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CARTOON of the WEEK

OPENING THE MILITARY TO HOMOSEXUALS IS AN AFFRONT TO THE UNIFORM!



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I LOVE HOW YOUR EYES SPARKLE WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY!





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AFTENTION OF

November 17, 1992

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers:

We had a great time at the 51st Reunion in September, enjoying the camaraderie and friendship of the Victory Division alumni. I have already placed next year's reunion date on my calendar and am looking forward to our 52nd reunion in Colorado.

Our focus on training and preparation to deploy remains high. We just finished a deployment exercise that entailed moving the 3rd Brigade from Fort Benning, Georgia, to Savannah and loading aboard a Fast Sealift Ship. This is the first time the 3rd Brigade has exercised their deployability in this manner.

Early on a Thursday morning, 3rd Brigade received alert notification. By close of business Friday, ten C-5A aircraft, Company (IRC), departed Fort Benning. The IRC, consisting of M1Al Abrams Tanks, Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles and support equipment, rolled off the aircraft at Fort Drum, New York into a mock battle. Simultaneously, the remainder of the brigade, including engineer, artillery, and support units, either rail loaded or road marched to the port of Savannah to load aboard the USS Bellatrix.

Meanwhile, the 1st and 2nd Brigades have been busy completing Victory Focus exercises, focusing on training at crew, squad and platoon levels. Additionally, the command post exercise Gallant Victory tested the Division staff in a command and control exercise.

The 1st Brigade is preparing to deploy, for 30 days, to the National Training Center in January. They will deploy with a new commander, Colonel John Brown, who assumed command on November 12, 1992. Colonel John Le Moyne, the previous brigade commander, and his family leave Fort Stewart for London, England, where he will attend the Royal College for Defense Studies.

The Victory Division took a moment to salute veterans from all wars during the recent Veterans Day Ceremony and began our look into the holiday season. We still remain ever ready, and are prepared to deploy anywhere in the world to complete any mission assigned by our leaders.

The soldiers and officers of the Victory Division take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season. We hope the message "good will toward men and peace on earth" finds its way to every corner of the globe and that as the holiday season unfolds, American soldiers are at home with their families.

First To Fight!

Paul E. Blackwell Major General, U.S. Army

Commanding

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AND NOW, A WORD FROM . . .



Office of the Commander '
24th Infantry Division (Mech)

"FIRST TO FIGHT"

September 22, 1992

Dear Victory Division Alumnus:

Welcome to the 24th Infantry Division Association's annual reunion. The communities of Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and the Coastal Empire are very happy to have you with us.

Have reviewed the agenda for your reunion and feel confident that we are all in for a great time. It is a distinct honor and privilege for me to command this proud Division which has such a tremendous history and has always been "First to Fight".

Looking forward to the spirit of camaraderie I'm sure we'll share. Again, welcome back to the home of the Victory Division.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Blackwell
Major General, U.S. Army

Commanding

24th Infantry Division Association Celebrates 51st Annual Reunion



More than 800 former Taro Leafers reunite, reminisce in Savannah

By Sat. D. R. Doss

Eur

ore than 800 members of the 24th Infantry Division Association came to Savannah last week for their 51st Annual Reunion as former members of the Victory Division.

Members came from all parts of the United States to the yearly event which reunites veterans who served together during World War II and the Korean War.

The group of former soldiers were the guests of honor for the 24th's Monthly honors ceremony Friday morning at Fort Stewart. Former division Commander retired Lt. Gen. James A. Vaught was invited to an inspection of troops during the retirement ceremony.

After the ceremony association members were given a tour of the installation which included lunch in unit dining facilities, a static display of the division's latest weapons systems and culminated with a tour of the post museum.

Major Gen. Paul Blackwell, commander of the 24th Infantry Dlvlsion delivered the keynote



address Saturday night at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah during the association's Memorial Dinner.

"I'm indeed humbled standing in your midst," said Blackwell..."I'm always humbled when I'm around veterans of the great wars of this nation."

Throughout his address Blackwell expressed gratitude to both past and present members of the 24th Infantry Division for their willingness to uphold the Constitution of the United States. He said those that make the solemn vow to support and defend the Constitution are a special breed of person.

"The 24th Infantry Division is proud of the heritage you gave it. The 24th is extremely proud that the term First to Fight came from you—those of you who won that distinction," said Blackwell.

Blackwell told those assembled he was already looking forward to next year's reunion. During his conclusion the 24th commander said the division was in good hands, and the future for the 24th is bright. He summed things up by telling the association, "We are forever grateful, and we'll never forget you."



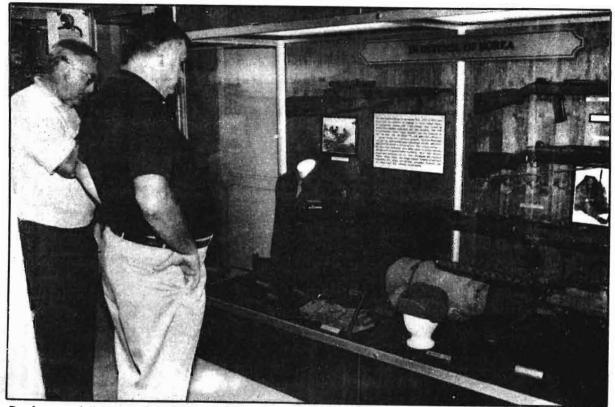
24th Inf. Div. WWII veterans take time to talk about former commanders of the Victor Division.

