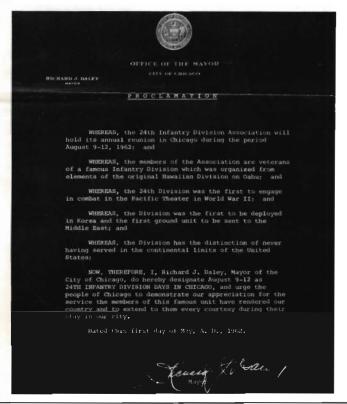
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98 Iris Avenue, Floral Park Long Island, New York. 15 June 1962.

To Fellow Members, 24th Infantry Division Assn:

Another year has gone by since our last convention in Kentucky, and the time is here when men of the 24th Infantry Division Association are making final plans to gather again in Chicago for our Annual Reunion. It is an occasion that I always look forward to in meeting many fine soldiers who are my very best friends.

The long efforts of present and former officers of the Association, and particularly Ed Henry, are paying off. The Association is growing by leaps and bounds. Patrick J. Ciangi, 1962 Convention Chairman, has worked many long hours for the past year on Convention details and he has done an excellent job. Dick Ligman also has contributed considerable help on Convention matters. Major General "Red" Newman has given much time to all the details connected with publication of the Taro Leaf.

The roll call of the units of the Division at each Convention Banquet is a thrilling and inspiring ceremony. To see the former members who are present rise in response to the muster of their organization brings back many pleasant memories of great outfits and of the men who made them great.

To be a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association at the Convention is rewarding beyond belief.

I urge every former member of our Victory Division to be present at the Roll Call in Chicago, August 9-12, 1962.

(signed)



Above: Honorable Richard J. Daly, Mayor of Chicago, presenting Convention Chairman Patrick J. Clangi the Proclamation (left) designating August 9-12, 1962 as 24th Infantry Division Days in Chicago.

1962 CONVENTION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY EVENING,	
8:00 p.m.	HOSPITALITY NITE SUITE 505 HOSTED BY CHICAGO CHAPTER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9	
10:00-12:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION MEZZANINE FOYER
10:00-12:00 p.m.	OPEN HOUSE-GET TOGETHER EMBASSY ROOM
10:00-12:00 p.m.	TROPHY ROOM HOLLYWOOD ROOM
8:00 p.m.	PREVIOUS CONVENTION FILMS
	CHICAGO CHAPTER FILMS EMBASSY ROOM
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9:00-12:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION MEZZANINE FOYER
9:00-12:00 p.m.	OPEN HOUSE-CONVIVIALITY EMBASSY ROOM
9:00-12:00 p.m.	TROPHY ROOM HOLLYWOOD ROOM
11:00 a.m.	COMBAT FILMS BURGUNDY ROOM
12:30 p.m.	TIPS FOR BETTER TRIPS or
	TAKE THE "LUG" OUT OF LUGGAGE (WIVES)
	PRESENTED BY MARY GORDON
	TWA TRAVEL AND FASHION ADVISOR
	COURTESY OF TRANS WORLD AIRLINES
	COFFEE GET-TOGETHER
	HOSTED BY LU CIANGI AND BRENTICE LIGNAN
	COTILLION ROOM
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	FILM WITH REMARKS BY JACK THOREN
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2:00 p.m.	MILLINERY AND FUR FASHION SHOW AND
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Above: Mr. D. Talerico, Sales Manager of the Morrison Hotel, checks plans and contract for our Chicago Convention 8-9-10-11-12 August. on are Convention Chairman Patrick J. Ciangi and his wife Lu Ciangi.

Below: Room rates and other information about reservations are in the reservation card enclosed (also in the facsimile below). Mail your reservation today!

Also, if you can arrive early for the Hospitality Nite at 8:00 pm on 8 August (see Convention Schedule on front cover), be sure to let Chairman Ciangi know (4746 W. Monroe St. Chicago 44, Ill. Phone: ES 8-2846) so that plans for enough chow can be finalized in advance.

