"C" DAY NOW AT HAND

LT. GEN. BLACKSHEAR M. BRYAN, COMMANDING GENERAL OF FIRST ARMY, WILL BE OUR GUEST & PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE BANQUET SAT.

Or Guest of Honor, General Bryan formerly commanded the 24th Division in Korea, from January 1951 until December 1951.

Since August 1957, he has been in command of the First U. S. Army at Governors Island, N. Y., and was appointed Chairman, U.S. Military Delegation Military Staff Committee, United Nations, and Senior U. S. Army Representative to the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations.

General Bryan will no doubt discuss experiences encountered during the Korean war. We trust that Mrs. Bryan will be with us also.

30 it is with great anxiety that we again approach the time of our annual reunion, when we can get together to renew old friendships. The members of the Association still share today that deep comradship they shared during those years of conflict. We are proud to have served in this illustrious Division and also we can be justly proud of its achievements in the defense of our Country.

In addition to the serious side of the Convention, which includes the beautiful Memorial Service, you will have plenty of interesting things to do. 24th Division Combat films will be shown several times each day. — the TROPHY ROOM will be open at all times. You will find trophies of all sizes and description... so bring along your trophis also. We'll have music on Friday and on Saturday, also HULA GRES to dance! — an afternoon (tea) and cocktail hour for the laddes. If this is your first reunion, don't worry, you'll feel right at home two minutes after you arrive.

Philadelphia offers many interesting sights and places of interest. No other City has such a background. More about Philadelphia will be found elsewhere in this issue, including a map found elsewhere in this issue, including a map showing the main points of the city. Come early and stay late. Last year I overhead early and stay late. Last year I overhead several say they wished the reunion could last a week or more. We hope you will save most of your sightseeing until after the Convention in order that we can all be together most of time.

Remember 13 - 16 August 1959. BILL DAVIDSON & his committee have worked hard to make this the VERY BEST CONVENTION YET! DON'T LET THEM DOWN. When ED HENRY'S Jap Flag is hung on the wall, the Convention is officially in progress. This has been the rule always.... See you in Phila..

SATURDAY 15th OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED 24th DIV. DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Proclamation

Whereas ...

The 24th Infantry Division will hold its annual reunion in the City of Philadelphia during August 13 to 15; and

Thousands of former veterans of this combat corps which was the first infantry unit to enter the fighting in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Middle East, will convene in this City to attend the convention; and

The 24th Infantry Division, formerly called the Hawaiian Division, has appropriately chosen the Cradle of Liberty, the Shrine of the Nation for its reunion;

Now, Therefore ...

I, Richardson Dilworth, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 15, 1959, as

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION DAY

and urge all citizens to join in this tribute to the fighting organization of World War II, Korea and the Middle East during their reunion in Philadelphia.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Philadelphia this sixteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine. Richardson Selworth Fredric R Zuann

CITY REPRESENTATIVE

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Robert J. Duff, Editor

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CHICAGO News

After weeks of planning, and weeks of clear weather, rain and thunderstorms forced the CHICAGO CHAPTER to abendon the picnic on Sunday the 19th of July. It was to have been held at the Shiller woods in the northwest part of Chicago.

C. G. HANLIN flew in to Chicago from Elwood, Indine, but was unable to land. It being clear down in Denville, he started south but after running into two more storms, turned eastward and by 1300 was safely home. The Hanlins ate their picnic lunch on the dining room table.

Chicago President sent out notices on 22nd July notifying all Chicago area men that a special mosting would be held at McDuff's Tavern on the 24th at which time the raffle would be held, after which they would settle down to a business meeting to decide how all the Chicago boys would get into two railroad cars to travel to Philadelphia.

The Chicago Chapter meets on the Third Tuesday of each month, but this meeting was for the purpose of the raffle and disposing of the prizes.

WHAT GOES ON HERE -

A few of our members seen to have the mistaken impression that the Officers of the 24th Division Association receive compension for their services. This is a far cry from the real situation.

The only thing they receive is the setisfaction of knewled that they have done the best they know how to try to carry out the provisions of our Constitution. One purpose of the Association is to 'Preserve the memories and friendships common to the vettrens of the division.' (The purposes of the Association were published in a recent issue. They will be found in the Association.

Several of the Officers in the past, and presently have dug into their own pockets in order to keep things going and to keep the treasury on an even keel and out of the red. Conventions, and publishing of the Taro Leaf have cost several of the Officers publishing of the Tahundreds of dollars.

