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Battalion



"Voice Of Victory"
24th Signal
Battalion



24th Quartermaster
Company



24th Medical
Battalion



24th Aviation
Company



3rd Engineer
(Combat) Battalion



24th Reconnaissance
Company



Division
Artillery



26th AAA (AW)
Battalion (SP)



Sixth Tank Battalion



5th RCT



19th Infantry
Regiment



24TH INFANTRY DIVISION



"Duty"
21st Infantry
Regiment



"Toujours In Evant"
34th Infantry
Regiment



555th Field Artillery
Battalion



13th Field Artillery
Battalion



11th F A Field Artillery
Battalion



52nd Field Artillery
Battalion



63rd Field Artillery
Battalion

COMBAT HONORS

Civil War

Philippine Insurrection

Indian Wars

World War I

Spanish American War

World War II (Europe)

World War II (Pacific)

Pyongtaek

Defense of Korea

Belgian Croix de Guerre

Kuwait Lib. Medal (Saudi Arabia)

Medal of Honor

VALOR AWARDS

Distinguished Service Cross

Silver Star

Bronze Star

Presidential Unit Citation

United Nations (Korea)

Philippine Liberations Ribbon

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

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This issue of the **Taro Leaf** is in celebration of the 50 years of Association Reunions (1948-1997).

I wish to thank Kenwood Ross for all his wonderful pictures of so many of our past presidents, with captions, that he provided me.

It has been an honor to put this issue together, as well as, at times, a big headache. I hope that you will enjoy it. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the contribution my wife Yvonne played in putting this issue together. Without her the task would have been overwhelming. I wish to thank her from the bottom of my heart.

On behalf of the President and Officers I wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our Editor for the past three years, Robert Lawhon. Bob courageously came forward and assumed these duties of Editor at a time when he was greatly needed but due to family commitments Bob has resigned to be able to devote more time to his family.

Therefore, all future material and stories members wish to have printed in the **Taro Leaf**, should be sent to the Secy/Treas Rudy Mullins who has assumed the duties of Editor.

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The President's Page

or, "What's Dutch Got To Say?"

*** A special "Thanks" to Jim Hill and Rudy Mullins for the 24th Division Neckties. They are absolutely Great. Well done, guys. You couldn't possibly have done better.

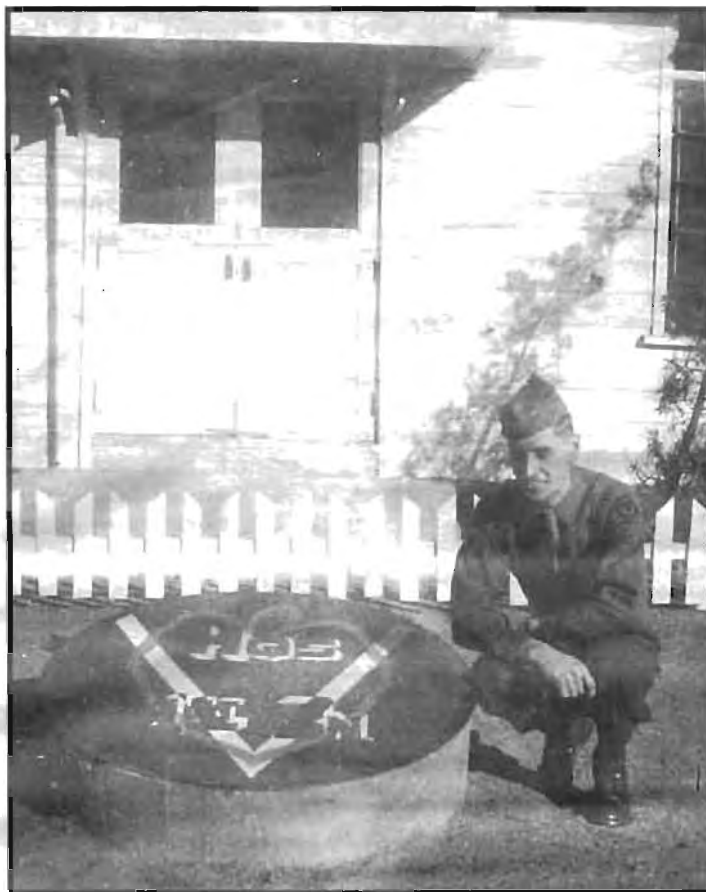
*** Reunion Bonus: Saturday 1:30 to 4:00 the "Gold Prospectors Of Colorado" will come, set up their gold-panning troughs, and teach us all how to pan for gold. The best part is that you get to keep what you find. And all for free. Of course if you'd care to "throw a nickle on the drum" I'm sure none of them would say no.

*** Sign-of-the-times? Out at Fort Carson the last of the wooden WWII barracks and orderly rooms are being torn down. I'd say that's one project where the American Taxpayers got their money's worth.

*** Just arrived -- a special gift for those attending the Ladies Event on Saturday morning. You will be delighted.

*** I have the unique situation of being both the Association President the one putting on the Annual Reunion. Quite frankly, I am enjoying the heck out of both and hate to see either end. But in September end they will, and this is my last chance to thank everyone for all the help I have been getting. So "Thanks" it is -- you've made my life easy.

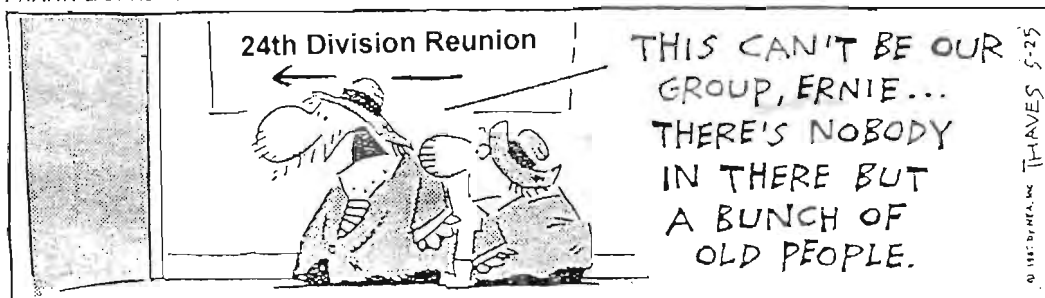
Dutch



**Corporal Dutch Nelsen
34th Inf Regt
1947, Sasebo, Japan**

FRANK & ERNEST

Bob Thaves



A VISIT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

Which Way is Up? "I will never leave you or forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5

* * * * *

Just about everyone in our age category will remember Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians Orchestra. For years, thousands, of people flocked to the Waldorf Astoria to dance to his music and to usher in the New Year.

You may also recall that as a hobby, Guy was a speedboat owner and skilled driver who won his share of races in the 40's and 50's.

I recall seeing him on TV shortly before he died. He described a harrowing racing accident from which he managed to survive. He had been nearing the top of his speed when his boat veered slightly, striking a wave at a dangerous angle. The combined force of his speed and size and angle of the wave, sent his boat flying into the air.

Guy was thrown out of his seat and plunged deeply into the water... so deep, he said he had no idea which direction was "up". He had the presence of mind to remain calm and wait for the buoyance of his life vest to begin pulling him toward the surface. To know where he was.

Life can and often does put us into a tailspin, making us wonder, 'Which way is up?' We can easily lose our sense of direction and the forces that keep us on course. How do we recover our bearings?

The answer may be as simple as that discovered by Guy Lombardo. Stay calm and let the 'upward pull' bring you to the surface. The 'upward pull' in our lives is that which looks beyond our infinite selves to the greater reality of God.

Recently I was taking a walk with Andrew, my four-year old grandson. I asked him, "How far are we from the house?" Andrew answered that he didn't know.

"Well, do you know where you are?" I asked.

Again, seemingly unconcerned, Andrew replied, "No, I don't know."

I said, "Sounds to me, honey, as if you are lost."

Andrew looked up at me and said, "No Grandpa. I can't be lost, I'm with you."

What blind faith that child had in his Grandpa.

These true stories of Guy and Andrew might serve to remind us that Our Heavenly Father never loses sight of us and never leaves us. As long as we remain aware of His presence and are sensitive to His 'upward pull', we will never be lost.

Moreover, we will always know which way is up.

Joseph P. Hoffichter
Chaplain



31 MAY 97

Dear Dutch,

As you can see from the enclosed picture, the Taro Leaf has returned to Hawaii. The two large patches are from our quarters at Ft. Stewart. We took them with us to Hawaii and placed them outside our new quarters at Ft. Shafter for a 24TH ID Reunion we recently held. Had about 45 former members of the Division who are now stationed in Hawaii. Great fun, great memories...

Synne joins me in sending best wishes to you, Margo and the wonderful rest of the 24TH. Commanding the 24TH remains my greatest honor.

Sincerely,
Joe DeFrancisco



Most people now driving four-wheel drives had enough trouble with two-wheel drives.

THREE BIG THINGS FOR 97

PRE-REGISTER

FOR "TARO LEAF'S - 50TH GOLDEN REUNION

HOTEL-REGISTER

.... DON'T WAIT TO DO THIS AND PLEASE.

PAY-YOUR-DUES

(WE NEED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

—PETRICK—

24th Infantry Division Association

OUR 50th "GOLDEN" REUNION
18, 19, 20 September 1997
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hotel Reservation

Please make your own arrangements with the Sheraton.

Our reunion rate is \$69.00 for either Single or Double.
This rate applies 15 - 23 Sept 97.

Either phone this information in to: 719-576-5900
or mail this form to:

Sheraton Hotel
2886 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Be sure to
Specify
24th Division Reunion!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE including Area Code: _____

Sharing room with _____

Needs: Single / Double Smoking / Nonsmoking Disabled

Date of Arrival: _____ Time of Arrival _____

Number of Nights: _____ Date of Departure _____

If guaranteed to a major credit card give the following:

____ AMEX; ____ VISA; ____ MC; ____ Carte Blanche; ____ Discover

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER ABOVE YOU MAY FAX THEM AT: 719-576-7695

The Sheraton is located adjacent to I-25 at Exit #138.

Registration Form

OUR 50th "Golden" Reunion
18, 19, 20 September 1997
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mail To:

Dutch Nelsen
PO Box 6056
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6066

Make check payable to:

24th Inf Div Assoc.

First Timer? Yes No

NAME: _____
Please PRINT Legibly Nickname for Badge

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: With Area Code _____

24th DIV OUTFITS: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Name of wife/guests attending: _____

	<u>Per person</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration Fee (wife/guests excluded)			\$15.00
Thur: Aloha Nite Dinner & Dance	26.00 x	_____	= _____
Fri : Flying W Ranch incl Transport.	24.00 x	_____	= _____
Sat : Memorial Banquet	29.00 x	_____	= _____
Choose: London Broil			
Shrimp & Scallops		_____	
Sat : Ladies Event	12.00 x	_____	= _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

----- Do Not Write Below This Line -----

Date _____
Recd _____ Control # _____ Aloha Table _____ Banquet Table _____

24th Infantry Division Association

➡ 50th "Golden" Reunion ➡

18, 19, 20 September 1997
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Schedule Of Events

- 17 Sept
Wed. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open
(Fourth floor directly across from elevators.)
Guided tours morning and afternoon.
- 18 Sept
Thur. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.
Guided tours morning & afternoon.
Evening is Aloha Nite.
Dinner (not chicken).
Program
50th Anniversary activities.
Dance to the Broadmoor Hotel's five piece
combo, music from the 30's, 40's & 50's.
- 19 Sept
Fri. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.
Guided tours morning & afternoon.
Executive Board Meeting, AM.
Evening is Western Night at the Flying W Ranch.
Chuck Wagon supper; program by the Flying
W Wranglers. (The second oldest, continuous
Western singing group in America -- The Sons
Of The Pioneers is the oldest.)
- 20 Sept
Sat. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room open.
Regimental breakfasts.
Ladies Event; program TBA, AM
Business Meeting, AM.
Afternoon open; guided tours.
Evening is Memorial Service & Banquet.
General McCaffrey Guest Of Honor/Speaker.
- 21 Sept
Sun. Come to the Hospitality Room for a cup of coffee
and a doughnut before you hit the pike.

Note

1. Registration Desk to be staffed by Association folks from the C/S area. Hospitality Room is "Private," thus under Colorado law we can have our own bar not associated with the hotel. This will be run by the Korean War Veterans, who will also keep us supplied with munchies.
2. Dress: Aloha nite informal, Flying W very informal, Memorial Service & Banquet "Class A" or better.

Tour Schedule

17th, Wednesday	18th, Thursday	19th, Friday	20th, Saturday
<u>Morning Departures</u>			
#1 Pikes Peak 8:45am-12:45 \$23	#11 Pikes Peak 8:45am-12:45 \$23	#21 Pikes Peak 8:45am-12:45 \$23	
#2 AF Acad/GOG 8-12am, \$18	#12 AF Acad/GOG 8-12am, \$18	#22 AF Acad/GOG 8-12am, \$18	
#3 Royal Gorge 9:00am-3:00pm \$30	#13 Royal Gorge 9:00am-3:00pm \$30	#23 Royal Gorge 9:00am-3:00pm \$30	
#4 Cripple Creek 8:30am-4:30pm \$20	#14 Cripple Creek 8:30am-4:30pm \$20	#24 Cripple Creek 8:30am-4:30pm \$20	
#5 City/Shopping 9:00am-4:00pm \$20	#15 City/Shopping 9:00am-4:00pm \$20	#25 City/Shopping 9:00am-4:00pm \$20	
#6 Olympic TC 8:15-11:00am \$14	#16 Olympic TC 8:15-11:00am \$14	#26 Olympic TC 8:15-11:00am \$14	
<u>Afternoon Departures</u>			
#7 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23	#17 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23	#27 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23	#31 Pikes Peak 1:00-5:00pm \$23
#8 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18	#18 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18	#28 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18	#32 AF Acad/GOG 12:30-4:30pm \$18
#9 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14	#19 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14	#29 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14	#33 Olympic TC 1:15-4:00pm \$14
#10 Cave of Winds 1-4pm \$22	#20 Cave of Winds 1-4pm \$22	#30 Seven Falls 1-4pm \$22	#34 Seven Falls 1-4pm \$22

Tour Order Form

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Number Going</u>	<u>Cost Each</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
<u>Wed, 17th:</u>	#1 Pikes Peak, AM	x \$23 =	
	#2 AF Acad/GOG, AM	x \$18 =	
	#3 Royal Gorge, *	x \$30 =	
	#4 Cripple Creek, *	x \$20 =	
	#5 City/Shopping, *	x \$20 =	
	#6 Olympic TC, AM	x \$14 =	
	#7 Pikes Peak, PM	x \$23 =	
	#8 AF Acad/GOG, PM	x \$18 =	
	#9 Olympic TC, PM	x \$14 =	
	#10 Cave of Winds, PM	x \$22 =	
<u>Thu, 18th:</u>	#11 Pikes Peak, AM	x \$23 =	
	#12 AF Acad/GOG, AM	x \$18 =	
	#13 Royal Gorge, *	x \$30 =	
	#14 Cripple Creek, *	x \$20 =	
	#15 City/Shopping, *	x \$20 =	
	#16 Olympic TC, AM	x \$14 =	
	#17 Pikes Peak, PM	x \$23 =	
	#18 AF Acad/GOG, PM	x \$18 =	
	#19 Olympic TC, PM	x \$14 =	
	#20 Cave of Winds, PM	x \$22 =	
<u>Fri, 19th:</u>	#21 Pikes Peak, AM	x \$23 =	
	#22 AF Acad/GOG, AM	x \$18 =	
	#23 Royal Gorge, *	x \$30 =	
	#24 Cripple Creek, *	x \$20 =	
	#25 City/Shopping, *	x \$20 =	
	#26 Olympic TC, AM	x \$14 =	
	#27 Pikes Peak, PM	x \$23 =	
	#28 AF Acad/GOG, PM	x \$18 =	
	#29 Olympic TC, PM	x \$14 =	
	#30 Seven Falls, PM	x \$22 =	
<u>Sat, 20th:</u>	#31 Pikes Peak, PM	x \$23 =	
	#32 AF Acad/GOG, PM	x \$18 =	
	#33 Olympic TC, PM	x \$14 =	
	#34 Seven Falls, PM	x \$22 =	

* All day tour

Mail To: 24th Inf Div Assoc
PO Box 6086
Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6086

Total Amount Due: _____

Check payable to: 24th Inf Div Assoc.



