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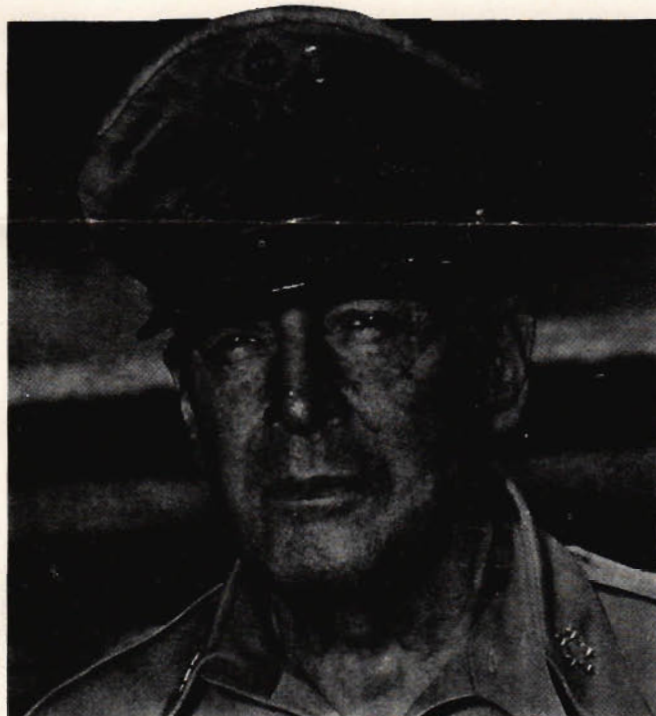
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**"NO GREATER UNIT HAS EVER
SERVED OUR BELOVED COUNTRY
AND NONE IS HELD IN GREATER
AFFECTION BY OUR PEOPLE."**

Douglas MacArthur

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AT THE MOMENT OF GOING TO
PRESS, WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF WORD
FROM MRS. MILDRED D. DEAN, WIFE
OF MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM F. DEAN, TO
THE EFFECT THAT SHE WILL BE WITH
US AT OUR FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION AT
COLUMBUS. WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH
THE NEWS AND KNOW THAT EACH ONE
OF YOU WILL BE EQUALLY PLEASED.
IN A HUMBLE WAY, IT SHALL NOW BE
POSSIBLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO MRS.
DEAN THE AFFECTION WE HAVE FOR
HER AS A FORMER "FIRST LADY" OF
THE DIVISION AND FOR HER GRAND
AND BELOVED HUSBAND.

90 Church Street
New York 7, N.Y.

17 April 1952

Dear Colonel Ross:

Thank you for your note of April 12th telling me of the coming convention of the Twenty-fourth Division. No greater unit has ever served our beloved country and none is held in greater affection by our people. Please extend my affectionate greetings to my old comrades-in-arms of the Far East.

Most cordially,

Douglas M. Arthur
DOUGLAS MACARTHUR.

Editorial

Almost religiously, we have refrained during the editing of this paper from commenting upon controversial issues. The strength of our Association lies in the fact that it takes no sides, it asks no favors, it maintains no lobby. We have nothing to sell-no axes to grind. We just want PEACE. We worked for it, and we want it.

The Editor's privilege of setting down personal thoughts and viewpoints is as old as the Gutenberg press. As a parting shot in this, our last issue, we beg your leave to get a load off of our chest. We ask not that you agree with us in what we write below. We merely ask for the right to say it. Recall, if you will, Voltaire's letter wherein he wrote those immortal words, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it". So with the Frenchman to lend us moral support, we wind up this happy tour of duty with a BANG as we give you this thought. Here 'tis.

This is written on June 25, 1952. Two years ago, this country went to war with North Korea. We have failed in this war. We have not achieved our objectives. We are presently involved in a seemingly endless talkfest, an insulting and humiliating discussion over how to end it.

Traditionally, our military policy has been to employ all available power and means to achieve a prompt and decisive victory. Not in the history of man has any other policy proved effective. Name, if you will, a single instance in military history where anything short of victory has proved decisive.

Yet, today, we have adopted as military policy, the doctrine of the defensive. We are softening our blows. Worse, we are sending men-some of OUR men-into battle with neither the promise nor the hope of victory.

We have deliberately refrained from a use of the military power which would blunt the enemy's strikes, save American men, fulfill our commitment in Korea, and end this savage fight honorably.

We ask for a prompt and definite ultimatum to the enemy powers behind the present stalemate-be they Red North Koreans, Red Chinamen, Red Russians, or Red Americans. We ask that we order them to lay down their arms forthwith. Failing this, we would cast down upon the heads of the people of North Korea, China, or Russia if necessary, a rain of terror, the likes of which this world has never known.

And we herewith offer to ride in the nose of the lead plane that takes off with

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On a recent CPX at Fukunuma Training Center, the 24th Signalmen were visited by some curious Nips. Fred Philips of the T&T Section put through a call on an EE8 phone to show this farmer how it worked. We still remember enough Japanese to recall that when you pick that thing up from off the hook, you simply go "Mushee, mushee". After that, it's just "Ah sooooo" for the rest of the conversation. There's nothing to it for a Nip.

Enjoy something different

Remember Hank-Stinky-Elephant Ears-Joe-Smitty-Tiny-and Bucket Head? How long has it been since you last saw them, or heard from them? Well, it looks as though the most of them will be converging on Columbus come the middle of August. Will you?

WILL YOU PLEASE?

After you have read this poop-sheet, will you do us a favor. Will you drop it in an envelope to one of your 24th friends who otherwise may not know about us or about the Columbus Convention. It's hard to believe, but it's so-after a year of spending hundreds of \$\$\$\$\$\$, not to mention hours of time, in trying to reach out to the gang, we are getting letters EVERY DAY from fellows who claim that they have just heard about us and want to know more about us, our purpose, our aims, etc., etc. You can help a lot by passing on this copy, or better still, give us the man's name, and we'll send him one. Please.

The one and only!

Mrs. Maude Sweitzer, of 709 G St., Altoona, Pa., writes us asking for information concerning her son Bill who was with K of the 34th and was reported MIA on July 7, 1950. Bill was reported to be a POW in October 1950 but she has heard nothing more. His name did not appear in the Red list of last December. Does anyone have any information for Mrs. Sweitzer?



Looking for
FUN?

JOHNNIE TOOHEY (A-52F from 10-41 to 8-44) is at 1416 Walnut St., Ashland, Pa. He writes that he has never heard from any of his buddies. O.K. you Able Battery boys of the 52nd -- how about dropping Johnnie Toohey a line. As the old cat says, you "gotta make calls if you wanna get results." Johnnie hopes to be at Columbus; we hope you are.....

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE WOMAN

COL. JOHN R. JETER (21st) present C.O. of the "Gimlets" has written us a very flattering note expressing his appreciation of what we're doing. We appreciated those fine words, Colonel.

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.

THEY'RE COMIN'

To the fast growing list of those who are telling us ahead of time that they're planning on being with us at Columbus, we happily add the names of Walt Dismukes (19), Julius Jozz (19), Bill Verbeck (21), and Fred Zierath (19). It honestly looks like the biggest convention yet. See you there!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROSCOE CLAXON, able and enthusiastic chairman of the Association's 24-man Nominating Committee, reports that his Committee will propose at Columbus the following slate of officers of the Association for the year August '52-August '53:

for President-Ken Ross
for Secretary-Sam Snyder
for Treasurer-Bill Davidson
for Vice Presidents-
Allyn Miller
Gerald A. Elam
Bill Byrd
Bill McKenna
Joe Peyton
Bill Muldoon
John Leahy
Roscoe Claxon

for Historian-G. Stanley Meloy, Jr.
for Chaplain-Chaplain Chris Berlo

It is of course to be understood that other nominations may be made from the floor at the Convention.

