROWN (Hq. 2nd Bn. 21st '51-'53) of 17730 Live Oak, Hesperia CA 92345:

"Retired from civil service in Dec. after 30 yrs. at the same job at George AFB (Victorville) CA. Had to wait for my 55th to get out of the 'war' and it has certainly given me a great feeling although I am still undergoing a traumatic experience, having, I feel, served more than enough time and at last escaped what I feel, will prove to be the start of bad things to come in the future for civil servants.

"Still in good health and don't plan to just sit on my 'duff' and go fishing.

"I've lived up here in this 'high desert,' only about 50 miles from my birthrite which is Redlands, CA -- really was 'God's Country' 'til population influx tainted it. It used to be called 'The World's Largest Navel Orange Center,' but now, I guess we might have to cede that motto to some place in Florida.

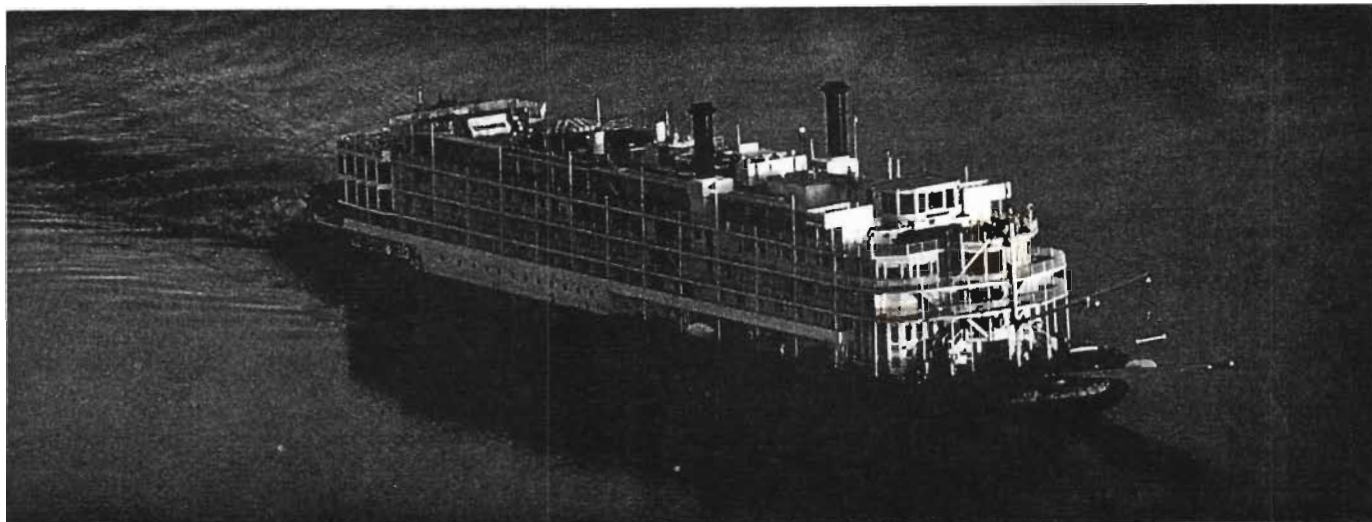
"Received my Taro Leaf this past weekend and read Gen. Schwarzkopf's letter to us. Dang it, two times now I've missed my old outfit when it appeared so close to me. Ft. Irwin is only about 40 miles from where I live. The base where I worked supported Gallant Eagle 84. I did not see any 24th patches on any of the troops that were on George. We musta been 'rear ech' and all the 'good guys' were out at Irwin fighting the war. I was in Hq.Co., 2nd Bn. of the 21st and if I'd known it was there I'd surely have gone out there and made my presence known. By the way, George Cullison, one of our revered members, was CO of the 2nd Bn. when I was with the organization. He took over command before we moved to Japan from Korea. I remember well how he used to 'hand-pick' me for his personal radio operator when we went in the field, which seemed about half the time of the year I spent in Japan. I am, at present, composing a letter to him along with this one, to belatedly tell him that I now feel honored to have served under his command.

"But 'firsts come first.' I just received my first retirement check yesterday, and even before I pay any bills I wish to forward my donation to the 'slush' fund. I don't know what I'd do without my Taro Leaf. Read it from cover to cover -- and wish there was more.

"Fraternally, Jack."

Ed note: Along with Jack's letter came a gratefully received \$25 "contribution."

