



# TARO LEAF

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MAY IT BE

A LONG AND

HAPPY RETIREMENT,

BILL VERBECK,

YOU WONDERFUL

GUY!

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. VERBECK

Retirement has come to Bill Verbeck as it comes in time to each of us - in some manner of form.

This is a retirement for which we have special concern: it brings to a formal close an army career of one, beloved by us all, and blessed with the bigness of heart and depth of soul to be able consistently and continuously to reflect in so many innocent but warm ways the manly love and affection which he holds for each of us who shares our common bond.

Our Division has had no more devoted and dedicated and loyal a member - nor one of whom it can be - and is - more proud. No soldier in its ranks served it more diligently or with more unswerving loyalty: no man who ever wore the Taro Leaf ever stood up to the enemy with greater courage.

Bill has reached a corner - and as you read these lines - already is walking down a new street - one which it is our fervent hope and prayer will be a long, smoothly-paved one, free of the cobblestones of twilight years.

That his last duty year has been a troubled one, we all know. That he has demonstrated an enviable stride in "taking" the bricks thrown his way is only as we knew he would do: for here is a man who knows no other way of life. That he, by the grace of God, has pulled through to open up this new life chapter is something for which each of us is humbly grateful. Our prayers have been answered.

Would that each and every one of us could today extend a hand to shake the hand of this warm, friendly guy: would that each and every one of us could reach out and give a hug to Peggy, his lovely lady. But time and space play tricks with we mortals and often deny us moments such as the one each of us would wish we might have for a few personal words with these precious friends who face the never-ending flight of future days as virgin retirees.

Cheerful are their yesterdays: confident may be their tomorrows.

We'll not "Goodbye" you, Peg and Bill: we'll just "see you later" with all our love and affection.



Old reliable, BILL DAVIDSON, DIV HQ. '41-'44, found the time to write us about the lawyer who was reading the will of a recently deceased multimillionaire to the surviving members of his family. "And to my playboy son, Stanley", the lawyer read, "whom I promised to remember - 'Hi there, Stan!'".....HENRY MARINELLO's good wife, Toni, takes off for Italy with her mother right after the Convention. Thanks for writing. 'til then, Toni. Be sure to get over to Pisa and see that Tower: they say it's about due for a tumble....ADOLPH MILLER is convalescing. Send your get-wells to 2658 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 12, Ill.....Donna Trinca, daughter of old faithful JOHN TRINCA, will be undergoing surgery 'round about June 15. Get-wells to her, care Johnnie, at 650 N. Albany Ave., Chicago 12, Ill..... Marie Hanlin, wife of our own wonderful "C.G." is recovering from a serious fall. Best wishes, Marie....As we set all of this chatter down, we are inclined to wonder who is well in this gang of ours.

The first three issues of our Taro Leaf have run to \$1242.16 in printing costs. That amounts to \$414.05 per issue. Divide this up among 261 dues paying members and that's \$1.58 per issue per member. Moral: it's a question of more members, or higher dues, or fewer issues, or less fatty issues.

In these 3 issues, we have offered a total of 52 pages of copy: 12 in #1 (Sept.), 16 in #2 (Mar.) and 24 in #3 (May).

During preceding years, we offered as follows:

'61-'62	4	issues	-	32	pages	of	copy
'60-'61	4	"	"	37	"	"	"
'59-'60	5	"	"	34	"	"	"
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'48-'49	4	"	"	24	"	"	"
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HERE IS THE ANSWER to the Puzzle printed in our last issue. The houses are set (reading from "left" to "right") in their proper places. You by now must know that the Norwegian drinks water and the Japanese owns the zebra. You see it was solvable after all!!!

First House	Second House	Third House	Fourth House	Fifth House
Norwegian	Ukranian	English	Soaniard	Japanese
Yellow	Blue	Red	Ivory	Green
WATER	Tea	Milk	Orange Juice	Coffee
Kools	Chester-fields	Old Golds	Lucky Strike	Parli-ments
Fox	Horse	Snails	Dog	ZEBRA

## Red hot

Are you a FREE LOADER? Are your dues paid? If not, why not dash off a \$5.00 check to Sec'y. Ed Henry, 21 Park St., Attleboro, Mass. before Taos tonight?.....

## Life is a matter of Time

Some years ago, we started to author "Autobiography of a Division". We're still at it, and God willing, we'll finish it. When we started, we put out a call for pictures. We still have them. We still intend to use the best of them in these issues and in the book.

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines protein as a callgirl too young to vote.

## SPEAKING OUT

ERNEST FINTOR (G-21st INF 10/51-3/52) has joined us. Pappy was with the Division until it went back to Japan, being then transferred to the 40th - and this we like - "under very strong protest". Pappy and Yolanda beget Mark (8 yrs.) and Laura (3 yrs.). Pappy is selling insurance and real estate. He gives us an address 751 W. 102, Los Angeles, with office at William Penn Fraternal Assoc., 8725 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles 47. He adds in his letter: "Sorry I've lost contact with most everyone of the Division. Would be happy to hear from old friends of days in Kum-wa and Kum-Song." Nice to have you with us, Pappy - and we'll ask buddies to contact you.