We are grateful to all members of this Committee for the great effort represented here. And we couldn't end this item without obliging Chairman Claxon who says: "Please be sure to include the fact that I am personally grateful to every member of the Committee for their fine interest and splendid cooperation". We do it, Roscoe.

63RD FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



For Your LIGHTER Moments

We haven't always agreed with what Pearl S. Buck has written in the past. We are in complete accord, however, with her latest accomplishment, "The Hidden Flower". Here is the story of an unhappy interracial marriage. Josui, the beautiful, intelligent daughter of a doctor in Kyoto, meets and marries John Kennedy of the "Occupation Forces." The married couple return to the "48's" and from here on in, it's your story. We won't spoil it for you. Read it for yourself and get the full blast of this latest message which Pearl Buck delivers. We read it twice and came up with a stronger conviction than ever that more of us should have married those lovely little women of Japan and brought them home with us..... We're happy to report that ALVA A. CARPENTER (Div. Hq.) has returned to Ft. Wayne, Ind. after seven years at Gen. MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters where he was the head of the legal section of SCAP. Welcome home, Alva. We hope you'll make it over to Columbus in August.....



John-san Fuller (Div Hq.) hunting communist pheasants in Korea-June '52

slip into something comfortable

LOUIS SMITH (Div.Hq.) is now a practicing attorney at Monroe, La. His life is full of civic activities including the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce in Monroe. We knew you were capable, Lou..... Maj. Gen. JAMES A. LESTER and Maj. Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF were members of the court-martial that tried Maj. Gen. ROBERT W. GROW, former military attache at the U. S. Embassy in Moscow....

MEMO

After thumbing through well over 100,000 photographs, editors of the 24th Division Pictorial History selected the 1000 that best tell the heroic tale. Here is Saul Stadtmayer, editor of the book. It's now in the hands of the printer and we hope to have the first copy to arrive in the U.S. at Columbus for your inspection there. In the meantime, should you want your own copy, send a \$5 Postal Money Order to 24th Div. Pictorial History, APO 24.



GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

If it's good reading that you want, try out "Windows for the Crown Prince" by Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining. It has the simplicity and spontaneity of growing grass. The traits that are admirable in two cultures were merged when Mrs. Vining went to Tokyo as tutor to Prince Akihito. For delightful summer reading, get yourself a copy of this Quaker lady's quietly revealing inside report on post-war Japan. The work this charming lady did in Japan has already made history. She opened windows on the western world on life itself for the young prince, and in this exquisitely written book, she tells how she did it. By all means, share this rich experience with her..... JOHNNIE McCABE (34th) out in 'Frisco, sends us a clipping from the "Our City" column in the San Francisco News. Jack Rosenbaum edits the column. Johnnie tells us that he's a real 24th booster giving us a plug "every chance he gets." We are giving Mr. Rosenbaum an honorary membership in our little sewing circle.

As one wife asked of another wife: "Does your husband still find you entertaining?" and as the second one replied: "Not if I can help it!".....

This is the last call on Columbus

HATS OFF TO HOWARD AGAIN

Once again we have the pleasure to reproduce one of Leon Howard's crayon drawings. The photo offset process doesn't do Leon's work justice but we are reprinting the drawing below nonetheless in response to the many letters of enthusiasm received following our December issue.

Leon writes concerning this picture: "You will remember the nearly totally destroyed church in Dulag, Leyte. I sketched it one day in November, 1944, while sitting in my jeep."

We remember it well, Leon, and thanks for letting our people share it with you.

Leon, do you like pancakes?



Remains of the church at Dulag, Leyte, after the shelling prior to our landing on Oct. 1944. A gash across church face made by shell striking through building at left and hitting it an almost straight angle.

COAST-TO-COAST TOAST

At 11:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Saturday, August 16, 1952, we will stop the program and drink a toast to the Division and Taro Leaf buddies everywhere. Across the country from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, across the Atlantic and on into Germany, and across the Pacific into Japan, Taro Leafers will join us. If you can't make it to Columbus, will you, wherever you are at that same moment, lift a glass to the 24th and to your buddies?

How Much Do You Have on the Ball?

The 2nd Inf. Div. is meeting in San Antonio, Texas on July 24-26. The 3rd Inf. Div. is meeting at Boston, Mass. on July 10-12. The 11th Armored Div. meets at Washington, D. C. on August 15-17. (We expect to be very busy at the very same time over in Columbus, Ohio). The 32nd Inf. Div. meets at Lansing, Mich., September 1st. The 34th Inf. Div. meets at Minneapolis, September 12-14. The 41st Inf. Div. meets at Seattle, Wash. on June 20-22.... JOHN FULLER writes us from Japan again. He's with the G-2 Section of XVI Corps. Hqs. This guy bounds between Korea and Japan. How about bounding over this way. Johnson....

Tall on Performance!

Mayor James A. Rhodes, the Mayor of Columbus, has declared that the city will be ours for the day, Saturday, August 16, 1952. He will join us for at least a part of that day and help us to make the reunion a memorable one. Here it is, just the way he wrote it, gold seal and all:



Office of the Mayor
City of Columbus
Ohio

PROCLAMATION

24th INFANTRY DIVISION DAY

August 16, 1952

- WHEREAS, The 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association has chosen Columbus as its convention city for 1952, and will bring its national assembly here August 15, 16, and 17, and
- WHEREAS, Columbus is gratified and honored at being chosen as the meeting place of this splendid organization, the members of which have brought distinction to American arms through service in Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, Japan and Korea, and
- WHEREAS, Many of the 24th Division veterans reside in Columbus, a large number of whom will attend the convention and personally welcome their comrades from other states,
- THEREFORE, I, James A. Rhodes, Mayor of Columbus, take pleasure in proclaiming August 16, 1952, as 24th Infantry Division Day in Columbus, and suggest its observance as such.



James A. Rhodes
JAMES A. RHODES, Mayor
City of Columbus, Ohio

MONEY'S WORTH

When people say they'd like to add "Their two cents' worth," it's funny
How many words a lot of them Will give you for the money.
—MINA B. ATKINSON.

"I SEEM to have run out of gas," he said softly.
Her face, small and white, was turned up to his, her eyes glowing dimly from beneath heavy lids. Her head swam, and she was unable to control her actions. He was her dentist.

Doctor (to British Navy veteran with rash): "Is this your first itch?"
Patient: "Now, I signed h'over three years ago."

"How did you puncture that tire?"
"Ran over a milk bottle."
"What's the matter, didn't you see it?"
"Now, the old man had it under his coat."

Television fills a need.
Affording me a view
Of all the movies that I missed
In 1932.

Zippos will never take the place of buttons. You can't put zippers in the church collection plate.

Definition of a Chinese spy: A Peiking Tom.

Mother: "Didn't I tell you not to go out with perfect strangers?"
Daughter: "But, mother, he wasn't perfect."

A mild-mannered little man walked into an income tax office, sat down, and beamed at everyone. "What can we do for you," asked a tax man.

"Oh nothing, thank you," replied the little man. "I just wanted to see the people I'm working for."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1952

Dear Mr. Ross:

General Vaughan has told me of your kind invitation to address your Reunion in Columbus, Ohio in August. I am indeed sorry not to be able to accept at this time.

