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This applique goes forward to you with compliments. Put it on. Take it off. It requires no ironing, no gluing, no sewing. Don't stick it on paper if you intend to reuse it.

With this introduction, we announce a new feature, all in the solitary interest of raising dollars that our Division History might become a reality.

More on the History inside!

More on how to buy our appliques also inside.



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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.

To watch outgoing President FREDERICK A. IRVING preside as the head of the Association is like watching McDonald's turn out hamburgs. Smooth. Quiet. Efficient. Calm. Thank you, Fred, for a wonderful year.

Joined: DAVID and Sherri LOMAX (B 5th RCT '51-'52). They're in Henryville, Ind. Have you noticed how many of our members live in that belt which runs from Ill. through Ind., Ohio, Pa. and N.J. to N.Y.? Dave asks "How come no 5th Inf. crests?" We're still trying to locate some, David.

Peoria Lovelies: Ginny LOWRY, Helen KEPLER, Anne DUFF, and Ferol MORNHINIWICZ.



It's Sgt. (E-5) KATHLEEN HUNT, 24th Support Bn... Thanks, US Army, for this photo. Most of us wuz 30 years too soon, fellas.



Beauty hint: Take the heel of a cucumber and gently massage the complexion. It will give you a glossy, smooth look. Food note: French bread has more calories than Italian bread - about 65 calories richer per loaf.

Is Howard Hughes dead? Should Betty be surprised if she discovered Susan is having an affair? Will Liz and Burton go "permanent"? Newspapers and television were tormenting us with questions like these in August. We couldn't have cared less, for we were in Peoria for our annual phantasmagoria. The only outside problem that leaked through to us was that Gerry Ford was going to take over the hotel for a few hours two days after we departed it.

See where 200 of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders visited Ft. Carson for 4 weeks this summer. Recall when those wonderful soldiers were billeted next door to us during our tenure at Okayama, Honsha - circa Jan. - July 1946?

Heard from - after 8 years of nothing - FRED and Jo GILLIAM, (24 Sig. '40-'44), of 113 Williams, Springdale, Pa., who recently went to Oahu for their 30th honeymoon. Said Fred "Disappointed with Schofield. There 3 hours; saw only 3 men in uniform. Not like it used to be." That's what everyone seems to say, Fred.

Kind remembrances in from good friend, IVO OTEY, (Div.Hq. '46-'47), Oklahoma City, who also sends warm regards to ELMER VAN ZANT, (24th MP) and JOE NEE (Div.Hq.).

We got into this applique business because of an Association friend who makes the things.

They are self-sticking, pressure sensitive, non-staining color fast stick-ons, delightful for wearing on suits, dresses, jackets, coats.

Appliques can be applied to most fabrics in seconds and will stay on. Put them on and take them off for use again another day. Require no ironing, no glueing, no sewing. Save the plastic backing for storing when not wearing it.

Can be removed easily and can be reapplied to the same or any other surface.

For the reuseable feature, do not apply to paper.

They come in various sizes and mixed colors. We offer 8 styles with this issue. If we succeed, we'll be back with more styles in the next issue. If we bomb, so long brother.

Order 1 or 100; the unit cost is the same.

The per item cost is intentionally sufficient to cover postage and a modest profit to our Association reserve fund for helping to launch our Division History.

Sorry, we can't fill orders for specific colors. Items run on tapes and we pay out as we fill orders. Items alternate on tape, so - order 6 of one item for example and you'll get one of each color.

Complete report on sales effort will be made with each issue of Taro Leaf.

For now, we are offering these items:

Anchor and preserver

1 7/8" high

Colors: red, blue
and white

Unit cost: 40¢



Pussy cat

1 3/4" high

Colors: pink, yellow,
grey

Unit cost: 41¢



Tiger

1" high

Color: orange with
black and white

Unit cost: 37¢



Dachshund

1 1/2" high 2" long

Colors: pink, blue,
green, grey

Unit cost: 41¢



Owl

1" high

Colors: orange, red,
yellow, green, brown

Unit cost: 40¢



Rose

7/8" high

Colors: pink, red,
blue, yellow,
lavender, white

Unit cost: 32¢



Shamrock

7/8" high

Color: green

Unit cost: 33¢



Heart shaped floral design
3/4" high

Colors: pink, red, blue,
yellow, lavender, white

Unit cost: 36¢



ORDER FORM FOR APPLIQUES

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120 Maple St., Springfield, Mass. 01103

Send me the following order:

Quantity

_____	Anchor & preserver	@ 40¢ = \$ _____
_____	Tiger	@ 37¢ = \$ _____
_____	Heart of flowers	@ 36¢ = \$ _____
_____	Pussy cat	@ 41¢ = \$ _____
_____	Dachshund	@ 41¢ = \$ _____
_____	Owl	@ 40¢ = \$ _____
_____	Rose	@ 32¢ = \$ _____
_____	Shamrock	@ 33¢ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Our first issue of the new year is running a little late, for which apologies. Blame it all, if you must, on the Red Sox.

In a recent issue, we ran a few Nipponoodles which seemed to make a hit, at least with good friends Maj.Gen. CHESTER DAHLEN and his lovely Ursula. So we happily run a few more. For the uninitiated, it was a game we played while we occupied Japan. We'd take a Japanese word character, squint the eyes, and let the imagination soar. The possibilities were limitless.

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A TWO-HEADED ANCIENT EGYPTIAN

Kanji: Shichi, noun, a pledge

Treasurer's Report on the "Operating" (Checking) Account for the year 8/1/74-6/30/75:

Receipts for the 11 months reported on \$ 3457.50

Of this \$2655.50 was paid in dues
122.35 was paid for insignia
388.55 was paid in contributions
500.00 was paid in Life Memberships

Disbursements for the same period \$ 5687.50

These disbursements were broken down as follows:

Taro Leaf printing	2544.20
Taro Leaf photographs	27.73
Taro Leaf mailing costs	926.72
Membership Committee expenses '74 and '75	300.00
'74 Convention expenses	310.00
Patches, decals and crests	124.97
Bank service charges	4.83
Bad checks	100.00
Magazine subscriptions	31.00
Funeral flowers	36.75
Secretarial assistance	132.81
Stationery and other forms	53.06
Mailing envelopes	178.72
Mailing labels	13.87
Postage for statements	40.95
Mailing costs from Pacific trip	100.00

On hand, Security National Bank, Springfield, Mass. 6/30/75

Radio announcement for the Stockholm, Sweden, Bartender's Academy: "Due to inclement weather, there will be no skoal today."

Delightful story from KEITH and Violet PERKINS, (13th Field 11/53-10/55), of Arlington Heights, Ill. He told it to us at Peoria. It had to do with his time at the "Repple Depple" in Ft. Lewis. He said: "Another fellow and I were on a work detail for some six weeks (seems they lost our files)." Shall I stop right there? Had enough? "After the first few days, we conjured up a rather delightful scheme. At precisely 0950 the next day, we told the detail Sgt. that we had to go to C & D at 1000 hrs. He said 'O.K., but report back to me as soon as you are finished.' This we did and we continued our deceitful ways each day until one morning he asked, 'What the hell is C & D? Classification and what?'" 'Oh Sgt.'" I replied, 'That's coffee and donuts'. The C.O. happened by about that time and the Sgt. proceeded to tell him about our request. Needless to say, that evening our names were at the top of the KP list and two days later we were on our way to Korea." You have to see Keith's impish expression really to appreciate this one.

The most insignificant men in history-Lord Godiva, Grandpa Moses, and Whistler's father.

Off to the Sergeant Major Academy is 1st Sgt. CHARLIE SIZEMORE who was top kick of Co. B 2/19 Inf. at Stewart.

BILL GNAU, (13th F and 19th 3/43-8/45) of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., sent along a modest contribution that the "Peoria gang might better enjoy the drinks" - which we did. Thank you, Bill, on behalf of the gang who raised their glasses high.

Want some hometown twofers? Tumtum, Wash.; Soso, Miss.; Lulu, Fla.; Ty Ty, Ga.; Kokomo, Ind.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Hohokos, N.J.

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WOMAN RUNNING FROM BURNING HOUSE WITH BABY IN HER ARMS

Kanji: Kumi, noun, meaning a class, team

VIC and Fusako CASTRO, (24th MP '50-'51), of Berkeley, Calif. sends us a copy of the Division History issued to him the day he reported in at Kokura where he was an investigator, working for KEN PETERSON. Thanks, folks.

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SECOND STORY MAN

Kanji: So, noun, appearance, aspect

This reference to the Reserve Account was made at Peoria:

We now have 129 Life Members, 9 of our 138 members being deceased.

These 129 members have paid in a total of \$11,460.00, a total of \$1740.00 remaining yet to be paid.

The annual question arises as to what to do with this money, or any part of it, in the light of the unpleasant fact that our ranks are beginning to thin.

A year ago, a majority of our Life Members voted to authorize an expenditure of \$3000.00 to send a representative to Leyte for the October 20, 1974 anniversary. That the amount authorized was most generous is attested to by the fact that the \$3000.00 just about covered the incidental expenses of 4 representatives - not 1 - each of whom paid his own travel expense.

There does appear to be one demand or request that continues to be made from various quarters - the publication of a directory of names and addresses of our members. Such a project, if issued as an issue of Taro Leaf, would approximate \$2000.00 in cost.

Publishing a Division History seems impossible from the standpoint of the ready availability of a man who would write it. A compromise could be in the way of publishing what would amount to an "Anthology", a collection of pieces taken from various sources such as:

Children of Yesterday -
the Jan Valtin "story" of
the Division in WW II

The Hollandia After Action Report -
by Div. Hqs.