The month's silliest story is about Whistler coming home one evening and finding his mother scrubbing the kitchen floor. "Hey, Ma, you're off your rocker!" Whistler exclaimed.

## THERE & THEN

Col. FRANK W. SCHEURLEIN has left Div. Hq. and is now assigned to OP DIV, HQ USAREUR, APO 403, PM, NY, NY.....GUESS WHO? On a cold January day, a young man - 45 years old - was sworn in as Chief Executive of his country. By his side stood his predecessor, a famous general who, 15 years before, had commanded his country's Armed Forces in a war which resulted in the total defeat of the German nation. This young man had served under his predecessor in this war. He was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith. After the ceremonies, he spent five hours reviewing a parade in his honor and stayed up until 3 a.m. celebrating. The man's name is not John F. Kennedy. Try Adolf Hitler and you'll have it.

## IT'S ALL IN THE MIND

JOHNNIE TRINCA who, after all, advertises in the Yellow Pages of the Chicago telephone directory "Women in Trouble, Call Mr. John" will appreciate the story of a woman who runs a Tulsa nursery school and was having trouble with a 5-year-old who wouldn't take a nap. She suggested that he think "happy thoughts" to help him relax. It worked like a charm. At the end of the rest period, she awakened the boy and asked, "What happy thoughts did you think?" "I thought I was pregnant", the boy replied. "Pregnant? Why would you think that?" "Well," said the boy, "the other day my mother said to my dad, 'I think I'm pregnant' and dad said, 'That's a happy thought.'"



"Now remember, Smithers, when you get to Seattle start ticking."

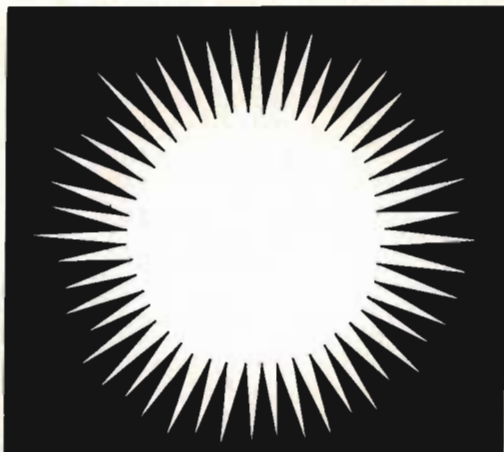
BENJ. F. WALLACE of 1515 Ledwich Ave., Yakima, Wash. is one of our Life Members. \$100.00 does it, you know.....

## ARE YOU MOVING?

Six weeks is required to change your magazine address. To insure delivery at your new address notify us at least six weeks in advance of your moving. Send us your old and new address and if possible the address label from your last issue... include your postal zone number. Thank you.

## You never know who may drop in

VERNON M. SCHENKEL has moved to 550 Bardot, Florissant, Mo.....



We wanted to do this - all year long we had planned for it - and then the money didn't seem to be there for any issue at all - let alone a BILL VERBECK issue. It just couldn't be, however, that we could let the event go by without our tribute - so here it is - another issue. Our only regret is that the lateness of the hour has meant something of a rush in getting it out - and that spells sloppy work for which deep apologies. Bill Verbeck deserved much better.



...but everyone has a 'double'

Flash! Just as we go to press, this arrived from ROSS W. PURSIFULL (34th INF. '42-'45), 22424 Outer Drive, Dearborn, Mich., writes us: "The recent 'Taro Leaf' was excellent. The Michigan Chapter certainly had fine coverage. Thank you. Last night I was talking to a Sgt. Lee at Fort Wayne, his family ran a laundry at Schofield Barracks for the 13th. Field Artillery for years prior to the war. I would like for you to send him the recent copy of the Taro Leaf, his address is: M/Sgt, Donald Lee 5032 ARSU, Detroit USAR School, Building 9, 6301 West Jefferson Avenue, Detroit 17, Mich. I'm enclosing the usual 'something' to help the cause. See you in 'Louisville' since I have arranged my active duty period for the first two weeks in July. Fred Wehle, Don Williams and I are planning a Michigan Chapter meeting on Friday, June 21. We hope to round up the gang and head them for Kentucky in August. See you around". Thanks Ross.

**GOV. COMBS PROCLAIMS  
"24<sup>th</sup> DIVISION DAY IN KENTUCKY"**

## WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA

The succeeding four pages were stolen from Fort Devens - and we admit it. We merely reproduce in its entirety the June 18th issue of the "Fort Devens Dispatch" for good and obvious reasons.

