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VERBECK HOSPITALITY BLOOMS AGAIN

BILL VERBECK (21st) announces that there will be a beer party for all 24th's at his home, 2320 N. Florida St., Arlington, Va. on July 4th. This is an annual event. A grand time is guaranteed for all who attend. Bill says, "I'm buying five barrels of beer. I'll show people where the bathroom is, and from then on, everyone is on his own." We'll see you there, Bill. Thanks for the invitation.

Let's meet at Bill's house on the 4th, fellows, if you're close to Arlington over the holiday. This promises to be a real curtain raiser for the '52 Convention. Make it by all means, if you can.

THIS AND THAT

There are still thousands of men who are eligible for Assoc. membership who likely have not heard of the Assoc.

Here's a request that your Editor makes of each one of you in order to get the word around concerning our reunion which is fast approaching.

Will each member please -- please -- see that publicity of the Convention is given in his local newspaper? In that way, many will see it who would not otherwise be informed.

Let's all put our shoulders on this one and get the word around. Please!

OVER AND UNDER

GOL. BILL JENNA (34th) has moved to 830 Sistina Ave., Coral Gables, Fla.

HERE AND THERE

We are determined, in this issue, to make our articles more brief, but only in an effort to enable us to include herein a greater number of individual items. We'd welcome your comments as to whether in sacrificing detail in this way, the stories reported have lost any of their flavor.... We are racking our brains for new innovations for the Columbus reunion. We want this one to be full of prizes and surprises. We've got a lot of them all ready. Do you have any? Please send them on to Ken Ross. We are guaranteeing the best Convention ever this year.... HERVEY L. WILEY (G34 from G/43 to 1/45) has joined our ranks. He's in the furniture business in Norway, Maine, is married, and has 2 children. Herve says "I hardly knew what I was missing until I joined up with you fellows." That's what we keep telling them down at the office, Herve. Welcome aboard.... Here and elsewhere in this issue, we make statements of fact (without comment) as to the location of certain of the VA's 154 hospitals. We ask only the question: How did so many of them get constructed in small, out-of-the-way places? For instance, in the town of Roseburg, Ore. (pop. 8000) there's a 750 bed hospital which had only 584 patients at the end of '51. Roseburg is the home of Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R, Ore.) of the House Rules Committee.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE HAVE PLANS WELL UNDERWAY FOR AUG.

Heavy and continuing pre-registration for the annual Convention at Columbus indicates that attendance at the 5th annual reunion of the 24th Division will surpass that at all previous gatherings. Baltimore, New York, Chicago and Detroit each threaten to be but child's play as the 3-day program now being prepared for the enjoyment of the Taro Leafers promises to outshine any and all former efforts.

IN AND OUT

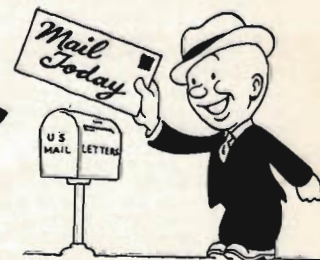
The President has nominated Col. BARKSDALE HAMLETT, Div. Art. Commander to be a temporary Brigadier General.... CHAPLAIN (Capt.) GERHARDT W. HYATT who served with the Division in Korea until Aug. '51, has joined the staff of the Office Chief of Chaplains in Washington.... The San Francisco and Des Moines Better Business Bureaus have recently had occasion to inquire into our legitimacy. Prospective members in those cities have evidently received our mail and have appealed to the local BBB's to determine if we are on the level. Please be advised that we were born in holy wedlock and that the issue is legitimate. We are entitled to carry the name of our poppy and our mommy, and if anyone wants proof that we aren't spurious, please contact the D/A, Pentagon, as they have records of our existence.... The Deshler Walleck -- that's a magic name. 24th's are learning it more clearly possibly than most others just now. For this famous hostility is to be the scene of our 1952 General Assembly. KEN ROSS, who has taken on the chairmanship of the general committee on arrangements, promises the Association the greatest Convention in its history.



Don't go any further



Clip the Coupon - fill it in - and



We've said this before, but it bears repeating so we're saying it again. If you're planning to be with us at Columbus in August-and it goes without saying that we hope that you are-will you please help the Committee by letting those concerned know in advance that you'll be there. The pre-registration blank over on the right is for that purpose. If you haven't done so already, want you please fill it out and send it in to the Secretary today. Please.

There are to be only two assessments made at the Convention-the \$1 registration fee and the banquet fee which will be in the amount of \$3 or \$4 depending upon how well Ken Ross is able to bargain with the hotel manager when he goes out to Columbus as the advance guard early in July. We'll give you complete details in the August issue which we hope to have in your hands by July 25th.

\$1.00 PRE-REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Attached find \$1.00 to cover my REGISTRATION fee for the 1952 REUNION, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 15, 16 & 17, 1952:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & STATE _____

SERVICE UNIT _____ (Co., Btry, BN., and Regt.)

I will bring with me _____ other people.

Mail to Joseph I. Peyton, Sec'y., 131 N. Culver St., Baltimore, Maryland

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Hear about the bridegroom who
bragged that he'd only been mar-
ried a week and already they heard
the pater of little feet? When
shocked friends demanded an ex-
planation, he said, "My mother-
in-law's a midget, you know."

"The way you girls dress, I can't
see what keeps you from freezing."
"You're not supposed to be
brother, you're not supposed to."

Rooster: "What are you doing
down in the cellar?"
Hen: "Just laying in a supply
of coal, dear."

Ex-GI: "Why were you running
up the street?"
Man: "I was running to stop a
fight."

Ex-GI: "Who was fighting?"
Man: "Me and the fellow run-
ning after me."

Then there was the two nudists
who decided they'd been seeing
too much of each other lately.

The cleverest cat we know is the
one who eats cheese and then
breathes down a rat hole with
baited breath.

Vet: "Is this a modern farm
house?"
Farmer: "Nope, just five rooms
and a path."

Cop (to guy in the gutter):
"Drunk?"
Guy In The Gutter: "Coura-
not, I'm jush holdin' this park-
ing place for a friend."

Cop: "Can't you see that sign.
Fine for Parking?"
Vet: "Yeah, it sure is, isn't it?"

Decorative spice

BILL BESON (Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 19th) of Brook-
field, Mo. has inquired as to the Division
Directory. Here's the latest poop, Bill. We
thought we'd include certain sections of it
each month right in the Taro Leaf. This de-
cision was based on several reasons, as fol-
lows: 1) it will save money at this critical
time in our history - not that money is any
object (our appetite calls for champagne but
out pocketbook tells us to water our beer);
2) we find that the addresses are changing
so fast that a book today would be out of
date tomorrow. Your hairless secretary
attributes his present condition in large
measure to this never-ending attempt to keep
up with the changes. The changes which we
know about average two per day. The changes
which we never get straightened out number
about twice as many more. If phony addresses
are useless to us, we reason that they'll be
equally valueless to you -- or are you col-
lecting bum addresses these days? If so,
sound off. We've got 4500 of them.