No, the Officers era NOT EVEN \$1 a year men:

ADS IN THIS AND OTHER ISSUES ARE PAID FOR BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHO DO SO TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE TARO LEAF. By paying your dues, you also could help. There are actually hundreds of men who are still on the mailting list and receiving the Taro Leaf, who have not paid dues for severall years. They are gradually being dropped due the growing expense. Should you desire to keep receiving the Taro Leaf and keeping in touch with your buddles, won't you PLEASE forward your \$5.00 to ED HENRY NOW !! Otherwise we may not and probably won't be welle to keep you on the mailing list after Convention. Ed's address is:

First National Bank Eldg., Attletoro, Wass.

LOST....

ED YUILLE, Div. Hr. of Higginsville, Missouri. He attended the reunion in Chicago, and has be a receiving his Taro Leaf - HUT this week the July issue came back marked "Mound, Leit No For-warding Address". Does aryone hear from him? If so write to the Secretary and notify the Taro Leaf Editor.

YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

HAWAII - AUSTRALIA - NEW CUINEA - PHILLIPINES - JAPAN - KOREA



TWENTY FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Greetings to All Members of the Association:

We are all now anxiously looking forward to the coming convention in Philadelphia, to renewing old and lasting friendships and to making new ones and perhaps to taking a little time away from the convention to to taking a little time away from the convention to of ourse by visiting Philadelphia's significant historical strings. We are most happy to have such a distinguished scripts as General Bryan for our guest of honor, particularly so because to commanded the Division during the this year's convention will be the greatest ever for the korean veterans.

The future of our association has been assured by the enthusiastic response to the association's program for life memberships, which were made available for the importance to the growth and strength of the association, be used to permanently perpetuate the nursic deeds of the livision's units and their men, which have consistently circumstringuished the Division's operations whether in combating a life membership to sunits and their men, which have consistently or in occupation duty. I urge all of you who are considering a life membership to submit your application before issue.

Reports from Bill Davidson and Ed Henry indicate a tremendous interest in the convention this year. Fon't distance and old and very dear buddy who will travel a Philadelphia. Be there. This could be the greatest convention in the association's history.

Sincerely, Jone Compere Tom Compere

See You In Philadelphia In 1959

Convention Committees



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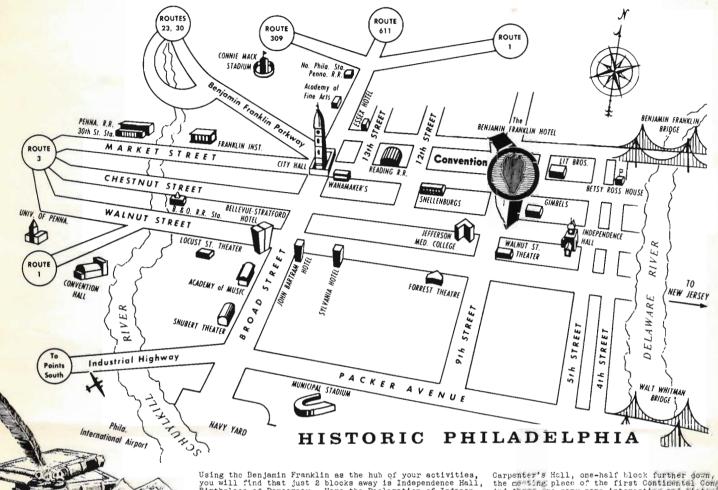
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THIS ISSUE was made possible by the ASSOCIATION MEMBERS whose ADS and GREETINGS will be found in this issue, and also with the help of the Benjamin Franklin Hotal whose ad appears on the rover. THANKS to all of you!

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PROGRAM!

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 13 August 1959

3:00 P.M. Registration and Open House

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:00 A.M. 9 - 12 noon

Registration Desk Opens Open House and Welcomes

9 - 12 noon Trophy Room Open

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, & EVENING, 14 August 59

14 August 1959

1:00 P.M. 24TH DIVISION Combat Films

2:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

2:00 P.M. Tour of Historical Places

3:00 P.M. Unit Meetings

4:00 P.M. Sightseeing in Philadelphia

7:00 P.M. Buffet Dinner

Entertainment during evening

are convivial members.