Tours

Colorado Springs is renowned as a Tourist Mecca, and for years tourism was the city's major source of income. (With the coming of Fort Carson, the Air Force Academy, NORAD and Peterson Field "Military" now occupies first place.) Your Reunion Committee has arranged through Gray Line for tours (34 in all) to all the most famous sites and attractions. And if that is not enough, we will arrange any custom tour you may want if there are ten or more people.

To accommodate those who were here for the 1993 reunion several new tours are offered: Cave Of The Winds, Cripple Creek, Olympic Training Center, Seven Falls and a city tour to include shopping in Old Colorado City.

A minimum of ten is required for a tour. Gray Line has given our reunion a discounted rate.

All tours leave from the East side of the Hotel, (the side away from the mountains).

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Pikes Peak: 4 hours, \$23 (Incl toll)
Wed, Thur, Fri, mornings 8:45am - 12:45pm
Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat afternoons 1:00 - 5:00pm

America's Mountain. Up Ute Pass, onto the auto road and on up to 14,110 feet. Two stops along the way for picture taking. If you have time for only one tour this is it. Take a jacket or sweater.

Air Force Academy & Garden Of The Gods:
4 hours, \$18
Wed, Thur, Fri mornings 8am to 12pm
Wed, Thur, Fri Sat Afternoons 12:30 to 4:30 pm

Eighteen miles North of Colorado Springs the Academy occupies 18,000 acres of land. Tour includes scenic overlook, Chapel (if not closed for religious service), visitor's center and drive through the grounds. (The Academy Chapel is the most visited single place in the State Of Colorado.) Then through the 1000 acre city park, The Garden Of the Gods. Here 63 million years of geology lay open before you. A truly magnificent site. Many, many photo opportunities.

Royal Gorge: 6½ hours, \$30 including entrance fee
Wed, Thur, Fri 9:00am to 3:00pm

World's highest suspension bridge (at 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River.) Your admission ticket gives you access to everything inside the park. Plenty of time to cross the bridge, take the "incline" to the bottom of the gorge, ride the cable car across, ride the miniature train, see the audio/visual program, enjoy the carousel, etc. Lunch on your own at any of several facilities.

Cripple Creek: 8 hours, \$20

Wed, Thur, Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

At one time the World's largest gold strike. Up Ute Pass and around the "backsides" of Pikes Peak. A magnificent 50 mile trip. First to Victor where the really big mines were -- boyhood home of Lowell Thomas and where Jack Dempsey trained for his first fights. Now mostly a ghost town. Then on to Cripple Creek with two options. Stay there and try your luck in the many casinos, or go the The Molley Cathleen mine, where you will be placed in a "nine man cage" and lowered to the 1000' foot level. There you will see first-hand how they did it one hundred years ago. Lunch and the Molley Cathleen not included in the \$20 tour fee.

City / Shopping: 7 hours, \$20

Wed, Thur, Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

A driving tour of the original parts of the city, the Broadmoor Hotel complex, North Cheyenne Canyon & Helen Hunt Falls. Then to Old Colorado City, Colorado's first Territorial Capitol, now a Historic District with many varied and interesting shops. Lunch on your own (many eating places to choose from), shop and browse.

Olympic Training Center: 3+ hours, \$14

Wed, Thur, Fri mornings 8:15 - 11:00 am

Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat afternoon 1:15-4:00 pm

Headquarters for the United States Olympic Committee, and "home base" for 15 individual sports. Tour includes movie, walking tour lead by a member of the Center Staff and Gift Shop.

Cave Of The Winds: 3 hours, \$22 including admission

Wed, Thur afternoons 1 to 4 pm

Up Serpentine Drive to the entrance high above Manitou Springs and down into the cave. A jacket (54 degrees in the cave) and walking shoes are a must. Some types of formations in this cave are found nowhere else in the world.

Seven Falls: ~~3 hours~~, \$22 including admission

Fri, Sat afternoon, 1 to 4 pm

A box canyon in the foothills west of town is home to this mountain stream as it tumbles from the upper rim 181 feet to the bottom bouncing seven times off the rocks on its way down. You can climb the 241 steps to the top or go 170 feet into the mountain side and an elevator will take you 130 feet up to a viewing platform. Either way it is a beautiful, beautiful sight. Also, feed the trout, chipmunks and other assorted "vase beasties." Gift Shop

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A word about tips -- Gray Line Guides are professionals. If you enjoyed your tour a tip is in order, normally \$1/person minimum.

19TH INFANTRY

REGIMENTAL BREAKFAST

Where: 50th Reunion
Colorado Springs

When: 0800 hours
Saturday, 20 Sept '97
Gold Camp Room, Sheraton Hotel

What: Good Chow
Even better camaraderie
Program:

"The Battle Of Chickamauga"

By historian Mike Thomason, BA, MLS

How: Simple! Send a Check for \$10 to:
Marvin Johnson
15545 Archer Ter
Elbert CO 80106-8844
719-495-3588
Co "B" 19th ('48-'50)



Camp Chickamauga Beppu, Japan. Home of the 19th 'Rock of Chickamauga' Regiment

21ST INFANTRY REGIMENTAL BREAKFAST

WHERE: 50TH REUNION
COLORADO SPRINGS

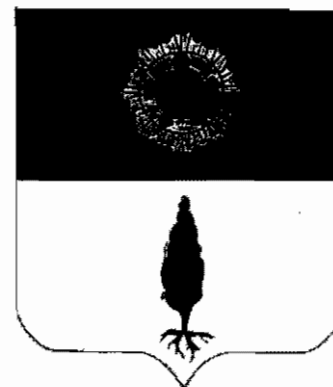
WHEN: 0800 HOURS
SATURDAY, 20 SEPT '97.

WHAT: A REAL BREAKFAST (NOT CONTINENTAL)
LOTS OF ACROSS-THE-TABLE TALK (PERSONAL/
FAMILY NEWS AND PERHAPS A FEW "WAR
STORIES")
PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

HOW: WRITE A CHECK FOR \$10 PAYABLE TO:
21ST INF REGT BREAKFAST

SEND CHECK TO:
NORMAN WOLAK
P.O. BOX 306
WALSENBURG, CO 81089-0306
PH: 719-738-1006

P.S. PLEASE ENCLOSE A NOTE WITH YOUR
CHECK TO INDICATE YOUR UNIT.
WITHIN THE 21ST AND DATES
SERVED.



"Duty"

"A. GIMLET"

A "Gimlet" is a fighting man,
A soldier tried and true.
The first to fight on Korean soil
When fighting men were few.

A "Gimlet" is a worthy man
Imbued with spirit strong,
Against an overwhelming force
He crossed the great Naktong.

A "Gimlet" is a hardy man
Through difficulties, too.
With valor found anew.

A "Gimlet" is a forceful man
With one outstanding goal,
To restore freedom to this land
His forces forward roll.

Aware of his most sacred trust,
Head high — he battles on,
Determined to fight till the last
Of the enemy has gone.

Pfc. Daniel J. Carmen,
Company "D", 21st Inf. Reg

HELP SPEED MAIL DIRECTLY
TO YOUR NEW ADDRESS

Please send mail to new address beginning:
Month Day Year

My Name (Last name, first name, middle initial)			
OLD Address	OLD Complete Street Address or PO Box or Rural Route and RR Box		Apt./Suite #
	City or Post Office	State	ZIP or ZIP+4 Code
NEW Address	NEW Complete Street Address or PO Box or Rural Route and RR Box		Apt./Suite #
	City or Post Office	State	ZIP or ZIP+4 Code
NEW Telephone Number (Optional)			

Send change of address to the Secretary/Treasurer----->

RODOLPH MULLINS SECY/TREAS
24TH INF DIV ASSOC
HCR 3 BOX 191
ROCKY MOUNT MO 65072-9014

34th Infantry Regimental Breakfast



Where: 50th Reunion
Colorado Springs

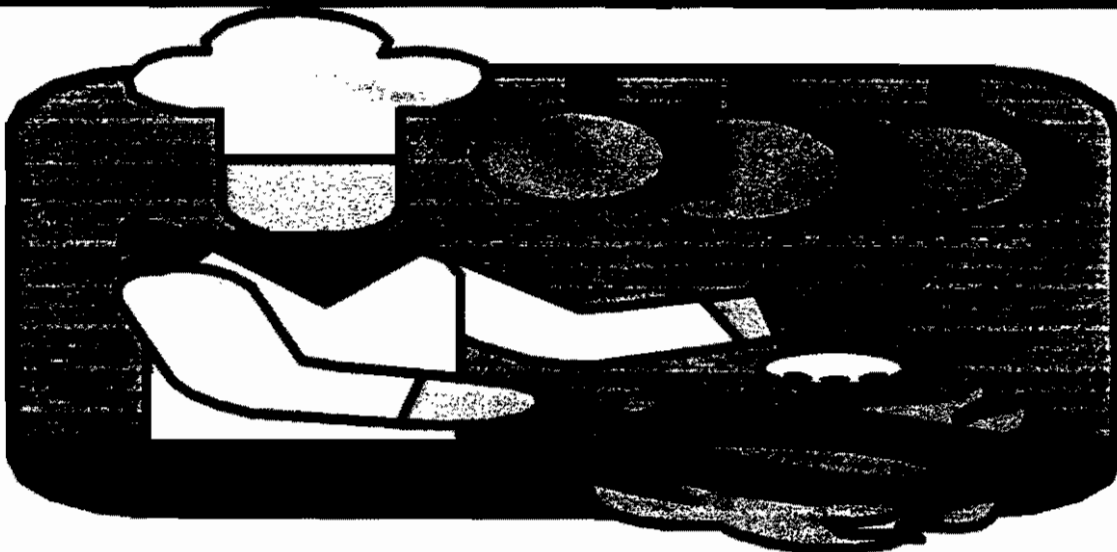
When: 0800 hours
Saturday, 20 Sept 97
Snowbrush Room, Sheraton Hotel

What: A real breakfast (not continental)
Lots of across-the-table talk (personal/family
news and perhaps a few "war stories")
Some important remarks by Ben Wahle

How: Write a check for \$10 payable to:
34th Inf Regt Breakfast Fund

Send check to:
Jack Baird
3 Alsace Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
(719-473-6937)

P.S. Please enclose a note with your check to indicate
your unit within the 34th and dates served.



BREAKFAST IS SERVED - COME AND GET IT!!

BIRTH OF OUR ASSOCIATION

by Kenwood Ross

It was mid-August 1945. Hiroshima and Nagasaki had been atomized. The surrender of the Japanese had been announced, August 15th. The Division was in the midst of its last campaign of WW II - Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

It had been the first army unit to fight 33 months earlier on December 7th, 1941 - along with its sister Division, the 25th both at Schofield. But now on Mindanao, the fighting actually continued on into mid-September. The Japanese in the jungles behind Davao either were not getting the word or were refusing to believe it. Division had to assume a defensive position for about another four weeks - thus "Last to fight" as well. All the while, Maj. Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff, the beloved Division Commander, called a meeting circa August 20th - the precise date is not certain.

Headquarters was at Taloma Beach on Davao Golf - about 5 miles SW of Davao City. RBW called a few of us for a meeting to consider organizing an Association - just as all Divisions and other units were doing. We met in a grove of palm trees along the beach. I recall it well as we sat on fallen logs while we met. At that meeting, as I recall, were:

Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff, CG
Col. Bill Verbeck who was then C/S
Brig.Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer ADC
Lt. Col. Bill Crump, G-3
Lt. Col. Bev Reed - Asst. G-2
Lt. Col. George Dickerson,
Asst. G-3
Maj. Walter Cunningham, Asst. AG

Lt. Col. Bill Craig, AG
Lt. Col. Robert Daniel, Asst. G-1
Lt. Col. Tom Compere, G-1
Lt. Col. Jim Purcell, Sig. O.
Col. Kenwood Ross, Ord. O.
Maj. George Gaynor, IG
Maj. John Mason, JAG
W.O. Edmund F. Henry, Asst. J.A.

Representatives of the infantry and artillery and support units were present - about 15 officers and men - sitting on logs on the beach at Taloma while Woodruff proposed that we develop a plan for giving birth to an association, it would be so.

BG Kenneth F. Cramer, the ADC, and Edmund Henry, a young lawyer in the JAG section, would start with drafts of a constitution and bylaws en route to Division's occupation duty in Japan.

The objectives of the Association were to be to preserve in patriotic reverence the memory of the fame and glory of the Division, to maintain and strengthen the bonds of comradeship which distinguished the men of that Division, and to provide for the gathering and dissemination of information concerning those men and for their periodic assembly in reunion. The language they developed in stating our purposes was breathtaking:

"electrify and unify the invisible current of fellowship moulded in the throes of war and preserve the comradeship common to the veterans of the Division; "honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who distinguished them-

selves by their services and sacrifices while with the Division; "memorialize the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of the Division; "encourage and aid historical research in relation to the activities of and acquire and preserve records of the Division and its personnel; and "celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the anniversaries of events in the history of the Division." *That was written almost 46 years ago to the day, and those purposes have been our guidelines ever since.*

The annual get-togethers started in Baltimore in August of 1947. It took almost two years for the troops to get back into civilian clothes and to give thought to assembling once more, and therein lies what pass for truisms; interest in such an organization develops more rapidly when one has distanced himself from the mechanism for which it stands; and interest varies in direct ratio to the degree of combat experience of the individual member. "Between wars" people, generally speaking, find little to cause them to reflect back upon their Division days with any memories, fond or otherwise. This has been found to be the case in each Army Division Association in being today.

The first mistake in organization was the failure to collect the names and addresses of the 20,000 plus men who had served Division between '41-'45. Efforts to gather that data subsequently went for naught - so it became a word-of-mouth situation, not only in the beginning, but in all the years since. The period following the

war in Korea was equally dismal for building up name files but for a different reason. Interest in anything military was practically nonexistent during and following the termination of that war. It has taken years there since for the Korean veterans to come forward, make themselves known, and indicate any interest in us. As recently as this very morning, a 3rd Engineer of '51-'51 came forward, joining with, "I never heard of you guys until yesterday." "Word-of-mouth"? - that's what we mean. During all of this time, up to the present, we have collected over 100,000 names and addresses of men who once served. Each has been an invitee. The unhappy fact is that for the most part the WW II people have been joined and have since passed on to their reward. What early on passed for the names of our deceased was held in a simple file folder; it now consumes the better part of a 4-drawer file. The days are dwindling down.