JOHN H. BRUENING, JR. (B-52F from 6-41 to
9-45) writes us from Quincy, Ill., asking us
to put out a call to all Baker Battery men of
the 52nd Field. Johnnie wants to hear from
them. He writes that when he was discharged,
all of his personal belongings were stolen.
(It's an old story, Johnnie. There was one
b---- like that in every camp.) At any rate,
he lost his address book among other things
and as a result he has lost all contact with
his buddies. O.K. you Baker boys, line up
and write! Johnnie, his wonderful wife, and
their two kiddos, Danny and Cindy, are con-
sidering making the Columbus Convention. We
are sure you won't regret it, Johnnie. The
committee is going all-out to make you as
happy as a cat eating catnip from the moment
you arrive until you leave.

The Bulletin Board

Mrs. Mabel M. Hoak, of 1444 Sylvan Terr.,
Wilkinsburg, Pa., writes us concerning her
son, PFC CHARLES R. HOAK (L-21) who has been
reported as missing in action at Chochiwon
since July 11, 1950. Will anyone who knows
anything about her son's fate communicate
with this mother? She understands that one
of his buddies saw him marched away as a
POW. This buddy is supposed to have been
back here in this country on a bond tour
when this report was given by him. Unfor-
tunately, his name is not known. Any word
on her son will be gratefully appreciated
by Mrs. Hoak.... We want very much to help
good friends such as Mrs. Hoak; that is one
reason for our existence.... There's a
1000 bed VA hospital in Dublin, Ga. (pop.
10,232) which happens to be the home of Rep.
Carl Vinson (D, Ga.) chairman of the House
Armed Services Committee.... Some 3rd
Engineer from Toledo, Ohio, whose name we
are requested not to disclose but whose
initials are E.H., sends us this one for re-
printing:

Re: How's your girl these days?
Him: Not so good, not so good.
Re: You always were lucky.....

ODDS and ENDS

As we go to press, we have just conducted
an interesting survey. In Columbus, Ohio,
we have four members. They are CHARLIE DAVIS
(724 Ord), AL MILLER (A-21), WAYNE RUGH (24
Sig), and LARRY SPEARMAN. We have the names
and addresses of 82 prospective members.
Think of it! There are 82 prospects in the
city that is playing host for us in August.
AL MILLER is hard at work trying to correct
that situation before Convention time.....

once over lightly

LEWIS BEAVER (52F) of Chicago, Ill.,
thoughtfully sent us a photograph for use in
this issue. Unfortunately it was dark and
therefore would not reproduce. We're sorry,
Lew, but thanks anyway.

YIPPEE..



We make no secret of a very special kind
of manly affection which we have for Fred
Irving. We want the whole world to know of
it too. We are especially proud to
reproduce herewith a very fine picture of
him which appeared in the May, '52 issue of
National Geographic Magazine in connection
with the story, "The Making of a West Pointer".
On the right shoulder of the uniform of the
Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy,
there "shines a Taro Leaf". We hope and pray
that our printer this month will be especially
careful in an endeavor to bring out the
detail in this photo so as to do full
justice to that uniform and the very fine
gentleman who wears it so well. We are proud
too that as the "WPPA" marks a century and
a half of training men for leadership, it is
commanded by one who has through the years
demonstrated such loyalty and devotion to
our own beloved Division.

Are there strings tied to it?

SFC MELVIN R. GRIFFITH (3rd Bn. 21 from
8-50 to 2-51) is now in the Adjutant Gen-
eral's School at Ft. Ben Harrison. Regret-
tably we identified Mel as "Griffin" instead
of Griffith in our April issue. Hence, the
correction. We're sorry, Mel.... Marie
Wells, wife of CHARLIE WELLS, writes us that
he is back in the service again. If any of
his friends want to write him he may be
reached at his home address, 96 Albion St.,
Somerville, Mass. Thanks for thinking of
us, Marie.... Did you catch the article
on "Columbus, Ohio" in the May 3rd Saturday
Evening Post? It refers to the city as "one
of the nation's most popular convention
cities." Be sure to read the whole article;
it's an eye opener.... Bath, N. Y. (pop.
5,416) has a 500 bed VA hospital. Bath is
the home of Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R, N.Y.),
a member of the House Armed Services Com-
mittee. Coincidence?.... A 21st Baker
Company man (unidentified) sends us this
one:

"The bachelor's a oagey guy
And has a lot of fun.
He sizes all the cuties up
And never Mrs. one".....

We were there...

Mrs. Howard Kelly, 1931 Laurel St.,
Pittsburgh 33, Pa., mother of Pvt. ROBERT T.
KELLY, MIA, writes to ask us to endeavor to
find anyone who knew Bob. He was reported
MIA on July 12, 1950. Mrs. Kelly says that
anyone who can tell her anything will have
her deepest gratitude. Will anyone who can
help Mrs. Kelly write to her without delay,
please.



We offer above a picture snapped at
BILL VERBECK'S (21st) recent "gathering of
the clan". Pictured, left to right, are
JIM THOMPSON (21st), JOHNNIE FARRELL (21st),
Harmonica Bill himself, JOHNNIE LEAHY (21st),
and our Editor, JOE PEYTON (19th).

HAND IN HAND..

The mails these days are bringing us many
heartbreaking letters such as the one below.
We believe that you as members want us to
give space to publishing them. It is our
sincere hope that you will read these and
that some one of you will be able to help
the writer. The latest is from Mrs. Barbara
Albrecht of 5167 Columbo St., Pittsburgh,
24, Pa. She writes:

"A mother of a missing son told me that
you may be able to tell me something about
my son, PFC JOHN A. ALBRECHT, RA13288887,
who was in combat with the 3rd Battalion,
21st Inf., 24th Div., July 1950. John has
not been seen since. Then in July 1951 I
received a letter from the Adjutant Gen-
eral's office that John's name had been picked
up on a propaganda broadcast that they had
him a prisoner. His name did not come up on
the Red List. I have waited two years now
and I can stand the truth. In World War II
my son Joe lost sight of one eye. Sgt. Edgar
was in World War II and Korea and is now
stationed at Fort Hayes. I wrote to John
but get no answer. We would be glad to hear
he was a prisoner for sure. At least there
would be life, and some hope. I hope that
you can tell me something about John. I am
very thankful that we mothers can write to
you."

Is there anyone out there who can shed
any hope and light for Mrs. Albrecht? Think
hard, fellows -- here's a dear woman who is
depending on us.

CPL. KEN KALISAK got it about a year ago
and is still at Percy Jones Hospital, Battle
Creek, Mich. Ken complains that time is
dragging. We've sent him some reading
material. How about you doing likewise?
Let's keep Ken busy so as to help him pass
away the time until his recovery is com-
plete.... M/SGT. ERVIN KOELLING (21st) is
another one who is hospitalized and wants
to hear from the boys. He's in Ward 10-A at
the hospital at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Erv
hopes to be a civilian by Convention time
and promises to be at Columbus. We'll be
looking for you, Erv....

LETTERS

CHARLIE WELLS (21st) writes us from the 40th Inf. Div. in Chuncheon, Korea. He reenlisted last Feb. and tried to rejoin the 24th, but had no luck. He writes that he's passing the word around among 24th'ers in the 40th Div. Thanks, Charlie..... Our Chaplain, FR. CHRIS BERLO has been appointed as Chairman of the Memorial Service Committee for our Columbus Convention. Fr. BERLO is planning a new, simple and impressive ceremony which everyone of us looks forward to witnessing. We hope that this service will become a tradition with the Association..... STAN MELOY (19th), presently Commanding General at Benning, reports that the boys there recently had a 19th Infantry Dutch Treat party at which 30 were present. They are also planning a 24th Division Dinner at which time he hopes to organize a Chapter of the Assoo. Good luck to you, Stan and all the boys down there.



