

THE
 ASSOCIATION
 WARMLY INVITES
 EVERY MAN
 WHO WEARS
 OR EVER WORE
 THE TARO LEAF
 AND HIS FAMILY
 TO JOIN
 IN THE FESTIVITIES
 OF ITS
 27TH ANNUAL REUNION
 AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS
 ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
 AUGUST 15, 16 AND 17.

Fred Irving

TARO LEAF

The publication "of, by and for those who served" the glorious 24th Infantry Division, and published frequently by the 24th Infantry Division Association, whose officers are:

President:

MG Frederick A. Irving Tel. 703-684-6211
2619 Fort Scott Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202

Vice President:

William M. Byrd Tel. 501-646-5743
205 Georgetown Circle, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Sec'y.-Treas.-Editor:

Kenwood Ross Tel. 413-733-3194
120 Maple Street, Springfield, Mass. 01103

Chaplain:

Fr. Christopher J. Berlo Tel. 717-347-5691
1239 St. Ann Street, Scranton, Pa. 18504

Convention Chairman:

Gerald R. Stevenson Tel. 312-537-0452
168 Center Avenue, Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Convention Hotel:

Peoria Hilton Tel. 509-674-2121
105 Main St., Peoria, Ill. 61602
August 13-14-15-16-17, 1975

Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who ever wore the Taro Leaf. Dues are \$5.00 per annum inclusive of a subscription to the publication.

The Association is a strictly non-profit, non-military, non-rank, nonsense organization of men who once served together and desire only to keep alive the warm friendships formed in that service.

り 簿表誕四笠袖東忌麻

Shocker: Col. HARRY RUBIN has been felled by a heart attack. More news on this as we receive it. For now, the prayers of each of us should include Harry.

Try to keep up with Chick ED PONIATOSKIE. He moved from Kaneohe, Hawaii to Hayward, Calif. and back again to Kaneohe. Last known it was 45-314 Koa Kahiko St. again; same old address.

With Sgt. Mike



"Well, first off, that's no bug swimmin' around in there—it's a spider, an' spiders are not to be confused with bugs..."



stop reading o.p.'s...

JOIN THE

24th Infantry Division Association Today.

Get your own copies of the Taro Leaf

for only \$5.00.

Fill in and Mail this Application NOW!

24th Infantry Division Association
120 Maple Street
Springfield, Mass. 01103

My annual Membership Dues of \$5.00 is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Former Unit _____ from _____ to _____

Wife's name _____ Children's names: _____

Occupation _____

Remarks: _____



STOCKINGS OUT TO DRY

Kanji: Yon—four



LEE LIST (B 21 '41-'44) of E. Peoria, Ill. and HAROLD ALEXANDER (B & Sv. 19 '40-'45) of Harrisburg, Ill., made the April "rally" in Chicago which was sponsored by Past Presidents JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL, BOB DUFF and GERRY STEVENSON. Taro Leafers never gather together but what a memory gets twisted and thrashed about. LEE and HAROLD each recalled receiving extra compensation by the Dutch government based upon one third of their base pay for the 5 months they spent in Hollandia (April-October '44). TOM COMPERE stood there, listening to it all, simply aghast. He had never heard of such a deal - nor had we. The wagers are out that this matter will be raised again when we meet next in Peoria. There are going to be hundreds asking if it's too late now to file a claim. Amsterdam, watch out! Lee incidentally brought Cecelia and Hal brought Verble. They were a couple of charming ladies.



Just some of the gals who helped to make our Chicago "spectacle" such a howling success - Bess O'SULLIVAN, Phyl WATSON, Ginny LOWERY, Mary SHAY, and Belle STEVENSON. Special kudos go to Belle and Mary, Anne DUFF, Joe ANDRE, and Belle's daughter's mother-in-law, Anne Loraas, for their terrific contributions in making a delightful buffet even more wonderful than advertised. We're for woman's "lib", all the way, even though a friend of ours is nix'ing it. Happens he went home the other afternoon and found his wife lib-bing with another man.

中

PRISONER'S CAKE
WITH CONSPICUOUS FILE

Kanji: Naka, meaning inside

話

HUBBY (RIGHT) STARTING ON THE
DINNER DISHES

Kanji: Hanashi, noun, a talk, chat

Chief of Army Chaplains, Maj.Gen. GERHARDT W. HYATT and Mrs. Hyatt visited Ft. Stewart and Hunter on April 11. Maj.Gen. Hyatt was on a liaison visit to encourage and lend support to the chaplain's program there. He briefed post personnel on trends in chaplaincy leadership goals of the Chief of Chaplains Office. He said he is very encouraged with the program at Ft. Stewart and with the progress being made there. "I have stirring memories of my association with the 24th Infantry Division", Maj.Gen. Hyatt told his listeners. As chaplain for Task Force Smith, he was with the first American Forces to fight in Korea. This task force was made up of men of the 1st Bn., 21st, which was also credited with fighting the northern-most action by an American unit in the Korean War.

Mrs. Hyatt enjoyed a day visiting spots of interest in Savannah and having lunch at the Pirates' House. She had prepared for her visit by reading a Savannah brochure and an early Georgia History. She thrilled to be on the historic spots and marvelled at the lovely architecture, its preservation and restoration. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, acclaimed as America's foremost example of modern Gothic architecture, and other Savannah churches were of particular interest to the visitor. Sampling southern cooking for the first time caused Mrs. Hyatt to remark, "If I lived in Savannah, I wouldn't bother to cook, I'd just eat out every night." Needless to say Gerhardt is an Association member.



Who else? MG AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN and Elise COMPERE at our Chicago "laugh-in".

算

TWO BIRDS ON A BOXCAR

Kanji: Kazoeru, verb, count

Norm Gruenzner, of 12603 Whistling Wind, Cypress, Tex., 77429, collects post-marked envelopes. You think your hobby is kookie, wait'll you hear this. He's out to obtain an envelope actually mailed from every Army unit in WW II. That is, if you have - or your wife has, all tied in blue - an envelope sent by you from APO 24 this fellow would like one. He doesn't have one from our APO. Can anyone help him and get him off our back?

Some spoilsports are saying that Chattanooga Choo-choo jokes are only for people with one track minds. We disagree. We have one about that famous frontiersman, Jim Bowie. Seems that Jim heard that a cavalry captain had accused him of bad etiquette by using his famous Bowie knife at the dinner table. Jim was infuriated. With the aid of a marshall, he went to seek out his accuser. At one point in the search, the marshall spotted a cavalry officer. Turning to Jim, he sang out: "Pardon me, Bowie, is that the captain who's accused you?"

If the choo fits, here's another: A buyer from Saks Fifth Avenue was looking over a new line of casual Italian footwear. Wanting to verify the price of a stunning Indian moccasin adaptation, she sang out: "Pardon me, boy, is this the tag on Gucci's Sioux shoe?" Well, they can't all be gems. Or as one of our readers recently wrote: "Pardon me, Oy! Is this the rag to turn for news to?" O.K., it's all over.



Past Prexy and Life Member, ED HENRY flew in from Attleboro, Mass. to Chicago for the "picnic" as did your Editor.

In our "Leyte" issue, we carried the story on the night OSCAR MURPHY, and JIM "Pickles" HERRING, with the help of JOHNNY PEREZ, raided the house with the beer. Pickles has written us on that story with this:

"I have just received the number two edition of the Taro Leaf and I must say it brought back a lot of memories.... In answer to the question of the gas station being there thirty years ago, absolutely not. The 24th QM truck company was headquartered in the corner building coming off the bridge.....Another error I picked up was about the house where the beer was discovered. The fact is that WARREN MANOR (now deceased) and myself found this building full of beer and saki on the outskirts of town. We later went back with transportation to retrieve some of the spoils of war which our Captain Konig did not appreciate.... Oscar was at that time stationed with the 24th QM. That same night he and I dug in behind stacks of K-rations in front of the church with a 50 cal. set up. That was the night the Japs pulled off their banzai attack that came very close to them getting back across the bridge... As I recall, there was a group of the 3rd Eng. set up just across the bridge and we caught them in a cross fire and they were wiped out.....Oscar at this time was a trim 180 lbs. Periodically we keep in touch. The last time I saw him was at the reunion at West Point.....Eleanor, Pamela, my daughter, and yours truly, have just returned from a delightful visit to sunny Hawaii. Some things have changed and some have remained the same..... I couldn't believe the changes at Schofield. It seems like Times Square now with all the new building going on.....Well enough said for this time except to say hello to any of the boys who were members of the 24th QM from inception to 1944..... Please find enclosed a tenner to bring me up-to-date or beyond." Great report, Pickles. Thanks.

弱

HULA DANCERS

Kanji: Yowai, meaning weak

Don't forget. Dress at our Peoria shindig - most informal - anything so long as you are comfortable - Hawaiian shirts and muu-muus preferred - except that for our Saturday night banquet, we do expect coats and ties - and gals all wrapped up nice and pretty.



The 10 most beautiful words in our language? All right, we're nominating: melody, golden, dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous and chimes. Care to submit your own list?



Pfc. Diane Chupinski is in the 9th Inf. Div. Here she is pictured at a recent command exercise in Texas and New Mexico. Never saw anything like this wearing a Taro Leaf. Lousy discrimination, that's what it is!!!

京

BICYCLE—NO HANDS

Kanji: Kyo, noun, the capital



Still romancing - were BOB and Jo ANDRE, (63rd & 724th Ord. '44-'45), of DesPlaines, Ill., at our Chicago hootenanny. Bob, in answer to the question, "What do we wear when we go to Peoria?", responded with "Color!! That's the name of the game. At Peoria, the boys will wear bright pants and brighter Hawaiian shirts for all activities, except the Saturday night banquet, when uniform or business suit is in order. As for the gals, mumus are terrific - lots of color - dazzling - beautiful. And again, for all activities except the banquet, when cocktail dress is in order, it's wear what you like best. Tuxedos? Evening dresses? Forget it. Just dress comfortably. But come to Peoria. That's the important thing." You're right, Bob; thanx.

芳

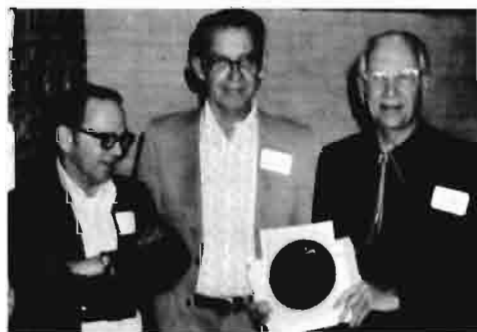
FIREMAN WITH LADDER
RUNNING TO FIRE

Kanji: Fusa, meaning fragrance

Did you ever get the feeling you're going nowhere and you've arrived already.



A couple of the natives who helped to keep things going at our Chicago "affair" - JAMES "Spike" O'DONNELL and RAY KRESKY, (24th Recn. '42-'45).