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CHICAGO CHAPTER



CONVENTION SUMMUARY

Convention information is distributed throughout this Taro Leaf, so maybe this is a good place to summarize and itemize:

Page 1: Convention schedule; Chicago Mayor's Proclamation; Greetings from President Jim Purcell; our Convention Chairman with Chicago Mayor. Page 2: Entertainment \$\$\$ rates; room rates; picture of Chairman Pat, his wife Lu, and Morrison Hotel official finalizing contract. Page 3: Pictures and information about Hotel Morrison. Page 4: Pictures of the "Pearls of the Pacific"; this summary; Greetings from the Chicago Chapter.
Page 5: All about our guest speaker.
Page 8: Maps...how to get to Madison St.

Mail your reservation now---card enclosed for your convenience requires no postage...just fill out and drop in box.

The Chicago Chapter hopes you can make it for Hospitality Nite on 8 August. They are anxious to have things really lined up to welcome you...so if you plan to make Hospitality Nite, they need this information to get chow lined up for everybody. Drop a card to Chairman Pat Ciangi, 4746 W. Monroe St, Chicago 44, Ill. (Phone: ES 8-2846)

For Friday night it 1s de rigeur (what ever that is) for men to wear their Hawaiian sports shirts, and ladies their MuuMuu's, Sarongs, Grass Skirts, Hoikus or just plain dresses.

Also middle aged gentlemen are advised to look at the picture at upper left on this page---and be sure to have your bifocals or far seeing glasses handy...you don't want the pictorial image of those "Pearls of the Pacific" to be out of focus on your retina.

Finally, don't forget our conventions are family affairs. Your family will enjoy them as much as you do...and you will enjoy the convention more when you share with your loved ones your 24th Infantry Division Association friendships and memories...especially the Saturday night Banquet, Color Guard, and Memorial Services.

BEST WISHES TO THE 1962 Convention Chairman and Hostess PAT AND LU CIANGI for a tremendous job for the reunion from YOUR CHICAGO FRIENDS



Our Army celebrated its 187th birthday on 14 June 1962. The above illustration is from the heading on a recent Department of Army leaflet reprinting the "RESOLUTION OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 14 JUNE 1775"--- the first words of which read: "Resolved, that six companies of expert riflemen be immediately raised...."

And the closing words read: "That the form of enlistment to be in the following words: I have this day, voluntarily enliated myaelf as a soldier in the American Continental Army, for one year, unless sooner discharged; and I do bind myself in all instances to such rules and regulations as are, or shall be established...."





MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK R. ZIERATH Commanding 4th Infantry Division and Fort Lewis Fort Lewis, Washington.

All of our Old Timers will be especially pleased to know that General Fred has accepted the invitation to be our Guest Speaker at the Convention Banquet on Saturday night, ll August---and all who do not know him can look forward to meeting one of the finest officers and gentlemen in the active Army today. For a summary of General Zierath's capped to date age held. career to date, see below.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker for the Chicago Convention, Major General Frederick R. Zierath, was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in July 1910; graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June 1935...and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

After service in the 15th Infantry, 3rd Division, at Fort Lewis, Washington, he was transferred to Hawaii and served with the 24th Infantry Division in various capacities throughout World War II in the Pacific Theatre Of Operations.

His last three assignments in the 24th Division were: From the 21st Infantry to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 (Personnel) and, later, G-3 (Operations) on the General Staff in Division Headquarters---and Operations) on the General State In State and August 1 the August 1 th

"The town of Palo was a secondary objective to Hill 522, the dominating slopes of which rose directly from the river's edge north of town.

"The enemy had intended to use this bastion as the key of his entire defense system of the Palo beaches. The height rises 522 feet directly out of the coastal flats. It has a roughly circular base approximately 1,000 yards in diameter, with precipitous sides which rise to an

abrupt crest resembling a Y-shaped ridge.
"The Japanese had impressed the entire male population of Palo for

The Japanese and impressed the entire male population of Fall for three months to fortify this eminence. It was pocked with bunkers. Communication trenches were seven feet deep and tunnels honeycombed the hill.

"The definite extent of the Japanese tunnel system on Hill 522 may never be known. Many of the tunnel mouths were blasted in by our men. We do know that Japanese soldiers kept popping out of the hill-side for days."

