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"More confusion here than in the Army."

"If we can get off this d----- thing, we'll find the Somerset!"

"The plan for this year's reunion is to make it the gayest in our 17 year history."

"It isn't going to take a second mortgage on the home to make this one."

"This reminds me of Carigara."

"Boston is a crazy, mixed up mess, isn't it?"

"The Somerset Hotel has everything...fine restaurants for every mood."

"Every effort is being made to get the entire family out for this reunion."

"The Governor may be there; I'm not so sure about his mother."

"The Somerset Hotel has everything...attractive guest rooms and suites."

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Know how to tell if you are sitting next to an elephant in a streetcar? You can smell the peanuts on his breath.....

DICK LAWSON (Div. Hq.) on stationery of Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary writes us that he's "teaching math here and, from time-to-time, I take advantage of my captive audience of students to regale them with tall tales of the exploits of the 24th Div."



Dick sends us a few "oldies" from past Pearl Harbor Days. Here's one of MAJ. GEN. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN, then Colonel, then Chief of Staff. Last report is that the medics are giving Red good reports. "We're glad that Red passed his electrocardiogram", said

Tom wholeheartedly.

Do lemmings generally take tea with sugar? No, they prefer tea with lemming.....

Summertime is a wonderful time...and even more wonderful when you are planning a convention at the Somerset Hotel. Why? Because the Somerset is the only Boston hotel with an outdoor swimming pool...because every meeting room...from the smallest to the largest...is healthfully air-conditioned... yes, and all restaurants too. But that's not all....for those who drive, the summertime Motorists' Entrance lets you come into the hotel without coming to the main lobby...you slip out of your car...and you are IN the Somerset Hotel with an attendant ready to park your car....and up you go to your comfort-planned room or suite with radio, television, and air-conditioning... Relax...in the most comfortable beds in the world, and, during summertime...yours to enjoy...an outdoor swimming pool. See you in August!

Know the best way to clean an aardvark? With an Aardvarkuum-cleaner.....

Setting their 4.2 are Pfc. THOMAS BIDDLE and Sgt. JOHN P. SHORT, both 3rd Bn., 19th, at Grafenwoehr. Lt. C.T. MILLER is the kibitzer



Full credit for this and other Division pictures goes, gratefully, to the Division Information Office....We're in touch with the 5th U.S. Inf. Regt. Assoc., P.O. Box 2161, South Portland, Me. We look forward to a good representation in Boston in August. In their latest "News", we found this item: "TO THE LAST MAN - The last allied soldier killed in the Korean War was Sfc. Harold R. Cross of Company "K" 5th R.C.T. who was fatally wounded in action on the East-Central front near Top'imak, just one hour and 20 minutes before the cease fire and the armistice".....

As he approached the haberdashery counter of a large department store, a well-dressed gentleman was greeted by a shapely clerk. "Good afternoon," she murmured softly. "And what is your desire?" "My desire," he said, after giving her a long, appreciative look, "is to sweep you into my arms, rush you out of this store and make mad, passionate love to you. But what I need is a pair of socks."

On the Historic Freedom Trail

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE is an important episode in our American Heritage, and a handsome commemorative equestrian statue stands near the Old North Church in whose tower was hung the signal light that night in 1775. The Paul Revere House is the oldest frame building in Boston, having been built about 1660 and occupied by Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800. It was from the doorway of this house that he went forth on his famous ride. This most interesting house, surrounded by a modern Boston, has been perfectly restored and is open to the public daily from 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. (except Sundays and Holidays).



.....The Hq. Commandant in Hawaii was MAJ. MUCCI. We recognize money in this picture. It's either the "pay-table" or a poker game....



..If some of our pictures are poor - and they are - please don't blame our poor printer:

he's doing the best he can. It's chargeable to the quality of the prints we have to work with. And when our boys dig up pictures, some of which are 20 years old, we're bound to have problems. Yet, they're so priceless that we believe you will willingly sacrifice a bit of quality in order to see them at all.

How many pronunciations has the group of letters "OUGH"? We defy you to get them all without a book. There are 9. They are as in "though", "through", "tough", "ought", "bough", "cough", "hiccough", "hough" (look it up), "lough" (as in the Ness Monster; it's a variant of "loch").

New member: BENOIT BLAIS, 24th QM ('50-'41), of 17 Western, Auburn, Maine. We're happy to have another Korea boy aboard. Benoit is already at work; he's on our Convention Committee.

BILL SANDERSON is recuperating from minor surgery. It isn't stopping him from being a hard working convention committee member.