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Old Soldiers' Gabfest-ivities Meetings for those who

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SATURDAY, 15 August 1959

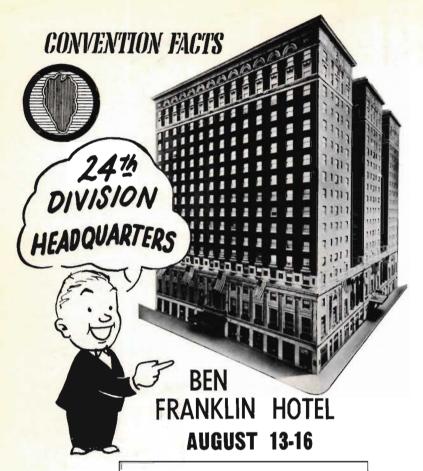
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4:00 P.M. Pre-Banquet Conviviality
7:00 P.M. Memorial Service - Banquet
Lt. General B. M. Bryan, Speaker

Awards - 'Old Soldiers Get Together to continue tales left unfinished last year.

SUNDAY, 16 August 1959

10:00 A.M. Alohas until 1960



Registration commences at 3:00 P-M. Thursday and will sontinue until Benquet hour on Saturday evening.

Bring Your TROPHY(S) to the CONVENTION

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SATURDAY EVENING

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RADIO & TV

This is the menu as we go to press... The Committee reserves the right to abone the News without notice.

BUFFET SUPPER Friday Evening, 14 August 1959 This spread whill be one that you will forget

DON'T FORGET ---- BRING YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT TO PHILA.

The young Army doctor in the South Pacific had diagnosed the ailment of a Sergeant, but knowing well that he could do little with his limited facilities, wired the Base Hospital as follows: "Here a case of beriberi. What shall I do ?"

The measure was taken at the base by a young technicien, who trying to keep from bothering the Surgeon, wired back:

"Give it to the Engineers, - they'll drink anything,"

PERSON TO PERSON

We neglected to mention in the July issue that the young lady pictured in the foreground in the photo of the War Memorial in Brisbane Australia was none other than our lovely little BARBARA DAVIDSON. Bill tells us that this Memorial is located at the bend of the Brisbane River in the Breakfast Creek area.

JOSEPH D. KARAM, formerly 5th RCT in Korea has inquired about the Association and the Reumion. JOE is an Attorney and lives in Columbus, Ohio. We'd like to hear more about you Joe. Perhaps we'll have the pleasure of meeting you in PHILADELPHIA. In the meantime, complete the form on page 7 of this issue and rush it to ED HEMRY. For the information of you Taro Leafers, Joe's mailing address is: Joseph D. Karam, Esq. Earhart, Robertson & Savage, 8 E. Long Street, Columbus 15, Ohio.

Of all people, JACKIE and URB THROM missed receiving their last Taro Leaf, but word from them corrected this. Don't know hew it happened URB, your are right here on the list: The THROMS have always been active and workers in the Association. Incidently, URB is going to try to get us publicity in the Retired Army Personnel Bulletin in the future. Both Urb and Rita plan to attend the Phila reunion. Their address for those of you who do not have it: Lt. Col. U. L. THROM, 1442 B, Fifth Ave., Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

ANTHONY FIERRO, 545 Calhoun Avenue, Bronx 65, New york is a NEW MEMBER of the Association! Please complete the form on page 7, Mr. Fierro, in order that we will have more information about you, your family, etc. for future use, and for the information of the men you served with. They'll went to keep up to date.

ROBERT L. ALBRIGHT, Waterloo, Indiana recently inquired about the Convention. He is on the mailing list for this issue. Hope to see you in Phila Bob.

Also asking about the Convention is HOWARD WRIGHT, of 850 Carpenter Street, Northville, Michigan.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

LOUIS D. SMITH, 2116 Pargoud Building, Monroe, Louisiana. In orther words, just leave off the Box number that he formerly had. Cled to hear from you Louis. We like for the members to keep us up to date.

LT. COL. MELVIN C. O'DONNAL, former emdr 2nd Bn of the 21st. was with the Division from September 1945 until September 1947. At present he is Area Commender of the Army Reserve.

Col. O'Donnel and his wife LEAR have four children: MELVA LEE, 27; SARAH ANN, 26; BEVERLY KAY, 19; and MELVIN C. Jr. Age 8. They reside at 1304 E. Williams Street, Danville, Illinois, His hobby is wood working. We hope to have Melvin within our fold this coming year.

CHET ANDREZAK, DOC LICMAN, PAUL HARTLEY, and TOM COMPERE all deserve a special thanks for the contribution they have made toward the last three issues of the Taro Leef. In addition to annual dues, these boys have added to the 'kitty' by donating ads for the paper. In addition to them the following have sent in greetings for this issue: BILL DAVIDSON, our financial wizzard who when he was treasurer of the Assn. was known as 'money bags Davidson' - this name attached to him by our famous "SFIKE O'DONNELL", C. G. HANLIN, our V.P., and VIC BACKER, of Paul Wing Studios, New York City. Thanks Boys!

e also wish to express our thanks to Mr. Robert C. Bennett and the BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL for their contribution and help in making possible this issue of the Taro Leaf. The Ben Franklin ad will be found on the cover of this issue. We hope you all will stay at the Ben Franklin.