One of the sergeants at the post, when asked about the new Army helmet answered that it can't be used for cooking - or shaving. It's made of a tough plastic, stronger than the old pot you wore.

Another sign of progress - more and more video cams. Whatever happened to home movies?

DANIEL H. BRANTLEY (H 21 '42-'45) 234 Louisiana Rd., Jesup GA 31545 has rejoined us. Welcome back, Dan.

Thrilled to welcome PHIL IRONS III (A 21st '43-'46) back into the club. Phil's at Hill Rd., Box 3, RD 1, Mount Holly NJ 08060. You've been away too long, Phil.



During a visit to the post museum former soldiers of the 24th who served in Korea look at weapons and equipment used in combat.

REUNION SIDE BARS...

A good sign observed during the gathering was the number out for their morning exercise, either walking at a brisk pace or jogging. We were also informed that quite a few women and men made good use of the pool and exercise facilities in the hotel.

An observation - as we grow a little older each year, we see trends within the organization. A few years back it started with glasses, then it moved up to bifocal lenses. Along the way we saw less and less people smoking either cigarettes, cigars or pipes. The most recent addition to our wardrobe is a hearing aid - we can't fight progress.

1993 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

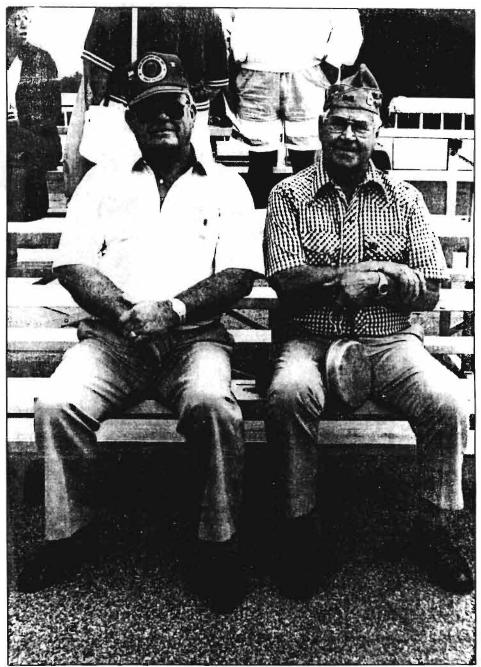
What will they think of next?



President WALLACE KUHNER (24th Recn.Co. '43-'45), 1637 Falmouth St., Charleston SC has a few words to say at the Saturday night banquet. U.S.Army Photo. MIKE LEMKE took it. Nice going Mike.

"She is a woman who has suffered a great deal for her belief." announced Mabel. "Indeed...What is her belief?" questioned an admirer... "She believes that she can wear a Size 4 shoe on a Size 6 foot.

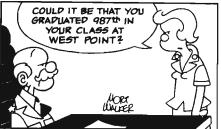




Photos by Sgt. D. R. Doss

Taro Leafers 1st Sgt. Roger L. Reid and Master Sgt. William R. Jones enjoy the day's activities while visiting Fort Stewart. Reid and Jones served with Service Company. 34th Infantry Regiment.

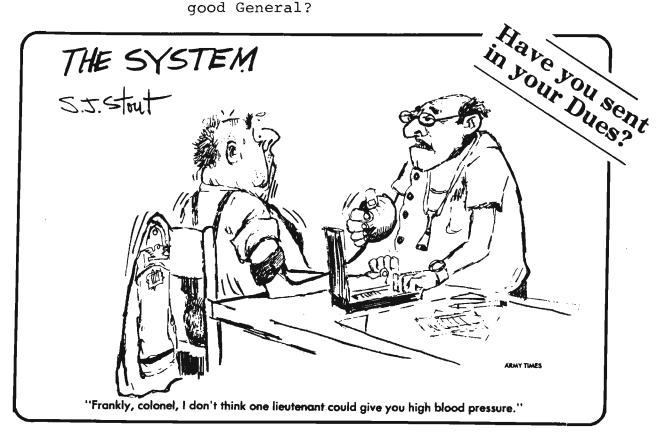




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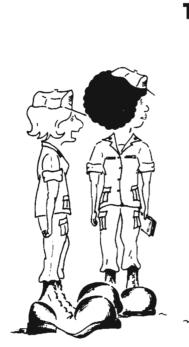
JOE MCKEON, what in 'ell are you telling the good General?





We're using it, come --- or high water.

It's a risk - will likely come out as black mud but here goes. It's the head table at our Saturday night banquet. US Army Photo by good Mike Lemke.





"Looking that good in fatigues should be against regulations."



THE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WASHINGTON, D.C. 20318 25 September 1992

Dear Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association:

Regret not being able to join you for this special evening. Was really looking forward to being with you until my duties dictated otherwise. Your enormous support during the Gulf war meant a lot, not just to the active and reserve components of the Victory Division, but to me personally. Pd particularly like to commend our President, Al McAdoo, and Kenwood Boss for their superlative efforts on putting together this year's convention.

What a unique group you are ~ 24th ID veterans from World War II, Korea, and the Persian Gulf ~ all gathered in a soldier's special bond of camaraderie. As you know, there are critical national defense issues facing our country in the years ahead. No group better understands that national security is a "shared responsibility" ~ a responsibility in which we all have a major stake ~ one shared by the people, the Congress, and each of us who serve in uniform.