I wish however to compliment the Twenty-Fourth Division on its splendid record and to wish you a pleasant and profitable gathering in Columbus.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

Mr. Kenwood Ross
1387 Main Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

CASE DISMISSED

We still remember the day a group of Russian officers came down to Kokura from Tokyo. This was one of those years between the wars. We, as a member of the committee playing host for the affair, had the laudable intention of overwhelming the boys with the luxuries provided by the U.S. Army and ultimately weening them away from their assorted heresies. One of the Commies was standing at the bar and after staring about passively, read the sign over the bar and turned to ROBIN DANIELS (Div. Hq.) and said, "What is a Tom Collins?" Robin with his usual trigger-action mind, gave it right back to him. "A Tom Collins," Robin said, "is the same as a vodka Collins, except it has gin in it." The answer seemed quite droll at the time and amused us considerable. Six years later, we still like it.

cutest trick of the season



We are happy to reproduce above, all without the knowledge of our retiring Sec'y., JOE PEYTON, a picture of old "Baldie" and his three lively and lovely kiddos, Tommy, 4½, Patsy, 5½, and Jimmy, 1½. The only thing missing here is Margaret, Joe's peachy wife who has worked hours and hours during the last two years in our behalf.

Come to Columbus and discover America



GENERAL DEAN'S PRIZE PICTURES



'A SOURCE OF COMFORT'

... is the way Maj. Gen. Dean describes the photos of his home and family, sent to his prison camp in Korea.

U. S. Major General William F. Dean, most famous prisoner of war in the Korean conflict, has one solace today as he awaits liberation from POW Camp No. 6, near Pyongyang, North Korea. This comfort is in the form of 27 photographs of the General's wife and home in California, sent to the captive warrior by International News Photos.



A NEW HOME

... awaits Gen. Dean when he returns to Calif., after his long stay in a Communist prison camp.



A LETTER FROM KOREA

... is anxiously awaited by Mrs. Dean, at the mailbox outside her new home in Berkeley, Calif. Letters from the prison camp come through, but censorship delays sometimes hold them up for months.

BILL DEAN

We are happy and proud to include in this issue these pictures of BILL DEAN and of his very lovely wife. As we have gone to press with each issue this year, we have hoped that "This is the issue when we can flash that special front page that we've got towed away." It will simply say, in the biggest type our printer can find, "WELCOME HOME, BILL DEAN". Another month has gone by and still no chance to use it. But our spirits are up, as are the spirits of Mildred Dean. We have every intention of using that cover yet.

THE NEXT MOVE

— RIGHT —

... in an unfinished chess game is up to General Dean, held in a Red POW camp.



THE GENERAL'S LADY

— LEFT —

Mildred Dean studies a picture of the little grandson the General never has seen.



Business Briefs

Do you mind if we get back to business for a moment? In case you didn't send in to the Deshler-Wallick Hotel that reservation form which went out with our July issue, here's a reproduction of one below. Just to play safe and be assured of a room when you get there, send it in today.

RESERVE	CHECK HERE	RATE PREFERRED
Single Room (1 Person)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Double Bed Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Twin Bed Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Parlor, Bedroom Suite	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$

Reservations will be cancelled at 6 P. M. on arrival date unless later arrival hour is specified

RATES

All Rooms with combination Tub and Shower Bath.
SINGLE ROOMS FOR ONE
\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50
DOUBLE ROOMS FOR TWO (Double Bed)
\$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50
TWIN BEDS FOR TWO
\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50
PARLOR SUITES, LIVING and BED ROOM—
Single or Double— \$15.00 to \$27.50
LARGE CAPACITY ROOMS accommodating 4 to 10—
from \$4.00 up per person, depending on number of occupants per room.

NAME _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

TIME AND DATE OF ARRIVAL _____

DAY OF DEPARTURE _____

NAME OF CONVENTION OR EVENT _____



A PROUD MOTHER

— LEFT —

Mrs. Mildred Dean poses beside a portrait of her son, a West Point cadet. The boy, proud of his heroic father, plans to follow in his illustrious footsteps.

We are trying our level best to keep convention expenses down to a minimum for you.

The \$1.00 fee which we are calling the "Registration fee" will get you by the door and will entitle you to the following:

1. an identification badge
2. a program
3. admission to the "Danger Bar"
4. attendance at all business sessions
5. chance at the many door prizes
6. a Hawaiian lei for your lady
7. surprises and prizes we care not to discuss here
8. an opportunity to be with the greatest bunch of guys in the world

In all humbleness, we ask, "Where could you ever buy more for a buck?"

It's all packed and ready to go to Coliseum in August with my Mama and Papa!



Brig. Gen. Wilbur E. Dunkelberg, left, is shown being greeted by Maj. Gen. G.W. Smythe upon the arrival of the former to assume the Ass't. C.G.'s post in Japan. U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Ishida.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

5 March 1952

Dear Ken,

I certainly appreciated receiving your nice long letter outlining the work being carried on by you in connection with Association affairs. Everyone in the Association should be very much indebted to you, Peyton and Davidson for the tremendous amount of work that you put into obtaining new members, and in other Division matters. Needless to say, I approve heartily of all the policies which you have instituted.

Your mention of the coming reunion in August, of course, interests me very much. I hope that everyone in the Association will make a special effort to be there. Friendships that have been tested in the ordeal of battle or in other important endeavors, and of which one is proud, should be preserved and treasured. The best way to keep alive these friendships is by periodic meetings such as our reunion affords. I hope that nothing will prevent me from attending this year, and I am looking forward to it.

I will send you another letter later with reference to the other items brought up in your recent letter.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. A. IRVING
Major General, USA
Superintendent



HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA

26 March 1952

Dear Ken:

"The 24th Infantry Division Association will, some of these times, be one of the most important things in the lives of a lot of the men who participated in the Division's spectacular activities in the far places during World War II and later in the Korean battles. Unfortunately most of us at present do not realize the great importance which we will later attach to the friendships and acquaintances developed under the difficult conditions. By the time we get around to giving such things their proper importance in our scheme of living, former members of the Division will have lost contact with the many many thousands of men who were members of the Division in action. It will then be too late to try to locate most of them. NOW is the time to keep up our file of addresses and for members of the smaller units to endeavor to keep track of their comrades.

"A very few men of the Association have been carrying the job alone up to now -- they will need such help as time moves along. They each have a job of some kind which brings them their bread and cheese each day and any time spent for the Association must come out of the time that the rest of us use for recreation or for loafing.

"The \$3.00 annual dues is chicken feed for ninety-nine per cent of former members of the Division. Failure to send in dues is too often a matter of neglect rather than indifference to the Association. Let's keep the dues up and add to the membership!

"My personal greeting to every man who has ever served in any capacity in that fine old outfit. We have memories that men of lesser units would give much to possess!"

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

A. B. VICKERS
Major General, USA



HEADQUARTERS
43D INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
A. P. O. 112, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

7 April 1952

Dear Ross:

I am happy to write that my long service with the 24th during World War II was one of the highlights of the many years I have spent in the Army.

Coming to the Division as a total stranger in the Fall of 1943 I was warmly received and prior to my departure from the Division a number of years later, I had formed many enduring friendships.

Prior to entering action, the preparation of the Division from the viewpoint of physical fitness, technical training, and mental readiness could not have been surpassed.

May I wish you and the Taro Leaf the best of success.

