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## Southern States

Not too much news from the Southern States as yet, but as the year rolls on, we always receive more and more news. There always seems to be a short lull around this time of the year.

The BOB LUHRSENS of Miami could not attend this past year but are planning on seeing you in Louisville.

The AUEREY S. NEWMANS had planned to attend, but a business trip interfered. A letter expressing their regrets was received at the Convention Headquarters.

ZALEWSKI, TOM, of 2301 N.W. 79th Terrace, Miami Florida writes that he recently visited Bob Luhreen end that they are contacting all tha former Chicks - and other 24th men - in the area to arrange for meetings. TOM adds, "I have noticed since meeting former members of the 24th Division, and this is expecially true of the ones who sarved in the Division during WW II, that a true feeling of comradship springs up when they meet. Tom is forwarding a photo of Co. "C", 19th taken in 1941, for the Taro Leaf.

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--- and HERE'S WHAT THE MAN (ROSCOE CLAXON) says: "We're going to have the biggest, most heart-warming, and exciting Convention we have ever had. You'll love it down here in the land of beautiful women, fast horses, mint juleps, and SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY. It's gonna be 'the most'."

President C. C. HANLIN and Editor BOB DUFF will leave for Louisville very soon to meet with Roscoe, and Co-Chairman LT. COL. URBAN THROM, to make a decision on the hotel, and map plans for the big event which, as always, will be in August. We will not rest until we find a good Hotel that will get us back on the usual fair Convention rates that we have had before. This year we the Committee will hold out for no more than 10.00 double - OR LESS - for room rates, and around \$8 to \$7 single. In Louisville we will probably not have to pay Convention City rates. We will also insist on a written contract guaranteeing the rates in order that no mistake can be made and have come member pay more than the 24th Division Assn. rate.

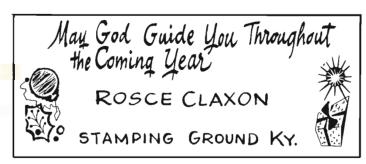
Louisville has much to offer. Besides Churchill Downs, the largest General Electric Flant, and Fort Knox, there are many, many other interesting and historic sites.

Louisville is situated in a location where more 24th men will be able to reach it and attend. Many from the South who have been unable to travel to the East and as far north as Chicago, will now be able to be present - and it is still not too far from the mid-western boys. Louisville is easy to reach by auto, train, and by air, boasting fine airports.

Roscoe is now working on the Guest Speaker, and in the JANUARY ISSUE of the TARO LEAF we will have details for you including the name of the Hotel, rates, information about sight-seeing tours, etc.

DON'T FORGET - FLAN NOW - for LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY - AUGUST 1961.

(Roscoe's dream come true - and to tell
the truth, many more really wanted it here for
a long, long time).



### 1961 REUNION IN LOUISVILLE KY.

ATLANTIC CITY REUNION A SUCCESS WITH BEACH AT OUR FRONT DOOR

As in the past, many members came early, combining their vacation with the raunion. Crowds started gathering on Wednesday this past year - some even arriving as early as Monday.

A former Co. "C", 19th man, BERNARD R. FAGAN, and wife 'Ceal (pronounced 'Seal) were vacationing in Atlantic City, at a nearby Hotel, and upon hearing of the 24th Association, and the reunion, called us at the Hotel, received the details, then checked out of their hotel and into ours, and spent a wonderful five days renewing old friendships. Berny will not miss another Convention. Another new member who recently had heard of the 24th is JACK J. FINAN (pronounced 'Fine Ann'). Jack is from Raleigh, N. C., a former Lt. Col. recently retired. When with the 24th he was in the 19th. Like FAGAN, he was in as fer back as Hawaii, and even before Pearl Harbor.

C. G. HANLIN pulled his boat out to Atlantic City, and had it available to the members for boating, fishing, and skiing. It was used for fishing every day, and many of the boys - and gals water skied. We enjoyed bathing in the ocean as well as the hotel pool.

