

# TARO LEAF

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## GET YOUR RESERVATIONS MAILED EARLY FOR CHICAGO CONVENTION 9-10-11-12 AUGUST!

EYE-WITNESS LETTER REPORT FROM THE CONVENTION BATTLEFRONT IS RECEIVED BY THE TARO LEAF FROM PAST PRESIDENT OG HANLIN

Quote, in extract:

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"I was at Chicago to the Fifth Anniversary Party of the Chicago Chapter. They had a real nice turn out as usual. Everyone had a bang up time. These boys and their wives have worked hard on this next convention and would like everybody to know the convention is going to be better than any we have had. I hope every man will make his reservation as soon as he receives his reservation card if he can. This makes things a lot easier for the Chairman, as he can then make plans so much sooner.

"All we have to do is put in a reservation, and go...the rest is up to the Chicago Boys. And let me add that a lot of time, thought, and effort has already gone into this. Hope to see everyone and his wife there on 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 August---or for as long as you can make it anyway."

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Sincerely,

C. G. Hanlin

ARE YOU-ALL COMIN'?

Please study and use the reservation card enclosed with this issue of Taro Leaf...as soon as your plans are definite. The sooner the better...but there is no deadline. Just first reserved, first served.

Turn this page and see (page 3) the latest information from Convention Chairman Patrick J. (Pat) Ciangi. Notice that a Special Hospitality Nite has been added for those who can make it a real long week end by arriving on Wednesday, 8 August.

Of course little items like food and drink and entertainment require logistic planning, and requires facts. The biggest facts center around (1) How many noses will line up for chow? (2) How many bunks will be needed in the shut-eye department, and for how many nights?

In short, are you coming---and on what dates will you be there? Come one, come all---come for one or more days, or come for all.

If you have never been to a Convention, you won't know what you have been missing until you go to Chicago in August. Your Editor has been to four conventions (Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Louisville) and each gets better---so we agree with C.G. that this shapes up as the best yet. (turn to page 3, left column)

## ... GREAT SOLDIER SENDS GREETINGS ...

THROUGH OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, JIM PURCELL, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO RECEIVE THE FINE GREETING (AT LOWER RIGHT) FROM ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED COMBAT SOLDIERS IN OUR ARMY DURING WORLD WARS I & II



LIEUTENANT GENERAL CLARENCE R. HUEBNER  
4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 16, D.C.

To the Veterans of the Taro Leaf Division:

I was assigned to the 19th Infantry in the fall of 1938 and joined the regiment shortly thereafter. The reputation of the Regiment was such that I knew I was joining one of the finest regiments in the Army.

It was not long after my arrival that I learned that the name of "The Rock of Chicamauga" really meant something to the men, as it was manifest for all to see how they handled their preparations for war.

Then I came in contact with the Remington Painting of Private Gedeon defending his Captain, who had been mortally wounded and was about to fall into the hands of his enemies, and again I found a tradition that set forth in no uncertain terms the role of the individual in this great unit.

A Regiment is pretty much like the men who fill its ranks and if they have a tradition of a good type to live up to, it will give them an incentive to strive to do well in their particular job in the regiment. If each man in his specialty can become an expert in his field, and if the work of the many can be molded into team work, and if the leadership of the unit has been properly trained and inspired, then and then only, can you have a first class fighting unit. It was not long after my arrival in the regiment that I was aware that the officers and men of the Chicks could and did live up to their tradition, whether on the playing field, or in the more grim and sometimes difficult work of preparing for war.

The war record of the Chicks is Second to None in the Army and each Veteran should be proud to say "I belonged to the Chicks".

I am sure that the present Chicks, wherever they are, are continuing to carry on the traditions of those who have gone before them and that they are preparing themselves for combat in this new Atomic Age.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Faithfully yours,

C. R. Huebner  
Lt Gen US Army Retired  
formerly Executive Officer 19th Infantry

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLARENCE R. HUEBNER as Executive Officer of the 19th Infantry during 1938-39.

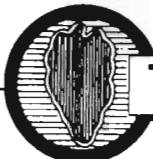
Turn to page 4 (top, left column) for brief biographical information on General Huebner. On subsequent pages too are pictures and other information on the 19th Infantry of 1938-39 (obtained from the personal file of the Editor, who was a member of the Chicks at that time also).