Most sincerely,

ROBERT F. CHAMBER
Major General, USA
Commanding

KFC:wb

HEADQUARTERS THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
FORT MONMOUTH, GEORGIA

6 March 1952

Dear Ken:

I have received the Taro Leaf regularly and find that it is about the only way I can keep up with my many friends in the 24th. I find it difficult to put into words the strong attachment I have for the 24th Division. To have been a part of this great unit is the high point in my long career.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor the 24th Division was the first to fight back. So it was when the North Koreans invaded South Korea, the 24th was again the first to pay in life and blood for the cause of freedom.

When the men of the Victory Division landed in Korea they knew that once again they had the mission of maintaining the prestige of our country and of defeating an enemy whose aim is to conquer the world. The Division wrote a brilliant page in our history during those early days when we fell back before the overwhelming masses of Koreans. Given the mission of delaying the North Koreans until other divisions could be rushed in from Japan, the brave men of the 24th, time and time again faced the supreme test of courage, patience, and endurance. The Division stood at the Kum River and Taegon, though costly, enabled the 25th and 1st Cavalry Divisions to dig in and brace themselves against attack.

Without a breather the Division, understrength and tired, was thrown back into the line to prevent an enemy breakthrough to Pusan. After the successful defense around Pusan, the 24th joined the rest of the Eighth Army in the breakout and race toward the Manchurian border. Reaching a point just fourteen miles south of Manchuria the Division, in danger of being out-flanked and cut off by the intervening Chinese, was forced to withdraw. During the remaining months in Korea, the Division fought valiantly in almost impassable terrain and through some of the most bitter weather ever encountered by American troops.

The men of the 24th have earned the gratitude and respect of the peoples of the world. I know that the loyal and energetic veterans of our famed unit will continue to band together in a spirit of companionship and brotherhood. You, Ken, as President of our Organization have done much to foster this close relationship among our veterans of both wars.

I wish you continued success in your efforts in behalf of the 24th Division.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. CHURCH
Major General, USA
Commandant



HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff
APO 500

21 May 1952

Mr. Kenwood Ross,
1387 Main Street,
Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Ross:

It was my great privilege and honor to be a member of the Victory Division for eleven months during 1951. During that period I saw the Division perform under the stress and strain of battle. They performed as a well-trained team and in an outstanding manner. At no time was there any doubt in the enemies' minds that they were fighting the best Division in the world.

While the 34th Infantry and the 63rd F. A. Battalion were not with the Division, we had the 5th Infantry and the 555th F. A. Battalion, both superior and truly outstanding organizations. To me, they are an integral part of and a credit to the 24th Division.

To all members, past, present and future of the 24th Division, including the 5th R. C. T., I send my best wishes for their success. May God protect them and may they ever be ready to lead the way to peace under God's divine leadership.

Sincerely,

B. M. BRYAN
Major General, GSC
Deputy Chief of Staff, FEC

BMB:pdm



OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

29 January 1962

Dear "Ken":

I have been reading the recent copies of the "Taro Leaf" with keen interest. All who "marched with the 24th Infantry Division" must feel a deep sense of pride in the outstanding accomplishments of our Division. The heroic deeds of individuals, the battle records of units, and the overall outstanding fighting qualities of the Division as a whole in the Korean War have merited the recognition and honors that have been bestowed on the Division.

The spirit of camaraderie that pervades our Annual Conventions demonstrates that unity and pride so characteristic of our Division.

I feel that the "Taro Leaf" is an ideal medium to keep us informed and to link former members of the Division with those who are now upholding the Torch of Freedom on the Korean Battleground.

It has been my privilege, while stationed at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, to see many members of the 24th Division.

Under your guidance, I know that the Division Association will have a successful year.

With warm personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

J. A. LESTER



HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
1600 EAST WICHITA AVENUE
CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Dear Ken:

As a former Division Commander of the 24th Infantry Division, January 1948 to April 1949, I would like to take this occasion to pay tribute to this fine organization.

My command duty with the Division was during its tour of occupation on the Island of Kyushu, Japan. Having myself been in Europe during World War II, I went to some lengths to read up on the exploits of the Taro Leaves in their Pacific campaigns and I was impressed with the entirely different type of warfare in which the 24th Division was engaged and in which it became so proficient.

I have followed with pride and interest the remarkable achievements of the 24th Division in Korea. I know that each former member of the Division feels a distinct sense of achievement in having at some time in his career been a part of the "Victory Division" and having in his own small way contributed something to the lasting fame of one of our finest and most representative American divisions.

A. C. SMITH
Major General, United States Army
Commanding



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

11 March 1952

Dear Mr. Ross,

Please accept my thanks for the honorary membership you have extended me in the Twenty Fourth Infantry Division Association. I am proud to be associated with the men who helped make the Victory Division one of our truly great combat divisions.

It has been our misfortune in the past to be so unprepared for war when it was forced upon us that great loss in life and materials resulted before we were ready to defend ourselves. Much of this appalling unpreparedness can be attributed to lack of interest and knowledge by our people as to the fitness of their armed forces.

The wholesome light of public interest now shines throughout our forces. This interest must be fostered with diligence so that we neither lapse into a stupor of false security nor are duped into spreading our strength too thin.

This is not a selling job. It is simply a question of getting the facts about the Army to the people. Men who know the Army, such as those who comprise your Association, can perform a great public service in this regard, not only in keeping alive the comradeship among men who fought so gallantly and successfully in defense of our Nation, but also in perpetuating the feeling of comradeship between an interested group of men, now mostly civilians, and the Army itself.

The complete support of the American people is necessary if the Army is to succeed in the defense of freedom. Your work in helping to obtain this support is greatly appreciated. I hope that success continues to attend your worthy efforts.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. McGUIFFE

A. C. McGUIFFE
Lieutenant General, GS
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1



OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

24 May 1962

Gentlemen:

I am genuinely happy to be able to address the members of the Twenty Fourth Infantry (Victory) Division Association through the medium of this letter. The Twenty Fourth Division has a long and illustrious combat record, one of which we can be justly proud. Its actions in World War II and those in Korea should be added proof that fighting on the ground is not a thing of the past. It is indicative that the Army's role will not be relegated in any way to a secondary one in warfare of the foreseeable future.

With all the publicity given today to total victory in the next war coming through a number of means other than by the Army, our people may be lulled into believing there is no necessity for maintaining adequate ground forces. It is my belief that such associations as ours have the mission of keeping the public informed as to why there is a continuing need for a balanced fighting team on the National level. Even now, in this so-called limited emergency, the Army has four vital missions -- fighting in Korea, helping defend Western Europe and providing assistance to other allies, maintaining ready reserve forces at home, and providing a well-trained army. It is obvious that to carry out these missions effectively and economically, it is essential that the Army be maintained at that size and degree of effectiveness commensurate with these tasks.

The national effort in any future war will be a joint effort on the battlefield -- Army, Navy and Air Force. Ground forces always have borne and always will, in our time, bear the brunt of battle once we have become engaged in a full scale war. Therefore I suggest to you that it would be a serious mistake to have these forces inadequate in both size and effectiveness.

I wish to tell you again that I am most happy to be able to greet you. I will certainly do everything I can to further the aims of this Association. With the accomplishments of the Twenty Fourth Division being added to, each day, I become more and more proud to have the privilege of being the commander of this division during a small part of its combat period in the Korean fighting.

With best wishes to all members.

H. I. HODGES
Major General, USA

We regret exceedingly that as we go to press, we are not yet in receipt of a photograph of Major General Henry I. Hodges. We have a special reason for this regret -- over and beyond the fact that he is a "one-time commander" of our Division; we have a particularly deep admiration for the gentleman because of his conduct during the days when he was a member of the "Truce Team". He had a way of talking "turkey" to those rascals that warmed the cockles of our heart. We are especially impressed with the out of General Hodges's chin. We repeat our regret at being unable to picture him here for you -- determined chin and all.



TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

3 June 1952

Mr. Kenwood Ross
President, 24th Infantry Division Association
1377 Main Street
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ross:

I desire at this time to extend sincere greetings in behalf of the 24th Infantry Division to all members of the Division Association.

Personnel of this organization are enthusiastically interested in the proposed establishment of a chapter here in Japan.

Until recently the Division was completely absorbed with its combat duties in Korea, and thoughts of active participation in the Division Association had to be set aside for the duration. The Division's activities and accomplishments during the 19 months of fighting are familiar to all of you. Now, with the return of the Division to Japan, a warm relationship between you, the veterans, and us, the "active" members of the 24th "Victory" Division, is quickly developing.

It is my desire that this relationship shall continue to grow and be a lasting one.

Sincerely,

GEORGE F. SMYTHE
Major General, USA
Commanding

Only one of their number has failed to favor us with his personal message. We find difficulty in commenting upon that failure. Each member of this Association, along with the rest of the world, anxiously awaits the day when he will walk out into the free world once more.

For now, and for always, we say to each of these fine gentlemen, "God bless you, sir".

The Editor



target-Moscow. We advocate nothing in which we will not agree to participate ourselves.

Seven years of the "Peace" should have convinced us by now that there shall be no peace until the dreadful issue is settled. Why not hasten that day, resolve that issue, win or lose-and Heaven help us if we lose-, and thenceforward direct our efforts to the world of peace to which we as a nation and as one of a group of nations are pledged?

But first, eliminate, once and for all, this menace-this barrier-to peace.

We are gaining nothing by the present course of action. And do we think for a solitary moment that the Reds are sitting idly by waiting for our buildup? Would you? Of course, you wouldn't.

Are we to let Russia name the time and the place-again?

Let us TODAY name the time and the place and get it over with. And if the Fates have determined that the enemy shall prevail, let us know that TOO and get underway under the new system. Could the actual fact be any worse than this uncertainty?

Sooner or later, there must be a showdown. How can we ever hope to negotiate a peace with people who know not the meaning of truth-honor-respectability-freedom. The only word these birds know is FORCE. Let's talk to them in a language they will understand.

And what of those insidious forces working from within who have already so drastically altered the character of our free institutions?

Let us know where we stand with them today. If every fiftieth, fifteenth, or fifth man in our streets today has leanings in the direction of the enemy, let's learn of it TODAY-and not tomorrow. They too are not sitting idly by. Where there are two or twenty million today, there will be four or forty million tomorrow. Face the fact that their number, their strength, their power, is increasing. Today is the day when all honest-to-God Americans should stand up and be counted. We should be proud to deny that we approve of the Red way, not glory in the privilege of exercising our constitutional right by refusing to say, one way or the other, what we are and what we think. Tomorrow may be too late. We need a "headcount" today. Tomorrow, we may be outnumbered.

This enemy has infiltrated into positions of public trust and responsibility-into the government, into the press, into the theatre, into the schools. It has rallied and is rallying the abnormal and subnormal elements among us. It thrives on unrest-misery-discontent. And the real tragedy is that so many among us are unknowingly-or knowingly-holding hands with those forces from without.

If the master plan is to lead us down the path to communism-and we think we've been led well along the way as of this writing-and if the plan is to hand us over to the waiting Reds at the end of the way, then let's change the walk to a skip and a hop, arrive at the end of the road just a little bit sooner, and enjoy the advantage of having a couple of dimes in our pockets when we get there. The dimes may not be worth anything but at least they'll jingle. The present pace of a walk with the prospect of one hundred and sixty million of us ending in bankruptcy when we turn that last corner is not pleasant to dwell upon. We want to have at least a couple of coins to jingle. It will help to pass away the hours behind that barbed wire.

These words will likely arouse some of you. We hope they do.

History has proved that it takes a Lusitania, a Pearl Harbor, an Osan, to wake us up. We apparently require a kick in the belly before we'll move.

We want American opinion to demand a change in the theory that military men should be "seen and not heard". Within the past fifteen months, we have witnessed the spectacle of two theatre commanders-in our opinion, our two greatest military minds-come home and, each in his way, shock us into an awareness of the serious situation we are in. We rebel at the suggestions that these great men have no right to express themselves. We deplore the fact also that these great men, sensing these serious difficulties, did not speak out sooner than they did. We are living in an age when our military

(Continued in next column)

My Fellow Taro-Leafers:

With the writing of this letter, I take one of the last steps before relinquishing office.

Whether this has been a profitable year for your Association is hardly for me to say. I can only tell you that hundreds upon hundreds of hours have been expended by your officers and by members of their families in a bona fide effort to make this year a really significant one in the organization's history.

A formal report of our activities of the year will be presented to the Convention at Columbus. I hope that it will be reported in a subsequent issue of the Taro Leaf. For that reason, this farewell message will avoid the specific.

I shall not be a candidate for the presidency of the Association next year. I shall continue however as a devoted member.

If I could ask but one thing of you, it would be that you exercise the utmost care and caution in electing my successor. The rise or fall of any organization depends in large measure upon the aggressiveness, or lack of it, which its head possesses.

I thank you for the privilege of having served you this year as your president. It has been a rich experience, the memory of which I shall cherish for the rest of my life.

The 24th Division has meant and continues to mean much to me. While serving actively with it, I knew some of the happiest moments-some of the bitterest moments-and suffered the greatest heartache of my life. Notwithstanding, my devotion to that glorious outfit remains.

During the past twelve months, my effort has been to make the Association worthy of that grand organization whose name it bears.

Again, my personal thanks to you from the very bottom of my heart.

Aloha,

Ken Ross

Kenwood Ross
President
24th Inf. Div. Assoc.

It's a waste of time to warn girls to watch out for men who lavish expensive gifts on them-they always do.

-G. NORMAN COLLIE.

leaders have assumed and are assuming increased responsibilities in our government. We are grateful to the Chief Executive and to the Congress that this is so. We personally have implicit faith in the abilities of our military leaders. We ask only that we grant to them the privileges of speaking their minds. The very things which they fight for, they do not enjoy themselves.

We went off on a tangent there, but we're happy that we did. It gave us a chance to express ourselves on a little side issue that has been rankling us since that horrible April day in 1951 when General MacArthur was told to pack his bags.

In closing, we'd like to throw in a real whooper and then duck for cover. We don't believe for a moment that the real issue at stake is going to be resolved at the ballot box in November. We don't think for a moment that a MacArthur, an Eisenhower, a Kefauver, a Taft, a Stevenson, a Stassen, or a Harriman, or anyone else for that matter is big enough to settle the problem by any diplomacy from within the White House. At best, any one of them could only delay the day of reckoning. It is coming, just as surely as the sun will rise tomorrow, and we had best plan accordingly. Let's fight fire with fire and decide today whether the Reds are going to keep us in a state of perpetual unrest for the rest of our lives, of our children's lives, and of the lives of our children's children.

Wanted:

In a recent issue we reported that we were carrying on a perfectly delightful correspondence with Juanita Butler, the UNMARRIED sister of our own MILT BUTLER (F21st from 1-43 to 1-46). The reaction among certain envious subscribers was instantaneous. To satisfy the demands of the curious, we are happy to reproduce here



a picture of Juanita. So very complete has been her devotion to our cause, that we have made her an honor-member of the club. Keep in there pitchin', Juanita, we are grateful to you for all your fine support. And may you make the trek from Texas to Ohio come August. We'd all love to meet you.