Members long in the tooth having this unashamed love for Division and all for which it stands, and knowing the simple pleasures coming from a continuance of friendships forged in war via an outfit such as this hope to throw the torch to the younger men who have followed in our footprints. The other fact - likewise unhappy - is that we have experienced about a 40% rate of success with our invites. Of every 10 approached, 4 shown an interest and join - the other 6 giving every evidence of no interest whatsoever. That has been so from our beginning. Here again, it has been the experience of each Army Division Association. We are in communication with each; we know it to be so. The paper, *Taro Leaf*, published five or six times each year, is the ce-

ment that holds the team together.

The reunions have been held annually - in such cities as New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, Norfolk, Dallas, Garmisch, Germany, Nassau, Honolulu, Savannah and the like. The desideratum is to move around to accommodate to the interests and the pocketbooks of the many. At the present moment, membership has passed the 3400 mark. The thought has been that with Desert Storm now history, the day will come when among its participants the feelings of comradeship there developed among men in the line will predictably turn to something in the way of participation in this organization.

Combat people seem to feel a need for the real companionships one finds in such. If history repeats itself, as it has a way of doing, some 40% of the men in that 100 hour war will predictably feel an urge, some days hence, to seek membership in the organization dedicated to keeping alive the memories of those days of struggle.

The Association can and does appropriately fill what for so many is a need. We've been filling that need for 50 years; we would like to continue so to do.

The first reunion was held in Baltimore, MD in 1948.



KENWOOD ROSS: Ken is sitting in a directors chair near where the organizational meeting took place in Aug 1945.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION

(The first reunion was held in Baltimore, MD in 1948)

The first of an anticipated long series of reunions drew nearly two hundred members of the 24th Division Veteran's Association to the inaugural convention at Baltimore on August 13 and 14, 1948.

Many of the boys brought their wives. Some few of them had their youngsters in tow. The final counting of heads showed that the Victory Division was able to muster nearly three hundred assorted enthusiasts for that first get-together at the banquet. Next time it looks like a thousand, easily.

Convention activities were divided rather unequally between business and pleasure. Pleasure naturally had the bulge on allotted time.

The City of Baltimore, officials of the Lord Baltimore Hotel and the ordinary citizen of that fine town did everything possible to make our stay enjoyable. And they succeeded beyond our hopes.

Much of that perhaps was due to Colonel William J. Verbeck of the 21st Infantry who is now sweating out a tour of duty at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Col. Bill rounded up an energetic on-the-spot committee which really went all out to make the meeting a smashing success.

Entitled to step forward for bows and applause were the following committeemen: John B. Farrell, 21st Rgt., Riderwood, Maryland; William V. Davidson, Div. HQ., Swedesboro, New Jersey; Captain Cecil Curles, Cannon Co., 21st Rgt., Baltimore; Major Francis Dice, 21st Rgt., Baltimore; and

Coleman Freeman, 21st Rgt., Baltimore.

When the first wave of the Division's veterans hit Baltimore, they were greeted enthusiastically by Col. Verbeck and his committee. And in practically no time, the first arrivals were on the line as unofficial greeters for the later visitors.

Friday the thirteenth was devoted to registration of delegates, sight-seeing and to activities which the program committee euphemistically described as "informal get-togethers"! Informal was the precise word as old comrades recounted war experiences and post war activities. These procedures were followed far into the night—with casualties amazingly low considering the sustained engagement and the numerous frontal assaults on the fluid opposition.

Major convention activities came on Saturday with the business meeting in the afternoon and the convention banquet in the evening.

Temporary President Major General Kenneth F. Cramer called the meeting to order. You may recall that our former CG is now Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The first order of business was the report of the temporary secretary, Edmund F. Henry of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Comrade Henry first discussed the financial status of the Association. He delighted everybody with the in-

telligence that, for the moment at least, our books are in the black.

As of the report date, the association had \$502.65 in a checking account and \$1346.31 in a savings account. It was pointed out that our happy state of solvency was due almost entirely to the generosity of former PFC Richard Krebs, better known as the best-selling author, Jan Valtin.

Krebs has donated all his royalties from "Children of Yesterday" to the Association. You doubtless know that Valtin's splendid book concerns the war-time activities of our own 24th.

Originally the fund had been earmarked for the relief of needy veterans and their families but during the year Krebs made it available for the general purposes of the association.

Secretary Henry reported that, as of the convention date, the Association had five hundred and sixty dues-paying members. He traced the history of the organization of the veterans' group at Taloma Beach, Mindanao, and Matsuyama, Japan. And then, as is the custom of secretaries, he asked the delegates to provide him with more names and addresses of former division members, who, they thought, might be glad to perpetuate the comradeship of war-days in this 24th Division Veterans' Association.

Henry, as unofficial editor and official spark plug of our semi-occasional publication, "THE TARO LEAF", also outlined the

need for such a sheet to keep the association as a functioning and growing entity.

At the conclusion of the Henry report, it was voted to accept it as presented and to extend the Association's thanks to him for his services as temporary secretary-treasurer.

Colonel Verbeck then ascended the rostrum to outline the pre-convention activities of his committee. He said that Baltimore had been chosen as the convention city because it was felt to be the most accessible point geographically for the Association membership as presently constituted. The convention dates were designed, of course, to co-incide with the anniversary of Japan's surrender offer.

Discussion of proposed sites for the 1949 convention brought several suggestions. Colonel Thomas Compere, G-1, urged Chicago. Victor Backer, president of the 34th Regimental Association of New York City, argued for his home town. He said that if Gotham were to be chosen as the convention city, he would personally see to it that four hundred members from his area would attend.

However, most of those at the meeting felt that to choose a convention city then and there might be unwise. They based this view on the assumption that development of the Association during the next few months might result in a change in the present geographical preponderance of the membership. And that such a change would indicate the ideal convention city without too much difficulty.

In line with this view, it was voted to leave the choice of the 1949 convention city to a future committee. However, it was determined that the 1949 convention will be held during the week-end nearest August 14th.

The business meeting concluded with votes of thanks to General Cramer for his services as temporary president and to Colonel Verbeck and his committee for their masterful handling of convention arrangements.

The Association cabled General MacArthur as follows:

"Your recent wire expressing praise and affection for the 24th Infantry Division enthusiastically received by veterans at V-J day convention. Resolution of thanks and comradely greeting voted. We hope you will be with us next year."

And to Major General James Lester in Kyoto, Japan, went the following cable:

"Veterans of Victory Division at V-J Day Convention heard your name with great enthusiasm and resolved that an affectionate greeting be dispatched."

Col. Verbeck received the following wire from Rev. Charles J. Brady, former Gimlet Chaplain:

"Sincere greeting to you and my friends. Circumstances make it impossible for me to be there personally but assure you I am there in spirit. God bless you all."

In the absence of Father Brady, who had been scheduled to conduct the memorial service, Captain Chris J. Berlo, former chap-

lain of the 19th took over conduct of the tribute to our departed comrades.

The banquet and the convention ended with a stirring musical rendition of "The Rock of Chickamauga" by the convention orchestra.

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My first resume didn't win me a job, but I did get a Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

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Yuppie pregnant women don't go into labor—they go straight into management.

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If a word in the dictionary happened to be misspelled, how would we know?

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"Come on, now," said the golfer to his caddy, "surely there are worse players than myself."

"There are," the caddy said, "but they don't play."

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Sign on a Scottish golf course:

"Members will refrain from picking up lost balls until they have stopped rolling."

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A bulletin circulated in a maternity ward reminded workers, "The first five minutes of life are the most risky." Someone wrote at the bottom: "The last five minutes aren't so hot either."

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Pascal's Law: After four decimal places, nobody cares.

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Memorable Moments



A 24th get-together at Ft. Devens MA when BILL VERBECK was CG there - circa 1963 - about a year before he died.

Seated: (in wheelchair) FRANK FULTON
 BILL VERBECK - ex President
 ED HENRY - ex President
 BILL MULDOON

Standing l. to right:

LAFAYETTE "Lafe" COCHRAN
 WILFRED O'COIN
 VIC BACKER - ex President
 Fr. CHRIS BERLO
 PAT CIANGI - ex President
 BILL KEYES
 KEN ROSS - ex President
 ERNEST VIENNEAU
 C.G. HANLIN - ex President
 JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL - ex President
 BILL SANDERSON - ex President
 WALTER BENNETT



**Our first two Association Presidents:
#2, Ed Henry '48 - '49, on the left and #1, BG Kenneth Fox Cramer '47 - '48 on the right.**



Happiness exudes as these 3 party revelers gather 'round a convention bar - Ed Henry, Walt Cunningham and Aubrey "Red" Newman. We think of each now in the grey light of his passing.



And this one is of Bob Duff '52 - '53.



A relaxing trio: Ed Henry '48 - '49, Vic Backer '53 - '54 and Ross Pursifull '49 - '50.



LGen Donald E. Rosenblum '87 - '88.



Howard R. Lumsden '76 - '77.

Howard said this one was made while he was on R&R in Japan shortly after he became an over-age 2Lt.



It was at Columbus, Ohio, in 1952 when Mildred Dean, the wonderful wife of the then still missing Bill Dean, favored us with her presence.



A young Cpl. Dallas Dick while a member of Co. A 19th Inf Regt over 50 years ago. Pres '81 - '82.



A typical Memorial Banquet scene. That's Joe Peyton, our long-time chaplain, reading the Service at the rostrum, and it's Tom Compere with his infamous black-'n-white jacket on Joe's right. Of course old faithful, Henry Gosztyla, our candle lighter at our altar.



Eleven past prexies collect on the Massachusetts Cape Cod in '67.
Front row: Bill Sanderson '67 - '68, Pat Ciangi '64 - '65, Don Williams '68 - '69,
 Bill Muldoon '70 - '71, Dick Watson '85 - '86.
Standing: Gerry Stevenson '66 - '67, Paul "Jr." Harris '69 - '70, Ken Ross '51 - '52,
 Dick Ligman '62 - '63, Ed Henry '48 - '49, James "Spike" O'Donnell '50 - '51.



Past President Bill Verbeck '63 - '64.



Four presidents made it back to Leyte for the "40th" - left to right: Bill Sanderson '67 - '68, Ken Ross '51 - '52, Jerry Stevenson '66 - '67, and Ed Henry '48 - '49.



**CHICAGO BOYS IN HOLLANDIA
NEW GUINIA**—On patrol with camera and rifles are
these Chicago boys near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.
They are (Left to Right) Front Row:
2Lt. Ben Rosenblatt, PFC Ralph Feldman,
Cpl Bill Kral and our own James (Spike) O'Donnell.
Back Row: PFC Warden Rogers, and PFC Sam Sardel.



**Spike O'Donnell, Paul A. Harris, PP 69 - 70,
and Dorothy Newman at the home of
Gen and Mrs. Aubrey S. Newman's home,
circa 1972.**



Donald Barrett, Korea 1951 (Reunion Coordinator)



**Cp. Joseph P. Hofrichter, a young 22 year old,
in June 1944 at Lake Seontarie,
Netherlands, New Guinea.**



Three happy Past Presidents - Left to Right: Ed Henry, '48 - '49, Walt Cunningham '80 - '81, and Aubrey "Red" Newman '72 - '73.



Prexies of the past - Ed Henry '48 - '49 and Bill Sanderson '67 - '68.



We worked long and hard to find this picture of Bill Byrd, our prexy in '75 - '76. He was a delightful rare bird in our aviary.



Three now deceased past presidents - Paul "Jr." Harris '69 - '70, Mike Rafter '78 - '79, and Aubrey "Red" Newman '72 - '73.



We were determined to show each and every Prexy in this display. Here's Vincent Gagliardo '93 - '94. Wouldn't miss you, Vinnie

The comfort woman's cry

They are old now. But memories of their ordeal linger.

Japanese women, most of whom now are in their 70's, continue to speak out about their experiences when forced into the Imperial Army's "Comfort Corps" during the "Great Unpleasantness". For nearly five decades, no one spoke of the ordeal about the "unmitigated misery" and "living hell" these poor women went through. Slowly it's coming to light. Remember the group, about 10 of them, whom we discovered just outside of Davao on Mindanao?

Gen.H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF, commander of American forces in the 1991 Persian Gulf war, says that he did not believe that Iraqi chemical weapons had anything to do with the mysterious health problems reported by thousands of veterans of the war.

Nor, Schwarzkopf said, did he recall any confirmed reports during the war that American troops had been exposed to Iraqi chemical or biological weapons.

"We had lots of alarms, but I personally know of no incident in which there was any chemical uncovered," he said in his first detailed interview on the subject.

"And this was my No.1 intelligence priority," he said. "There was no chemical exposure at all that I know of."

"It's very important to me that the true information get out so that people don't think that there is some giant conspiracy."



Hardly a first class photo - but into the pot she goes nevertheless. The time, December 1944, the mission, an air drop of Christmas packages to the 21st, still in the hills around Breakneck Ridge. The plane - the L5, of which Division had two. Mighty air power, wouldn't you say? The pilot, unidentifiable 53 years later. The loader - likewise not recognized. Sorry. The little guy in the back seat, Captain BOB DUFF, Hq. & Hq. Co. Note the overhead camouflage.

DIVISION'S MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

By Spec. John G. Peavy
Hunter Army Airfield PAO

During the 24th Infantry Division's involvement in the campaign to retake the Philippine Islands in World War II, three of its members earned the nation's highest award for bravery and valor in combat, the Medal of Honor.

Pvt. Harold H. Moon, Jr.

A member of Company G, 34th Infantry, Moon earned the medal on October 21, 1944, during fighting on Leyte Island.

Armed with a submachine gun and hand grenade, Moon met the brunt of a strong night attack by Japanese soldiers, who were supported by heavy machinegun and mortar fire. He was soon wounded in his foxhole, but maintained his position, pouring deadly fire into the enemy and inspiring the American soldiers around him.

After fighting all night, during which time he helped destroy an enemy machinegun that had been advanced to within 20 yards of his position, Moon's foxhole was charged by an enemy platoon shortly after dawn. Moon emptied his magazine, killing 18 enemy soldiers and repulsing the attack.

In a final display of bravery, Moon stood to throw a grenade at an enemy machinegun firing on his unit's right flank. He was hit and killed instantly, dying in the foxhole from which the Japanese had failed to drive him, despite their fierce attacks.

After the battle, nearly 200 dead enemy soldiers were found within 100 yards of his foxhole.

Sgt. Charles E. Mower

An assistant squad leader with Company A, 34th Infantry, Mower also earned his Medal of Honor on

Leyte Island.

Mower was participating in an attack against a strongly defended Japanese position on November 3, 1944, which was situated along both sides of a stream that ran through a wooded gulch. As the squad moved forward through intense enemy fire, the squad leader was killed and Mower took charge.

He began to lead his men across the stream, but was severely wounded before making it all the way. After halting his unit, he realized that his exposed position was the best place from which to direct the attack and stood fast. Gravely wounded and laying half submerged in the stream, he refused to seek cover or to accept aid of any kind. Shouting and signaling instructions to his squad, he directed them in the destruction of two enemy machineguns and the killing of numerous enemy rifleman. The remaining Japanese concentrated their fire at Mower, who was killed while still directing his men forward.

Pvt. 1st Class James H. Diamond

Later in the campaign to retake the Philippine Islands and just weeks before the surrender of Japan, Diamond distinguished himself during fighting at Mintal, Mindanao. His actions to earn the Medal of Honor occurred over the period of May 8 to May 14, 1945, while he was a member of a machinegun section of Company D, 21st Infantry.