A buffet dinner was held on Friday evening, following which was entertainment. Also many gab-fests and unit gatherings.

The highlight of the Convention was our annual Memorial Service and Banquet, Major General William Verbeck was our guest speaker. He did a wonderful job in the way of speaking only Bill Verbeck can do. Space will not permit us to go into his fine talk. We promise that if you get to Louisville next August, you again be able to hear at least a few words from him.

Father Troy from Ft. Dix conducted the Memorial Service, which was most impressive. Sgt. Schiltz, also of Ft. Dix, was in charge of the Color Guard. Following the banquet, was the ball which lasted into the wee hours. The committee provided a fine band, and the crowd danced to everything from weltz music and Hawaiian music to Square dancing.

Leis were provided, and as usual they were flown over from Hawaii and were as fresh as the minute they were made. We always get these leis from Ah Kee Leong, one of our old members who has a Flower shop in Honolulu. Each lei was made up of five dozen or more orchids.

Last, but by far from least, we must congratulate our past President TOM COMPERE for the fine job he did as Master of Ceremonies. No one in the Association can make a personalized introduction as can Tom. Tom can always come up with little items of interest that most of us have long since forgotten.

During the business meeting several old members and some new members introduced themselves and make short talks. The main business was the election of officers for 1961 and the selection of the next Convention site. The nominating committee highly recommended the holding over of the present officers for one more year. This was done for two reasons. One, C. G. and his assistants had just gotten the membership drive well under way. They did not want him to quit in the middle of a job he had been spending so much time and money on and doing so well. Second, Bill Davidson, who was nominated the year before to succeed, could not take over this year due to circumstances beyond his control. No other nominations were made from the floor, and the present officers were elected unanimously.





Among other cities, Chicago and Louisville were nominated from the floor. Roscoe Claxon, who for 14 years has nominated Iouisville, again gave his reasons why that city would be an ideal spot. He mentioned first, the southern hospitality which he guarantees. Next, Louisville is centrally located, and would provide a chance for the easterners and mid-westerners to get a little farther south than usual ans still it is not too far from either - not much farther then Chicago. Another very important reason for Louisville, he mentioned, is that it would give those men in the south a chance to attend the Convention. There are meny in the Carolinas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and as far south as Florida who could come to Louisville, but would not be able to go farther north. Also, we have a fair number of former 24th Division men now stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentuck, only about 30 miles away. Roscoe went on to tell us that Hotel rates, meels, etc are not as high down there as they are in the east and im many other locations. There is much to see in the way of historic sites, as well as new industry. Transportation in and out of Louisville is a snap. One will have no trouble getting there, whether it be by auto, rail or air.

Lt. Col. URBAN THRCM who with his wire Jackie, is stationed at Ft. Knox verified the fact that we should get a crowd of men from Ft. Knox, and offered to assist Roscoe on the Convention Committee should Louisville be selected. URB also offered to arrange a tour through the Fort. General VERBECK offered his help also through other channels.

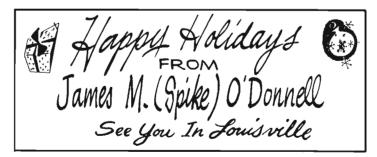
After a short discussion, a vote was taken, and Louisville was selected by a large majority. In the January issue of the Taro Leaf we will have more detailed information regarding the August affair. We hope to have the Hotel selected, and be able to give you the rates.



We'd have less trouble in this Country today if the Indiana had had stricter immigration laws....

"I suppose there's nothing a great scientist like you can't solve".

"Well, I don't know. Now I can't figure out why this match won't light. . . it worked only a minute ago."





"G" Co. - 19TH.



# INTRODUCING 19th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION NEWS



It was the day before Convention that we learned of the existence of the 19th INFANTRY REGT. ASSOCIATION, with Headquarters down in Raleigh, North Carolina. An Officer and hard worker in thes Assn. is our new member JACK FINAN, who with his lovely wife, MARY were in attendance at our reunion this year. Jack had heard of the 24th Division Association through SUE MONEELY.