While we're furnishing you with the words in this issue to many of the tunes which we sang while with the old Division, we have the words for as many more which discretion tells us we had best not include in this publication, lest our standing with the Post Office Department be jeopardized. We'll have them for you at Columbus, however, in case you need the printed words to recall to your mind such old favorites as "The Ball of Kerry Muir", "Waltzing Matilda", "O'Reilly's Daughter", "The Old Monk", and all the others.

AT EASE

FRANCIS W. MENNEMEYER (G-21) of Bethalto, Ill. hopes that a good number of the George Company boys are at Columbus. Francis is bringing his wife along and hopes that other George boys are too..... We caught a little item in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Sidney Shallett wrote 5500 cases of officers in the services have been investigated where said officers were claiming their parents as dependents. In almost 1100 cases, fraud has been established. The average amount illegally collected was \$1700 per officer, or a total of \$1,870,000 on the cases discovered so far. What we want to know is what the Department of Defense is doing about these bums. As far as we know, these pseudo-gentlemen have been luckier than the West Pointers who shocked the nation a year ago. We know of no mass movement to put these dependency swindlers in their place..... CHARLIE D. McCLOSKEY (21st) of Croton-on-the-Hudson, N.Y., has sent us a nice long list of names and addresses of his 24th buddies. We wish everyone who hasn't already done so would send us such lists. It's about the only way we have to contact new people. We didn't have a single name on the list Charlie sent us. Charlie writes "the paper's great -- I only wish there were more issues". Down, boy, down!! It's just about all we can handle getting it out now. We'll see you at Columbus, Charlie, when we can really cry on your shoulder. Troubles -- you think you've got troubles?

The Sound and the Fury

Other Senators who have VA hospitals in their home towns are Taft (Cincinnati), Kerr and Monroney (Oklahoma City), Long (Shreveport), O'Connor and Butler (Baltimore), Humphrey (Minneapolis), Kem (Kansas City), Hennings (St. Louis), Miliken (Denver), Douglas (Chicago), Schoepfel (Wichita), Hill (Montgomery, Ala.), Hayden (Phoenix, Ariz.), Lehman (New York, N.Y.) and Fulbright (Fayetteville, Ark.). We were going to furnish a list of members of the House who have VA hospitals in their home towns. We gave up as the coincidences were too numerous and there just isn't enough space in this issue to give you a complete report.

Dear Reader:

If you want to combine other activities with your trip to Columbus this summer, and if it's a regatta that you want, there's the Interlake Yachting Association's Regatta at Put-In-Bay, Ohio on August 17th. And there are the finals in the International Soap Box Derby at Akron, Ohio, also on August 17th..... As Convention time draws near, it seems advisable to get a few of the old songs down in black on white. Some of you have got to do some rehearsing. There was one that used to go, and we believe that it still goes, like this:

#1

Oh, they built the ship Titanic
And when they had got through
They said that they had a ship
That the water could not get through
But the Lord with His mighty hand
Said "That ship it will not stand"
It was sad when that great ship went down.

(Chorus)

Oh, it was sad
Oh, it was sad
It was sad when that great ship went down
To the bottom of the..... sad
Oh it was sad
It was sad when that great ship went down
To the bottom of the.....
ad infinitum.

And lest you forget, there were two other verses to that tune:

#2

They were far from Eng-gel-land
They were far from the shore
And the rich they refused
To associate with the poor
So they put them down below
Where they were the first to go
It was sad when that great ship went down.

#3

They were far from the land
They were far out to sea
And the band it played
"Nearer My God to Thee"
And the Captain tried to wire
But the wires they were on fire
It was sad when that great ship went down.

New DEVELOPMENTS

We report with mixed emotions that an official shoulder patch has been authorized for the 5th RCT. It is the first patch authorized for the exclusive use of America's third oldest regiment (1815). The patch is the famous red pentagon field insignia surrounded by a white border. So long as the regiment formed an integral part of the 24th Div. the men of the 5th were invited to wear the "Taro Leaf". The regiment wore this patch until the 24th left Korea. We are happy for the 5th RCT that they have at last been officially recognized. We regret that they will no longer wear the Taro Leaf insignia. It was -- and is -- a grand team. It's days of association with the 24th will never be forgotten..... The 5th RCT is now commanded by Col. Alexander D. Surles, Jr. You are leading a terrific bunch of men, Colonel. We're proud of 'em.....

MEMBERS

(PAST AND PRESENT)

of the

24th INFANTRY DIVISION

and their families and friends

are cordially invited to attend

the

Fifth Annual Reunion

of the ASSOCIATION

to be held at the

DESHLER-WALLICK HOTEL

Columbus, Ohio

CANNON PLUGS

Do you want a copy of the "Pictorial History of the 24th Division in Korea"?

Fill out the form provided below and mail it today. The cost includes wrapping and mailing. Don't delay

Division Pictorial History

APC 24, c/o P.M.

San Francisco, Calif.

Here is my postal money order for \$5.00 for a copy of the 400 page "Pictorial History." Please mail it to me



This picture of JIM WILLIAMS (Med. Co. 34th) who was killed in action on July 29, 1950 was sent to us by his mother, Mrs. Ward Williams, 620 Leonard St., Alton, Ill. Anyone remembering Jim is asked to write to Mrs. Williams.

POLITICS

We've been giving some thought to turning this membership business over to certain interested members who would operate on a commission basis. What are your thoughts on this? Are you for or against such a plan? Please let us know..... BILL BYRD'S Time and Place Committee is hard at work. 1953 possibilities include Lexington, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., and Hot Springs, Ark. Be sure to write to BILL BYRD at 301 St. 12 St., Fort Smith, Ark. and give him your thoughts. We want everyone's idea on this problem. This is no closed proposition. No clique runs this outfit. This is your club. Exercise your right to sound off..... We sent 1000 copies of the June issue of the Taro Leaf to the Division in Japan. We are anxious for those people to know more about us. We have found too many new members recently returned from Korea and Japan who tell us that they had never heard of the Assoo while they were overseas.



• YOU TELL US •

Our recent plug in the American Legion magazine has given rise to quite a few inquiries. We're delighted to reply to each one..... M. J. FINEGOLD has moved from Niles, Ohio, to Miami, and wants the '53 Convention to be held there. It's an idea!..... Waukesha, Wis. (pop. 21,233) is the hometown of Rep. Glenn R. Davis (R, Wis.) member of the House Appropriations Committee. Waukesha sports a 300 bed VA hospital which only had 197 patients in Dec. '51. Coincidence?

BUSINESS IS GOOD

In case you think we're working overtime trying to come up with new ideas, don't be alarmed; you're absolutely right. We have one right here which we'd like to try out.

The 100 PROSPECTS below in Arizona have not joined up in spite of the fact that we have extended invitations to them. How about each member picking a name at random from the list, dropping him a line, and asking him to join. Let's flood these guys with letters so that they'll join just to give the postman a break. GEORGE CHINN, DICK MILLER and LEO ROMO are our only members there.