When a Japanese sniper rose from his foxhole to throw a grenade at his section, Diamond

charged the enemy soldier, killing him with a burst from his submachinegun. Then, while delivering sustained fire upon the enemy with his submachine gun, he directed artillery and heavy machinegun fire upon a group of enemy pillboxes that were pinning down his and another section. This allowed the two friendly machinegun sections to set up and bring their weapons to bear on the enemy.

He later volunteered to assist in evacuating wounded soldiers from a bridgehead, transporting them to safety through a hail of enemy mortar and artillery fire. On May 14, while leading a patrol through enemy fire to evacuate wounded, he was mortally wounded as he secured an abandoned machinegun. Though near death, he was able to draw the enemy's fire, allowing the remaining members of his patrol to reach safety. Diamond was the last 24th Infantry Division soldier to win the Medal of Honor during World War II.

The 24th Infantry Division was heavily involved in the Korean War, and many acts of bravery were performed by the Victory Division soldiers who fought there. In the end, nine of those would be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Major General William F. Dean

The highest ranking member of the 24th Infantry Division ever to be awarded the Medal of Honor, Dean commanded the division when it arrived in Korea.

During intense fighting on July 20 and 21, 1950, during the battle for Taejon, armed with only a hand grenade, he single-handedly

attacked an enemy tank. He also directed the fire of his tanks from an exposed position that offered neither cover nor concealment, while under artillery and small-arms fire from the enemy.

When Taejon was overrun, Dean refused to leave with the lead elements of the retreating division, and instead remained behind to organize his retreating forces and direct stragglers to a place of safety.

Sgt. George D. Libby

Libby, a member of Company C, 3rd Engineer Battalion, was awarded the Medal of Honor during the battle for Taejon, on July 20, 1950.

The vehicle in which Libby was a passenger approached an enemy roadblock and was hit by intense fire, which killed or wounded everyone aboard except for him. Libby took cover in a roadside ditch, and returned the enemy's fire while giving first aid to his wounded comrades.

A passing M-5 artillery tractor stopped and wounded were loaded aboard. Using his body to shield the driver of the artillery piece, Libby returned the enemy fire directed at the vehicle, while advancing forward. Moving through the town, the tractor stopped several times to pick up more wounded.

During this time, Libby received several wounds, and refusing first aid, continued to shield the driver and engage the enemy. Encountering another roadblock, he received additional wounds, but held his position until he lost consciousness. Libby's actions enabled his fellow soldiers to reach friendly lines.

Master Sgt. Melvin O. Handrich

Handrich was awarded the

Medal of Honor for actions he performed on August 25 and 26, 1950, near Sobuk San Mountain, while a member of Company C, 5th Infantry Regiment.

Around midnight on August 25, a force of approximately 100 North Korean soldiers attempted to break through his company's perimeter. Despite heavy enemy fire, Handrich voluntarily moved to a forward position and directed mortar and artillery fire on the advancing Koreans.

Again on the morning of the 26th, another group of North Koreans advanced toward the American unit. He again directed indirect fire upon them, and fired his rifle nearly point blank into the advancing enemy. At the height of the action, Handrich saw elements of his company preparing to withdraw. Making his way to them, he reorganized the men and made them continue the fight where they were.

During this fight, Handrich was severely wounded. He refused to take cover or to be evacuated, and returned to his forward position to continue directing the company's fire. He was later mortally wounded when the enemy finally overran his position. When friendly forces had retaken it, over 70 enemy dead were found in the area he had defended.

Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr.

Red Cloud earned the Medal of Honor on November 5, 1950, while a member of Company E, 19th Infantry Regiment, near Chonghyon, Korea.

From his position, forward of the company command post, he was the first to detect the approach of Chinese Communist

forces, and gave the alarm as the enemy charged at him from less than 100 feet away.

Jumping up, he fired automatic rifle fire into the Chinese, checking their assault and giving his company time to consolidate its defense. He maintained his position until severely wounded. Refusing assistance, he pulled himself to his feet, wrapped his arm around a tree, and continued to fire until fatally wounded. This action stopped the enemy from overrunning his company's position and gained time for reorganization and the evacuation of the wounded.

Second Lieutenant Carl H. Dodd

Dodd, of Company E, 5th Infantry Regiment, led his platoon in an attack on Hill 256, near Subuk on January 30 and 31, 1951.

Initially, the attack was in jeopardy, being hit by intense small-arms, mortar, and artillery fires. Dodd reorganized and encouraged his men, then single-handedly attacked and destroyed the nearest machinegun emplacement. Inspired, his platoon fixed bayonets, charged the enemy positions, and destroyed them all.

After wiping out this first series of positions, Dodd again reorganized his men and led them onto Hill 256. Firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades, he advanced at the head of his unit, maneuvering through concentrated enemy fire.

Two hundred yards from the objective, he destroyed an enemy mortar with his last grenade, killing the crew. With the onset of darkness, armed with fixed bayonet and a fresh supply of hand grenades, Dodd again took the lead, moving forward until the last enemy positions had been destroyed.

Sgt. 1st Class Stanley T. Adams

Adams, a member of Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment, was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions performed on August 2, 1951.

Adams' platoon, posted some 200 yards ahead of their company, came under attack by a force of approximately 250 enemy soldiers in the early morning of August 2. Observing an estimated 150 silhouetted enemy troops, Adams, along with 13 other soldiers, fixed bayonets and charged the enemy group.

Wounded in the leg, he continued to close with the enemy and was knocked down four times from the concussion of grenades that had bounced off of his body. Shouting orders to his men, he engaged the enemy soldiers in hand-to-hand combat, downing man after man with his bayonet and rifle butt.

Adams and his comrades killed over 50 enemy soldiers and forced the remainder to withdraw.

Sgt. 1st Class Nelson V. Brittin

A member of Company I, 19th Infantry Regiment, Brittin earned the Medal of Honor on March 7, 1951, near Yonggong-ni.

Volunteering to lead his squad up a hill, he hurled grenades into enemy emplacements and shot the defenders as they fled. In the process, he was wounded by an enemy grenade. Refusing treatment, he continued his attack, killing enemy soldiers in their foxholes and destroying enemy machineguns.

Less than 100 yards up the hill, his squad again came under heavy fire from a concealed machinegun. Brittin charged this position and silenced it, but was then killed by a burst of automatic fire. Through his actions, he had succeeded in killing 20 enemy soldiers and destroying four automatic weapons.

Sgt. 1st Class Ray E. Duke

A member of Company C, 21st Infantry Regiment, Duke earned the Medal of Honor on April 26, 1951, near Mugok.

Duke led a small force to rescue several of his soldiers who had become engaged with the enemy and were pinned down. Duke and his men were successful in recovering the position and the men. When the enemy again attacked, Duke was wounded by mortar fragments, but continued to lead his men in their defense and repulsed the attack.

After yet another assault by the enemy, Duke's platoon began to withdraw. Wounded for the third time, Duke was unable to walk. Refusing to be carried out, Duke remained, and was last seen pouring devastating fire into the advancing enemy unit.

Pvt. 1st Class Mack A. Jordan

Jordan earned the Medal of Honor on November 15, 1951, near Kumsong, while a member of Company K, 21st Infantry Regiment.

A squad leader with Company K's 3rd Platoon, Jordan was participating in a night attack against a key position, which was defended by a fanatical enemy force. Halted by vicious enemy fire, Jordan left his platoon, crawling forward to destroy an enemy machinegun emplacement with hand grenades.

Jordan then charged the enemy positions, killing several and forcing the remainder to fall back. As he attempted to move even further forward, both of his legs were severed by explosives tossed by him by enemy soldiers. Though mortally wounded, Jordan continued to fire on the enemy, holding them at bay long

enough for the rest of his platoon to attain his position and continue the fight.



The Medal of Honor

The Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for military valor is given to those who have acted with supreme courage and to disregard their own safety in the face of most hazardous conditions. It is an award that only a comparative handful of men in the world are entitled to wear. It is bestowed by act of Congress and reflects Democracy's gratitude to those who, in moments of common risk, offered everything they had in its defense, including life itself. The medal is but a humble token, a gesture of recognition for sacrifices which cannot be repaid to its honored holders, their survivors, in worldly goods.



Rudolph (Rudy) Mullins
Secy/Treas



Thomas Cochran
VP '96 - '97



**Ellsworth (Dutch)
Nelsen**
President '96 - '97



Wallace (Wally) Kuhner
Membership Chairman



Officers 1996 - 1997 Left to Right
Joe Hofrichter, Chaplain; Tom Cochran, VP;
Don Barrett, Reunion Coordinator; Wally Kuhner, Membership Chairman;
Dutch Nelsen, President; Rudy Mullins, Secy/Treas/QM.



Joseph Hofrichter
Chaplain



Robert Lawhon
Editor



Joseph J. McKeon
Historian



Donald L. Barrett
Reunion Coordinator

A SALUTE TO: WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK BOWL RECIPIENTS



*Deceased

1966

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1969 *Edmund F. Henry

1970 James O'Donnell

1971 *Thomas H. Compere

1972 *Joseph I. Peyton

1973 *Victor Backer

1974 *Aubrey S. Newman

1975 *Robert J. Duff

1976 *Frederick A. Irving

1977 *Samuel Y. Gilner

1978 *Gerald R. Stevenson

1979 William Sanderson

1980 *Clifford G. Hanlin

1981 Howard R. Lumsden

1982 Paul A. Harris

1983 Lt. Gen. Don Rosenblum

1984 *Hubert Lowry

1985 John E. Klump

1986 *Lee List

1987 Dallas Dick

1988 John R. Shay

1989 - 90 Warren Avery

1991 - 92 *Robert Ender

1993 BG Lester L. Wheeler

1994 Joseph P. McKeon

1995 Joseph P. Hofrichter

1996 Wallace F. Kuhner



New Orleans Reunion 1994.

Bob Ender presenting Verbeck Bowl to Joe McKeon.



William Jordan Verbeck Bowl

PAST PRESIDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS!



Edmund F. Henry 1948 - '49 and
James M. O'Donnell 1950 - '51.



Kenwood Ross 1951 - '52



And here is Bob Duff '52 - '53



Want a row of Past Prexies of our little club? This bunch had gathered at Stewart in '87 for the Dedication of the Irvin Hqts. Bldg. in the background.

That's Tom Compere '57 - '59 in the far left. But in a single row starting at the left, it's Ed Henry '48 - '59, Walter Cunningham, '80 - '81, Cliff "C.G." Hanlin '59 - '61, Paul "Jr." Harris '69 - '70, and Bill Sanderson '67 - '68.



A couple of Association Presidents: Left "Spike" O'Donnell, '50 - '51, and right, Joe Peyton, '54 - '55, at the Dedication of the Irving Building at Stewart in '87.

NAMES & FACES



Thomas H. Compere 1957
- '58 and 1958 - '59



Prexies: Bill Sanderson '67 - '68, and on the right "Spike" O'Donnell, '50 - '51.



Don C. Williams 1968 - '69



Paul Wisecup 1971 - '72



There's Fred Irving '74 - '75, as solid as a parked locomotive, in a brain session with Ken Ross '51 - '52, at a convention party which was the very quintessence of felicity and friendship.



John E. Klump 1977 - '78



Past prexies love to pose. Recognize left to right - Walt Cunningham '80 - '81, Ray Kresky '84 - '85, Joe Peyton '54 - '55, and Ken Ross '51 - '52.



Dallas Dick 1981 - '82



John R. Shay 1983 - '84



Richard C. Watson 1985 - '86



Past Presidents all - left to right.
Ken Ross '51 - '52, Ed Henry '48 - '49, and Ray Kresky '84 - '85.



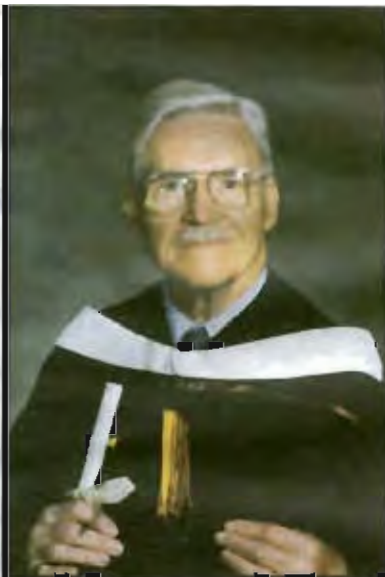
Warren G. Avery 1986-87



**And we must not miss
Don Rosenblum
'87-'88.**



**Robert R. Ender
1988-89**



Thomas F. Upton 1989-90



Herbert Carlson 1990-91



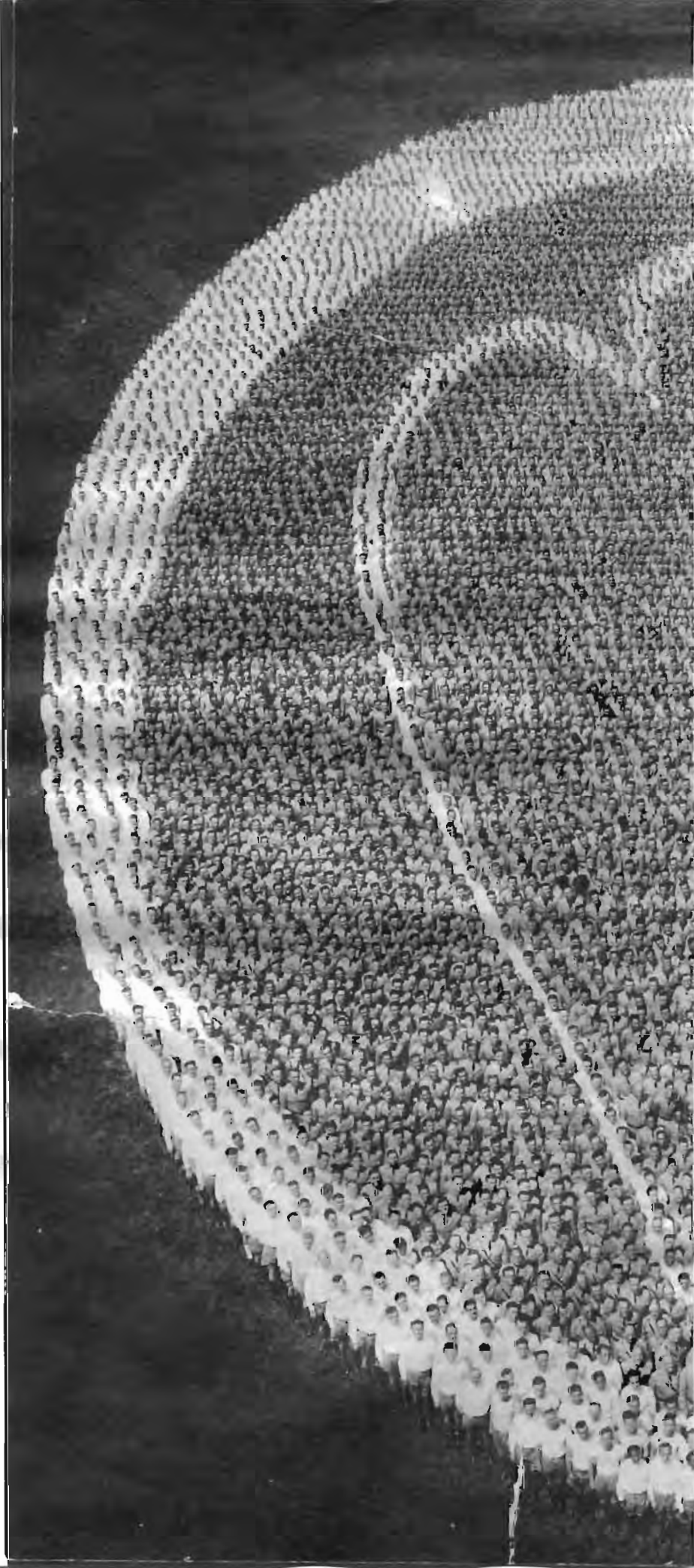
**Albert J. McAdoo
1991-92**



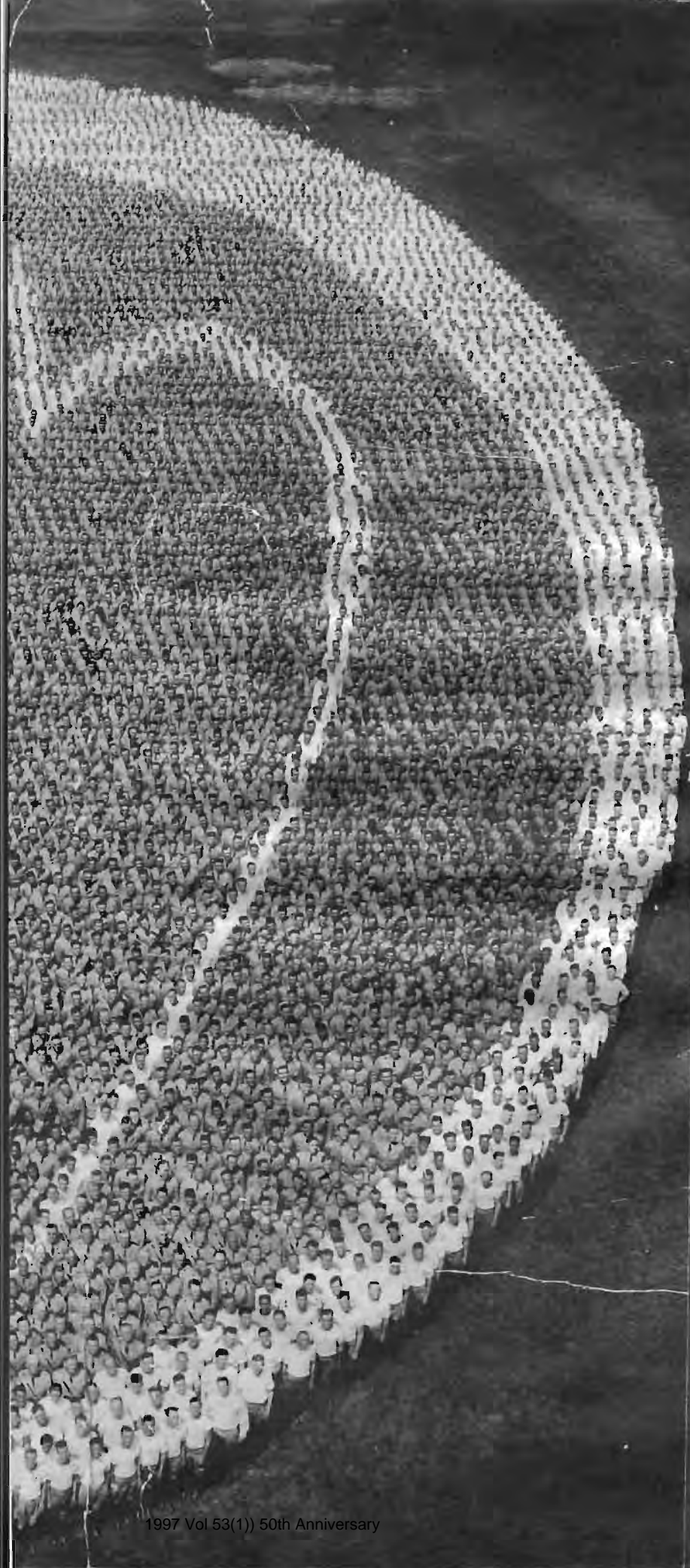
Wallace F. Kuhner 1992-93



Vincent Gagliardo 1993-94



*Members of 21st Infantry Regiment (Gimlets)
posed for photo prior to October 1, 1941
at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu.*





Vincent Vella 1994-95



James F. Hill 1995-96



**More of those who served us as
President of our beloved Association.
L. to R. - Don Rosenblum '87 - '88,
Joe Peyton '54 - '55 and
"Spike" O'Donnell '50 - '51.**

**Two more of our has-beens:
Bob Ender '88 - '89 and
Wally Kuhner '92 - '93.**



AS TIME GOES BY

WORLD WAR II

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ROMBLON
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MINDANAO
JAPAN



Five Association Presidents - left to right -
O'Donnell, Henry, Cunningham, Ross and Wheeler
meet with the '81 Division Commander, MG James E. Cochran III.



At our '87 Reunion at Chicago (Shaumburg),
left to right see Henry Goszytla, Maggie Peyton,
Mary Goszytla, and Joe Peyton.
Harry and Joe made up the team
for the dignified Memorial Service for years and years.



Joe and Charlotte Hofrichter
pose for this one at
Cincinnati in '84.



**Vince Gagliardo '93 - '94
and Bob Ender '88 - '89.**



**At our '85 gathering in Louisville, on the left,
Louise and Roland Smith,
and on the right Julia and Alton Halso.**



**Vonnie and Rudy Mullins
in Minneapolis 1996.**



**John and Hilda Klump, seated, and Art and Clarice Kemp,
standing at our 1985 gathering of the gang at Louisville.**



WWII and Korean 19th Inf. Veterans at the Reunion in Minneapolis 1996.



Buffalo 1990 - 19th. Inf. Chicks - Korea.

Left to Right: John Ladd, Herb Carlson, Bob Hartley, Don Clark, Gus Orr, Moose Hoffman, and Bill Hosler.



John Ladd and Moose Hoffman in Savannah 1992!



Colorado Springs - 1993.

Left to Right: Jim Hill, Murl Ring, Rudy Mullins, Bob Kies, and Jack Carter.



Wild Bill Hosler at Fort Worth, TX 1989!



**MM Gen Joe De Francisco and lovely wife, Lynn,
LGen James Vaught and Joe Wicinski in Nashville, TN in 1995.**



**Prexy Bob Ender '88 - '89 in a jovial mood
with Prexy Joe Peyton '54 - '55 joining in the gag.**

Paul Wisecup '71 - '72,
John Klump '77 - '78,
Bill Sanderson '67 - '68,
Ken Ross '51 - '52,
Ross Pursifull '49 - '50,
and Ed Henry '48 - '49.



We have a ringer in the outfit
- one Michael C. Petrick
of the 87th "Acorn" I.D.
He's at 6456 Craig Av.,
Bensalem, PA in case you
wish to drop him a line.

Mike, an old friend
of one of our members,
has been responding,
neatly and cleverly,
with some of his artistry
for use in our pages.
Surely you've spotted his
work - it stands out,
catches the eyeballs, and
always with his faithful
"Petrick" down in the lower
right corner of his work.

Hubert "Porky" Lowry '73 - '74,
Ken Ross '51 - '52
and Tom Compere '57 - '59.
Tom was a "two-year man".



The Taro Leaf In Korea, 1951

Shelby L. Stanton

One of the primary purposes of insignia is to develop esprit and a sense of bonding identity among the soldiers of a particular outfit. This article illustrates one of the finest utilizations of American military insignia: as a symbol of pride in a combat formation during a difficult and uncertain war. The Taro Leaf of the 24th Infantry Division was used with great success to fulfill this exact expectation during the Korean conflict.

The colorful Taro Leaf insignia was adopted as the symbol of Hawaii by the Army's 24th Infantry Division. The division was first formed in the Hawaiian Territory as a Regular Army formation on February 25, 1921. For twenty years the division was simply known as the Hawaiian Division. This designation was changed to the 24th Infantry Division on October 1, 1941, just prior to America's entry into World War II. In fact, the division first saw action on the opening day of the war for the United States, December 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Japanese aircraft dive-bombed and strafed division headquarters at Schofield Barracks on Oahu Island, Hawaii.

The 24th Infantry Division earned the distinction "First in Korea" when, at the outbreak of the conflict in July 1950, General Douglas MacArthur, ordered the division into combat. General William F. Dean, the 24th Infantry Division's commanding general, directed that a task force of two reinforced rifle companies be airlifted into battle immediately upon receipt of MacArthur's orders. Lieutenant

Colonel Charles B. Smith was chosen to command 406 riflemen from the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, and Battery A of the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion. "Task Force Smith" became the first organized American force to oppose the advancing North Korean near Osan, 28 miles south of Seoul.

The entire division was soon embroiled in active combat. Some units, such as the 34th Infantry and the 63d Field Artillery Battalion, were so badly decimated they were not reconstituted, but returned to Japan instead. In their place, the 5th Regimental Combat Team and 555th Field Artillery Battalion joined the division. Despite heavy losses, unit switches, and a great influx of replacements, the basis of 24th Infantry Division pride remained its treasured Taro Leaf emblem. This served as a rallying reminder of division combat determination in the bitter Korean fighting, where men often felt that those back home had forgotten them among the remote, hostile mountains. They trusted in their own skills, their comrades, and their faith in the larger, collective ability of the division for survival.

Before describing the illustrated insignia, it is important for the reader to remember the 24th Infantry Division's situation during 1951. The division had fought its way within reach of the Yalu River, which formed the North Korean border with China, by late 1950. Then the Chinese Army suddenly intervened with

an onslaught of massed surprise attacks which overwhelmed division positions and forced it to withdraw all the way south to Pyongtaek. The 24th Infantry Division was rebuilt during the winter months, and Major General Blackshear M. Bryan arrived to take command. The division renewed its offensive in the spring. During Operation Ripper, General Bryan led the division forward across the Han River and the 38th Parallel. By April 22, 1951, the 24th Infantry Division was fast approaching Hwachon. After repulsing fierce Chinese counterattacks, the Hwachon Reservoir was seized late in May. The division was placed in reserve during August, relieving the 7th Infantry Division south of the Kumsong Valley. There the 24th Infantry Division mounted several attacks which secured better terrain, and this maneuvering caused frequent action. The division remained in the Kumsong sector until January 16, 1951, when it was ordered back to Japan. (Although the division was returned to Korea July 1, 1953, after being rebuilt on Honshu Island, its 62d Field Artillery Battalion was the only division it to fire any rounds against the communists until the truce at Panmunjon was signed.)

Illustration 1 shows Major General Blackshear M. Bryan just after leading the successful division drive to the Hwachon Reservoir. He is presenting the Silver Star, the nation's third highest decoration for valor, to PFC James C. Gilbert on June 9, 1951. General Bryan wears the Taro Leaf decal on his special helmet liner. The

use of the helmet and appropriate unit emblems was a common device employed to heighten unit morale in Korea. This photograph also shows the 24th Infantry Division shoulder sleeve insignia (SSI), with its pronounced green Taro Leaf outlined in yellow and crowding a circular red field rimmed in black. The outer "olive drab edging of the insignia which is pronounced in this picture (especially by the somewhat frayed black rim), was a standard feature of insignia manufacture during this period.

Illustration 2 shows a very interesting adoption of the Taro Leaf as part of a divisional military police pocket patch design. Major Clifford Harris, the 24th Infantry Division Provost Marshal, is seen wearing this patch on his field jacket in Korea, December 10, 1951. Faintly seen in the original photograph, although it may not reproduce on this paper, is a pair of crossed MP pistols in gold emblazoned on the red Taro Leaf. The Taro Leaf disc basically represents an enlarged divisional SSI, except that it is encircled with a white ring bearing the words "24th INFANTRY DIVISION MILITARY POLICE" as shown. Note that Major Harris also wears a division shoulder sleeve insignia of better woven quality. In this case, the specially painted black helmet liner is used to display rank only.

The men of the 24th Infantry Division were extremely proud of the Taro Leaf and the unique Pacific heritage it symbolized. To them, it served as a reminder of the division's original home and its orientation toward Asian battlefields, where division victories were gained. In this manner, the Taro Leaf became directly associated

with the 24th Infantry Division's "Victory Division" nickname.

The 24th Infantry Division's unbroken chain of service to America's military requirements in the Pacific Ocean region was terminated on October 15, 1957. On that date, the assets of the 24th Infantry Division in Korea were used to form the 1st Cavalry Division. By that time, Sergeant Bryce W. Stout was among many "old hands" still in the 24th, where he had served most of his Army career. As an artillery forward observer of the old 15th Field Artillery, which was incorporated into the division, he was at Schofield Barracks when the 24th was activated sixteen years earlier. He was with the division when it was bombed at Pearl Harbor and was in battle with the 24th during eight campaigns in the Pacific. Now a radio relay sergeant, Bryce voiced the sentiments of many fellow division veterans about the pending redesignation ceremonies in the final division newspaper, Taro Leaf, when he stated, "I was sorry to see it go. I liked the Taro Leaf division so much that when I reenlisted last year, I asked for the 24th in Korea."

The 24th Infantry Division was inactivated that November, and its Pacific connection severed. In July 1958 the Taro Leaf was returned to the colors, but this time it became a composite force of mixed airborne and infantry battle groups in Germany. Ten years later another distinctive 24th Infantry Division legacy and point of pride, the fact that it had never served in the continental United States, was erased. In June of 1968 the division was moved to Fort Riley, Kansas, under Opera-

tion Reformer.

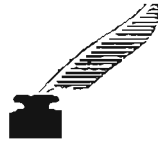
The 24th Infantry Division remains a proud Regular Army formation, but the unique spirit and comradeship that marked its "high water mark" in the Pacific was undoubtedly captured by these Taro Leaf designs displayed on the 1951 battlefield of Korea. At that point in history, the "Victory Division" had weathered the worst of its many campaigns across the Pacific against Japanese, North Korean, and Chinese opponents; was still filled with many original members; and was still fulfilling its original destiny of Pacific theater defense to the nation.

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UN DEFENSIVE
UN OFFENSIVE
CCF INTERVENTION
1st UN COUNTER-
OFFENSIVE
CCF SPRING OFFENSIVE
UN SUMMER-FALL
OFFENSIVE
SECOND KOREAN WINTER
KOREA SUMMER-FALL
1953



Notes From the Secretary/Treasurer

From *Spencer S. Jenkins*, 176 N. Pine St., Trenton, GA 30752-9410, *63rd F.A. Bn. (Aug '45-Nov '46)*. Spencer would like to get in touch with anyone who served with the 63rd F.A. Bn Hq Btry in Japan during the period Oct '45-Sep '46.

From *Charles W. Johnson*, 7114 Salmar Ct, Cincinnati, OH 45231-5321, *A 34th Inf ('49-'50)*. Charlie writes that "the Taro Leaf magazine is one of the good things I have to look forward to, when it arrives, I still get the same feeling I used to get with "mail call" so many years ago." Every issue seems to stir up the emotions as familiar topics are covered. However, it saddens me to see more and more familiar names appear in the TAPS column. Friendship is precious and I hate to lose one." Charlie goes on to say that "the 34th still lives in the hearts of those who served. I remember it well."

From *Alfred Poirier*, 234 Lerwick Dr., Monterey, CA 93940-5412, *63rd F.A. Bn. ('41-'45)* writes that 1 Apr is his anniversary date of joining the Army. He boarded a ship in Brooklyn, NY on 8 Apr went thru the Panama Canal to SF thence to Hawaii arriving there on 26 Apr '41. Received his basic training with the 13th F.A. Bn. and was reassigned to Btry B 63rd F.A. Bn. He remained with the 63rd until Mar '45 when he rotated stateside arriving in San Francisco on 22 Apr '45. TOP THIS.

From *Charles A. Jeremiah*, Box 257 Willisville, IL 62997-0257, *C 21st (Task Force Smith)*. In send-

ing in his tickets for the raffle also sent \$50.00 to upgrade his life membership. Charles is also wanting information on an old buddy Cpl Byron Wilson last heard from in September 1950. Can anyone help Charles?

From *William G. Campbell*, 10051 New Sulphur Springs Rd, San Antonio, TX 78263-9608 *52nd F.A. Bn. ('43-'45)*. Bill writes that he had a wonderful experience a short while ago (March) when two close buddies got with him. Dick Emerson and Cal Elsmann, 13th F.A. Bn. They were in Australia and the Philippines together and had not seen each other since their trip home at the end of the war.

From *Jack A. Measley*, 1406 Jay Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-6316, *I-21 ('51-'52)*, has been very busy getting the word out to prospective members. In addition to visiting VA hospital facilities and posting our posters on their bulletin boards, he has written to the National Chairman of the American Legion, copy of the Chairman's letter follows. Jack is to be commended for this tremendous effort.

Dear Jack,

I read your letter with much interest. I will certainly do all I can to further your aims and goals. I have contacted our National Headquarters at Indianapolis and talked with a very capable young lady named Lisa. I have sent her copies of what you sent to me and she will work with the National Magazine People. I feel

sure that they can get something published about the great 24th Division and its Association. I also posted a copy of your flyer on the bulletin board at my Legion Post 404 in Harrison. I will take copies of it to our next District meeting, in June, to give the other Post Commanders. I will also forward copies of your material to the National V.F.W. and AmVets magazines. It may be possible that they can print something, as well. I am a life member of the American Legion, V.F.W., AmVets, the 40 et 8 and a dedicated veteran. As for getting something done, we can do the impossible, it just takes a little longer. Thank you very much for bringing this to my attention. Keep me posted and when I have something definite to report I'll be back in touch with you. God bless you and America.

For God and Country,
Andy Gomolak, Ch
Public Relations Cmte
3141 Pipeman Rd
Harrison, MI 48625-8404

From *Frank J. Plata*, 2628 Taunton St., Phila. PA 19152-1522, *19th Inf Regt ('51-'52)*. Frank is trying to find a Medic named Miller who was assigned to Co G 19th in mid 1951 to 1952. Says Miller was a shy, very religious and possibly from Iowa. He was replaced by a young slender black Medic named Eggleston. Can anyone help Frank?

From *Wayne Smith*, 2995 Royal Dr, Cameron Park, CA 95682-9014, *24th Sig Bn ('43-'45)*. Wayne writes, as a new member,



Notes From the Secretary/ Treasurer

"Please consider the extra \$15.00 (beyond the \$5.00 raffle tickets) a contribution to the association. This is as good a time as any to mention that I am very impressed and highly pleased by the professionalism of the organization". To which we say, comments such as this make us try harder. Thanks.

From **Alex F. Bronsberg**, 78 Lackawanna Ave, Swayerville, PA 18704-4318 (*3rd Engr 1/2/41-1/9/45*). Alex upgraded his life membership to keep the 24th Div news alive. He thinks its a good book. Says in October of this year he will be married to the same woman for 53 years, "how I put up with her I don't know, but I like her cooking and its too late in time to change cooks." Alex, I hope you can cook because when she sees this, you might have to do your own.

From **Alvin G. Gaupp**, PO Box 121 184 Railroad Ave., West Creek, NJ 08092-0121, (*Btry C 52nd F.A. Bn., 1 Oct 1941*) writes that he's sending in to upgrade his life membership says he forgot until he received his Taro Leaf.

From **LeRoy M. Northrop**, PO Box 95, Mosheim, TN 37818-0095, *24th Sig Bn ('50-'51)*, writes that he's been working on a story entitled, "My Jaunt to Korea '50-'51." He's a procrastinator but says perhaps he'll finish it, manana! Get busy LeRoy, time has a way of getting away from us.

From **Charles L. Belanger**, 4747 Bakkehelder Rd, Bellaire, MI 49615-9766, *Co A 21st Inf Regt (Jul 1950-Jan 1951)* would like to get a copy of the Company roster for Co A 21st Inf for the period of 1950-51, also for the Div Hq Co Defense Platoon for the period

1949-1950. He would appreciate hearing from someone who can help him obtain a copy of these rosters.

From **Edwin Marsh**, 824 Grand Ave, Ravenna, NE 68869-1012 whose brother **Cpl Barton B. Marsh**, *Co M 34th Inf Regt* was KIA on Leyte, is still searching for someone who knew his brother and the circumstances surrounding his death. He would appreciate hearing from you. Come on guys, write to Edwin, he has been a member of the association for 19 years.

Edward W. Matchett, *KIA Korea on 16 Jul 1950, 19th Inf Regt*. His cousin is seeking information about him. If you can help, please contact Barry Boucher, Beaumont, TX 77707-2420 (Ph 409-832-5939).

Wesley Olesen, 45611 283 St, Hurley, SD 57036-6020. *Co K, 34th Inf Regt, 1952*, sent in this picture and hopes someone will recognize the faces and get in touch with him. The picture was taken in 1952 at Camp Fugi, Japan. Can anyone help??

Lola J. Luedtke (**Mrs Donald Luedtke**), RR #1 Box 5, Arcadia, NE 68815 is seeking anyone who may have served with and knew her cousin, **Pvt Melvern Perry** (*34th Inf Regt*) born 6 June 1926, Brunswick, Antelope County, NE. He was killed at Luzon Feb 3, 1945 and was buried at Ft Bonifacio, Republic of the Philippines, Plot 6 Row 11, grave 113, Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

Harry J. Maihaffer has come up with another book - "Oblivion, the Mystery of West Point Cadet Richard Cox", Brassey's Publishing, Inc., 1996, 209 pp. It's the story of Cox, Class of '52, suddenly disappeared from the Academy one January night in '50 and was never seen again. The book reads like a spy novel. It's stimulating, but without an answer to the riddle. It's a great report, Harry.





Notes From the Secretary/ Treasurer

In our last issue, we jokingly mentioned formation of a club within our club, this one to be somewhat selective in its membership - only Taro Leafers afflicted with problems of the prostate. We welcome into the gang, MARVIN O. REICHMAN (21st WW II) of 5445 No. Sheridan Rd., Chicago IL 60640. Marv is high in spirit but we can read between the lines - a little cheering up will do wonders. His telephone: 312-939-5335. His FAX - 312-939-5185.

One more request. This one is so typical - and we try to accommodate. Myron A. Smith writes us on the stationery of Monroe Auto Equipment Co., 3385 Frazerdale Dr., Lexington KY 40503. He writes as follows: "I am searching for a former Captain who I served with. He was a Company Commander with the 24th in Korea. This would have been around Nov. of 1950. His name was JACK CLARK. I don't know his serial number or date of birth for I was an enlisted man, and you didn't ask officers for their serial numbers. Should Jack Clark still be living, he would be 71 years old. He entered the service Florida. I sure would like to find Captain Clark. Thank you for any information on the above."

If we ring your bell, please call Myron Smith at 606-223-5885 or write him at his company where he is "District Manager".

THANK YOU!!!

Many of you have sent your ZIP + 4 (9 digit zip code) as requested. We still have members of which we need the complete 9 digit zip code on. We had 9 digit zip codes on some of you and then when you moved you sent a 5 digit ZIP code. Please remember when sending in your new address to include the ZIP + 4 (9 digit zip code.)

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BEN WAHLE faithfully reports in with news as he finds it.

This time it's about a WW II sinking off the California coast.

An oil tanker torpedoed by a Japanese submarine during World War II has been found at the bottom of Monterey Bay with most of its cargo intact.

Authorities are now trying to determine if the millions of gallons of crude oil still aboard the Montebello pose an environmental hazard 55 years after the ship went down.

The 440 foot Union Oil Co. tanker was attacked the early morning of Dec. 23, 1941, after leaving Port San Luis with a cargo of 4.1 million gallons of crude. The torpedo ruptured two of the vessel's 10 storage tanks. The crew escaped safely in lifeboats.

Two other oil tankers attacked by the Japanese Navy during World War II are still missing off the Pacific Coast, off the coast of Crescent City in Del Norte County and the other off the Oregon coast.

We were living in perilous times back in '41-'42. Small wonder that we did what we did at the time in rounding up all of the little people along the Pacific coast. We were taking no chances.

You had to be living in that time to appreciate the tenseness.

Good report, Ben. Thank you.

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Members enjoying themselves at the Mini-Reunion in Albuquerque. Sitting is Ken Ross, Eleanor and Wally Kuhner. Standing is Rudy and Yvonne Mullins, and Eugene and Mariam Hitzeman.



We clipped this from The Patriot, Ft. Stewart news journal announcing that Maj. Gen. John W. Hendrix, the 3rd Div. CG is leaving (after only one year), to be replaced by MG James C. Riley, currently Chief of the Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia.

The clipping lists the most recent "3rd Inf. Commanders". We can take exception to that goof. How quickly they forget. Here it is:



3d Inf. Div. commanders

- Maj. Gen. John W. Hendrix, July 1996 to present
- Maj. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco, June 1994 to July 1996
- Maj. Gen. Paul E. Blackwell, May 1992 to June 1994
- Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, June 1990 to May 1992
- Maj. Gen. H.G. Taylor, Sept. 1988 to June 1990
- Maj. Gen. Michael F. Spiglemire, July 1987 to Sept. 1988
- Maj. Gen. Andrew L. Cooley, June 1985 to July 1987
- Maj. Gen. Norman H. Schwarzkopf, June 1983 to June 1985

**Recruit a new member
TODAY**

SEND IN YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION

PETROCK

HARRY RUBIN, domiciled in Hinesville GA and in a good position to observe the 24th/3rd Division(s) makes these heavy comments: "Here at Fort Stewart, the powers-to-be say it is the best Army we've ever had, the best educated soldiers, etc. I do not see it. Many of the senior NCOs I talk to say they have almost no control over their troops because most of them do not live in the barracks and do not eat in the unit mess. They see them during "work" hours for 5 days a week. The units have no real esprit because the soldiers spend very little off-duty time together. It is no longer a "way-of-life", but a mere job. Sad, but true. It reminds me of what happened to the Roman Empire which in its early days had its Legions filled with Roman citizens. In its latter days, Romans would not serve and the Legions were filled with hired mercenaries from the hinterlands of the Empire. We seem to be going down the same path. Sad, but true. How on earth did we allow this to happen?"

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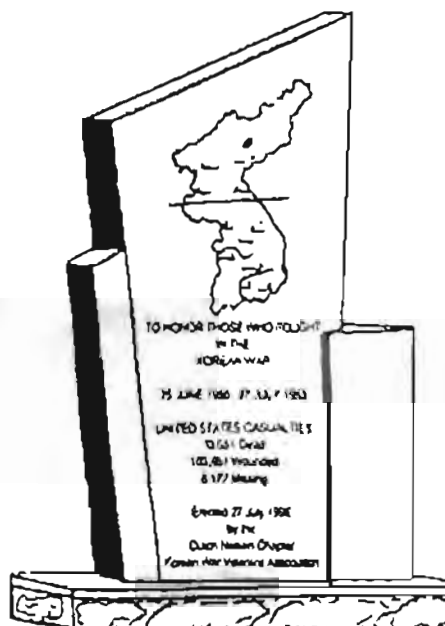
GET A JOB!

PAY YOUR OWN BILLS!

WHILE YOU STILL KNOW EVERYTHING!

Movie actor Lew Ayres, passed to his reward just after Christmas. But how many remember him as a corp man in the hospital set up in the church at Palo on Leyte. Lew attended RED NEWMAN among many other of our wounded... Did you catch the latest report of "U.S. Defectors Reportedly Living in North Korea"? This came just after Christmas and was given by an unidentified "U.S. defense official". This story surfaces about twice a year, or haven't you noticed?

Who, among our living members, can lay claim to having his name engraved in stone in some city park? Our prexy, ELLSWORTH "Dutch" NELSON, could make the claim were he not so modest. So we'll make it for him. In Memorial Park in his home town, Colorado Springs, the local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Assoc. has erected a Memorial Honoring Korean War Veterans. And while we're at it, what do you think the name of the local chapter is? We'll tell you. It's the "Dutch Nelson Chapter of the K.W.V.A. Dutch, we're right proud.





Humor in Uniform



Beer ration

John W. Sonley

It was 1951 and the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) in Korea were falling back as the 5th Infantry Regimental Combat Team advanced. After walking around the Korean countryside for what seemed like hours one day, we came to a low set of hills just to our front. A patrol was sent out and the word came back that the hills were unoccupied, so we were ordered to dig in for the night.

Hot chow was brought up just as we finished digging our foxholes and gun emplacements. We had just sat down to eat and relax when my sergeant sent half the group down to the base of the hill to a truck. Each

man was to pick up two cases of beer and return to the positions — our beer ration had, at long last, caught up with us.

As there was still time before the sun was to set, each man put his case of beer at the edge of his foxhole, took his bayonet and poked two holes in each can and slowly drank the beer.

Since I was not a great lover of beer, I just put my case by my position for the future use of my friends. As everyone was sitting around talking, relaxing and drinking beer, the sergeants came up to the positions, and ordered us to pack up all the equipment we could carry and destroy the rest — including the beer. We were advised that a superior force of CCF were moving toward our positions and we would not be

able to hold the ground, thus we were ordered to withdraw.

While the men were packing up, all the while, we were ordered to leave the beer behind.

I still had a full, unopened case of beer that had to be dumped. I decided to open all 24 cans and half way empty each can. Then I had the troops around me urinate into the cans, filling each to the top. The re-filled cans were placed back into the case and left in full view at the edge of my foxhole.

As we walked off the hill we laughed hard and loud. We talked about what the CCF would do when they found the case of beer, and perhaps even fight over it before proceeding to down the beer. One of the sergeants wanted to know what was so funny and told us to keep the noise down. When we told him what we had done, he, too, was laughing hard.

Author retains all rights.

From time-to-time, we receive this kind of a request: "Can you send me the names and addresses of the men of _____ Company, _____ Regiment, or _____ Battery, _____ Battalion?"

The answer, each time, of necessity, is a big, flat "NO". We always hate so to answer, but we are absolutely helpless in the matter -- we simply have no records by units, nor have we ever been able to obtain same from any army agency. When we think of the poor TS's, the company clerks, who had to type such lists over and over and over, it makes our blood boil. What ever happened to those lists, we wonder. Oh well.

If you don't have anything nice to say, come sit by us.

You can never be too rich or too thin or have too many pairs of shoes.

After decades of secrecy, the Pentagon has now confirmed that it has more than 30,000 tons of chemical weapons stored at nine US sites. The map tells the story.

Chemical weapons storage

U.S. storage sites for more than 30,000 tons of chemical weapons:



(1) Umatilla, Ore.
3,717.38 tons

(2) Tooele, Utah
13,616 tons

(3) Newport, Ind.
1,269.33 tons

(4) Edgewood, Md.
1,824.87 tons

(5) Richmond, Ky.
523.41 tons

(6) Anniston, Ala.
2,253.63 tons

(7) Pine Bluff, Ark.
3,849.71 tons

(8) Pueblo, Colo.
2,611.05 tons

(9) Johnston Atoll
(Pacific Ocean southwest of Hawaii)
1,134.17 tons



Ambassador EDWARD L. ROWNY was a senior arms control negotiator for or special advisor to five presidents and their secretaries of state. Now a retired U.S. Army lieutenant general, he was Joint Chiefs of Staff representative to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) and head of the U.S. Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) team. He received the Presidential Citizens Medal in 1989 after a distinguished and highly decorated career in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the bureaucratic wars of international arms control.

He lives in Arlington VA.

Significant in our view is the fact that he commanded the 24th in Germany.

We know that Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, served the Army in the Persian Gulf, but we haven't been able to discover the unit to which he was assigned. Anyone out there happen to know?

Clipped from the NY Times.
How do you like these apples?:

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1997

1992 North Korean Plan To Take South Reported

SEOUL, South Korea, May 9 (Reuters) — The North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, drew up a war plan in 1992 to capture South Korea in a lightning three-day assault but abandoned the idea because his father opposed it, a South Korean official today quoted a defector as saying.

The official, Kwon Young Hae, head of South Korea's Agency for National Security Planning, told a parliamentary committee that Hwang Jang Yop, a top North Korean official who defected this year, had said the younger Mr. Kim sought an opportunity to attack the South.

Mr. Hwang was quoted as saying the North believes that it would undoubtedly win a war it started, and that if the United States intervened, it would send suicide squads to bomb United States aircraft carriers.

Mr. Kwon's agency has been questioning Mr. Hwang, the most senior official to flee the North, since he arrived last month. Mr. Hwang defected to South Korea through its embassy in Beijing on Feb. 12.

Mr. Hwang was quoted as saying that Kim Jong Il had made all major policy decisions alone since his father, Kim Il Sung, died in 1994.

Two years before his father's death, the junior Mr. Kim tried to carry out a war plan to capture all of the South within three days. "Mr. Hwang Jang Yop said the plan was shelved after Kim Il Sung said priority must be given to resolving economic problems," Mr. Kwon said.

This one came to us from **CHARLEY CARD** who clipped it from his hometown Houston Chronicle. If it makes your blood boil, you might write David Smith, care of the Houston, TX, Chronicle.

Good riddance to WWIIs?

By **DAVID L. SMITH**

YEAH, we're sure gonna miss the World War II generation — or so they tell us. Ya gotta love a generation who "answered the call" and "put everything on the line," fighting "to keep us safe from the evil forces turned loose in the world" and then went on to "give us a new world of hope and promise and opportunity" by "saving for the future and sticking together through thick and thin."

You hear this sort of rhetoric quite a bit these days, as the John Wayne generation marches off to that great reveille in the sky.

Yeah, we're gonna miss 'em. Who will ever forget those wonderful folks who went through college on the GI Bill and bought their houses with veterans' loans and now righteously demand cuts in government support for education and housing in the name of fiscal responsibility? How admirably responsible of them to insist on cuts in welfare, school lunches, food stamps, Head Start and Medicaid while making sure that two-thirds of the government budget goes to a generation owning three-quarters of the nation's wealth. Eat your heart out, Robin Hood.

Isn't it marvelous how they "stuck together through thick and thin," voting to chop their taxes in their peak earning years in the 1980s before retirement, skipping out on \$3 trillion in taxes, while boosting their incomes with lofty salaries, liberal stock options, golden parachutes and the rest?

And speaking of saving, what better way to save for the future than by voting themselves lavish company and government retirement and health plans and handing their children and grandchildren the bill in the greatest Ponzi scheme of all times?

How grateful their grandchildren must be for the crummy educations and low wages they receive, the

Smith, a Vietnam veteran, is a Houston writer and public speaker

high rents they pay and the lung cancer they will suffer from cigarettes their grandparents swore for decades were nonaddictive. How unsparingly generous of them to lend credit card money to the younger generations at rates once considered usurious, then eliminate the tax deduction for interest payments. Is this a great country or what?

And how do we thank a generation for "putting everything on the line," sending 55,000 of their children to die in Vietnam, and laying waste the country in order to "save it" and keep our borders safe from the evil forces of the Viet Cong?

Think of the inspiration their descendants will draw from a generation with the singular distinction of supplanting us with the only president to resign in disgrace. Shame on you, Bill Clinton, you perpetual adolescent, for dishonoring the White House by renting out the Lincoln Bedroom!

Look at all the "hope, promise and opportunity" we have to look forward to, thanks to the John Wayne generation's inspired legacy: a \$4 trillion dollar net federal debt on which we will have the privilege of paying \$250 billion a year in interest (most of it payable to them); polluted air and water, the largest foreign debt in the history of the planet; the greatest dependency on foreign oil in our history; the slowest long-term rate of economic and productivity growth in half a century; the greatest inequality of wealth among all industrialized nations, with one child in three living in poverty while Grandpa and Grandma answer the call of the dinner chimes on the Love Boat.

Yeah, we're gonna miss 'em for sticking together through thick and thin to leave us a bright new world of opportunity and promise — their thick, our thin.

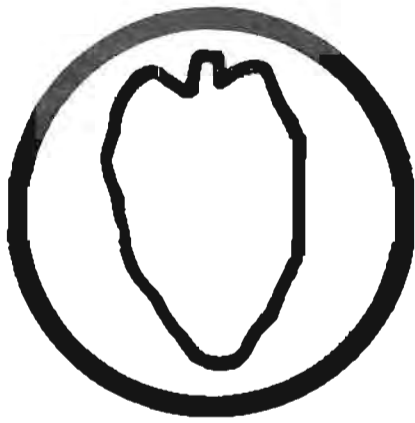


If you don't recognize this one you've been asleep at the switch. The 41st I.D. Heroes of Biak and Zamboango where the monkeys have no tails. Try 41st Infantry Division Association:

Box 554,
West Linn OR 97068

Quoted from a St. Louis newspaper story: "The winning numbers drawn Tuesday night in the daily Missouri Lottery Pick 3 game were 9-9-9. A winning \$1 ticket with the numbers in the correct order paid \$500; a winning \$1 ticket with the numbers in any order paid \$160."

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TARO LEAF

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Mixed are the emotions which this one conjures up. It's the TWX - now unclassified in case you're squeamish - which saw task Force Smith - and the rest of the gang - go "over the top" in July of '50. Any editorial comment seems needless.

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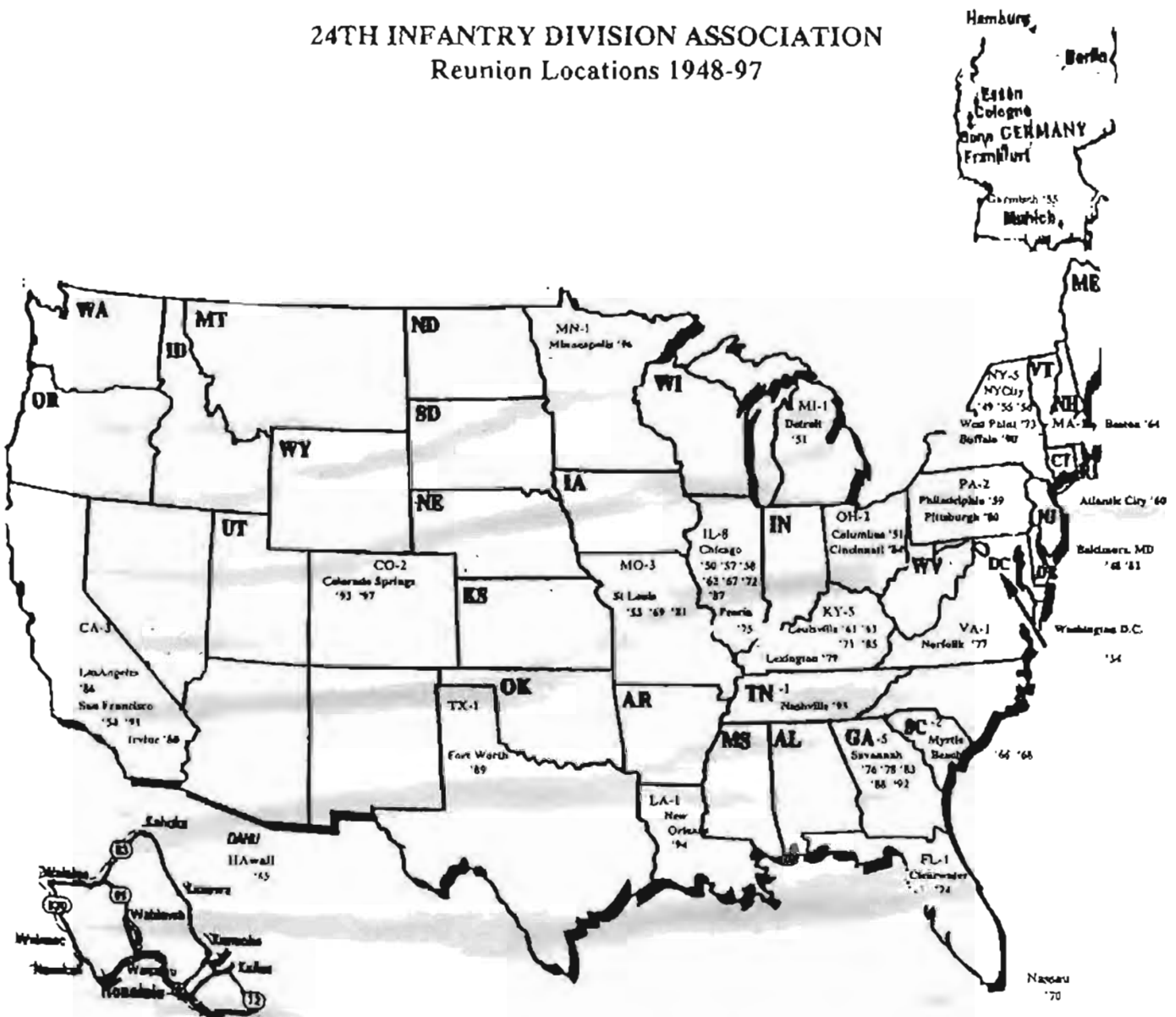
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SGD WALKER

THIS MSG FOR EYES ONLY OF GENERAL DEAN

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It was early morning at Fort Stewart and the first sergeant was calling out names for the daily work parties listed on a piece of paper:

"Ames"....."Here!"
"Jenson"....."Here!"
"Jones"....."Here!"
"Magersky"....."Here!"
"Seeback"..... --
"Seeback!"..... --
"SEEBACK!!!"..... --

At that point, someone whispered into the first sergeant's ear. He looked again at what the last name really said, quickly turned over the list and continued calling the names printed on the other side.

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63rd (B)
Life x

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Life xx

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St. Petersburg FL 33703-391
21st (A)
Life xx

Ronald Lee McCleary
RR 1 Box 71
Hollidaysburg PA 16648-950
24th (QM)
Life xx

John J Mrowca
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Chicago IL 60629-4907
34th (K)
Life xx

LTC Chester P Petty
72055 Pine St
Abita Springs LA 70420
3rd Eng
Life xx

MSGT Raymond Smith USA
7349 Ulmerton Rd Lot 192
Largo FL 33771-4846
724th Ord
Life xx

CSM Glenn H Towe Ret
175 Goldies Run Trl
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5th RCT (I)
Life xx

Hurdis E Wise
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Benton AR 72015-2531
34th (F)
Life xx

HOW TO SURVIVE A REUNION

**Adjust Your Toupee In Private and
Keep Your Room Number to Yourself**

by J.S. BORTH



"—And what else did they teach you in the engineers
back at Fort Belvoir?"—Sgt. Douglas Borgstedi

Kind words in from
LTG (R) MICHAEL F. SPIGELMIRE
(Div.CG 87-88). Mike, after
4 years, has left his most
important and "exciting" job
as Director of DoD Relations
on the Olympic Games and he
and Diane have moved to 401
Coleman Point, Destin FL 32541.

Mike wrote: "It is with a
sense of satisfaction as we
close out the Olympic activities
here in Atlanta. My four year
tour has been a great experience
meeting so many interesting
people with diverse commercial
activities. It was a dynamic
transition from my former
military life.

"I'll probably do some
consulting, volunteer work,
and attempt to lower my golf
handicap, not to mention
terrorizing the local fish.

"Stay in touch, we would
love to hear from you."

Our good wishes go to
Destin FL to reach Mike and
Diane.

Upgraded from Life \$100 (Life X) to Life \$150 (Life xx)
(4/1/97 through 6/18/97)

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11th
Upgraded to Life xx

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Div Hq
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Upgraded to Life xx

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19th
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52nd (C)
Upgraded to Life xx

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5th RCT (Hvy.Mtr)
Upgraded to Life xx

Mrs William Gresko
6341 N Quince Way
Tucson AZ 85741-2818
Upgraded to Life xx

Dennis M Hanrick
1905 Saint Paul Ave
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21st (F)
Upgraded to Life xx

Orville W Hurley
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Quitman TX 75783-9618
21st (I)
Upgraded to Life xx

Charles W Jeremiah
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21st (C)
Upgraded to Life xx

George F Lance
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Etters PA 17319-8919
21st (Svc)
Upgraded to Life xx

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Pond Du Lac WI 54935-5151
11th (Btry A)
Upgraded to Life xx

John S Roussel
5032 Perkins Rd
Baton Rouge LA 70808-344
52nd
Upgraded to Life xx

RAY KRESKY (24th Recon WW II),
our President in '84-'85, has
been confined to a health care
center. You might card him
at

Rennes Health Center-East
701 Willow St.
PO Box 188
Peshtigo WI 54157

Recovering nicely
from a heart by-pass:
DICK GOINY (21st WW II).
Card him at 3619 W. 64th St.,
Chicago IL 60629.

ALVIN SCHREIBER (3rd Eng.WWII)
1102 Loy Av., #10, Wahpeton ND
has a memory but lets use his
very words in the telling of it:
"Hollandia was quiet and I
walked some distance from camp
on a native trail. On the way
back I met another GI and we
sat down together on a fallen
log. We talked for several
minutes, but unfortunately I
can't remember any of it except
our last words.

"As we rose to go our separate
ways, I said to him: 'You seem
to be a little older to still
be in the army. You must be
about ready to retire.'

"After about three seconds
of dead air, he replied: "I'm
General Eichelberger. I'm the
commander here.'

"No insignia, no recogni-
tion!"

Great story, Al. Thanks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 4/1/97 THROUGH 6/18/97

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
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Otis J	Autin	19th		\$30.00	
Paul E	Bader	34th	(G)	\$5.00	
John S	Baldwin	3rd Eng		\$45.00	
John E	Beier	11th		\$100.00	
Morris H	Bergan	34th		\$40.00	
Mrs Delmar	Berresford	19th		\$20.00	Delmar Berresford, husband
Maj David	Bossart Aus Ret	3rd Eng		\$10.00	
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Elvin M	Chinigo	21st	(HQ)	\$5.00	
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Thomas E	Flynn	21st	(Hvy Mtr)	\$20.00	
Herbert	Fordyce	19th	(E)	\$30.00	
Charles W	Foster	19th		\$25.00	
Robert G	Fox	19th		\$10.00	
Paul A	Fraser	52nd		\$25.00	
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Buford F	Goff	19th		\$15.00	
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Mrs William	Gresko			\$45.00	
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Hubert S	Hotchkiss	29th		\$5.00	
Jason A	House	19th		\$10.00	
Bobby J	Hunt	19th	(B&C)	\$5.00	
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Donald H	Johnson	13th		\$10.00	
William Y	Johnson	21st	(A)	\$5.00	
LTC Vytautas	Kersulis	19th	(G)	\$15.00	

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UP AN
OLD
BUDDY
TODAY!**

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"Never mind where I'm hit, just gimme a band-aid!"



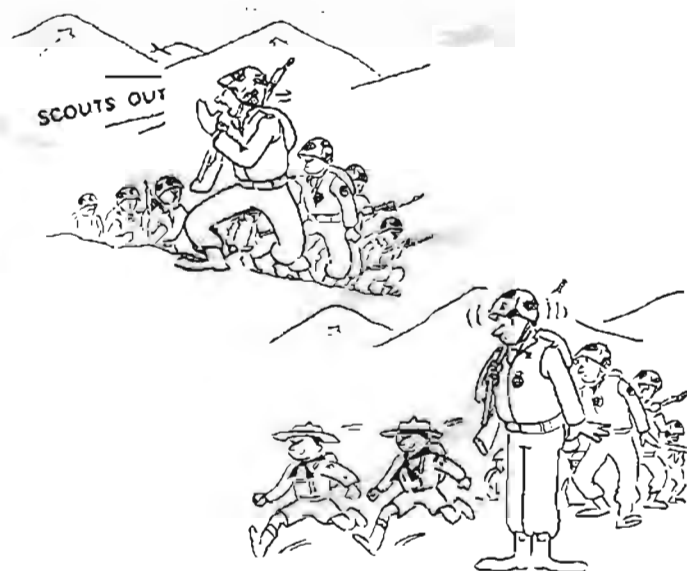
"So your sergeant's an angel? You're lucky. Mine's still living."

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Twice in its 50 year history, Taro Leaf has run this delightful bit of humor. We take the liberty of using it for a third time, in the belief that it will warm the cockles of the heart of every Taro Leafer who served in or walked through old Nippon. If it draws a blank, if it finds you completely non-responsive, if it leaves you without any understanding of its happy point, then you did miss somethin' in your military life.

"Ohio? What part?"



~ ~ ~
Bad golfer: "Well, young man how do you like my game?"

Caddy: "It's all right, sir, I suppose. but I still prefer golf."

My doctor finally agreed to make a house call. Just for fun, I kept him waiting in my living room for an hour.

~ ~ ~

I always ask for a second opinion, unless I'm particularly happy with the first one.

~ ~ ~

Law of the jungle: Everyone is someone else's lunch.

~ ~ ~

The golfer lost his ball, and took his anger out on his caddy.

"Why in the world didn't you watch where it went?" he yelled.



"W-well," stammered the boy "it don't usually go nowhere, and so it kinda took me by surprise."

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ARTHUR MORROW CLARKE

Arthur M. Clarke, age 75, died Tuesday, April 1, 1997 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Internment was 7 April 1997 in Oto, Iowa. Art was born on 27 February 1922 in Mishawaka, Indiana and was a graduate of the University of Maryland. He served 29 years in the military service of his country and retired in 1971 as a Colonel.

His military career was varied; beginning with his enlistment in the Army Air Corps in April 1942. During and after World War II he served as a B-17 and B-26 pilot. He was released from active duty in December 1946 and after serving three years in the Army Air Corps Reserve he joined the Iowa Army National Guard in May 1948.

In February 1949 Art returned to active duty with the 24th Infantry Division in Japan where he served as Aide-de-Camp to Major William F. Dean. He went to Korea in July 1950 as General Dean's aide and was with the General during the battle for Taejon. It was on 20 July 1940 that he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. He later received the Silver Star for his heroism in the same action. In December 1950 he was assigned to the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Division as an Army Aviator. He logged 108 combat missions in Korea serving with the 52nd.

Later assignments were as an advisor with the Wyoming National Guard, V Corps in Germany, the 101st Airborne Division at Fort

Campbell, Kentucky and the Pentagon in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff-Intelligence. Later he served as the Deputy Aviation Officer in the US Army Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado and with the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Other assignments were at Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, California and Fort Stewart, Georgia. After retirement in January 1971 he became a successful business person in Fort Collins. He and his wife also raised, trained and showed Arabian horses.

He was among the first 50 Army Aviators to qualify as a Master Army Aviator, the highest designation that an Army Aviator can receive. His military awards include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with 4 clusters and the Army Commendation Ribbon. He also wore the Korean Presidential Unit Citation given for his service in Korea. He was a LIFE member of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Fort Collins, four sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

Art, may your skies always be blue. You will be missed by all of us who included you as part of our lives.

SUBMITTED BY: James F. Hill, a fellow Aviator and Comrade.

TOOHEY RITES

Mass of Christian Burial for John L. Toohey, 76, formerly of 904 Center St., Ashland, who died Friday at Ashland Regional Medical Center, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph's Church, Ashland. John J. McGrath Funeral Home, Ashland is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Ashland, July 11, 1920, he was a son of the late Patrick and Sallie Hughes Toohey. He had been employed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and was last employed at Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation for 20 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, American Legion Post, Senior Citizens and Good Fellowship Club, all of Ashland. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the 24th Infantry Division. He was a survivor of Schofield Barricks at Pearl Harbor. Surviving are a niece, Sally Bednar, Barnesville, a nephew, James Dougherty, Woodside, NY; a sister in law, Grace Toohey, Lavelle; great nieces and nephews.

DELMAR W. BERRESFORD

In Loving Memory of Delmar W. Berresford, Date of Birth: March 27, 1921; Date of Death: May 5, 1997. Services on Friday, May 9, 1997 at 11:00 AM Todd Funeral Home, Beaver, PA. Officiating clergy: Reverend Joseph A. Hill, First Presbyterian Church, Beaver, PA. Internment Glenview Cemetery, East Palestine, OH.



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LEO ROGERS, 92

Leo Kemp Rogers, 92 died Friday, Feb. 28, 1997 at his home.

Born Dec. 1, 1904, in Jacoby, La., he lived in San Diego County for 26 years. A retired Lieutenant Colonel, he served with the Army for 30 years, in World War II and Korea. He was a member of the San Marcos Knights of Columbus, Military Order of World Wars (North San Diego unit), American Legion Encinitas Post No. 416, San Dieguito Gem & Mineral Society, the 24th Infantry Division Association, and was vice president of Center for Family Life.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his wife of 27 years, Mary J. Rogers of San Marcos; daughter and son-in-law Carol Marie and Tom Russell of San Marcos; brother Clifford Rogers of Lake Charles, LA; grandson William Todd Russell of Santa Barbara; and granddaughter Kimberly Nichelle Russell of San Marcos.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11 at St. Marks Catholic Church in San Marcos, with Monsignor Thomas Healy officiating. Internment is planned for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, with full military honors.

**EULOGY COMPOSED BY
GRANDDAUGHTER KIM-
BERLY RUSSELL**

LEO ROGERS, 92

Grandpa: He was a fighter, and his lifetime was blessed with happi-

ness and longevity. He impacted everyone who knew him, and made a tremendous difference in various peoples lives, as his generosity in all things was unending. Now I am assured that he's smiling upon us from Heaven.

Grandpa had this disease for about a year that we knew of, yet through it all, I knew that he was going to keep on fighting, and he did for almost a year. Yet its such a misfortune that he died of lung cancer, because it took such a strong man, and incapacitated him. A pessimist might have thought he was going to throw in the towel a long time ago, but he fought to the bitter end (as he had always been a gallant soldier), and in the meantime he made the best of every single day never forfeiting his pride. I've never known a stronger or more courageous man. I admire him for his endurance, he fought so hard because he loved living. And though it seemed such a cruel ending to such an extraordinary and honorable being, I know that no one else could have made the best of this dilemma the way he did, for God never gives you more than you can handle. He kept on living, never wishing for the inevitable. And for his undying efforts in life, I hope to follow the examples that he's set in my life. I admire him for his love of life, and the pleasures he took in all things, small and large. His memory lives on in me, and I hope to emulate his exemplary talents for a remarkable lifetime in my future.

by Kimberly Russell

LOUIS "LOU" SPACCAMONTI

Louis "Lou" Spaccamonti, passed away Dec. 4, 1996. Born on March 4, 1920, to the union of Antonio and Vita Cabibi Spaccamonti in Radiant, Co. Husband of Ruth Spaccamonti, Father of Sherry (Kenneth) Prigmore, Trinidad, CO and Deborah "Debbie" Hudgins, Pueblo. Grandfather of Kenny (Julie) Prigmore Jr., Great Falls, MT., Dana Prigmore, Denver, CO., Mari Prigmore, Trinidad, CO., Dominic Louis Prigmore, Great Lakes Naval Station, Jason Rust (Talinna) Hudgins, Carrollton, MO., Andrea Hudgins, Denver, CO and Heather Hudgins, Pueblo, CO. Great-grandfather of Jeffrey, Jenna and Kenna Prigmore and Falon, Colten, Jessica and Blake hudgins. Also survived by seven brothers and sisters. Mary Combatto, Jim Spaccamonti, Tony Spaccamonti, Joe (Judy) Spaccamonti, Virginia (Harold "Mert") Quint, Betty (Don) Vaughn and John (Madeline) Spaccamonti, all of Pueblo; as well as by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio and Vita Cabibi Spaccamonti and by his second mother, Dorothy Spaccamonti. Mr. Spaccamonti enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, serving in the 24th Division, 11th Field Artillery, Battery B, and was a Pearl Harbor Survivor. He served in the Pacific Theater from Pearl Harbor to the Philippines and was discharged in 1945. Member of St. Joseph Church, Blende; BPOE No. 90; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 145; and American Legion Post No. 203. He retired from CF&I Steel, where he was a gen-

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eral foreman. Funeral Mass, 1:30 p.m. Friday, St. Joseph Church, Blende, Internment with military honors by the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team at Roselawn Cemetery.

A letter was received from Harry and Frances Wittman regarding the death of Nathan McCall's wife, Gerry. Frances writes, "Gerry was a very sweet, special person, and will be missed by all. We attended Gerry's funeral services. The flowers and services were beautiful."

V. GERALDINE MC CALL

V. Geraldine Houk McCall, 70, of Frew Mill Road, who was a retired bookkeeper for the Whittaker Co., after working there 47 years, died the afternoon of May 25, 1997, in Sewickley Valley Hospital.

She was born in Castlewood, Lawrence County, December 26, 1926, to the late Samuel and Martha Shaffer Houk. Her husband, Nathan F. McCall, survives. They were married in 1980.

Mrs. McCall belonged to Second Presbyterian Church and Wimodausis.

Besides her husband at home, she is survived by nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Maupin; and three brothers, Robert H., Harold W. and Lloyd S. Houk.

Services were conducted May 28 at DeCarbo's by the Rev. Gordon Bean, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Slippery Rock Presbyterian Cemetery.

CHARLES W. DODGE, PORTSMOUTH SHIPYARD MACHINIST

Charles W. Dodge, 69, husband of Charlotte L. (Perry) Dodge of 50 East St., formerly of Liberty Street, Gloucester, died December 5, 1996 at the Cable Emergency Center, Ipswich, following the complications of an extended illness. He was born in Ipswich on Feb. 25, 1927, to the late Clifton W. and Adelaide G. (Day) Dodge, and was educated in Ipswich Public Schools.

Enlisting in the U.S. Army, he served as an infantry man with the Occupational Forces in Japan at the end of WW II. Following his training at Utilities Engineering Institute in Chicago, he went to work as a machinist at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He was later employed by General Dynamics in Groton, CT., and in Returning to the Portsmouth Shipyard, he retired in 1993. An avid reader of history, he also enjoyed home woodworking, vegetable gardening, hunting and his Brittany Spaniel, "Rusty."

Mr. Dodge was a member of Ipswich V.F.W. Post No. 1093, Ipswich Fish and Game Club, the Dodge Family Assn, the 34th Inf Regt, 24th Inf Div Assoc, and was formerly a sgt with the Ipswich Auxiliary Police Dept. He served many years with the Troop No. 101 Boy Scouts. He was also a longtime member of the Ascension Memorial Church, where he had been a vestryman, usher and a member of various committees. In addition to his wife of 44 years, he is survived by two sons, Stephen M. Dodge and Charles E. Dodge, both of Ipswich; one daughter, Cathryn Sylvester of Thornton, N.H.; 3 grandchildren, Lauren Bresnahan of Ipswich and Jennifer and David Bresnahan, both of Thornton, N.H.; and several nephews and nieces. He was the brother of the late Herbert H. Dodge, formerly of South Hampton, N.H.; Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 9, 1996 in the Ascension Memorial Church, burial in the Highland Cemetery, Ipswich.



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Deceased: 5/97
Richard L Ambrose
5th RCT 7/52-7/53
5854 Central Ave
Bonita CA 91902-2826

Deceased: Unknown
Walter I Bennett
Non-Member
Enfield MA

Deceased: 5/97
Delmar W Berresford
19th '40-'45
428 Insurance St
Beaver PA 15009-2111

Deceased: Unknown
Dr(Rev) Lamar S Clark
Non-Member
Reported by Dr A H Braden,
19th (Chaplain)

Deceased: 4/97
Arthur M Clarke
Div Hq '49-
1401 Lindenwood Dr
Fort Collins CO 80524-2231

Deceased: 3/97
Robert E Erio
Div HQ 12/45-3/48
202 Garrison St
Bulpitt IL 62517-9733

Deceased: 2/97
Gus Forsberg
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Menton KS

Deceased: 3/97
Stanley F Gross
63rd '42-'45
375 W Fremont St
Galesburg IL 61401-1674

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Donald Halderman
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Fresno CA

Deceased: 12/96
Troy W Harness
24th MP 10/44-12/45
3 Skyline Dr
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Duluth MN 55811-5241

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4 Hickory Dr
Elton College NC 27244-911

Deceased: 5/97
Geraldine McCall
RR 6 Box 12
Newcastle PA 16101-9002

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Frederick McCumber Sr
724th Ord '48-'50
127 Canal St
Frankfort NY 13340

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21st 5/51-5/52
72 Cook Ave
Lawrenceburg IN 47025-142

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21st 7/42-7/45
12379 W Livingston Cressey
Livingston CA 95334

Deceased: 1/95
Peter Rufo
Non-Member
106 Norman St
New Hyde Park NY 11040

Deceased:
JB Shipman
12/37-3/40
2209 S 43rd St
Temple TX 76504-6911

Deceased: 12/96
Louis Spaccamonti
11th '40-'44
2122 Hollywood Dr
Pueblo CO 81005-2706

Deceased: 9/96
Edward D Thompson
52nd '52-'53
PO Box 1980
Vancouver WA 98668-1980

Deceased: 5/97
John L Toohey
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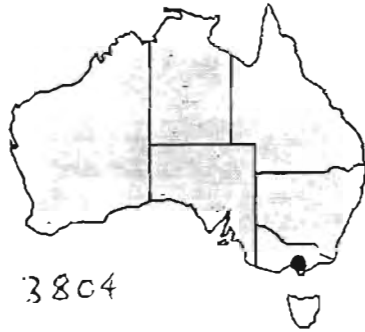


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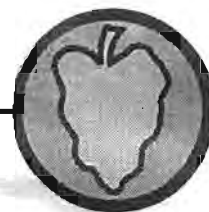
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