According to the letter head, THOMAS F? TAYLOR is the present President of the 19th Infantry Association.

The 19th held their first Reunion at Fort Bragg, N. C. on the 16, 17, and 18th September 1960. A cooktail hour and dinner were both held in the Officers' Mess. General John R. Hodge, USA Ret., from Fayetteville, N. C. was the guest of honor and speaker.

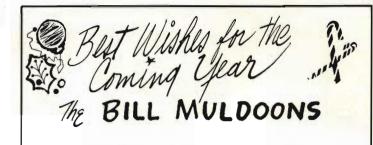
Jack was very much impressed with the activities carried on by the 24th Division Assn., and with the Convention, and went back to North Carclina to sell the Chicks of the 19th Association on becoming a Chapter in the 24th Assn. He writes later that he doesn't expect it to be any problem at all. Their joining us as a Chapter will strengthen both Associations. When this comes to pass, it will mean that the 24th Division Association will have three Chapters, in three years - with one in the meking in Florida. Also, there is a movement on foot sponsered by HANLIN, WISECUP, vonMohr, and a few others to form an Indiane-Ohio Chapter. A group is meeting at C.G.'s the week-end after Thanksgiving to discuss this.

Welcome to the fold, Jack and Mary, and we'll be seeing you and a large group of Chicks at the Convention in Louisville.

To contact the 19th Infantry Assn., write c/o P.O. Box 10546, Raleigh, North Carolina.

JACK FINAN - 758 E. Whitsker Mill Road, Raleigh, N. C.





## Getting to know you

WALLACE, BENJAMIN F. - 1515 Ledwich Ave, Yakima, Washington
(Co 1 21st) another long-time member of the Association has
now signed up as a Life Member. Ben is a railroad engineer.
His wife's name is Betty. He served from December 1942 to
February 1945, and was in one of the roughest and toughest
companies of the Division, i.e. I Co.

EMERY, GEORGE N. - 1116 North Berkley Road, Kokomo, Indiana George was a Sgt with the 24th RPL Hq. in Korea from April
1951 toMarch 1952. He is a Claim Adjuster with the Hartford
Insurance Company.

ZEHNER, RUSSELL C. - Russ is one of our older members, (older in length of survice to issn), and took time out to drop e line to Ed and the Taro Leaf. Russ, with his wife Rarhel, have 4 children, and reside on Lincoln Avenue, Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania. The children are: Constance, age 13; Diane, 'l; Janice, 7; and Carl, age 3. Russell is a bricklayer by trade, and as a hobby chose archery. When with the Division, he was a T/Sgt. in Hq. Co. of the 19th.

SLOAN, ST. COL. NICHOLAS E. - faithfully continues to maintain his membership in the Association. He is now stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and he writes in part, as follows:

'If sry old timers come through Ft. Leavenworth, we'd be glad to see them. Hope you had a good Convention. Sorry I couldn't make it.

Nick and his wife Kathryn, have 5 Sloans: John, 16; Kathryn, 13; Joseph, 11; Rosellen, 8; James, 7.

Of course, he is a Gimlet - April '42 to November '45.



May the Season Bring,
You Every Happiness

JACKIE and URBAN THROM

FT. KNOX, KY.

# May the Season Bring \* You Every Happiness DORTHY and ED HENRY

#### Getting to know you

EMERY, GEORGE N. - of 1116 N. Berkley Road, Kokomo, Indiane is a new member of our Assn. George is a veteran of the Korean War. We are always glad to receive veterans of the Korean War. Welcome George, and join the other 35 members from Indiana who have indicated their intention to attend next August in Louisville.

GIUSTINA, John, of 4203 W. 59th St., Chicago was contacted by good b1' DICK GOINY and renewed his membership. Glad to have your renewal, John.

DICK has really been working at building up the membership and in collecting dues. This is what we need in order to put out 6 or at least 5 issues again this year. Dick also brought the following members up to date:

DOUBEK, EDWARD T. - 10627 S. State St., Chicago, Ill. (New Member)

BEACH, MAJ. GENERAL DWIGHT E., Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Bragg, North Carolina. General Beach dropped a line, inclosing his membership.