We've got to grow in size or we are faced with extinction. The government may spend its way into prosperity and good times but you and we and this Association cannot.

Here are 100 Arizona boys who haven't joined up -- please drop one or more of them a line today:

ALEXANDER A. AIKEN, Rt. 8, Box 643, Phoenix
PAUL W. ALLEN, Taylor (724 Ord)
GENE H. ANGLE, 2309 W. Jefferson, Phoenix
FRANK ANGUIS, Box 407, Tampa
ROBERTO M. ARGOMANTZ, 101 Col. St., Yuma
WALTER E. BALL, Box 294, W.A.F.B., Chandler
JOHN S. BARCLAY, Patagonia
RICHARD BATES, Box 128, Benson
JOE M. BEGUY, Tubay (E 19)
RICHARD F. BIALKE, 737 N. Stunehue, Tucson
GREEN W. BICKLE, 2610 E. Moreland, Phoenix
ALBERT D. BINGHAM, Rt. 5, Box 454, Tucson
MARTIN P. BLAINE, Ajo
DAVID E. BLAIR, Vernon
THOMAS E. BONAR, Box 753, Glendale
LOUIS G. BRACOMONTE, Globe
JAMES H. BRANCH, 137 N. 9th Ave., Yuma
LAWRENCE H. BREWER, Rt. 1, Box 293A, Mesa (AT 19)

WINFRED L. BROWN, Box 1027, Casa Grande (52 F)

JUNIOR B. BULLARD, Box 182, Rt. 1, Glendale
ERNEST BUSTAMANTE, Box 933, Flagstaff
WILBUR L. CAMERON, 1923 E. Apache, Phoenix
BENNETT CARLILE, Box 36, Laveen
FRANK M. CARRILLA, Douglas
THOS. E. CARTER, c/o USFB, Box 1490, Flagstaff (Div.Hq.)

ARTHUR H. CASSA, San Carlos, Ariz.
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ABRAM F. FIGUEROA, Patagonia (Cn 19)
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LORENZO GALLEGOB, Box 684, Williams (A-34)

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RUBIN GONZALES, Gila Bend
MIGUEL M. GRANILLO, 733 Anita, Tucson (11F)
JOSEPH E. GRANT, 125 S. Central, Glendale
WILSON GRAY, c/o Red Lake Trading Post, Tonala (B 19)

RUDOLPH A. GUERRERO, 132 Walnut, Nogales (B 19)
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Maj. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan, Deputy C/S of FECOM, looks over galley proofs of the Pictorial History. Cpl. Saul Stadmauer, editor of the book, shows the general the proofs as layout man, Sgt. Garth Batt, and OIC, Major Sumner Wilson, look on.

NOW...in 1952

Waco, Tex. (pop. 84,706), home of Rep. Wm. R. Poage (D, Tex.), member of the House Committee on Agriculture, has a VA hospital. Coincidence?.... Quite by accident, in our Jan.-Feb. issue, we failed to report any members in Michigan. There are 79 very loyal and enthusiastic members in that state and we apologize to each one for the error.... CLAYTON A. MATE (34th from 5-44 to 12-45) is an Asst. Dept. Head at Sears, Roebuck in Detroit these days. He has "a red haired wife and three daughters, one girl a red head." Clayton was a radio chief with the 34th.... ROSS PURSIFULL (34th) spent two months this winter in Austria and Switzerland. Recently he stopped in at Stamping Ground, Ky. to watch ROBCOE CLAXON (724th) do his spring plowing.... JOSEPH "BEN" SARVIS (K-34 from 2-47 to 1-48; of Albuquerque, New Mexico (4212 E. Copper St.) wants to know what has happened to second cook "Red" Marshall who lived, at last report, at Chico, Calif. Where are you, Red? Likewise he wants to hear from the other cooks, Sarge, Jensen, and "Red" from Utah. Get going, you men of King Company. There's a call for you.

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New Korean Campaigns

Two new Korean battle campaigns have been designated by the Army.

1. The United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive, applicable within the territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters between 9 July 1951 and 27 Nov. 1951; and

2. The Second Korean Winter, applicable to the same area between 28 Nov. 1951 and a date to be determined.

Previously announced campaigns with the time limits are:

UN Defensive, 27 June to 15 Sept. 1950;

UN Offensive, 16 Sept. to 2 Nov. 1950; Chinese Communist Forces Intervention, 3 Nov. 1950 to 24 June 1951;

First UN Counteroffensive, 25 Jan. to 21 Apr. 1951; and the Chinese Communist Forces Offensive, 22 Apr. to 8 July 1951.

"All-American" Selection...

In our last issue, we reported on KIM JANG HWAN, the Korean refugee who followed the Division for nearly a year. We credited Bob Heim with bringing the young man to the states. Bob immediately wrote us a letter to the effect that the entire credit belongs to Sgt. Carl L. Powers (21st) Dante, Va.

We immediately dispatched a letter to Carl and asked him for his report. Carl tells us that on or about Dec. 15, 1950, his regiment moved into Suwon where the Regtl. Personnel Section found themselves with a Korean "houseboy" who attached himself for rations. The gang named him Billy and Carl in the months that followed taught him English. Billy was interested in coming to America and Carl proceeded to make it possible. In Dec. of last year, when Carl came home with Billy following, Bob Heim met Billy at 'Frisco and in due time, Billy went on to Virginia where Carl lives.

Carl is his sponsor, all expenses pertaining to his entry into this country being borne by him.

Last Feb., Billy was entered at Bob Jones University in Greenville, So. Carolina.

Carl sums it all up with a statement which is so priceless we dare not paraphrase it. It speaks for itself and shows you what kind of man we have in the 24th:

"People have asked me dozens of times why I chose to help this boy. The answer lies in the background of America, itself. America is here to bring hope to the world, to brighten the dark corners with sunshine and give man the privileges he rightfully deserves. In Korea, I was a representative from America. I was America! Billy's homeland was then, and still is, under the dreaded grip of war; a war that seemingly had no end. His home was in danger. All schools were either destroyed or over crowded and poorly furnished. He has no father. His three brothers, one of which is in the Korean army, and one sister are in no shape to give him much support. His mother was in a battle of her own with old age and was very poor. She could not give Billy much toward schooling. Billy was so young, eager to learn, and prove himself worthy anyone's trust. He possessed talent, imprisoned because of war, which could be useful in present days. His kindness and genial ways were always prevalent and could never be denied. I had a chance to make this boy happy and at the same time answer his dreams. I knew I had only one chance to lift him from the clutching hands of tyranny and introduce him into a world he'll never forget. I became determined to help Billy. Now I have given hope to a child, brightened his life and given him privileges he rightfully deserves."

Every member of the Association salutes you, Carl!

PUT IT THIS WAY

We want to include a word or two about the men who are responsible for the new Division History book, announced elsewhere in this issue.

Major Sumner S. Wilson was Managing Editor and Officer in Charge of the project. He graduated from the Univ. of Miami and worked on newspapers in Florida and West Virginia. Landing at Inchon with the 3rd Log. Command, Sumner was transferred to the Div. in June, 1951 and is with them now. This history is his second venture in this field. He wrote a similar history for the 36th Div. following WWII. His home is in New Rochelle, New York, where he resides with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson.