The Leyte After Action Report -
by Div. Hqs.

The Informal Story of Mindanao -
by Div. Hqs.

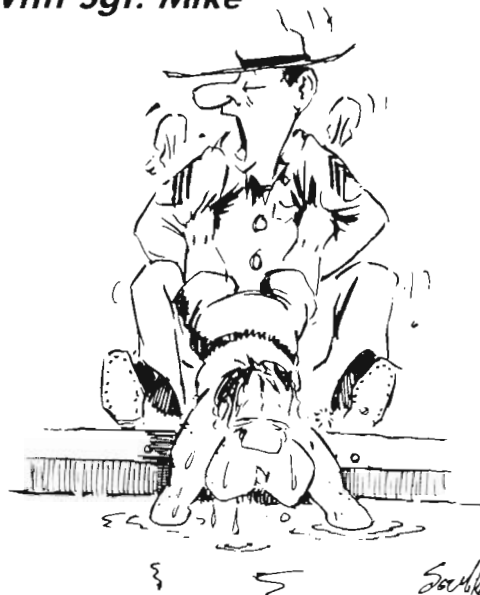
24th Forward - the Division's
Pictorial History of the
Division in Korea

The Best from dozens of other
source materials - as collected
by the Editor over a 30 year
period including some 500 - 600
photographs

The problem otherwise becomes one of publishing expense.

The ALFRED J. RIDGE's, (21st), of Readville, Mass., proudly pinned on the bars on the shoulders of their son, Lawrence, as he graduated in June from the Air Force Academy.

With Sgt. Mike



"OK - let's have th' next non-swimmer over here."

Assuming that the photo-offset technique, as presently used in publishing Taro Leaf, would be acceptable, consider these figures.

Assume a first edition of 1500 copies, the number of copies of the last Taro Leaf.

The last Taro Leaf - 1500 copies with 32 pages per copy - cost \$902.00 to print. That reduces to between \$28 and \$29.00 per page of a 1500 copy edition. The price decreases appreciably as the number of copies increases but it does not appear that we can risk printing more copies than there are members.

At these rates;
a book (unbound) of 100 pages would cost \$2900.00.
a book (unbound) of 500 pages would cost \$14,500.00.

If the membership would agree to contributing \$10.00 each for the printing, we could possibly offer:

- 1) a book of 500 pages complete with binding
- or
- 2) a book of 1000 pages unbound - the individual member assuming the responsibility of holding the sheets together as he saw fit.

The rest is up to you. If you want the history, let's hear it for \$10 from each member.

Proud are we to report that ROBIN BOOTH, (E 21st '51-'53), has checked in with his dues.

Cheery words in from JOHNNY KERNODLE down there in Burlington, N.C., busy as all get out with his practise in obstetrics and gynecology.

Generals we can meet everyday but not always their beautiful daughters. Meet Alice ROSENBLUM, a gracious Madison College sophomore and the lovely daughter of Brig.Gen. DONALD R. ROSENBLUM. By the way, this is not a U.S. Army photo. The Rosenblums have 7 - besides Alice, it's Jay (a Citadel freshman), Nancy (high school senior), Carol (high school junior), Sarah (8th grade), David (6th grade), Anne Patrick - Patrick? for a girl? (in the wonderful wonderful land of kindergarten). A terrific group.



FRANCIS HELLER, (Div.Arty., '42-'47), writes from Lawrence, Kans. on the stationery of the U. of Kans. School of Law: "Now that I am back to ordinary schoolteaching (no more of the administrative chores, that ended two years ago), I have to do my own typing and that tends to mean that I don't write those letters I want to get out quite as promptly as I could do in the days when I had a dictaphone, an administrative assistant, a personal secretary and two typists. I continue to read the Taro Leaf with interest tinged by a fair share of nostalgia. My five years with the Division are, I suppose, among the longer periods of association as far as that goes and I am always intrigued at the number of names in your columns that bring back immediate memories. The only one that I see with some regularity, usually at sports events, is Max Pitney who, after he retired, took an Administrative job at our medical center in Kansas City. My wife, Donna, who a few years ago went back to school and earned her own law degree - is now assistant attorney general for Kans., and, since the AG and no less than three of his assistants are running for offices other than the ones they now hold, she has to stick around during the summer - and I don't get much of a kick out of separate vacations. But we'll make it one of these years!" Thanks Francis. We're glad you wrote.

CARL TAYLOR, (860 Av Bn. 10/43-1/46), down in Las Vegas signals: "Still on Kidney machine 3 times a week; doing fine."

Good JIM MIMS, (114 PI team '44-'45) of 811 Lawson, Midland, Tex., writes us that a squib we wrote on him in an issue a year or so ago brought forth a note from a Chick who was on the LST that was knocked out at Red Beach, Leyte. Jim was thrilled. He sent us the name of a fellow Rotarian who just moved to Midland from Calif. He's JAMES S. BROWN, a Taro Leafer, now of 601 George St., Midland and Jim of course is now a member.

Now one of the boys: RAYMOND and Nancy DICAIMILLO, (E 19th '42-'45), of Montrose, Calif. A dozer operator for the county, Ray writes: "Glad to be in - always wondering where everyone is - and how they are". We try to fill that bill, Ray.

From JOHNNY and Toyoko EADIE, (L 19th '40-'45 and '48-'51), of Bay Shore, N.Y.: "Did you hear the one about the Italian that called the airline and asked, 'How long does it take to fly to Italy?' The girl was pretty busy, so she said, 'Just a minute'. The Italian said, 'Thank you very much', and hung up. That'll be all Johnny and Toyoko.

Duns faithfully come in every August first from Dick and Agnes GARRITY (3rd Eng. 3/41 - 9/44), of 14312 Chesterfield, Woodbridge, Va. Dick gives us his definition of an editor: an editor is one who separates the wheat from the chaff and prints the chaff. You're hitting close to home there, Dick.

Sold, his automotive parts business, and now MAJOR HAYWOOD, (21st 9/42-11/45), works for the state - vocational education. He and Imogene have changed their address - try 37 E.Noel, Madisonville, Ky.

Promising to be with us at Savannah-Stewart are DON and Shirley McHALE, (19th) Jupiter, Fla. Shirley has been through more surgery but is recovering nicely. Rheumatoid arthritis and aortic arthritis (muscular) is the diagnosis. One wasn't enough; Shirley had to have two. Plucky gal, though. 'til we meet in Georgia, kids.

CHARLEY JAMESON, (F & AT 21st '44-'45), of Bridgewater, Va., wants us to consider Norfolk, Va. for a convention site. It's the home of the MacArthur Museum, of course - reason enough in our book. Charley, feed us some material and we'll use it. We'll promote any town if a member will supply the material. We detest this annual insanity where we go to the convention, each unprepared, and then fight like H--- for Oskosh or Joplin or someplace else, concerning which nobody knows absolutely nothing. Get that material in, Charley.



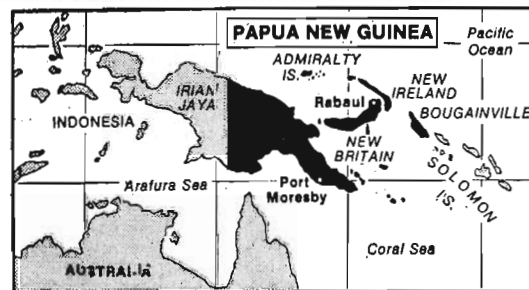
BERT LOWERY and BOB HARDIN at Peoria.

MIKE WASKIEWICZ, (G 19th '41-'45), of Omaha, Nebr., wants "material on the New Guinea Campaign for the 19th". It'll be in our Division history, now underway. Out in late '76, hopefully. \$10 will assure you of a copy, Mike.

Men of H of the 19th '43-'45. You've got your work cut out for you. TOM EVANS wants to hear from you. He's at Sharon, Pa.



BILL GREGORY and HENRY GOSZTYLA at Peoria. Henry reports a new address for Maj.Gen.HARRY L. JONES. It's 7725 Gran Quivira, El Paso, Tex.



JOHN TRINCA and MIKE RAFTER. Johnny was overwhelmed by the report that Papua, New Guinea has gained its independence from Australia. Says Johnny, "Can you imagine them as the 139th country in the U.N.?"

The '76 Convention site is the DeSoto Hilton, Savannah, Ga., and the dates are Aug. 13, 14 & 15. Room rates, according to Col. ARTHUR RICHARDS, our Stewart liaison O., will be \$17 for a single and \$23 for a double. What a real break that is.

Recently, a state senator in Mich., was arrested and charged with the possession of hashish and marijuana. Not long before his arrest he had sponsored a bill to "decriminalize" the possession of pot. Is that what you call a "conflict of interest"?

BOB HALLOCK (CO Div.Arty 1951) and Lillie recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in San Antonio. Their 3 daughters and 3 sons-in-law, all Army people, hosted a cocktail buffet supper attended by 10 of their 11 grandchildren and 100-plus relatives and other old friends, including 6 members of the original wedding party. Our hearty congratulations to this happy couple. We went all out to save the pup in the lower right.



Kitchen-snooping: Add a dash of rum when cooking thinly-sliced carrots for a flavor treat....Mix cut-up prunes with diced roasted almonds; spoon onto squares of yellow cooked squash; sprinkle with chives and heat in moderate oven..... Core apple, fill with your favorite cheese and bake.