## SPECIAL NEWS ITEM:

Quote from letter by Ed Henry to Jerry von Mohr:

"Thanks for your letter relative Ted Kalem, new Drama Editor of Time Magazine. By coincidence Bill Verbeck also sent me the same clipping from the March 9th issue of Time, stating Kalem served with the 24th Division, particularly on Mindoro."

The Taro Editor looked at the masthead of his Time Magazine, and under the heading ASSOCIATE EDITORS found the name Theodore E. Kalem.



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## LETTERS FROM READERS.....

We begin here an inside-the-cover department of "Letters from Readers"....

The first letter, which we are proud to print, comes from the Gold Star parents of Sergeant Harvey Hibbard. They wrote about the article on him in the last issue of Taro:

"Just a few lines to let you know how much we thank you for the wonderful article in the Taro Leaf about Harvey.

"Also many thanks for the lovely enlargement of the last picture Harvey sent home, and for the negative.

"It is wonderful of you and all the boys in the Taro Leaf Association to take us in as members. Once again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hibbard

The following letter is the kind we hope to receive more of...because it is reaching out to find old friends:

"To the Gimlet Column!

"Would like to hear from any of the members of Dog Company, 21st Infantry, who served from July 1950 to September 1951 in Korea.

"Is Master Sergeant P. J. Denier still around? I don't think any of the guys who served under him will ever forget him. He was a real soldier, well known through the whole 24th Division.

"Hope to hear from some of you guys.

Tom Sherry  
72 Wilson St.  
Governneur, N.Y.

Another letter:

"Mention my name and maybe someone in Chicago, or anywhere, will drop me a card.

"I remember a few from Chicago, but have lost track transferring from one hospital to another.

"It would be nice to hear from someone who was with me throu-out the years March 6, 1941 until May 5, 1945. I went into the 34th Inf. in '41, and was discharged from the 24th Div. in '45.

"I was Co K's jeep driver, Corp. Then Supply Sergeant. There should be some who would remember the times in Fort Jackson, S.C.-Hawaii-Australia-Goodenough Is-Hollandia-Biak-Finchafen-and Milne Bay. It would please me very much to hear from some "buddy".

Ex S/Sgt  
Co. K

George B. Aaronson  
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**GETCHA RESERVATIONS WHILE THEY'RE HOT.....NOW!!**

(continued from right column, page 1)

And shapes may be a kind of apt word---just read all about it in the column at right...including the "7 Pearls of the South Pacific".

These will be nice cultured pearls, however, because the entertainment---like everything else at our conventions---is planned to make these family affairs. Notice the wives and youngsters in pictures of the Louisville convention in this and past issues of Taro.

So plan to bring as many of your family as possible to enjoy the good times planned---and share your deep satisfaction in the friendships of your Army days. Each convention you attend will be a new memory to cherish.

**- FAMILY PLANS -**

Look at that schedule reported in the Special Bulletin from Chairman Pat Ciangi in the column at right. Notice how things for the whole family are planned.

Make your plans to share this convention with the wife and kids. Here is the way one member wrote of his plans (to our Sec-Treas):

"My wife Jerry, son Fred, and daughter Gretchen are planning on seeing you all at Chi.

"Please send me about 10 hotel reservation cards as I called and wrote to a few of the boys, and they seem to be interested in attending this reunion.

"We are all from the 24th Signal Company, and plan on honoring Colonel Jim Purcell. We all served from 1940 to 1945.

"Till we see you all in Chi.

Aloha,

/s/ Fred Gilliam  
 William Street  
 Springdale, Penna.

**GOING TO CHICAGO?  
 LET THE EDITOR KNOW.....  
 SO WE CAN PUBLISH YOUR NAME IN JULY**

Sure is nice to know a special rally-around is planned to greet our President Jim Purcell...there is no finer fellow.

How about some of the other families planning to go to Chi dropping a note to the Editor, giving him your plans too...to include names of friends you hope to see at the convention. We can then get this information in the July TARO, thus other friends may see it...and plan to be there too.