By the way, many of those who move do not send in a Change of address to us. Some apparently do not even notify their Post Office because we get several Taros back each mailing marked "MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS" or "No Record this P.O."

If you want to receive your Taro Leaf, help us out by notifying both the Secretary and your P.O.

A few of the boys we expect to see in PHILADELPHIA:

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Should the family or relative of a member of the Armed Forces buried overseas, desire a picture of his grave, it may be procured by writing to: American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington, D. C. Sive name, rank, serial number, and unit.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

ITEMS FROM THE FILES



Street scene in Taclobán, Leyte, just behind the battle smoke, as the native inhabitants turn out to greet American troops. One troubling problem: Who was loval. who was not?



Photo Courtesy of the "Victory Division" TARO LEAF,
Augsburg. Germany.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

VIC and RITA BACKER have been doing a bit of traveling of late. ZD HEMRY recently received a message from them which said: "RITA and I got fealows of your trip and decided to try it ourselves. It's great -- Paris, Madrid, the whole tit - talk to you when I get home." The postpard had a picture of a metador and a buil. It was melled from Matrid. We'll hear more of this trip and also about ED'S, and LORNA, BILL, and BARBARA DAVIDSON'S at the reunion.

NEW MEMBER

AIFRED MONACO - of the 19th Infantry Regt., from 1946 mntil 1944.
ALFRED and his wife ALBERTA have a daughter 11 months old. They
live at 214 W. 21st. Street, Christer, Pennsylvania. Alfred to
a mechanic. Alf has already paid his dues up for 1960.

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER!

JUAREZ, ANTONIO, Box 415, Midland Pennsylvania. Welcome, and we'll see you at the Ben Franklin in Philadelphia.

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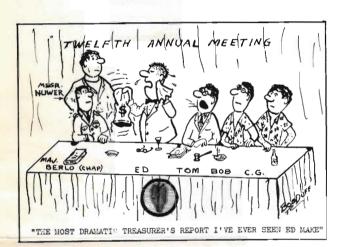
WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON (Div. Hq.)

SWEEDSBORO, NEW JERSEY

TAPS

The New York Times of May 16, 1959, contained the obituary of Walter B. Himes, 49, of 379 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey. Walter served as a Sergeant in the 13th FA Bn, in World War ! 1. He was the first Vice-President of this Association. At the time of his death he was Vice-President of the State Tree Company, of Westwood, New Jersey. He was survived by a widow, Elsie and his mother and

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THANKS to everyone who, throughout the past year has helped your Editor to get out the various issues of the TARO LEAF! It has been a pleasant year. I enjoyed hearing from all those who wrote and only wish that more had. Thanks again BOB DUFF

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CAPTAIN ROBERT B. CHAPMAN

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CAPT. ROBERT B. CHAPMUN, Service Company, 19th. was killed 25 June 1945, near Tamagan, Mindanco, Philippines. On this date, on an assault against the enemy, Bob was with COL. "JOCK CLIFFORD. Jock was struck down under enemy bomberdment, and Bob rushed to his side. At that moment enother shell hit Bob. He died a short time later.

His awards included Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Robert B. Chapman was born in Danville Jan. 12, 1921, and lived there until he entered the corvice in 1939. He served with the 24th Division, from Oahu on through the var. He received the Bronz Star Medal in Dutch New Guinea in 1944 on 7 May for "heroic achievement in combat against the enemy". At Lucon he received two Oak Leaf clusters for leading an untried group of men and capturing an enemy camp. The Silver Star was for his leadership and actions at Tamagan.

Five years ofter his death, on June 23, 1950, he was awarded a third Oak Loaf Cluster.

Captain Chapman's Mother, Mrs. Agnes M. Chapman resides at 1226 N. Walnut St., Danville, Illinois. His wife Mary and son Robert B. Chapman, Jr. live in Des Voines, Iowa.

A formal dedication coremony will be held at the armory on 8 September 1959. A bronzo plaque bearing the name with an appropriate narrative, will be permanently attached to the building.

The naming of this becutiful Armory building after Bob Chapman, of the Rock of Chickamauga, makes us all very proud.

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