Happy Taro Leafers Three - BOB DUFF, (Div.Hq. '42-'44), B.G.CALDWELL, (24 Recn. '42-'44), (the B is for "Bentley" in case you don't know) and TOM COMPERE, (Div.Hq. '42-'45), at the Chicago "minireunion". Tom told us about Ill. State Rep. DONALD E. DEUSTER, a Korea vet, who has joined our ranks. You can reach him at 510 N.Lake St., Mundelein, Ill. \$5 says he'll join us in Peoria in August.

We've got regimental crests coming out our ears. Take your pick - 19th, 21st or 34th - \$3.65 per pair. Write the Editor. Likewise with decals of the shoulder path - 50¢ each. And if it's a real, honest-to-God shoulder patch you want, we have the McCoy - \$1.00 each - brand new - have never slept in a foxhole.

One thing we'd like to hear about - one person who ever won 5¢ from one of those never-ending Reader's Digest Sweepstakes.

ROLAND R. CLOUD (Sv.Co.19th '42-'45) passed away last October. His dear wife, Eleanor, informed us on her Christmas card. "Whitey", as he was known to his friends, was born on Dec. 20, 1905. He loved the soil. A lot of people would call him a "hill-billy", but "Whitey" was just a great gardener. Yea! Chick! We don't mean to make a big job out of this, but Whitey was such a nice guy. He was a guy who never should have made the "big one" because of his age, but he was there doing his job like the rest of us. And now he has gone to his reward.

横

JUAN GONZALES
AND HIS TRAINED BEAR

Kanji: Yoko, noun—side, width



Friendly words from Rev. WILLIAM J. WALTER, in Yap, Caroline Islands 96943. Drop him a card.

He writes: "Watch for the December, 1974, issue of the National Geographic! It will have a three-part story on Polynesia. The 1st article, The Coming of the Polynesians, is by Kenneth Emory. A few of the photographs illustrating this article were taken in my area. The 2nd article, WIND, WAVE, STAR AND BIRD, The Discovery of the Pacific, is by David Lewis. This article is poorly written. The man talks about his own personal experience with ancient navigation. Thirteen of the fourteen pictures illustrating this article were taken in my area. Asking why pictures taken in Micronesia should be used in a story about Polynesia, I was told it was because the central Carolines are the only ones left where the old ways of navigation and the ancient canoes are still in use. The 3rd article, Problems in Paradise, by Mary and Laurence Rockerfeller deals with conservation and pollution in Polynesia. I read through the mock-up of these articles and indicated a few corrections, especially of a misrepresentation. David Lewis had a picture of himself being tattooed on the left wrist and underneath was the caption: "Considered a full-fledged member of the navigator clan of Puluwat in the Caroline Islands,



At the Chicago "circus" in April, Veep and Membership Chairman BILL BYRD, (21st '42-'45), up from Ft. Smith, Ark., was commenting to HAROLD ALEXANDER about the fact that so many of our Taro Leafers' wives are able so completely to join into our festivities as if they themselves had walked that dusty road from Wahoo to Rockampton to Goodenough to Hollandia and Biak to Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and Mindanao to Japan, to Korea, to Germany, to Riley, to extinction and back again to Stewart. We are blessed with wonderful gals and we're right proud.



More out-of-towners made the Chicago "celebration" than did Chicagoans. Take for instance, Frances and CARROLL WHITE, (L 34th '42-'44), who drove in from Noblesville, Ind.

井舟至素舞翁習木久直を

Dr. David Lewis receives tatooes marking this status." This is a misrepresentation. I and another Micronesian have made written statements to that effect. A Porpoise tattooed on the thigh indicates a navigator, but not a tattoo on the wrist. There will also be many many pairings, typical of old Polynesia in this issue. They are more authentic than present-day photographs and are very impressive. These alone make the issue outstanding." Thanks Bucky. We spotted the articles; looked for you. Didn't recognize the pic you sent us. You look like G.B.Shaw - and we mean that as a compliment.

Confused about the organization of the Division? Wait'll you finish reading this.

Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway announced on April 24th the affiliation of two reserve component (RC) brigades and one RC battalion with two of the new regular Army divisions effective May 1. Yep, we're one of 'em.

The affiliations are the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), Georgia Army National Guard and 2nd Battalion, 117th Infantry (Mechanized), Tennessee National Guard with the 24th Infantry Division at Stewart, and the 256th Infantry Brigade, Louisiana National Guard with the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), at Polk. That's in La., you know.

In the affiliation program, reserve component units are assisted by the active Army to improve their readiness for deployment. Some affiliated units, as in this case, are designated "round-out" units. A roundout unit complements an active Army division and brings it up to standard size. In essence, a reserve component roundout brigade becomes a part of the regular Army unit at mobilization.

These RC brigades and battalions will bring us and 5th Infantry Division each up to normal division structure of three brigades. The active Army and roundout units will plan, train, and if necessary, go into combat together.

The only other Army division with a roundout brigade is the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii. It has had a roundout brigade from the Hawaii Army National Guard, the 29th Infantry Brigade, and a U.S. Army Reserve roundout battalion, the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment, since 1973.

Just what effect this mish-mush will have on activating other units of the 24th, we don't know. The news release carefully avoids the subject.

As we used to say, "SNAFU".



Enjoy himself did JOHN O'SULLIVAN, (34th '52-'53), at the Chicago "orgy". We've just checked our list and find no picture of HOWARD "Lum" LUMSDEN, (21st & 19th '50-'51), who also was there. Sorry Howard.

麻

HANGING THE DALTON BOYS

Kanji: Asa, noun, hemp



At the Chicago "fiesta" - PAUL "Jr." HARRIS, (G 21 '42-'45), all the way up from Wilmington, N.C., SAM GILNER, (13th F '42-'45), all the way up from Largo, Fla., and DICK WATSON (19th '42-'45) who, with the ever gracious Phyllis, made it from Daleville, Ind.

Word in from Life Member LAFAYETTE A. COCHRAN, (24 QM 5/41 to 5/45), of 66 Appleton, Brockton, Mass., is that his buddy, EUSTACIO CISNERO, passed away last Feb. 15. They called Custacio "Bozo"; his brother was the Beancounter's Top Kick.



At our Chicago "pow-wow" - BOB SHAY, (21st '46-'52) and BILL SANDERSON, (F 19th '39-'44), of Attleboro, Mass.

乙

THE SWAN

Kanji: otsu, noun, the second



Capt. JESSE E. REYNOLDS, CO of B, 2/19th, inspects the line. Great US Army photo, Charley Sizemore who sent it in, all for which we are very grateful.

Want a laugh? Some enterprising Lieutenant at Ft. Benning has written us. He has been commissioned to write a "current history of certain units of the 24th Division." He doesn't say for whom but he's trying to run down a lineage of the "2nd Brigade" and of the "2d Bn, 13th Field Artillery in Vietnam". We didn't even know the 13th had been there, so well had the secret been kept. Imagine the Army writing us for history. Kinda gets you right here, doesn't it? If D/A doesn't know, surely we don't.

BOB NELSON sends us an application for STANLEY DUDA, (F 19th), of 723 S. Van Buren, Wilmington, Del. They were hit by the same mortar shell on Mindanao. You can't get any closer than that, can you.

Maj. TROY YOUNG, our eager beaver membership man at Stewart sends us the application of Col. KENNETH and Sally LEVER. He's the 1st Bde. Deputy Brigade Commander, we're proud to report.

"Dues and donation" was what ALLEN COFFMAN, (M 21st '44-'45), wrote on his check. He and Gen are parents 3 times, grandparents 9 times. They run a bowling alley in Cherokee, Okla. Thanks folks. Gen wrote us that they hope to attend a reunion. How about Peoria in August?



In this US Army photo, Topkick CHARLES T. SIZEMORE of Baker Co., 2/19th, is in the midst of an in-ranks inspection of troops. The unit has just been reactivated. It's January of '75. We see some crests missing on those caps. We can supply 'em, men! Look at the size of that gig list Charlie is holding.

Since WW II, we have contributed about 197 billion \$ in aid to some 140 nations. We can't be all too bad; foolish, maybe - simple beyond a doubt, but bad? - No.

Our '75 Convention site is The Peoria Hilton, Peoria, Ill. Our dates are Friday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Aug. 16, with departures on Sunday, Aug. 17. Rates are \$19.00 for singles and \$24.00 for doubles and twins.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Just signal that you're ready to go to work for this outfit, and we've got the opportunities. Every one can have one.



"Hey, gang, look; an Eagle Scout!"



JACK and Mabel ANDERSON, (A 19th '40-'44), of Kannapolis, N.C. have a son just out of USAF after 4 yrs. Jack is Prexy of the N.C. Pearl Harbor Survivors Gang. He gives us this picture of a recent gathering. Reading from left to right, the 3rd man in is CARL ROSEMAN, (19th), the 5th man in is CLARENCE RANDOLPH of the 21st, the next is JACK ANDERSON, and next to him is JOE McKHEAN of the 19th, CLYDE BOST of the 21st, and on the far right is DINK STIREWALT of the 3rd Eng.

Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF, (Div. CG '44-'45), of 208 Elizabeth, San Antonio, Tex., asked that this message be read at Clearwater - and it was:

"Sorry I can't be with you today and hear the old stories made more glamorous by the passage of time. We couldn't get on without them! I hope so very much that there will be a good attendance at these assemblies to keep the fires of other days kindled.

"Believe me, I haven't forgotten you, or the many others of the Old Division. The passage of time may dim but not kill the scenes of early days.

"Try to keep in contact with as many of the old timers as possible. We are scattered to the four winds so it's hard to do. As time races on, we ask, 'I wonder what happened to Old Joe Gish?' Maybe too late to find him but the memories are still there.

"In all probability I won't be able to attend future Reunions so, my comrades of the long ago and far away, I wish you happiness and satisfaction in your recollections of the proud 24th Infantry Division.

WOODRUFF".

New member - CECIL LAW, (Hq. 1st Bn. 19th '44-'45), of 26 Fairfax, Cinnaminson, N.J.

Welcome aboard: PAUL and Lois HIGGINS, (1st Bn. 21st '44-'46), of USASA 5B Augsburg, CMR 228, APO NY. Paul is a civilian with the Army after 20 yrs. in the brown suit. Retired in '65. Paul and Lois have 3 - Ken 20, Mike 20 and Charley 14.

It's a small world - we've known BOB DEARNESS for years because he works in the building where our office is located, had had many cups of coffee with him during breaks before, one day in talking, army was mentioned and the usual followed - "What outfit were you with? etc., etc." It developed that here was a Taro Leafer - a 34th man in Korea - right in our back yard and we didn't even know it. Is Bob a member now? You'd better believe it!

New people heard from - JOHN BONTJE, (A 19th Japan and Korea 1950, of Box 222, Larchwood, Iowa. - DICK FOSDICK, (Hq. Btry. 63rd F WW II) of Box 45, Mayville, Mich. - IVAN HALL, (A & Sv. 21st '41-'44), of 105 Lincoln, Brewster, Ohio. Each has been invited to be with us in Peoria, you can bet.

JACK LEDDY, in commenting on the recent death of Col. LEE L. HASSELTINE, writes: "I wonder how many of us have thought: 'Gee, I wish I had checked him out and paid a brief social call when I was in his area a few years back' - I wonder. He was really some guy - 1001 hilarious stories about him - not one derogatory." We've asked Jack for a few of the stories for reprinting.