In fact why not everyone who sends in a hotel reservation, also sending a postal card at the same time to the Editor of TARO. Thus we will print the names of all we know are coming...give your unit, the time you served in the Division, and where.

But we can't put you in as planning to be there unless we get that card from you...and it should reach our desk by 20 June to insure getting in the July issue.

**CONVENTION NEWS.....  
 FROM CHAIRMAN PAT CIANGI.....**

(Chicago, Ill...Special to the TARO LEAF). In relation to our forth coming convention the following has been added:

Wednesday August 8 - Hospitality Nite - Suite 505 - 8:00 P.M. - Food and drinks will be served.

Thursday August 9 - Get together - Embassy room - previous convention and Chicago Chapter films will be shown.

Lu (Mrs Ciangi..Ed) has arranged programs with TWA and United Airlines for Friday, and for Saturday has scheduled a Children's Hour and Fashion Show.

Friday August 10 - 12:30 - Cotillion room - Tips for Better Trips or Take the "LUG" out of Luggage - presented by Mary Gordon, TWA Travel and Fashion Advisor - courtesy of TWA.

3:30 - Cotillion room - The film Holiday in Hawaii - with remarks by Jack Thoren - courtesy of United Airlines.

6:30 - Cotillion room - LUAU -- Entertainment - In order to make Friday nites LUAU a never-to-be-forgotten "NIGHT IN HAWAII" the "7 Pearls of the South Pacific" along with a famous Chicago comedienne - Chicago's own Jimmy Durante (Danny Rio) and Mayo Bruno and his combo have been booked to add to the gala festivities of the Luau.

The Hawaiian atmosphere is being supplied thru the courtesy of United Airlines and the Hawaiian decorations are being supplied thru several Hawaiian decorating distributors.

We are asking the men to wear their Hawaiian Shirts and the ladies-- MuuMuu's, Sarongs, Grass skirts, Hoikus or just plain dresses.

We would like to see the Luau be as successful as our banquets have been at past conventions. And from all indications in the Chicago area, it looks just that way.

Saturday August 11 - 1:00 Business meeting for the men - Burgundy room.

2:00 - Embassy room - Children's Hour - The Chicago Chapters own Bozo the clown (John Trinca) will entertain children with games and trinkets.

2:00 - Cotillion room - Cocktail party and Fashion Show - A Millinery and Fur Fashion Show - presented by Miss Harriette B. Frank - 17 N. State St - Stevens Building - Chicago. Fabulous hats have been donated as door prizes. Not one hat, not two hats, but several hats will be raffled among the ladies attending the Fashion Show and Cocktail party. To model these fabulous hats and furs will be 10 lovely models.

6:00 - 7:00 -- Cocktail Hour (The Hotel will run the bar before dinner) - Embassy room - 7:00 - Memorial Services - Reception and Banquet - Cotillion room. After dinner the 24th Division members will dance to the music of Elmer Zimmer and his EZ Rythms. Master of Ceremony - Thomas H. Compere.

We no doubt will get 5th Army color guard down at Fort Sheridan but this has to be taken care of just 60 days before convention time. I know you are wondering about the Guest Speaker, but we need just a little more time.

Sunday August 12 - 10:00 A.M. - Cotillion room - Coffee and Alohas - There will be a Trophy contest - winner will receive a prize. 24th Div. Combat films will be shown daily - Leis for Saturday nites banquet - Unit Meetings.

There will be a Photographer at the LUAU and the Banquet.

Bar rates will be reasonable - Food functions also.

Will send pictures of 7 Pearls separately - would like to have them back before convention time for display purposes. (Ed Note: Will report on the pics in July issue...this is shaping up as some party!)

# HUEBNER - Brief Biography -

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Lieutenant General Clarence Ralph Huebner (whose picture and message appear on the cover page) was one of the truly great battle leaders of our Army in World War I (Regimental Commander) and in World War II (Division Commander).

He began his brilliant career as an enlisted man---rising from Private through all the grades to and including Master Sergeant. In World War I he was commissioned, and his rise was both meteoric and historic. When World War I ended he was wearing two Distinguished Service Crosses and two Purple Hearts (among many other decorations) and acclaimed one of the greatest---many said the greatest---Regimental Commanders in our Army.