MIKE RAFTER and BERT LOWRY told one and all at the bar that some of the bar booze was contributed by EZRA BURKE, (21 Med. '46-'51), who couldn't leave Orlando, Fla. for the Peoria party.



Joined: ARLAND and Petty WAGONHURST, (K 21st 10/45 - 6/48; 5th Inf. 11/50-3/52; and 2nd Brigade CO and ADC of Div. 7/68-12/69). Now at Carlisle, Pa., Wag says: "Served in every officer rank except Lt.Col. and general officer during Division service". Top that, we say to the rest of you.

Like the witches in Macbeth, a note from JIM and Christa Lee COOPER, of 9604 Lagrima De Oro, Albuquerque, N.Mex., is a premonition, a brief but unequivocal notice that the glory days are numbered. For Jim had 2 tours with us: G 19th 10/49-6/51 and Hq. 34th '57 until, says Jim, "it became the 1st Cav. late in '57". What a horrible thought. When he wrote, Jim was with Radio Shack, but was planning on his own store. Let's hear it for Jim - our best wishes on the new venture go with you.

Recent Wahoo visitors were Gimlets CHET and Gloria ANDREZAK and DICK GOINY. SHY LUM hosted in his typical grandiose style. What a one man chamber of commerce!

Gals in West Point et al? It's being legislated. We say, "Let'em in and get it over with." Are we ready for the change? Must the male establishment grudgingly give in? Why ask if we're ready? Do we think of being ready for anything in these hectic days? Do we analyze, evaluate, assess before we make any move? Of course not. We're Americans. We jump in feet first. And while we're about it, let's be sure to go the whole way. Remove all combat restrictions. Open all positions to those who can qualify - up to and including a rifle in the line. Welcome aboard ladies.

We're delighted to use this one of the WILLIAM FARVER (Div.Hq. 1/46-11/46), family down there in Caseville, Mich. It's Georgina and BILL in the background. Natch. Up front, meet Pat, 20, Mike, 23, and lil Billy, 4.





"No, no, no, Al, just the shoes!"

We're looking for a title for our forthcoming history. And we'd welcome your suggestion. Any prizes? Indeed!! For the best five suggestions, we'll present complimentary first edition copies of the book. We've considered:

"The Story of a Division
A Bit of Autobiography and A Few Biographies"

"Memorabilia of a Division
An Anthology"

"Anthology of a Division
A Collection of Memorabilia"

"A Division - the 24th Reminiscences"

"The Victory Division
At War - and the Times Between the Battles"

"Reminiscences of a Division
A Commemorative Anthology"

"A Division's Celebration"

"Down Memory Lane"*

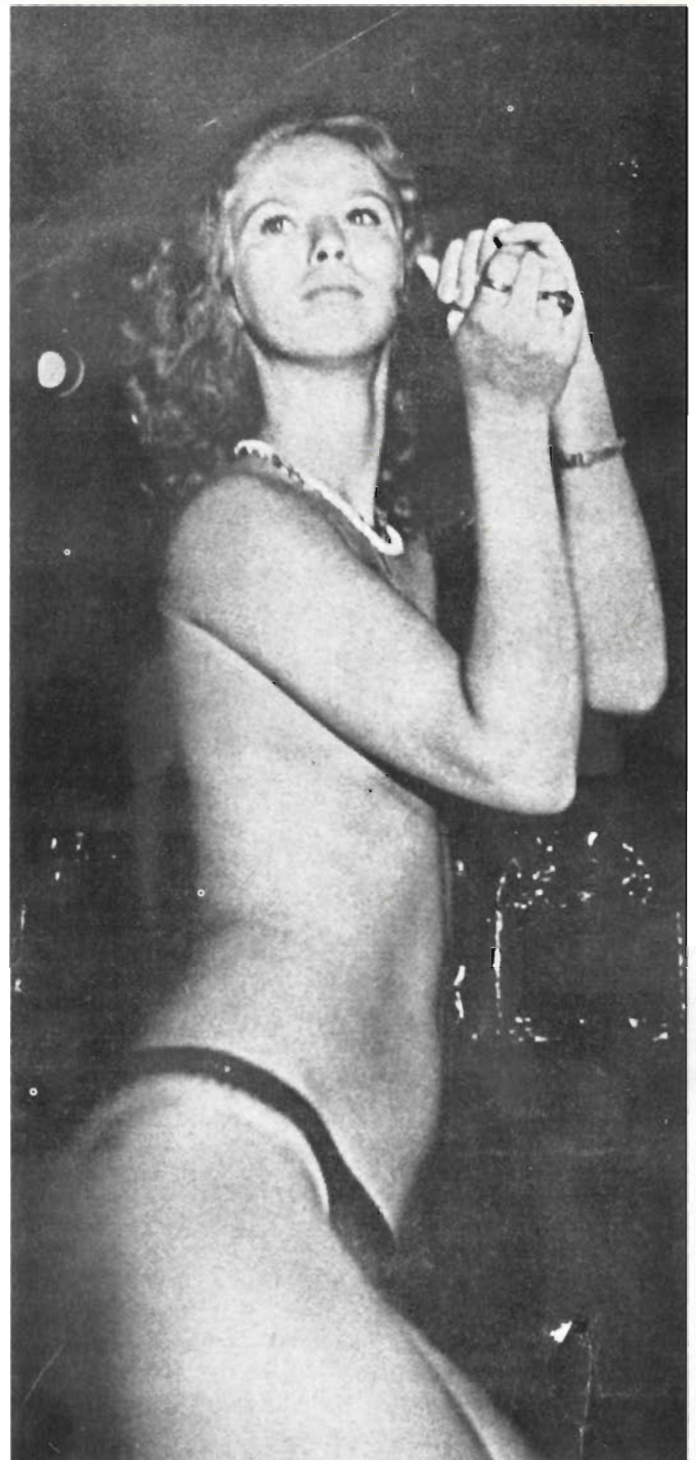
"Danger, Over and Out"

"Danger, Forward - and Rearward Too"

"V for Victory"

* Don't say it. We thought so too!!

Can't joint the Girl Scouts, eh?
Remember it men when, come next March,
they try to sell us those --- -----
cookies.



Stiff-necked Navy brass found that topless dancer, Cat (for Catherine) Futch had wiggled her way onto the nuclear-powered submarine Finback and stripped to her G-string to entertain crewmen and officers as the sub headed for sea from Port Canaveral, Fla. The skipper, Comdr. Connelly D. Stevenson, 41, caught all kinds of Hell. Ensign Pulver would have loved her. It all proves that today's Navy is more on the side of no-no than of go-go. Why can't we be troubled with such problems.

As of Peoria time, we had 1201 members: 129 were Life Members, 348 were paid up to and through 8-1-76, 177 were "freebees" (being enticed into formally paying dues), 542 were members with dues for the year, 8/1/75 - 8/1/76 yet to be paid, and 5 were totally disableds and hence members with our compliments.



Joined our ranks hath OPAL and Emogene ELMORE, (M 19th 4/41 to 11/44), of Rt. 4, Clendenin, W.Va. Their 2 young men are Roger (25) and Tim (20). We're happy to have them in our club.

Pvt. (E-2) SAMIA A. LEBRON logs in a message at the 24th Support Bn. Msg.Ctr. U.S.Army photo.



Talk about our tough language - reconcile neon, people, and leopard.

Hot weather tip: The National Shoe Institute estimates it takes 48 hours for a shoe to dry properly after it's been dampened by perspiration - and says it should not be reworn during that period.



Peoria folks: Standing - our new President BILL BYRD and lovely First Lady, Margaret. Sitting - the equally lovely Nora LUSZCZ and her man, BERNARD.

Men of B of the 11th Field will remember him as "Tommy" but for the record it is MAURICE C. THOMPSON. Then he hailed from Nebraska but for the last 15, he and Lorraine have called Aurora, Colorado home. It's 1003 Quentin St., in case you write. Adds Maurice: "When Herbert Hoover was President, he gave all his salary back to the government. The idea caught on, and now they've got us all doing it."

SP4 EDITH M. LORNSON operates 24th Support Bn. copier. Pvt. (E-2) SAMIA A. LEBRON is on the right. U.S.Army photo.



Item for a lull-in-conversation: "World population at the end of '74 was estimated at 3,988,000,000 - about 1,000,000,000 more than 15 years ago.

Sprinkle a steak lightly with instant onion soup mix before broiling for a unique flavor.

Ex Gimlet BILL WILLMOT writes: "Am still employed here at the Kennedy Space Center in Fla. as Emergency Preparedness Officer. In Dec., completed 30 years of government service.....Two years ago, was honored by being nominated for a writeup in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. A few weeks ago, I received word that I would be written up in the forthcoming edition of Men of Achievement. For the past several years, I've been very active in the Society of Wireless Pioneers. I helped organize the Edison Chapter which covers the Southeastern U.S. and last year became Vice President for Public Relations...I just learned that my old WW II Section Chief, EUGENE HERMANN, is alive and well up in Bimidi, Minn. We're proud of you, Bill.

Sp 4 DENNIS LANE likes the Army, wants a service career, and has the potential the Army desires, but to reenlist a high school diploma is necessary. An exciting new education program at the 1st Brigade, is helping Lane and others to quickly gain the credits needed for graduation.

"It is difficult for personnel who haven't finished high school to attend the PREP Program at the Education Center since classes are held during duty hours and the Brigade does a lot of field training," said Captain STEVEN L. MOSES, education officer. "Classes are held four hours each morning at the Brigade classrooms and run for two weeks each session."