HOUSER, CYRUS M. - 836 State St., Curwensville, Pa. forwarded his check thru Tom Compere. Thank you Cyrus. Your loyalty is appreciated!

DAIGLE, Joseph I - 419 Louisiana Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana has also dropped a line to Tom Compere in Chicago, renewing his membership. See you in Louisville, Joe.

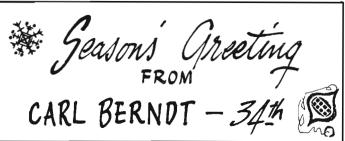
MILLER, Adolph of 1420 W. Erie, Chicago 22 is one of our Life Members. Adolph is very active in the Chicago Chapter, seldom misses a meeting.

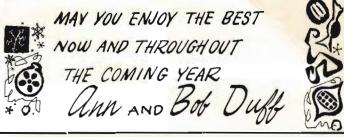
FRUEHOLZ, RUDOLF - 816 Novelde Road, Alhambra, California dropa a line to Joe Poyton and brings his interest in the Association to a new high. Nice hearing from you Rudy.

SNYDER, J. A. (Tony) - Tony has been a member of the Association for a long time. We hope to see him at a Convention one of thses days. Tony lives at 2360 Louise Street, Napa, California.

LARSON, EMIL M - Emil has attended at least two Reunions, and has done so under a great hardship, he always enjoys visiting with the boys, especially those of his old outfit, the 19th Inf. Emil was designated as "Chick of the Month" in the October issue of the Rock.









One of the members of the New England Chapter, J. FRANK MCKENNEY, 14 Lake St., Millbury, Masscohusetts, -(Frank, by the way, was one of the charter members of the Association) - served in AT Co. 21st. from February 1943 to November 1945. He end his wife Lorraine and 2 children, Carol Ann - 8 yrs. and Jr. - 4 yrs. live at the above address. He writes:

"Would like to hear from anyone who was in the Anti-Tank Co. from 1943 to 1945. Have heard of the deaths of two who were with our Co. -- Ed (Pappy) Norris died 2 years ago from a brain tumer, in Highland, Texas. Dick Thrum from Worcester, Mass. with us in Hawaii and Australia, at one time an assistant to Father Brady. Died it Vets Hosp. about six months ago.

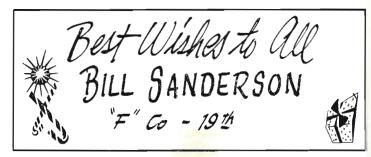
TREADWAY, ROBERT E. Box 929, DeValls Bluff, Ark. - signing up as a life member, served in the Division from 1941 to 1945, 21st. Inf. Co. "G". He is in an unusual business - producing fish bait! He does a little hunting on the side. His household consists of his wife Ludene, and daughter, Rita Ann, 3 years old.

THOMAS, ALEX - served with the 52nd Fi BN from May 1942 until Nov. 1955. He is a pear grover in northern California. Address is P.O. Box 448, Ukiah, Calif. Alex said he couldn't attend the convention because it was 'pear picking' season. He and Gabrielle have quite a group of 'pear pickers' - Alex Jr. 9 yrs., John, 8; Stephen 6; Darry, 3; and Mary Catherin, 9 mo.

HORNBECK, ARTHUR - lives at 1503 Sycamore Ave., Utica, N. Y.\* writes, 'I am enclosing my dues of \$5.00 for the coming year. Sorry I could not make the convention this time, but will try and be there next year if it is held in the East or close to the East. Give my regards to a swell bunch of fellows and I hope to make it at reunion time next year.'

BREYETTE, LT. ERWIN - UFAF - 303 Plymouth Avenue, Rochester 8, N. Y. writes: 'Track down on Halaby, Wm. Philip - who is now living at 196 Rowley Street, Rochester, N. Y. I called and talked to him and told him I would write and let you know where he is now. My application will be in soon.'