What's the big idea ?

We understand that CHARLIE ALLEN, of Marion, La. who worked in the PX with the inimitable OSCAR "ED" HOLDEN, has been recalled to duty. Does anyone have any word on this?.... BILLY J. COLEN (34th) is now a consulting engineer in Houston, Tex.... OAK DUBE ("the I & E Kid") is Manager of the Natchez, Miss. Chamber of Commerce.... MORRIS S. HALE, JR. (21st) is now in Orlando, Fla. after doing graduate work at Emory Univ.... ED MONTGOMERY (Div.Hq.) left Salt Lake City and went to Harvard Law School.... ELMER RHODES (Div.Hq.Co.) is a mining engineer in Roanoke, Va.... FRANK TOWANICKI (Div.Hq.Co.) one of the best motor sergeants ever to be in the business, is at East Chicago, Ind....

Let Dad

TEE OFF

JOE E. PAYNE (E-21 from 7-44 to 12-45) graduated from Okla. A & M College and is now employed by the Goodyear Tires & Rubber Co. in Tulsa. He wants any 24th'ers passing through Tulsa to drop in on him.... Maj. ED FARMER (21st) is Commander of Escorts for the War Dead operating out of 'Frisco. Ed writes us that which we already knew when he says: "It's an honorable duty." We're proud of you, Ed, and hope your plans to be at Columbus work out that way.... BOB CLARK (C-19 from 11-46 to 10-47) has just joined the Assoc. He's living in Springfield, Ohio.... Our readers will be interested, we believe, in the fact that Camp Kokura is now a R & R center in Japan. Korean troops are rotated back there for 5-day leave periods. We always liked the place ourselves.

ASSAULT

MEL GRIFFITH (21), now at Fort Ben Harrison, has a new car and promises to get behind TED SHARPE, also at Ft. Ben, and to push Ted's Chevy all the way from the camp right on into Columbus if same proves to be necessary. Mel is now a Master Sergeant. Nice going, Mel.... FRANK and GRACE CURRIER, of East Corinth, Maine, are expanding their "territory". Not only are they working on our prospects in Maine for us but they have moved over into the state of New Hampshire and are beating the bushes there as well. You're great kids!.....

and battery

HARLON J. LETT (19th) recalled to duty last February is leaving Sandia Base and is on his way to ETO. He writes that while on leave recently he went back to Jackson, Tenn. and there met BOB HAWLEY (Adj. 19th and asst. Div. IG) who was also heading east.



If it's good living you're interested in, or if it's merely for purposes of reliving old times for a few hours -- and if you're close by -- try The Miyako Restaurant at 20 W 56 St. in New York. Mr. K. Tsukada is the manager of this Japanese eating place. It'll be an experience well worth your while.

The food there looks too good to eat. Mr. Tsukada reminds us that, "The Japanese believe food should be tasted first with the eyes." He says a "Japanese chef has to be an artist as well as a cook." That we know!

We stopped by there the other evening and ordered the full treatment: the soup in the lacquer bowls, the chicken broth with the delicate green shreds of the string bean, the little cube of egg custard, the slice of carrot (beautifully carved as the Rising Sun), the tempura (pre-cooked, shelled, split, flattened, dipped in fluffy batter, and fried in hot oil), the sauce (bonito stock, sweet sake and soy), and, of course, the sukiyaki. Our minds went back to many happy meals at Mamasan's at Matsuyama, Kochi, Okayama, Beppu, and other way points.

We had forgotten all that went into those frying pans but it all came back to us as we watched. Here's the way it works in case you want your own Mamasan to give it a go:

Beef fat into the pan. When melted and bubbling hot, the vegetables (mushrooms, scallions, celery, bean curd and bamboo shoots). Add all the vegetables except the mushrooms. Stir to prevent scorching. When half cooked, add the stock (sweet sake and soy). Add salt next. Our Mamasans used soya sauce instead of salt but you probably can't get that in your corner supermarket. Then a sprinkle of sugar and light touch of pepper. The mushrooms next (the great big ones, thinly sliced). Then in with the bean curd (that funny stuff that looked like moldy Jello). Finally the paper thin slices of the rib roast. Turn the meat over after about one-half a minute and give the other side a chance. Serve the minute the meat is cooked and start adding more meat for the "seconds."

Writing this isn't easy. Our mouth is watering. We like the thought of it so much we're even calling the Deshler-Wallick by telephone to see if we can't arrange a sukiyaki dinner for all of you when you get to Columbus.

And if you can't wait until then, and your Mamasan won't cooperate, try Mr. Tsukada's Miyako. Look for us. We'll be at the little table up in the front corner.

Just a Minute

This is the kind of a letter that makes it all seem worthwhile. GUS CARDONE, P.O. Box 505, Port Jervis, N. Y. writes:

"Your latest issue of the Taro Leaf gave me a real surprise and a great pleasure. In one of your articles I read where Bob Gerry, a fellow from K company of the 21st, was looking for information about me and I also found in your list of names and addresses of fellows from California, a name and address of a good buddy of mine from that state that I have wanted to get in touch with but didn't know just where in California he lived. I think that idea of listing the fellows names and addresses is a swell idea. I hope we have more of it. I would like to hear from any K company men that served with me.

"I think the Taro Leaf is one of the best published papers from an organization that I have yet read. I don't ever leave the post-office before I start reading and looking through it. Other monthly publications from organizations I belong to don't give half as much of the kind of news as does the Taro Leaf."

Well, bless your little heart, Gus, that's awful sweet of you to say all those things.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY

..... M/Sgt. JOE McKEON (19th from 6-49 to 2-51) and M/Sgt. HARVEY PATTERSON (34th) are both new members. This makes 100% representation at the ROTC unit at the Univ. of R.I. in Kingston where Joe and Harvey are. The PMS&T there, Lt. Col. T. A. MARSDEN, JR. is already an Association member. Good old little Rhode Island. Harvey was with the 34th and then with G-2 in Div. Joe was with the 19th and then also went up to G-2. With the college closed down for the summer, we're expecting the whole staff in Columbus in August. JACK WATSON (K-34 and Hq., 3rd Bn., 34th) of Suburban Motors, of Birmingham, Mich. is going to be with us in Columbus. He says he's going to stop selling Oldsmobiles long enough to pack the Mrs. in his car (presumably an Olds) and join us at the Deshler-Wallick. Jack writes, "After the swell time I enjoyed last year in Detroit, I wouldn't miss this conclave." We look forward to seeing you there, Jack. We're even thinking of buying a new Oldsmobile. You had better bring a sample with you. WALT REDFIELD, of 14 Oakland St., Natick, Mass., writes that he'll be in Columbus, along with CARL SCHANK. As of the moment, 26 different states will be represented at Columbus. We expect more but as we go to press, we have received registrations from members in 26 different states. We wish it might be 48.

WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO

ANGELO F. MARCHESI (52nd from 10-41 to 10-42) who got "it" at Schofield Barracks on Pearl Harbor Day, recently joined up. He is now married, has a son 3 years old, and thinks there may be another one come Christmas. Angelo, there ain't no Santa Claus, you know! He's in the trucking business with his brother and is living at 34 White St., Winchester, Mass.

.....AND NOW*****
IN CASE YOU GET LOST

SWEET Vivian's a golfer.

She causes quite a stir;
All the men are anxious—
To play a round with her.

A concerned father recently wrote his son's draft board.

"I want to repeal my son's classification. He is so stupid he can't go anywhere by himself. He gets lost. I eat through other children who are stupid, too."