The three battalions of the Brigade pull what is known as "duty battalion," an arrangement in which two battalions go to the field of training while the other remains in garrison performing maintenance details and support requirements. Individual commanders of the "duty battalion" can free the non-high school grads to attend school.

The self paced courses are condensed so that the soldiers can get 40 hours of instruction while they are in garrison. The instruction is programmed so that it would be possible to have different students working on different programs each at his own individual rate based on how fast he learns. On completion of a subject, pupils are tested and their grades are sent to the College of Charleston which passes them to the R.B. Stall High School for evaluation and credit. When enough credits are earned, a high school diploma (not a mere equivalency) is issued.

How quickly the credits can be amassed depends on how many are needed; a student might obtain a diploma after a single two weeks of instruction. If he already possesses only a few credits it will take longer.

Much depends on the individual's ability, motivation and determination. The State of South Carolina issues the diplomas. The College of Charleston hires the instructors in cooperation with the Ft. Stewart Education Center. VA funds the program.

"The Brigade has an average of about 85 non-high school graduates per battalion," Captain Moses said. "The educational level varies from eighth or ninth grade to twelfth. DA regulations prohibit reenlistment without a diploma so it is important for the soldier without one to get it as quickly as possible if he hopes to stay in the Army. It is important for his own self satisfaction, also," he said.

Since the classrooms are only used during the mornings for high school instruction, plans are being made for college classes in the afternoons. St. Leo's College located in Florida is designing programs for college classes using the same concept as those for the high school group. What a program!

Singer Bobby Vinton says, "The average man has 66 pounds of muscle, 40 pounds of bone and 3½ pounds of brain - which seems to explain a lot of things!"

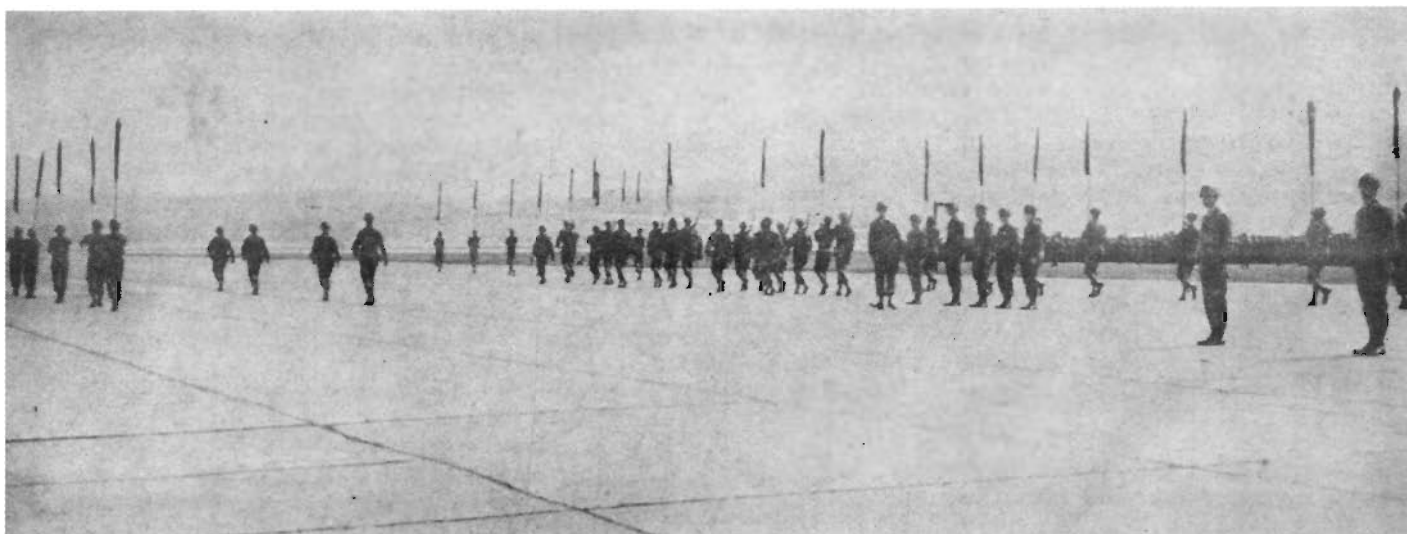
We'll crowd a few of the Peoria bunch into this one, like bananas. Sitting,



it's JOHNNY TRINCA, Glad LUMSDEN, and Ginny LOWRY. Standing, it's BERT LOWRY, Lieut. KALA, FRANK WALAS, SPIKE O'DONNELL, HOWIE LUMSDEN, TOM COMPERE, and MIKE RAFTER.

Old friend, Col. HARRY RUBIN, retired from active service on Aug. 8th. Retirement ceremonies were held at Stewart on that day.





This was the closing Riley scene more than five years ago - April 15, 1970. A terminal moment; a sad ending; a bitter day. The 24th colors had been cased. That's all there was; there wasn't any more. Or was there?

Indeed there was!!



June 14th, 1975. Army's birthday. Our rebirth at Stewart. B. General DONALD E. ROSENBLUM inspects the more than 2000 troops. It was a grand weekend, last June 14 - 15. You were represented by your Association officers, President FREDERICK A. IRVING (and lovely Vivian), Vice President WILLIAM M. BYRD and ourselves. Others in attendance were General BARKSDALE HAMLETT, former C.G., EDMUND F. HENRY, WILLIAM SANDERSON, ROBERT DUFF, GERALD STEVENSON, JAMES O'DONNELL, and FRANK WALES. U.S. Army photo.



Col. KENNETH C. LEUER, Dep. Bde. Cdr., presents the troops to Gen. Rosenblum. They had marched onto Donovan's Field, the largest parade we'd ever seen, to hear the official reading of the activation orders and to hear Gen. Rosenblum say, "You are the fresh start of the Victory Division. You have a great deal to be proud of and I am proud of you". U.S. Army photo, in case you didn't guess.



A closeup of the 2nd Bn., 34th Inf. before the parade post. Static displays were on hand to show the job each unit on post has. There were anti-tank and mortar platoons demonstrating the infantry, a howitzer depicted the artillery and a helicopter was displayed. A 20-foot crane from the 92d Bn. held up a camouflaged parachute from the 1st Bn. (Ranger), 75th Inf., that was used as a tent for refreshments and the birthday cake. The brigade units held parties in the afternoon to celebrate the activation and the Army's birthday. Officers' ball and non-commissioned officers balls were held that evening. U.S. Army photo.



Officers on the line. The brigade is almost 3 times as large as the entire Army approved by the Continental Congress 200 years ago. Think of it. U.S. Army photo.



The Bicentennial Color Guard moves forward. Word is that the uniforms are authentic Georgia revolutionary uniforms. Great show. U.S. Army photo.



It was a happy, hot day at Stewart - June 14th - as General DONALD E. ROSENBLUM passed the colors to the 1st Bn., 35th Field Artillery. 35th? Did the Pentagon get things screwed up - again?



Furled colors. U.S. Army photo. What grand hosts, General Rosenblum and his gang. Their reception of us was TERRIFIC.

Colors of the 2nd Bn., 34th Inf., are unfurled by Gen. Rosenblum. U.S. Army photo.



2nd Bn., 34th Inf., with its colors unfurled. Thrilled were we to see those colors flying once again. The Division personnel partied us from morning 'til night - formal ceremonies and parade - birthday cake - exhibits - luncheon - visitations - banquet - and dance. A tremendous effort on everyone's part. What impressed us most was the PRIDE - so evident everywhere - pride in their activity, pride in themselves, pride in their Division. Oh yes, almost forgot. It's a U.S. Army photo. Army insists on this, you know.



The 24th Band leads the pass in review. Yep - a Division Band once more. U.S. Army photo.



2nd Bn., 19th Inf., passes in review. U.S. Army photo. We'd like to sneak just one through here that isn't an Army photo.



This is more like it!! These are the colors being unfurled by Gen. ROSENBLUM before passing to the 2nd Bn., 34th Inf. U.S. Army photograph.



The colorful color guard passes in review. Tremendous! U.S. Army photo.



2nd Bn., 21st Inf., passes in review. Wait'll you see the parade ground. Big enough for 3 divisions. U.S. Army photo.



This one takes the cake. It's Generals DONALD E. ROSENBLUM and FREDERICK A. IRVING cutting Stewart's 200th birthday cake following the 1st Brigade activations. U.S. Army photo.



"Yeah, well I may be small, but just remember, it ain't th' length of th' ship dat makes ya sick — it's da motion a'da ocean!"

Meet RAY and Willoa WHALEY, (Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 21st '42-'45), of Greenwood, Mo. Ray and VINNIE LAROCCO keep in touch - in fact, it's because of Vinnie that these folks joined - but Ray "would like to hear from others of the old gang."



We've sent nearly \$200 billion in aid and credits to 138 foreign countries since the end of WW 2. That's 40% of the entire U.S. national debt (\$474 billion).

With us now is retired Col. BEVERLY M. READ, now of Lexington, Va. We're proud to have served with Bev on Leyte, Mindoro and Mindanao. Later he commanded the 19th Battle Group, then the 1st Brigade, and also was Div. C/S. Now he's running the Alumni Assoc. at UMI.

Joined: BOB PERGRAM, (B 34th Korea), of Oneida, Tenn. Bob is 100%; lost his right leg in Korea. We're proud to have you with us, Bob.

For that logy feeling the morning after: Heat a can of tomato juice, sprinkle with pepper and drink it down. Should help!