Following outstanding peace time service, notably at the military schools and in Washington, he commanded the famed 1st Division in France in World War II. There he added new lustre to his shining combat record.

After World War II he held various positions of great responsibility, becoming an Army Commander in Europe wearing the three stars of a Lieutenant General...in which grade he is now retired.

We are proud that, as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1938-39, he was the Executive Officer of our own 19th Infantry "Chicks".

Finally, we greatly appreciate and thank him for the fine greeting to our Taro Leaf Division Association that appears on our cover page.



Colonel James (Jim) Purcell---then Signal Officer of the Korean Military Advisory Group (now retired, and our Division Association President)---has lunch in TAEGU, Korea in 1953 with Colonel William (Bill) Verbeck, who was also in KMAG (now a Major General, commanding XIII US Army Corps with headquarters at Fort Devens, Mass.)

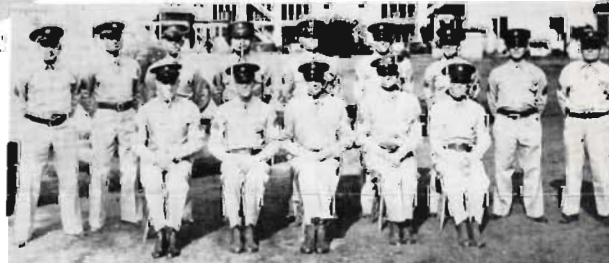
## REMEMBER THEM?

This is a double-page center sheet from "THE ROCK" (1940), yearly publication of the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, before World War II. No regiment ever had a finer group of top grade non-commissioned officers.

To get the picture into this one page width space it had to be much reduced in size when reproduced here...hope it comes out as loud and clear to your eyes as I know the names will in your memory if you ever served with one or more of them.

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**ALOHA NUI LOA**  
 Aloha means good-morning,  
 Aloha means good-bye,  
 It means until we meet again  
 Beneath a tropic sky.  
 Aloha Means farewell to the old  
 The word means welcome too,  
 But Aloha to a soldier means:  
 "So long, Sir"---"How d'you do!"  
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Company G



JOSEPH E. WHITE  
First Sergeant,  
Company H

**SENIOR DUTY SERGEANTS**

In every company we have a man we call the senior duty sergeant.

This senior duty sergeant is the right hand man of the first sergeant.

In the 19th Infantry we have fourteen of these strong right hands to give added strength and punch to this fine combat regiment. They are pictured above.

**FIRST SERGEANTS**

To have a good first sergeant is to have a good company.

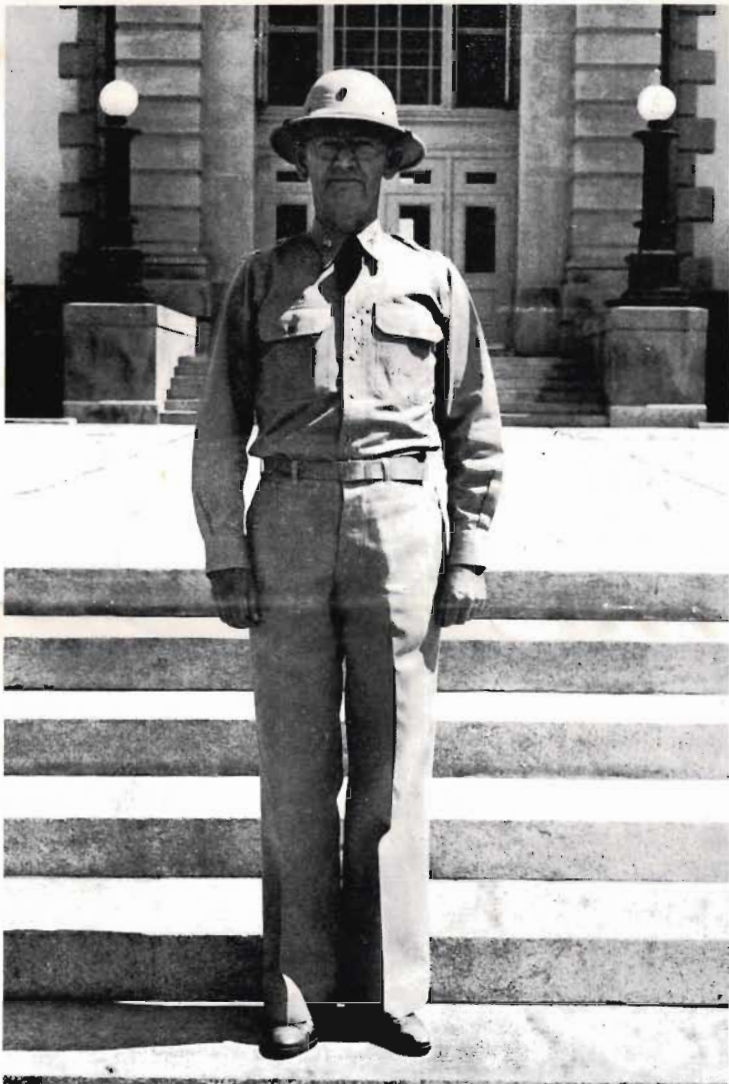
To have fourteen good companies is to have a good regiment.