WRIGHT, JAMES H. - of 1421 E. Fim St. Coshocton, Ohio writes: 'I am just dropping you a line and sending you my dues. I won't be able to be at the convention this year because I had an operation on my back, and just had beek my Mother fall and broke her arm, so I have to help take core of her and Dad. -- I sure will miss seaing all you fellows -----do hope you have a nice convention and a large at endance. ---about all for now but I do hope to see you at the convention next year, where ever it is.'



## Our Very Best Wishes Jane and Bob EAST





#### Getting to know you

PRICE, DOMALD M. - has moved end now lives at:
Route #1, Box 179
Mayland Villa Road Mundelein, Illinois

Ponald formerly lived in Chicago, so change your address book accordingly. Ion has always been a strunch member, forwarding his dues before convention if he cannot

PURCELL, JAMES N. - formerly Division Signel Officer, and chairman of the group when the Association was formed back in 1945, was in attendance with his wife Mildred. JTM is with the New York Civil Deferse Corriasion. He enjoyed the convention and we might say that he didn't look a day older than he did back in '45. His home address is: 98 Iris Ave., Floral Park, New York.

TOTINO, WILLIAM E. - United Transformer Corp., 150 Variok Street, New York Sity, M. Y. at one time was one of Col. Purcell's Officers, and his address was forwarded by Jim. He has been forwarded Taro Leaves, and we hope he will soon become a member.



DAVID CARL, DIANNA CAROL ED, RUTH, JOSEPH RAY Every Happiness in 1961

# The 3 S's Wish You the Best of New Years SAM · SUE · SAM JR. GILNER

## MR. 24th DIVISION

In appreciation of his untiring efforts, and for the very splendid and faithful service he has rendered throughout the past fifteen years, the President and Past Presidents of the Association presented ELMUND F. HENRY with a gold desk Cigarette Box. Each Past President's signature in his own handwriting was engraved on the box. Also was the inscription, "To Mr. 24th Division".

Ed was our second President, has been Treasurer, Edited the Taro Leaf, and spent much of his time and money in holding down the office of Secretary for many years.

Thank you Ed, - Mr. 24th Division - for a job well done, and may we be fortunate enough to have you as an Officer and booster for many years to come.

### SICK CALL

MARIE HANLIN was recently accosted by an automobile on a downtown street in Elwood, Indiana, ending up in the Hospital with several broken ribs. She is out and among them now, but C. G. still hangs around the house part of the time in case there are dishes to do, etc. (ha ha).

CURT WISECUP was operated on recently. He underwent an ordeal of appendicitis. Curt is the son of the Paul Wisecups of Xenia, Chio, and rerely misses a Convention.

DOROTHY HENRY - We understand that Dorothy is feeling much better of late. Keep up the good work Dorothy and we're hoping to see you down in Louisville, Kentucky, where you'll receive Hospitality by



1 Best Wishes areetings, and The PAUL WISECUPS

## Chicago NEWS

In addition to their annual Halloween Party, the Chicago Chapter will sponsor a Gele Christmas Party. Committee for the affair includes DICK GOINY, JOHN GUSTINO, and ED DOUBECK. Ed is a new member, but already batting 1000.

This party is for members of the Chicago Chapter and any 24th man in the Chicago area, or rather, any member of the 24th. The affair will be held at the Golden Dome, Garfield Park, Washington Blvd and Central Park. The date: December 18, 1960.

There will be games, prizes, popoorn, cany, etc for the children. Entertainment for all. If you are not married, bring your friend, or grandmother and enjoy the Holliday festivities.

Chicago Chapter members do not pay dues. Funds are raised by the sale of fountain pens, decals, Taro Leaf ties, shot glasses, ash trays, and many other items. For information on these items call or write to: Dr. RICHARD T. LICAMAN, 5230 W. Irving Park Roed, Chicago, OR to Atty. T. H. COMPERE, c/o T-M Publishers, 67 W. Division, Chicago 10.