As the Battalion Commander of the assault on this critical forti-As the Battalion Commander of the assault on this critical fortified hill, General Zierath drove his battalion forward relentlessly. "Speed it up!" was his constant order, and where stopped by dug-in pill boxes his companies side-slipped, enveloped, and kept going. No better idea of this fi_hting drive can be given than this: The Company Commander of Charlie Company was killed in the landing that morning, so Lieutenant Dallas Dick of New Brighton, Pennsylvania took command---and by the time Charlie Company reached the top of Hill 522 in the final assault, Dallas Dick himself was twice wounded.

In our Unofficial History "Children Of Yesterday", Jan Valtin summarizes the importance of the quick capture of Hill 522 this way:

"Major General F. A. Irving, Division Commander, has stated that 'If Hill 522 had not been occupied when it was we might have suffered a thousand casualties in the assault. As it was, the occupation of the height cost the First Battalion, 19th Infantry, fourteen killed and ninety-five wounded, of which thirty five later rejoined their units."

As the Commander of the driving assault that captured this vital terrain feature, General Zierath (then lieutenant colonel) played a key role in the rapid and successful invasion of Leyte.

But his battle record did not end with World War II, for General Zierath (then colonel) commanded the 179th Infantry Regiment in the 45th Division in the Korean War, and later served as Senior Advisor to the II Corps of the Korean Army.

His distinguished peace time career included graduation from The Infantry School; The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; the



TARO LEAVES

Since all the convention news and information appears elsewhere in this Taro Leaf (see CONVENTION SURMARY on opposite page), it will not be repeated here...but there was a picture we did not have room for. It showed a snappily dressed fellow with a king size schnoz and and even more king size cigar. The caption under that picture would have read: "Chicago's Jimmy Durante---Danny Rio." You will see him in action in Chicago Since all the convention news and information appears action in Chicago.

In the May issue of Taro Leaf we said that if those going to Chicago would let the Editor know, their names would be published here to let others know too...thus friends might plan to meet there who otherwise would stay home. We are going to press earlier than planned, but do have several replies.

Allyn Miller, 737 Livingston Ave, Columbus 5, Ohio, writes:

"Dear comrades of the 24th;

Just a few lines to you. I just received my May Taro Leaf, and this is to let you know I will be in Chicago on August 10th.
Will be looking forward to seeing you.
I joined Co A, 21st on March 4, 1944---on Goodenough Island.
And I departed Co A on October 2nd of 1945 on Luzon, P.I."

A letter from William (Bill) Llewellyn, 550 Pleasant View, Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin says:

"I'm looking forward to seeing you at the convention and renewing past experiences. I'll probably only be able to attend one day---on August llth---but will be there for the dinner with my wife and possibly one other person. How are you enjoying life in Florida?"

It's good news you will be there, Bill, and I'll look forward to the chance to see you...also I like Florida fine. (He was formerly in Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 34th Inf).

In reply to a letter from the Editor about his address, Colonel Almon W. 'Whitey' Manlove wrote:

"Is March, I was transferred out here to Savanna Ordnance Depot, and it is located on the Mississipi River about 150 miles west of Chicago. We have the best set of quarters we have ever had. The depot is ten miles from the nearest town, with only 18 families living on the post.......All in all, it is the nicest assignment I have ever had.

"The only fly in the ointment is the fact that we undergo six Technical Proficiency Inspections this summer. My presence in the Division Reunion will largely depend on how we make out on these inspections. I know you remember the pressure which is attendant on them."

Yes, I sure do, Whitey....but hope you can make it. Card just received (last news item to get in this issue:

"YES---WE WILL BE THERE...THAT IS THE NEW MICHIGAN CHAPTER. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS CONVENTION." (Don Williams, Sec-Treasurer).

The latest copy of the Chicago Chapter News Letter has several items of general interest to our membership:

SICK CALL: Bob Duff entered the hospital last Friday for a check up and needed rest. Bob has been working very hard this past year, and needs a vacation. (As you know, Bob is a Past President, and long time Taro Leaf Editor).