HERBERT and Ethel KINGSBURY, (C 34th '43-'45), of 1368 Evergreen, Schenectady, N.Y., became grandparents last May 18 - a boy, Steven - and again on June 13 - a girl, Christina. Ethel says that with the second one, Herb had the delighted look of someone who had just been shot.

Friendly words from VINCENT and Evelyn PIRAINO, out there in Franklin, Wis.:

"I was with Service Company, 21st from May '49 to May '51, in Japan and Korea. I also spent 3 years with the 25th Division (11th Field Artillery) in Hawaii from '61 to '64, and that made me feel close to the 24th again, although it was in Europe at the time, I believe. I retired from the Army in '67, went back to school for a year or so and got my Master's Degree in Educational Psychology. In '68, I went to work as a federal project evaluator for the Milwaukee Public Schools and have been there ever since. I also act as computer programmer and statistics consultant for the Research Department, where I am employed. I like my job real well. My boss, the Director of the Research Department, is a retired reserve Lt. Colonel, so we get along first rate. Evelyn, and I have five children: David, in apartment development business; Mary, a high school art teacher; Richard and Judith, college students; and Janet, high school sophomore. None married yet, but we're hoping. Best regards from an old Gimlet."

Wrote MO BERGAN, (Cn 34th '42-'45), of Ridgeway, Iowa, in paying his dues and throwing in \$13 "for the kitty": "The Leyte issue was a dandy and Red's article on Pawing and Moon's Stand was a Masterpiece; sure brought back memories".

HOMER PRICE (Hq. 21st) came on all the way from Seattle, Wash. for his first, the Peoria convention. Homer was sorry to see that the FRITZ WEBERS failed to make it from Lumber Bridge, N.C. Fritz had signalled that they were going to fly up in their own plane.



Treasurer's Report on the "Reserve"
(Savings) Account for the year 8/1/74 -
8/1/75:

In the Attleboro, Mass.
First Federal Savings and Loan
Assoc. as of 8/1/74 \$15,581.39

Withdrawn for the Ross-Henry-
Stevenson-Sanderson 10/20/74
Return to Leyte 3,000.00

Earned interest 8/1/74-
8/1/75 962.16

In the Attleboro, Mass.
First Federal Savings and Loan
Assoc. as of 8/1/75 \$13,543.55

The Reserve Account represents the
Life Membership fees and interests
accumulated thereon.

Thanks go to ED COLE for those
giveaway golf balls at Peoria.

A special benefactor, JOE McKEON,
who sent in \$100.00 from Arleta, Calif.
We're crediting it to the History
project, Joe. You're a wonder.

DAVE DOBSON, (Div. Band 11/46-12/47),
of 940 Main, Reedsburg, Wis. has retired.
He was Police Chief in Reedsburg. Heart
attack '71. Heart surgery '71. Another
attack '72. We recall your band very
well Dave; we watched as you went all
over Kyusha giving concerts, making
parades, and running special service
shows. You were a great outfit. Your
leader, Gene Papi, was our special
friend until he passed away some years
ago.



It's HENRY, EDMUND HENRY, and in the
foreground JERRY VON MOHR. 'Tis said that
Ed Henry, like Leonard Nimoy as "Mr. Spock",
has done more for pointed ears than
10,000 leprechauns.

Writes GORDY BEHREL, (19th 3/44-12/45),
of Downers Grove, Ill.; "When I went in
the service, my wife-to-be was only 12
so we don't have the same thoughts about
WW II, but she nicely puts up with all
my old war stories, for which I am
grateful."

FRANK KAWA, ED HENRY, new Veep
HOWARD LUMSDEN and his precious "bride"
Gladys. Lum, as well as serving this
year as our Veep, is doubling in brass
as our Membership Chairman. No member
ever worked harder for us than has Lum -
and Glad is in there pitching, too.



The following contributions were
made and gratefully acknowledged during
the 11 month period 8/1/74 - 6/30/75:

Morris Bergan	5
Cleon Echler Jr.	5
LeRoy Crucius	10
William Keyes	5
John Thornburg	10
Donald Baker	5
Stuart Stillwell	5
Clinton Hayes	5
Ernest Vienneau	5
Harmon Moore	20
Jerome Cassidy	10
Gordon Behrel	15
James Herring	5
Lawrence Daly	5
William Mullins	5
Edward Shirley	10
Clyde Harmon	10
Joseph Cantalupo	5
John O'Sullivan	5
Edmund Henry	5
Walter Johnston	10
Robert Luhrsen	10
Charles Hornyak	5
Raymond Raszkowski	5
Frank Lopez	15
Joseph McKeon	20
Richard Peifly	5
Vincent LaRocco	5
Robert Treadway	20
Edward Macadlo	5
J.T. O'Connor	5
Roy Frost	5
Donald McHale	5
Lewis Durden	1
William Fiebig	5
Homer Price	10
Lester Thomas	5
Frederick Irving	25
Harold DeJong	1.50
Allen Coffman	10
Leslie Flatt	2
Robert Hallock	5
James McGinty	5
Elmer Diskan	5
Theodore Geelhoed	4.35
Lacy Barnett	4.70
Richard Lum	5.00



Meet CH (Cpt.) DALE M. MARSH, 2nd Bn., 19th, Chaplain, of the 1st Brigade.

Joined: Dr. BILL SWANSON, (Medics 8/50-5/51) of Weatherford, Okla. Bill, a Prof. of Language Arts at Southwestern Oklahoma State U. in Weatherford, wants especially to hear from MIKE BYRNE, LEW BOWMAN, 1st Sgt. later WO BILLY LYELL, and Capt. DON SNODGRASS.

BENTLEY CALDWELL, (Recn.) and HOMER PRICE, (21st), were in agreement that Loretta RAFTER did wonders in taking the bulk of our Peoria pictures. Thanks Loretta. you're a wonder.



In clockwise manner, you'll recognize JACK and Norma HALLENGREN, (724th '42-'45) and LOU and Claire DUHAMEL (Cn. 21st '44-'45) at our Peoria bash.



At the Peoria bar - Convention Chairman GERRY STEVENSON, MIKE RAFTER, Convention Co-Chairman BERT LOWRY, and IVAN E. HALL. Great jobs, Gerry and Bert.

Insiders say John Dean and his wife Mo will realize \$2 million from their Watergate books, his lectures and essays and the novel he wrote while in prison.

Recovering beautifully from surgery is Margaret PEYTON. JOE, (19th), kept the whole thing a secret from us until it was all over, though he did find the time to send along a hefty \$25.00 contribution that we may keep going. Margaret, at Peoria, you never looked lovelier - or healthier.

Joined: VIRGIL and Dolores ANDERSON, (21st '49-'50), down there in Granite Falls, N.C. Virgil sent along \$ for some regimental crests and shoulder patches of which we have a modest supply.

C.H. "Bronko" ANDERSON, (MP Co. and 63rd Field 9/41-5/45), reports in from Las Vegas, Nev. where he's a boy's ph.ed. teacher and coach. With a chuckle Bronko says, "I must be one of the youngest of the originals. I was only 50 last May. I was a terrific liar in '41."

This is Bill BYRD, JR., son of Prexy BILL and Margaret BYRD, SR. He's playing football at Ark Tech this fall. Good looking fella there.



Over the years, we wrote the copy and collected the pictures and cartoons et al for what we hoped would one day appear in every bookstore in the land as our history, "The Autobiography of a Division". The title was to be expressive of the idea that our own members had been responsible for the text. The dream behind this involvement concept was that it would serve as a medium for attracting into our fold thousands of new Association members. Ours was the belief that every normal man, knowing of its being written, would adore to "get in" the book. Alas, the history was not to be for the real spark to ignite the flame to light the room to build the house that Jack built was never forthcoming. That this gathered material might not go completely to waste, that the space in our basement might be turned over to other pursuits, we moved into Peoria with a "3 and 2 pitch". We argued for the publication, hopefully by August of '75, of an "Anthology", same to represent a collection of memorabilia, articles concerning Division as written by others and by some of our own, supported by our collected photos and what notes all to cover Division days from '41 to the present. The debate was hot and heavy. The proposal seemed to make sense if every member (1200 and possibly more) would come forward now with at least a \$10 bill for the Treasury, thus insuring himself of his copy. No tickee, no shirtee; it's going to have to be that kind of a deal.

More as to cost. \$10 a copy, you ask? This is to be a BOOK, man, and it costs money to publish a book. And that's where our gang went beserk. As any thinking man knows, you don't publish without a cushion, and because the weeks will rattle by before this message will sink in, the idea was neatly summarized by Maj.Gen.AUBREY S. NEWMAN, one time C/S, and one time Association President, that the gamble represented here ought to be protected by the \$15000 squirreled in the Association savings account - same to be used to meet expenses but only if need be and only in the unhappy event that the membership doesn't come through in a supporting way. With these considerations in mind, the sense of those in attendance at the Annual Meeting was that we should go forward, assume the risk, and get the book out, if possible, by the time of the Savannah reunion come August. If you like the pitch, we'll welcome your \$10. Red Newman has beat you to it with \$50, but there's still time. If you don't like the pitch, we'll get the message. You don't have to hit us over the head with a shovel.

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TWO GUYS AND A GAL

Kanji: Naburu, verb, make sport of

Heavy contributors to the Division History project include, as of press time:

Maj.Gen.Frederick A.Irving	\$ 50.00
Maj.Gen.Aubrey S. Newman	50.00
James "Spike" O'Donnell	25.00
Joseph I. Peyton	100.00

To each, we acknowledge the gratitude of the membership.