Of the book, Sumner writes:

"We screened all the Army Photographs taken in Korea during the time the Division was there. We selected the best, not only those that show the 24th in action, but those that clearly indicate the terrain features of the country, those that show the historical happenings of the time the Division was there, and those that show the life of the poor downtrodden Korean citizen. We have included pictures of visiting USO shows: Al Jolson, Bob Hope, Danny Kaye, Monica Lewis to name a few. We have pictured the arrival at Division of Vice President Barkley, of Cardinal Spellman, of Governor Dewey, and others. We have taken pictorially to Japan on R&R leave a GI and pictured him with the beautiful Japanese sights as a background. We also have shown war at its worst. The picture story of the first GI to give his life for the UN. The horrible results of fiendish atrocity committed by the Communists. In fact, I feel we have the Korean story complete in one volume, a thousand pictures - almost the same as saying 'five cents a picture.'"

Sumner modestly reports that full credit for the book goes to two men, neither of whom had ever had any experience in this line. He reports that they have toiled long and hard to make it the fine work that it is.

Saul Stadtmayer, of Brooklyn, New York, was Editor. Saul served as a writer in the PIO section before he took the editor's chair. Before joining the Army, Saul had been to MIT and NYU.

Garth Batt, of San Diego, Calif., was Art Editor. Garth was "drafted" out of the Chemical Section in Div. Hq. for the job of assisting on the book.

As our tribute to these three men, we have already presented them with complimentary memberships in our Assoc. We are proud of what they have done for the Division and welcome them into the Assoc.

We say to each and all of them, "WELL DONE!"

LET 'EM
LICK
STAMPS!

Sheridan, Wyo. (pop. 11,500) sports a 750 bed VA hospital. Rep. Wm. H. Harrison (R, Wyo.) member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, resides there. Coincidence?.... ROBERT "ROBIN" DANIELS (Div. Hq. 11-44 to 7-48) was on a feather meroving trip to FEC recently and while in Tokyo ran into GALUDE HALL (Div. Hq. 6-42 to 8-45). Robin reports that Claude is "still in the G-2 racket this time at the GHQ level in Tokyo." Robin also saw BEV REED (Div. Hq. 2-43 to 10-45) at the G-3 Section in 6th Army Headquarters. Let's have a word from you, Bev.

"KNOW-HOW"

Elsewhere in this issue we have indicated the names of Congressmen who have VA hospitals in their home towns. Here are a few more: Sen. Theodore F. Green (D, R.I.) Providence; Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D, Tenn.) Memphis; Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D, Wyo.), Cheyenne; Sen. Hugh Butler (R, Neb.) Omaha; Sen. Pat McCarran (D, Nev.) and Sen. Geo. Malone (R, Nev.), both Reno; Sen. Dennis Chavez (D, New Mex.) and Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D, New Mex.) both Albuquerque. Coincidences?

thank you!

**We Thought It Was Good
But We Didn't Realize
It Was "Fabulous"**

We have been asked to reprint the words to "I've Got Sixpence." We are delighted to oblige and as we do, your Editor has a little anxious smile like the wag of a dog's tail. Sing out, men, and we'll join ye in the chorus:

I've got sixpence,
Jolly, jolly sixpence,
I've got sixpence,
To last me all my life.
I've got tuppence to spend
And tuppence to lend
And tuppence to send home to my wife
Poor wife
No cares have I to grieve me
No pretty little girl to deceive me
I'm happy as a lark, believe me
As we go rolling, rolling home.

Refrain

Rolling home, rolling home,
By the light of the silvery moo-oo-oo-oon
Happy is the day when we line up for our pay
As we go rolling, rolling home.

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I've got four pence
Jolly, jolly fourpence
I've got fourpence
To last me all my life.
I've got tuppence to spend
And tuppence to lend
And no pence to send home to my wife
Poor wife
No cares have I to grieve me
No pretty little girl to deceive me
I'm happy as a lark, believe me
As we go rolling, rolling home.

#3

I've got tuppence
Jolly, jolly tuppence
I've got tuppence
To last me all my life.
I've got tuppence to spend
And no pence to lend
And no pence to send home to my wife
Poor wife
No cares have I to grieve me
No pretty little girl to deceive me
I'm happy as a lark, believe me
As we go rolling, rolling home.

#4

I've got no pence
Jolly, jolly no pence
I've got no pence
To last me all my life.
I've got no pence to spend
And no pence to lend
And no pence to send home to my wife
Poor wife
No cares have I to grieve me
No pretty little girl to deceive me
I'm happy as a lark, believe me
As we go rolling, rolling home.

IT'S FOR YOU

There's a VA hospital in Clarksburg, W. Va. (pop. 32,014) which happens to be the home of Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D, W.Va.) member of the House Education and Labor Committee. Coincidence?

ANOTHER CARD TO FILL OUT

In order to insure that the people at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel will have a room for you when you arrive in Columbus next month, we enclose for your convenience a room reservation form which you may fill out and send directly to the hotel.

CEREBRATIONS

Beckley, W.Va. (pop. 19,397), Sen. Harley Kilgore's (D, W.Va.) home town boasts of a 200 bed VA hospital. Coincidence? Senator Kilgore is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. *

IN WHICH WE INTRODUCE A NEW SERVICE

With this issue, we introduce a book service. Orders for any of the following books should be accompanied by cash, check or money order. There's no catch. Neither the Association nor any of its officers are making a penny under the program. And if you don't want to swallow that one, please don't order. It's a service, pure and simple--well, pure anyway. We're going to give it a go for this issue and test the response. Simply mail your order, together with your money to Ken Ross, 1387 Main St., Springfield, Mass. Here's what we offer:

MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

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SEA COMBAT

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STRATEGY

Roman Empire (5 Vols each)	2.45	Strategic Air Power (Penguin)	5.00
Huddes—High Wind in Jamaica	1.25	On War (Clarendon)	5.00
Hugo—Les Misérables	2.45	German Generals Talk (Hart)	5.00
Kipling—Kim	1.25	Bitter and Its Admirals	5.00
Kipling—Napoleon	1.25	Admiral Mahan On Sea Power	5.00
Lincoln—Life and Writings of	2.45	Masters of Modern Strategy	5.00
Molière—Plays of	1.25	The Navy and National Mobilization	
Murphy—The Last Days of Pompeii	1.25	Let Your War Be (Century)	5.00
Paul—Life and Death of a Spanish		To the Artillery (Mirsky)	5.00
Town	1.25		

MILITARY AND GENERAL HISTORY

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RECENT NONFICTION

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AMERICAN WARS

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TALKING SHOP

One of the pleasures of editing this poop sheet -- and this we mean -- is that as we set the various news items up, we are continually throwing out certain items for better items as they arise. That is, until we go to press, this process of juggling goes on. You may not always agree with our choice of news items but in making our final selections we are guided by two basic principles. First, we endeavor to give about equal coverage to WWII and Korean War veterans. Secondly, we endeavor to give about equal space to personal items and to the type of news items which we classify as "stories" as contrasted with personal items. So, in criticizing our paper for its content please first consider the overall plan and weight it for its merits. We can't expect every member to appreciate every article. Our aim is to cater to the interests of the whole.

We have must received our copy of Capt. Walter Karig's Vol. VI - "Battle Report - The War in Korea". We quote from it as we believe the quotations will be of real interest to every single member.