Questioned by his draft board about his age, a registrant replied: "In answer to your letter, I told you I was 42. But you're right, I'm 24. Never was good in arithmetic."

Two little rabbits were being chased by a pack of hungry wolves. One turned to the other and said, "Hey, how about stopping for a second and outnumbering 'em?"

About the time you learn to make the most of life—most of it is gone.

After dating Siamese twins an ex-GI was asked if he had fun. "Well, yes—and no."

The stiffest job we've heard of was landed by an ex-GI. He's in a pantie factory putting down about four thousand a year.

American armed forces around the world have begun noticing road signs which warn: "Drive carefully. The child playing in the road may be yours."

They call animals dumb. But put 10 horses in a race and 50,000 people will come out to watch and bet on them. Put 30 people in a race and you'd be lucky to draw one horse—and he wouldn't be foolish enough to bet.

1st Old Maid: "I just love soldiers."
2nd Old Maid: "Oh, you say that in every war."

A man, who had quite a snootful, was sneaking in his house late at night. He made considerable noise in the hallway and suddenly there was a crashing sound of breaking glass which awakened the little lady upstairs. "John," she called, "what's the matter?"

From downstairs came a blurred answer: "I'll teach those blasted golfers to snap at me."

Ex-GI: "I'm forgetting women."
Vet: "Me too. I'm for getting them as soon as possible."

Clerk: "Shopping bags?"
Girls: "Nope, just looking."

Hey, lady!

KEN FRASER (21st) who is with the Army Field Band stationed at Meade is going places. He sends his regrets in not being able to be with us in Columbus. He says the band is touring Europe in August and September. They'll hit Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the British Isles, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Greece, and Turkey on this trip. Ken, you've got it made! ARTHUR J. WOBIO (R-19th from 8/50 to 8/51) sends us greetings from the 467 Cml. Mortar Bn. at Atterbury. Art says there are at least a dozen 24th'ers at Atterbury. We'll expect a convoy of jeeps to pull up in front of the hotel from Atterbury, Art. Do what you can to bring them along with you, will you? We like the way Art signs his letter -- "one of the many comrades of the GREAT 24th Division". LT. COL. JAMES R. THOMPSON (21st) is with the Office of the Executive for Reserve and ROTC affairs in the Pentagon. Jim is doing considerable traveling these days and promises to find us some members en route. We'll be grateful to you, Jim -- and if you can, how about arranging a feather merchant trip for yourself out Ohio way along about August 15th?

Heavenly Bodies



You're in good hands

Shake Hands Once Again With Your Former Buddies

John Gunther in his latest book called "Eisenhower" states on page 57 thereof:

"He was older than most of his classmates, and when he was graduated on June 12, 1915, he had almost reached the age of twenty five. He went into the infantry, was commissioned a second lieutenant, and was assigned to the 19th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Here a major event occurred—he met Mamie Dowd....."

All rise, please, while we sing three verses of "The Rock".

And while we're at it, let's not forget that Lieutenant Douglas MacArthur was the Adjutant of the 3rd Engineer Battalion.

Brother, sooner or later, we've had 'em all.

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

MEMBERS

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of the

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and their families and friends

are cordially invited to attend

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of the ASSOCIATION

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August 15

August 16

August 17

JOE JACOBS (21), CHARLIE SMITH (19), THORNTON L. REYNOLDS (19) and RAY ADAMS (21) are all together with the 2131 ASU, MRTG (whatever that means) at Camp Pickett, Va. They were all formerly with the same unit at Meade.

We reproduce below the parting shot of our loyal, faithful, hard-working secretary, JOE PEYTON (We aren't giving his unit designation as we aren't sure whether Joe was a Gimlet or a Chick)

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TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY (Victory) DIVISION ASSOCIATION

July 25, 1952

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Dear Fellow 24thers:

With the 5th Annual Convention coming up on August 15, 16, and 17, my second term as Secretary of your Association will come to a close. The two years that I devoted to you and the 24th Association were pleasant ones. I did my best to fulfill my obligations to each of you and the Association.

As much as I would like to accept the Secretarialship for another term, it will be impossible for me to do so. For reasons of health, and the growing responsibilities of a Father of three children, I must decline any nomination for another term.

However, you can all feel confident that I will be 100% behind the officers that you shall select at the Columbus Convention. I trust also that you will give to my successor the same whole-hearted cooperation that you gave to me. He will need your

help in order for him to get his feet on the ground, so that he can continue to promote interest in the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association.

It would not be proper in writing this letter, if I did not thank the Officers of your great organization for the assistance that they gave to me—and to you, the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association. During the past year, every effort was made to please each and every member. This meant that your officers had to make sacrifices to perform their duties. Your TARO LEAF was given to you in record issues, and it is now the leading veterans publication in the nation. A fine way to show your appreciation to them is to be with them in Columbus this coming August. Meet them personally. They are a swell group. Let's make this 1952 convention our greatest re-union in the history of the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association.

In closing I would like to add. The 24th is still the Fightingest in Battle—And the Friendliest in Peace. Long may this spirit live. Will be looking forward to meeting you all in Columbus, Ohio on August 15th.

Yours in Comradeship,

Joseph I. Peyton - (19th Inf)
National Secretary



Maj. Gen. Smythe is shown congratulating Barrett Hungary of Bakersfield, Cal., welterweight champion of the Division.

The Division Boxing Tournament was held recently at Camp Schimmelpennig near Sendai.

Hungary, a heavy punching Korean veteran put on one of the outstanding exhibitions of boxing in the well-attended tourney when he swiftly battered his vaunted opponent, "ko"ing him at 1:56 of the first round.

There's Nothing Like Old Grand-Dad

At a recent organization meeting, the Fort Benning Chapter of the association was formed.

Col. GENES PEREZ (21st) was elected President, M/Sgt. MILDRED WADE (A-19) was elected V. Pres., Lt. JIM H. HUNT (21st) was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Lt. BERNARD AMPROSE (19th) was elected corresponding Secretary and PIO.

Sgt. GERALD ELAM (19th), one of our Association Veeps, was very active in planning the organization meeting as was Brig. Gen. STAN MELOY (19th).

Lt. Gen. ROBERT EICHELBERGER happened to be at Benning at the time and honored the group with a short inspirational talk.

*Is you is,
or is
you ain't?*

EUGENE J. PAPI (Div. Band), ye old maestro, who twiddled the baton so long and so hard for the Division, has left the Band at Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. and has moved to Trieste where he is the "Bandmaster". Papi says it's the "same old music - just operating at a new stand." Keep up the racket, Papi, we love it. We can hear it now: "Hail to the Chief", "On the Mall" and "Poets and Peasants" all at the same time. We're looking for some of those bandmen to be back at Columbus.

'Can't Win!' Department

JIM KANE (E-21 from 6-42 to 7-45) writes us from Dubuque, Iowa, is hard at work trying to interest Iowa 24th'ers in our Assoc. We appreciate your help, Jim. He's running a Conoco Oil Station in Dubuque "just off the Wisconsin-Iowa bridge." Jim asked us about decals. We're all out of them at the moment but we're sending in a re-order. We'll announce it in the Taro Leaf when they're available.

Here Comes the Shortcake

The price of initially equipping a basic Army infantry division since World War II has risen from \$19,000,000 to \$91,000,000, with the cost of an armored division jumping from \$40,000,000 to \$293,000,000.

MORE OF THE DIRECTORY

We're happy to report that our Directory idea has gone over with a bang. Accordingly, we're giving you the Colorado and Connecticut boys this month. Chew on these for awhile.