映

MAN SHOVELING COAL INTO FURNACE

Kanji: Utsusu, meaning to reflect



Rappelling, that's what they call it. Could we do it today, old WW II guys? Sgts. DANNY HARGER and SALVATORE AUPELLINA both of 2/19th, shout down from above. Come to think of it, does a sergeant ever shout up? And lest we forget, it's a US Army photo. Thanks US Army!



BOTTLE OF WHITE INK

Kanji: Totsu, noun—projecting part

We are happy to welcome into the club Gimlet JOHN D. ROPER of 240 Bayside, Arcata, Calif. Johnny was with us from '43 - '45. As a newcomer, John, you'd have fun if you were to make one of our get-togethers. We meet in Peoria in mid-August. You'd be most welcome.

It looks like our 1976 convention site is Savannah, Ga. and Fort Stewart. For now, we must concentrate on Peoria, Ill. and Aug. 15, 16 and 17 of this year - 1975. See you there.,

料

BLOCK THAT KICK!

Kanji: Ryo, noun, meaning a fee

"Why don't you?" asks Maj.Gen. LIVINGSTON N. TAYLOR, (Div.Arty. '42-'45), of 45 Niuhi, Honolulu, Hawaii. "Why don't you have a convention in Hawaii?" We did, Livy - in '65. But we're ready to go back again. How about it gang? Livy's family is there too by the way - his wife, all of his 3 children and his grandchildren. How fortunate, Livy. Again - we'll get there yet!! Right now, it's Peoria come August.



Grin and bear it was the advise to Pvt. DONALD SERVICK, B Co., 2nd Bn, 19th on his first rappel at Stewart. We ask 1 Sgt. CHARLES T. SIZEMORE who thoughtfully sent in the picture, "How come Baker is in the 2nd Bn?" That'll slow him down for a bit? It's a US Army photo by the way. Who else?

"Any possibility of ever having a convention in Las Vegas?" asks JOHNNY ROBINSON, a '42-'45 Chick, of 667 Gilman, Brawley, Calif. Yes, if that's where the membership wants to go. These convention sites involve, or should involve, some sensible prior planning as to where the site is, what's there after we get there, how we get there, and what its facilities are. Regretfully, for years, we have been inclined to pick a town first and then, and only then, give any consideration to the important points. Johnny - get your facts and figures in on Las Vegas and we'll publish them. That way, we might get a few members to think first and vote last and Las Vegas just might get the nod. Trouble is, our thinking about this important subject is usually restricted to convention days with nobody having really marshalled the essential facts.

The 5th U.S. Inf. Regt. Assoc. meets July 27 at the Legion Post in Scarboro, Maine. For info, BOB WESTON is the one to see. He's at Box 2361 in South Portland, Maine.



Recently Polly FINAN, lovely daughter of JACK and Mary, on a teaching mission with a group of teachers to Japan, Tapei, Hong Kong and Australia, stopped over in Honolulu for 24 hours. It was Polly's first trip to Wahoo. Who was there to meet her? Shy LUM, of course.

EDWIN and Elizabeth CHAPMAN who had 2 years with Able of the 19th have joined our ranks. They're at 2214 Mosley, Savannah, Ga.

BILL VOSS, (11th Field '42-'45), of 402 N.Lancaster, Margate, N.J., has retired from banking (VP of 1st Nat. of South Jersey). Writes Margaret, "We enjoy a very quiet life after 30 years in the bank. Remember - old bankers never die, they just lose interest."

Sickening to behold - the likes of Victor Marchetti, the former high-level CIA boy who kisses-and-tells all in "the CIA and the Cult of Intelligence."

In the club is DICK TIMMERMEYER presently with the 1st Bde. at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga.

Bill Jary, Editor of the 36th Inf. "Texas" Div. Assoc., has become a fast friend - is pushing us in his copy. We want to do the same for him. If you know a 36th man and he needs to be made aware of the Div.Assoc., please give him Bill's name. His address is Box 1816, Ft.Worth, Tex. Wrote Bill recently: "Was delighted to find a division with a slick magazine. Have contact with 34th and 45th, but neither one have much more than periodic newsletters. Yours is the most ambitious I have found so far. Our press run is 2500. We use the overs for recruiting. The 36th is old, and I am sure there are thousands of strays out there in the boondocks, but we can't seem to run 'em down. Some, just don't care. Since 36th is mostly TEXANS, we find now that after 30 years, the out of state boys are more active, attend our reunion in large attendance, and their enthusiasm is rewarding. Your time permitting, please let me hear from you, and tell me more about the 24th, (since U guys were in the Pacific, we don't know too much about what, where and when)." Nice report, Bill.

We have been asked to speak for all Taro Leafers of the great state of Illinois and to request the pleasure of your company at our annual reunion, Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17 at the Peoria Hilton Hotel, 105 Main St., Peoria, Ill. 61602.

The gang is joining together in making every possible effort to assure that this year's reunion is the largest and best ever.

We'll have the complete reunion program in a forthcoming issue.

Most members will recall Col. Wendell W.Fertig, the Mindanao guerrilla commander. At Pearl Harbor time, he was superintendent of a large iron mine on the island. He left that job to join the Army. The rest of the history we know. The book, "They Fought Alone", by John Keats was about him and his exploits with the guerrillas". Following the war, he came home, only to be sent to Korea, finally leaving the army in '56 to become a mining consultant in Colo. Well the story ends now for on March 24th, Col. Fertig breathed his last at Lakewood, Colo. May he rest in peace.

(Ed.note: Following our wonderful return to Palo last fall, The Palo Municipal Council met to pass Resolution 58 by which the Taro Leaf becomes an integral part of the Town's Official seal. We are humbly proud).

Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF PALO
LEYTE
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE PALO
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AT THE SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 8, 1974

PRESENT:

Hon. Gemeniano P. Portillo	Vice-Mayor - Presiding
Hon. Lino B. Budlong	Councilor
Hon. Filomeno D. Plimaco	Councilor
Hon. Norma C. Ricafort	Councilor
Hon. Adriano V. Nogar	Councilor
Hon. Urbano M. Peñeda	Councilor
Hon. Catalino C. Canaleja	Councilor

ABSENT:

Hon. Cornelio P. Montejó	Mun. Mayor - On official
Hon. Basilio G. Magno	Councilor business in
Hon. Soledad P. Mendiola	Councilor Manila

RESOLUTION NO. 58

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1944, the beaches of Palo, Leyte was swarmed with liberating forces of the 24th Infantry Division, who inched their way to the town of Palo, Leyte against the suicidal forces of the Japanese Imperial Forces;

WHEREAS, the people of Palo, through the Palo Municipal Council would wish not to forget the heroic deeds of the members of the 24th Infantry Division during the Liberation of Leyte, particularly the municipality of Palo, Leyte;

WHEREAS, in recognition to the vaunted and triumphant actions of the members of the 24th Infantry Division an everlasting moment be set for their honor;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Budlong, duly seconded by Councilor Nogar, be it,

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Municipal Council in session assembled, to include, as it hereby includes, in the Official Seal of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, the Taro Leaf, symbol of the 24th Infantry Division, as part and parcel of the official seal;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that consultation with historical authorities be sought in the redesigning of the Official Seal of the municipality of Palo, Leyte, which will include the Taro Leaf;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished, the Twenty Fourth Infantry Division Association, through its Secretary-Treasurer, Atty. Kenwood Ross, 120 Maple St., Springfield, Mass. 01130, USA, the Director, Historical Commission, Manila, the Provincial Governor, Tacloban City, and the Municipal Treasurer, Palo, Leyte, for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTESTED:

GEMENIANO P. PORTILLO
Vice-Mayor
Presiding

TROTIMO P. BITANGJOL
Municipal Secretary



This is a US Army photograph. Give the credit first, we say, and stay out of the Guard House. This is the Ft. Stewart Bicentennial Color Guard. From left, it's Specialist 4 LARRY TUCK, Sergeant NORRIS BURNS, Sergeant LAWRENCE HAMILTON, Private JAMES CAMPBELL and Private RANDY WILBORN. When normal duty with Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry "Victory" Division, doesn't take precedence over their time, these men represent the post in parades and ceremonies commemorating the Army and the Nation's birth. But the flat has 50 stars, not 13, and this is Ft. Stewart not Taylor's Creek. "When it comes to colors you're talking about a very serious matter. If that flag were to be captured or touch the ground, the whole guard would be in deep trouble," explains Sgt. RAFAEL LOPEZ, who heads up the team. The senior member of the party carries the National Flag. On his right is an armed guard, armed with a replica of The Brown Bess musket. A soldier carries the Army's colors and another the brigade banner. They are flanked by yet another guard. The men practice for about three hours a week, carrying and displaying the colors. There's a starting five and substitutes "Coach" Lopez drills the others under the guidance of Field Manual 22-5, "updated" to 18th Century Standards. There have been some changes in 200 years in the display of the flag. "Our men must carry their muskets in their hands, ready for use, if necessary," reports Sgt. Lopez, "unlike sling arms as weapons are carried today." The guard will be used in place of "normal" post Color Guards in ceremonies during the bicentennial era.

Don't forget - we have 'em - the regimental crests - the real thing - for each of the 19th, 21st and 34th - while they last - \$3.65 a pair - we'll mail 'em the day we get your order - the postal authorities may louse it up but we'll mail 'em the very day of your order, anyway! Only a few left.



It's an RPV. That's Remotely Piloted Vehicle for those of you unfamiliar with military acronyms. The little marvel, being developed for the Army by Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, will weigh no more than 120 pounds, fly at speeds between 75 and 120 knots and do its thing at approximately 2,000 feet altitude. And what is its "thing?" - Kamikaze missions, surveillance, anti-helicopter defense, damage assessment, electronic countermeasures, counter-countermeasures, counter-counter-countermeasures.

reunion time
IT WILL BE HERE
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

Faithful ROY BELL, (Div.Hq. '45-'47), of 205 State, Elizabethtown, Ky., writes us: "Six months before you ran the story of the medal being presented by the Philippine Government, I saw a bit in the Army Times and wrote with documentation. The answer came back in five months. "So sorry we are out of medals. If we ever strike any more you will get one." What reaction did others receive? (Ed.note - None). Would you be interested in a story with a print of a Japanese Lieutenant pointing out the last location of the Japanese 100th Division on Mindanao? My assignment was as Air-Ground Liaison (G-3 Air). As units needed close air-support, it was my job to arrange for proper aircraft, with the proper armament, to do the specific job. Sometimes when the aircraft arrived, the target had already been neutralized. It became my job to have an alternate mission as they did not go back to base loaded. My spare time was spent in G-2 working over Air Corps photos looking for targets and going to the prisoner interrogation teams with questions for prisoners on the results of air-strikes in certain areas and where vital installations may be located. They called me one day and said that they had a Jap Lt who knew where the 100th Div.Hq. was located. I asked if he could identify it from the air and would he be willing to go up and point it out? The answer was "Yes". I arranged for the Marines to fly him to Zamboanga to brief the pilots there. About this time, a Life photographer named Duncan got wind of what was going on. He asked GAYLORD HATHAWAY, the G-2, for permission to write the story. Hathaway told him O.K.