The 19th Infantry is a good regiment, and fourteen good reasons for this fact are the men whose pictures appear in the circles on these two pages.





# TARO LEAVES



This is Colonel DURWARD S. WILSON, who assumed command of the 19th Infantry on 26 September 1940. He later commanded the 21st Brigade (19th and 21st Inf) as a Brigadier General, and on October 1, 1941 became the first Division Commander of the 24th Infantry Division. He is now a retired Major General.

## DID YOU KNOW AH KEE LEONG ?

If you did know him, perhaps you are the man who can provide the information he needs now, because his war time personnel records have been lost.

As all who attend our annual convention know, it is Ah Kee Leong who supplies the beautiful Hawaiian Leis for the ladies at our Saturday evening banquets--shipped by air from Honolulu. Now is our chance to help him if we can.

He was injured in Hawaii, and again in the Southwest Pacific---but, since his service record and other papers were lost, he needs proof of these injuries in order to obtain necessary medical care from the Veteran's Administration. The information we have from Ah Kee about his injuries is:

- (1) Sometime in 1942 he was working in Alimanu Crater on a cesspool pit, and while working there injured his back...which laid him up.
- (2) He was badly injured in a truck accident on 3 December 1943, and his arm has given him much trouble since then.

If anyone in Company C (Ah Kee was in 1st Plat), 3rd Engineer Battalion---or anyone else---has information on one or both of these times when Ah Kee Leong was injured, his statement of what he knows of the injuries is needed. If you have personal knowledge and can report it, this will help establish Ah Kee's rightful claim for the needed medical care.

Your statement must be notarized, and mailed to:

Mrs. Rose Sturdywin  
Disabled American Veterans  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Also send a copy to: Ah Kee Leong  
210 Lewers Road  
Honolulu 15, Hawaii.

This is important to Ah Kee Leong, one of our most faithful Division Association members, and thus to all of us. So if you have information, lose no time but write out your statement, have it notarized, and mail copies to the two addresses above.

A nice note to the Editor from Taiwan (Formosa) was signed by Major General Chester A. (Chet) Dahlen, Chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) there, to the Republic of China. He had just finished reading the last issue of TarO.

As World War II members of our Div Assn will remember, he was a Bn Comdr in the 21st Inf, became Exec Off of the 34th Inf---and then was the Regimental Commander of the 34th Inf when wounded in the fierce fighting at Zig Zag Pass on Luzon.

Extract from letter from Secretary Ed: "A clipping from the Journal and Register publication of the Army-Navy and Air Force indicates that Major General Frederick R. Zierath has been transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, to be the 4th Infantry Division and Post OG there.

As old timers remember, he came to Div Hqrs (from the 21st Inf) and was G-1, then G-3. Later he commanded the 1st Bn, 19th Inf, in the D-Day landing on Leyte and captured the critical terrain feature in the area (Hill 522) by direct assault.

Other items received from Secretary Ed are:

We are always happy to hear from Korean Veterans, and have received a renewal application from Sgt. Michael Mitchko, USA MP Co, Ft. Dix, N.J. His home address is 64 Kingfisher Rd, Levittown, Long Island, N.Y. He was an artilleryman from 1948 to 1951, Btry C, 52 FA.