*It's Better with  
Your Shoes Off*



Please keep us posted as to any change of address you might have...the 41st Div. puts out a periodic "JUNGLEER" along our lines. We just caught this in an issue received this morning: "Men who have been to War don't talk too much about their experiences with 'outsiders' perhaps for the reason that the 'outsiders' wouldn't believe them - and this, in final analysis, may be the reason we go to annual reunions: so that dog faces can sit down with other dog faces who will believe them". We go along with that, and that's why we're advocating that, if you want some fun, if you want to relieve the good (sic) old days for a few hours, let's hike it over to Louisville in August. We must be realists however and recognize that even when dog faces get together, stories have ways of growing with the passing years. For instance - back twelve or fourteen years ago, come convention time, Spike O'Donnell would polish up his best "Junior Harris" stories and tell us how on a particular night, a "patrol" consisting of Junior and himself knocked off 3 Nips with 2 shots of an M1. Five years ago, the story had grown to 17 Nips with two bursts of a BAR. Last year in Chicago, it was the same old Junior and Spike who wiped out 51 Nips with two carbines and one light machine gun - and they were dragging an 81 mm mortar behind them with which they blew up an entire hospital on the other side of Mt. Cyclops (Hollandia - in case you've forgotten). Casualties there, so says Spike: "Unknown". And that is the very ultimate in modesty. We look forward to the 1963 version. We look forward to just seeing Spike and Junior. Whether we believe anything they say will remain our secret - but we anticipate the experience with pleasure, nonetheless. And we look forward to seeing you there too, if you can possibly make it. You'll not regret it, in case you've never made one.

### Take off in all directions.

Have you joined our EMGAM Crusade? It means "Every Member Get A Member". July is the month when we hope to double our membership. We can if every member brings in a new member.



# XIII CORPS, AND FORT DEVENS PROUDLY SALUTE MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM J. VERBECK UPON RETIREMENT

SPECIAL ISSUE

FORT DEVENS DISPATCH

JUNE 18, 1963

## Career Spans Two Wars; Duty on Three Continents

Major General William J. Verbeck, commanding general of XIII U.S. Army Corps and Fort Devens, retires from the Army at the end of June after 41 years service to his country.

He will leave behind him a host of friends and neighbors, among them every rural and industrial community in this central Massachusetts area.

### High Praise

Civic leaders are unanimous in their praise of the new spirit of community relations that has blossomed during the four-year tour of command of General Verbeck at Fort Devens.

The town of Shirley placed his picture on the cover of the official 1961 yearbook, and said of him: "General Verbeck . . . was . . . instrumental in the

formation of a Community Council for the improvement of relations between Fort Devens and surrounding communities. His efforts have been more than successful. General Verbeck will long be remembered in this area by the many town and city officials who have had the pleasure of meeting with him for the discussion of matters of mutual concern."

### Special Award

Last fall, the General was singled out for a special award from the University of Massachusetts bureau of government research. The award read in part: "(He was selected) . . . for tireless efforts in establishing community relations that has brought a deeper and richer

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**WELL DONE** — General Verbeck congratulates the 4th Artillery Firing Battery as it completes a 50-gun salute — (first for Hawaii) on Independence Day, 1960.

## Four Year Tour Brings "New Look" To Fort Devens

Fort Devens and the XIII U.S. Army Corps have developed a "New Look" during the nearly four years which have passed since Major General William J. Verbeck assumed command on September 2, 1959.

The entire structure of the six-state XIII U.S. Army Corps has been reorganized into a more mobile and combat ready reserve striking force.

### Modern Armories

Many improvements in Armory facilities, the construction of several modern Armories and the addition of the latest in realistic training aids have been effected.

Major accomplishments on Post include the erection of

1199 modern dependent home units for officer and enlisted families and the completion of two quadrangles housing enlisted men at a cost of over \$21,000,000.

In addition, Devens Manor, a Wherry Housing unit, was transferred to Army control and extensively remodeled, eliminating the "one-bedroom" apartment.

### Pool Reopens

Devenscrest, built outside the Post during World War II as temporary housing, has been declared surplus and the occupants moved on Post.

A swimming pool located in

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## Father Was New York State Adjutant General

William Verbeck, Sr., the General's father, was born in Nagasaki, Japan, January 18, 1861. He received his early education from his father and at the age of seventeen came to America where he studied first at Oakland, California high school and later at the California

Military Academy.

Enlisting in the California National Guard he quickly rose to the rank of major.

A talented inventor who later patented several inventions in the photographic field, the young man came to New York to work on patenting his inventions but soon found himself short of funds because of legal litigation.

### Manlius Headmaster

He became an instructor at Peekskill Military Academy and later co-principal of Cayuga Lake Military Academy. At the request of Right Reverend Frederick D. Huntington, Bishop of Central New York, he became head of St. Johns School.

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**THE GENERAL'S FATHER** — William Verbeck, Sr., holds still for the "birdie" about 1879 when he was a lieutenant in the California National Guard.

**USMA**

★ 1927 ★

41 Years Service

## Grandfather, Japan Advisor As Missionary

The General's grandfather, Reverend Guido Herman Fridolin Verbeck, was born in Zeist, Netherlands, January 23, 1836.

Coming from a deeply religious Moravian family, the Reverend studied in local

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## In War of 1812

## Great, Great Grandfather Led U.S. Army of Northern Border

General Verbeck's great, great grandfather, Major General Jacob Jennings Brown, born in Bucks county, Penna., 1775, rose from command of a New York state militia regiment at the start of the War of 1812 to be commissioned brigadier general in the United States Army July 19, 1813 as a result of his successful defense of Sacketts Harbor, N.Y.

### Major General

On January 24, 1814 he was appointed major general and

assumed command in western New York, with two able brigadiers, Scott and Ripley, under him.