"That public relations fellow doesn't miss a trick, does he!"

as long as the Japanese lieutenant's name was not used. Well, Duncan broke the trust and the story hit Time as well as many newspapers throughout the US with the name of the Jap in bold type! The picture and name of the Jap appeared on the cover of TIME. Hathaway, fearing the Lieutenant might receive harsh treatment when he returned to Japan, asked that he be held in POW camp in the Philippines until things in his homeland cooled off. After we had been in Japan a year, Division received a message asking what to do with this lieutenant. Everyone was being shipped back to Japan but they had no authority to release him. The message kicked around and someone finally remembered that I had knowledge of it and asked me what to do with him. We told them to ship him home. They did. I flew in the plane with him when he tried to point out the location of his HQ. He got air sick and had to be returned to Libby, better remembered as CLAXON airdrome outside of Davao. The control tower was Roscoe's pup tent built upon six banana boxes. Remember it? (Ed.note - we remember it well). At Libby, we had the trust of him as we had no guards on him. He was allowed to go to the edge of the field and lie down in the tall grass. He was so weak from being air sick, he couldn't have hurt anyone. Well, he was in the grass, while we were across the field from him. Some soldiers walking around the field stumbled across him and turned white with fright. One of them screamed out. "Here is a Jap." We ran to the aid of the Jap. He was about to be killed." Great story, Roy. Deep thanks.

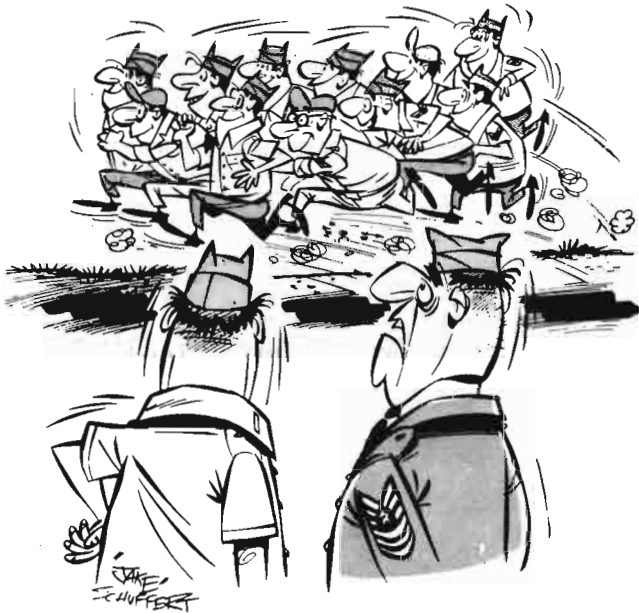


"He's mean, but fair . . . he's mean to everybody . . . !!"



Letter in from Pfc. WILLIAM M. EDDY, now at Ft. Campbell and it reads: "This weekend a group of us guys were talking about the Army in general when the subject of hair came up. After discussing the guys in Germany who have let their hair grow long, a question came to mind that has been bugging me - Why can women in the Army have hair down to their waist as long as they have it up during duty hours and guys have to have short hair? Is this equal opportunity in the Army?" We wouldn't touch that one, Bill, with a 13 foot pole. Besides, our personal emotions on hair are already fairly well known among the membership. They can be said in 2 little words: "Cut it".

"US Army photo", you're supposed to say every time - every single time, mind you. O.K., O.K., Gerry Ford, we hear you! It's Men of B/2nd/19th rappelling. One might query: are they going up or coming down? Careful. Someone's liable to bop you.



"There goes sick call!"

After 197 billions in foreign aid - since WW II - a sum equivalent to more than 40% of the current national debt - there are signs we're going to slow it all down. About time, we say.



SP4 MICHAEL INGRAM, B Co. 2d Bn/19th, looking just a wee bit sea sick, is beginning his descent from that helicopter. It's a US Army photo. Reminds us of the Bragg paratrooper who made a drop last month wearing his sneakers. The fool forgot to wear his leather boots. Naturally when he landed, he bounced right back up; he was wearing those sneakers, don't you see? Down he came a second time, and back up he bounced again. A third time, and a third bounce. And a fourth and a fifth etc. Every time he landed, he bounced right back up. What did they finally do; did we hear someone say?



The Army is testing an experimental 8-wheeled vehicle known as the "Twister". The double-bodied vehicle, designed to cross rough terrain at high speeds, is being put through its paces by MASSTER (Modern Army Selected Systems Test Evaluation and Review Agency) at Fort Hood, Tex. Part of the Twister's mobility comes from a special yoke that allows the two parts of its body to bend in the middle, plus a suspension system that allows each wheel to move independently over obstacles. It is powered by two 8-cylinder, 440-cubic-inch engines. The civilian firm that designed and built the Twister foresees the vehicle as a scout car or prime mover.

From the pen of our Veep BILL BYRD who makes sense in what he says, yet proves that he's a lousy poet:

Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed,
or are you just contented,
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock,
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
to help the work along,
or are you satisfied to be the kind
that just belongs?
Do you ever go to visit
a member who is sick,
or leave the work for just a few
and complain about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled
that I'm sure you heard about
And I'd appreciate it very much
if you'll all come and help me out.
So come to the meetings often
and help with head and heart
Don't be just an active member
but take an active part.
Think this over member
you know right from wrong
Are YOU an active member? -
or do you just belong.

Did you hear the one about the
Polish Race Car Driver that made
eleven pit stops, one for gasoline and
ten for directions?

和

JITTERBUG DANCING WITH A SQUARE

Kanji: Wa, noun, meaning peace

The 2d Armored "Hell on Wheels" is now the Army's largest division. It recently activated a fourth brigade. The additional 3,800-man unit will allow the division to keep its normal three-brigade structure at Fort Hood, Tex., while deploying the fourth unit to Europe.

Too bad male chauvinists, Army ROTC has survived its third year of female participation. And this year approximately 400 female cadets will take part in basic and advanced camp training. Cadets of both genders will attend the same camps and participate in the same training to the extent possible. This action is consistent with ROTC objectives to prepare future officers with a general knowledge of military skills regardless of branch assignment, and with Army policy prohibiting use of women in combat.

芥

AIRPLANE PASSING OVER A BARN

Kanji: Akuta, noun, meaning dirt

We say "Welcome aboard" to PAUL and Almeta CASH, (1st Bde), of 206 Faire, Savannah, Ga.



"Young man, th' sergeant here tells me you've decided to volunteer."



As the band plays on . . .

"I'm very proud of the 80th Army Band, proud to be in it, and I can't think of any other job in the Army or civilian life that I would rather have," exclaims Staff Sergeant Dewey H. Anderson, trumpet section leader.

The 80th Army Band redesignated the 24th Infantry Division Band on Oct. 21, is a unit of 20 soldiers that performs with dedication and diligence, rain or shine, day or night. It raises many salutes, instills lumps in throats, brings hands across hearts, removes hats, sounds attention, restores pride and faith, and brings tears to many eyes as it plays the national anthem, the Army song and other patriotic pieces.

Despite the loss of an outstanding band leader, Chief Warrant Officer Anthony R. Bacca, who recently retired, the unit continues to step high in striving for perfection. CW4 Bacca's successor is Master Sergeant Albert L. Lewis, enlisted band leader, a veteran of over 19 years' experience in music and a capable band conductor.

The 80th Army Band goes back to 1927. The 31st Coast Artillery Band, 52d Coast Artillery Band and 80th Army Ground Forces Band are one and the same, and they evolved into the 80th Army Band in 1947.

The band served in Germany and at Ft. Dix prior to being reactivated at Ft. Stewart in May of 1955. In 1968 the unit was transferred to Hunter Army Airfield and returned to Ft. Stewart in 1973.

The 80th Army Band has served Ft. Stewart-Hunter installation for almost 20 years and has been on varied assignments in many other parts of the United States.

The unit covers areas in Florida, the southern portion of South Carolina and all of eastern Georgia. After performing for the Vice President of the United States in Atlanta, Ga., during a Chamber of Commerce Convention in May 1973, the 18-piece band then proceeded to La Grange, Ga. There they welcomed and entertained returning prisoners of war and were commended for their efforts.

Ten of the 20 men in the band comprise the company's combo, which is directed by SSG Anderson. The combo last played for recruiting purposes at Disney World near Orlando, Fla., Sept. 18-19.

Although most of the unit's members have some background experience in music prior to entering service, regulation requires six months attendance at the U.S. Army Element Armed Forces School of Music, located in Norfolk, Va.

Private First Class James E. Bilbrey, Jr., drummer, and one of the newcomers to the unit, says that he really enjoys being a part of the 80th Army Band. Some members of the unit got out of the Army and later relisted in order to rejoin the 80th Army Band.

"This is the best organized unit on post," commented Specialist4 Robert L. Priestley, trumpeter.

As the band continues under a new name, its past tradition should promise it a bigger and even more colorful future.

浴

RAIN ON THE ROOF

Kanji: Abiru, verb, to bathe

誕で表簿坂話



" 'Course he's teachin' it—Wha'ja think?"

Welcome to the Club - DONAVON C. SMITH, (K 21st '51-'52), of 1513 47 W., Birmingham, Ala. He and Eileen have Don Jr., 17, Eddie 15, Kenwan 13, Pamela 11 and Chad 8. Most interesting names, Don. We'd love to meet that gang. Don tells us that Eileen has the ideal way of cooking the Thanksgiving turkey. "Simple", he explains, "She cooks it one football game for every 15 pounds".

Now with us: BOB and Amanda LOZIER, (A 21st '44-'45), of RR 2, Mantero, Ill., and PAUL and Hattie FRITSCH, (24 Sig. '43-'45), of 4915 Dover, Beaumont, Tex. Welcome aboard, folks. Bob tells the one about the woman at the zoo who is grabbed by the gorilla. "What shall I do?", she screams to her husband. "Tell him you have a headache", advises her gallant swain.

FLETCHER and June HOLDERMAN, (L 21st '42-'45), of Perryville, Ky., report that Fletcher is still raising tobacco and cattle and June is with Whirlpool. Son Larry is managing a finance co. in Greenville, S.C. and Norris, 17, has just finished high school. Fletcher asked us to tell his favorite Mae West story. As Mae told it, it went: "The other night I ran into my local preacher. He said 'Mae, I prayed for you last night'. I said, 'You silly boy; you should have called'". Thanks, Fletch.

2nd Lt. Mary Lou Follett and Pfc. James C. Johnson, the palsies who lived together in Germany, have each quit the Army after being denied promotions. "Harassed", they each said. Ho hum!

We welcome GUS and Helen DARAS of 108 Columbia, Coventry, R.I., into our club.

New members - LARRY and Alice KERR, (Div.Hq. - Augsburg - 1/59-3/61), of Box 265, Glennville, Ga. Larry's with Civil Service, assigned to Ft. Stewart. He'd love to hear from "some of the greatest guys in the world". Writes Larry, "I was thinking that, if you accepted members who did not serve during wartime, it, and your Taro Leaf, and annual get-together could provide avenues for a few of us who have talked about a reunion of our unit for years, and at the same time get the association some new members. Can one join the association if he did not serve during wartime?" We told Larry that anyone who ever wore the Taro Leaf could be a member.