The shifting balance of power in the world has prompted our national civilian and military leadership to reevaluate the strategies and force atructure required to achieve our national goals. Many of you have heard of the new U.S. Armed forces "Base Force." By 1995, the active duty component will shrink to about 1.6 million men and women; we expect to be allocated 3.6% of our nation's GNP — the smallest portion for defense since before World War II; and, under the latest initiative, our nuclear weapons stockpile will decrease from the 21,000 we had in 1990 to approximately 5,000 — A 75% drop.

Despite these statistical reductions, we are confident the U.S. Armed Forces "Base Force" will serve our nation well. We will continue to maintain the best balanced, best trained, and best equipped armed forces in the world. A somewhat smaller force, but one that is fully capable of global nuclear deterrence, providing a strong reaction to any conceivable regional threat, while also guaranteeing protection here at home.

The United States is now the world's only remaining superpower. That remarkable achievement can, in no small part, be attributed to the efforts of the many outstanding men and women who have served with the 24th Infantry Division. I have never been associated with a finer group of soldiers and I am proud to have been a member of your ranks.

The Army will never forget your support during Operation DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. We know each of you will stay involved in the important work being done by the association. Allow me to offer each of you and the association my personal support and deep friendship in the years to come.

VICTORY

Barry R. McCaffey Lieutenant General, USA Life Mcmber - 24th Inf. Div. Assoc.





"The park commission couldn't afford a statue of the general, so they got one of his orderly."

Have your Dues?

STOP THE



Our camerman caught our cameraman Dr. PHIL and Helen HOSTETTER on this one. We also see Mary and HENRY GOSZTYLA (B 34th '44-'45) in the background.

With Sgt. Mike

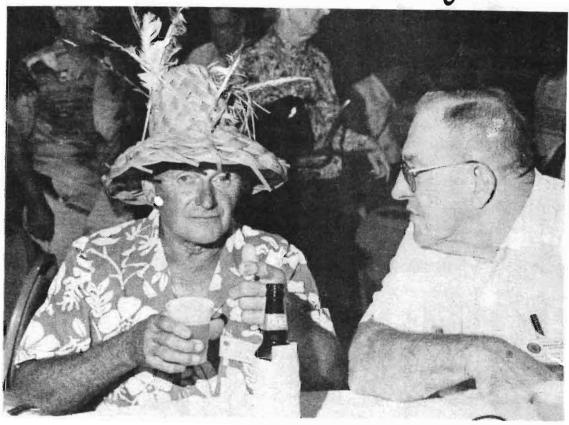


"If I pull through this war, I'd best not see you steppin' up t' take any credit."

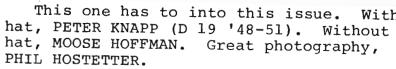
Anybody with normal blood pressure these days just isn't paying attention.

MIND-ALTERING

Entertaining



With Sqt. Mike





"What all do I like about this outfit? Well . . . uh . . . let's see . . . uh . . . Could you repeat the question, please?"

AN OLD MAN walked into the bedroom of a female friend at a nursing home and said, "Today's my birthday, guess how old I am."

"Amazing!" cried the old man. "How in the world did you guess?"

"You told me at breakfast," the lady said.

But NEUER Dull!

Have you sent in your Dues?



One of our favorite reunioners - Gen. JIM VAUGHT (Tank Co. Hv.Mort Co.-Rest S-3, 34th Inf. Co. M, Hq. 3rd Bn. 1/52-2/54 and CG 9/77-8/79). Regretfully, we don't identify the gentleman whom he is buzzing. Jim, it's always a delight when you can share a few hours of togetherness with us. Thank you so much.



"Then your answer is a definite 'yes' . . . You will retire after 21 years?"

IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER



Head table folks - good people too - Charlotte and our outgoing Chaplain JOE HOFRICHTER. Thank Joe - and Charlotte - for hours and hours in our behalf. And to whom are we indebted for this one? Why P.H. 'natch!

PROVOCATIVE

Angie Dickinson, 61, speaking of her man, John Barrowman, 30: "I'm not embarrassed to be with a young man - except, when I drop him off at school."

Have you sent in your Dues?

HOMECOMING

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SIGN
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OLD
BUDDY
TODAY!

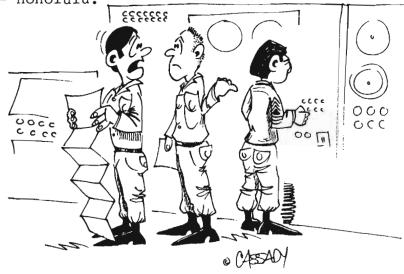


Happy day! What a joy to welcome back to one of our parties - eversmiling JIM WILSON (Cn.19th '42-'45) of PO Box 1445, Lake City FL 32056). Jim, you've stayed away too long.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO POP!



DICK and Betsy AMBROSE (G 2nd Bn., 5th RCT '52-'53) by our pin board. All the way from San Diego. PHIL HOSTETTER who took the shot - and it's a dandy - suggests that they may have come the farthest. Phil - don't forget AL and Mac SOUSA (3rd Eng. '41-'45) - from where? - Honolulu!



"He can't retire . . . If the computer breaks down, he's the only one who can add."



Kilroy Was Here!
&
Kilroy says:
"Pay your
1993 Dues
Now!"

"To the 24th Division" as photo'ed by Mike Lemke in this U.S. Army Photograph.

Photograph.

IN TO THE 24th Division" as photo'ed by Mike Lemke in this U.S. Army Photograph.

"When I said 'at ease,' I didn't mean so completely."

pluggedin



It's the Hyatt Savannah lobby during our Fiesta. Photo, courtesy of PHIL HOSTETTER.