Of the operations in the ensuing campaign, of which the battle of Niagara (Lundy's Lane) was the most important, having been studied by succeeding generations of American

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**FIRST CLASSMAN** — Cadet Lieutenant Verbeck pauses for a moment from the endless round of duties at West Point for an informal snapshot in dress gray (1926).

## ☆ Farewell Message ☆

It is time to say farewell.

As many of you know, an Army career is, in a sense, a never-ending series of goodbyes — to friends you have made and may never see again; to posts you have enjoyed and to some you haven't; to episodes in your life you want always to remember, and to some you'd rather forget.

This marks my last Army goodbye. I have said many in the 41 years I've worn the uniform of the United States. This is the hardest.

The Army in which I was commissioned in 1927, as a second lieutenant fresh out of West Point, was a good Army — well led and depending on good people to do its work.

The Army I leave today is a better Army. It is better equipped; better trained. It is the product of a nation more willing than we were 36 years ago to assume the role of world leadership, with all the difficult responsibilities that role entails.

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FORWARD HO — Off to join the Cavalry — 1908.



BOXING TEAM 1925 — Cadet Verbeck (center, standing) was a heavyweight on the West Point Boxing Team. Everyone in the photograph is now retired or dead with the exception of Maj Gen Raymond E. Bell, team manager (shown in Cadet uniform at extreme right, standing), now Deputy CG, Second U.S. Army and Maj Gen Paul A. Gavan (First row, sixth from left) now Commanding General, Military District of Washington.



FIRST ASSIGNMENT — 2d Lt Verbeck is assigned to the 28th Inf, Madison Barracks, N.Y., (1928). The regiment at that time was part of the 1st Division.



COMBAT ALEUTIANS — Lt Col Verbeck in 1942 was Chief, Combat Intelligence, Alaska Defense Command and Commander, Alaska Scouts. Later in June, 1943, he became Asst. C S. G-2, Alaska Dept.



COMBAT KOREA — Col Verbeck, Senior Advisor, ROKA G-3. Later named Deputy C.O. and C S Hqs, Korean Base Command (2d Log. Command) Far East Command.



ASSIGNMENT ZAMBOANGA — The Lieutenant brings his Company, C of the 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts (Moro) to attention at Pettit Barracks, Mindanao Island, P.I. (1932). The soldiers wear the tobeau because they are Mohammedans and may not wear a hat with a brim. This would prevent them from touching their foreheads to the ground when they bow towards Mecca.



COMBAT LEYTE — A group of Filipino guerrillas report to Col Verbeck, X Corps G-2, for orders during the early stages of the Leyte Island campaign — October 1944.



KMAG BRIEFING — Col Verbeck (right), KMAG G-3, at a briefing of Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor (3rd from left), 8th Army Commander, at Taegu, Korea, February 1953.



AT MANLIUS — Capt Verbeck, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, poses with his wife Margaret and sons Charles (left) and William in 1937 at school his father made famous.



ANCIENT JAPAN — Capt and Mrs. Verbeck pause with friends in front of an ancient temple in Kyoto, Japan (1938). The Captain was Asst Military Attache at the Embassy. (Left to right) Mrs. Verbeck, Mrs. Dickey, Lt Dickey, Capt Verbeck.



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**BRAZILIAN DECORATION** — Maj Gen Verbeck is awarded the Order of Military Merit by the Brazilian Minister of War, May, 1959. The General had been Chairman, U.S. Army Element, Joint Brazil - U.S. Military Commission, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Previously, from December, 1948 to May 1951, General Verbeck had served as Chief, U.S. Army Section, U.S. Army Military Mission to Brazil.



**REMEMBER THE HONORED DEAD** — General and Mrs. Verbeck place a wreath on the grave of Confederate sailor Edward J. Johnson, Memorial Day, 1961. The sailor died in 1863 while a prisoner of war at Fort Warren in Boston harbor. His body was re-interred in Fort Devens cemetery.



**WELCOME ABOARD SIR** — General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway, then Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, are greeted at the Philadelphia Airport by Brig Gen Verbeck in the fall of 1954. The General was Chief, Pennsylvania Military District.



**FINE PARADE CADET** — Maj Gen Verbeck congratulates ROTC cadet commander after final parade, July 28, 1962.



**LA FORTALEZA** — At the Governor's Palace, San Juan, Puerto Rico are, left to right, Brig Gen Verbeck, Governor Munoz Marin, Gen Maxwell D. Taylor, then Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, and Brig Gen Keith Barney. High on left in background is Casa Blanca (1525) oldest dwelling in Western Hemisphere. It is the quarters of the U. S. Army Commander, then General Verbeck.



**OPERATION BIG SLAM** — Maj Gen Verbeck returns to Puerto Rico in March 1960. Here he is met at Ramey Air Base by Capt Baker of the 82nd Airborne and a representative of the Air Force as he arrives to observe Army participation in the combined airborne, amphibious simulated attack in Operation Big Slam — Puerto Pine.



## Father . . .

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Manlius, N.Y., later the Manlius School.

Only twelve students greeted him in that fall of 1888, but within a year the number had increased to 60 and within five years to double that number.