Writes BOB GOLDTHWAIT, (Div.Hq. Fin.Ofc), who until recently was Chairman of the Board of Fitchburg, Mass. Savings Bank. He retired last December 1 and has gone to live at 12319 Escala, San Diego, Calif. Good wishes, Bob - and aussi Connie.

A Navy that could find it in its heart to decorate only 78 of the 82 surviving members of the Pueblo crew with medals and citations is chicken. No award for Skipper Lloyd Bucher, who says he understands. Now 47, retired after 28 service years, he is on the lecture circuit talking mostly on "What's Right With America". We like the guy, even if the Navy doesn't! Remember Pearl Harbor. Put yourself in No Man's land, call for help, and what would you do - sink or swim?



Word from Helen KEPLER is that LOUIS (G 21 '42-'45), has been making sick calls - stroke due to hardening of the arteries. Now he has to exercise every day, no tobacco, but "beer? yes". Chin up, Lew. Card him at 49 Anderson, Deferiet, N.Y.

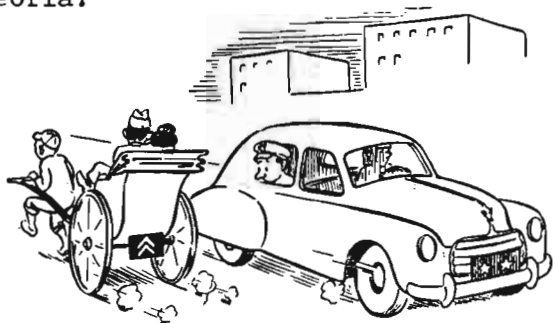
1st Inf.Div. soldiers who were KIA in V. will have a Washington memorial acknowledging their sacrifice. Congress has approved a resolution granting authority to construct it. If memory serves, they've already got one memorial in that town. They must be doing something right.

BILL and Pauline FLETCHER (22 AAA 7/53-12/54), of Newport, Ark., have joined our ranks. Bill is especially anxious to hear from AAA men of his era.



The caption says he's rappelling. To rappel is to descend by means of a rope passed under one thigh, across the body, and over the opposite shoulder. It's a US Army photo.

Memo in from Life Member ED HENRY reading, "On Monday night, March 31, on the To Tell The Truth program at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 7, I recognized one of the three contestants, so-called 'impostors', as BOBBY DEWS. The game is to guess the real person who represented himself to be a distributor of medicinal herbal potions. It was not Bobby but he did a fine job in that very rich wonderful Georgia accent." Nice going, Bobby! Are you and Marge going to make Peoria?



BILL and Lorraine ALLEN, (G 21st '42-'44), came over for our Chicago "sociable", we're happy to report. Grand couple. And we'd show you PAUL and Dotty WISECUP, JOHN and Hilda KLUMP, JOHNNY TRINCA, and CHET and Gloria ANDREZAK who likewise helped to make it so, except we don't have their pictures. Our apologies, folks. We'll make up for it in Peoria.



BERT and Ginny LOWERY, (19th '42-'45), from Lomax, Ill., graced the Chicago "festival" with their presence, each full of scuttlebutt as to what they have lined up for us in Peoria come August.



"I remember when you Air Force guys first went into blue uniforms and everybody kidded you about lookin's like bus drivers!"



"One more word outta you about how valuable rain is as a natural resource an' you get it right in th' chops!"

Now Jr. Vice Commander of Clearing Post 600 of The American Legion is CHESTER ANDREZAK, (Cn. 21 '44-'46), of 3225 N. Natchez, Chicago. And installed as Adjutant of the same post was RICHARD C. GOINY (E 21 '45) of 3619 W 64, Chicago. Dick was Commander in '55. And over in Spencer, Mass., WILFRED O'COIN, (G 21st '42-'45), of 33 Valley St., was installed as Chaplain of his A.L. post. Wil slips us the one about the guy in the bar every day ordering 2 martinis at a time. The bartender asks him why 2 at a time. He answers, "1 is for me; 1 is for my buddy who was KIA in Nam." One day he comes in and orders only 1. "Why?" asks the bartender. "Oh, I've stopped drinking", came the reply. Thanks, Wil, we needed that.

It's "Joined" for F.B. and Viviane DUBUC of 101 Martin Dr., Savannah, Ga.

We happily welcome into the fold CHARLES and Fannie WHITE, (1 Bde), of 133 Darby Drive, Savannah, Ga. and ROBERT and Janey RATH (1 Bde), of 130 Craig, Savannah, Ga.

Old? She can remember Boston Blackie when he was still living in Providence.

As that great philosopher Cassius Clay once said: "When things look blackest, just send them to the laundry."

Capt. EUGENE and Anne BRITT have joined our ranks. They're at 102 Craig, Savannah, Ga. Gene is with the 1st Brigade, of course.

Tragic news out of the household of LOUIS and Viola TACCHI, (E 34 5/44 to 8/45), at 6832 Bradley, St. Louis, Mo. Their 16 year old - their youngest boy - drowned while on an outing of his class at St. Vincent's Seminary at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Our deep sympathies went forward to Lou and Vicki, you can bet. Lou reports that the family is recovering nicely from the shock.

Now one of us: JAMES F. MORRISON, (G 19th '56-'57), of 601 Windsor, Savannah, Ga. A civilian employee at Ft. Stewart, Jim and Dorothy are the proud parents of Jennifer (lovely name), Johanna (lovely too) and Alane (also lovely).

Joined: JIM and Katie BELL, (C 21st 3/51 - 5/52), of 1629 Ridge, E. St. Louis, Ill. Jim tells the one about the two Martians who landed on a deserted street in St. Louis one 3 AM. They saw a hydrant. One walked over to it and said, "Take us to your leader." The other one said, "Oh, don't talk to him; he's only a kid". Thanks Jim.



From l. to r. it's LEONARD and Ellen HANSON, and Iona and JOHN PERRA. The Perra's are at Minden, Nev. and the Hanson's are at Elbow Lake, Minn. They met last May in Montana.

H of the 34th is represented by PRESTON and Marilyn BURGER of Crystal Lake, Ill. Pres was with us from 10/46 to 3/48; he's self employed in steel fabrication. They have 1, Brad, age 10. When we asked Pres how things were going, he answered: "Oh, I can't kick - I've got rheumatism." Little bit of humor, there.

Now with us: CHARLES and Anne KOVACS, (Sv. 13th F 6/40 - 3/43), of 1172 Oxford, Phoenixville, Pa. Charley was cadred back to the USA and then ETO. Charley was a man of many facets and "all of them" as the late Sam Goldwyn once said, "are running".

Currently Brigade E.O. is PAUL N. YURCHAK, who, with Rosemary, are the proud parents of Denise, George, Donald and Barbara.

REUNION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, August 15

- 8:00 A.M. Early Birds Registration - all day
Ft.Stewart Bar never closes, especially as it's BYOL. BYOL and cheat the house.
- 12:00 A.M. Matsuyama Luncheon - You're on your own.
- 1:00 P.M. Unit CP's may well be set up.
- 6:00 P.M. Corregidor Cocktails. BYOL.
- 7:30 P.M. Illinois Hospitality Night - Music and buffet. Drinking natch! Maybe a boat ride.
Suggestion: Hit the sack in good time. Tomorrow is a busy one!
Taps.

SATURDAY, August 16

- 3:30 A.M. Reveille. Tell'em to Go to Hell. Go back to sleep.
Breakfast - You're on your own.
- 8:00 A.M. Registration - all day.
Taejon Bar open 23 hours per day. BYOL.
- 10:00 A.M. Annual Business Meeting.
- 12:30 P.M. Alangalang Brunch. Do your own thing. BYOL.
- 1:30 P.M. An afternoon at a poolside, under the umbrellas, if you want.
This hotel doesn't have a pool.
- 6:00 P.M. Cocktail Hour. Be our guest.
- 7:00 P.M. Memorial Service; Grand Banquet; Awards.
- 9:00 P.M. Dancing Under the Stars. BYOL.
Tattoo and Taps.

SUNDAY, August 17

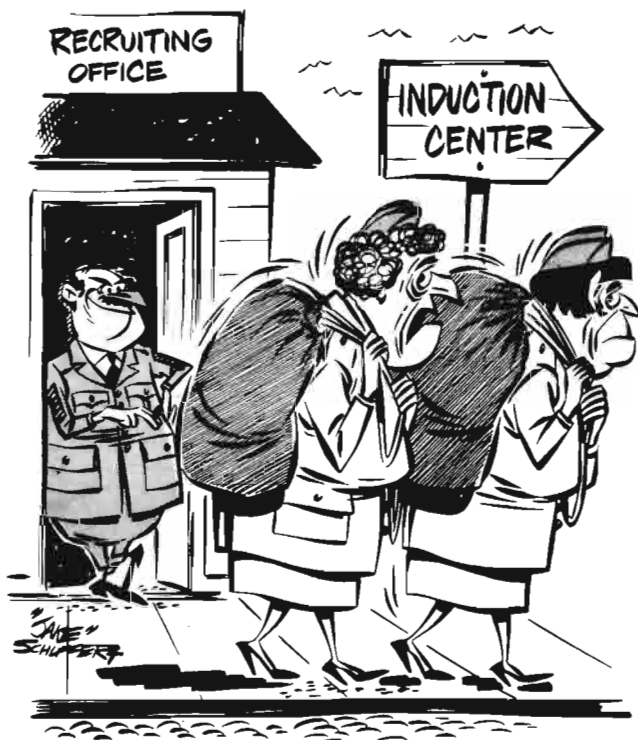
- 8:00 A.M. Augsburg 'brunch.
- 10:00 A.M. Farewells, Alohas.
See you next year!
Drive carefully!
- Schedule subject to change - and that's an understatement! -

Lt.Col. HARRY and Marie KLEIN, of Rt. 1, Box 610, Camino de Manana, Tucson, Ariz., operates "The Wickup Museum" devoted to Indian lore. Writes he: "I enjoy the Taro Leaf very much and look forward to each issue although to date I have yet to see one name I recognize. This is not too remarkable because I was not a member of the 24th for very long. Joined them in Korea in July of '54, commanded the 24th Med.Bn. We then went to Sasebo and then back to Korea and I left the Div. in spring of '55 to become E.O. of Osaka Army Hospital. So my time with the 24th was less than a year. I retired from service in El Paso, Tex. as Chief of Personnel, Beaumont Army Hospital. As a Med.Service Corp Officer, I sure had some unusual assignments to say the least, and while I am sure there just has to be others, I have never met an MSC officer whose assignments were anywhere similar to mine. They are too long and complex to go into here sufficient to say I wouldn't have missed my army career but I sure wouldn't want to go through it again. We came to Ariz. after retirement. Was born and raised in Maryland and was a member of the National Guard of that state and entered military service on active duty with the 29th Inf.Div. After going from Private to First Sergeant in that Div., I was sent off to Officers' Candidate school against my desires and then proceeded up the ranks in the commissioned ranks. We now have a small private museum. We have many fine Indian Relics or items, both prehistoric and historic, that not too many large museums can boast of. My wife and I both

started collecting Indian relics such as arrowheads and similar items way back about 1915 and we have excavated Indian sites from upper New York State down the coast through Kentucky and Tenn., and inland through the middle west and out here in the south west. Consequently much of our material we have found ourselves, and each piece has a little story all its own. We are not open to the public as we do not want to be tied down but we encourage and invite anyone interested to stop in and see us. We will spend as much time as they want and explain our items if they desire and want to spend the time. In these days of robbery and theft and personal harm, our plan of INVITATION ONLY also gives us some protection by knowing who is coming and when. Well I have taken enough of your time. All the best with the Taro Leaf and any member wanting to pay us a visit may do so by writing or giving us a call. We like to have a few days notice if possible to make sure we will be home and available for expected visitors. We make no charge for visiting the museum, just asking visitors to sign our Guest Book. Thanking you for your time and with all the best to you and yours, I remain." We set it up just as you wrote it, Harry. Thanks a bunch.