At an exclusive country club that enforces strict adherence to club rules, a regular saw a new golfer place his ball six inches in front of the tee markers. The regular rushed over and confronted the man. "Sir, I don't know whether you happen to be a guest or a member, but our rules are very strict about placing your tee at or behind the markers before driving the ball."

The new golfer looked the stickler right in the eye. "First, I am a guest, not a member, of this club," he said. "Second, I don't care about your rules. And third, this is my second shot."

UPFRONT



A New York quartet, Vice President VINCE and Fran VELLA and DON and Angie KNAPTON. What happened to the Hawaiian shirts and muu-muus this year? They were relatively few in number this time around. Lost a lot of our color, we did. A PHIL HOSTETTER pic.













WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



He who sends us pictures gets the publicity. For example, cheers to BILL ROSEBORO on the far left with his G 19th pals - JIMMIE BRACKNER, FRANK ERBEN, HOWARD PASSWATER. DON HARDING, you were supposed to be in this one. Where'd you go to? Credit Bill with the photo. Thanx, Bill.

COLORADOS



"I think we can wait until we're inside to salute."



HUME.

"WHAT D'YA MEAN - WAS JAPAN A STRANGE AND UNUSUAL COUNTRY?"

COLORADOS

PROVOCATIVE Stimulating EYE-OPENING



"The Old Man" did a masterful job at the Saturday night podium - making warm reference, not once, but eleven times, to the respect of the present day Division, from the commander to the private, for we one time men of the Taro Leaf, be we of WW II vintage, or Japan, or Korea, or Germany, or Riley and Stewart, or Desert Storm. Great US Army Photo we say to the "guy wat took it," Mike Lewis. Thanks, Mike.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!



The gal who does the 1001 things that keep this l'il ole outfit running - Beverly Corris. And with her is the fella who takes his orders from her. Thanks, Beverly, for everything you do for us. Another good shot, PHIL HOSTETTER.

At Savannah, we made discreet (also discrete) inquiries about what you'd like to see more of - or less of - in Taro Leaf. Boy, is that ever asking for it? Some specimen answers:
"More pictures" - "Less Miss Buxley and her mammaries" (Ed.note - "Aw shucks") - "More cartoons" - "More on our time in Germany" - "More on the Recon" - "More on the 29th Inf." - "More on etc., etc."

President's Message

Dear fellow Taro Leafers:

Every so often in each of our lives the opportunity presents itself to serve in some small way or in some place to advance a cause, help our fellow countrymen and women or give of ourselves and our time.

This happened to me at our recent annual convention. I consider it a great honor and a privelege to be your president for the next year.

But more than this it was an honor bestowed on me to be the custodian of this magnificent 24th Infantry Division Association for the next twelve months.

Someone once said, "Duty is weightier than a mountain".

However, to me this is no duty but rather a rare opportunity to serve each of you in this office of president.

As with most of our membership many years have passed since Pearl Harbor, Leyte, Hollandia, the Chosin Reservoir and Operation Desert Storm. However, our Association has through the years been strengthened by the support, love and devotion of each of you.

Looking ahead, if we are to carry our Association through to the 21st century and beyond it will take the combined effort of each of us and to this end I pledge my wholehearted support to carry on in the manner which befits a leader of our Association. Bringing honor and respect to all of the membership.

My thanks for your electing me to serve you for the ensuing year and be assured that I will serve you to the best of my ability.

Aloha, mabuhay and God bless the 24th Infantry Division troops and those who have been chosen to lead them in battle and in times of peace.

Wallace F sanner President, 24th Infantry Division Association.

Bylines-

It's "Welcome back" for the very affable BG PAUL J. KERN. He's now ADC for Maneuver.

Kern previously served at Fort Stewart as the 2nd Brigade commander during Desert Shield/Storm before leaving in December 1991 to serve as the director of Requirements (Support Systems) at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in Washington.

"It's great to be back at Fort Stewart," said Kern. "It's a good place to be for soldiers and families."

His military education includes a War College Fellowship, the Defense Systems Management College, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Ermor Officer Basic Course and the Infantry Officer Advanced Courses. He has earned a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Military Academy; master's degrees in civil and mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and was a senior fellow in national security at Harvard University.

How's that for a record?
We're proud to have him as "One of us."

One feature of the Annual Business Meeting was the reporting of the statistics concerning Life Members. Very briefly, it came out thus:

Life Member #1362 now enrolled.

Of the 1362, 157 are deceased

During the past 12 months - since Sept. '91 - 139 have become Life Members - our greatest year of growth since Jan. '59 when Gen. A. S. Newman initiated the program with a payment of \$100.00.

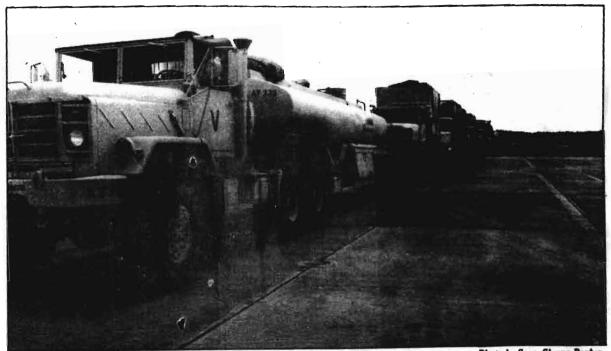


Photo by Spec. Shama Parker

A 724th Support Bn. convoy loaded with food, fuel and other supplies before moving out to southern Florida.