He reorganized the school, combining the latest English public school methods with the military system. He was successful to an extraordinary degree and was widely recognized as an educator.

In New York he also served as an officer in the National Guard, and in June, 1910, Governor Charles E. Hughes appointed him Adjutant-General of the state. He supervised the federalization of the guard into a modern division with "great ability". He retired with the rank of brigadier general.

A pioneer in the scout movement, General William Verbeck, Sr., was one of the first three national scout commissioners of the Boy Scouts of America, 1910-11, and a member of the National Council, 1911-16.

## Career Spans . . .

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er understanding of mutual military and governmental problems among the many towns within Fort Devens' circle of influence."

General Verbeck, whose retirement will be observed with regret by so many, was born in Manlius, New York, January 20, 1904, son of William Verbeck, Sr., the headmaster of Manlius Military School, then a well known educator, who later became famous for his methods of education.

General Verbeck graduated from Manlius with a certificate of eligibility for commission as a second lieutenant. He then entered the United States Military Academy and was graduated with an infantry commission on June 14, 1927.

### Married

A few months after graduation the lieutenant was married to Miss Margaret McDowell, of Morganton, North Carolina.

The next three years were spent on duty with the 28th Infantry Regiment, at Madison Barracks, New York. In July, 1930, he was transferred to Company C, 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts (Moro) at Zamboanga, Philippine Islands.

### Embassy — Tokyo

He entered the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia in June 1933 and was graduated in June 1934. Assigned as Commanding Officer, Company D, 16th Infantry, he served with that unit at Fort Dix, New Jersey and later at Governors Island, New York, until August 1936 when he was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Manlius School, Manlius, New York.

In September 1938, he was named Assistant Military At-

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The Army is better and the nation is stronger because of battles we have fought and, from straining every resource at the very threshold of defeat, ultimately have won.

There was the civil struggle of depression in the 1930s. From it emerged a sadder but wiser — far wiser — population.

There were the early days — the black days — of World War II. We were not prepared and our nation easily might have paid the supreme price.

And there were the first months of the Korean conflict when our soldiers again gave their blood to give the nation precious time to prepare.

And there is today. Today missiles are poised as machetes

flash in dense jungles, posing still another, a new threat to our way of life.

This time, however, I think we stand ready. Our Army has drawn heavily from the acid test of experience. Now, active units stand ready to fight nuclear, conventional and unconventional battles — to fight these battles and to win them.

For us here at Fort Devens, this should be of especial significance. We live and work a mere dozen miles from the scene of our Army's beginnings, at "the rude bridge that arched the flood" at Concord, so many years ago.

There, an enraged citizenry took up arms for a way of life, even as each of you has done.

When the war was over, these people returned to their

farms and shops — but still stood ready.

I think we stand ready today, in much the same way. Perhaps as ready as our nation has been, during peacetime, within any of our memories.

And so my goodbye to you, though difficult to say, has an aspect of gladness.

I have been here at Fort Devens nearly four years. In all of my commissioned service this is the longest I have been in one place. I will be sorry to leave Fort Devens. I like the people here in the nearby communities and in the command, and I like the locality.

My wife and I leave an Army which has given us a life of great reward.

We are proud to know the worth of the things and the people to whom we now must bid a reluctant farewell.

## Farewell Message . . .

## 'New Look' . . .

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the old Harvarddevens area was renovated and reopened and a new Post Nursery with enlarged facilities and the latest playground equipment installed nearby.

A Recovery Ward with a direct passageway to the operating room has been rebuilt and a modern pediatric clinic and insulation of major hallways completed at the U.S. Army Hospital.

A convenient shopping center has been constructed around the recently enlarged main Post Exchange.

### Airfield Expanded

Fort Devens Airfield has received more than \$1,500,000 in buildings and equipment, including: a new control tower, new administration building, the latest ground control approach system, runway lighting and runway extension.

The main commissary was enlarged but the influx of new families required larger facilities which are under construction.

With the advent of the Army's Consolidated Supply System a new warehouse is being erected on the site of WW I warehouses razed to make way for the new.

### Trainfire Busy

Improvements at the many firing and training ranges have been continuous. Today, new trainfire, combat and physical proficiency courses add to the Post's training facilities which annually serve thousands of Armed Forces regulars, National Guardsmen, Reservists and ROTC.

The erection of permanent hunting check points on the public hunting areas and reclamation, as well as seasonal restocking of fish and game, attract a multitude of local sportsmen.

Special Service activities have been expanded and improved. A new craft shop and a "do-it-yourself" automotive repair shop are but two of the "New Look" facilities installed.

All of this and much more is visible testimony to the "New Look" which has brightened the Fort Devens scene since General Verbeck assumed command in September 1959.

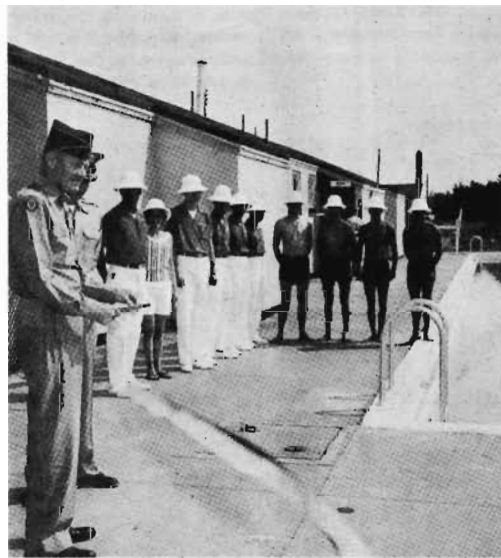
## G. G. Grandfather . . .