One of our earliest members (Wilfred W. O'Coin) wrote to the Secretary from 33 Valley St, Spencer, Mass. He is a member of the New England Chapter too. Wilfred was in the 21st Inf, and for some time now has been a truck driver.

Another renewal came from Russell H. Jones, Box 188, Averill Park, N.Y. Russ was in the AG Sec of Div Hqrs from the time our Div was organized until at least 1944. He sends best wishes to friends and says he enjoys the TarO Leaf...especially the photos.

An interesting letter came from Jack M. Anderson (Co A, 19th Inf) vintage of 1940-44. His home address is 819 Elmn St, Kannapolis, N.C.

"Recently I was in Ford City, Pa., and I met an old friend of Co A, 19th Inf. I haven't seen him in 18 years, but I recognized him, but he didn't (recognize) me. Anyway we had a very nice reunion. His name is Angelo J. Mantini. I would like to know if there is any way to find out whether there are any more fellows living from that outfit, or company. I have met about 4 or 5 so far and will submit their names later on when I hear from you.

"You see, I travel all over the U.S.A. with United Van Lines and I could drop in on some of them at any time. I am making out this application for myself and my closest friend, who served with Co C, 21st Inf. My home town is Kannapolis, N.C.

Yours truly,  
Jack M. Anderson

The reference to Angelo J. Mantini is to one of our long-time members of the Association (19th Inf). Good missionary work, Angelo! The friend for whom Jack Anderson also made an application (and sent the cash) is Clarence A. Randolph (Co C, 21st Inf - Nov 1940-43). He works as a brick mason in Statesville, N.C. (Route # 8, Box 239). His application said he would like to hear from old friends in the Co. The Secretary has sent Jack Anderson a decal for his United Van Lines truck so that he can carry the word throughout the country.

With deep regret we print these brief notices, obtained through Bill Verbeck, via our Sec-Treasurer:

Ramee, Colonel Eric P. (ret) - 53 Abbey Lane, Levittown, LI, N.Y. was Bn Commander in 34th Inf at BIAK. Commanded 3rd Bn, 21st Inf at Breakneck Ridge. Died 25 January 1962.

Brown, Robert A. -21st Inf - 123 SE Madison Blvd, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Bob Brown died in 1961. Survived by wife, Maxine, daughter Janet and sons, Jack and Rusty.

The Treasurer reports that, as always, when dues time comes around he hears from Dr. Walter L. Rehm. Walter is still practicing dentistry at 481 S. 4th St, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. He promised to be in Chicago in August. The Sec-Treas urged him to bring his wife Nell and his 2 children (Walter 18 and Ann 15), assuring him that these conventions are taking on a family aspect. Of course you will remember Dr. Rehm as being in the 34th Med Bn from 1942 to '45.

Another check from Wilbur H. Lind, 100 Elm Ave, Hackensack, N.J. A long time member, Wilbur was in the Coll Co B (24th Med Bn), Jan '44 to Jan '46. He gives his occupation as Building Inspector.

Former Gimlet John G. Farrell (May '42 to Dec '45) renewed from Sparks, Maryland. John is an attorney and is close to becoming the Father of the Year. He and his wife Mary call the roll of: John 17 - Chris 16 - Peter 15 - Paul 13 - Mary Anne 11 - Mike 8 - Kate 6 - and Bob 6 mos.

### Chicago News Flash!

Pat Ciangi reports that Colonel Roscoe Claxon writes he will bring to the convention for Sunday breakfast a famous Kentucky ham.

(Snide asides: If the meaning is allegorical, the sentence is redundant---and we'll be glad to see you, Roscoe. If the meaning is literal, we'll come prepared to tell which one is the Toni.)

### Special Inuendo from Walter Kilgallen:

Who wrote to who and said: "Had a swell time at the Chicago party. We phoned Bill Davidson at 2:00 a.m., and had a nice chat with him. Then we put (name withheld) to bed again with hot milk and a fignewton."

This TARO LEAVES column is planned as a regular feature for the future, but we need items to go in it. They don't have to be typed... just a pencil note or postcard will do it. But the little news items must be sent to the Editor...he can't materialize them by extra sensory perception.

So how about you spending (1) A postage stamp (2) Some thought, and (3) The small effort required to write in your news item.