Putting aside for the moment the fact that this volume is another in the series on the Navy's part in WWII and the Korean action - and is therefore undeniably slanted - it still is good reading. Occasionally, there are references to the other services. We got through this last volume with the conviction that author Karig is at least aware of the existence of the Army and of the Air Force. In fact, on page 71, this brilliant author goes all out in a tribute to the "better half" when he writes about the days of July 1950 and says:

"Much of the pattern was old: the Navy back again at its old Pacific techniques of bombardment, bombing, amphibious operations...; the Marines, only troops in the American forces who could go the North Koreans one better in morale, esprit de corps, and the ability to travel light - and fast (Ed. note Up to this point we are in partial disagreement); the Air Force; and growing increments of the men who do the dirtiest work of fighting and dying - the Army's ground forces."

Of those earliest days, and our part in them, Karig says (page 69):

"CINCPAC on July 1 ordered the 24th Div. into Korea with view to early offensive operations. All tank units were ordered concentrated to be ferried across Tsushima Strait in the Division's wake.... Fourteen LST's were ordered to assemble there (Saseko) by July 4 for the infantry seallift. Two anti-tank companies of this Division were to be flown to Korea, but the airstrip at Pusan proved inadequate for the C-54's and some of the following units were landed back in Japan to be added to Admiral Doyle's (Rear Admiral James H. Doyle who was designated by COMNAVFE Oper. Order 7-50 to lift the Division to Pusan) growing passenger list. The first seaborne contingent - two battalions, a heavy mortar platoon and a medical detachment - was set ashore at Pusan from LST's on July 3, the day B and C companies of the 21st Infantry Regiment moved into Pyongtaek and Anseung to guard railroad bridges vital to the retreat from Suwon or, as was more optimistically stated, the expected offensive against the almost unopposed march southward of the Communists."

"Two days later, on the 4th of July, the first combat contact was made with the enemy. By July 6, all combat elements of the 24th had been ferried from Japan and were on their way to the front...."

"The first battalion of the 21st Regiment which had gone singing into battle, held its position north of Pyongtaek only two days. Dispatches from the front bore the significant news that the morale of the North Korean forces was 'extremely high and being spurred by their continuous advance....'

"Remnant's of the 21st's first, fallen back on Taejon, told the same story more luridly and therefore perhaps more accurately, but all versions added up to the bitter fact that the shoeless peasant army out of Red Korea was not being awed by confronting American troops, and that we had a bitter fight on our hands, of unknown duration."

Of the Naktong River crossing, Karig says (page 115):



We have a special warm spot in our hearts for SFC CHARLES THORNELL of Shuqualak, Miss. He had the guts to do that which many of us thought seriously about in one way or another. He married the gal. In a recent issue of The Saturday Evening Post, there was a serious article on these Japanese War Brides. Charlie and Toshiko are pictured therein in colors. We openly admire you Charlie, and we wish you and Toshiko worlds of good luck, success, and happiness.

Personally, we are waiting for Elmer Van Zant to stop playing soldier, to put in for retirement, and to tell us that he's ready to go back with us to the land of the honey-buckets to settle down. At last report, Van had a * interest in some real estate up on top of one of those mountains down on Kyushu. Yes, we have the other *. Is there anyone interested in joining us and getting away from this vale of tears and taxes? Line forms at the right, and please don't push.

DESHLER-WALLICK HOTEL

Columbus, Ohio

Friday, August 15, 1952

Saturday, August 16, 1952

Sunday, August 17, 1952

"The battered 24th Infantry Division, first into action in Korea and frequently outnumbered fifty to one, had fought nine rear-guard battles and lost them all. This game but tired division retreated behind the Naktong River on the night of August 2-3. It was the last backward step."

In describing the arrival of the 2nd Infantry Division, the 5th RCT and the 1st Provisional Brigade of the Marines (who landed with such quips as "Where's the beer?" and "Tell Mac we're back" to help Walker's Eighth, hard pressed between 100,000 devils and the deep blue Sea of Japan, Karig writes (page 121):

"The 24th Division, plus the four battered ROK divisions, had been in action from the beginning, twenty-four hours a day without relief from that most discouraging of military tactics 'fire and fall back.' Criticized at home by a citizenry unused to defeat, ill supplied, and untrained for the Indian kind of warfare to which they had been committed, the troops' morale was surprisingly high, all things considered."

TWO RETIRED VETERANS TAKE IT "EASY"

On a 115-acre farm near Chadds Ford, Pa., two retired Army veterans are "taking it easy" after a life dedicated to the service.

Retired in 1946 after two world wars and 37 years in the infantry, Brigadier General Charles B. Lyman and his favorite horse have embarked on a new way of life. At "Maui Meadows," the general now has a brood mare band led by 27-year-old Maui Girl, named for Maui Island, in Hawaii, where her master was born.

Appointed to the U.S. Military Academy from Hawaii in 1909, General Lyman has ridden and trained horses since childhood when "a horse, mule or donkey was our surest way of travel." Purchased as a three-year-old while Gen. Lyman was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Maui Girl won seven blue ribbons at her first horse show. She then went on to win a roomful of trophies, and with her owner-rider was named to the Army's Olympic Squad.

During World War II, when the general was awarded the Legion of Merit for "extraordinary fidelity" while in command of a regiment during the Pearl Harbor attack, the Silver Star for action in Dutch New Guinea and the capture of Hollandia Air Field, Maui Girl was kept at Front Royal, Va.

In 1947, the mare's career began anew when, ridden by Charles B. Lyman, Jr., now 17, she became three-time champion of the Children's Division at Madison Square Garden.

Today, General and Mrs. Lyman and Charles, Jr., are raising and training horses to follow in Maui Girl's hoofprints. All the animals are named for campaigns in which their owner has served.



The D/A has sent us some information about the battle honors of the Division. The information applies only to the Headquarters 24th Div. and not to the organic units themselves. We will list compilations of the honors and decorations of the several units in subsequent issues.

The 24th Infantry Division is entitled to streamers for the following World War II campaigns:

Central Pacific	GO 85, WD, 1945
New Guinea (with arrowhead)	GO 23, D/A, 1947
Leyte (with arrowhead)	GO 109, D/A, 1946
Southern Philippines (with arrowhead)	GO 23, D/A, 1947
Luzon	GO 29, D/A, 1948

An arrowhead embroidered in golden yellow preceding the name of the campaign on the streamer indicates that the unit is entitled to assault landing credit. Lists of units entitled to battle participation credit in the Korean campaigns have not yet been officially published. Unofficial determination of the campaigns in which the 24th Infantry Division took part may be made by referring to the following table of campaigns thus far officially established:

UN defensive:	27 June to 15 Sept. 1950
UN offensive:	16 Sept. to 2 Nov. 1950
CCF intervention:	3 Nov. 1950 to 24 Jan. 1951
First UN counteroffensive:	25 Jan. to 21 April 1951
CCF spring offensive:	22 Apr. 1951 to date to be announced.

Headquarters, 24th Inf. Div. is entitled to a Distinguished Unit Streamer embroidered DEFENSE OF KOREA, for action during the period 2 July to 15 Sept. 1950 (GO 45, D/A, 1950).