Spare us some terrific postal expense, won't you please? If your dues fall due next August first, won't you send me your renewal check now and cut down appreciably in our costs, not to mention work load. Thank you for your understanding.

U.S. arms sales last year totalled \$8.3 billion. Will someone explain to us just what the H--- is going on here.



"He'll do anything to meet his quota; I know, I'm his Mother!!"



YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO OUR
PHANTASMAGORIA
IN PEORIA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16,
AND
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.

To get there - Peoria that is - you can fly via Ozark Air Lines out of O'Hare on a schedule as follows:

leaving Chicago	arriving Peoria
7:00 AM daily	7:50 AM
9:10 AM daily	9:50 AM
11:00 AM daily except.Sat.	11:50 AM
12:15 PM daily except.Sat.	1:43 PM
1:15 PM daily except.Sat.	2:05 PM
3:30 PM daily	4:10 PM
5:45 PM daily	6:25 PM
6:40 PM daily except.Sat.	7:20 PM
8:50 PM daily except.Sat.	9:40 PM

A complaint - from CHARLIE ROBINSON in Columbus, Ga. Writes Charlie:
 "I'm mad, disgusted, disappointed, and flat out P----- Off!! For the past two years that I've been in the Association, I have anxiously waited for my copy of the 'Taro Leaf'. In this time, I have yet to open it and find anything in there concerning Division's peacetime activities. We did exist in this time too!! And proudly. I'm proud to be in the company of guys of WW II and Korea; I was in Europe during both of these periods; but we of the 'Peacetime' 24th are just as proud of our accomplishments as they are...so give us a break and a shake too, O.K.? I'm enclosing some material as proof of our existence in peacetime. Please read it, and please return it. These are my personal files. Hope you can find something newsworthy herein."

We replied to this blockbuster:

"Dear Charlie:

"No problem.

"Just feed us news on that era and we'll give you coverage.

"You just aren't recognizing the obvious-that peacetime soldiers have little interest in us.

"Just to show you that we mean business, we'll use your material in a forthcoming issue.

"Stay loose! And thanks for writing."

For space reasons, we've got to delay use of Charley's material to later issues. This one and the next are obviously full. Boy, Charlie, when you sound off, you really sound off. We like it though. At least you're reading us.

Texans think big, and U.S. Rep. James M. Collins (R) of that state is no exception. Collins proposes that members of Congress be given a one per cent pay raise for every \$2 billion they can cut from the federal budget. As for the chances of getting a proposal like his enacted, Congress isn't about to give up the pork barrel for a one per cent raise now and then. As things are, they can get bigger raises than that and hang onto the good will of the folks back home, too,

To get out of there - Peoria that is - you can fly via Ozark out of Greater Peoria Airport on X schedules as follows:

FREQ.	LEAVE	ARRIVE	FLIGHT	CONNECT VIA	STOPS
CAPE GIRARDEAU/SIKESTON, MO. (CDT)					
Ex Su	8 06	11 57	819	St Louis	808 3
Ex Sa	12 42	3 31	829	St Louis	844 2
Ex Sa	6 53	9 08	907	St Louis	843 2
CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY, IOWA (CDT)					
Ex Su	7 02	9 10	920	Chicago	877 1
Ex Sa Su	3 42	6 09	826	Chicago	983 1
Ex Sa	3 47	4 17	910		0
Sa Only	3 50	4 49	996		1
CHAMPAIGN/URBANA, ILL. (CDT)					
Ex Su	7 40	8 04	906		0
Ex Sa	1 37	2 01	970		0
CHICAGO, ILL. (CDT)					
Daily	7 02	7 40	920		0
Ex Su	7 32	8 20	860		0
Ex Sa Su	10 12	11 00	816		0
Daily	11 37	12 15	956		0
Ex Su	1 45	2 23	928		0
Sa Su	2 57	3 45	890		0
Ex Sa Su	3 42	4 30	826		0
Daily	4 37	5 15	976		0
Ex Sa	7 11	7 59	809		0
Ex Sa	7 49	9 14	858		1
CLARKSVILLE, TENN./FT. CAMPBELL/HOPKINSVILLE, KY. (CDT)					
Daily	8 06	12 47	819	St Louis	808 4
Ex Sa	12 42	4 21	829	St Louis	844 3
Ex Sa	3 53	7 01	945	Louisville	845 2
COLUMBIA/JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (CDT)					
Ex Sa	7 34	9 25	969	St Louis	967 2
DALLAS/FT. WORTH, TEXAS (CDT)					
Daily	8 06	11 30	819	St Louis	901C 2
Daily	12 42	3 45	829	St Louis	927S 2
Ex Su	3 24	6 30	909	St Louis	949D 2
Ex Sa	6 53	9 15	907	St Louis	903S 1
DENVER, COLO. (MOT)					
Daily	7 02	11 12	920	Chicago	981 3
Ex Su	7 32	11 12	860	Chicago	981 3
Daily	11 37	3 35	956	Chicago	989S 3
DES MOINES, IOWA (CDT)					
Daily	7 02	10 53	920	Chicago	933 1
Ex Sa Su	1 45	4 13	928	Chicago	935 1
Ex Sa	4 37	8 41	976	Chicago	937 2
Ex Sa	7 49	11 31	858	Chicago	987 4
KANSAS CITY, MO. (CDT)					
Ex Sa	1 56	3 20	859		0
Daily	6 38	8 04	951		1
LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MO. (CDT)					
Ex Sa	10 05	1 10	955	St Louis	803 2
LOUISVILLE, KY. (CDT)					
Ex Sa	10 05	1 25	955	St Louis	501 3
Ex Sa	3 53	5 20	945		1
MARION/HERRIN, ILL. (CDT)					
Ex Sa	12 42	3 02	829		2
Ex Sa	6 53	8 37	907	St Louis	843 1
MASON CITY, IOWA (CDT)					
Ex Sa Su	1 45	4 45	928	Chicago	889 2
Daily	4 37	9 10	976	Chicago	875 2
MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MINN. (CDT)					
Ex Su	12 47	1 50	942		0
Ex Sa	3 47	5 40	910		2
Sa Only	3 50	6 15	996		3
ST. LOUIS, MO. (CDT)					
Ex Su	6 45	7 50	801		1
Daily	8 06	9 20	819		1
Daily	10 05	11 05	955		1
Daily	12 42	1 56	829		1
Ex Su	3 24	4 25	909		1
Ex Sa	6 53	7 25	907		0
Ex Sa	7 34	8 35	969		1
Sa Only	9 11	10 09	993		1
Daily	10 48	11 20	917		0
SIoux CITY, IOWA (CDT)					
Daily	7 02	10 41	920	Chicago	981 2
Daily	11 37	3 06	956	Chicago	989S 2
Ex Sa	3 47	7 48	910	Cedar Rapids	983 2
Ex Sa	4 37	9 34	976	Chicago	937 3
Ex Sa	7 11	10 46	809	Chicago	985 1
SIoux FALLS, S. D. (CDT)					
Daily	7 02	11 45	920	Chicago	933 2
Daily	11 37	2 29	956	Chicago	989S 1
Ex Sa	3 47	7 09	910	Cedar Rapids	983 1
Ex Sa	7 11	11 25	809	Chicago	985 2
SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (CDT)					
Ex Su	6 45	7 08	801		0
Daily	8 06	8 29	819		0
Daily	10 05	10 25	955		0
Ex Sa Su	12 02	12 25	821		0
Daily	12 42	1 08	829		0
Ex Sa Su	2 20	2 43	831		0
Ex Su	3 24	3 47	909		0
Daily	6 38	6 58	951		0
Ex Sa	7 34	7 54	969		0
Sa Only	9 11	9 31	993		0
TULSA, OKLA. (CDT)					
Ex Sa	8 06	12 06	819	St Louis	961 4
Daily	12 42	4 04	829	St Louis	957 3
WASHINGTON, D. C. (EOT)					
Ex Su	7 40	10 44	906B		1
Ex Sa	1 37	4 37	970S		1



On New Year's Eve, the Giants Club of Palo, Leyte, officially turned over the concrete Waiting Shed which they had sponsored. Here's the group at the ribbon cutting ceremony. From left to right, we can spot in the first row: Giant Ricardo Pachico, Giant Aulin Sevilla, First Giant Elpidio O. Monje; Mayor Cornelio P. Montejo, Giant Ricardo Potente, Elpidio's wife Ching, 2nd Giant Ampelio M. Villacorte, Monsgr. Estan Abarco, Prudential Bank, Mgr. Liduvino Cayco, Mayor Montejo's wife Linda, Charming Sevilla, Giant Miyak Acebedo (our artist friend), John Tarmo, Col. Salvador Acebedo, Giant Tantong Aucnculs, and Giant Sec'y. Barding Ortega. The shed is just in front of the public market and is recognized as a great achievement for the Giants. In forwarding the picture, Elpidio and Ching Monge signed off with, "Please extend our best and warmest wishes to all members of the 24th for which we owe our destiny as an independent nation".

"Unbelievable" is our word for the kiss-and-tell types who once played the CIA-FBI game and now are bad-mouthing the whole business.

We're a white male. We're cut from a genetic cloth which gives us no direct interest in any of the social movements which have bathed America in the rhetoric of revolution. We're not black. We're not Chicano. We're not Indian, female, gay, or gray. We've observed many movements, have shared the goals of some. Yet, by birth, it would seem that the only "minority" we belong to is the one without a movement to call its own.

Sudden Thought: Whatever became of Evel Knievel?



It wouldn't be right not to print this 2nd picture of the ribbon cutting. These are important ceremonies for these people. They all then adjourned to the Municipal Hall for a "social". That, of course, meant eating, and we know full well what that meant.

Japan's high speed express train now



The New York Times/March 11, 1975
Rail line, first built from Tokyo to Osaka and then to Okayama, was extended to Hakata.

goes beyond Okayama to Hakata, next door to Fukuoka, you'll remember. 668 miles out of Tokyo, the trip now takes 7 hours give or take a few minutes. Top speed is 150 mph; average speed including stops is 95 mph. There are 111 tunnels on the route, the longest of which is the 11.7 tunnel under the strait from Shimonoseki to Moji, the 2nd longest tunnel in the world.