COLORADO

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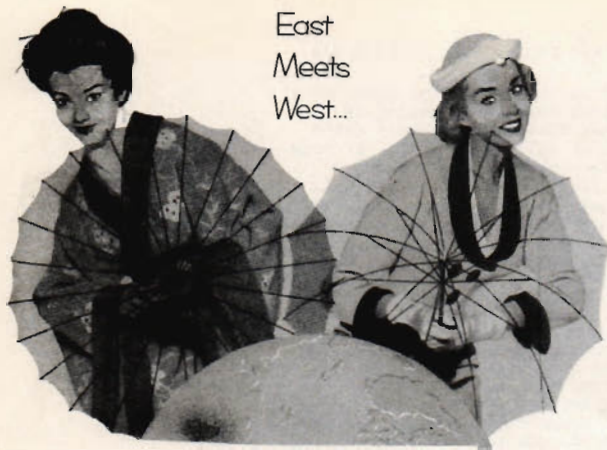
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Another of the songs we expect to sing at Columbus is that old favorite "Monday I Touched Her On the Ankle." Get ready for it..... JIM MIMS, of Midland, Tex. proposes that we issue certificates to each member certifying that John Doe or whoever you are was a member of the 24th Division. These would be of a size suitable for framing. What is your pleasure on this?..... TELVA NISON (63 FA) Brooklyn, N.Y. wants the address of SEIKO TOKUDA (also 63 FA). It's 4207 Amau Place, Honolulu, Telva, and we're happy to oblige. That's one of the reasons we're in business, boy..... When in Washington recently, we tried to get over to see MARK and ELSA KRIEDBERG. Information has it that they've been ordered back overseas. How about word from you kids and why didn't you let us know you were going away again?...

Heavenly Bodies

One good member who prefers to remain anonymous sends us this one about an expense account recently handed in by one of his associates. It went like this:

July 1 - Advertisement for female stenographer,	\$ 1.50
2 - Violets for new stenographer,	1.50
8 - Week's salary for new stenographer,	30.00
9 - Roses for new stenographer,	5.00
11 - Candy for wife,	.90
13 - Lunch with stenographer,	7.00
15 - Picture show tickets - self & wife,	1.20
16 - Week's salary for stenographer,	65.00
18 - Theatre tickets - self & stenographer,	15.00
19 - Coca Cola for wife,	.20
22 - Virginia's salary,	65.00
23 - Dinner with Ginny,	32.00
25 - Fur coat for wife,	1275.00
27 - Advertisement for male stenographer,	1.50

post-exchange privileges for themselves and their needy families. Among them are serious young people, studying hard to learn their husbands' language; some others don't even try.

"The transport ships carry girls cast off by their own families either as good riddance or in protest against their marriages, others who are waved away from Yokohama by whole crowds of best-dressed kinfolk, down from remote towns or villages. They're not the very best Japan has, and certainly not the worst. And their chances for happiness appear equally mixed."

We can't agree with all of this, but we submit it here for what it's worth.

We didn't mean to start any arguments on this touchy subject, but just between you and us, did we? Write us about it. We'll reprint your comments in forthcoming issues. Let's all join in on the debate.

the "Wing Ding"

Recently on a trip into Washington, we chanced to pass by the Washington Wine & Liquor, Inc., a store on Pennsylvania Ave., at 12th St. -- just passing by, you know. Our eye was drawn to a long slender husky-looking green tinted bottle with a Japanese label. "Sake?" we asked ourselves. Sake it was and because it's the only place in these United States where we have known it to be available, we're passing the word along to you in case you want to buy a bottle. Tom Anderson is the boy behind the counter who has a special interest in the problems of we "foreigners." Tom had so many calls for the liquid that he now carries it on his shelves. And in case you've forgotten, remember to serve it WARM. Dozzo!!!..... We are happy to report that AUBREY S. NEWMAN has been nominated to be a Brigadier General. As we have watched our brass move up the ladder of rank, no announcement or notice has given us greater pleasure. We who knew "Red" will always remember him as one of the best fighters who ever wore the Taro Leaf. We salute you, General Newman.



If you can't come to Columbus yourself, be sure to send a message (letter, card, a wire) which we can hang up on the walls which will be made available for that purpose. In this way, others can read your greetings even though they can't meet you face to face..... Your convention committee is doing everything it can to make Columbus a long-to-be-remembered event. All that can be done is being done to make your attendance completely satisfying. What is more, we are trying to be considerate of your pocketbook. We are not trying to spend your money for you. We have your pocketbook very much in mind..... This is a critical year for the Association. Policies by which we will be governed in the year ahead will be initiated and formulated at Columbus. We need your support. The men who are to be responsible for the administration and operation of the Association in the year ahead will be elected here. We need officers who will work. We want no officers who merely want the jobs "for the glory of the thing." There's little glory in one of these jobs; but there is a lot of hard - but enjoyable - work. The convention IS the future of the Association. Please make it if you can.

We took impish delight in reading the article, "They're Bringing Home Japanese Wives" in the Jan. 19th issue of The Saturday Evening Post. So impish did we become that we reproduced in last month's issue, a picture of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Thornell, of Shugualak, Miss. Charlie married a Japanese LADY and brought her home with him. We received but two aquawks. Not a bad percentage, we say.

We like to believe that we are capable of a kind of understanding which the authoress, Janet W. Smith, being a lady herself, cannot possibly possess relative to this problem.

The article started off by saying:

"Six thousand Americans -- soldiers, sailors, air-men, civilians and officers -- have married Japanese citizens in Japan since the end of World War II. Some 500 of these chrysanthemum-bud brides have departed by military transport or civilian ship to live in the United States as permanent non-quota residents. The presumption is that most of them, as well as additional hundreds who are getting married at the rate of five to twenty a day at each of the six American consulates in Japan, will try to make the great trans-Pacific jump. If they do so, the Japanese-race population back home will be increased 4 or 5 per cent, not counting the Eurasian children of these marriages."

And then, Miss (or Mrs?) Smith came up with the inevitable remark when she said:

"But the effect of these mixed marriages on American life at home is still to come -- the arrival of thousands of dark-skinned, dark-eyed brides in Mississippi cotton hamlets and New Jersey factory cities, on Oregon ranches or in Kansas country towns. The thousands are on the way, and their bright-eyed children soon will be knocking on school doors in most of the forty-eight states. The great question of how they will fit in and whether they generally will be welcomed or shunned remains to be answered."

We hold to the conviction that, given half a chance, Toshiko and Maiko and Achiko and all the others won't do badly at all. To start with -- and here's where we lead with our chin -- they're beginning their new lives over here with one or two advantages. And you 24th'ers -- most of you -- if you served for any time in Japan -- know exactly what we mean.

Miss (or Mrs?) Smith continues by saying:

"They are a varied lot of girls, tiny or chubby, flat-faced or quite beautiful, competent secretaries or youngsters who know very little beyond how to work in a rice paddy. They speak the English their husbands taught them -- 'Whaseamatta, chum?' or 'I beg your pardon,' depending on what sort of men they married. They've been children in a nation's defeat, have gone hungry, have cared for smaller brothers and sisters with the aid of a couple of old kimono sleeves in contrast to the dozens of diapers they're now given for their own children. They knew how to work before they knew how to talk; and if they know what to do, will almost always do it well. Some are quick, some stupid, many average. They've already been treated well by some Americans and insulted gratuitously by others, so they expect mixed treatment when they get to the States. Some married for love, some because they already had children out of wedlock, some for the very practical purpose of obtaining