Any news you might have for the monthly news letter which is published by the Chapter, should go to the Editor, JOHN TRINCA, 650 N. Albany, Chicago, Illinois.

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## New England NEWS

The New England Chapter was well represented at the Atlantic City Convention, having around fifty or more men and their families present.

BILL MULDOON, the President plans several meetings for the coming year, and all men in the New England area and surrounding territory will be notified prior to the next meeting. After that, they may have regular meeting dates as does the Chicago Chapter.

If you have not yet joined this fine group, get in touch with either of the following Officers: WILLIAM H. MULDOON, Pres. 643 Trapelo Rd. Waltham 54, Mass.

ROEERT E. GERRY, V. Pres. 51 Nixon Street Dorchester, Mass.

Bill was with the 19th, and Bob the 21st. Any former 24th Division man is more than welcome.

CHECK YOUR ADDRESS BOOK - The following ere Current & Correct:

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## BOOSTER CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS, 24th Association TARO LEAF BOOSTERS !!

A group of Members present at the coffee and Aloha hour Sunday morning in Atlantic City decided to do something to help along with the finances of the Assn. and formed a little Booster Club. These men subsribed to a Greeting or Ad for every issue of the Taro Leaf. This was done to help offset the dues we do not get from many who receive the paper.

This group deserves a big hand, as it means almost \$100 toward the cost of publication of the Taro Leaf. Names of the Boosters are:

KENWOOD ROSS BILL MULDOON BERNARD FAGAN VIC BACKER TOM COMPERE C. G. HANLIN

GERALD STEVENSON CHET ANDREZAK BILL DAVIDSON BOB EAST SAM GILNER BOB DUFF

You may join also - just let either Ed Henry or Bob Duff know whether you desire \$2, \$5, or \$10 per issue.

Several other members and their families also paid for a Christmas and Holiday Greeting. These Greetings and New Year wishes will be found throughout this issue.

Since the above have done more than a good share, won't you, IF you havn't up to now, please remit your dues in order that we will be able to put out 5 or 6 good issues, which you will receive? Thank you.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ... LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At the annual business meeting of the members held during the reunion in August at Atlantic City, a motion was unanimously adopted to allow credit for 1960-61 dues already paid by any member who applies during the next 90 days for a life membership. A life membership may be obtained by payments as low as \$20. per year for fire mnual payments. If you have already paid your dues for 1960-61, or more, and wish to start a life membership now, just that the secretary, Ed Henry, know within the next 90 days and he will see that you get full oredit.

THIS OFFER WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, 1961....

A report on Life Memberships was made by TOM COMPERE, our permanent Life Membership chairman. A report of Life members with the list of their names will be published in the January issue. You may suili let your 1961 dues apply on your life membership by forwarding \$15 more to Ed Henry by Feb. 15, 1961.

Ed HENRY stressed the last that it will be hard to meet the current and Taro Leaf expenses this year if dues keep lagging. If YOU have not yet paid your \$5, please do so in order that we might budget our funds for 1961. We have held off on the Taro Leaf now, in order to detirmine just how many we can afford to publish. It is HARL to mail out 1200 copies when only about 300 are paying, so PLEASE DO YOUR FART if you enjoy getting this little sheet. You'd miss it if you stopped getting it, and you'd lose track of most of your old comrades in arms.

Congretulations to the 2 JOES, SAM GILNER, VIC BACKER, and it the boys on the Committee for a job well done:

SEND IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR PHOTOS ANYTIME.

#### IN THE EAST-BUY ASH TRAYS FROM EAST

EAST, Bob -- Bob and Jane are very active with 24th Association affairs out East. Bob is working hard with the Convention Committee. Also, the Easts have a supply of 24th Division Ash Trays on hand. If you have never seen one, you should order one now. These trays are the identical patch - in color. The tray is round, with the patch in the center and in all four colors. The colors are BAKED IN, and it is really a very nice item. Order one of these Taro Leaf Ash trays by sending \$1.25 to ROBERT EAST, 17 Mason Drive, Harlet, New Jersey.

Contact a Friend - Get him to the Reunion



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