Chicago, Ill: While Hank Marinello was driving thru his alley he bumped into a garbage truck---only to find that the driver, Nick, was a former member of the 19th Infantry. Hank gave him his extra Taro Leaf and Nick quickly sent his \$5.00 dues to Ed Henry.

Dr. Ligman (our Veep) recently became a member of the renowned "Medinah Black Horse Troop". To date, Dick and "Blackie" have appeared with the troop in two parades and are to appear June 17th, at the South Shore Country Club in drills preceding the Horse Show.



It is a long way to go from a Lieutenant Colonel on the 24th Division Staff at Good-enough Island in 1944 to a Major General, Com-manding the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Lewis, Washington in 1962...but the two pic-Lewis, Washington in 1962...but to tures on this page show just that.

The small snapshot at left is Lieutenant Colonel Fred Zierath as G-3 in Division Hq in 1944 on Goodenough, and the photograph at up-1944 on Goodenough, and the photograph at up-per left of this page of our Guest Speaker is that same man...now wearing the two stars of a Major General, and holding one of the vital STRAC commands so necessary to our national security---the 4th Infantry Division at Lewis.

A close look at the background in the snap-shot shows the grass roof of the headquarters building, and the woven palm frond half-walls that made windows unnecessary.

Armed Forces Staff College; and the Army War College.

His duty assignments as a General Officer have been: Division Commander of the 3rd Division; Assistant Commandant of the Army Command and General Staff College; and Commander of the X Army Corps and Fort Lawton, Washington. He assumed command of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Lewis, Washington (his current assignment) on 17 April 1962.

General Zierath's decorations: Silver Star, Legion of Merit (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star, ROK Order of Military Merit with Gold Star, and Combat Infantry Badge with star...and there are not many men who commanded an infantry battalion in battle in World War II and a regiment in combat in the Korean War, which is what that Combat Infantry Badge with star stands for in his case when you see it on General Zierath's chest.

The 24th Infantry Division Association is happy and proud to have as our Convention Speaker this distinguished soldier...who was one of us when the chips were down, and is taking the time and effort from his many duties to be in Chicago as one of us again.

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All the many friends of Father Nuwer, Division Chaplain in our World War II days, will be happy to have news of him from the clippings (in extract) below. This appears some months after the fact, since the original news article was in the Dec. 15, 1961 issue of the Catholic Union and Echo.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Roman Nuwer, P.A., pastor of St. Mary of Sorrows parish, was given a surprise testimonial dinner by the allied societies of his parish on Sunday in the school hall. He observed the 45th anniversary of his ordination on Dec. 7.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nuwer, the jubilarian was born in Lancaster on Sept. 11, 1892. He attended St. Mary's School, Canisius High School and Canisius College.

After his graduation from college, Msgr. Nuwer was sent to Innsbruck, Austria, to prepare for the priesthood in 1914. Because of World War I, he came back to Our Lady of the Angels Seminary, Niagara University, where he completed his theological studies.

He was ordained by Denis Cardinal Dougherty, then Bishop of Buffalo, on Dec. 7, 1916. He was assigned to St. Francis Xavier Church as assistant pastor, remaining there until 1918.

Msgr. Nuwer joined the U.S. Army as a chaplain that year

and after his training in the Chaplain's School, served overseas until September, 1919.

Msgr. Nuwer, after his discharge from the Army, continued to be active in the National Guard. In 1940, he left with the 106th Field Artillery for Fort McClellan, Ala., when that unit was placed on active duty.

A lieutenant colonel in the Chaplain's Corps, Msgr. Nuwer celebrated his 25th anniversary at Fort McClellan when he dedicated a new post chapel. A dinner followed at which the news was announced that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The date was Dec. 7, 1941.

Msgr. Nuwer served with the 24th Division in the South Pacific, where he contracted malaria. In April, 1945, he was reassigned to duty in Europe.

His headquarters were in Vienna, Austria, for the next seven years. He held the post of chief chaplain of the military government of Austria.