Legalize Bingo; Keep Grandma off the Streets.

It's "Hail fellows; well done" to our very active membership teams working this year under the very able leadership of Veep BILL BYRD.

Since our Clearwater gathering, over 240 new members have joined the Assoc.

Team 1, our Ft. Stewart committee, under Maj. HARRY YOUNG, Col. HARRY RUBIN, and CSM BOB NAIRHOS, has been most active and we owe each of them a debt of deep thanks.

But then we must be grateful to each of our teams.

Team 2, under HOWIE LUMSDEN, BERT LOWRY, BOB ANDRE, JOHN O'SULLIVAN, FONDO FINLEY, LLOYD McCANDLISH and AL NAGY, has done yeoman service. HOWIE is a particular go-getter.

Team 3, including KENNY FENTNER, BILL WINCHELL, TED GEELHOED, DEAN METZ, DALLAS DICK, GUS CASONE and ED ROBINSON, has done its share as well. Says Ken, "The encouragement given to each of the team captains by Prexy FRED IRVING helped a lot to spur us on to greater numbers."

Team 4, captained by TOM FARRIER, is served by HAROLD ALEXANDER, BOB CHURCH, JOHNNY KLUMP, "Pineapple" JACK FINAN, F. KUBA and LEO CREAMER, all red-hots on things 24th.

ED COLE, to whom we must throw extra special kudos, heads up the fifth team of AL SELTSAM, W. TURNER, BOB FOUNTAIN, CHARLEY ROBINSON, J. WALLACE and MOODY CROW. Reports Byrd, "Everyone is an eager beaver".

RUCKER FORD captains #6 made up of R. FLAGG, GEORGE GRACE, P. BURKE, H. SMITH and BOB HARDIN. Each has done his part in soliciting over 1300 prospects since August.

No. 7 includes RUSS HAMPSON, C. HORNYAK, C. MANSFIELD, M. MACCOUL, JOHN McKEON, ED MORNHINWEG and B. PEPPEL.

Team 8 is captained by that hardest of workers DICK GOINY and he has with him BOB ROGERS, BEN MASHAY, BEN LENSKEY, BOB KUHN and ALTON HALSO.

24 years ago - note the "24" - we mailed out 70,000 postcards inviting Taro Leafers into the Association. We remember it well because the postal rate was 1¢ and was about to jump to 2¢ and we pushed to get the 70,000 cards mailed in time. We did but that's beside the point. The real story is in the fact that the other day BILL FARVER, of 4711 N. Caseville Rd., Caseville, Mich., returned his card enclosing a check and the note, "I sure want to join". That's good news, Bill, but where have you been for 24 years? Member Bill has joined, of course; a little slow, but a welcomed member nonetheless. Now if we can get you and the Mrs. to come to Peoria, it'll cap off the year. You'd be most welcome, Bill.



'Tis a US Army photograph showing Pvt. RICHARD KETT on the Ft. Stewart rappelling tower. Dick is B 2/19. That's Baker Co., 2nd Bn of the 19th for you old timers.



"I knew the ol' man was undemocratic, but I didn't think he'd go this far!"

The American Bicentennial. What better time to search our hearts and minds, to look back to our country's beginnings and to assess the triumphs and the failures? Some want to turn the anniversary into a self-congratulatory worship of the past; others want to use the occasion exclusively as an activist tool. Both approaches are self-defeating. These again are days that try men's souls. This is the moment to seek out the country's philosophical foundations. We haven't lost our way. We've simply become out-numbered by those who would destroy all we've gained in these first 200. They don't necessarily know what they want except that they want to "turn it around". It's time for that minority to become Minute Men once again and rid ourselves of the murderers, the pornographers, the dope pushers, the burglars, the rapists. Turn around indeed - and fast. And a complete turn around in the American politics of today wouldn't be a bad idea either.

It was not pageantry, but an extraordinary quality of thought, speech, and action that raised the Founding Fathers above the level of what currently passes for politics. The first 15 years of America's independence produced a most remarkable confluence of excellence in political and governmental theory and action. That the basic system has withstood our unscrupulous abuses and assaults of the last 15 years is a tribute to the prescience of the likes of Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Hamilton et al. Our celebration today ought to be a reminder that our beginning was based upon an insistence of an "aristocracy of talent" rather than of privilege. Each milestone along the journey was, in theory, a gain in the march toward the goal of the greatest Good for even greater numbers. Somewhere on that journey, the best of this has been swept aside. It's time to recapture that quality of statesmanship and public service that started us aright. We must enter the third century with a determination to harness the nation's talents, wealth and resources to the foundering business of building a decent society concerned with protecting for all of its citizens the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - or all else will be meaningless and worthless. It is not too late.

Savannah will soon be swarming with Association members. Add Maj. TROY and Sue YOUNG, of 155 Traynor, Hunter AAF.

BILL and Jane KOSHINA's #2 Boy, Mark, has made Eagle Scout, just like his older brother, #1 Boy, Billy. Great kids, Bill and Jane.

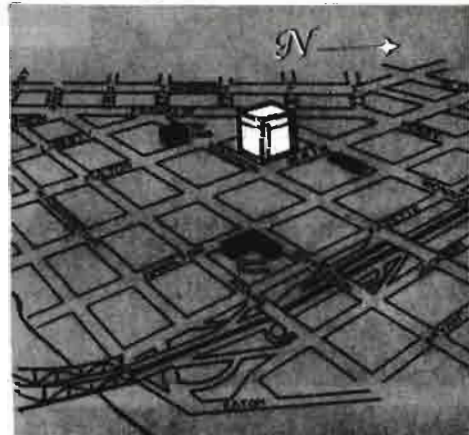
Just thought we'd throw this one about the price of the last issue. For printing 1124 copies, our bill was \$752.52. That's 66¢ per copy. Add to that another 24¢ just for postage in the mailing of each one.

Joined us has Capt. BILL BROOKS who is presently with HHC, 1st Bde.

NORMAN and Mitzi FERGUSON, of 13629 Rockingham, Savannah, have joined. Norm was also with the 19th during '55-'56.

Heard from: MYRL and Gladys Mae BROWN, (M 34th 11/44-2/45), of 1200 E. Wells, Prairie du Chien, Wis. Myrl identifies himself as "Drafted as one of Roosevelt's 18 year olds". Fighting on Leyte, Luzon and Corregidor, he was wounded at Zig Zag Pass on 2-6-45. Recovering at Hollandia, then Foster G.H. at Jackson, and then Percy Jones G.H. at Battle Creek, Mich. Discharged 12-15-45. Now a Deputy Sheriff of Crawford County, Wis. (we needed another sheriff in this outfit) - promises to make Peoria if he possibly can. You'll be glad you did, Myrl.

The Peoria Hilton? - just say "the corner of Madison and Main. Telephone them, if you're anxious - it's 309-674-2121.



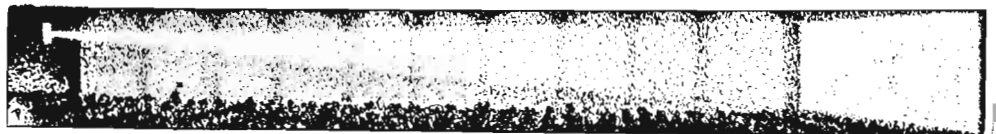
BILL D'ELIA, (Div.Arty. '43-'45), of 2100 Corlies, Neptune City, N.J., in paying his dues, memos in his staccato style: "Still practising surgery - little heavier - some grey hair - balding - hello Gen. IRVING - remember the day had to give him shots - regards everyone - Bill."

HAROLD F. and Arlene DEJONG, report in from Box 195, Kellogg, Iowa where Hal is employed at The Maytag Co. He sent a buck for a couple of Taro Leaf decals which we happily forwarded. We hope to see you folks at Peoria; be sure to bring Leneta Jo.

Ozark Air Lines flies to Peoria. About 7 flights a day from and to Chicago.



A new 4-line expressway in the making as a 270 mile long artery connecting Seoul and Pusan. This scene shows a village (sorry we didn't catch the name) 20 miles south of Seoul. Picture out of a recent National Geographic.



有

STIFF-LEGGED HIGH HURDLER

Kanji: Aru, v., meaning to be

Joined - Gimlet ALFRED RIDGE, of 18 Hamilton, Readville, Mass. A Boston policeman, Al was with the 21st band, then went to F Co. He's the father of 10 kids. Record? Can anybody match him? Does anyone want to?

Good words from ERNIE and Anne STANOVIC, 24th Med '43-'45), out at 5111 Nan Linn, Willoughby, Ohio. They were off to San Pedro, Calif. to visit the Med. Bn. CO JOHN F. LEDDY and his wonderful wife Sophie. On their return, Ernie underwent surgery (last Aug. 30) for ulcers. They took 50% of his stomach. Ernie says he's on the mend - and we're happy.

Nice words from ED and Jane SHIRLEY, (24th Sig. '43-'44), of 15471 Ridgeway, Markham, Ill. They'd love to hear from anyone who remembers him. He easily recalls BUD POE, AL HAMMOND, MORRIE KING, GENE DISHMAN, JOHNNY PORTER in Okla., PAUL FRITCHIE in Beaumont, Tex., Pop MEYERS, the old motor sarge and later WO, among others. Suggests Ed: Why not let the members in business put ads in the Taro Leaf; then we can make it bigger and better. Great idea, Ed. We're tried it in the past; it hasn't worked. Of Ed himself, he has two of the best sports stores in the Chicago area. Great report, Ed.

則

OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD

Kanji: Nori, noun: Law, rule

One of the new postage stamps honors a closely bunched field of thoroughbreds rounding the turn into the home stretch. One can only hope that his mail will travel that fast at any distance up to a mile and a half.

We needed a chiropractor in our gang and now we've got one. It's Dr. JOSEPH CANTALUPO, (24 MP and 19th '47-'49), of 180 Maple, Westburg, N.Y. He sent along an extra fiver to keep us going. Reports that VINCE WEAVER of the MP Platoon via '46-'48 passed away in '69 leaving Jean and 2 daughters. Joe terribly anxious to hear from any MP's.

Lt.Col. GORDON and Angelina ANDERSON, (2/40 Armor and Div.Hq. 6/64-5/66), of 308 Gaines Mill, Hampton, Va., have signed up. Parents of two, Loretta 23 and Donald 20, Gordon is Army retired and is now an accountant. He was XO of 2/40 Armor for a year, then Div. G3. Great to have you with us, Gordie and Ange.

Sad story from BOB LUHRSEN (M 19th), who came to Clearwater from his Miami home. But let Bob tell it his way: "Almost made the Convention, but not quite. Arrived in Clearwater with the intention of finally relaxing for next three days. It just wasn't meant to be. Word came that my brother, Don, passed away at his residence in Moss Point, (Pascagoula), Miss. He had previously been employed as Controller of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation for nine years, and was owner of National Business Services Offices. He was age 62 and was attempting retirement. Suffice it to say, it was necessary that I leave immediately, so we again packed and arrived just in time for the Friday evening showing and Saturday funeral. So, after nearly 2000 miles of driving, you might say that my vacation turned into a nightmare, and very empty feelings. We will try again next year." We're indeed sorry for you Bob.