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can historians ever since, Admiral Mahan says: "Barring the single episode of the battle of New Orleans, his (Brown's) career on the Niagara peninsula is the one operation of the land war of 1812 upon which thoughtful and understanding Americans of the following generation could look back with satisfaction."

In 1815, General Brown became the senior officer in service, and in 1821 was regularly assigned to the command of the United States Army which he retained until his death, February 24, 1828.

## The New Look



"NEW LOOK" DEDICATION — General Verbeck speaks at the opening ceremony of the renovated Harvarddevens swimming pool a year ago this month. Life guards stand in the background.

tache at the United States Embassy, Tokyo, Japan. While there the General put his time to good use and became fluent in the Japanese language.

In November, 1941, General Verbeck joined the Alaska Defense Command where he served first as Assistant G-2, then as Chief of Combat Intelligence and Commander of the Alaskan Scouts and finally as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Alaska Department.

### Brazil Missions

In July of 1944 the General became G-2, X Corps, then in New Guinea and made the combat landing on Leyte, P.I., as Regimental Commander of the 21st Infantry Regiment. He served in the Philippines on Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and Mindanao for nine months, becoming Chief of Staff, 24th Infantry Division.

Following his return to the U.S. in August, 1945, General

Verbeck was graduated from the National War College and served in many important capacities which included: Chief, U.S. Army Section, Military Mission to Brazil; Senior Assistant to Joint Chiefs of Staff Representative to the National Security Council; Senior Advisor to G-3 Republic of Korea Army; Commanding Officer, United Nations Command, Prisoner of War Camp No. 6, Nonsan, Korea; Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Antilles and Military District of Puerto Rico; Joint Brazil - U.S. Military Commission at Rio Janeiro, Brazil and Chief of the Pennsylvania Military District, among others.

Prior to assuming command at Fort Devens he served with the Council of Review Boards in Washington.

Upon retirement, General and Mrs. Verbeck will make their home in Arlington, Virginia.

## Grandfather . . .

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schools and learned German, English and French at an early age. He later was a student at the Polytechnic Institute of Utrecht.

Doctor Verbeck emigrated to the U.S. in 1852. From time to time he had thought of missionary work, but it was not until he fell seriously ill while on an engineering trip to Arkansas that he felt called. Returning east he entered the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Auburn, N.Y., where he remained until 1859 when he was appointed missionary at Nagasaki, Japan, by the Dutch Reformed Church of America.

### Christianity New

In those early days, shortly after the opening of Japan, Christianity had not as yet been recognized by the Japanese Government. Missionary work was extremely difficult and had to be done with great circumspection.

However, after some time the Reverend was asked to take charge of a school of interpreters at the request of the government, and was able to advance his work, using chiefly the New Testament and the U.S. Constitution as his texts.

With the overthrow of the Shogunate and the restoration of the Emperor, some of the Doctor's pupils became prominent in the government and in 1869, at the invitation of the Japanese Government he went to Yedo (Tokyo) and headed a school which laid the foundations for the Imperial University.

### Advice Sought

"His advice was sought by some of the most powerful ministers of state as they endeavored to reorganize Japan."

Later in an advisory capacity he either translated or supervised the translation into Japanese of the Code Napoleon, the constitutions of many of the states of Europe and America and numerous western laws, legal documents and treatises on law.



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# A Lure Fish Can't Pass Up

DICK AMERMAN, 83 Reed Dr., Wethersfield, Conn., swims 3/4 mile, twice a week, the year 'round, in the Hartford, Conn. Y pool. That's 78 miles per year in case you're counting on your fingers and toes. That's a lot of effort Dick.

## DOUBLE-TAKE

Agnes, the wife of RICHARD C. GARRITY (3rd Eng. 3/41 -?) of 312 F St., Woodbridge, Va., surprised her husband with a Xmas present in the form of a membership in our club. Nice idea, Agnes. Thank you for thinking of us in the course of thinking of your husband.

## DEAR READER:

We received this one by telephone and the submitter asks that we not use his name. It goes that the author of a book received a telephone call from a reader who was disputing the author's published remarks about the high cost of living. "My wife and I eat well on 60¢ a week", the voice over the phone went on. "Sixty cents a week!" the author cried. "That's a great story. Give me your name and address. I want to write this up. And by the way, could you speak up a little louder?" "I can't", the caller replied. "I'm a goldfish".