FOR SALE: Crests of the 11th, 13th and 52nd Field, also the 3rd Eng. @\$2.00 each. Write the Sec'y.-Treas. We expect to have the Crests of the 63rd within 2 months.

Cooks of the 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. run during PT (physical training). They run in the afternoon. Note the guidon. The staff is a mop handle. The mop head is used for the streamers. The flag is a white apron.



We like the words of Samuel Butler: "It takes more trouble and as much risk to adopt a son as to get one in the ordinary way."

We'll send no Christmas cards this year and we'll ask that you not waste your good money on us. We've got to bring Hallmark and the Postal Service into line somehow.

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HUMPTY DUMPTY ON THE WAY DOWN

Hiragana: sound of "mo"

The Division Band and the Bicentennial Color Guard have been filmed for appearance on the Nov. 14th Mike Douglas TV show.

It's VIRGIL and Dolores ANDERSON, (21st '49-'50), of Granite Falls, N.C. Their one son, Lee, is 20, proving that they do grow up in time, something we all knew but hated to admit.



Peoria threesome: EVERETTE C. WOODRUFF (52 F '42-'45), of Crawfordville, Ark., Maj. Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN, (19th, Div. Hq., 34th '39-'45), of Sarasota, Fla., and GORDON S. MACKENZIE, (52F '42-'45) of Medford, Ore.



Writes BOB HALLOCK, (CO Div. Arty. 4/51 - 12/51), from San Antonio, Tex.: "Read about membership cards. Why not just forget them? I don't need any. I have a desk drawer full of them, and never look at them. Regards to all. Bob Hallock". Music to our ears, Bob. They're a real nuisance.

A 25th Div. man reports in. Charley Toohey of 16 Roseen Ave., Weymouth, Mass. sends us a \$10 bill and writes: I really enjoy reading each and every issue of the Taro Leaf. I belong to five veterans organizations and receive their mail but none, can compare with the Taro. Is there no end to your talent?? Keep up the good work. I'm a 25th Div. man myself but many of our members are also members of the 24th Div. Assoc. I've had very good cooperation from other veterans organizations in promoting the PHSA and with space permitting, I'd really appreciate a small plug in the Taro. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn. is seeking out all survivors that were at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 between 7:45 and 9:55 a.m. the morning of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This includes all branches of the service at the time. For information contact Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn. 16 Roseen Ave., Weymouth, Ma. 02188. There you are Charley. And thanks for that praise.

Heart attack it was for LACY BARNETT, Administrator for Union City (Ind.) Memorial Hosp. But he's now out of that job by doctor's orders. So card him now at Box 167, Winchester, Ind. "Progressing O.K." reports Lacy.

JOHNNY BORZILLERI, now at 106 Fairgate, Rochester, N.Y., has returned from Denmark, bringing with him a new wife. Congratulations, Johnny and Ingier.

TOM COMPERE, BILL BYRD and HOMER PRICE are enjoying a Peoria story. It's the one just sent in by mail by Maj. Gen. NUMA WATSON, (Div. Hq. 2/51-11/51). Numa, in paying his dues and including a little extra for "postage or whatever" added a p.s. which went: "Did you hear about the FBI finding Patty Hearst? They found her in a nudist camp. But they had to let her go. They couldn't pin anything on her." A little out of date but we think we'll use it anyway.



The President's Corner:

It was a statement often heard at Peoria..."You mean General Rosenblum and his wife are here...and the band.... and the Color Guard?" Then another would add, "Yes, and his Aide and Command Sergeant Major are also here." What a treat!

As if this Ft. Stewart assemblage wasn't enough, they gave away 300 24th Div. license plates in color and turned in 73 new members to add to the 27 already on the rolls from "Stewart", with more coming in.

Band Leader SSG DEWEY H. ANDERSON arranged special numbers from the '40/'60 era for dancing, but the climax came when they played the 24th Division song.. more than a few tears were noticed, and then all hell broke loose...everyone advanced to the dance floor, marching by two's, then four's, then eight abreast. The column of eights, row after row by the ex-GI's wasn't quite as impressive as the parade at Stewart on Flag Day, June 14th, but it satisfied the crowd...just what the Doctor ordered.

With Gen. ROSENBLUM as convention chairman next year at Savannah, and HOWARD LUMSDEN as membership chairman, this will be a banner year, our greatest.

More good news...I have just been advised that the regular room rate normally \$31.00 for a single at the DeSoto-Hilton, next year has been reduced to \$17.00 single, a special military rate. Guess what Georgia member arranged this?

Next issue..."Objectives for next year." Give us your ideas...We're listening.

I am thrilled with the honor of serving as your President - humbly proud thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Bill Byrd

ED and Mary POMEROY, (A 21 5/51-5/52), of 72 Cook, Lawrenceburg, Ind., send in the suggestion that we make division and regimental colors available. We've got division patches and 19th and 21st crests available if you want them. \$1.00 per patch; \$3.65 per set of crests. Ed reports that he recently had to go to NYC. He says "I won't say there's mugging in Central Park, but I did see a squirrel with a neck brace."

Vice Prexy HOWARD LUMSDEN, Past Prexy BERT LOWRY, and BOB SHAY at the Lowry farm in Lomax, Ill. recently following a chase of the sciuridae.



If you're trying to reach Past Prexy ROSS PURSIFULL, (34th '41-'45), try 2336 Edgewood S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. Moved again.

New Division C/S - Col. LAWRENCE E. ZIMMERMAN, who assumed the duty as of last June 27th, coming from Lewis where he commanded the 3rd Brigade of the 9th Inf. Div. for 2 years.

Jean SKIRBLE, wife of BILL, (L 19th), of 344 West College, Canonsburg, Pa., suffered a heart attack last March. "Doing fine now" reports Bill. We're pulling for her.

Kitchen-snooping: Add a dash of rum when cooking thinly-sliced carrots for a flavor treat....Mix cut-up prunes with diced roasted almonds; spoon onto squares of yellow cooked squash; sprinkle with chives and heat in moderate oven.... Core apple, fill with your favorite cheese, and bake.



Meet M/Sgt. BRADLEY R. BRUCE, (C 21st '48-'50), of Columbus, Ga. Brad has retired, after 27 years, and is now a security guard. Brad wants contact with men of Charley Co. of his period. He and Beulah have 2, Charles 27, and Joan 30. We welcome them to our club.

When it comes to obituaries - regretfully a must for every issue - we like to recall the Mark Twain words: "Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry."

Died - in April, GARLAND M. ROBERTS, 21st, in Richmond, Va., according to AL RIDGE.

Sad news from the JOHN FEDOCK, (K 19th '40-'44), household over in Shippensburg, Pa. John's oldest daughter, Carole, who had suffered since birth with cerebral palsy, passed away. Our hearts go out to John and Adelaide.

Died: Mildred, beloved wife of VOLNEY M. PHILLIPS, (24th Sig. '42-'45), Aug. 27, 1974 after a long illness.

More tragedy. HUNTER STRALEY passed away in Orlando, Fla., last May 31st.

Deceased: CWO VINCENT PIRAINO, (21st 5/49-4/51), of Franklin, Wis., last Mar. 14th leaving Evelyn and 5 children.

We can't get by without reporting the tragic as well as the happy. CHET SWAP (Band '44-'46) lost his beloved wife, Gerry, who passed away last April 19th.

It was May 24th. Wrote retired M/Sgt. JOHN CHRISTOPHER, (D 19th 10/41-4/42), from Yokahama: "Afraid of being late, I want to make sure that when the Roll Call of the 24th Infantry Division Long Grey Line is made, I'll be up there answering 'Here'. Sincerely, J. Christopher." John enclosed his check for \$100.00 - a Life Member at last. Ten days later - June 3rd - Johnny was gone - cerebral hemorrhage. We have faith that Johnny's "Here" has been heard.

JOE STORY, (21st), of Sorrento, Fla., signals on the passing on of BILL PAUL last Feb. 4, just a year after the death of his wife Ruby. We record the news with sorrow.

Life has passed him by. CHARLES A. SEIBERT, 19th '44-'45, of Hampton Bags, N.Y., died last Apr. 22nd. We had known Charley, first overseas, then in this Association, and also in a working relationship, his business, patent and trademark law, being ours. We mourn his passing. Great chap, Charley.

Departed: THOM W. GOSS of Sacramento, Calif. Thom went to his reward last Feb. 18th. He was Charley of the 19th between July '50 and Aug. '51 and everyone knows what a lousy year that was. Wounded at Taegu, evacuated to Pusan, then Sasebo, then home. Thom had seen plenty of trouble, that's for certain. We are profoundly saddened.

Maj. Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF, Div. C.G. from 11/44 to 11/45, passed to his reward on July 24th at 84 in San Antonio, Tex. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Alice G. Woodruff, son Col. Roscoe B. Woodruff, Jr., USAF (Ret.) of Camp Springs, Md., and daughter, Mrs. ROBERT J. DANIELS, of San Antonio, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A graveside service with full military honors was held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery at which were present Col. ROBERT J. DANIELS, USA (Ret.), his son-in-law, Maj. Gen. CHESTER DAHLEN, USA, (Ret.), TOM COMPERE, JAMES O'DONNELL and KEN ROSS.

Passed on: WARREN M. McNAMARA, (D 21st), of Wellesley, Mass., died on Oct. 20th at age 63, leaving his beloved wife, Shirley, and 3 sons, Randall T. of San Francisco, Lawrence N. of Natick, Mass., and Christopher B. of Wellesley, Mass. Another wonderful man has gone.