The 724th Support Bn. - 300 soldiers - 152 vehicles - brought fuel, food, sundries and equipment to help some of the 150,000 homeless people in southern FL. Lt.Col. Dale Granger, CO of the 724th led the mission. We're right proud.

Magic Johnson tells in "My Life" about the number of women he compromised during his career - sometimes 3 at a time. And does anyone ask "How many of them did he share his problem with?" No one seems to give a hoot about them, whoever they are - or were.

Grateful thanks go to JOHNNY TRINCA for his unique contributions to the Friday night raffle business - making it the success that it was.

Hats off and grateful thoughts to Convention Chairman JOHN HUMMER and all of the Stewart folks who made our Savannah party the wonderful success that it was.

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L- 7	19th Inf Crest Current Issue \$ 5.00 Each Pair		10.00PP
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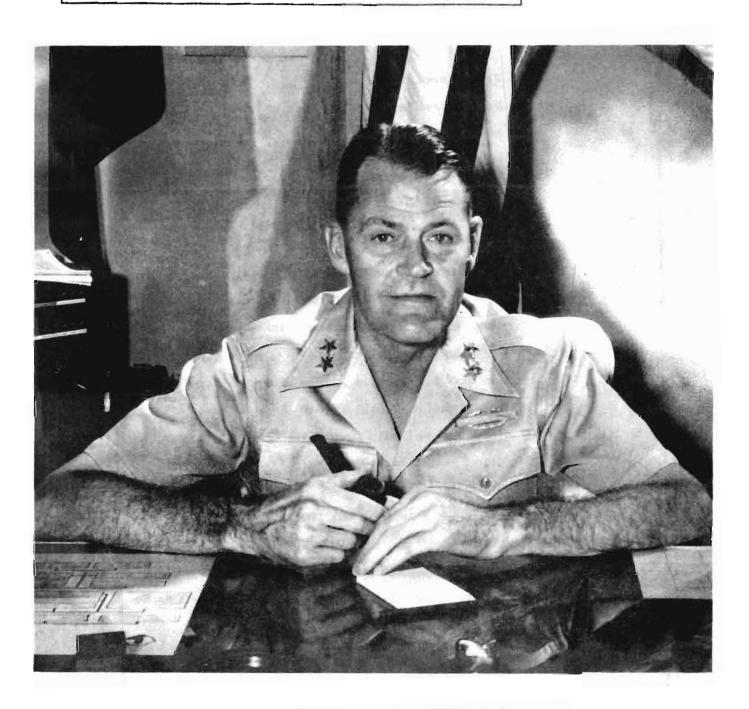
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Clarys Kemp

A sweet, gentle lady, one of our family, surrendered to death on November 9th.

We who admired her, loved her unreservedly, are borne up and comforted by the inquenchable faith that the hands of Heaven have embraced her into that higher, nobler realm where her pain and anguish are no more.

PHILIP S. IRONS, III
died November 1992
was A 21st 3/43-11/45
Reported by GUY E. SHEPPARD
Hilda Irons, his wife, is at
Hill Rd., Box 3, RD 1,
Mount Holly NJ 08060

ROBERT PORTER DEWS
died September 23, 1992
was E 21st & 34th '50-'51
Reported by his wife, Margie,
Box 302, Edison GA 31746

IKE HARPER MITCHELL died November 8, 1992 24th Inf.Div. - Korea Reported by ROY E. SCHROEDER

EMIL S. YURKOVICH
died 1992
was K 21st 4/45 - 5/46
Reported by VINCENT VELLA
Emil's wife, Virginia, at 21950 N.W.
Meier Rd., Hillsboro OR 97124.

ROBERT PORTER DEWS 1915 - 1992

BOBBY DEWS of Edison, GA died on Sept. 23rd as we were gathering at Savannah, 285 miles away. What a grand man we have lost.

Born July 10, 1915, in Nashville TN, Dews was the son of Charles Edward Dews and Alexine Bates Dews. In 1920, he moved with his family to Blakely, and then on to Albany in 1924 where he played on athletic teams in high school and played American Legion baseball. He played fifteen years of professional baseball before being drafted.

In the army, Dews served with the 14th Infantry in the European Theater of Operations. Recalled to active duty for the Korean War, he served with the 34th and 21st in '50-'51. After Korea he stayed in the Army and served in Viet Nam. He was med-evacuated from Viet Nam to Japan and from there to Fort Gordon to be retired with twenty-three active years.

Bobby served as head baseball coach at the University of Tampa and assistant general manager at Tampa Stadium. He was selected as American of the Year at the American Bowl Football Game in 1970. Returning to Edison, he joined his wife in the operation of a cotton warehouse until they sold the business and retired in 1972.

He wrote a total of eight books, some fiction, some historical and some about baseball. Among his most cherished honors was the Combat Infantry Badge with silver star.

Mr. Dews is survived by his wife, Margery Phillips Dews of Edison, GA; one son, Robert P. Dews of Albany GA, one daughter, Patricia MacLean of Trussville AL.