FRED WEHLE (3rd Eng.), one of our most faithful members, has suggested that we use this picture of three intrepid members of C Co., 3rd Eng. Fred says: "We were dining in style after a hard day of building corduroy roads from Tanamerah Bay to Sentani Lake. This was taken in late April of '44 in the village of Waibron-Bano. As you can see, we are enjoying the use of the practical, captured Japanese mess gear, for cooking our dinner and have also made the most of captured Jap rations. This was a period when the Engineers were augmenting their rations with heart-of-palm, a by-product of the palm logs used in the corduroy road building. This "Millionaires Salad" so expensive in the U.S., was a plentiful adjunct to our thin rations, which were being dropped to us by parachute or brought in by jeep. The fellow in the lower right-hand corner of the picture, in the Japanese uniform is not really a Japanese prisoner, but is the writer, who made the mistake of carrying all of his camera equipment in lieu of an extra uniform when we had to leave everything behind at the beach except for what we could carry on our backs. Even the Japanese hob-nailed shoes of pigskin were necessary to replace the canvas jungle boots which very quickly rotted out. The disreputable looking character in the center is Gurden Gould, now of Flanigan, Illinois, who returned home on rotation the week after the picture was taken, the same day he participated in a patrol action which resulted in our three man patrol knocking out fourteen Japs and a Silver Star for all three of its members. Gould and I met again for the first time at the Convention in Louisville last August and had a grand time looking at my color slides of Hawaii, Australia and New Guinea. This was a most delightful reunion after over 19 years and it was a terrific thrill to be back together with a wonderful friend with whom I had served for three years in the same platoon. Gould is a Masonry Contractor in Flanigan and plans to attend our conventions in the future. If anybody knows of the whereabouts of the third member of this group, Hugh Dykes, we would very much like to know where he could be found. Maybe he could join us in Boston this August." Thanks Fred.



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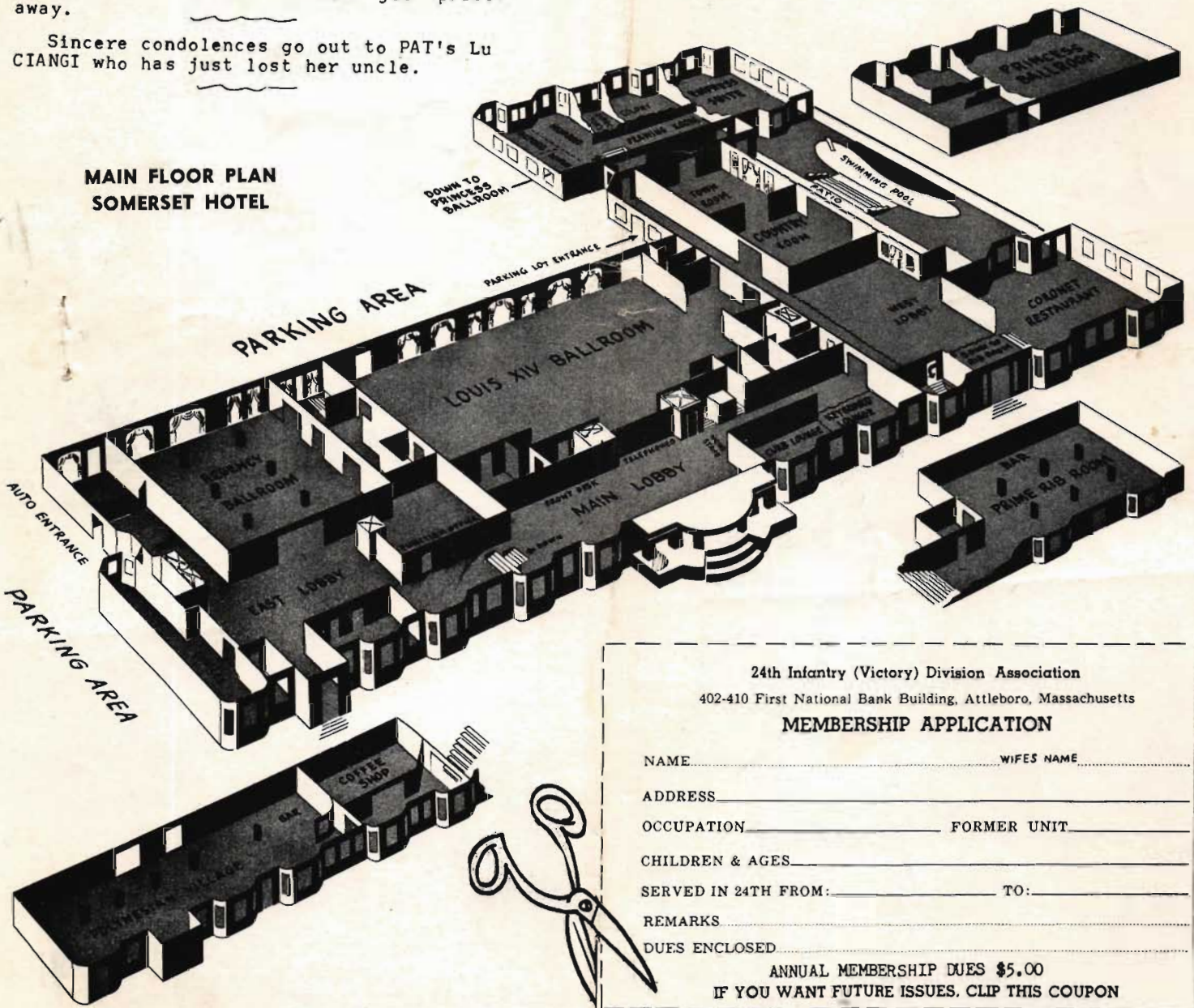
HANK MARINELLO is convalescing in Roseland Community Hospital. Our good wishes go out to you, Hank.

Elise COMPERE, TOM's lovely "first lady" has fully recovered from a bout with the surgeons, for which our deep thanks. We want this sweet and gracious girl around for a long time to come.

MIKE and Loretta RAFTER have our condolences. Loretta's father just passed away.

Sincere condolences go out to PAT's Lu CIANGI who has just lost her uncle.

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