Died: Col. WENDELL W. FERTIG, who commanded guerrilla forces that held the island of Mindanao in the Philippines in World War II, March 27 in Colorado. He was 74 years old.

Col. Fertig was a 1924 graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, where he later served as executive secretary of the alumni association.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941 he left his job as superintendent of a large iron mine on Mindanao to join the Army Corps of Engineers. Later he was deputy chief of psychological warfare and deputy director of the joint staff in Korea.

Col. Fertig, who left the Army in 1956 to become a mining consultant in Denver, was the subject of a book, "They Fought Alone," by John Keats in 1963.

Died: THOMAS R. STROZDA, loving husband of Juliana Strozda, in Chicago, on Sept. 14th. In attendance at the funeral were MIKE RAFTER, BOB DUFF, SPIKE O'DONNELL, RAY KRESKY, BOB ANDRE, DICK GOINY, CHET ANDREZAK and GERRY STEVENSON.



Another CG has crossed that river: Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who earned a place in American military history with a single word - "Nuts" - died of Leukemia at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, on Aug. 13th.

The World War II paratrooper, who entered the Army hospital July 16, was 77.

The small but spunky commander of the 101st Airborne Division sent his famous one-word answer to the commander of German troops surrounding his position at Bastogne, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944.

With American forces in the area outnumbered four to one, the German command sent one of its officers carrying a white flag to McAuliffe's position asking for a surrender.

McAuliffe wrote one word.

"Nuts" - on a piece of paper and gave it to a courier to take to the German.

"What does that mean?" the German asked.

"It means 'go to hell,'" the courier said.

The tide of battle turned and the last desperate German offensive was crushed. Repeated references to the incident irritated McAuliffe in later

years. He once told UPI Correspondent James L. Kilgallen: "I was prouder of the way we conducted the battle when surrounded by Nazi divisions than of the answer to the German demand."

McAuliffe had parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and led a glider echelon in the airborne invasion of Holland the following September.

After Bastogne, he led the 101st Airborne in a race through Germany and Austria to capture Innsbruck and the Brenner Pass and make an historic link-up with American 5th Army troops from Italy.

His combat career brought him the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, two presidential citations, the Croix de Guerre and the French Legion of Honor.

A 1919 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, McAuliffe served in the military for 38 years before retiring in 1956 as commanding general of the U.S. Army in Europe.

McAuliffe succeeded A.C. SMITH and preceded WILLIAM F. DEAN as Div. C.G. at Kokura in 1950.

OPTIMISM

*COUNT your blessings
instead of your crosses,
Count your gains
instead of your losses,
Count your joys
instead of your woes,
Count your friends
instead of your foes,
Count your smiles
instead of your tears,
Count your courage
instead of your fears,
Count your full years
instead of your lean,
Count your kind deeds
instead of your mean,
Count your health
instead of your wealth,
Count on GOD
instead of yourself.*

ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF
1891 — 1975

He came to that "experience", our common bond - Division - during the worst of Breakneck Ridge, Leyte in November of '44. He left us a year later - as we occupied Shikoku - for the Kyoto-based I Corps command. In the 12 between months, he came, he saw, he conquered. During those 12 months, we worked for him, sweat it out with him, laughed at him, got mad at him, ended a war with him - and came to call those days, the days of "volleyball, valve caps and windshields" - each a pet interest of this physically rugged, man who insisted on driving his own jeep as he covered the command on his daily rounds between points and rear cps. He was everywhere, seemingly at once - and we came to respect him and admire him, yes even love him, according to the manner and degree in which we served him. To the man at the very front, he was the fellow who came forward every day and spurred us on; by such he was respected and admired. To the man behind the lines in support, he was the fellow who pushed and drove that the fellows at the front could better survive; by such he was admired and loved. You had to see him often and at close range to get underneath that gruff exterior - and when you did, gangbusters - he was a very human person.

Thirty brief fleeting years have passed us by since we soldiered with this beloved man - and now another chapter in our saga has come to a close.

We last saw him two summers ago - at our West Point gathering - to which he came, racked with pain, tho' he wanted no one to know. Proud was he as he toured those grounds for one last time. Happy were the memories those grey buildings held for him. Thrilled was he to be amongst his Taro Leafers once again.

Hard - Cold - Aloof - Standoffish - Demanding - Severe - Strict - Tough - Those were some of the one word descriptions of the doggies as they first encountered this husky, handsome moustached man in the slightly bleached CKCs - or fatigues - as the case may be.

Soft - Warm - Friendly - Cordial - Sensible - Logical - Understanding - Those were some of the descriptions of those same doggies after their second or third encounter with this man who went everywhere and saw everything.

It was a case of watching the man perform - you knew something of the job that was his - or felt that you did - and you had to be around a bit to watch things work out to come to that realization that "this guy is O.K., general or no".

While we had good information that such would shortly be so, when the dread moment came, when that telephone rings and son-in-law Robin Daniels on the other end of the line said "Hello", we knew - but the terrible hurt was there nonetheless.

And now, as it comes to all men, death has come to Maj.Gen. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF. He crossed the River on July 24th last.



The 24th Infantry Division, inactive since 1970, was welcomed back to full life by Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffmann and approximately 4,000 spectators in a Stewart ceremony held Sept. 20.

Over 3,000 soldiers marched to the music of the Band as they passed in review before the Secretary; Brig.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, commanding general; Georgia Governor George Busbee; Senators Herman Talmadge and Sam Nunn; Representative Ronald "Bo" Ginn; and FORSCOM Commanding General Bernard W. Rogers. Also present to view the activation were members of the 24th Infantry Division Association including Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. NEWMAN, USA Retired and lovely Dorothy, Master Sergeant (retired) FRANK WALAS and Captain (retired) HOWARD R. LUMSDEN.

During the ceremony, the Secretary of the Army spoke with the troops of the newly activated 24th. He suggested that the history of the 24th may teach the new division an important lesson: readiness.

The Secretary stated that the move from 13 to 16 divisions was a move to "return the emphasis to the man on the ground with the gun" and take it away from nuclear arms. Secretary Hoffmann also said that troop strength was up to about 785,000, putting an end to the need to "roll dice" with Congress over size of the Armed Forces.

Immediately after the activation ceremony, the Secretary and three Congressmen from Georgia opened themselves to questions in a press conference. At that time, Secretary Hoffmann said, "Here we have a division that was the first to fight in two situations in which the nation was not ready to fight...and it's my hope that the nation will not fall into the complacency of thinking that we can afford to do that again."

Among the areas toured by the Secretary and the other dignitaries before the actual activation ceremony was that of the 2d Battalion, 21st Infantry.

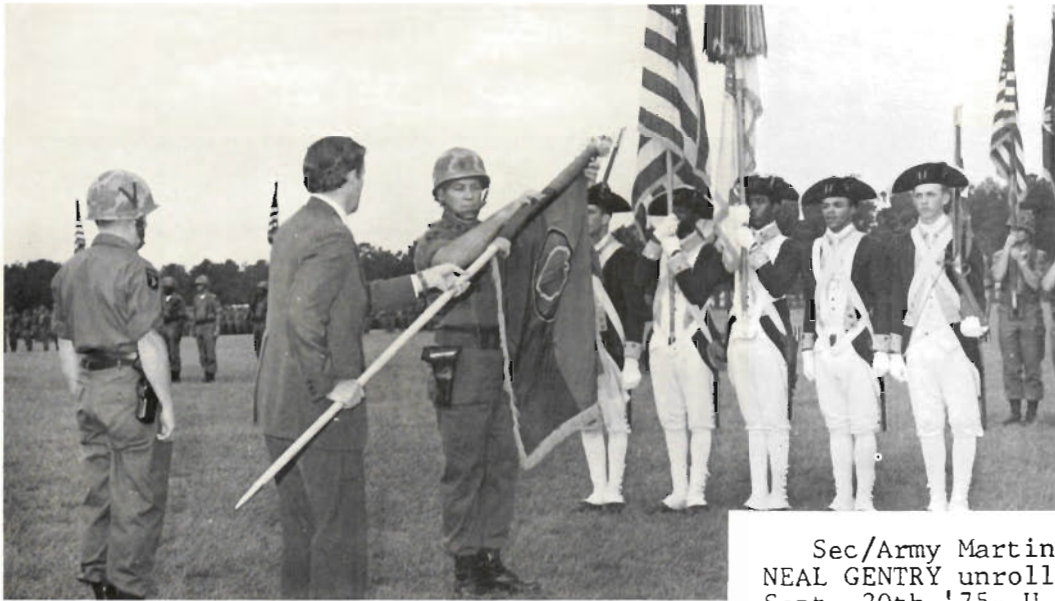


Sec/Army Martin R. Hoffmann presents the colors to B.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM. The date, Sept. 20th, 1975 - Division is formally reborn. U.S. Army photo.