Men who saw action with the Division in the Philippines at any time from 17 Oct. 1944 to 4 July 1945 are authorized to wear the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Badge (GO 47, D/A, 1950), and men who saw action with the Division in Korea during the period 2 - 22 July 1950 are authorized to wear the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation ribbon (GO 35, D/A, 1951).



*if the shoe
doesn't fit...*

BILL BYRD (21) Chairman of our Time and Place Committee, recently addressed his committee members as follows:

"This committee will make a survey to decide recommendations on the 1953 convention site and be prepared to present this information to the assembled convention in Columbus.

"In past years, this has always been left up to the assembled members at the Convention. Being close to the scene of the convention, they naturally vote for the next year's meeting place on the basis of their own convenience, and sometimes not on what is best for the Association. For example, the majority at the Detroit Convention last year were from within 500 miles of Detroit. However, when it came time to vote on the '52 site, this majority controlled and the result is that we find ourselves going to a place only 300 miles from Detroit. It obviously is not fair to have all conventions in the same area.

"The Association has met at Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Detroit, and this year in Columbus. The strength of the association is in a belt running from Illinois through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey to New York. For that reason we must keep it within reasonable traveling distance of those states.

"Here are a few spots that seem to be central: St. Louis or Lexington, Ky., or Memphis, however I am only inserting these spots as a guide and not trying to steer your thinking. Give me your thoughts keeping in mind what I've passed on above. Consider all things that may make for a better Convention, and definitely for the ASSOCIATION, as a whole.

"Each year the convention time has been in AUGUST. What about summer encampment for the Reserves and National Guards??? It seems to me that there are those who will be away at these camps. Then we have those that are busy during the summer months, and others that want to take a vacation at that time. Why not a meeting in Sept. or October? October wouldn't be bad if we could get far enough South.

"Why always a Hotel in a City. Why not a large Inn or Resort, in town or out of town. It is possible that the convention could be held during the off season at one of the resorts in your community. Keep in mind that all the fellows haven't got the pocketbooks fully lined yet, and expense is a very important thing to keep in mind. Let's get the most attractive rates possible."

"We're looking for great things out of your Committee. Bill.

C. RUCKER FORD (F 21) is now at 20 Travia Ave., Biloxi, Miss. He's attending radar school at Keesler AFB.

on a Shoestring

MAJ. SUMNER S. WILSON, of Division, writes us an interesting letter about the Pictorial History. Almost 6000 copies have been sold. We wish the boys every success with their venture. We're also anxiously awaiting receipt of our copies of the book just as soon as they roll off the press. Have you sent in for your copy yet?... A man by the name of Albert T. Short, 1053 Prospect St., Westfield, N.J. writes, in the Dec. '51 issue of the Combat Forces Journal, that he is a subscriber to that magazine because he wants to know what's going on in the Army. He says in part: "I should like to be told the truth, as far as it is possible. For instance, I assume that the 24th Division was fed piecemeal into the Korean meatgrinder from absolute necessity. That the decision was made that even if the division ceased to exist, the decision demanded its sacrifice in the hope that a disaster might somehow be averted. I would like the Combat Forces Journal to say that, if it is so." We don't know that the Combat Forces Journal will give its version of those summer days in 1950. However, those of you who want to write to Mr. Short and give him your version are invited to form a line -- behind me.... In May, a small group of 24th'ers gathered at the home of BILL VERBECK (21st) at Arlington, Va. It was really a pre-convention party. On hand were Lt. Col. and Mrs. JIM THOMPSON (21st), Lt. Col. and Mrs. JOHN LEAHY (21st), Mr. and Mrs. JOHN FARRELL (21st) and Mr. and Mrs. JOE PEYTON (19th). How did that "Chick" get in there, Bill? After a luscious chicken dinner, Bill gave his guests an eyeful of his war trophies. Bill has anything from a set of Japanese underwear to an armored suit (circa 1200 AD). What a man! Margaret Peyton, the wife of our retiring secretary, was all eyes. Incidentally, kids, Margaret has been giving this Association hours and hours of her time this year. She's been right along side of the old man every bit of the way. We owe you much, Maggie. Here's hoping you'll come to Columbus and let us tell you so in person... BILL VERBECK'S parrot "Parkins", came from Brazil. Bill brought him back with him when he came back after his tour there. However, the most he'd say at the recent 24th party was "Hi Babe!" No wonder that's all he said -- with all those lovely 24th ladies around, what else would you expect a bird to say?



We are a little late with this one as the event took place last Nov. 24th. Yet we consider the story important enough to make it of record in our pages, even though we are 8 months late. The scene is the 24th Div. A/F in Korea. A man by the name of Barkley has just landed along with some feather-merchants by the names of Ridgway, VanFleet and Hoge. The reason to present to Maj. Gen. B.M. Bryan, the Presidential Unit Citation, which honor was accepted by Gen. Bryan in behalf of the entire Division. It was a very proud day for every Taro-Leaffer.

Lexington, Ky. (pop. 55,534), home of Sen. Thomas Underwood (D, Ky.) member of the Senate Expenditures, Post Office and Civil Service Committees, has a 1500 bed NP hospital. Coincidence?

Here's why

BILL SAVELL (19th) of Bluntstown, Fla., reports that he is hard at work as Transportation Committee Chairman. Bill's plan is to help members make contacts with each other so that they can make the long haul to Columbus jointly, thereby saving pennies for all.... SFC BOYD L. SMITH is now at Ft. McPherson, Ga. He wants to hear from M/SGT. BILL DOUGHERTY.... Bonham, Tex. (pop. 7049) the home of Rep. Sam Rayburn (D, Tex.) Speaker of the House, has a VA hospital. Coincidence?... As a 5th RCT man said to an elderly gentleman who lived next door: "I wish to marry your daughter, sir." "Do you drink, my boy?" "Yes, thanks, but let's get this other matter cleared up first!".... When "Japanese Ware Bride", a 20th Century Fox picture featuring Shirley Yamaguchi and Don Taylor, reaches your town, be sure to see it. It's the story of a 24th Division man who marries a Japanese girl and brings her back home with him to California. We won't spoil it by telling you any more. Be sure to see it. The "Taro Leaf" on the hero's shoulder sure looked good to us....

MAJ. GEN. JOHN H. CHURCH

Just after we had gone to press with our last issue, we received word that Maj. Gen. JOHN H. CHURCH, Commanding General of the Infantry Center at Benning and one-time 24th Div. CG, had turned himself in at the Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., for an arthritis condition.

Knowing of his retirement scheduled for June, the Association sent General Church a telegram and a flower bouquet to assure him that he was being remembered by all of us during his hospitalization.

When General Church departs from Ft. Benning he will leave 35 years of active military service behind him.

We are proud of John Church. We are especially proud of his army service during the period in which he commanded us. We wish him well as he enters upon this new lease in life. Our very best wishes go with you, sir.



We dare not omit the above as it includes the ladies who helped the boys make merry at the recent Verbeck party. We Taro Leafers can pick 'em, can't we? But then, we always could.

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Changing station? A lot of soldiers are on the move these days. If you are one of them, don't forget to notify us of your change in address.

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH

Word has just come in from Fort Benning that at a recent gathering of 24th'ers there, twenty seven-yes, we said twenty seven-new members were signed up in the Association. For full details, see our August issue. Gen. STAN NELOY (19th) and SFC GERRY ELAM (19th) have obviously been working overtime down there in our behalf.