In other words: Appoint yourself a CONTRIBUTING TARO EDITOR!

CHICAGO IN AUGUST 1962

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**MICHIGAN CHAP. SPRING ROUND-UP**

On Friday evening May 4, 1962 at 8:00 P.M., the Michigan Chapter of the 24th Infantry Division Association held its Spring Roundup in the Historic surroundings of the Military Inn, Dearborn, Michigan. More than 10,000 firearms are on Display here.

The following people attended:

Stanley Liput	(Taylor)
Stuart Stillwell	(Lansing)
Basil C. Donovan	(Milford)
Julius Jozs	(Detroit)
Don C. Williams	(Detroit)
John Horvath	(Detroit)
Earl L. Lewis	(Detroit)
Fred Wehle, Jr.	(Birmingham)
Edward Bak	(Detroit)
Ross W. Pursifull	(Dearborn)

Stanley Liput brought Edward Bak along to join the association. Ed was with Company G, 19th Infantry from December 1939 through February 1942. He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl.

Basil Donovan's son left for Germany on Tuesday. He is assigned to the 5th Missile Bn -- he missed being assigned to 24th Division by one space.

On April 21, Fred Wehle and his son Kent went off the road near Simpsonville, Ky. -- the car turned over, landed upsidedown in a ditch with the motor against the firewall, the car was a complete loss. Fred and Kent received only minor injuries -- two very lucky people.

Everyone present at the meeting is going to the Convention in Chicago. Most of them with their families. Bumper signs and hotel reservation cards received from the Chicago Chapter were distributed to those present. Ross Pursifull who will be on Active Duty during the period of the Convention will come down from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin to be at the convention sometime Saturday afternoon.

Last week Stanley Liput who is with Johnson Controls ran into Clayton Mote (34th Infantry) who is the Building Engineer for the New National Bank Building in Detroit -- small world.

The chapter will hold one more meeting prior to the Convention to evaluate a membership drive it is starting with lists provided by Julius Jozs. The addresses are old but the spirit young.

Chicago Chapter

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\* you have...or will take. If they can be reproduced actual size, \*  
\* so much the better. If you would like more news of your old unit \*  
\* in TL pages, just dig up the dope---especially the pictures---and \*  
\* send them along, with captions. The next issue of Taro Leaf will \*  
\* be the last put out by this Editor, but any material sent in that \*  
\* is not used in July will be passed on to the next editor. \*  
\* Pictures! We need pictures! Also news---like the Michigan \*  
\* roundup at lower left of page 6. That's just the way it came in \*  
\* the mail...how about a Pic of that roundup for the July issue? \*  
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Have you ever thought about organizing a Taro Leaf Chapter in your area, and wondered how to go about doing it? Well here is how they are doing it in Indiana.

First you need a spark plug...the more the better, but at least one. His name in this case is George N. Emery, 1116 North Berkley Rd, Kokomo, Ind. The following letters tell the story:  
March 11th, 1962.

Dear Fellow Hoosier

A number of us attended the 24th Infantry Division Convention in Louisville, Kentucky last August. Since that time we have discussed from time to time the idea of starting an Indiana Chapter. Just this past January a Michigan Chapter was formed, and appears to be going fine.

This writer has only been a member of the Division Association for a little over a year, yet in this limited time has found it most enjoyable. It is felt the fellowship and companionship can be enjoyed by Hoosier members throughout the year if an Indiana Chapter is formed.

If you are interested in forming an Indiana Chapter of the 24th Division would you drop me a line and we can decide where to start. If you know of other former members of the 24th Division, let us know and we will contact them for membership in the Association as well as the Indiana Chapter.

Sincerely,  
George N. Emery  
1116 North Berkley Rd  
Kokomo, Indiana.