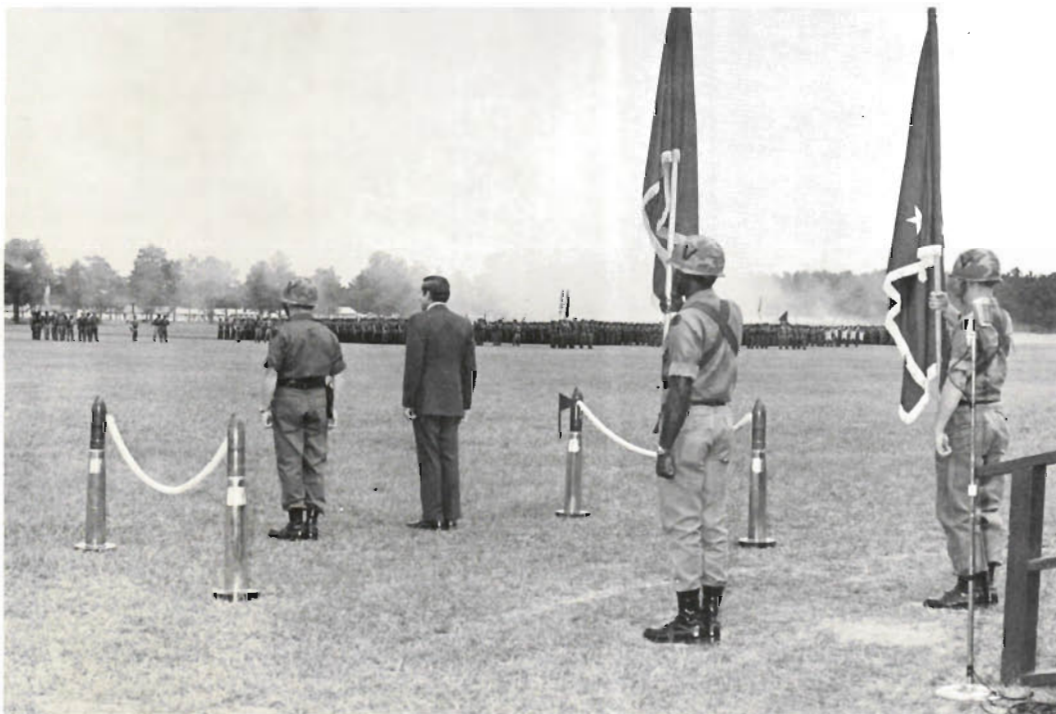


At the Sept. 20th activation ceremonies, it's B.Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM, Sec/Army Martin R. Hoffmann, and CSM NEAL R. GENTRY. U.S. Army photo.





Sec/Army Martin R. Hoffmann and CSM
NEAL GENTRY unroll the Division colors.
Sept. 20th '75- U.S. Army photo.



Upon his return from Peoria, Brig. Gen. DONALD E. ROSENBLUM addressed the command through the pages of "Patriot", the post paper:

"Veterans important to 24th

"Occasionally I run across things that make me want to get up on a soapbox and sound off.

"Several days ago I was invited to Peoria, Illinois, to speak at the 24th Infantry Division Association meeting. While there I had the opportunity to meet and talk with a great number of veterans of the division. Their enthusiasm and pride in having the division back on the roll of active Army units was really something great to see. Many of these men served with the division in combat during WWII and Korea and they are proud of the history they helped write. There were tears in more than a few eyes as the Division Band struck up the 24th Infantry Division March.

"I consider these men part of the Division, and all of us should. Next year the Division Association will hold its meeting in Savannah and our veterans will have a chance to see the finest division in any army.

Meet KEITH TAYLOR (19th '39-'43), of Placentia, Calif. Meet too - lovely Margaret and Margaret's Mom, Hazel M. Moe. A retired M/Sgt. with 29 years under the belt, Keith wrote us looking for regimental crests. We have 'em Keith. Keith also sends us this other picture. Recognize it? The entrance way to the Royal Hawaiian. Thanks Keith.



We've found an old print sent to us eons ago by DICK and Helen DIAMOND, (D 19th '39-'41), of Bridgeville, Pa. It shows a Chick reunion in '59 in Ft. Bragg. It's l. to r., front row, DICK DIAMOND, JACK FINAN, Chief CHANDLER, Shy LUM, JOHN CHRISTOPHER, and JOHN FIRKO. In the back row are Red BRIDEWELL, (3rd from left) and HANK ROYALE (2nd from right). Can anyone identify the others.



There'll be static on this one. It's GERRY VON MOHR, MIKE RAFTER, and General DONALD ROSENBLUM. The gal in the corner couldn't be identified. Sorry.

The BOB SAAL (52F 5/42-11/45) family of Peoria, Ill. That's Angela who gets the chair and Rich, Mary Anne, Peggy and Tom who get to stand. Terrific looking family. Bob.



We had to throw in this one of Imelda Marcos, wife of President Ferdinand Marcos of the P.I. and too, her beautiful daughter, Imee, in the back seat of a jeep with their cigar-smoking host. Who else? Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba. Mrs. M. was in Cuba smoothing over relations, and if anyone can smooth she can.



ALAN MOSER of Box 866, Manhattan, Kans., writes: "Can't get to Peoria. Would you please convey my well-wishes for any who knew me as commanding officer of Co.A, 724th Ord. Bn. at Camp Fuji (South) in '53 just before we went back to Korea, to Pusan. I've been back to Camp Fuji (got the grand tour courtesy of Maj.Gen.Koji Oida retired (former Japanese Chief of Ordnance) and would be willing to pass on the what's to to any former ordnanceman (or anyone else for that matter). Does anyone remember the ordnance colonel who left his boots at Camp Fuji so that he wouldn't have to carry them to and fro from Camp Schimmelpfennig in Sendai? By the way, Maj.Gen.Oida toured South Camp Fuji as a Superintendent 2d Class of the Ground Defense Forces in the spring of 1953. Does anyone remember the man?" There it is, Al, just as you wrote it.

If you like WW II history, don't miss "The Years of MacArthur" by D.Clayton James, Houghton Mifflin, 939 pages, \$15. Does the author reconcile the diverging views on his subject? He tries to. It's a gutsy book, containing much passion, yet moving briskly along, like Julia Child explaining how to gut and stuff a goose. We have a copy. If you want to borrow it, write.

ANTHONY TIRRI, (I 34), of Valley Stream, N.Y. writes: "Visited LOU SANTORO and his wonderful family in Margate, Fla."

Irene COKER from Collinsville, Ala., writes that EARL (C 21st 1/43-2/45), fell and broke his right leg in 2 places.

Writes FRANCIS AMBIRG from Conshohocken, Pa.: "One of the patients at Coatesville V.A. Hospital, a member of your Association gave me your magazine as I was a former member of the old division back in 1924 to 1927. I served with the 11th field artillery with Headquarters Co. Also served with the 63rd Div. in WW II. I was called back to active duty Jan. 31, 1939 nearly two years before Pearl Harbor. At the present time, I have retired from Civilian service with the Government after four heart attacks. We used to call the Taro Leaf the POI Leaf then. The 8th Field Artillery and the 13th field were part of the 11th field Brigade. We used to have some very tough competition back then when the 8th and 13th were equipped with French seventy fives; the 11th had 155's. One month a year we all would move the Regiments to the seashore and live and eat only with bathing suits. That was when Hawaii was Good Old HAWAII."

Received a letter the other day in an envelope marked Dept. of State Police, Lansing, Mich. "What now?" we mused. No sweat. It was only MILT JURY, (19th 11/46-12/47), of Lansing. Milt commands the Field Coordination Section and travels the state. He wants to call on some of our Mich. boys so we've given him a list.

Did you know that Martha Mitchell was once a stewardess? Yes, for National Airlines, operating out of Miami.



It's the work of an unknown 17th century artist who employed this topsy-turvy technique for changing the good guys into bad guys and back again. Turn it upside down and you'll get a different view of the situation. Maybe it's really a bunch of politicians.

Sent in by Life Member FRANK SKINNER, (11th F. '50-'51), in Camden, N.Y., is a news item which reads:
HONORED - Sgt. Maj. DANIEL A. CRETARO, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, son of Mrs. Angelo Cretaro, 606 W. Thomas St., and the late Mr. Cretaro, will be presented the Lagon of Merit this week when he retires after 26 years of service. A survivor of the hard-hit 34th Infantry Regiment of the Korean Conflict, he is chief legal clerk of the Fifty Army staff judge advocate office. He is a 1947 graduate of Rome Free Academy and is married to the former Mary Ellen Davies of Rome.



At Peoria, we discussed the early publication of the Division History 1941 - Today, and the consensus was that we'd need \$10 from each member to help to finance it. Before the meeting was over, up stepped with their ten spots:

MIKE MOCHAK	D19th
LEO CREAMER	G21st
ED COLE	F & A 19th
LOU DUHAMEL	Cn 21st
STAN GROSS	63rd Field
VIC SMOLA	3rd Eng.



"Sledge, if they gave medals fer bein' ugly you'd get th' Medal of Honor."

Another new member found in Seattle, Wash. It's DENNIS and Shirley KEMP, (Cn. 19th 3/44-1/46). They're at 20008 - 33rd Ave., N.E. Denny is digging into his old trunks for us for names and addresses of 24th buddies. Wish others would.

LEO RACHMEL whom we remember fondly from our Kokura days is now "Dr." and is the Director of Intern Training for the U.S. Army Material Command. Write him at 2123 Armistead, Petersburg, Va. Wonderful to hear from you, Leo.

Col. FELTON MOORE, (34th '41-'44), of 2701 Smith Creek, Augusta, Ga., retired. Gordon his last station. Teaching at Augusta College. Reports that his closest friend in the 34th, Col. HOWARD B. WELLS died in November of '73. Howard's widow, Peggy, lives in Winter Park, Fla. Howard commanded AT Co. in Hawaii, Rockhampton, Goodenough and Hollandia. Thanks for the report, Felton even though it includes sad news. Our good wishes to Mary.

The nearness of the holidays recalls to mind that syrupy annual Christmas show by which Andy and Claudine Williams will enter most living rooms in the country. It gives rise to an idea as to the best thing Andy and Claudine could give each of us for Xmas this year - a divorce!