## GOOD OLD DAYS...



Do you remember how the generals monopolized the people of the USO shows when they would hit camp? As "Private Hargrove" once wrote: "The best time to see generals, as every military man knows, is when the movie stars come." Yes, they seemed to flock to movie stars, like privates to beer halls, and the effect on both was about the same: glazed eyes, garrulity, and the blissful smiles of the redeemed. Some generals had to show off their rank when the little Hollywood folks came around and would sermonize: "The presentation of suggestive, objectionable, or obscene material in this command is unauthorized" or "Eat your atabrine to protect against the mosquito" or "Be careful of what you eat: they use human excreta as fertilizer around here." Other generals lured the stars to their bunkers: we remember one in the Yokohama area who even posted MP's outside.

## IT'S NEW

Teresa Brewer, the Ed Sullivan personality, passes along a tip: "Try a peanut butter omelet. Drop chunks of the nutty variety into the egg mixture and cook slowly". O.K., boys: let's go to work.... The word "marriage" comes from "maritus", which is derived from Mars, the god of war. Any questions?... We spotted a sign in a local gymnasium the other day: "We make young colts out of old 45's". We thought it would hit below the belts of enough of you to make you enjoy it as much as we.... We happen to know that the real first name of Jack Lemmon's bride, Felicia Farr, is Olive. Query: technically is her name Olive Lemmon?.... And here's a helpful hint in case you want to make your dog's coat extra soft and shiny. Next time you bath him - or her - or it - add two tablespoons of baking soda to both wash and rinse waters.

## you create your own FUN

Whatever happened to the report on the controversial questionnaire of a year ago administered to Marine boys as a part of the Senate "muzzling" inquiry? Senator Mike Mansfield was "shocked" by it. Senator John Stennis asked Senators to "withhold judgement" until he could investigate and "give the Senate a report". The Stennis Committee surely must have completed its inquiry by now.



Loyal and enthusiastic JAMES B. JONES (19th INF. '42-'46) has been appointed Chairman of our Louisville clambake. J.B. is at 1449-B Fifth Ave., Ft. Knox, Ky., in case you write. Prexy DICK LIGMAN and AL SELTSAM met with J.B. on Sat., Mar. 30, in Louisville to finalize programming and arranging. In fact, here's a picture to prove it:



That's Al on the left, J.B. in the center - yes he still has a cigar in his hand - and Doc on the right.

J.B. writes us:

"Don Eckard, Sales Manager of the Brown Hotel, has confirmed all arrangements.

"The following information will be of interest to members:

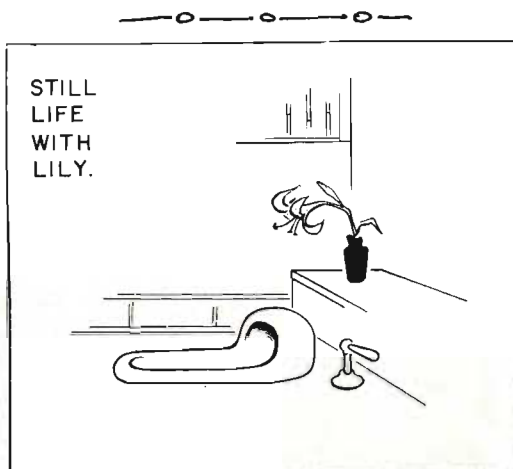
"a. The Brown will provide free parking for registered guests of the hotel.

"b. The Brown will provide free transportation from the airport and railroad station for incoming registered guests".

J.B. advises that the following program seems to be it:

#### Wednesday, 7 August '63

6:00 p.m. - Kentucky Hospitality (Hosts - Kentucky Association Members) Light buffet and refreshments.



#### Thursday, 8 August '63

10:00 a.m. - Registration - all day  
Trophy Room Opens  
Hospitality Room Opens

1:00 p.m. - Division Combat Films

2:00 p.m. - Tour Stitzel-Weller Distillery

p.m. - (To be announced)

#### Friday, 9 August '63

9:00 a.m. - Registration - all day  
Visit Fort Knox

11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Troop Mess, Fort Knox)

2:30 p.m. - Division Combat Film  
Hospitality Room Open

Tour Stitzel-Weller Distillery

7:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

#### Saturday, 10 August '63

9:00 a.m. - Registration - all day  
Division Combat Films

Association Committee Meetings

Unit Meetings

1:00 p.m. - Annual General Meeting of Membership  
Election of Officers  
Selection of Next Convention Site

1:00 p.m. - Entertainment for ladies  
(To be announced)

6:30 p.m. - Cocktails

7:30 p.m. - Banquet  
Entertainment  
Dancing

#### Sunday, 11 August '63

10:00 a.m. - Coffee and Good-bys

The urge to use some of the exciting articles on New Guinea in the May issue of The National Geographic Magazine was strong with us, but there simply aren't the column inches so to do. "New Guinea - the very name quickens the pulse", the article leads off. Blah, we learned, now sports one of the largest jet airports in the southern hemisphere. Landing strips and camps that once held whole divisions lie hidden in steaming jungles, says the author, but the Hollandia shore line still shows a mute line of dozens of abandoned, rusted-out landing craft. Oh well, you, who slept under the shadows of the Cyclops Mountains, go read the article for yourselves. You'll not regret it. The Kodachromes themselves, as only TNGM can reproduce them, will make the effort worth your while....ROSCOE CLAXON (724th Ord. '43-'45) tells us that his dear old mother makes Southern fried chicken that would tickle any man's palate. She leaves the feathers on. We'll see you in Louisville, come August, Roscoe.