March 22, 1962. (Extract from letter from our Sec-Treas to George):  
Dear George,

I am delighted to have your letter of March 11th with information that you want to start a Hoosier Chapter. Am glad to help with the mailing list, by furnishing the following names to which our Taro Leaf Magazine is now being mailed:

Bobby Albright	Waterloo, Indiana
Theodore Bobinski	Box 287, Michigan City, Indiana.
Earl (Red) Bridwell	89 N. 9th St, Beech Grove, Indiana.
James W. Brown	3512 Evergreen Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana.
John H. Dailey	RR # 3, Kokomo, Indiana
Norbert Drzazgowski	1638 So. Magnolia St, South Bend, Indiana.
George N. Emery	1116 No. Berkley Rd, Kokomo, Indiana.
William A. Goodwin	2004 No. E St, Elwood, Indiana.
C.G. Hanlin (Col)	1628 No. E St, Elwood, Indiana.
John E. Klump	R # 1, Guilford, Indiana.
Clarence W. Merkley	R # 2, Huntingburg, Indiana
James J. Plummer	2129 So. K St, Elwood, Indiana.
David R. Rines	914 Woodlawn, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Cecil E. Rogers	1417 So. 11th St, Goshen, Indiana
G.C. Shoopman	1006 So. 20th St, New Castle, Indiana.
John G. Thornburgh Jr	9635 E. 10th St, New Castle, Indiana.
Richard C. Watson	801 W. 13th St, Elwood, Indiana.
Carroll L. White	Box 200, Rt # 3, Noblesville, Indiana.
Edward H. Wiegmann	1512 St. Mary's Ave, Fort Wayne, Indina.

The following is an added list of names which our files show are Veterans of the 24th Division and (according to our last information) were living in Indiana at the address shown:

Thomas G. Bangert	1125 Garden St, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
LeRoy V. Baumgartner	c/o Mrs. Ida L. Baumgartner, Monroe, Indiana.
Eugene S. Bejma	2428 N. Grace St, South Bend, Indiana.
Jackie D. Blair	c/o Mrs. Myrtle O. Goff, Bloomington, Indiana.
S. B. Daubenhayer	517 Marshall St, Gary, Indiana.
Donald Ditto	1053 S. 6th St, Clinton, Indiana.
Carl L. Gassert	RR # 3, Madison, Indiana.
William F. Green	602 South St, Monticello, Indiana.
P. G. Henderson	Sharpville, Indiana.
William M. Holloway	Perry County, Gerald, Indiana.
Wm. Guthrie Howard	710 South Bridge, Portland, Indiana.
Charles J. Huttlinger	1321 Spy Run, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
Richard D. Justice	2004 E. 38th St, Anderson, Indiana.
William F. Keeley	2046 Miami Court, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
Robert P. Keig	208 Pine Lake Ave, La Porte, Indiana.
David W. Montgomery	2747 N. Dearborn St, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Robert A. Newkirk	RR # 5, Franklin, Indiana.
Roger W. Richardson	1030 Lincoln, WW, South Bend 16, Indiana
Robert E. Rogers	4030 Wenonah, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
U.G. Sandage	505 Bono Rd, New Albany, Indiana.
Harold G. Schafstall	2321 Washington St, Columbus, Indiana.
Edward S. Sheese	2550 No. 6th St, Terre Haute, Indiana.
Harry Shock	RR # 4, Box 237, Anderson, Indiana.
Shirley Treser	5760 N. Coburn St, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Richard K. Warren	710 Matheson St, Rensselaer, Indiana.
Francis Williams	539 Union St, Union City, Indiana.
Richard Younkens	4842 Columbin, Hammond, Indiana.

Sincerely,  
Edmund F. Henry

Armed with this added information, Spark Plug George Emery used the U.S. Mails again with this letter:

April 22, 1962

Dear Fellow Hoosier:

The 1962 Convention of the 24th Division will be held in Chicago from the 9th through 12th of August.

You and your wife are invited to attend a get-together at the home of C.G. Hanlin, our Past President, at 1128 North E. Street, Elwood, Indiana on Saturday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. to enjoy films taken at past conventions. This will give you a preview of what you can expect in August in Chicago.

Mark this date down and make plans to attend this get-together of Fellowship and companionship with your fellow Hoosier Members. Naturally there will be refreshments to help you enjoy your visit.  
See you May 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

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THAT'S HOW GEORGE IS DOING IT IN INDIANA  
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Families really enjoyed our Louisville Convention, as the above two Saturday night banquet photos show...bring Your Family to Chicago! Special plans are being made for families this year--see page 3... and remember the dates 9-10-11-12 August.



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