MISSISSIPPI QUEEN, CARRYING ON A GRAND TRADITION



For years, we've dreamed of a convention on the Delta Queen or the Mississippi Queen. Consider please, the August 1985 schedules of each of these two boats:

- DQ - St.Louis to St.Paul - 7 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 31
- DQ - St.Louis to St.Louis - 2 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 24
(goes to Hannibal and back)
- MQ - Cincinnati to Pittsburgh - 5 nights
departs Cincinnati Aug. 25
- MQ - Cincinnati to Cincinnati - 2 nights
departs Cincinnati Aug. 23
(goes to Louisville and back)
- MQ - Cincinnati to Cincinnati - 4 nights
departs Cincinnati Aug. 19
(goes to Louisville and Madison
and back)
- MQ - St.Louis to Cincinnati - 5 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 14
- DQ - St.Louis to St.Louis - 5 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 11
(goes to Paducah and Girardeau
and back)
- DQ - St.Louis to St.Louis - 8 nights
departs St.Louis Aug. 16
(goes to Nashville, the lakes
and back)

We make no secret of our personal desires. We've had this one up our sleeve for 34 years.

Be forewarned. We're coming to Louisville, complete with all data, prepared to sell the idea.

Louisville,

About Martha Raye, someone sent us a newspaper clipping from the Cumberland (NC) County Outlook reading:

"Martha Raye has been giving generously of her time and talent to American servicemen for over four decades. Her involvement with the men in Vietnam is well known, but the public may not realize that even before the formation of the USO during World War II, Martha spent two years entertaining troops in Africa, Europe and Australia, contracting yellow fever in North Africa. She also entertained and worked with medics in Korea.

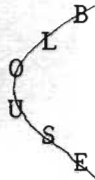
"Martha Raye received training for airborne medical work and spent six or seven months every year from 1965-71 as a medevac in Vietnam picking up wounded Americans and assisting in field hospitals. The GI's nicknamed her 'Boondock Maggie' because of her willingness to go to remote outposts. She was wounded twice, once in the foot and once in the ribs, and she received the Purple Heart and many other citations for her courageous frontline...nursing efforts.

"Maggie, as she prefers to be called, is a lieutenant colonel in the Green Berets 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces. She was given an honorary commission in 1964, which became official in 1967. Her five parachute jumps made her a paratrooper as well as an entertainment trooper."

We learn something every day.

Up & Coming

Each box below denotes a phrase or word. Can you tell what each means? Answers elsewhere in this issue.

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LOUISVILLE Observed

GOING OUT

On that "Oklahoma" show on Mindanao, DICK GOINY writes that he remembers it well. Free of any protestations of verisimilitude, Dick has written: "I saw 'Oklahoma' at Davao. I was a member of E Co., 21st. The exact dates I have long forgotten but it seems to me that it was a very hot day, like most of them are, when you are almost directly under the sun as we were on Southern Mindanao. One afternoon someone came by and asked if I would like to go to see 'Oklahoma,' and, of course, the answer was 'Yes'. It was a chance to see some Stateside women for a change. Well, a couple of buddies and I got together. Gerald A. Lynch, Edward T. Doubek and myself walked over to our transportation. As I remember the ride was fairly long over hills and dales and over some of the roughest roads you could imagine but we finally came to the 'Theater.' It was getting dark outside as the play began. Jerry, Ed and I were sitting only a few rows from the stage and could see everything quite well. Suddenly it began to rain and did it come down. I think the drops were the size of quarters. We sat right through the play, soaked to the skin. Sometimes the rain came down so hard it was difficult to actually see what was going on. As I remember, the stage was covered with some kind of corrugated sheet metal and the people on the stage were quite dry. Eventually the water from the rear which was further up the hill, came streaming down in a depth nearly over the tops of our boots. But we sat there on those cocoanut logs through it all. A couple of days later we thought we would venture back that way to see if the 'Theater' was still there and along the way came across some gobbies, 'sailors,' looking for some war bootie. I've never seen a more scared looking group in all my life after I had told them that the area had not yet been secured. Then Ed Doubek added that the Moro's were on the loose too. We sent them packing right back to their ship. Ed and I walked on a little further and saw where a Jap plane had crashed. We wandered over to it and investigated it, finally knocking the windshield out and completely forgetting about the 'Theater'. Eventually some of the windshield became heart shaped souvenirs to which we attached some chain and sent home.

The Bulletin Board

ANSWERS TO WORD/PHRASES:

Sandbox - I understand - Tricycle
 Reading between the lines - See through
 Circles under eyes - blouse -
 Backward glance - 3 Degrees below 0 -
 Split level - Downtown - Man Overboard -
 Long Underwear - Cross Roads - Touchdown -
 Neon Lights - High Chair - Paradise -
 6 Feet Underground - Mind over matter -
 Life after death - GI over seas -
 Space program - Just between you and me -
 He's beside himself.



"Get your raincoat and come on out.
 We're going to Louisville to the
 24th Convention."