RUSS HAMPSON, (21st and 24 Sig. 8/40-8/42 and 1/56-5/57), of 6000 Greenfield, Ft.Worth, Tex., and Doris, have 2 youngsters - Petti, age 22 and Charlotte, age 24. Russ operates K5TGL, was a radio operator in the 21st at the time of Pearl. He's now in real estate. Thrilled you've joined us, Russ - and welcome also to you, Doris.

CLYDE and Marie HARMON, (19th G, Hq.Co., B and Sv.) of 1982 Bernice, San Jose, Calif., have reported in. Is this a record? They report 5 daughters, 7 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. "All beautiful" says Speed who says of himself that the arthritis and emphysema "have just about got me". We're pulling for you, Speed, and thanks, too, for the hefty \$10.00 contribution.

知

WAITING FOR HUBBY TO COME HOME AT 3 A.M.

Kanji: Shiru, verb, meaning know





JOHNNY ROSS, (G 21 '42-'45), is President of the Village of Hammond, Wis. Here's Johnny, circled, as the local big shots break ground for a new nursing home.

Wanting to hear from old pals are EUGENE and Elizabeth LEW, (13th Field 7/40 - 9/44), of 78 Victoria, New York City. Gene is a postal clerk; joined us after visiting Oahu and Schofield last August. Adds Gene: "I am hoping to hear from any of my old friends". He also told us the one about the Polish fellow who ordered a pizza. The waitress asked "Shall I cut it in 8 pieces or 12 pieces?" The reply: "Gee, you'd better cut it in 8 pieces; I don't think I can eat 12". They can't all be gems, Gene.

On a kidney machine is CLYDE MILNER, (Hq. 1st-19th 6/40-9/45), of 66 Locust, Oxford, Mass. Clyde and Lillian don't get too far away, of course. He can still laugh however as he sends us the one about the Indian who opened a bar in N.Y. and charged \$24.00 for a Manhattan.

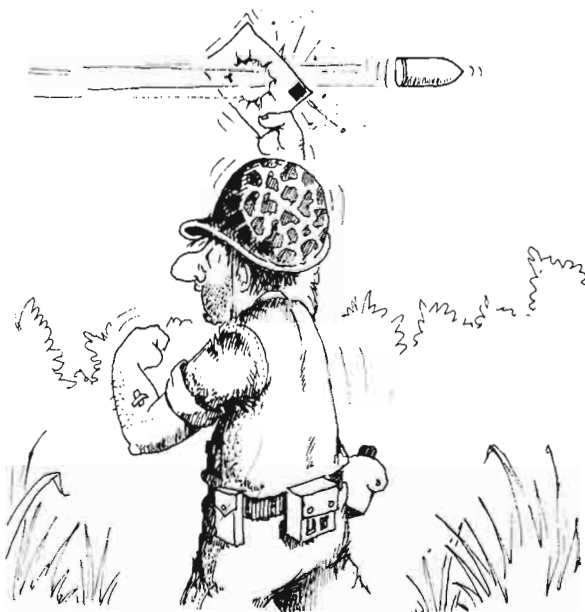
Health costs have doubled in 20 years they tell us. Starve a cold and feed a doctor.

They're joining up fast down there at Savannah. Recently added to our rolls are ARTHUR and Stella WILKERSON, of 137 Traynor Ave.

One of the main reasons for the depression and inflation is the fact that too many people are getting too much money for doing too little work.

Maj. HORACE and Alvilidia McCASKILL of 138 Traynor Ave., Savannah, Ga. have joined us. Horace was also with the 34th during '63-64, so he's twice welcome.

Word from W.R. "Shorty" ESTABROOK, now of 43 Pinecrest, Portland, Me.: "Just a short note to report another Taro Leafer, WILLIAM BARTLETT, 206 Linnmoore St., Hartford, Conn. 06114. We were cell mates in POW Camp in North Korea. Also would like to arrange for a bunch of the Camp #5, Chong Song, North Korea Gang, Company 2, I believe, to get together. We never organized. Perhaps you could insert a plug and have them drop me a note. I see JESSE L. SIZEMORE's name in the Leaf but no address. He also was with us. It has been over 20 years since our release. Thanks much, Shorty" As for Jess Sizemore's address, Shorty, try 5907 Woodhaven, Jackson, Miss. We try to give an address with every name. Sometimes we fail. Sorry!



"Hey, Sledge, after 13 months ya finally got a lett—"

Out of Friendship State Bank - nice name for a bank, isn't it? - but it's in Friendship, Ind. - nice name for a town then, isn't it? - writes JIM LEMON, (K 21st 5/45 - 11/46). Jim is the cashier there. He and Pat have 3 children and 2 granddaughters. Jim reminds us of the 2 fellows talking. #1 sez: "Say, I see they're looking for a new cashier down at the bank." #2 sez: "Why they just hired one last week." Replies #1: "Yeah, that's the one they're looking for". That's a little bit of humor we just threw in there.



HONG KONG SUITS
by
Gerald Stevenson

The Editor said "You write the story".
So-o-o-o!!!

We were at the baggage claim at Hong Kong's Kai Tak Airport along with 200 or so others, all freshly arrived from Taiwan. We were waiting for a strange conveyor belt to disgorge those 7 or 8 bulky suitcases we had been toting around the Orient. Out came boxes, bales, satchels, cartons, bed rolls, trunks of every description; but no sigh of our impedimenta. I began to tremble; in the back of my mind, I could hear the facile excuses of the crowd over at Cathay Pacific - sorry, but your bags had been dispatched in error to Singapore, or Bombay; no effort would be spared to find them, but you must be patient, it may take a month before we'll get a report; besides the company's liability is limited as I'd have known had I but read the fine print on the back of the ticket.

Then, just as I was beginning to fizz like a Seidlitz powder, our suitcases catapulted onto that moving belt; I threw myself upon them, smothering them with kisses. The little Chinaman who called himself a customs inspector upon whose bench I fell, tapped my large bag, raised an eyebrow, and gave me that "What's-in-it?" look.

I told him it contained clothing.

"Open up", he said stonily. I complied, and with outstretched arm, he rummaged through every nook and cranny, visibly chagrined at finding no heroin.

"You intend to sell those clothes here? Are you an importer?", he asked, staring at me fixedly.

"Nope, just wear 'em", I answered.

"Yes, Yes". He closed the bag, scrawled a chalk mark that said "Visitor". His expression, inscrutable 'til now, became more scrutable.

"I take it you'll be conducting no business while you're here".

"Well I don't know," I hesitated.

"Would it be okay with you people if my friend and I buy a couple of suits?"

"Why, of course, my dear sir". Beaming, he whisked out a business card. "Here, look up my uncle, Stephen Shia, Reliance Tailoring Company. He'll treat you right. The address is 100 Nathan Road. Finest workmanship in Kowloon".

I thanked him effusively and, once aboard our cab to the Grand Hotel (misnomer), dropped the card out the window; life was complex enough without entangling myself in a web of Chinese family relationships.

We continued on to downtown Kowloon, passing a game of cricket in progress on the pitch of a local cricket club, in the very shadow of the Bank of China - striking testimony, if such were needed,

to British sangfroid. The Empire may be dissolving like a wet paper bag, the sun may be setting upon it, everywhere, but such amenities as cricket - and tea and scones - were being observed to the very end.

Safely ensconced in the Grand, my friends and I set about the next item on our agenda - those suits. We struck out purposefully for Reliance. Oh, there was a side trip to a Japanese bath, but of that, leave us say no more, except to add that it was TERRIFIC.

Miraculous to relate, we went right to the shop, tucked away upstairs in an office building. Six Chinese businessmen, whom I judged to be slaves of the poppy-seed roll, were huddled over coffee cups. We were obviously the only patrons.

We were greeted like long lost cousins. First, drinks were served. Then, would we be interested in any suits. Ken and I answered affirmatively. Bill and Ed proved chicken.

Bolts of cloth were pulled down by a couple of the elfish brothers; a couple of more worked me over with measurements. Two more had the tapes around Ken.

All the while, they were talking - all of them - at once. It was 3 in the afternoon. Can we come back chop-chop at 6 o'clock this evening. "Pourquoi?" I asked in my best pidgin English. "For the fitting, dear sir."

I was perplexed, but, at the risk of sounding boastful, I handled the problem deftly, with a minimum of fuss. I couldn't help but preen myself. Faced with like obstacles in understanding the ways and means of the Orient, any ordinary tourist would have thrown up his hands and quit. I, skilled in the ways of the East, met the challenge and triumphed. Well, maybe "triumphed" is a shade excessive and should be qualified. I replied, "Yes, I'll be back at 6."

In actual fact, we four were back at the appointed hour - slightly in our cups - but nonetheless we were there. The fittings, amidst more drinks - no suits without drinks in Hong Kong - went without incident - and we paid our respective tabs - and were on our way for some of the nightspots.

The garment arrived back home, some 7 or 8 weeks after I myself returned. Ken's arrived as well.

Were they catastrophic botches? Did they resemble mandarin coats of glazed black cotton with stand-up collars you wouldn't wear to a dogfight? Not on your life. They fit. We're writing back for reorders. They may take six months to arrive. Tell you what. If they're here by Peoria time, we'll model them for you at the Saturday night banquet.

右

BASE UMPIRE. "YER OUT!"

Kanji: Migi, noun, adj.—right

Salutes to JOHN "Jack" BONTJE (A 19th '50-'51), of 409 Brown, Larchwood, Iowa, who has just joined us. Jack was a POW "for a short time", he says. We knew he was wounded on 1/1/51. How about running over to Peoria in mid-August, Jack? It isn't far.

Word in from Col. JOY and Bobbette VALLERY who have retired to Fayetteville, N.C. Joy was 19th Inf. from 6/41 to 8/45. He was CO of Co. M, CO of I Co., Regt. S-4, E.O. of 3rd Bn. and EO of 1st Bn. Joy can't make Peoria; has a wedding in New England about that time.



It had been a long time - far too long - since we had laid eyes on BILL and Sherry LLEWELLYN, (34th '44-'46) who came over to our Chicago "clambake" from Western Springs, Ill. MIKE and Loretta RAFTER, (A 34 '41-'44), made the "soiree" too but like a few others missed getting photo'ed to prove it.



Great fun at any gathering of the clan are Bess O'SULLIVAN and DICK GOINY, (E 21st '44-'45), shown here, in somewhat sober moods, at our Chicago "caravansary" in April.



Simply wonderful was it to have that handsome couple, NICK and Kathryn SLOAN, (21st '42-'45), stop their work in Hoopston, Ill. to make the trek to Chicago with their most attractive young lady. They were a charming trio; each promised to try to repeat the performance at Peoria.



"I'll bet my pop can lick your pop!"

Oh, yes - we almost forgot. On that bouncing paratrooper up at Bragg who jumped with his sneakers on. What did they do; you ask? Well, finally, they had to shoot him to keep him from starving to death.

- And now, thirty -