TAPS

EDWARD J. ROGERS
died October 3, 1992
was CO, A 21st 11/44
Sons, Edward J.Jr., Perry M., and
Howard J.
c/o Edward Rogers, Jr., Box 114
Villa Grande CA 95486-0114
Reported by EDWARD FARMER

HAROLD H. HEFNER died August 8, 1992 was Serv.Co. 19th '39-'44 Wife, Gladys, 4800 W.Ocotillo,No.64, Glendale AZ 85301 Reported by DALLAS DICK

JOHN "Peanuts" RUGGABER died July 1992 was Div.Hq. '46-'48 (Div.G-4)

MARVIN T. BELL
died September 1, 1992
was Hq.Co. 1st Bn. 21st, 5/42-8/45
Reported by PAUL W. HARTLEY
Marvin's sister, Billie Knapp,
811 Park St., Thermopolis WY

MICHAEL MARINO died September 28, 1992 was C 19th 2/42-12/45 His wife, Theresa "Tess" at 40 Meeker Av., #1A11, Cranford NJ 07016

JOHN G. BORZILLERI died October 18, 1992 was 24th Repl. 3/51/2/52 His wife, Ingier, at 131-A Kingsberry Rochester NY 14626 WILLIAM P. SIOK "Paul"
a/k/a BOLESLOF SIOK
died June 10, 1992
was 52nd FA '41-'44
His wife, Dorothy, at 118 Cole
Pittsfield MA 01201

MARTIN J. MILITA died October 1, 1991 was C & B 19th, 1/45-3/46 His wife, Mary G. "Betty", 554 Atwood Ct., Newtown PA

ALBERT SELTSAM died 1992 was 34th '41-'45

DONALD F. ELLICOTT died September 8, 1992 was G 19th '50

Clarys KEMP died November 9, 1992 wife of ARTHUR L. KEMP (C 21st Arthur is at 411 Remington St., Suffield CT 06078

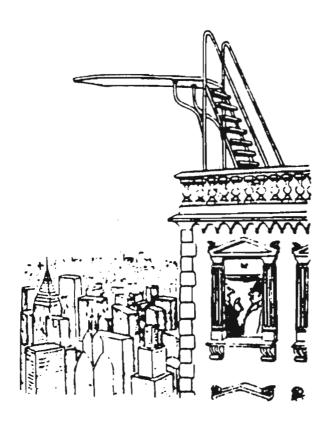
ERNEST E. "Slim" GILEAN died October 14, 1992 was Hq.Btry 13th FA '40-'45 Ernest's wife Thelma is at 17 Parker St., Coventry RI Reported by EUGENE B. LEW



HENRY GOSZTYLA (B 34th '44-'45) performs the annual task of lighting the candles for our Memorial Service. Henry, we are proud of your contribution to this most solemn part of our gathering.

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Four times a year, we here at the magazine manage to convince ourselves that it just doesn't get any better than Each time we send a new issue of Taro Leaf off to the printer, we bask briefly in the illusion that this time we have made it absolutely flawless. Every fact has been checked. Every page has been proofread to within an inch of its life. Every reader is going to be delighted. Then the finished product rolls off the press and the disillusionment begins. Suddenly we spot a typo here, a wrong page number there, maybe even that cardinal journalistic sin, a misspelled name. Humbled by this evidence of our fallibility, we resolve to do better next time, and console ourselves with the thought that the mistakes are relatively small. And they are buried deep inside the magazine. least we didn't, like, screw up the cover. No, last time out, we didn't, but our printer did!

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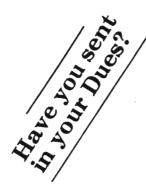
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"Christmas in Germany for a month - visiting daughter - going to Prague - will visit Ambsr. Shirley Temple."

ED and Caroline FARMER Box 3406 San Jose CA

Snithed from a letter to MG AUBREY
"Red" NEWMAN: "Your example of heroism,
service, and leadership have been a
shining standard for the 24th Division
and the US infantry soldier. We understood the lesson of Red Beach when we
crossed the line of departure for
DESERT STORM. Your spirit was in our
Bradley's when our battle formations
closed into the Euphrates Valley."

Lt.Gen.BARRY R. MCCAFFREY

"MG JAMES A. LESTER commanded the 24th in Japan, '46-'48 and Lt.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM commanded it at Stewart '76-'78. So MG PAUL E. BLACKWELL becomes the third South Carolinian to lead us."

WILLIAM L. WATKINS Div.Arty. '41-'45 317 North St. Anderson SC

> "I am one day going to have a full table of A Gimlets '42-'46 at our Memorial Banquet. I'm working on it." GUY SHEPPARD RR 1, Box 80A Haslet TX 76052



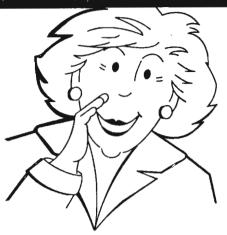
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Members, as of Buffalo 9/90	3245
Members, as of San Francisco 9/91	3509
Activity 9/91 - 9/92	
New members added	459
Lost through death	59
Lost, mail returned	21
Lost arrearage	19
Lost, requested be dropped	13
Members, as of Savannah 9/92	3856
Net gain during year 9/91 - 9/92	347

At the Annual Business Meeting, President WALLACE KUHNER, who served magnificently as Membership Chairman during the year then ending, gave this report in his typical brief staccato tones:

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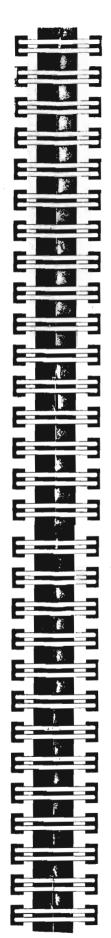
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This is a well known and popular resort with rates ranging in the \$135 - 150.00 bracket. For those wishing to stay over for Wednesday and/or Thursday nights, our \$77.00 group rate will be in effect. (Should anyone wish to check in the weekend prior or stay over the Weekend after, add \$25.00 to our \$77.00 rate for the Friday and Saturday nights only.)