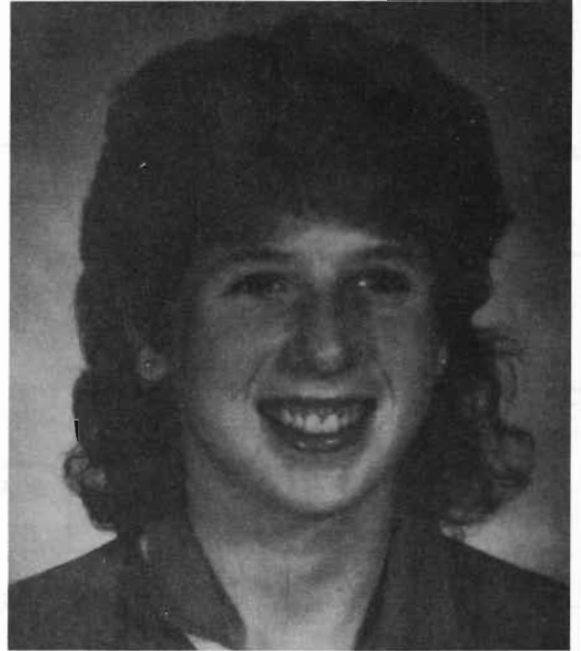
"WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GAPING AT?"

—Pfc. Tom Flannery

Louisville

BILL SHOWEN (21st & 24th Recn. '41-'44) of 1911 Francis, Waukesha WI, is blowing his own kazoo showing the "attractiveness of two of my descendents."

Meet Colleen Showen, his 13½ yr. old daughter (4th daughter, 7th child):



Meet Lori Willman, his 18 yr. old granddaughter, Bill's first, who calls Burkburnett, TX, home:



We concur, Bill; we're with you 100%.

IN MEMORIAM

DAY IS DONE — GONE THE SUN
FROM THE LAKE — FROM THE HILLS
FROM THE SKY — ALL IS WELL
SAFELY REST — GOD IS NIGH

This obit on FRANKLIN HERRIE HARTLINE, (19th Inf.), appeared in the March '85 issue of Assembly, the publication of the Association of Graduates of the Military Academy:

Franklin Henrie Hartline

NO. 11283 CLASS OF 1938

Died 4 January 1984 in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, aged 67 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



FRANKLIN HERRIE HARTLINE

I HEARD THE POINT argued by a contender at a 1938 Class luncheon at Fort McNair not too long ago. However, Hank was the self-proclaimed "King of the Area" at West Point. His contribution to the "Brave Old Army Team" is history.

After returning to coach football at USMA for a year, he joined the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks. In October 1941, he married, but the "honeymoon" abruptly ended on 7 December. His combat service was with the 96th Division in Okinawa. Thus, he was on the scene at both the beginning and, virtually, the end of World War II. He was awarded the Silver Star, but refused to wear this and other ribbons, unless commanded to do so. The Combat Infantry Badge he always wore with pride.

He loved his career in the Army, always finding each new assignment a challenge. He

found his two years at Fort Leonard Wood, commanding the 2nd Training Regiment, especially rewarding.

After his retirement in 1968, he worked in real estate, but he was content to completely retire after a few years and devote himself to his passion—golf. He learned bird hunting in Korea and fishing in the Philippines and Germany. Both sports he pursued in France. Nowhere, however, did he neglect his favorite—golf. Finding like enthusiasts in his host countries not only facilitated the liaison requirements, but made him many friends throughout the world.

Hank found great satisfaction in working with young people. He ran the junior golf program at Edgewood Arsenal after his retirement, and he was alumni representative for West Point in the county. Not only was he thorough in this latter endeavor, but he followed up on the progress at the Academy of "his boys," as he proudly called them. I received many fine tributes to him after his death, but one particular note from a cadet (USMA '87) touched me deeply. It expressed his gratitude for Hank's help and his added determination to strive for excellence in Hank's memory.

Hank lived a life of "Duty, Honor, Country," and this was the code he instilled in his children and other young people.

He is survived by his wife of forty-two years, the former Jean Young; a daughter, Sara Yurman; and three sons, Lieutenant Colonel Franklin Y. Hartline (USMA '66), Major Richard Y. Hartline (USMA '71), and 1st Lieutenant James Y. Hartline, whose graduation from OCS in 1982 made his father's "cup runneth over," and seven grandchildren, six of whom he knew, further enriched his life.

Excerpts from Robert C. Ingersoll's tribute to his brother, seem to be appropriate here:

"He was a worshiper of liberty, a friend of the oppressed.... He believed that happiness is the only good, reason the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest.... There was, there is, no gentler, manlier man."

Good friend RAY FIES, of 3714 Romig, Reading, PA has reported the death of Life Member #260, J.W. "Jesse" SKIPPER, (H 21st '38-'44). Jess died last October in Hialeah FL -- brain tumor. Jess attended every convention from our '78 year in Savannah, missing out only on '84 Cincinnati when he was seriously ill with the problem that eventually took this gallant gentleman from us.

Pauline MILLS reported the passing of her beloved ELLSWORTH on Feb. 10th. Wrote Pauline: "As you know he had cancer and had had heart surgery. He put up a gallant fight until his strength was gone. Then he slipped peacefully away. He was a 724th Ordinance man and was so happy that we were able to be with you all in Cincinnati last year."

And so we have lost one more. Ellsworth was especially close to us. We all will miss him.

Col. KERMIT BLANEY said it this way: "Sadly do we report the passing of one especially good friend, Life Member #161, Col. JOHN H. (Jack or Jerry) GIRARDEAU (21st '41-'45). Jerry, as he was known by all Gimlets, was Jock Clifford's S-3 1st Bn. 21st Inf. in Hawaii and New Guinea and was C.O. 3rd Bn. 21st Inf. on Mindanao, and on to Japan. Jerry died February 16th, following many difficult months of suffering with emphysema. His passing was not unexpected. Happy, as usual, was at his side when he just seemed to doze off in no apparent pain or labor.

"The Taro Leaf Roll has just lost one of the best, quietest and most unassuming officers who ever had the privilege to serve our great country.

"Just another old Gimlet, Blaney."

We do appreciate Kermit's report. When he called to tell us of the funeral, he added, "It was my privilege to say a little prayer for each of our Taro Leafers," Thank you, in every way, Kermit.

We've asked RICHARD C. GOINY (E 21st 4/45-12/45) of 3619 W. 64th St., Chicago, IL to write this one:

"I regret to have to inform you of the death of one of our Chicago Chapter members, JOHN GIUSTINO, Life #59. John passed away suddenly early Friday morning, December 28th, of a massive heart attack while in his home.

"John was a member of the 24th Division having served in the 724th Ordnance during the Korean War. John and his wife, Gloria, took an active part in our Chicago Chapter of the 24th Division Association for many years.

"John is survived by his beloved Gloria, his sons, John and Carl, and his daughter, Barbara Ann Guzik, and grandchildren, Joseph and Lori Guzik.

"A Spiritual Bouquet in John's honor was presented to Gloria and her family on the behalf of the 24th Division Association at the wake. John was given a Military Funeral by the members of the James J. Zientek American Legion Post #419 on Monday, December 31st after a solemn Requiem Mass which was held at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Catherine of Alexandria Roman Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, IL. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Chicago IL.

"Representing the 24th Division Association at the wake and funeral mass were CHESTER ANDREZAK, ANTHONY J. FARO, Mrs. Lou CIANGI and RICHARD C. GOINY. The Association sent flowers as a modest expression of our genuine sorrow."

Taro Leaf reports, with sadness, the decease of Helen V. Zimmerman, the dear sister of our own JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, Margaret Cooley, Mary Gaigano, Ann Michael, SP, William O'Donnell, Kay Martin, Michael O'Donnell, Jeanne McMahon, and Rita D'Onofrio.

**IN
MEMORIAM**

John T. Brady,
for comrade,
PAUL SCHERBA
(21st '39-'44)

**IN
MEMORIAM**

Sofia A. Abbas,
for husband,
GEORGE A. ABBAS
(A 21st '42-'44)

Jo and JACK BRADY, (C 21st '40-'43), of 1026 Chartiers, McKees Rocks PA were the bearers of sad news. They reported the passing to glory of PAUL SCHERBA on Feb.23. In their words:

"Paul came up with blood clots on Wed., and never came around. Paul never had a sick day in his life. Talked to him on Monday. We were going to the Penn State Pearl Harbor Convention next month. Paul leaves three sisters and two brothers and his beloved wife, Helen. Paul was a member of D 21st, '39-'44. A fine Sgt. and a top soldier. Also a fine athlete! Paul will be missed by us all."

And let us add a little note of our own. Jack and Jo included a wonderful check with their report. They added as a P.S., "In Memory of Paul." Thank you, Jo and Jack.

Good friend RAY FIES, of 3714 Romig, Reading, PA has reported the death of Life Member #260, J.W. "Jesse" SKIPPER, (H 21st '38-'44). Jess died last October in Hialeah FL -- brain tumor. Jess attended every convention from our '78 year in Savannah, missing out only on '84 Cincinnati when he was seriously ill with the problem that eventually took this gallant gentleman from us.

Sophia ABBAS, beloved wife of GEORGE, (A 21st '42-'44) wrote to tell us of George's passing last Nov. 7th. Age 74, he died following a coronary arrest. Sophia, whose address is simply Renville MN, made the warm gesture of enclosing a check for \$25.00 "as a memorial to George -- to be used as wished." Added Sophia in a beautiful closing thought, "George expressed his love for God and his church and our precious America by serving each one proudly and well." We heartily agree, especially mindful of the lead that George took at Breakneck Ridge. We shall miss him.