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We've been wanting to use this item in every issue of the Taro Leaf since we began editing it. At last, we work it in.
It isn't fresh news but because the message will never grow old, we are proud to report it, almost two years after the event.

The New York Herald Tribune Forum is a great institution. Each year, in October, the New York Herald Tribune brings together in New York City, people, who represent a variety of interests, to discuss a theme.

In October 1950, one of the speakers at the 19th annual session of the Forum, was James D. Batton (34th).

In the company of W. Averill Harriman, Leon H. Kayserling, Walter P. Reuther, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Charles Malik, W. Stuart Symington, Philip Murray, Anna M. Rosenberg, Gen. Mark W. Clark, Sen. Paul H. Douglas, Sen. Herbert R. O'Connor, Marguerite Higgins, Joseph G. Grew, Thomas K. Finletter and a host of others, our own Jim Batton spoke.

He was introduced by Whitelaw Reid, the N.Y.H.T. editor, with these words:

"We will now hear from one of our own soldiers. He comes from Bladenboro, North Carolina and at present is on twenty-one day leave from Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. Word that his outfit should pack all gear came to him in southern Japan on July 1st. By nightfall of the following day he and his company had crossed the China Sea and landed in Pusan. His regiment was the first from the United States to go into combat and he saw continuous action from July 4th until July 29th when he was wounded. I'm proud to introduce Private First Class, James D. Batton."

Jim's speech, "for the record" is quoted herewith in full:

"Before I start, I want to put your minds at rest. I haven't got any messages for you. In fact, I'm not even sure what I'm doing here, so I'll just tell you how I happened to be here.

"A couple of years ago, when I was eighteen, we had a recruiting officer hanging around my town, looking for material for the Army, and he made friends with most of the boys. My father had been hurt in a bus accident when I was in my second year of high school -- it got him in the leg; you see, it sort of runs in the family -- and I had to take over things for him. We had a farm and I had two younger sisters and a younger brother. I didn't have too much time, but I liked to hunt and fish whenever I had a chance, so this recruiting officer took up hunting and fishing with me.

"One day we were out squirrel hunting. I was standing up against an oak tree and he said, 'Batton, you sure would look good in the infantry.' You know -- travel, education security, good pay, and so on. Well, this recruiting officer got me, and the next thing I knew I was eliding and climbing through the sandhills of South Carolina, getting eight weeks of basic training. We decided we had it made. No more sandhills but



James D. Batton

what happens? We wind up doing twenty-eight weeks of advance training climbing Mt. Ranier. And then I was in Japan on occupation duty.

"I was there about five months. I got to know some Japanese families pretty well. I remember, when the Korean war first started in June, this one family I knew best asked me, 'When are the Americans going to Korea?' I told them I didn't know. 'Well,' they said, 'When you do get over there, the war will be over fast. When the North Koreans see you they'll quit.'

"Less than a week later I left for Korea. There were so many Japanese families seeing Americans off the M.P.'s had to shove them back. I figured as soon as we landed and the North Koreans knew we were there, the war would be over. A fellow is entitled to one or two mistakes in his life, isn't he?

BE SURE TO LOOK
INSIDE!



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"We went into combat on the 4th of July about thirty miles south of Seoul. We were told to dig in behind the South Korean 7th Cavalry Division, and we were supposed to back them up. This set-up didn't last very long. The South Koreans retreated through us and we were facing the North Koreans alone. They didn't seem at all scared of us. In fact they kicked the hell out of us, and they showed no respect at all for us because we were Americans.

"You all know pretty well what happened in the next few weeks, but I'll add a few details. My regiment was the 34th infantry, in the 24th Division. A regiment, full strength has about 3,000 men. A buddy of mine who is still in Korea wrote me the other day that because of losses my old regiment had to be reorganized into a smaller unit. That shows how we sure scared the life out of those North Koreans.

"Even regimental headquarters got all torn up, and when you start tearing up a headquarters, full of colonels and majors, things are really getting rough. A buddy and I ran into a major, in Taejon, who'd been all through the European Theater in World War II. 'Boys,' he said, 'this ain't the right kind of war. We're always going backward. In my kind of a war the worst that can happen is that you get stopped. Most of the time you go forward. This retreating all the time ain't right.'

"I remember another old veteran, a regular army sergeant about fifty-five years old, who was about ready to retire when he got sent to Korea with us. We were on a patrol, spying on the North Koreans' bivouac area, and we'd been doing a lot of walking. He sat down to rest. 'Man,' he said, 'I'm pooped out. If one of them gooks was to show up right now I'd rather let him kill me than walk a step.'

"Just about then three gooks opened up on us with those obsolete old 1950 Russian tommy-guns left behind by accident in 1946. I dove behind a pile of rocks, but this old sergeant took off, and he'd crossed two hills and was on his way up the third one when I caught up with him. 'You know,' he said, 'when I get so tired I can't run, I walk, and when I can't walk I can crawl, but when I get so tired I can't crawl I can always start running again.' He got shot in the stomach the same day I got hit in the leg, by another of those obsolete old tommy-guns, on July 29.

"I'd better explain about the word 'gook'. People at home keep talking about Reds, but to us they were gooks. That's the only name we could think of for them. This got to be such a popular word that now the South Koreans call the North Koreans gooks, too.

"I'd like to make one thing plain about the South Koreans. Everybody at home talked about how 'confused' they were, and how they ran from the gooks. They were no more confused than we were, and they fought the best they could with the few weapons they had. The South Korean cavalry attacked North Korean tanks with horses several times. A man attacking a tank with a horse may be confused, but he sure isn't running. They were good soldiers. All they needed was organization and equipment, and now that they've got it I hear they're doing pretty good.

"You've heard a lot about the infiltrating the North Koreans did. I'd like to tell one little story to show how clever they were. Near Taejon, a buddy and I were walk-

ing along a road, and an old man passed us going the other way. He was a grandfather, or at least he sure looked like one, with his white beard and his robe and his hat. This poor old man passed us, bowing and saying hello as he went by, and when he was about twenty-five yards behind us he cut loose at us with an American army .45 pistol he'd picked up somewhere. We didn't want to kill him, so we shot up the dirt under his feet, and he dropped the gun and ran up a hill. He was awful spry for a grandfather. We caught him and took him in for questioning.

"We were pretty green when we went into this thing. I remember a friend of mine from Alabama who said, on the second day, when they were dropping mortar shells down our necks while we were in our foxholes: 'You know, I think those blankety-blanks are trying to kill me.' He was really surprised. But it only took three or four days, on the average, for a man to get used to the idea.

"And while none of us had much time to think about what was going on back home or the United Nations or other ideas, we all had the feeling that it was better to fight the war where we fought it than wait until it came to our own country. That's selfish, maybe, but that's how I feel.

"By the way, when I got home, everybody I knew, and a lot of people I didn't remember, came around in Bladenboro to say hello. The only man I missed was that recruiting officer. He's probably in Korea."

ONCE AGAIN



Maj. Gen. Reuben Jenkins, D/A G-3, pins the Presidential Unit Citation streamer on the Medical Company flag of the 21st Inf. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Don Webster)

Spend a weekend in Columbus, Ohio with your wartime friends, who worked, played, suffered, fought and joked together at some time in the last 10 years, made United States history, and are now veterans of the 24th Infantry Division.