Meals will be "on our own" with the exception of a Tuesday night Aloha dinner (Hawaiian shirts/Muu-muus or casual dress). A pre-registration form is shown elsewhere in this issue.

Advance registration with the Committee and with the Hotel is especially necessary since this is our first regional reunion. Attendance is unpredictable, and room and meal guarantees must be estimated accurately.

The Committee feels that The Cliffs is unsurpassed in accommodations and amenities, and will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many of us, feel free to check out other hotels/motels in the area via AAA or local travel agents. The main theme is for all of us to celebrate together! Aloha!

Two forms have been reproduced in this issue: One is for the HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION, and is to be sent directly to The Cliffs Hotel. The other is the ASSOCIATION PRE-REGISTRATION which is to be sent to the Chairman along with your pre-payment check.

The Committee

Alan DeMoss, Chairman 377 Moseley Road Hillsborough CA 94010

Tel. 415-343-5316

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WEST COAST REGIONAL REUNION

Last summer a few Taro Leafers had a get-together at San Luis Obispo, CA, half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco. There the suggestion of a California Mini-Reunion for the Spring of '93 was hatched. The gathering will be open to the entire membership of course.

The next few pages are devoted to this one.

A 166 room, five star, resort hotel was selected to host this affair, a facility which we feel will leave an indelible mark in the mind of anyone fortunate enough to attend. Situated on the crest of a cliff, overlooking the Blue Pacific, the natural beauty of the premises and surrounding scenery is indescribable.

Shell Beach is located immediately north of Pismo Beach and about ten miles south of San Luis Obispo, the nearest airport. It's a 3½ hour drive from either San Francisco or Los Angeles airports. Our Hospitality "Room" will be the terrace overlooking the ocean. Climate is ideal, balmy with warm ocean breeze. Plenty of activities including Wineries, Missions, Hearst Castle, Hiking, Sport Fishing, Tennis, Golf, Farmer's Market, Fitness Center, to name a few, plus touring nearby Pismo Beach, Avila Bay, Morro Bay, and San Luis Obispo. All kinds of restaurants from hamburger stands to Award Winning gourmet dining establishments.

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Whatzit?: Marching orders

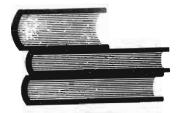


The old and the new - and we hope we'll not offend either General KERN or GENERAL ROSENBLUM.

The relative values of health and wealth depend on which you have left.



"Herbert thinks women should be allowed in combat."



ROLLOW MiB III

More on the Human Element in Leadership



Maj. Gen. Aubrey S. "Red" Newman, USA (Ret.)

What's up?

It's a reproduction of the wrapper for Red's latest book, out in December. Our order is in; how about you?

EARL V. BRIDWELL (H 19th '38-'42) 5611 Bar "S" St., Tucson AZ 85713, sends a note to say hello and to remind us of the good times had with our people. He is still in a wheel chair and has been for 5 years.

How about a greeting to Earl to let him know that we're remembering him too.

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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



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We've Got To Start Meeting Like This:

Read this one, will ya?
"It was good to see you in Savannah
at the Reunion. Looking forward to
seeing you again in Colorado.

"Enclosed find a check for \$150.00 for Life Membership.

"As I told you in Savannah, I am now Manager of the Red Carpet Inn, in Lakeland FL. Please put this in the Taro Leaf and I will give a free room to any member of the Association when they are in Lakeland.

"Keep up the good work; it is a great Association."

RAY PATTON
(E 19th 4/52-4/53 &
A 21st 8/51-8/52)
5653 La Serena Av.,
Lakeland FL 33809

Didja get that fellas - a free room at the Red Carpet? Now to find Lakeland FL on the map.

Old friend ED HENRY (Div.Hq. '43-'46) has been moved to a rest home - he is suffering from a loss of memory. Card him please at

Edmund F.Henry, Esq.
Madonna Manor
84 North Washington St.
North Attleboro MA 02700

Thoughtful remembrances hopefully may do him worlds of good. No man, living or dead, could have loved Division or its Association more. Target - 3000 cards and letters in that room before the end of the year. Thanks.



Noticed the recent passing of William J. Dunn, the CBS Radio correspondent. He was 86. Remember when he visited us at Mindoro? Did you know that he is in the picture of Mac wading ashore at Leyte? Bill Dunn was carrying a typewriter under his arm. In the first 6 months of the Korean War, he was there for NBC.

Do you know me?



Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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It's a BILL ROSEBORO photo. He was and is at 605 Marlboro, Hamlet NC.
Writes he: "All A Btry, 11th F at
Savannah. Me, JOHN KELLEY, MIKE KEEGAN,
DON SMITH and BILL MCCOLGAN. I hope
I'm around for the next one."

"Jones, assign this man to B Company. They're short two people for the recon team."

At S., someone hit us with "That type you use in Taro Leaf is too ----- small". We know whatcha mean. You don't have to hit us over the head with a shovel. Our Mother didn't have any silly children. See if this issue is any improvement.



The WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK AWARD - what it is - and why.

It is an award, represented by a silver bowl, first to honor the memory of one of the Division's most loved and respected soldiers, and second to recognize the dedication of an Association member who most closely resembles BILL VERBECK and his love for our Division and its Association.