Msgr. Nuwer was made a

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21st. INFANTRY NEWS AND WWII PICTURES

A nice letter just arrived from James N. Froome Jr, 801 Main St, Red Bluff, Calif. He enclosed the pictures on the page at right (see captions below), and current news items too. (Jim is Vice President and Manager, Crocker-Anglo National Bank, in Red Bluff.) In his letter he says:

"I joined the 21st Infantry in Hawaii in 1943 as a replacement officer from the States. In the May issue of the Toro Leaf you requested that any old photographs which could be dug up be sent along and you would try to use them. Enclosed you will find photographs, which I have numbered for identification:

- (1) A picture of the swimming pool in Hollandia, Sentani area of the New Guineas. This pool was constructed by 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry.
 - (2) Picture of myself and Lt. Haywood on leave in Australia.
- (3) Lt. Art Haas, H Company, 21st Infantry, and myself. This was taken in Rockhampton. Haas was killed on Break Neck Ridge, Leyte.
- (4) Picture of Lt. Seymour Smigrod and myself. Smigrod on the left and myself on the right. This picture was taken in Rockhampton in Australia. At that time I was Como of the 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry.
- (5) On the left is myself in pajamas, Capt. J.H. Thompson, C.O. of Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, and Lt. M. G. Haywood, Motor Officer.
- (6) From left to right: First Sergeant Adamchack, Lt. M.G. Haywood, Company Clerk McGrath. I believe this is on Good Enough Island.
- (7) Headquarters and Headquarters Company officers and company commander, 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry, on board the Westralia, prior to Leyte and Pinamopan landing. The back row, left to right: Lt. Ivey, Lt. Tom Lannin, Lt. Stan Lemn, myself, Capt. Hugh Corsson, Lt. Red Mayer, Capt. Jim Thompson, Capt. Erner Jones, better known as "Doc". Front row, left to right: Lt. Col. Seymour Madison, C.O. 2nd Battalion; Lt. Don Parens, C.O. F Company; Capt. Bob Kilgore, C.O. E Company; Capt. Jack Kelly, C.O. G Company; Lt. Robert Ender, C.O. H Company; Major Francis Dice.

"As you can see these pictures are a little ink stained in the corner. If you can make any use of them, fine; if you can't, please return them.

"I might say in January of 1961 I was in Denver, Colorado, for a convention and spent a day with Seymour Madison who lives in Denver. We had quite a talk, stayed up to the late hours of the morning, as I had not seen Col. Madison since 1944 on Leyte. If you desire some more pictures quite possibly I can find additional ones, although these were the best I could come up with.

"Certainly hope one of these days we can have the convention in the western part of the United States." $\,$

Thanks very much, Jim. The Editor is certain that many others appreciate your news and pictures...for it brings old times and old friends back in memory. These are the kind of things that can get in Taro Leaf only when readers send them in....

How about it, some of you readers from other units? Last issue we had some dope on the 19th Infantry, the 21st Infantry comes in with Jim's fine report...so look in your files for information and pictures that bring the past back. Share them with all of us, by making them available for Taro Leaf pages.

domestic prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII in 1946 and was made a Prothonotary Apostolic by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Appointed pastor of St. Mary of Sorrows by Bishop Burke in 1952, Msgr. Nuwer retired from the Army with the rank of brigadier general in September of that year.

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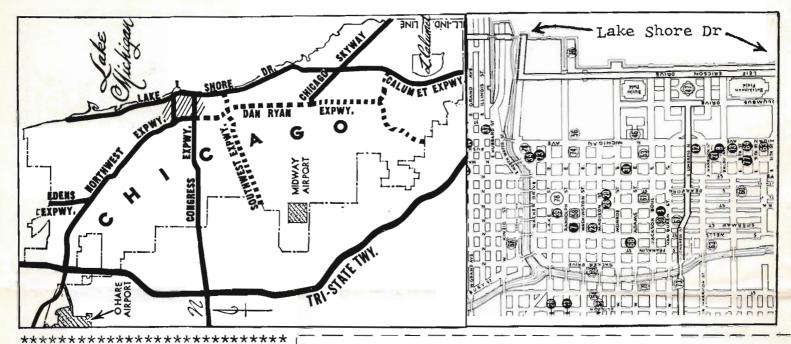
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