## ANCHORS ARE HEAVY



CARL L. SIMPSON (19th INF), of 1010 S. Evergreen, Chanute, Kans., has been writing Sec'y. Henry in an effort to establish a claim for disability. Carl has recently been hospitalized and now needs proof of his being in combat at Leyte. Let Carl tell it:

"I left Hollandia on the 'Fuller' and landed on Red Beach with the 3rd wave of the 19th Inf.: was held in reserve, and then was placed in Co. (H). I remember an (Indian) boy from Oklahoma - 'Broken Arrow' I believe - I can't remember the name - also a man we called 'Pop' (I believe he was of German descent). The 1st or Master Sergeant was called 'Tex' and I can remember a boy by the name of Swain and another man by the name of Ralph Reilley.

"A man called PORTER was killed close to me one night when he was on perimeter defense. Can you verify any action of my outfit on a road block to delay the Japs somewhere around Limon or Pinamooan. I remember action at Santa Fe and Jaro. We were fired upon by the 21st until communication was established. That night I was on outpost and let the point of a Jap patrol go past waiting for the main body. Someone got trigger happy and killed him. I called for mortar fire on a bridge across a creek. We counted several dead Japs the next morning.

"I only wish I could recall more names, but a lot of time has passed and I believe treatment at the State Hospital has erased more of my memories of combat.

"You see after all these years I have had a nervous breakdown. I went to a Vets Club (so they tell me - I do not remember it) looking for some one to help me kill more Japs. Then I went home and shot my house full of holes with my wife and two children in the next room. I am home again with my family. The mental health program has sure helped me. I guess it all happened so fast. I often just sit and wonder why and how it all happened".

Does anyone remember Carl Simpson of H of the 19th? Please contact Ed Henry. We may be able to help.

EARL V. BRIDWELL (H 19th INF), 134 S. 2nd Ave., Beech Grove, Ind., was in an auto accident and is mending. Good luck, Red.... JERRY VON MOHR (AT 19th INF), 3846 Villanova Drive, Dayton, Ohio, says he'll make Louisville. We're planning on it, Jerry.... EDWARD M. PLOWMAN (Hq. 19th INF) is a practicing eye, ear, nose and throat physician at 121 N. 7th St., Hannibal, Mo.....

Have you been  
looking, asking, wondering, reading,  
and searching  
for a way to get out of  
the summer vacation rut?

well, cut it out!

Col. J.B. Jones  
1449-B Fifth Ave.,  
Ft. Knox, Kentucky

Dear J.B.:

This year, I want Louisville come August. Count me in. I'll be there!

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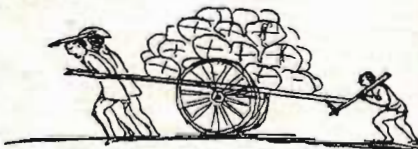
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MICHAEL TINO (24 SIG '41-'44) of 18 Moore St., New York City, has just joined us. Mike is an elevator mechanic. He and Muriel (a Kentucky WAC) have a 17 year old James. It was nice hearing from you Mike. Welcome aboard.

It's the  
bee's knees!

FLASH!!! WILLIAM SAVELL (19th INF) and lovely wife, Irene, proudly announce the arrival on Apr. 30th of Lori Lynn Savell, weighing in at 7 lbs., 15 oz. Congratulations, folks.



The 25th Div., as you know, is at Schofield save for the 1st B.G., 35th INF. which is in Thailand...Hawaii in '64 or '65 or '66? At the last business meeting, the question of a subsequent reunion in Hawaii was introduced. More specifically, it was suggested that Hawaii would be an appropriate site for the 19th Annual Reunion in 1966. No decision was made on this suggestion, but it will most certainly be reintroduced at subsequent reunions and should be considered by all members. As most of you are aware, 1 October 1966 will mark the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Division. Of course, selection of Hawaii as the reunion site for 1966 would still leave the question of when such a reunion should take place - in the summer time as is customary for Stateside reunions, or in the Fall. It is not too early for each of you to consider this significant question and express your thoughts on the matter to the Association. The prospect of a trip to Hawaii is an important decision in the life of any family and the timing for such an expedition should be arranged so as to accommodate the greatest number of our members. It's your decision - HAWAII in 1966?

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DIVISION  
HEADQUARTERS



C.G. HANLIN has had his teeth extracted - see, we print everything! - and is now gumming it. Good luck, C.G.....CLEMENT and Jeanne HARRIS of Clarendon Hills, Ill. are going to make Louisville. This will be their 2nd reunion. They had such fun at Chicago that they want to try it again.... BOB and Jo ANDRE just celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. We're a little late, folks - but congratulations anyway. Bob says that "marriage starts with billing and cooing: the billing lasts".....Among the early "guarantees" of making Louisville are BILL MASON, MORRIS PICKER, ED BANDEROWICZ, ANGELO STRADA and JOHN GIUSTINO. We're off to a wonderful start. Such early returns help to keep your committee from going insane. And speaking of insanity, you know it's pretty clear that it's hereditary. Parents get it from children.....See you all in Louisville.