The Verbeck we knew in Division was Regimental Commander of the 21st on Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao and served as Division Chief of Staff before returning to the States following Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We respected him, admired him, loved him - and such was his magic that men were proud even to have been his adversary. One story bears out the point that he was respected by the foe. We would repeat here what we have said several times standing behind a convention rostrum. We repeat it, if you will permit us, because it says so much about Bill.

It went:

"My mind hearkens back tonight to the many times
I heard General Jimmy Lester tell this story I beg to
share with you. It was the story of his one and only
conversation with General Yamashita, the 'Butcher of
the Philippines'. Between sessions of Yamashita's trial
in Manila, of which Lester was a court member, our Jimmy
found an opportune moment in which to speak to the Butcher
and ask of him a pregnant question: 'When did Japan lose
the war?' And Yamashita's answer: 'The War of Japan
was lost in the Campaign of the Philippines, and the
Campaign of the Philippines was lost in the Battle of
Leyte, and the Battle of Leyte was lost in the skirmish
on Breakneck Ridge, and the skirmish on Breakneck Ridge
was lost to your Colonel Verbeck'."

And that is part of the reason why we from time-to-time, award to one of our number the VERBECK AWARD - our highest honor.

But not so this year. It was decided not to make such a presentation at this year's gathering at Savannah.

We've read so many POW stories lately - from all corners of the earth that we felt called upon to ask good friend Lt.Gen. BARRY MCCAFFREY if he had any thoughts on the subject. So...



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Joint Chiefs of Staff

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мемо то:

My tresponse in the News letter if you be lines if would be helpful.

ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF



Dear Ken:

Thanks for your 2 October letter. Glad the Division reunion went so well. All of us on active duty are proud of the Association and the opportunity to join hands with veterans of World War II and Korea. Rest assured that I will stay active and supportive of this superb group of soldiers and families.

In reference to your question on POW/MIA's, I have enclosed a July 1992 fact book put out by Secretary Cheney. It is a detailed account of what the Department of Defense knows. We can never conclusively rule out that some of our servicemen were kept at the end of World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. The overwhelming majority of our MIA were without doubt killed-in-action and lie in a lost soldier's grave on some foreign battlefield. Others may have been executed by brutal captors or died of maltreatment.

A combination of political and human dynamics has kept the issue of the Vietnam MIA's painfully alive over the long years since the end of the war. The issue has been shamelessly exploited by some for political or financial gain. Each revelation subjects the families to new uncertainty. The lingering ideological warfare of the Vietnam experience creates conspiracy theories which hold successive US Administrations to be part of a continuing deception.

The North Vietnamese never have given us an adequate accounting of the MIAs. However, we now have a good mechanism in place in Hanoi to resolve the list of missing name-by-name. Bandits and con artists in Southeast Asia continue to feed bits of hope to desperate families. However, in my judgment, there is no credible evidence that U.S. POW's are held in post-war Vietnam. This does not argue that it could not have happened, only that no intelligence withstands close scrutiny. In my estimation, no US prisoners remain in captivity from World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. Those of us in uniform would argue loudly and publicly for decisive political and military action to gain the release of any possible POW's.

There will be one last roll call. I am sure of it. On that day we shall again all stand together in the ranks of our regiments and learn how each of our MIA met his fate. We don't know the pain of their deaths. We certainly remember the honor of their lives.

Your friend,

BARRY R. MCCAF REY Lie renant General U.S. Army

VICTORY

Secretary-Treasurer-Editor Attn: Mr. Kenwood Ross 24th Infantry Division Association 120 Maple Street Springfield, Massachusetts 01103

TREASURER'S REPORT

for the period August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

The OPERATING ACCOUNT is in a NOW ACCOUNT with Fleet Bank, Springfield MA.

In the account as of Aug. 1, 1991 In the account as of July 31, 1992 \$ 5,651.75 16,127.66

Transactions during the yearly period:

Receivables

Life Memberships & Dues Crests, Decals, etc. Contributions Printouts Misc. including advertising Korean War Memorials Watches	\$28,987.00 412.50 7,465.79 78.00 2,431.95 576.00 875.00
Fleet Bank Interest	29 <u>5.71</u>
Total	\$34,402.95
Payables	
Bank charges, bad checks Taro Leaf Printing Taro Leaf Mailing Other postage Crests, books, etc. Administrative expenses Shipping Tel. & Tel. Life plates	\$ 546.38 10,017.00 12,391.00 320.00 1,764.96 1,589.12 114.02 116.47 387.95
Dues & Publications Treasurer's bond	395.90
Refunds	300.00 45.00
Army Division Association	573.00
Flowers	424.02
Korean War Memorials	
Washington DC	2,633.01

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as of 8/ 1/91	\$14,176.77
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as of 7/31/92	21,208.63
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as of 8/ 1/91 35,385.40 as of 7/31/92 37,028.87

* Earned interest in 600645 is automatically transferred to 007151 as earned, in one of the mysteries of modern banking.

Respectfully submitted,

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KENWOOD ROSE Treasurer

Whatzit?: Aftershave lotion

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(339th Engr. '43-'45 of 220 SW 19th St., Richmond IN 47374, went to the P.I. with the 84 gang who made the "Return to Leyte" trip. There he met Meliza - at the time she was our tour guide on the ride out to Corregidor. More trips to Manila on Horace's part - and you guessed it - Meliza is now Mrs. HORACE HOGGATT. Just got her U.S. citizenship too. Isn't that great? Happy days, folks.

CIRCULATION HITS ALL-TIME HIGH: