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The Taro Leaf

BALTIMORE CONVENTION SUPPLEMENT



Major Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief National Guard Bureau and First President 24th Inf. (Victory) Division Veterans' Association, confers with his successor as top man in the organization, Edmund F. Henry, former CWO, Div. Hq., presently an attorney in Attleboro, Massachusetts.



"THAT THESE HONORED DEAD"

Capt. Chris. J. Berlo, former chaplain, 19th Inf., offers prayer for the dead of the Division as bugler sounds taps at 1st annual convention in Baltimore

Highlights of the Baltimore Convention

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.

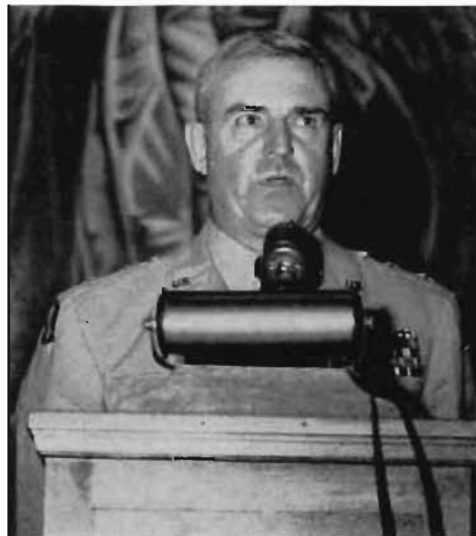
Many of the boys brought their wives. Some few of them had their youngsters in tow. The final counting of heads showed that the Victory Division was able to muster nearly three hundred assorted enthusiasts for that first get-together at the banquet. Next time it looks like a thousand, easily.

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., Rider-



Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff, Deputy Commander, 1st Army, former Commanding General 24th Infantry (Victory) Division, addresses delegates to first annual convention in Baltimore.

wood, 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 greet-

ed 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, sightseeing 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 intel-

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TIME OUT FOR PICTURE

General view of festivities at climactic banquet of 1st annual convention



Gallant Gimlets and Their Glamorous Gals at Convention Banquet

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ligence 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 treasury of the 24th Division Veterans' 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



GROUP FROM THE 34th—WITH REFRESHMENTS

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 coincide with the anniversary of Japan's surrender offer.

Discussion of proposed sites for the 1949 convention brought several suggestions. Colonel Thomas Gompere, 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 meet-

ing 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 convention then decided to take

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HEAVY BRASS FROM AROUND DIV. HQS.

Newman, Purcell, Cramer, Lingle, Cunningham, Jones, Mason, Heller, Short, D'Elia, Matthews, Compere and Zierath

Present--and Accounted For at Baltimore

Ames, Fisher, Hq. Co., 19th, 2729 Ontario Rd., Washington, D.C.
Antokolitz, S., 34th S.-21st St., Pottsville, Pa.
Aronson, Lt. Richard W., Co. D, 19th, Ft. Eustis, Va.
Backer, Victor, 34th, 480 Lexington Ave., New York City.
Bowling, J. O., Hq. Co. 19th, 9 Dudley Ferry Rd., Radford, Va.
Bazzinotti, Victor W., Co. I, 19th, 739 6th Ave., Ford City, Pa.
Bemis, Capt. Russell, 21st, 4304 So. 35th St., Arlington, Va.
Benavente, Joseph M., Co. G, 21st, 126 W. 82nd St., New York City.
Bergman, George A., Co. E, 21st, 210½ N. Center St., Plymouth, Indiana.
Berlo, Capt. Chris J., 19th Inf, Percy Jones Gen. Hosp., Battle Creek, Mich.
Birckbichler, Thomas G., 24th Rcn. Tr., RD 2, Butler, Pa.
Binkley, Lamar W., Co. L, 34th, RD No. 2, Mohnton, Pa.
Blaney, Capt. Kermit B., Co. L, 21st, 647 Spruce St., Morgantown, Pa.
Bogounoff, George, Btry C, 63 FA, Clarksburg, N. J.
Brenneman, Charles E., Hq. Co. 3rd Bn, 21st, Maryland Line, Md.
Brooks, Paul G., 11 FA, 1406 Eutaw Place, Baltimore 17, Md.
Bruce, Robert G., Co. I, 21st, 333 Wesmond Dr., Alexandria, Va.
Buck, Donald K., 34th, 1522 Linden St., Reading, Pa.
Bryson, Creighton, Co. K, 19th, 303 W. Washington St., Greensboro, No. Car.
Bunte, Carl P., Co. I, 19th, 48-09 Poyer St., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.
Burton, Ray., Co. K, 21st, Kents Store, Va.
Cardinale, James, Hq. Co., 1st Bn, 21st, 439 N. Patterson Pk. Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Carstensen, Maj. H. C., 3rd Eng., 3515 Legation Street, Washington, D. C.
Chapman, Lt. Col. George H., Jr., 19th Inf, 1119 N. Evergreen St., Washington, D. C.
Chouinard, Marc L., Div. Hqs, 456 W. Court St., Kankakee, Ill.
Cimmino, Vincent M., 309 2nd St., Cliffside Park, N. J.
Clingman, Heigh H., Co. B, 19th, 1321 Fairmont St., Washington, D. C.
Coers, Maj. Bert N., 21st, 1228 N. Vermont, Arlington, Va.
Compere, Thomas H., Div. Hqs, 163 Clifton St., Highland Park, Ill.
Condon, Herbert T., Co. F, 19th, AFIS Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa.



Eager Listeners - Capt. Geo. R. Scott & Harry L. Snavey (Maj. and CO of 2nd Bn, 34th)

Conn, Louis, Co. B, 19th, Boomer, West Va.
Corcoran, Edward M., Hq. Co. 1st Bn, 19th, USDB, New Cumberland, Pa.
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Craig, Lt. Col. William A., Div. Hqs, Student Det., QM School, Camp Lee, Va.
Cunningham, Walter, Div. Hqs, 625 S. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
Curles, Capt. Cecil M., Cn. Co., 21st, Oaklee Village, Baltimore, Md.
Davies, Jack, Hq. 3rd Bn., 34th, 10C River Park Apts., White Plains, N. Y.
Dice, Maj. Francis R., Hqs., 21st, 208 Oak Avenue, Pikesville 8, Md.
Donovan, Basil C., Co. K, 21st, 22011 Piper Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Dooley, Capt. Donald, Camp Lee, Va.
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Dick, Capt. Dallas, Co. C, 19th, Officers Club, Ft. Geo. Meade, Md.
Easley, Maj. H. P., Co. I, 19th, 20 Woodmor Dr., Silver Spring, Md.
Ender, Robert, Co. H, 21st, 425 Tenafly

Rd., Englewood, N. J.
Eyler, Floyd, Co. L, 21st, 511 Clayton Ave., Waynesboro, Pa.
Fair, Leland B., Univ. of Va., Charlottesville, Va.
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Fanning, James E., 34th, 84 Raeburn Ave., Rochester, N. Y.
Fairbrothers, Stanley, 63FA, Laughlinton, Pa.
Farrell, John, 21st, Riderwood, Md.
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Fitzgerald, John G., 34th, 245A Schenck Drive, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Fisher, Dr. Gordon P., 3rd Eng., 1546 Stonewood Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.
Flannery, John, Hq. Co., Div. Hqs., 104 Comstock St., New Brunswick, N. J.
Flora, Fred, Co. M, 21st, Box 407, Ontonagon, Mich.
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Fraser, S/Sgt. Kenneth, Hq. 3rd Bn., 21st, AGF Band, Ft. Geo. Meade, Md.
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Freeman, Coleman, AT Co., 21st, 2502 St. Paul St., Baltimore Md.
Fuller, Capt. John E., Div. Hqs., G-3 Sec., Hq. 9th Inf. Div., Ft. Dix, N. J.
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Gleeson, Clarence, Co. K, 21st, 14906 Dexter, Detroit, Mich.
Goldpaugh, John J., Hq. 3rd Bn., 21st, 345 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Goldstein, Abe. Co. A, 34th, 1347 Findlay Ave., Bronx, N. Y.
Gray, Frederick L., Sv. Co., 19th, 810 Academy St., Watertown, N. Y.
Hall, Capt. Claude H., 2nd Bn., 21st, 1307 N. Pierce St., Arlington, Va.
Hansen, Walter E., Cn. Co., 19th, 309 Sunset, West Reading, Pa.
Harkins, Russell L., Jr., Co. K, 34th Etters P. O., York County, Pa.
Hatterschilde, R. A., 3rd Eng., 1225 Oberlin Blvd., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Harrell, Francis E., Hq. Co., 21st, 3519 Nichols Ave. SE, Washington 20, D. C.
Heller, Francis H., Div. Arty., 204 Frank Strong Hall, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.
Henry, Edmund F., Div. Hqs., First Natl. Bank Bldg., Attleboro, Mass.
Hill, Wilbur W., 3506 Ordman Ave., Baltimore, Md.

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HEAD TABLE

Occupying positions of honor at head table during 1st annual convention banquet were: (left to right): Col. A. S. Newman (34th); Mrs. William J. Verbeck; Col. Chas. B. Lyman (21st); Mrs. A. S. Newman; Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving (former CG); Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff (former CG).

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up the matter of the choice of officers for the next twelve months. The nominating committee submitted nominations for president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, historian, chaplain and sergeant-at-arms.

The committee choices follow:

President, Edmund F. Henry, Div. HQ., Massachusetts

Vice-Presidents, Richard Krebs, Maryland, Div. HQ.; James Cardelli, Maryland; L. Edward McGuire, Washington, D. C., 21st Inf.; Ross W. Pursifull of Detroit, Michigan, 34th Inf.; Gerald Lockhart, California, 21st Inf.; James K. Short, California, Div. HQ.; James Y. Wilson, Fla., 19th Inf.; Col. Charles Jones, Maryland, 19th Inf.; and Col. William J. Verbeck, Washington, 21st Inf.

Secretary, Raymond J. Ford, Div. Arty. of Newton, Mass.

Treasurer, William Davidson, Div. Hq., Swedesboro, New Jersey.

Historian, Colonel A. S. Newman, 34th, Carlisle Brks, Pa.

Chaplain, Father Charles Brady, 21st Inf., Syracuse, New York.

Sergeant-at Arms, Lt. Col. James Purcell, 24th Sig. Co., New York.

The choices of the nominating committee, headed by Leland Leatherman, 21st Rgt. Hot Springs, Ark., were accepted and the nominees declared elected to all positions except that of vice-president. The committee nominated only nine men for ten available posts. Hence it was necessary to seek further nominations from the floor. These were made.

The floor nominees for vice-president were: Lt. Col. George Chapman, 19th Rgt., N. Y.; Victor Backer, 34th Rgt., New York; James G. Fairbrother, Pascoag, R. I., 34th Rgt; Col. Hugh Cort, Div. Arty., Arkansas and Thomas Com-



A Photogenic Group—On extreme right is James (Spike) O'Donnell, former T/Sgt. in 21st Inf.

pere, Div. Hq., Chicago.

It was decided to hold the vice-presidential election by Australian ballot. The names of nominees were posted at the entrance to the convention banquet hall. Ballots were distributed and counted after the evening's festivities.

Tabulation of votes showed the following to be elected vice-presidents of the Association, Ross W. Pursifull, 34th; Col. Wm. J. Verbeck, 21st; James Y. Wilson, 19th; Richard J. Krebs, Div. Hq.; Col. Charles H. Jones (Ret.) 19th; Thomas H. Compere, Div. Hq.; Gerald L. Lockhart, 21st; Col. Hugh Cort, Div. Arty.; James K. Short, Div. Hq.; James G. Fairbrother, 34th.

Final and climactic event of the first annual convention of the 24th Division Veterans' Association was the convention banquet in the main ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Seated at the head table were all

the big brass of the division, past and present. The opening function was the escort of the colors with music furnished by the color guard of the 175th Rgt, Maryland National Guard. During the banquet itself, the Hotel Orchestra played Hawaiian music.

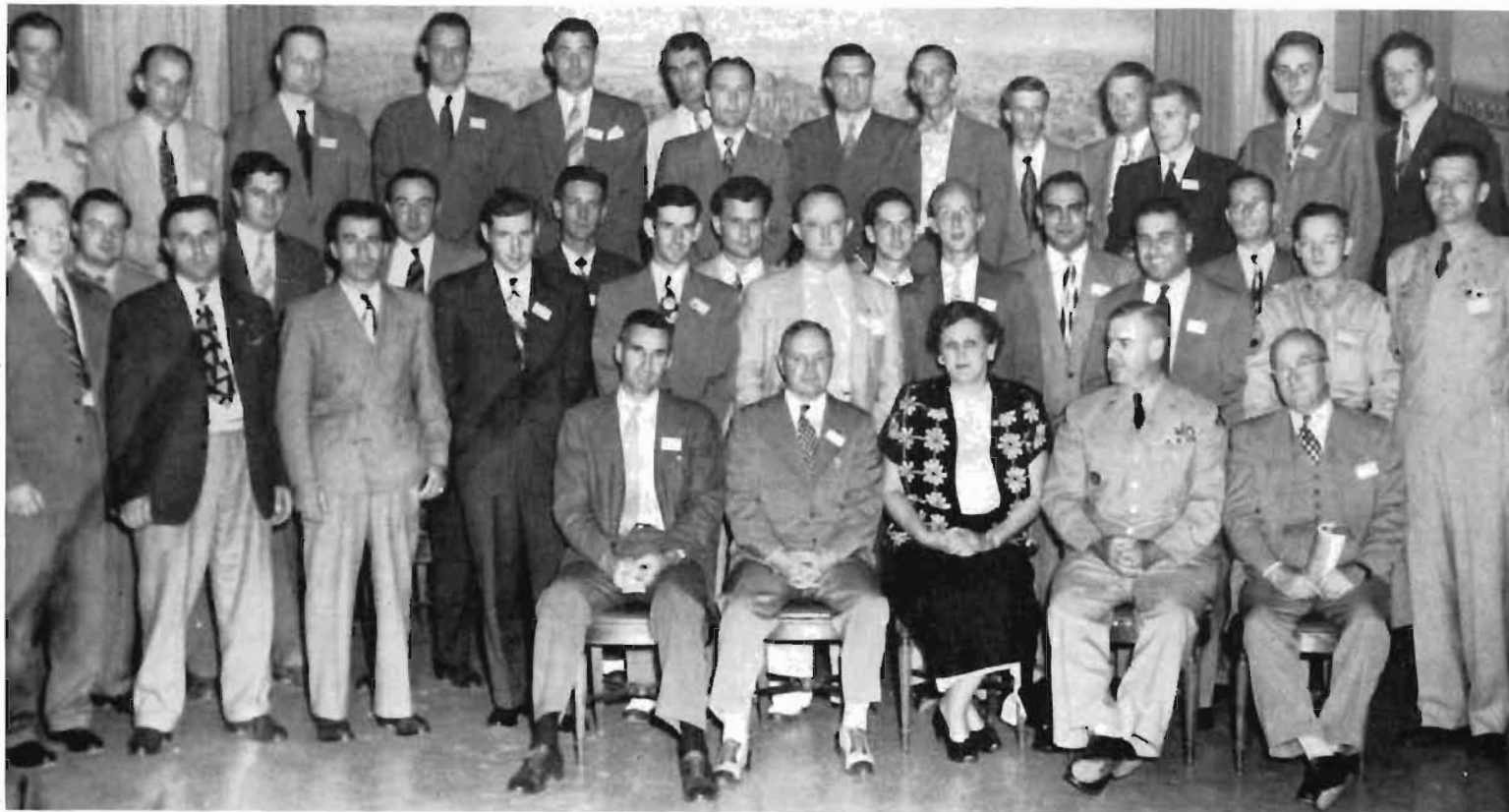
The meal over, came the time for post-prandial oratory. Under the able guidance of Gen. Cramer, the toastmaster, speeches were brief and to the point. Orators of the evening included: Edmund F. Henry, incoming president; Col. Bill Verbeck for the 21st; Col. Charles Jones for the 19th; Lt. Col. George Chapman for the 19th; Col. A. S. Newman for the 34th; Gen. Charles Lyman for the 21st; Major General R. B. Woodruff and Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving.

President-elect Henry read a cable from General Douglas MacArthur in

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Col. Chas. B. Lyman and Col. Wm. J. Verbeck surrounded by a group of former GIMLETS



Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving; Col. Chas. H. Jones (Ret.); Mrs. Sue McNeely (widow of Capt. John McNeely, Co. C); Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff; and Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Kramer, with a group of CHICKS.

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Kane, Joe, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 19th, 640 Bellevue Avenue, Akron, Ohio.
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King, Douglas W., Co. I, 21st, 253 Monroe St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Koenig, A. Bertram, 24th QM, 621 N. 2nd St., Phila. 23, Pa.
King, George, 19th, 342 So. Potomac St., Waynesboro, Pa.
Kulczyk, Daniel P., Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 21st, 29-155 Place, Calumet City, Ill.
Lawatsch, John J., Co. F, 19th, 2144 Lemay, Detroit, Mich.
Letherman, Leland F., 21st, 115 Park Hill, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
LeBrun, Allan L., Co. G, 19th, 436 S. Cornwall St., Baltimore, Md.
Levitt, Leonard, 24th QM, 4019 Edgewood Road, Baltimore 15, Md.
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Llewellyn, William T., Hqs. Co. 2nd Bn., 34th, 124 7th Ave., Lagrange, Ill.
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CABLE GREETINGS FROM MAJ. GEN. A. C. SMITH, COMMANDING 24th INFANTRY DIVISION

"Best wishes to you Veterans of the Division. May you have a happy, successful Convention and pleasant reunion. The record of the Division during the recent War was the result of able and gallant fighting by you Veterans and your fallen comrades. You have given the men who are now in the Division traditions that are an inspiration and a guide. We feel you are still with us and hope that our present relations may become increasingly close so that we may have mutual understanding and co-operation by our citizen soldiers and our citizen civilians, which is so vitally necessary to the well being of our Country."

Smith, C. G.

24th Infantry Division

Lyman, Col. Charles B., 21st, Pocopson, Pa.
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Morganthal, Andrew, 24th Sig. Co., Mont Alto, Pa.
Manuel, Peter, Co. H, 19th, Hqs. 2nd Army, Ft. George Meade, Md.
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Meyer, Leo J., 34th, 63-48 83 Place, Forest Hills West, N. Y.
Miller, Edward J., Co. D, 19th, 13172 Helen, Wyandotte, Mich.
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Murray, Joseph C., Co. G, 34th and Div. Hqs., 3605 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore 7, Md.
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Schlatter, Robert J., Co. G, 21st, Unionville, Conn.
Scott, George R., Hq. 3rd Armd. Div., G-3 Section, Ft. Knox, Ky.
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Smith, Willie R., Co. B, 19th, 1321 Fairmont St., Washington, D. C.
Sliwoski, PFC, John J., 21st, 167 Sig. Photo Co., Ft. Geo. Meade, Md.
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Snyder (formerly Schneiderman), Sam, Co. I, 34th, 1356 Walton Ave., New York City.
Stancil, Charles, Sv. Co., 19th, 520½ No. Cedar, Little Rock, Ark.
Stark, Nathan J., 34th, 255 West 88 St., New York City.
Stanley, George H., Co. I, 21st, 487-10 St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Stein, Leonard I., Co. I, 21st, 220 Boscobel Pl., New York City.
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Stephens, Clinton P., Div Hqs., 5600 Roxbury Place, Baltimore 9, Md.
Stona, Joseph, 34th, 520 Tinton Avenue, New York City.
Stolzenberg, Otto A., Div. Hqs., 6328 Homer Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
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Swast, John J., 21st, 2716 Terrace Rd. SE, Washington, D. C.
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Vickers, William E., Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 34th, 4642 Malden St., Chicago 40, Ill.
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Wicker, Capt. Glenes E., Co. F, 21st, 1305 N. Pierce St., Arlington, Va.
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Willoughby, W. N., Div. Hqs., Rm. c/o E 813 Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.
Witkowski, Thomas E., Co. C, 19th, Hqs. & Hqs. Co., Camp Halsbird, Baltimore, Md.
Woodruff, Maj. Gen. R. B., CG, Governors Island, N. Y.
Wise, Richard A., Sv. Co., 19th, Central Ave., East Bangor, Pa.
Wiegmann, Edward, Cn. Co., 19th, 2210 Oliver Street, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Zehner, Russell C., Hqs. Co., 19th, 514 W. Market Street, Orwigsburg, Pa.
Zierath, Lt. Col. Frederick R., 19th, 5007 N. 26th St., Arlington, Va.

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 chaplain 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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which the General expressed regret at his inability to be present but observed that no division under his command was dearer to him than the 24th.

In response, 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

FINANCIAL

Reported by E. F. Henry, Temp. Sec'y & Treas.
at Assn. meeting 14 Aug. 1948

Cash in checking account	\$ 502.65
Cash in saving account with accrued interest	\$ 1,363.13

Total	\$ 1,865.78
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Supplementary report as of close of Convention

Receipts:

Registration	\$ 340.00
Banquet reservations	910.00
Profit from sale of lapel pins	45.50
	\$ 1,295.50

Disbursements:

Banquet - To Hotel	\$ 729.12
Orchestra	55.00
Program	25.00
Badges	37.74
Miscellaneous	22.86
	\$ 869.72

Excess of receipts over disbursements re Convention*	425.78
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Cash on hand as of 14 Aug. 1948	\$ 2,291.56
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*Not including \$52.00 rec'd at Convention for Association Memberships.